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[Virtual online sitting held through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order! I trust that everybody has now been connected to participate in this meeting. This is a sitting of the Provincial Parliament in terms of Rule 1(a) of the Standing Rules, with all our members in remote attendance by electronic means. This is our fourth official sitting of the House remotely.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament remains fully operational, with members doing constituency work to assist the general public in whatever way possible, as well as our committees playing their oversight role in an effective, efficient and transparent manner. Our sitting today will be conducted in terms of the Standing Rules and directives issued by me on 17 April 2020.

Hon members, please allow me to highlight some of the important directives in this regard:

- The Secretary and his administration will ensure dedicated technical support at all times during the sittings.
- The quorum requirements for sittings of the House are as provided for in the Constitution and the Standing Rules.
- Unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will take place by members present entitled to vote, to cast their votes by clearly identifying themselves to the Presiding Officer, verbally expressing their vote.
- Members who are present have all the privileges and immunities imparted to them by law.
- Hon members who are considered to be out of order by the Presiding Officer; their microphones will be muted and they shall therefore be called to order.
- The attendance of the hon members will be recorded by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

In instances where these directives do not cover a particular eventuality, the Standing Rules must apply. Hon members, in instances where the Rules cannot be applied, the ruling by the Presiding Officer is final. Hon members, all microphones have been muted. If that has not occurred, they will be muted immediately. You are therefore requested to only unmute your microphone when you need to raise a point of order and for that you will be recognised.

Hon members, you should then first state your name and surname in order for the Presiding Officer to recognise you so that when you speak, the only person that speaks is yourself, not everybody else speaking at the same time. Please ensure that your mic is unmuted as you do so, and when you are done speaking, please mute your microphone again.

Hon members, the members of the media as the fourth estate have also been granted access to this MS Teams and they in this meeting will have an observer status as guests of the WCPP. Members of the press may, however, not use the chat room, speak or activate their cameras whilst the sitting is in progress. For the purpose of this sitting via Microsoft Teams, I am requesting that hon members are sensitive to the language needs of other hon members, since no interpretation services are available for this sitting. The Secretary and the ICT component are continuing to explore options for translations for future sittings of the House, in this regard.

As ruled by the Presiding Officer, which is myself, in the sitting of the House on 23 April 2020 also via this platform, no interjections shall be permitted during the debate. In this regard I also wish to draw the attention of the hon members to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules. Hon members, those are the directives which have been on record since we started off with the first session of the House and this is therefore how we are going to proceed with the sitting today. I therefore wish to recognise the Chief Whip. I recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I move the motion printed on the Order Paper in my name:

That, cognisant of Section 116(2)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, which provides that, “The Rules and Orders of a Provincial Legislature must provide for financial and administrative assistance to each party represented in the Legislature, in proportion to its representation, to enable the party and its leader to perform their functions in the Legislature effectively ...”; proposes that the House hereby resolves to authorise the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to determine the matters provided for in Section 116(2)(c) of the Constitution. In determining such matters, the Speaker is accountable to the House and must report to it when any such determination is made. If the House is not in session, any such determination must be ATC'd within 14 days.

Agreed to.

MEMBER STATEMENTS

Ms L J BOTHA (DA): During the State of the Nation Address of 2019, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that over the next six years every learner will receive a tablet starting by 2020. In his SONA 2020, the President announced the introduction of coding for Grade R to 3 learners which will be fully implemented by 2022.

Not only was this too much of a simplistic view to have for the contested nature of public education in South Africa, it also lacked basic substance on how we would achieve these aims, similar to Minister Motshekga's announcement late Tuesday evening after yet another two hour postponement. She merely reconfirmed the reopening date. The substance of real plan is again missing.

Yes, the rapid spread COVID-19 came with no warning and every public department faces unprecedented challenges, but this must be no excuse for the ANC-led National Government's poor prioritisation and planning of education for the last 20 years.

At this stage there is still no clear picture on how learners in their foundational education stage will be returning to school. The National Department of Basic Education leaves parents and teachers with no updates on the curriculum and the effect it will have on already low literacy and numeracy levels.

Hon Speaker, this is completely unacceptable. I put it to this House that if the ANC was serious about prioritisation of education, we would have national at-home learning tools and an e-learning system that is beyond reproach. Instead the Western Cape Department of Education has provided tools such as this and more for our learners and parents. The Provincial Department fills the gap where sadly National fails.

Hon Speaker, I make an urgent call for the ANC-led National Department of Basic Education to finally take a forward thinking, evidence-based approach to support our children's future. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms L J BOTHA: Vague regulations and inconsistent policies and promises have failed the young people of this country. I thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much. Hon Speaker, as public representatives it is crucial that what and how we communicate is carefully guided by the reality and sensitivity on the ground, and of course by what is in the best interests of the public and our tone and approach must not manifest a lack of awareness of our material privilege and comfort due to our deployment and a sense of [Inaudible.] and removal from reality of the majority of those we serve.

Now is the time for the hon MEC for Education to provide leadership and to simply do her job to ensure the protection of our educators, staff and learners and especially those who are in vulnerable circumstances and in overcrowded classrooms.

Hon Speaker, the cavalier approach which places human lives at the altar of profits and petty party politics, as articulated by our party's national leadership and even some of the provincial bosses such as MEC Madikizela is not going to assist us. We are all in the same boat in uncharted waters, yet some have the responsibility to lead and to work with stakeholders to ensure maximum safety of our educators, staff and learners and the ANC here in the province will play its role in that regard.

Many of our educators, including learners, are terrified at the moment. Seemingly many are forced to wait for departmental last-minute deliveries and in fact many schools opened without any mandatory equipment or supplies. In stark contrast, hon Speaker, many schools in leafy areas are buying the best protective care and sanitisers. Some shop for screens to put on desks between learners and many have cloth masks made in some of the school colours but the poor in this province, who need this assistance the most, are sadly being left behind in most cases. Gagging our educators especially principals who are managing our schools and in the trenches will not help. Together we must acknowledge the fear, proceed with caution and hope the MEC will rise to the occasion and lead. I thank you, hon Speaker. [Time expired.]

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. In the midst of the global pandemic we have been presented with an opportunity to adapt change and rapidly move towards doing things differently. The lockdown has left us with a challenge in a way which traditionally interacted with our people. The Standing Committee on Local Government has been forced to change the way in how we carry out our constitutional obligations of public participation. In dealing with the need for public engagement and legislation, the Municipal Structures Amendment Bill presents us with a unique opportunity to test the various participation options. Our inability to meet with the various stakeholders due to limitations placed on social interaction should not restrict us in engaging the public in our work.

In order to comply with the National Lockdown legislation and regulations and the Constitution, the Committee needed to adapt to the changing environment. Consequently, public participation in this instance will be conducted through various online platforms and so an innovative [Inaudible.] engagement thus allowing individuals to have their say, voicing their opinions whilst staying at home.

Hon Speaker, we will not risk the lives of those in our province in order to come to a consensus on matters which must be conducted through a process of public participation. I am calling on the people in the province to embrace a new way of participation, both virtually and digitally and make their voices heard. I thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, we welcome the Western Cape Government's commitment to continuously adopt innovative ways to combat the spread of COVID-19. The whole of government approach continues to evolve.

On 18 May 2020, the Minister of Transport and Public Works, Minister Madikizela, launched the Red Dot Service. This is a first in South Africa, hon Speaker. This service will support essential service healthcare workers by safely transporting them between the workplace and home after the seven-p.m. public transport cut-off.

This is another example of Western Cape filling the gaps left by poorly constructed, ill-informed, ANC National Government lockdown regulations. Fortunately, the DA in the Western Cape has a forward-thinking whole of society and caring approach. We will not see these vitally important employees left stranded. A further arm of the service commences from 1 June. This service will transport residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are considered high risk after exposure. They will be taken to isolation and quarantine centres in safe, reliable conditions, aligned with the necessary protocols and measures. We must all recognise and appreciate the progressive measures this Government continues to introduce to curb the spread of this virus. This is about preserving human life and not about our individual narrow self-serving interest.

In light of this, the company utilised to deliver these lifesaving services is called Umanyano. Umanyano meaning unity in isi-Xhosa. At a time like this, stakeholders including SANTACA and the taxi industry, can and have put all political differences aside to serve the people of the Western Cape.

Hon Speaker, this is clear evidence that the Western Cape Government has the best interests of its residents at heart. I thank you.

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, the World Health Organisation says that contact tracing and quarantine are critical activities to reduce transmission and control the epidemic and the US Centre for Disease Control confirmed that contact tracing is a core disease control measure employed by local and state health departments for decades and is a key strategy for preventing the further spread of COVID-19.

In South Africa, Professors Madhi and Mendelson, both members of the National Ministers' Advisory Committee, confirmed that South Africa's ambitious community testing programme relies on identifying infected persons, isolating them, tracing their contacts and isolating or quarantining them.

South Africa's planned response to the virus was widely welcomed, but as data is made public it is clear that we have all been focusing way too much on the testing being undertaken across the provinces. The results of testing are giving us numbers and maybe a picture of how the virus is taking hold in our country. But the recommended health protocols to manage transmission requires some action from the public health authorities. That is to use the positive case data and immediately identify the positive cases contacts, trace them and quarantine them and this appears to be failing and it appears to be failing across the country.

Professors Madhi and Mendelson indicated that any single case will on average have 20 close contacts – probably higher in South Africa – that should be traced. By our calculations the tracing rate in the Western Cape is about 1.3 contacts per positive case and that is self-evidently way too low. If we do not maintain a vigilant adherence to the full chain of pandemic management, we will fail to manage the rapid transmission of the disease.

I ask the MEC for Health to use the opportunity, per Rule 145(6) to explain to this Parliament what is happening with contact tracing. Thank you, hon Speaker. [Time expired.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Speaker. The ACDP in the Western Cape supports the call by the Provincial Government and many others that the move to Level 3 lockdown is a move in the right direction. If we remain at Level 4, the mortality rate, as a consequence of unemployment and starvation will be more devastating than the virus itself. People in the most vulnerable communities are saying the likelihood of them dying of hunger is more likely than of the virus.

Government cannot provide for everyone and the unemployment rate is rapidly growing. This means more dependence on the State. This is not good for our sinking economy. We all know the purpose of the lockdown was to slow the spread so that the Western Cape and the rest of the country can be ready for its peak. We know that lives are important but so is the livelihood of so many others.

As the ACDP, we are asking the ANC in the Western Cape not to obstruct this progression to Level 3 but to support it because together we can defeat this virus and revive this economy. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Hon Speaker, while the Corona epidemic hits the Western Cape the hardest on the continent too many people are forced to migrate away from this province.

It came to light that Western Cape farmers stuffed symptomatic seasonal and other workers into taxis on their way to the Eastern Cape and other destinations.

During the grace period, many workers crossed the border that were found to be positive for COVID-19 contamination. Many could not be found again after results came. These heartless farmers left many workers at their own risk and many without means to get to their homes. Many were found hopeless and abandoned next to roads, even during the lockdown, in the quarantine period, this happens.

This is not an occurrence this year only. It too often happens that Eastern Cape and other migrant workers are used during high season in the Western Cape only to be discarded like rubbish at the end of the harvest. The ANC says the Provincial Government and [Inaudible.] Western Cape must join hands with labour and other interest groups to find solutions and better workable plans to deal with this and with the occurrence of migrations. I thank you.

Mr A VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): I welcome the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development's R1,2 billion COVID-19 relief fund to support farmers. Unfortunately, this relief was limited to small-scale farmers. These farmers contribute only 1,6% of our food basket.

Applications for this fund closed a month ago. The Department envisaged that the evaluation process would be completed by 8 May and that these small scale farmers would have received their vouchers, capped at R50 000 per farmer for the purchase of much needed input such as feed, fertilisers, seed etc., by now. When we learned yesterday that only a third of those that applied were successful. Individual applicants are still waiting to hear who qualified for the COVID-19 support.

Unfortunately, the criteria to qualify for this support has not been aimed at important aspects such as the potential to save agricultural jobs or to improve agricultural output where threatened by major factors such as the on-going drought.

When will this Government wake up and realise that COVID-19 does not know race and affects everybody, and the Government should support those that will benefit most from a hand-out. We are facing a pandemic where food security could be at risk. While I welcome the support to marginalised groups, it is a global pandemic, not a demographically selected pandemic.

I call on the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to prioritise their communication regarding the allocations, to issue the vouchers soon and after all, to target future support to those that would benefit most. I thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Thank you, hon Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus notes as a matter of great concern the dangerous situation existing at some Checkers supermarkets. Pharmacies are operating within Checkers stores and all customers use the same entrances and exits. Serving sick patients with medicine. These patients who may show mere flu systems and be assisted by pharmacists may in fact be infected with COVID-19. Having sick individuals mixing with people doing their normal grocery shopping poses serious risks and we should request the Premier to propose at the next PCC meeting that the regulations be amended to address this serious issue.

We should further note that a Checkers supermarket in Durbanville in particular, has been closed three times in April because its staff were infected with the COVID-19 virus. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: There is now an opportunity in terms of the Rules, Rule 145, subsection 6 that one of the members of the Executive will respond. So, if you want to take that opportunity hon Minister, you may do so.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon Speaker. I wanted to respond to the issue of contact tracing because it is crucial that we understand what it entails and what the contribution is from the Western Cape health side with regard to that. Indeed, it is true, that contact tracing is crucial because it starts with screening, testing and then you isolate the positive person. You quarantine those who have been in contact with the positive person and that you can only do tracing. But one has to also consider that the virus mirrors itself in every contact, in every population. The same applies in terms of its origin. Across South Africa it has been through imported cases, but you find that when it comes to the Western Cape there have been a higher number of imported cases plus also the associates of the imported cases. Of course, at the beginning we were trailing behind when it comes to contract tracing because of that.

For example, you may have had a tourist who came here and probably planned to go elsewhere, the Kruger National Park and so forth and then you need to trace the people that would be close contacts, because you need to differentiate between a close contact and a casual contact. If you recall, at the time flights were still available. You have to look in terms of, in the plane, the chair behind you and the two rows of chairs behind you, the two rows of chairs in front of you, plus the two persons seated next to you and then that is what you call the "contacts" in terms of those tourists who would have probably got into an Uber and then gone to a hotel and then waited for the quarantine period. Therefore, that is one of the reasons why we trailed behind in the beginning. However, Speaker, those you have to balance again. As I indicated it mirrors differently.

With the clusters that started as well, it meant that now do you go and ask who was sitting next to who? Which other tourist was next to these tourists who ended up as a close contact? Or when you have got these clusters in the shop; most of these people come from poor communities, so you rather go and target test to be able to trace those people who are in the poor community so that you can make interventions. That is why we have got the hotspot interventions now.

So that is what I am trying to highlight, hon Speaker. You can increase contact tracing but, at the same time, you lose in terms of getting to people who may be positive so that you can make interventions. Thank you.

WESTERN CAPE ECONOMY: COVID-19 IMPACT

(Notice of Motion)

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House at its next sitting debates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and regulations on the Western Cape economy and efforts to save jobs. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the COVID-19 regulations on the Western Cape economy, and efforts to save jobs.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

WESTERN CAPE HANDLING OF COVID-19 OUTBREAK

(Notice of Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House, having noted recent developments in the province, which includes over 10 000 COVID-19 cases and 183 deaths and 440 people in hospital, of which 128 are in ICU or high care, calls for an urgent debate into the handling of COVID-19 outbreak by the Western Cape Government. I thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House, having noted recent developments in the province – including over 10 000 COVID-19 cases, 183 deaths and 440 people in hospital, of which 128 are in ICU or high care – urgently debates the handling of COVID-19 outbreak by the Western Cape Government.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS: POLICE BRUTALITY

(Notice of Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Good day, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the influx of cases of police brutality and heavy-handedness in the enforcement of the lockdown regulations, and the impact it has on residents in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the influx of cases of police brutality and heavy-handedness in the enforcement of the lockdown regulations, and the impact it has on the residents of the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: IMPACT ON FOOD SECURITY

(Notice of Motion)

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates at its next sitting the impact of COVID-19 on food security in the Western Cape, and the regulations on support provided in this regard. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of COVID-19 on food security in the Western Cape, and the regulations made and support provided in this regard.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

MINISTER MADIKIZELA: UNSCIENTIFIC UTTERANCES

(Notice of Motion)

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes with concern and condemns with the strongest possible contempt the reckless and unscientific utterances by the DA provincial leader, Bonginkosi Madikizela, who on Sunday called for the province to be moved down to Level 3, because the number of infections in the Western Cape occurred under Level 5 and 4 of the lockdown, and that death is something that will visit all of us at some stage, and we cannot stop living our lives because we are scared; and therefore I move that the House debates the calls for the province to move down to Level 3. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER: I recognise you, hon Mitchell. What is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I want you to rule as per Rule 59(1) and (2), that any member who wishes to bring any improper, or in their view, unethical conduct on the part of another member to the attention of the House, may only do so by way of a substantive motion, comprising of a clearly formulated and properly substantiated allegation. I am of the view that hon Mvimbi did not do so when he raised the allegation against hon Madikizela, and I want you to please rule on that before the House adopts that motion.

Mr L L MVIMBI: On a point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mitchell. I recognise you, hon Mvimbi and then I am going to make a ... *[Interjection.]*

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, Rule 59 (1) says that:

“No member may impute improper motives on, reflect on the integrity or dignity of/or verbally abuse another member. A member who wishes to bring any improper or unethical conduct on the part of another member to the attention of the House, may do so only by way of Substantive Motion.”
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: What is your point, what is your point, hon member?

Mr L L MVIMBI: My point of order, none of what has been raised by hon Mitchell is actually reflected in Section 59. He is actually misrepresenting that clause.

The SPEAKER: Alright. Thank you. *[Interjection.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): That is your view. That is your view.

The SPEAKER: Hon Mitchell, I remember I gave you an opportunity to speak and I do not want us to have a debate across the floor at this point. Let me acknowledge the Chief Whip of the Opposition.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I think it is important that as and when we interpret the Rules, we interpret them in an obvious and sound manner for everyone to understand. Now what member Mitchell is doing is actually trying to put the Rules as a way of hindering other people from operating and exercising their constitutional rights in the House. And therefore, hon Speaker, I do not see any reflection of what member Mvimbi said to what is said in Rule 59. I thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, if I may?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip Lekker. I am going to request that at this point I will give the last opportunity hon Mitchell, and then I will make a ruling for now.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you Speaker. Hon Speaker, I do not want to belabour the point. The reality is nobody is taking the right to speak away from hon Mvimbi. All I am saying is that in the event that hon Mvimbi wants to table a motion of improper conduct, to bring it to the attention of the House, he must please follow the Rules and by that I mean a substantive motion needs to be tabled and not a Motion with Notice. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. I now have to provide some guidance on how we should proceed. I am going to look at the contents of the motion by hon Mvimbi and in the next sitting I am going to make a ruling on that.

Mr L MVIMBI: Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes with concern and condemns with the strongest contempt the reckless utterances by Bonginkosi Madikizela, DA provincial leader, who on Sunday called for the province to be moved down to level 3 because the number of infections in the Western Cape occurred under level 5 and 4 of the lockdown, that death is something that will visit all of us at some stage, and that we can't stop living our lives because we are scared; and debates the calls for the province to move down to level 3.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

CASIDRA: SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICACY OF

(Notice of Motion)

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the efficacy and sustainability of the Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in the Rural Areas (Casidra) with special emphasis on job creation, food security and empowerment of emerging farmers. Further that consideration be given to requesting a thorough investigation by the Western Cape Public Service Commission in this regard, and to table its report to this House within six months. I so move, hon Speaker, because this agency has done nothing to empower black and coloured emerging farmers since 2007.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the efficacy and sustainability of the Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in the Rural Areas (Casidra) with special emphasis on job creation, food security and the empowerment of emerging farmers; and considers requesting a thorough investigation by the Western Cape Service Commission in this regard and asks that its report be tabled in this House within six months.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes with concern that seven staff members of Food Town Hyper in Khayelitsha, who defied orders of management and went to get tested for COVID-19, after a colleague of theirs was infected, has been fired by management; notes further that management has threatened employees not to get tested last week and refused to close down as per the protocol. Calls for an urgent investigation into the conduct of this company. I so move.

The SPEAKER: Hon Nkondlo, that is a motion without notice, and we are dealing with the notices of motion, so, that will not qualify for this exercise, for this particular process right now. Your name was here on notices of motion but we will deal with it later on. Perhaps you misplaced that one. I am going to proceed for now to hon Windvogel. Alright. Let us proceed to hon Lekker, Chief Whip of the Opposition.

**ABALONE AND MARINE POACHING
SUCCESSSES BY SAPS**

(Notice of Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Okay. Thank you, Mr Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the many successes by SAPS in its battle with abalone and marine poaching in the Western Cape. Thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the many successes by the SAPS in its battle with abalone and marine poaching in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

Ms A BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Bans, I recognise you, but before you proceed I would like to state the following, that, hon members, this was a motion for hon Bakubaku-Vos, but it was brought to the attention of the Speaker that she is unavailable to proceed and therefore hon Bans will take the motion. You may proceed, hon Bans.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
SOCIAL DISTANCING FAILURE**

(Notice of Motion)

Ms A BANS: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the failure of the Western Cape Department of Social Development to maintain safe social distances between poor visitors in and around its offices. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms A BANS: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the failure of the Western Cape Department of Social Development to maintain safe social distances between poor visitors in and around its offices.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: DEATH OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

(Motion)

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the latest total of six healthcare workers who have sadly succumbed to COVID-19 in the Western Cape. Their service to the people in the Western Cape has certainly not gone unseen. Also, hon Speaker, please let us do everything possible to ensure their safety as well. My heartfelt condolences and prayers to their families, friends and colleagues. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the passing away of the third, fourth and fifth healthcare workers in the Western Cape who succumbed to COVID-19; notes that their service to the people in the Western Cape did not go unseen; and notes further that our thoughts and prayer are with their loved ones.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

UIF COVID-19 BENEFITS

(Motion)

MS N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and makes a call to the Provincial Government through the Economic Recovery Workstream to be active in finding employers in the Western Cape who have claimed UIF COVID-19 benefits but still not paid it to the deserving beneficiaries; further calls on the Provincial Government working with municipalities to heighten awareness to employees on how to apply directly to this fund, using all available media awareness including local radio and newspapers, especially in non-metro regions where there may not be satellite offices of the Department of employment and Labour; and calls on the Department to provide weekly reports to the WCPP Ad-hoc Committee on progress. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

LATE MARY-ANN PLAATJIES-VAN HUFFEL

(Motion of condolence)

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the passing of Reverend, Doctor and Professor Mary-Ann Plaatjies-Van Huffel; daughter of Wellington. †Prof Plaatjies-Van Huffel was 'n baanbreker. Die eerste vroue-dominee van die Nederduits-Gereformeerde Kerk in Suid-Afrika; die eerste vroue-aktuaris van die VGKSA Kaapland; en die eerste Moderator van die VGKSA se Algemene Sinode in 2012. In 2013 was sy verkies as een van die Adjunk-Presidente van die Wêreldraad vir Kerke en as President vir Afrika van die Wêreldraad vir Kerke. Sy was 'n merkwaardige mens, met besondere leierseienskappe en sal onthou word vir haar belangrike bydraes wat sy plaaslik, asook internasionaal gemaak het; 'n vrou van standpunt wat die grense van stereotipering vir alle generasies en generasies na ons, verskuif het. Ons dra ons medelye oor aan Ds Dawid van Huffel, haar susters en uitgebreide familie, asook haar geliefde kerkgemeenskap. Dankie, agb Speaker.

[Kennisgewing van voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Prof Plaatjies-Van Huffel was a pioneer. The first female minister of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa; the first female actuary of the URCSA Cape Region; and the first Moderator of the URCSA's General Synod in 2012. In 2013 she was elected as one of the Vice-Presidents of the World Council of Churches and as President for Africa of the World Council of Churches. She was a remarkable person, with unique leadership qualities and will be remembered for her important contributions she had made locally as well as internationally; a woman of standpoint who shifted the boundaries of stereotyping for all generations and generations after us. We convey our condolences to Rev Dawid van Huffel, her sisters and extended family, as well as her beloved church community. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the passing away of Reverend Doctor Professor Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel; notes further that Prof Plaatjies-Van Huffel was a pioneer: she was the first woman reverend of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa; she was the first woman actuary of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA) Western Cape; the first woman moderator of the general synod of the URCSA in 2012; and in 2013 she was elected as one of the vice presidents of the World Council of Churches and as president for Africa of the World Council of Churches; notes further that she was a remarkable person with strong leadership traits; notes further that she will be remembered for the important contributions that she made locally and internationally; notes further that she was a woman of principle who moved the boundaries of stereotyping for all generations and the generations after us; and expresses condolences to the Rev Dawid van Huffel, her sisters, her extended family and her beloved church community.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

EID MUBARAK

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House wishes the Western Cape Muslim Community a blessed Eid Mubarak, which is due in the coming days. We know that the month of Ramadan is a time for reflection, prayer, giving and sacrifice and that this House wishes all Muslims within the Western Cape a happy and peaceful day. Thank you. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House wishes the Western Cape Muslim community a blessed Eid Mubarak in the coming days; notes that the month of Ramadan has been a time for reflection, prayer, giving and sacrifice; and wishes all Muslims a happy and peaceful day.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

NOLUTHANDO NOGCINISA

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Ms Noluthando Nogcinisa, a youth activist and a member of the Western Cape Provincial Executive Committee of the ANC Youth League, has been hospitalised after she contracted COVID-19; notes further that Noluthando was moved away from the quarantine site in Dennebos to the Ceres Hospital after her condition became serious; and wishes her a speedy and full recovery. I thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Ms Noluthando Nogcinisa, member of the Western Cape Provincial Executive Committee of the ANC Youth League, has been hospitalised after she contracted COVID-19; notes further that Comrade Noluthando was moved away from the quarantine site in Dennebos to the Ceres Hospital after her condition became serious; and wishes her a speedy and full recovery.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

ASCENSION DAY

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that as Christians celebrate Ascension on Thursday 21 May 2020, may this occasion be celebrated with peace and love in our hearts. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses good wishes to Christians who celebrate Ascension Day today (Thursday), and wishes that this occasion be celebrated with peace and love.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LATE ANNCHA KEPSKEY

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House sends condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Tygerberg professional nurse, Anncha Kepskey, who on Wednesday died of COVID-19. Sister Kepskey is the fifth health worker in the Western Cape who became a victim of the pandemic and was the assistant manager of the trauma unit at Tygerberg Hospital in Bellville. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House sends condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Anncha Kepskey, professional nurse and assistant manager of the trauma unit at the Tygerberg Hospital in Bellville, who died of COVID-19 on Wednesday; and notes that Sister Kepskey is the fifth health worker in the Western Cape to become a victim of the pandemic.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

**NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House condemns the National Department of Social Development's attempts to centralise the distribution of cooked food and control nutritional programmes being run in communities across the country. That this House further notes that the South African Human Rights Commission has labelled this a violation of human rights as the Democratic Alliance lodged a complaint against the National Department. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bosman. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Objection. Objection, Speaker.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House condemns the national Department of Social Development's attempt to centralise the distribution of cooked food and to control nutrition programmes being run in communities across the country; and further notes that the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has labelled this a violation of human rights after the Democratic Alliance lodged a complaint against the national Department.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

SELF-QUARANTINE OF ELDERLY RESIDENT

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On behalf of the ANC, I move without notice:

That the House notes an 82-year old Mbekweni resident tested positive for the Corona virus and was sent back home to self-quarantine and calls on the provincial Health Department to investigate this matter and urgently report about it to this Legislature. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that a 82-year-old Mbekweni resident tested positive for the coronavirus and was sent back home to self-quarantine; and calls on the provincial Department of Health to investigate this matter and to report urgently about it to this legislature.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS DURING LOCKDOWN

(Motion)

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House applauds the work being done by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements to continue social housing projects during lockdown. This is part of the Western Cape Government's efforts to provide sustainable human settlements to those who need it most. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House applauds the work being done by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements in continuing social housing projects during the lockdown period; and notes that this is part of the Western Cape Government's efforts to provide sustainable human settlements to those who need it the most.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

GLADYS BAKUBAKU-VOS: RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes ANC senior Legislature member hon Gladys Bakubaku-Vos has fully recovered from COVID-19 and is back at work serving her community. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Windvogel.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Amandla! Amandla!

An HON MEMBER: Whoo-hoo! Amandla!

An HON MEMBER: She is not at the House.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): That is actually unparliamentary.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. That is not how we behave in the House. May I request the House to note the motion and thank the fact that hon Windvogel is back and well and we welcome her back on duty. Are there any objections to the motions ... *[Interjection.]*

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Sorry, on a point of order.

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Point of order. Point of order. Point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: The point of order, hon Speaker, is that you actually referred I think incorrectly to hon Windvogel being back in the House, whereas I think the reference was to hon Bakubaku?

The SPEAKER: Oh, did I? I did not notice that. Thank you, hon Leader of the Opposition. I ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is a pleasure. It is an absolute pleasure, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is an extra vote for him. It is an extra vote for him.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I talked to hon Bakubaku-Vos all the time. I am glad that she is back, and we thank God for her.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that honourable Gladys Bakubaku-Vos, ANC senior legislature member, has fully recovered from COVID-19 and is back at work to serve her community.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

DRAKENSTEIN: SOCIAL RELIEF INITIATIVES

(Motion)

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and extends sincere thanks and appreciation to all community organisations and individuals in the Drakenstein municipal area, who are working day and night to provide social relief and assistance to the vulnerable society in Drakenstein. I further extend sincere thanks and appreciation to all donors and all volunteers that are opening their hearts to social relief initiatives, on a daily basis. Your tireless efforts during these challenging times are commendable. Let us continue to be each other's keepers. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House extends sincere appreciation to all community organisations and individuals in the Drakenstein municipal area that are working day and night to provide social relief and assistance to the vulnerable in society in Drakenstein; further extends sincere appreciation to all donors and all volunteers who are opening their hearts daily to social relief initiatives; and commends these tireless efforts during this challenging time.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY: VIRTUAL MEETINGS

(Motion)

Ms A BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the Central Karoo District Municipality flaunts hon MEC Anton Bredell's instruction to host virtual video meetings. The DA Mayor Annelie Rabie calls regular contact meetings and rakes in subsistence and travel allowance by almost daily commuting between Prince Albert and Beaufort West; and calls on the MEC to investigate and urgently report to the Legislature on this matter. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bans. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No objection.

An HON MEMBER: Object. I object.

Ms A BANS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Central Karoo District Municipality flouts honourable Minister Anton Bredell's instruction to host virtual video meetings, that DA mayor Annelie Rabie calls regular contact meetings and rakes in subsistence and travel allowance by almost daily commuting between Prince Albert and Beaufort West; and calls on the Minister to investigate and urgently report to the legislature on this matter.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

AL-MAAMANA: LENTEGEUR MITCHELLS PLAIN

(Motion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House recognises the work being done by Al-Maamana, a volunteer group based in Lentegour, Mitchells Plain that have taken up the task of feeding hundreds of residents during this difficult time. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House recognises the work being done by Al-Maamana, a volunteer group based in Mitchells Plain, which has taken up the task of feeding hundreds of residents during this difficult time and also notes the humanitarian efforts being made by the NGO's and NPO's in mitigating the impact of hunger in the absence of SASSA.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19 VICTIMS

(Motion of condolence)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness an Overberg resident of 62 years last week became the first casualty of COVID-19 in that region and that this Legislature sends its condolences to all family and friends of those that died of Corona virus-related problems. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the death of a 62-year-old Overberg resident who became the first casualty of COVID-19 in that region last week; and sends condolences to all the families and friends of those who have died due to coronavirus-related problems.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

HAWKS DRUG BUST ON THE N1

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commends the Hawks on a successful drug bust on the N1 in Cape Town amounting to 36kg of cocaine. That this House further notes that drugs and gangsterism are stealing our young people's future; that this House commits to continue and ramp up its efforts to build society's resilience to crime, in families, in the school environment, amongst youth at risk, as a result of the harms caused by substance abuse. And that this House calls on all law enforcement agencies, together with the entire criminal justice system to play their role towards ensuring that drug premises are closed, and criminals are brought to book.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends the Hawks on a successful drug bust of 36 kg cocaine on the N1 in Cape Town; notes that drugs and gangsterism are stealing our young people's future; commits to continue and ramp up its efforts to build the society's resilience to crime, in families, in the school environment and among young people at risk as a result of the harm caused by substance abuse; and calls on all law enforcement agencies, together with the entire criminal justice system, to play their role in ensuring that drug premises are closed and criminals brought to book.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

CENTRAL KAROO RESIDENT: COVID-19

(Motion)

Ms A BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House bids a Central Karoo resident, who on Monday became the first recorded positive patient in that region, a speedy recovery. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms A BANS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House bids a Central Karoo resident a speedy recovery who became the first recorded positive patient in that region on Monday.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA,
TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA**

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the commemoration of International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia 2020 on 17 May 2020. I move that this House supports events to raise awareness of the violation of LGBT rights in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion ... [Interjection.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, I do not know what all those phobias mean. Can he explain what all those phobias mean – otherwise I am going to object.

The SPEAKER: We do not explain that motion.

Mr R I ALLEN: A quick Google Search will help the member.

The SPEAKER: We do not explain. I think, I would like to hear from hon Marais, whether that is an objection? No objection?

Mr P J MARAIS: Yes, I object.

The SPEAKER: You object. Alright. Hon member, the motion will be recorded in the Order Paper. The objection has been noted.

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the commemoration of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia on 17 May 2020; and supports events to raise awareness of the violation of LGBT rights in the Western Cape.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

LATE MARY-ANNE PLAATJIES-VAN HUFFEL

(Motion of condolence)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commiserates with the family, friends and compatriots of Prof Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel, 61-years old, of the Stellenbosch University Theological Faculty who died on Tuesday after an operation and also notes she was the first black ordained preacher of the Dutch Reformed Missionary Church. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commiserates with the family, friends and colleagues of Prof Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel (61) of the Faculty of Theological at the University of Stellenbosch who died on Tuesday after an operation; and also notes she was the first black ordained preacher of the Dutch Reformed Missionary Church.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: OVERLOAD OF HOSPITALS

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the overload of hospitals and the health staff workload due to serious COVID-19 contamination and that hon MEC Nomafrench Mbombo reports to this Legislature on the situation and readiness ahead of a possible upsurge. I thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Windvogel. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

Ms L M MASEKO: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? I have recognised the objections and the motion will now be recorded in the Order Paper. The objections have been noted.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the overloading of hospitals and health staff's large workloads due to the serious COVID-19 contamination; and requests that honourable Minister Nomafrench Mbombo reports to this legislature on the current situation and readiness ahead of a possible upsurge in cases.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

ATTACK ON ANC WARD COUNCILLOR: OLD CROSSROADS

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the attack and robbery last week on the ANC ward councillor in Old Crossroads, Nokuthula Bolitye and her 13-year-old son, and bid them a speedy recovery from the wounds they sustained. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the attack on and robbery last week of Nokuthula Bolitye, ANC ward councillor in Crossroads, and her 13-year-old son; and bids them a speedy recovery from the wounds that they sustained.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and calls for an urgent establishment of CWP's branch, COVID-19 Committee, that will investigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in the province as it relates to women and children, including poverty, hunger, job losses and the general labour conditions and care support in both public and private sector work spaces, as well as to include GBV during this period; further calls for investigation into the impact of COVID-19 on women-owned enterprises and how their basic human and labour rights have been undermined during this time; and calls for a report to be tabled and debated during the Women's Parliament in August 2020. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and calls for the urgent establishment of COVID-19 Committee of the Community Work Programme (CWP) that will investigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on women and children in the province, including poverty, hunger, job losses, general labour conditions, including child care support in both the public and private sector, as well as to include gender-based violence (GBV) during this period; further calls for an investigation into the impact of COVID-19 on women-owned enterprises and how their basic human and labour rights have been undermined during this time; and calls for a report to be tabled during a Women's Parliament in August 2020.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

INFORMAL TRADERS IN TOWNSHIPS

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the poor services to informal traders in the townships and the absence of an inclusive database of all informal traders in the City of Cape Town, despite there being the highest concentration of them in the province. Notes further that this has led to exclusion and difficulties for informal traders to trade with businesses of essential services and goods during the lockdown as the City, supported by this Provincial Government, flatly refuses to permit those traders, as they choose to only provide to those that they term "suitably vetted"; and condemns this practice as it further entrenches the inequality that has been existing in the province and further perpetuates abuse and misuse of regulations that keep informal traders out of the economy, and calls for an enhanced effort similar to the City and deeded investment in urban markets like in Sea Point, Woodstock and CBD, I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Nkondlo. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: The objection has been recorded. The motion will be recorded in the Order Paper.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and laments the poor services delivered to informal traders in townships and the absence of an inclusive database of all informal traders in the City of Cape Town despite the City having the highest concentration of informal traders in the province; notes further that this has led to the exclusion of and difficulties for informal traders to trade with businesses for essential services and goods during the lockdown as the City, supported by this provincial government, flatly refused to issue permits to these traders as the City chose those to whom it referred to as "suitably vetted" pre-COVID-19; condemns this practice as it further entrenches the inequality that exists in this province and as it further perpetuates the inequality by keeping informal traders out of the economy with such abuse and misuse of regulations; and calls for enhanced efforts, similar to the City's and DEDAT's investments in urban markets, such as in Sea Point, Woodstock and in the CBD.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

ROBERTO QUINTAS: INCORRECT STATEMENT

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the ward councillor of Hout Bay, Roberto Quintas, has downplayed Hout Bay as a COVID-19 Hotspot as identified by the Western Cape Provincial Government and has actually undermined the Premier and the Provincial Government by releasing a statement stating that the Provincial Government provided the wrong statistics for Hout Bay. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Sayed. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes. Moved without notice, because we have not seen the facts yet, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Roberto Quintas, ward councillor of Hout Bay, has downplayed Hout Bay as a COVID-19 hotspot as identified by the Western Cape Government; and notes that he actually undermined the Premier and the provincial government by releasing a statement stating that the provincial government provided the wrong statistics for Hout Bay.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

**ADDRESSING SPATIAL JUSTICE IN THE WESTERN CAPE:
CENTURIES OF INJUSTICE AND THREE DEMOCRATIC
DECADES OF NEGLECT**

(Subject for Discussion)

Mr B N HERRON: Hon Deputy Speaker, the manner in which societies organise space has a key bearing on social and economic dynamics. In South Africa, race and space remain indelibly linked. More than 26 years of democracy has miserably failed to unravel colonial and apartheid town planning. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Cape Town, where conservatives and the DA have found ways and means to block every single affordable housing project proposed for development in areas that their National Party fathers designated for whites only.

The DA's record mirrors that of the ANC, when it held the reigns in the City. A big fat zero. On the Cape Flats, to this day many families do not speak about where they live. They speak about where they come from. And where they come from is not Lavender Hill, Grassy Park or Nyanga. It is Constantia, Newlands, Sea Point, District 6 and Simon's Town.

Spatial injustice is the axle on which the wheels of inequality and the cycle of poverty turn. Families with the least household income must travel furthest to get to work, to the stadium, shopping mall, hospital or school. By the time you have paid for transport, what do you have left? They return to impoverished neighbourhoods and communities where social issues like gangs, drugs and crime take root. Without jobs, as many are, people are trapped in their immediate environments. There is no way out.

Between 2016 and 2018, when I was responsible for Housing in the City of Cape Town, our team doubled the delivery of affordable housing. Between 2016 and 2018, we initiated multiple projects to deliver affordable homes in good parts of the City. Thousands of inner-city homes would have been under construction now, but the reality is, not a single home is being built. The DA stopped these projects. They also stopped people travelling out of apartheid townships. For 5 years MyCiTi provided safe, affordable transport to residents of Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain. 8 months after I resigned from the DA, they stopped the service. That was almost a year ago.

The Province has fared no better. The Premier shows off Forest Village as his Government's commitment to spatial justice. Forest Village is at the very outermost edge of the Metro. A location for the poor in a very poor location. Far from work. Far from education and far from whites.

I understand it may be scary for conservative politicians to consider coloured and black people living in their neighbourhoods, just as it is difficult for them to countenance leaders such as De Lille, Mazibuko, Mashaba or Maimane, but to continue developing dense settlements for those with few real rights, out of sight and out of mind, is not a viable alternative. DA leaders must come clean with their constituents and supporters on the Cape Flats, among other areas, and tell them why they do not want them in their suburbs. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. It is indeed a fact that the history of this injustice is long and undeniable and the last 100 plus years was quantified into a number of abhorrent pieces of legislation. These statutes all had their own specific goals, but the overall intention was clear – depriving some people of their right to ownership of fixed property and limited access to the infrastructure needed to deliver a decent standard of living.

This is, indeed, Deputy Speaker, a very long history. It started before 1913, but 1913 produced the Native Land Act – the first piece of segregation legislation passed by the Union Parliament and in 1934 we saw the Slums Act designed to displace black people from urban areas and in 1950 the Group Areas Act was produced, which led to various forced removals, which left still existing scars on our society and which shaped much of the residential patterns of this legacy.

The list is depressing and seemingly endless, hon Deputy Speaker and this is a South African phenomenon and that is why we still have Mamelodi and Pretoria, you still have Umlazi and Durban and you still have Khayelitsha and Cape Town. Hon member Herron must not give the impression that this is something unique to the Western Cape, because that would be disingenuous.

So, hon Deputy Speaker, infrastructure was used as a strategic instrument to segregate people spatially, based on race. Provision of water, accommodation, electricity, sanitation, education, health and so on, all require infrastructure and this was denied or provided only in the most basic form.

Given the limited time available for this discussion, Deputy Speaker, it is not my intention to attempt to address all the steps taken or not taken to address spatial inequality by the various spheres of government involved. I will instead limit myself to a few aspects of my present portfolio. I have no doubt that my colleagues, like Minister Simmers, will also cover pertinent aspects of the work already done and being done in his Human Settlements portfolio.

It is very disheartening, Deputy Speaker, to hear smoke and mirrors from member Herron and yet, he has got nothing to show for his track record when he was the Mayco member in the City of Cape Town, besides telling us how bad his former party was and all the attempts that he failed.

Therefore, I was hoping, that when he raised this debate, he would at least give us some indication of his track record where he succeeded in dealing with the challenges that we are facing.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the work undertaken by my Department is ensuring the properly planned, financed provision of accommodation which breaks down the entrenched patterns of spatial inequality. It is very important for us, when we have this debate, to really be honest about the practical steps that we need to take, because I get a sense that some of us has this notion that to address spatial injustice you need to take everyone to task.

The reality of the matter is that you have areas like Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain that you cannot wish away. And therefore it is very important to also note the interventions that have been made in those specific areas, even though they are not enough, to make sure that you create an environment in areas like those so that people can live a decent life.

In partnership with the City and private sector, the Department developed and implemented a Better Living Model example on well located urban state land and that will support positive social-economic and spatial integration with a view to being able to replicate this on the other side in future.

In 2012, the former Conradie Hospital site was identified as a suitable location for the pilot of this example for Better Living Model. This development will create affordable, integrated housing opportunities close to Cape Town CBD and transform the site into an integrated place where people can live, work, play and learn. The primary objective is to create an affordable residentially-led mixed income and mixed use development that optimises urban land use and incorporates a range of grant-funding housing.

A total of 1 764 grant-funded units will be made up of 1 235 social housing units and 529 FLISP units. There will also be 1 838 open market units, giving a total of 3 602 units. This is one of the examples, Deputy Speaker, that the Provincial Government, together with the City of Cape Town and a number of other municipalities across the province are doing in terms of addressing the spatial injustice. As I alluded to, this is a very long history which all of us are grappling with and I think the interventions that have been made thus far are proving that we are moving in the right direction.

If you look at the overall Somerset Hospital precinct, it is defined by three sites, the former Helen Bowden Nurses Home precinct, the Somerset Hospital precinct and the old City Hospital precinct. Residential land uses the largest component of the land use mix in the Somerset precinct, and as you are aware, hon Deputy Speaker, and a number of members in this House, that with the support of some of the members in this House, that particular precinct was now invaded by people and we are engaging them with an intention of making sure that we are developing that area for the benefit of many of the people, including some of the people who are residing there currently.

The Somerset Development would enable over 1 300 households to live close to work, shopping, entertainment, and other urban services, including a minimum of 20% affordable housing in an area that is now well served by public transport.

The third intervention by this Government is Founders Garden, which is situated in Roggebaai in the CBD of Cape Town, south of the elevated freeway, Nelson Mandela Boulevard. This site has historical and urban design significance. Rezoning approval obtained from the City of Cape Town was for residential allocation of a minimum of 2 900m², including social housing.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it is understandable that the spotlight of spatial transformation has in recent years fallen increasingly on the CBD and Cape Town. The need is real, and we acknowledge that. Opportunities are limited and various organisations have driven an intensive campaign, often advocating actions which have led to the unlawful occupation of properties, but that is a topic for another day, Deputy Speaker.

My Department has not however, limited its efforts to addressing spatial transformation to only the CBD of Cape Town. We have made available to Minister Simmers, and even prior to making available property to Minister Simmers, a number of interventions were made in a number of towns outside Cape Town, where integrated housing developments were implemented and executed, benefiting thousands of people in those towns.

We have also made available a number of sites to Minister Simmers so that we can continue with this work in areas like Woodstock and a number of areas surrounding Cape Town and in the city centres of various towns. [Time expired.]

Mr P MARRAN: Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. [Inaudible – poor audio connection.] about how all should be part of every aspect of the economy. This is also true about land ownership and a place to stay. All people around the globe think and know about our massive challenges since COVID-19 brought the whole economy to a standstill and as masses sought shelter from this virus.

As the world and economy wakes up to a new dawn, so too must we open up ownership and opportunities. Here in this province we will soon see a fresh transformation in equitable redistribution, also of land to people. This should include apartheid spatial planning that was part of the social engineering and manipulation to suit white supremacy plans and white living zones or special segregation. The apartheid spatial scars today are still too visible and especially in rural areas. People who are kept separate by a river, a road, a railway line, dam or wall are seen everywhere. Deputy Speaker, can you hear me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Absolutely. Carry on.

Mr P MARRAN: When settlers came to the Cape, they travelled in their ships, loaded with equipment and slaves. None of them brought land here. They used the land that was here to advance their plans and to pile up wealth. Those that were marginalised by hateful apartheid colonialism, together with racism and gentrification, all must work for a new order and integration.

The old socio-economic system by people who thought they could forever be superior from behind their guns, must be changed. The outdated legacy of this apartheid virus needs to be conquered. Within our laws land must be availed, unproductive land redistributed, identified land allocated and a long-term plan funded to bring a new planning system. Food security and the agricultural economy must be maintained, but the back of the cruel apartheid spatial planning dragon must be broken once and for all. Integration cannot be avoided anymore.

Municipalities have a bigger role to play in the process to speed up and unite people to find solutions. Security of tenure must be taken seriously for homelessness. Poor people and social housing are priorities as this evil apartheid virus damage must be reversed. The new approach lacks in the conservative Old Boys' club backrooms of the DA whose members masquerade as liberals. They seek privilege for a few over decades and even less payment for workers than the national determined minimum wage.

Things have got worse in the DA since leaders like Mmusi Maimane while we were left on the wayside by those people protected in the very white interests of the DA money supplies. The present provincial regime of the DA has yet to change its approach and we have not seen any movement or strong desire for change under Western Cape Premier Allan Winde's tenure thus far.

The DA can show its mettle and unconditionally join the ANC's call for a moratorium on the sale of all land, not leasing for long periods or vacant land for a pittance, and not allowing [Inaudible.] to perpetuate apartheid spatial planning that divides people.

The DA Leaders have a moral obligation to protect and support the poor, not to advance the interest of big businesses. Those who benefited in the past were investors with deep pockets.

Hon Deputy Speaker, let me end off by quoting one of the ANC presidents, John Langalibalele Dube, when he addressed an ANC conference in the early 1950's. He said, and I quote:

"Land is everything. Without land we are nothing. On land we plant food, on land we build houses, on land we practice our cultures and we pray. Any race, it does not matter what colour or creed, are doomed to fail without land. Therefore the restriction of landownership based on race shall be ended."

Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, hon Cabinet members and hon members of the House. Hon Deputy Speaker, on social media platforms words and phrases are being compared with or referred to as a person. If you Google the word "hypocrite" therefore, or open your dictionary right now, you will see a picture of the sponsor of today's debate next to this word.

When someone is in a position where they have an opportunity to make a difference and do not use it optimally, yet seek to criticise others, we should all be alarmed.

Perhaps some might feel this is harsh as hon member Brett Herron, while he was still the Mayco member of Transport and Human Settlements in the City of Cape Town, spoke about the potential social housing project at the Salt River Market and in Pine Road, Woodstock. Where are these noteworthy projects he keeps on talking about, one should ask?

It was during hon member Herron's tenure in the 2017/18 financial year, Madam Deputy Speaker, that the City of Cape Town had to return R166 million of its Urban Settlements Development grant to the National Department of Human Settlements. This amount would have produced approximately 1,038 housing opportunities. †Waar is die verskil dan nou wraggies? [Where then is the difference now, indeed?] Undoubtedly an opportunity missed by this hon member in his previous life as a councillor, to make a difference in the lives of more than 1,000 people in the City of Cape Town.

When addressing spatial injustice, you have to transform spaces and places. Have we managed to achieve this as a province? Not fully yet. Have we made strides on our path to transform our spaces and places? This is an emphatic "yes".

Hon Deputy Speaker, addressing the apartheid spatial planning legacy is a provincial imperative, and as such, well-located, affordable housing has been designated as a priority, as our aim is to remarkably improve the lives of the most deserving in our communities, while also seeking to address the injustices of the past. These are inclusive of the elderly, disabled, backyard dwellers and those longest on the waiting list, where we are ensuring that our people are moved into an improved area and dwelling, which they call home.

Hon member Herron is fully aware of this Provincial Government's impeccable record of delivery, but not only that, through this delivery we have improved and transformed the lives of thousands of people across this province. Had the hon member, while in the City, spent the USDG for the 2017/18 cycle, it could have been a different picture that we are talking about today.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the sponsor of today's debate should familiarise himself with my Department's 2020 to 2025 strategic document, particularly since he is part of the Standing Committee of Human Settlements. By doing so he will note how spatial transformation is pertinently expressed in this document for the entire province. I could also advise that this hon member starts visiting the various projects throughout the province to obtain a full and clear understanding of what is happening, and not just focus on Forest Village itself.

It is not always advisable to only write no-good newsletters that are based on fake news. One of the ways we are addressing spatial transformation is through the social housing programme which we have throughout the Western Cape. †So pleks van 'n kwak selfverkoper, Ondervoorsitter, spreek ons die ware nood van ons mense aan, anders as die borg van vandag se debat. [So instead of being a quack self-seller, Deputy Chair, we address the real need of our people, not like the sponsor of today's debate.]

In the Metro we have the Glenhaven Project in Bellville, Regent Villas in Mitchells Plain, and phase 3 of the Bothasig Social Housing projects, where together over 900 individuals will benefit between now and 2021. This year we are also looking forward to the commencement of the Pine Road Social Housing project in Woodstock. Others have blown hot air about this, but this we are doing right now. Furthermore the 1,055 units which are intended to be developed around Goodwood Station will also occur in due course.

Social rental housing is, however, not limited to the Metro, as 11 [Inaudible.] municipalities are working towards establishing smart partnerships with social housing institutions across our province.

The province has secured R500,000 from our social housing partner, SHRA, to help the Stellenbosch Municipality investigate the development potential within specific municipal precincts. This is making steady progress. We also have the Dal Josafat Social Housing project in Paarl, which is in the planning phase. Approximately 400 units are expected and last Friday Council approved its SHI company which will assist them with this.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we are a forward thinking and planning province and Department, and with this said approximately 82 further potential projects are being explored and packaged over the next 10 years. This entails approximately 22,000 social housing unit opportunities. Some of these potential future initiatives include the Salt River Market development, which is proposing 216 social housing units, with 448 market-related units.

If you make your way to Mossel Bay you will also find the Mount View development, where in excess of 300 social housing units will be constructed in due course as part of a bigger project site plan, hon Deputy Speaker.

In conclusion, hon Deputy Speaker, COVID-19 is teaching us that it cannot be business as usual. Policy, budgetary realignments and by-law amendments, particularly at National and Local Government levels are urgently required if we are going to effectively and speedily address the needs of our people, and to address injustices of the past.

In conclusion, as a provincial department, but also as the DA-led Provincial Government, we remain committed, as we have been over the past decade, to accelerate human settlements delivery where it is needed the most, by promoting social inclusion throughout the development of these integrated projects, to ensure they are resilient, safe and sustainable, but above all in an open-opportunity society for all our deserving people in the Western Cape. I thank you.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, fellow South Africans, today in history in 1932, after flying for 17 hours from Newfoundland, Amelia Earhart landed near Londonderry, Northern Ireland, becoming the first woman to undertake a trans-Atlantic solo flight. Amelia Earhart inspired us to soar. There was no term “spatial justice” in 1932, but Amelia Earhart defied the rules and took up her space in our history books. She famously said:

“Never interrupt someone doing something you said could not be done.”

Hon Deputy Speaker, the quarterly Labour Force Survey released in February this year by Stats SA, revealed that the Western Cape's official and expanded unemployment rates in the final quarter of 2019, dropped to 20,9% and 24,1% respectively, compared to the previous quarter. In the last quarter of 2019, the Western Cape created 24,000 more jobs and remained the province in South Africa with the lowest unemployment rate. We need to recognise injustices of the past and actively address those challenges through opportunities to achieve a more just and equitable society.

Further, the Western Cape Gini coefficient decreased from 0,56 in 2009 to 0,52 in 2015; lower than Gauteng at 0,55; and lower than KwaZulu Natal at 0,61 - our economic counterparts - as published by Stats SA in the inequality trends report of November 2019. The Gini coefficient is the most commonly used measure of inequality.

In the 2018 Global Financial Centre's Index, Cape Town was named the top financial centre in Sub-Saharan Africa, overtaking Johannesburg. This is because Cape Town and the Western Cape make good business sense for all. The Western Cape consistently comes out as South Africa's top province for good governance, according to the Presidency's Performance Management Assessment Tool.

Within the first 10 years of a DA-governed Western Cape, a total of 508,000 jobs were created; R1 billion in economic savings were generated through our red tape reduction and ease of doing business strategies, and 70% of South Africa's renewable energy manufacturing now takes place in the Western Cape.

Hon Deputy Speaker, there is still much to be done, more jobs to be created, more girl-children to educate, but the Western Cape Province is an example of doing something most people said could not be done.

We have already built the runway. We now need to remain focused on ensuring everyone receives an opportunity to board the plane to a brighter future. Amelia Earhart would say:

"Some of us have great runways already built for us. If you have one, take off; if you do not have one, it is your responsibility to grab a shovel, build one for yourself and those who will follow after you."

Hon Deputy Speaker, I thank you. [Time expired.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, as a young child born and bred in a poor township called Bonteheuwel, this topic is very close to my heart, but I was born there because my mother was removed from Wilkinson Street, Newlands, through the Group Areas Act.

So being a chef in Rondebosch, my mother previously walked to work, and now, thrown and chucked into Bonteheuwel, had to commute to and from work. Because of her long hours we hardly saw her.

Hon Deputy Speaker, as apartheid moved people far from their workplaces, on the outskirts, where nobody wanted to live, they created Mitchells Plain. They first created Bonteheuwel, then Manenberg and then Mitchells Plain. So people were moved far away from their workplace, putting a tremendous strain on the family, with parents leaving home early in the morning and arriving back late at night.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this is still the case in many families. In many families this is still the norm, and, hon Deputy Speaker, although I heard what Minister Simmers was saying, collectively: National, Provincial and Local Government must do more. Many of our vulnerable communities are still constrained by the legacy of economic disempowerment, and after living many-many years in a democratic society, this legacy is still prevalent in our townships.

When you walk the streets in the Manenbergs and Bonteheuwels and Heidevelds, young people early in the morning are still roaming the streets, and this is testament that we still have a long way to go. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr A VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, the majority of the hon members of this House would have loved to see much higher levels of integration in our neighbourhoods. It is no secret that integration of our neighbourhoods will feed mutual understanding and nation building. Yet we see very little integration. Why? Spatial injustices have a lot to do with economic injustices. I want to say again: Spatial injustices have a lot to do with economic injustices.

We will lack racial integration for as long as these injustices are not corrected, made evident by Stats SA showing vast differences in the average incomes of races.

Why do we still have these vast differences despite the Government actively, and as we have recently seen, even aggressively, pursuing racial redress. One of the biggest contributors to the widening gap in incomes is the lack of economic growth, caused by incoherent economic policies.

The ANC Government, through its highhanded manipulation of the economy, has actually widened the inequality gap in South Africa over the past years. This despite our Constitution demanding of Government to ensure greater equality amongst South Africans.

Some believe that affirmative action should also include the uneven subsidisation of land. They believe that well-placed and valuable pieces of land should be allocated for free, or at values far below market prices. These developments are marked by the high levels of contestation, leaving questions on how to become a beneficiary, and because there is a limited number of people that can be accommodated in this way, it often causes a lot of tension within communities.

High monthly expenses such as rates, linked to the possibility of realising a quick and handy profit, often persuades – and I can almost say “forces” – poor people to sell their properties. While they then make a nice profit, it is a once-off shot in the arm.

The choice is therefore:

- (a) Let a few individuals enjoy vast benefits - which are often short-lived; or
- (b) To unlock the value of the properties by selling them from the onset at actual market value, to developers and then use the considerable proceeds to benefit and uplift many people by the provision of affordable housing opportunities.

Some political parties, such as the ANC, are known for their propensity to enrich chosen individuals with public money. The Democratic Alliance on the other hand believes that public money should be used to improve the lives of as many beneficiaries as possible, and that summarises the differences between the DA and some of our other political parties, when it comes to the allocation of land. I thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you. Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, spatial justice involves, and I quote:

“Fair and equitable distribution of socially valued resources and opportunities to use them.”

This is a quote by Edward Soja 2009, a French academic.

I argue therefore that spatial injustices were already dealt a deathblow and a heavy blow through the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, and the constitutional right to freedom of movement and association. What is left is to create economic opportunities for the new, restless, emerging black and coloured middle class, capable of sustaining themselves economically to access existing resources and facilities currently in more affluent areas.

The Western Cape has felt the brunt of failed socio-economic policies and ideologies that has created the disastrous notion of entitlement, with little or no effort to become self-sustainable. We have become a nanny state with deeply flawed economic policies.

Spatial justice should not be equated with forced social integration, land grabs and social engineering. We need new approaches. If we are to win the battle against poverty and the lack of access to those facilities, which could improve the quality of life of the indigents, then we need a totally new approach.

Hon Deputy Speaker, crime, gangsterism, drug trafficking, prostitution and homelessness are products of poor education, moral decay, psychiatric disturbances, and not one of spatial planning alone. We must protect and motivate hardworking, law-abiding, self-sufficient people that contribute towards the economy, and not punish them further to satisfy the insatiable needs of those to whom social handouts has become a lifestyle.

I therefore propose a relook at my proposal of 2000, when I, as City Mayor of the City Cape Town asked for a new City for 1,000,000 people on our West Coast to be built, so that spatial justice can be given to those who do not have it. [Time expired.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Hon Deputy Speaker, spatial planning is about methods and approaches used by – in this case – Government to influence the distribution of people and activities in spaces of various scales.

The Western Cape is one such example of what a society can achieve when its Government prioritises workable, bold and pragmatic plans to enrich the lives of its citizens.

It therefore comes as no surprise that the Western Cape is constantly brought under scrutiny where contentious and complex issues are concerned. This, hon Deputy Speaker, should be worn as a badge of honour in a country where Government has long ceased to account for its actions, and without any fail, plunders its citizens at every opportunity in sight.

The Western Cape simply outperforms every other province in maintaining our constitutional obligations. This is a bitter pill the Opposition parties in this House have no choice but to swallow.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the DA-led Western Cape is the only province with a solid track record in delivering human settlements to our most vulnerable. The Provincial Department of Human Settlements, under the leadership of Minister Simmers, achieved a number of ground-breaking projects within a year of taking office. Despite the increase in housing demand, the Province has prioritised backyard dwellers by including their participation in the province's housing opportunity priority group. This means that when the Department undertakes the Greenfield Project, these individuals will be prioritised.

This year alone, the City of Cape Town has allocated approximately R2,1 billion for formal housing; R4 billion for informal settlements and backyard dwellers, to name a few.

These, hon Deputy Speaker, are just a few examples of what this Government has achieved thus far, after it once again received a clear mandate from the people of Western Cape in May last year.

The truth of the matter is that this Government has consistently demonstrated our commitment to improving the lives of those affected by spatial injustice and ensuring that we promote social inclusion through the development of integrated, safe and sustainable human settlements.

The ANC at some point needs to put their pride in their pocket and learn from the Western Cape, if they are serious about giving dignity to all South Africans who do not have the privilege of living under a capable government.

#LetsGetToWork means less talk and more action. This is precisely what we are doing, and no amount of cheap politicking will deter us from establishing quality and inclusionary housing for those who need it the most.

The Democratic Alliance is determined to build a more inclusive, integrated and vibrant province, that addresses the legacies of our past in rectifying existing imbalances. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you very much to hon member Herron for raising this debate.

I think when MEC Madikizela talks about the fact that other provinces have not made progress, he forgets Johannesburg, he forgets Tshwane, and other cities, including PE, which have actually made major progress in terms of building various options in the inner city, including rent-to-buy; but we want to give notice that we have reached a point where we are no longer going to wait for a provincial government and a Democratic Alliance that actually has no political will to really move towards integrated human settlements which will actually reverse apartheid spatial planning. That is why we, as the Opposition, will go ahead to reach agreements with farmers, with landowners, with property developers and others, in line with the policy which we are busy pursuing, which will clarify in what circumstances expropriation without compensation should happen, and a host of other measures.

So we are not going to wait for MEC Madikizela, we are not going to wait for the Premier. We are going to talk to the people of the Western Cape who are willing and who realise that we have to move on this patch. We will do this not only as the Opposition, but in fact as a government in waiting, because the people of the Western Cape ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: [Laughing.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... have lost faith in this ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... particular province. For instance, we know very clearly in regard to what MEC Simmers has said, when he begins to attack hon member Herron and says that the Provincial Government has got a good track record. The reality is that it was the Provincial Department of Human Settlements, while MEC Madikizela was the MEC, that formally pushed a social housing proposal for Tafelberg, but it was this previous Provincial Government, led by Premier Zille, who is now the *de facto* leader of the DA together with the Institute of Race Relations, that actually pushed back on a proposal that the officials had made.

We welcome hon member Christians in regard to talking about solutions being needed at all spheres of government, and for sharing his own painful experience with us, but, hon Deputy Speaker, we need to understand that this Corona virus period that we are in, is not the first emergency that the world is dealing with.

At the time of the economic crisis referred to by the Cubans as the “special period”, which came as a result of the fall of the Soviet Union in 1989, bringing adverse economic turmoil as resources dwindled, the citizens of Havana took matters into their own hands, and this is an example in other countries in a post war situation. They started in this instance a “grow your own revolution”. It was during this period that urban farms and allotment sprang up across the city and these remain sustainable resources of food to this day, hon Deputy Speaker.

As we are battling with the outbreak of Corona, which has exposed many challenges in our society, including the apartheid spatial legacy, which has meant the majority of Corona cases are found in working-class communities as well as food security issues that come as a result of job losses. As the ANC, we wish to make a call today to all municipalities to make available pockets of land in their jurisdiction for the use of urban farmers and allotments, the way the British did after the war. Instead of calling for the reckless opening of the economy, the DA should actively be positive and support the campaign proposed by us as the African National Congress in this Legislature.

The continued calls to end the lockdown make it clear that the DA does not have the interests of the poor at heart. Many of the [Inaudible.] we face in the province can be traced back to the brutal legacy of colonial dispossession and the evil system of apartheid spatial planning.

In fact, we remember that it was the Oudtshoorn Municipality who actually celebrated and congratulated themselves on being the first municipality to enforce group areas. The ANC remains committed to building a national democratic society, which would address the historical injustices via the redistribution and of course the restitution of land and other resources; employment equity and the eradication of apartheid productive [Inaudible.]

The stumbling block, we all know, is looking us in the face, and that is the DA Government committed to its own backward conservative policies which actually increasingly look like those of the apartheid emerging across the [Inaudible. – audio lost].

What is clear is that the glib articulation of an open, equal opportunity society does not provide any answers. They talk unity, but they ignore the demon of racism, as if the word “racism” is a swearword never to be mentioned in the same breath as an equal opportunity society.

[Inaudible. – audio lost] ... ideally suited for social housing. The cynical sale of well-located land by the DA continues, and in fact has provided the environment in which gentrification takes hold in communities like Woodstock and Observatory.

The President, in his State of the Nation address in 2019, said:

“In the immediate term Government will accelerate efforts to identify and release public land that is suitable for smart, urban settlements and for farming.”

[Inaudible. – audio lost] ... our resolve to expropriate land without compensation as resolved by the ... [Inaudible.] that each municipality during this COVID period, as we said earlier, identifies allotments for growing of food. That can be done immediately, and also the completion of a transparent and accessible land audit of all national, provincial, municipal, as well as state-owned enterprises properties, not just for well-located human settlements, but also land and buildings, so that we can also identify well-located private land, and I would in this instance refer to a place that the Speaker knows well, the area in Hermanus, Paradise Park, which clearly needs to be expropriated to actually make sure that we provide for housing of the poor and working-class in that area.

Central to all of this must be to integrate Cape Town and our rural towns, by actually taking concrete steps. We appeal to the people of the Western Cape, realise that the DA is not going to do this. Support the ANC and progressive organisations. We have even heard the call from the Freedom Front Plus today, unequivocally saying that so-called coloured and black people have been denied land, but land is about wealth, land is about building the security on which to build a family, to build a community, and to build a society.

So we are going ahead. We are not going to wait. We are going to give leadership to this province. We will be sitting with Agri Western Cape, we will be sitting with property developers, we will be sitting with unions, we will be sitting with landless communities, and we are convinced that as our President has called for social compacts, it is possible for us to develop a social compact, and in fact what is going to happen is that the DA is going to be a distant memory, a bad memory, in the minds of people, because in fact they are all-out in terms of preserving the legacy of apartheid spatial planning and upholding privileges.

It is very clear to us ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Finish up hon member.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... that the DA has blocked and stopped the experiment to broaden their base and are now simply looking at narrow interests. We will never allow this, and we put on record we are going to change this province with or without you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the hon Minister Bredell. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): First win an election.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, I wonder if the hon member is aware this is the Provincial Parliament and not the National Assembly. Hon member Herron and his ANC/Good coalition government run the country. Your coalition government is in charge.

So I want to ask you, sir, when will your coalition government provide us with adequate land and budget to build houses for the poor in the inner city and towns in the Western Cape?

For the past 25 years the ANC has been the major stumbling block to reducing spatial inequalities in this province and in this country, and now the Good Party has joined them in a government of national unity.

Allow me to repeat an example that really matters: District 6. Hon member Herron is speaking after me and I want to ask him to provide this House with a guarantee that he will lobby his national coalition partners to release District 6 land to the City of Cape Town speedily, so that we can finally start moving people back to where they belong. As hon member Herron is well-aware, District 6 has been under the control of National Government since 1994.

You remain silent about it, hon member Herron. Why? Is it because you do not want to jeopardise your chance of becoming a Deputy Minister in the ANC Cabinet?

We will put 60,000 people back in District 6. Give us the money and the land, and we will do it. Can you put your money where your mouth is? Or are you all bark and no action?

Hon Deputy Speaker, we should not be surprised that so very little has been done on a national level to reduce spatial inequalities in South Africa. The facts are simple: The ANC and its coalition partners do not care about spatial inequalities. They also do not care about the poor. 6,000 schools in this country, hon member Dugmore, 6,000 schools, to this day – under ANC control – are using bucket toilets; none in the Western Cape. None so blind as they who choose not too to see. None so blind.

I will highlight another example: The fact that the ANC/Good coalition government allows all SASSA offices to close down in one day of ongoing COVID lockdown. Those partners then demanded that poor and vulnerable communities go online and register for help during the ongoing seven week, and counting, lockdown period. The result is an ongoing humanitarian crisis that is rapidly escalating. What a disgrace, and that disgrace is on the ANC and Good government, and you say you are a government in waiting. Please, save our people.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the ANC/Good Party alliance have no idea what things are like on the ground. They are totally out of touch with the people. The closest they get to communities is on Facebook and Twitter. Their leaders breaking lockdown regulations, going to fancy dinners, where they post their wine drinking on social media, while vulnerable people lose their jobs and struggle to find food to eat.

We should not be surprised. Do not forget that the ANC sold out long ago to enrich themselves. Remember the Gupta family? It has been estimated that the Guptas may have looted up to R100 billion from this country, R100 billion, hon Deputy Speaker. We could have built 625 000 houses for our poor and vulnerable communities, but hon member Dugmore will not touch on that. How many times have you heard the Good Party's secretary general, hon member Herron, demand that anyone of the many implicated National Cabinet members step down for their alleged links to corruption? What has happened to morals and integrity?

Hon Deputy Speaker, it would be remiss of me not to remind members that the hon member Herron was in fact the Mayco member for Transport and Public Works in the City of Cape Town, when his friend and leader was the mayor. Those are the two most powerful positions in the City of Cape Town. What did they do to address spatial inequalities during their time? Nothing. Nothing, hon Deputy Speaker, but today they want to be clever.

Allow me to further remind you what happened in September 2018, only two years ago, when hon member Herron's friend resigned as the Mayor of Cape Town and hon member Herron, who was a proud member of the DA, applied for the position of mayor. When he did not get his way, like a spoiled child he threw his toys out of his R800,000 Mustang and resigned from the DA. Suddenly all of us are racist. What a hypocrite.

Hon Deputy Speaker, hon member Herron, the most senior member of the City, in charge of driving low-cost housing in the city centre, then slammed the City for the slow provision of low-cost housing. What a joke. You failed the people. You failed the people of the City of Cape Town, no one else.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this Province is working day and night to address the legacies of apartheid.

Ms N D NKONDLO: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We are fully aware of the triple challenges of poverty ... [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell, one minute.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, who am I speaking to on a point of order? What is your point of order?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon member Nkondlo.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Deputy Speaker, is it parliamentary – because it is the second time – it was MEC Simmers and now it is MEC Bredell – to call another hon member a hypocrite, and the debate just continues and you are not calling this out of order. Is it parliamentary to use such language in the House?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo, we are not going to stifle free speech. "Hypocrite" is not a derogatory word at all, and I will let it go under the circumstances. We are in the House and there has to be at least some free speech rather than being limited to anything more. I mean we already have limitations at this point during COVID-19. Let us allow some free speech. [Inaudible.] carry on please. [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: So “hypocrite” is free speech?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo. I have made the ruling. I will continue with the Minister.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. This province is working day and night to address the legacies of apartheid. We are fully aware of the triple challenges of poverty ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... inequality and unemployment, and therefore we do our utmost best ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, if you can just wait? What is your point of order, hon member Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, I raised this last year and even this year, and I want to rise on this point of order, that the MEC is speaking directly to the hon member Herron. He should address yourself as the Deputy Speaker. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Sayed. Minister Bredell, if you could address me. You may proceed.

Ms N D NKONDLO: I am sure it is free speech.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, who is ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: They are trying to waste time!

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The clock has stopped.

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, one minute.

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognise you, yes, what is your point of order?

Mr L MVIMBI: Yes, hon Deputy Speaker, so that means that in future, even if I refer to you as a hypocrite, that will be allowed as free speech?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Free speech.

An HON MEMBER: As free speech.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: This is the House ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] freedom of speech.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, this is the House.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Make use of [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): On a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please do not speak when I am speaking to you. Hon member, can I answer you? That is my ruling. I am not going to downplay freedom to speak here. I do not believe “hypocrite” is a derogatory word that needs to be outlawed in this Parliament. I have now made a ruling and my ruling stands. I will move over to the Minister.

Mr P MARRAN: The Speaker is a hypocrite.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is not your House.

An HON MEMBER: Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): On a point of order.

An HON MEMBER: Point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is a point of order. [Interjection.] Hon Deputy Chief Whip?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I rise on Rule 62(1):

“That no member may reflect on the honour or competence of the holder of an office, whose removal from such office is dependent on the decision of the House.”

And what the African National Congress has just done, is that they have reflected on your honour as the Presiding Officer. I ask you to please rule that they withdraw their unparliamentary statements.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is the hon member who called me a hypocrite prepared to withdraw?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Can I address you, hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: First I would like the person who said it to withdraw.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I would like to address you before that, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, you can speak.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, I am listening.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [No audible response.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Madam Deputy Speaker, I also have a point of order to raise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order, Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): My point of order is on Rule 66(5) which states that:

“A member who is aggrieved by a ruling may not challenge ...”
[Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Can I address you, hon Deputy Speaker?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): “... a ruling in the House.”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker! Can I address you, hon Deputy Speaker?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): And therefore ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one minute. Hon member Lekker?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): And therefore I ask ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): When there is a member on the podium that has been recognised, you must – hon Deputy Speaker, I am not sure if you said I must sit down while you were attending to the Chief Whip of the House, because I was still on the floor and you did not say anything. You simply recognised her while I was speaking.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): You were not speaking.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, you were not, we did not hear you. I will come back to you. I would like to finish with the Chief Whip, and I will absolutely give you the time to address your grievance, yes.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I was rising on a point of order in terms of Rule 66(5) which states that:

“A member who is aggrieved by a ruling may not challenge such in the House.”

And therefore I would like that you call to order that hon member that is in fact in breach of the Rules and in terms of that Rule, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Over to you, hon member Lekker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I rise on a point of order raised by the Deputy Chief Whip, where he actually singled out a point that was part of a full sentence, and decided in that moment that he would then associate that part, and I think it is disingenuous of hon member Mitchell to say to the Deputy Speaker what the ruling must be, because in the first place he took it out of context and made it a point.

So I would like you, hon Deputy Speaker, to revisit the Hansard before you make any decision, because he is deliberately misleading and causing confusion in the House. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognise you, hon member Wenger. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): There is now a point of order on top of another point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): You have accused the Deputy Chief Whip of ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY ORDER: Order, please. Order!

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, what you are doing? [Interjection.] You are allowing a point of order on top of another point of order, without even ruling.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mute her! Mute her!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, order please! Now can I have one person address me at a time.

An HON MEMBER: Can I address you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Can I address you, hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am now recognising the Chief Whip as I have chosen to recognise her, and I am allowing her to speak.

An HON MEMBER: Okay [Inaudible.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will recognise you if your hand is up. So I recognised the Chief Whip and then I recognise hon member Sayed.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. It has been ruled previously that saying "deliberately misleading" the House is unparliamentary, and the Chief Whip of the Opposition has accused hon member Mitchell of deliberately misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hear you, thank you very much. Hon member Sayed, what is your point?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, if I heard the hon member Lulama Mvimbi correctly, he was not necessarily saying that you are a hypocrite. He was saying would it be correct for him to say that you are one. So I think we need to also have a ... [audio lost.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have lost you, hon member Sayed. Are you there?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ... will assist.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you very much. Anybody else? Hon member Mackenzie, I see that you have your hand up?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. When the hon member Mvimbi left – hon member Sayed rightfully said – his last words, as he was departing were that you are a hypocrite, referring to you as the Deputy Speaker. That is what my colleague, the Deputy Chief Whip, wanted you to rule on, and even ask him to withdraw and apologise for that comment.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, thank you very much. Have I recognised everybody who has got their hands up? Hon member Mvimbi, I recognise you.

Mr L L MVIMBI: [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, your hand is not – all right, your hand is not up.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute. Hon member Mvimbi, can you start from the beginning, I did not hear you?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, sorry, my apologies, I was on mute. Hon Deputy Speaker, I never said to you you are a hypocrite. I gave the example that if I say you are a hypocrite, is that allowed in the House, and you said yes. When I stopped there was another voice that said you are a hypocrite. It was not me. Hon member Mackenzie must not create stories here. It was not me. I heard that voice that said that you are a hypocrite. It was definitely not me. That was the first point I want to clarify.

The second point, hon Deputy Speaker, hon member Mitchell is constantly misquoting Rules of Order in the House. It is now the second time. He did that when ... [audio lost.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have lost you again, hon member Mvimbi. There we go.

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, I am here. Hon Deputy Speaker, as I am speaking I notice that there is someone who keep on muting me. Every time I speak.

So now, hon Deputy Speaker, hon member Mitchell read Rule 62. He said no member may reflect on the honour or incompetence of the holder of an office.

As far as I can recall nobody, nobody has actually reflected on your honour, hon Deputy Speaker. There is nobody, hon Deputy Speaker. Nobody has ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... reflected on your competency. So hon member Mitchell is actually notorious ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Order, order! Hon members, I have made a ruling on the word “hypocrite”. I am standing with that ruling, but what I will ask is that the Table staff listen to Hansard, and we will revert in terms of the word “hypocrite” or whether I was called a “hypocrite”, and revert back in the next sitting, and also in terms of being “deliberately misled”. I just have to ask the Table staff who actually said that. So I will come back to you in the next sitting.

I would like us to conclude with hon Minister Bredell’s speech, please.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): *Amandla*, hon Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... when it comes to delivery, our record speaks for itself. Ask Stats South Africa, the Auditor-General, any institution. When it comes to delivery of basic services and opportunities to the poorest of the poor, on every level there is no province that can match the Western Cape.

We are the only province that have implemented the Provincial Spatial Development Framework throughout all our councils, but, hon Deputy Speaker, perhaps I can ask hon member Herron to tell the House how the coalition government of the ANC and Good Party sees justice. Give us an example of where the ANC has done it right. Instead, under the coalition government ... [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Same province with high inequality.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... more people in South Africa have been arrested for being on the beach, than have been arrested for state capture.

The hon member Dugmore can do honour to his word and just arrest one person that was involved in the state capture. Then we will maybe listen to him.

Hon Deputy Speaker, in South Africa the UN has received reports of police using rubber bullets, teargas, water guns and whips to enforce social distancing, especially in poor neighbourhoods. Hon member, is that the type of social and spatial justice you endorse? If not, can you tell this House how you have taken your partners at National Government to task to prevent this ongoing brutality against our people?

Hon Deputy Speaker, when we look at hon member Marran, he quoted a previous ANC president. I wonder what that same president would say today if he looked at the ANC's looting of the state; if he looked at land – like what happened at the farm in Vrede in the Free State and I wonder what the hon member Dugmore would say about that then. The member Dugmore mentioned sitting, sitting, sitting. I can promise him after the 24th election, he will also be sitting on the street. I thank you.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. It is quite astounding to me that Ministers Bredell and Madikizela want to know what I did when I was in office. I mean, Ministers Bredell and Madikizela have been in the Cabinet for 10 years and they have both held the most crucial portfolios, housing and spatial planning, to achieve spatial justice, and they did nothing in 10 years. In fact, they have now been there 12 years, and they have done absolutely nothing.

I was responsible for Urban Development for 18 months, and within six months of that appointment, I began implementing the DA's manifesto about integrating communities and providing affordable housing in good locations. That was the 2016 Local Government Manifesto.

I identified 11 sites within six months of that appointment, and three months thereafter we had a request for proposals published, calling for proposals, and four months thereafter there were 13 proposals.

The reason that I resigned from the DA is because the DA stopped those projects. It is because I was told in a DA caucus by the Deputy Provincial Chairperson of the DA in the Western Cape, J P Smith, that “transformation” is a swearword, and that was the last DA caucus I attended.

So it is astounding to me that they are saying, “What did you do?” They know very well that I fought very hard to get 11 projects in Woodstock and ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: That is not true, that is not true.

Mr B N HERRON: ... Salt River launched, but they stopped it, and now they are saying, “What did you do?” They have been there 10 years in the Cabinet, earning fat salaries, and they have changed nothing.

So I am absolutely astounded that that is the response, because if that is the response, then the DA is standing still on the other side of the Rubicon, where P W Botha left them in 1985.

To Minister Simmers, let me say the USDG underspend was in the Informal Settlements Department and that Department was managed by Xanthea Limberg. So that has nothing to do with me.

Really, hon Deputy Speaker, I want to say that we can move forward with spatial justice. We do not have to stay stuck in the past forever. There are alternatives to the outdated housing models. The Province should not pursue ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Time is up.

Mr B N HERRON: ... building housing on rubbish dumps in Khayelitsha, costing billions of rand. We can stop sentencing people to the fringes and focus on the middle, and not matchbox homes on the edges ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr B N HERRON: ... but affordable homes, integrated with good expensive homes, in new sustainable communities. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon Minister, I recognise you. Hon Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Can I just get clarity? Did hon member Herron just call the community of Khayelitsha a dump area? I just want to get clarity.

An HON MEMBER: No, we did not.

Mr B N HERRON: I would like to clarify.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, we should not be clarifying our speeches here. Hon Minister, hon member Herron, you are now, you have ... [Inaudible.]

Mr B N HERRON: The point that I made is that the Provincial Government wants to invest two or R3 billion in building housing on a dumpsite in Khayelitsha, and I am saying that there are better options than that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is not true, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am now concluding the debate for today and the subject of discussion. Hon members, thank you for your time, and this concludes the business of the day. The Secretary will now end the meeting, and hon members can exit. Thank you.

The House adjourned at 17.42

ANNOUNCEMENTS TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Annual Committee Report of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for the 2019/20 financial year, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Mvimbi, LL (Chairperson)
America, D (DA)
Bartman, DM (DA)
Maseko, LM (DA)
Xego, M (EFF)

Alternate members

Allen, RI (DA)
Bosman, G (DA)
Botha, LJ (DA)

Mackenzie, RD (DA)
Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)
Mitchell, DG (DA)
Nkondlo, ND (ANC)
Philander, WF (DA)
Smith, D (ANC)
Van der Westhuizen, AP (DA)
Wenger, MM (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the PAC, as prescribed by Standing Rule 101, is to examine:

- 1.1. the financial statements of provincial departments and provincial public entities;
- 1.2. any audit reports issued on the statements referred to in relation to the financial statements of provincial departments and provincial public entities;
- 1.3. any reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of any provincial department or provincial public entity; and
- 1.4. any other financial statements or reports referred to it by the House.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee must:

- 1.5 Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.6 Conduct its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.7 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.8 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting departments

The financial statements that were included in the annual reports of the following provincial departments, for the financial year ending 31 March 2019, were examined:

- 2.1 Department of the Premier.
- 2.2 Provincial Treasury.
- 2.3 Department of Community Safety.
- 2.4 Western Cape Department of Education.
- 2.5 Department of Health.
- 2.6 Department of Social Development.
- 2.7 Department of Human Settlements.
- 2.8 Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.
- 2.9 Department of Transport and Public Works.
- 2.10 Department of Agriculture.
- 2.11 Department of Economic Development and Tourism.
- 2.12 Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.
- 2.13 Department of Local Government.

3. Reporting entities

The financial statements included in the annual reports of the following public entities, for the financial year ending 31 March 2019, were examined:

- 3.1 Western Cape Language Committee.
- 3.2 Western Cape Cultural Commission.
- 3.3 CapeNature.
- 3.4 Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO).
- 3.5 Western Cape Housing Development Fund.
- 3.6 Government Motor Transport (GMT).
- 3.7 Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (CASIDRA).
- 3.8 Heritage Western Cape.
- 3.9 Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board.
- 3.10 Western Cape Liquor Authority.
- 3.11 Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company (SOC) Ltd.

4. Overview of the Committee's activities

Number of Public Hearings	21
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	0
Number of Provincial Bills considered	0
Number of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	1

5. Oversight activities

The Public Accounts Committee satisfactorily conducted oversight over the Provincial Government of the Western Cape during the 2019/20 financial year.

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee was established on 3 June 2019, through the Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports (ATC) No 4 of the WCPP. The Committee convened thereafter on 4 June 2019 to elect a Chairperson.

The Committee commenced the 2019/20 financial year by meeting audit committees of the Western Cape Government in order to engage the structure on its internal audit function, including the emerging risks and assurance engagements which it had with the departments and entities during the 2018/19 financial year. Thereafter, the Committee engaged the Departments of Social Development, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Cultural Affairs and Sport, Provincial Treasury and the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board. The engagements were to conclude the resolutions of the Public Accounts Committee of the 5th Public Accounts Committee of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. Some of the briefings included that departments brief the Committee on the mechanisms which they have developed and introduced to address the risks that were raised by the Audit Committees during the 2018/19 financial year, including how irregular expenditure will be addressed.

The Committee was also briefed by Provincial Treasury on the local content of commodities which relates to all tenders within the departments of the Western Cape Government.

During the 3rd Quarter of the 2019/20 financial year, the Committee conducted oversight over the annual reports of the departments and entities of the Western Cape Government in terms of the financial and governance activities which occurred during the 2018/19 financial year. The Committee passed some transversal resolutions which would assist the departments and entities to remain compliant to the national procurement prescripts, including national auditing and provincial auditing guidelines. Some of the resolutions that were passed included the following:

- 1.1. That departments and entities manage and report back on the compliance levels in terms of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2013;
- 1.2. That departments and entities engage the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) on the verification and interpretation of predetermined objects in order to remain compliant with the audit objectives to obtain clean audits for future financial years; and
- 1.3. That departments and entities monitor the deviations which have been raised by the Auditor-General of South Africa, such as a potential deviation from Treasury Regulation 16A6.4 and National Treasury Instruction 3 of 2016/17, the procurement of legal services through the State Attorney, material irregularities and deviation concerns in terms of information and communication technologies.

During the 4th Quarter of the 2019/20 financial year, the Committee met twice to discuss the way forward in terms of a matter that was raised by one of the Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, Mr Brett Herron, to the Committee for its consideration. The matter will be dealt with by the Committee during the 2020/21 financial year.

6. Legislation

During the 2019/20 financial year, the Committee dealt with no legislation.

7. Facilitation of Public Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held 21 public meetings during the 2019/20 financial year, of which 13 of those meetings related to the engagements that were held during the Annual Report period from October to November 2019.

8. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated a budget of R100 000, 00 for the 2019/20 financial year. At the end of the financial year, the expenditure which attributed to the activities of the Committee accumulated to an amount of R60 895, 00. There was thus an underspending of R39 105, 00.

2. Annual Committee Report of the Budget Committee for the 2019/20 financial year, as follows:

The Committee comprises the following members:

Baartman, DM (DA) Chairperson
Brinkhuis, G (AL JAMA-AH) from 5 November 2019
De Jager, I (AL JAMA-AH) until October 2019
Mackenzie, RD (DA)
Mvimbi, LL (ANC)
Philander, WF (DA)

Alternate members

Allen, RI (DA)
America, D (DA)
Bosman, G (DA)
Botha, LJ (DA)
Maseko, LM (DA)
Mitchell, DG (DA)
Nkondlo, ND (ANC)
Smith, D (ANC)
Van der Westhuizen, AP (DA)
Wenger, MM (DA)

1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1.1 Consider and make recommendations to the House on budget allocations in the annual Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), the main budget, the Budget Review and the relevant Bills with a view to improve spending effectiveness and efficiency;
- 1.1.2 Review and assess overall provincial expenditure and non-financial reports on a quarterly basis for spending efficiency and effectiveness;
- 1.1.3 Engage the provincial government on spending patterns;
- 1.1.4 Perform such other tasks assigned to it by resolution of the House; and
- 1.1.5 Ensure public involvement in all budgetary processes.

1.2 In fulfilment of its mandate the Committee -

- 1.2.1 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.2.2 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.2.3 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.2.4 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department

2.1 Provincial Treasury

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	12 (this includes public hearings)
Number of Public Hearings	3
Number of Oversight Visits	0
Number of Provincial Bills considered	3
Number of NCOP Bills considered	1

4. Oversight activities

The Budget Committee held its first meeting on 4 June 2020. In accordance Standing Rules 82 and 85 of the Standing Rules of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, the Committee had to elect a Chairperson for the Budget Committee. Advocate D Baartman was elected as the Chairperson of the Budget Committee.

In August 2019, the Committee had an introductory briefing by Provincial Treasury, which included the expected legislation for the upcoming year. During the aforementioned meeting the 4th Quarter Departmental Performance (Financial and Non-Financial) was presented to the chairpersons and committee members to provide better insight into the situation of each Department in the 4th quarter of the respective standing committees. During the latter part of the month, the Committee was briefed by the Financial and Fiscal Commission on the 2020/21 Submissions for the Division of Revenue Bill [B 15-2019] (NCOP)

The Committee held the following recurring annual briefings:

- The Provincial Economic Review and Outlook (PERO);
- The Municipal Economic Review and Outlook (MERO) in September 2019;
- The Annual reporting process by National and Provincial Treasury; and
- The Audit Outcomes of the Public Finance Management Act (Act No 1 of 1999) for the Western Cape Provincial Departments and Entities by the Auditor-General in October 2019.

5. Legislation

In the 2019/20 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

1. The Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 15-2019](NCOP) in November 2019
2. The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2019] in November 2019;
3. The Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2019/20 Financial Year) [B 2-2020] in March 2019; and
4. The Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2-2020] in March 2020.

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held three public hearings. To give effect to this, the Committee advertised the annual reporting activities, informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

7. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2019/20 financial year was R 38 835.00 against a budget allocation of R100 000.00 resulting in an under expenditure of R61 165.00

FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Referral of document to committee in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:

Parliamentary Oversight Committee

Western Cape Provincial Parliament – Monthly financial statements (In-year Monitoring Report) for the period ended 30 April 2020.

TABLING

The Speaker:

Tabling of document in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament – Monthly financial statements (In-year Monitoring Report) for the period ended 30 April 2020.

MONDAY, 25 MAY 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

With due consideration of the motion with notice as moved by Honourable Chief Whip Wenger and AGREED to by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament at its sitting of the House on Thursday 21 May 2020, the House resolved that:

Cognisant of section 116(2)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, which provides that “The rules and orders of a provincial legislature must provide for... financial and administrative assistance to each party represented in the legislature, in proportion to its representation, to enable the party and its leader to perform their functions in the legislature effectively...”, the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament is authorised to determine the matters provided for in section 116(2)(c) of the Constitution. In determining such matters, the Speaker is accountable to the House and must report to it when any such determination is made. If the House is not in session, any such determination must be ATC'd within 14 days.

I have accordingly and as empowered by the House amended Chapter 10 of the Members' Guide: Facilities to henceforth read as follows:

10. SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

- 10.1 The allocation of funding of expenditure related to “Special Programmes” may be made from the Secretarial Allowance as outlined in Section 9 of this Members' Guide, and therefore the further provisions below should be read together with the provisions of the relevant section.
- 10.2 An amount of money, as determined by the Speaker annually, will be made available to Members to conduct special programmes in their constituencies, as per paragraph 10.4 herein.
- 10.3 These funds are to be used only for expenditure related to Members' programmes in their constituencies to the maximum monetary value per Member per financial year.
- 10.4 The programmes must be linked to:
 - 10.4.1 Any three of the ten commemorative events, namely: Human Rights Day; Freedom Day; Workers' Day; Youth Day; Mandela Day; Women's Day; Heritage Day; AIDS Day; 16 Days of Activism; and Day of Reconciliation, and/or
 - 10.4.2 Programmes related to the provision of support during an officially declared national or provincial disaster.
- 10.5 The theme of the programmes must revolve around oversight, law making and public participation in the WCPP. In the case of disaster relief initiatives, reports should clearly indicate how the initiatives support or supported the overall WCPP mandate.
- 10.6 Combined programmes, such as more than one Member joining for one event or joint events (more than one theme), are allowed provided that the total allocation per Member for the financial year is not exceeded.
- 10.7 Funds are not to be used for expenditure related to party political programmes, including campaigning.

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- 10.8 The following conditions will apply when utilising the allowance:
- 10.8.1 Political parties will be responsible for managing the funds and for accounting for the spending thereof;
 - 10.8.2 The minimum requirements for recordkeeping by the party are:
 - 10.8.3 Programmes related to commemorative days:
 - 10.8.4 description of approved programme;
 - i) number of participants;
 - ii) costs, and
 - iii) outcomes achieved.
 - 10.8.4.1 Programmes related to provision of support during an officially declared national or provincial disaster:
 - i) description of the support provided;
 - ii) number of beneficiaries;
 - iii) costs, and
 - iv) outcomes achieved.
 - 10.8.5 Actual expenditure incurred in respect of this allowance must be reflected separately on the financial statements and any unspent funds at the end of the financial years must be paid back to the WCPP;
 - 10.8.6 A report must be submitted with the financial statements to the WCPP reflecting, as a minimum, the details as per paragraph 10.8.2 herein.
 - 10.8.7 The following list of expenditure items serves as a guide as to how the allowance may be utilised:
 - 10.8.8 Programmes related to commemorative days:
 - 10.8.9 Facilitator fees;
 - 10.8.10 Accommodation costs for participants;
 - 10.8.11 Travel costs for participants;
 - 10.8.12 Catering;
 - 10.8.13 Audio visual costs;
 - 10.8.14 Venue and related facilities costs; and
 - 10.8.15 Gifts and donations, excluding cash, to a maximum value of 20% of the event cost.
 - 10.8.16 Programmes related to provision of support during an officially declared national or provincial disaster:
 - 10.8.17 Actual disaster relief items and/or prevention items (e.g. bottled water during a drought; blankets during a fire disaster; PPE during COVID-19);
 - 10.8.18 Transportation of disaster relief items;
 - 10.8.19 Transportation for beneficiaries to relief centres (register of beneficiaries);
 - 10.8.19.1 Gifts and donations, excluding cash, to a maximum value of 20% of the disaster relief initiative cost; and
 - 10.8.19.2 Venue and related facilities costs.

10.9 Corporate gifts and corporate items may be made available to Members on requests for use during special programmes or disaster relief initiatives.

10.10 Guidelines for the entitlement and procurement of corporate gifts and corporate items are contained in Chapter 11 of this Guide.

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT

(Final Mandate Stage) Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 3–2020] (NCOP), dated 22 May 2020, as follows:

The Budget Committee, having considered the subject of the Division of Revenue Bill [B 3–2020] (NCOP) referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 217, recommends that the House confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the National Council of Provinces the authority not to support the Bill.

Report to be considered.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

[Virtual online sitting held through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p. 1489

The Speaker took the Chair.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order! This is a sitting of the Provincial Parliament in terms of Rule 1(a) of the Standing Rules, with all our members in remote attendance by electronic means. This is our fifth official sitting of the House remotely.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament remains fully operational, with members doing constituency work to assist the general public in whatever way possible, as well as our committees playing their oversight role in an effective, efficient and transparent manner. Our sitting today will be conducted in terms of the Standing Rules and directives issued by me on 17 April 2020.

Hon members, please allow me to highlight some of the important directives in this regard:

- The Secretary and his administration will ensure dedicated technical support at all times during the sitting.
- The quorum requirements for sittings of the House are as provided for in the Constitution and the Standing Rules.
- Hon members, unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will take place by members present and entitled to vote, to cast their votes by clearly identifying themselves to the Presiding Officer, verbally expressing their vote.
- Hon members who are present here today, I need to say that we all have privileges and immunities imparted by law to us as members of this House, as we otherwise do when we are in the House of Parliament.
- However, microphones of hon members who are considered to be out of order by the Presiding Officer will be muted and the member will be called to order.
- The attendance of the hon members will be recorded by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

In instances where these directives, hon members, do not cover a particular eventuality, the Standing Rules must apply. In instances where the Rules cannot be applied, the ruling by the Presiding Officer is final.

Hon members, all microphones have been muted. You are requested to only unmute your microphone when you need to raise a point of order in terms of the Standing Rules.

I need to say it here now, hon members, that if you mute a microphone of another member or you remove a member in the sitting, you have violated the Constitution and the Rules of Order of the House and there will be action in that regard. I need to raise this, that when raising a point of order, hon members, you should first state your name and surname in order for the Presiding Officer to recognise you. When you speak, please ensure that your microphone is unmuted and when you are done speaking please mute your microphone so that we are able to have one speaker at a time.

Hon members, the media has also been granted access to this MS Teams meeting as guests of the WCPP as we do otherwise when we are here in the House. I would like to state it categorically, hon members, that the press may however not use the chat room or speak or even activate their cameras whilst the sitting is in progress. Please, members of our Fourth Estate, do not activate your microphones or your cameras or speak during the sitting.

For the purposes of this sitting, hon members, I am requesting that hon members are sensitive to the language and the needs of other hon members, since no interpretation services are available for the sitting and, of course, whilst we are still investigating means and ways to address this with speed, we must accept that this is the order that we will be following for this and future sittings of the House until we are able to resolve the matter of translation. I hope the hon members will forgive me in this regard.

As ruled by the Presiding Officer in the sitting of the House on 23 April 2020 also here via the Microsoft Teams, hon members, there will be no interjections allowed during the debate. In this regard I also wish to draw the attention of the hon members to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules.

RULING

Hon members, before we proceed with the Business of the Day, I take this opportunity to communicate my ruling on the point of order raised by the Deputy Chief Whip of the Democratic Alliance, hon Daylin Mitchell, in relation to the utterances by hon member Mvimbi in the sitting of the House on 21 May 2020.

Hon members, during the sitting of 21 May 2020 hon member Mvimbi gave notice of a motion and *inter alia* said:

“That the House notes with concern and condemns with contempt the reckless and unscientific utterances by the DA leader, who called for, and that the House debates the calls for, the province to move down to Level 3.”

So, this was referred to the member of the House and the member is known to all hon members, and that was Minister Madikizela. The hon Deputy Chief Whip of the DA, hon Daylin Mitchell, on a point of order alleged that the hon member Mvimbi was in contravention of Rule 59(1) and (2) on the basis that:

“Any member who wishes to bring any improper or unethical conduct on the part of another member, may only do so by way of a substantive motion.”

Hon members, the Deputy Chief Whip also said that if the hon member Mvimbi wants to table a motion of improper conduct by the member to the House, he must do so by way of a substantive motion.

Having had the opportunity to scrutinise the Hansard transcript, I do not see any allegation of improper conduct on the part of the hon Minister Madikizela in the hon member Mvimbi's use of words, "reckless and unscientific utterances", being the words that were used. I regard that as a political comment, not necessarily a transgression of any rule or practice of this House. It is up to individual members to decide whether they agree with the comment and deal with these comments in the appropriate forums.

I therefore rule, hon members, that the hon member Mvimbi's utterances were above board and consequently the point of order of the hon the Deputy Chief Whip of the Democratic Alliance, is not sustained. I conclude on the ruling. Thank you, hon members for your attention.

MEMBER STATEMENTS

Mr R D MACKENZIE (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, two months into lockdown and life in South Africa continues to deteriorate, both economically and morally, as a result of poor leadership, a lack of regard for domestic principles and values and the sheer failure of National Government to take national decisions in the interests of all South Africans.

Social Development Minister, Lindiwe Sisulu and SASSA should hang their heads in shame following reports that only 10 people received the special COVID-19 special relief of distress of R350 last week. The payments of these grants should have commenced on 15 May 2020 and the announcement of this was first made by the President on 21 April 2020. This is an absolute disgrace, that SASSA failed to vet and approve applications within a month while having full knowledge of the scale of desperation and hunger currently haunting millions of South Africans during this time.

Both the National Department of Social Development and SASSA ought to be bastions of social security and relief. However, they continue to fail dismally in carrying out their legislative duty. First, the ANC tried to prevent NGOs from carrying out food distribution programmes and now they are making it difficult for people to access distress grants. No amount of political spin will justify this act of cruelty.

Minister Lindiwe Sisulu must take full responsibility for this poor showing and answer to the people of South Africa. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon Mackenzie, you are still on, you still have some minutes or what is going on there? It seems your systems are failing you. Hon members, let us see what is going on. Are you done, hon Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I am done, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I was worried about you. [Laughter.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Do not worry.

The SPEAKER: You know technology can ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.] Order! Order! Do not get excited there, hon members. Order, hon members. I now recognise the ANC.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. We are guided as members of this House by our oath of office to uphold and respect the laws of the Republic, especially during lockdown there are also regulations aimed at reducing the spread of the virus and these need to be read in conjunction with the laws of our country.

We have seen the rapid spread of the virus in our province and often this has been caused by people who have been tested positive and sent to isolate in crowded homes. Those that have not tested positive yet often have to go to crowded homes to await results.

We have also witnessed countless cases of those who then test positive, not being placed in quarantine. Factories and workplaces have also been a problem. The anxiety of workers during Levels 4 and 5 has been real and unions have called on labour inspectors to visit, to ensure compliance.

In one such instance, hon Speaker, the Deputy Speaker of this House is alleged to have blocked a labour inspector from visiting a Maitland factory. It is alleged that the owner of the factory called the Deputy Speaker about the matter and that the Deputy Speaker then instructed the labour inspector not to inspect. And the statement of the labour inspector is that he was approached by an unknown person who informed him that the labour inspectors are not allowed on the premises ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, will you please take your seat? What is your point of order, hon Mitchell?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): I am sitting, I am sitting.

The SPEAKER: Hon Mitchell, what is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I am rising on Rule 59(1) reflecting on the integrity and dignity of a member as well as imputing improper motives, read in conjunction with Rule 62(1) under the reflection on a holder of an office. I please ask that you rule.

The SPEAKER: Hon Mitchell, I am going to ... [interjection].

Mr L L MVIMBI: On a point of order.

The SPEAKER: ... look at Hansard and I will make a determination.

Mr L L MVIMBI: On a point of order.

The SPEAKER: I have got to look at what the hon member has said in terms of that Rule. What is the next point of order? Let me just see, who is the hon member raising a point of order?

Mr L L MVIMBI: It is Mvimbi, hon Mvimbi.

The SPEAKER: What is the point of order, hon Mvimbi?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, maybe you must assist here. Is it wrong to raise in the House what is out there in public discourse? It is in the newspaper because what the hon Dugmore is referring to is something that everybody and every member of the public has read about in the newspaper. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Mvimbi, hon Mvimbi please, I have to rule that you take your seat on this matter. We have a member on the floor, there was a point of order. I have made a determination that I will make a ruling on this matter once I have read the Hansard and got the necessary advice from the Table staff and therefore hon Dugmore must proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much. Can you hear me, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Dugmore. You may proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: In that statement he indicates that he was told that the labour inspectors are not allowed on the premises as they received communication from the Deputy Speaker of the Western Cape, Beverley Schäfer. I then asked for the number of the Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): A point of order, hon Speaker, Mireille Wenger.

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, will you please stop at this moment? Hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. The Rules are very clear, as my colleague hon Mitchell has pointed out, that no member may reflect on the honour or competence of the holder of an office whose removal from such office is dependent on a decision of the House, except on a substantive motion. Rule 62(1). Given that it is very clear in the Rules then, I would ask that you not allow hon Dugmore to continue doing such, which is in clear contravention of the Rules. Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: On a point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. What is your point of order, hon Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, my point of order is that my understanding was that the exact point that the Chief Whip has now raised is the point that the Deputy Chief Whip raised and that you have ruled on this matter and that I am proceeding to make a statement which is also going to refer to the process of investigating this, which includes the House appointing an *ad hoc* committee consisting of all parties chaired by yourself to investigate these very serious allegations.

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, you only have two minutes and I think what the hon Chief Whip was raising is the continuous reference to a member of the House in terms of Rule 15(i). So she was rising on that point and I have made a ruling even when hon Mitchell rose, that I will make a decision on this matter in the next sitting because it is clear that there needs to be a ruling on the matter based on the statement that you have made. So, based on that, because your time is now up, let us leave this matter for the determination by the Presiding Officer in the next sitting.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: There are processes within Parliament for members to follow whenever there is a breach or alleged breach thereof by any member of this Parliament, of this Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

And I want to stop right there now so that I do not proceed and this matter is put to bed. Your time is up, hon Dugmore. Now I am going to proceed ... [Interjections] ... to the next, and that is the DA. We are proceeding with the Members' Statements, hon members.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. Decentralisation is ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, sorry, hon Philander, it is a point of order. I have to entertain a point of order. What is your point of order, hon Lekker?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. My point of order is on the timeline for hon member Dugmore. Did he run out of time on his two minutes because there was an exchange of words and then he got to the end of his two minutes, because in the beginning you did not say he had so much time left, but you entertained the points of order. But also, I want to latch onto the matter that you already made the ruling and therefore the point of order raised by hon Chief Whip is immaterial. Thank you, Chair.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Lekker.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: On a further point of order, sorry, hon Speaker. On a further point of order before you rule. I know you have ruled but you remember your first ruling, hon Speaker, was as you indicated, and you allowed me to continue. Then as I was continuing the Chief Whip raised another point of order. Now those are not part of my two minutes. You had ruled initially that you will come back to the House, but you allowed me to proceed.

So now you have made another ruling which effectively says that I cannot proceed because two minutes have passed, but if you ask the Table I am sure they will indicate to you that I have used about 60 seconds of my actual statement, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Dugmore. Fortunately, I am in touch with my Table staff constantly on the WhatsApp group which I created for this purpose. The first time I stopped you there were 30 seconds left on your time, so I paused the clock and then you proceeded with your member statement. And then the second time you were stopped by means of a point of order. Your time had already expired at the time, but I had to entertain the points of order which were raised in light of the matter on the table. And that was in any case the determination based on the time, not because your time was taken away from you. So that is the ruling.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, I respect that ruling but can I ask you: if a criminal charge has been laid against the Deputy Speaker in the police station ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No, that is ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is already there. It is a matter of record.

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, there are processes. You have been here, you are a seasoned politician and there are processes and I suggest you follow the due process of the institution as a member of this House with equal rights, as any other member, and in that way your matters will be entertained and as per the statutes. And I think at that point I have to stop you and proceed with hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER (DA): Hon Speaker, decentralisation is a basic principle of democracy. Yet, as Zelda Jansen accurately captures in a recent opinion piece, the National Command Council is essentially managing the country through the Disaster Management Act, all the while keeping provincial governments as mere consultative stakeholders. The resulting centralisation not only erodes the foundation of democracy but results in poor decision-making and a National Government out of touch with the realities faced by South Africans.

But, more importantly, Jansen notes the limitation and suspension of basic human rights during the pandemic. This erosion of our freedoms is all the more devastating since these liberties came at a very high cost for our country, not only during the lockdown but freedom to enjoy opportunities towards a better life and wellbeing beyond COVID-19.

The Western Cape Government consistently recognised and acted upon the fact that lockdown is meant to prepare our health system for the peak of COVID-19. After the hard lockdown, Premier Winde announced a Hotspot Plan, a comprehensive set of six pillars to strengthen the health system, the economy, safety fraternity, human settlements, transport and development plans.

Responses further include the Department of Social Development's reintegration of survivors into society and specific protocols for the reopening of schools.

A platform is established where religious leaders and faith-based organisations are informed of interventions and a communication network established. This Legislature has held 16 special oversight committee meetings. This is to scrutinise the Provincial Executive's response to COVID-19 in order to firmly lend accountability to every citizen. As it stands, there is a nationwide shortage of testing kits, which hampers effective management in curbing the spread and tracing contacts.

Up until today, great uncertainty exists around the regulations for Level 3 of the lockdown as many parts of the province are labelled as hotspots by President Ramaphosa and inaccurately conveyed by Minister Mkhize ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you ... [Interjection.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: ... for some to remain on Level 4.

The SPEAKER: Your time is up.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Who is the President of South Africa?

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms W F PHILANDER: In conclusion, hon Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you.

Ms W F PHILANDER: I commend the Premier for the Provincial Government's readiness and planning ... [Interjection.][Inaudible.] ... as per oversight meetings.

An HON MEMBER: Your time is up.

Ms W F PHILANDER: I thank you, hon Speaker. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Philander, I need to address you. When the Speaker or the Presiding Officer says your time is up, it means you stop. So I try to be as flexible as possible. It is just that I think when I was talking you were also talking, but there is an opportunity to pay attention to the Presiding Officer. Thank you very much, hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: My apologies, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Philander.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: A point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: While you were telling the hon Philander that her time was up, someone shouted that the time was up. You made a very important announcement that no-one can interject or shout anything. Someone said: "Your time is up". Can we please determine who that person was, because no-one is allowed to shout in the House.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [Indistinct] .. for you, hon member Fritz, why are you interjecting?

The SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, you are ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: What is that you say?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No, people have the right to interject.

The SPEAKER: No, no, not in these meetings. Remember – order, hon members. Hon Lekker, when we started off the meeting, I read the directives which were published by myself on 17 April. So there is no way now we can contest that, even though the House has adopted the very same directives, that we now want to say no, we made the wrong directives and therefore we renege on our own position.

What we are doing here, especially as leaders, we have to proceed with the deliberations in the order of our own guiding rules. So, I really want to caution any member who wishes to break that very rule that we have accepted that there would be no interjections, that please let us not do that. The only time you have to rise is when there is a point of order, but not to just heckle from your bathroom, somewhere there, because it is not going to help us to continue here with the necessary decorum to assist with the conducting of such meetings.

So I hope that, hon members, we are on the same page and please just bear with me so that we are able to proceed here with the necessary spirit which it is designed to. So on that point I now recognise the EFF.

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, hon Speaker. I rise on behalf of the EFF to intensify our calls for the immediate arrest of the George Municipality Speaker, Gerrit Pretorius. Gerrit Pretorius is alleged to have acted grossly negligent in recklessly violating the COVID-19 lockdown regulations by allowing one of the councillors who was under COVID-19 quarantine to travel and cast a vote during an election of the Mayor in the George Municipality.

The EFF strongly condemns this criminal behaviour from this member of the Democratic Alliance as it has placed the lives of innocent people in danger. The George Municipality Speaker's arrogance and disdain for COVID-19 regulations is a clear [Inaudible.] of the underlying ethos of lawlessness and characterises the DA's style of leadership.

Moreover, not only does this Speaker's actions violate the laws of the country as set out in the Disaster Management Act, he also violated his oath of office as a member and a normal Speaker that is supposed to uphold laws and values and the South African Constitution and lead by example. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, on Monday 25 May 2020, the continent marked Africa Day. This Africa Day, however, was a very different one as we together battle the pandemic of COVID-19. The crisis impacts an already fragile continent's health, social and economic systems.

Africa Day is intended to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the Organisation of African Unity, now the AU, from its creation on May 25, 1963, in the fight against colonialism and apartheid as well as the progress that Africa has made in its diversity. How does the South African Government match up to these ideals?

Hon Speaker, in the midst of the crisis the ANC-led National Government still seeks to divide us on the basis of race. This pandemic is not a crisis that only affects certain people. The whole country battles the pandemic together. The virus does not discriminate but the ANC Government apparently does.

The tourism sector is a crucial employer for over 1,5 million South Africans, directly or indirectly. It is an industry that is severely affected, with virtually no income generated during the course of lockdown. Yet the National Department of Tourism provides relief during this time on the basis of the colour of one's skin. Never mind the fact that the Department itself yesterday admitted to National Parliament its disastrous failure to properly plan.

Hon Speaker, race-based policies are un-African. Another example is the ANC Government's use of BBBEE principles to provide COVID-19 Relief Funding to SMME's. While the rest of us are indeed bracing for a time of crisis and unprecedented hardships, National Government sees it as a golden opportunity to enforce its offensive race ideology. This is appalling.

Hon Speaker, allow me to reiterate. Race-based policies are un-African. They do not carry the spirit of ubuntu and severely harm both the lives and livelihoods of our people. I thank you.

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): Thank you, hon Speaker. This Western Cape Government speaks about a data-driven approach and so I think it is important that we look at that data. The data shows that the Western Cape traces less than one close contact per COVID-19 patient. In more populated provinces like Gauteng, more than four contacts per patient are being traced. The data shows that the Western Cape has reported more than 16 500 cases of COVID-19, but less than 1 in 12 of these infected people have been placed in quarantine or isolation facilities.

The province with the highest number of cases reports the lowest contact tracing and the lowest number of people having completed their 14-day quarantine period. Less than 1 in 12 COVID-19 positive people are being placed in isolation or quarantine facilities. The ratio is even lower in Cape Town. Cape Town accounts for the more than half of all COVID-19 cases in the country, but just 34 of the people infected here, have been placed into quarantine. How can the DA so easily round up innocent homeless people, but leave the infectious – who have spread the Coronavirus across the province - to roam about under their own devices?

The record shows that the Premier was concerned about too many people dying in this province and he said he would resign if he could not solve it. No effective tracing, no isolation or quarantining of infectious people have been taking place. The DA Government is not taking this seriously enough and people are dying. Even the Premier and those around him were exposed to the Coronavirus at least twice during a period when we were required to isolate. The data shows that the Western Cape is responsible for 7 out of every 10 COVID-19 deaths in South Africa. The new regulations just published today declare Cape Town, West Coast, Overberg and Cape Winelands as hotspots. The data shows we live under threat of additional restrictions unless we change the trajectory and the data also shows that we are being led to our deaths. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Herron. I now wish to request the ACDP. Hon Christians?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. On behalf of the ACDP in the Western Cape, I want to thank all those leaders and all those Christians who supported the call of my national leader, Rev Kenneth Meshoe, to declare churches as essential services. This role which the church has played for many centuries by feeding people, caring for the vulnerable, but also most importantly, counselling those who have lost loved ones in this pandemic. We also want to urge churches that may gather now with a maximum of 50 people from 1 June 2020 to observe the necessary protocols. We, as the ACDP, unashamedly want to give Almighty God all the glory and all the praise. We also want to applaud the President of this country, President Cyril Ramaphosa, for calling a Day of Prayer on 31 May 2020, a national prayer day. We are reminded what the Bible says in 2 Chronicles 7 verse 14, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and heal their land." I thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. In the past few weeks, the leadership of the DA took to the media to demand that the President opens the economy and move the Western Cape down to Alert Level 3. With these demands came claims that the province was better prepared and had the best health care system in place. This was far from the truth. The Premier and his Cabinet colleagues know very well that we have a crisis in public healthcare in the province – the province is the COVID-19 epicentre, with the highest number of confirmed cases, highest death toll and the highest number of hospitalisations.

At Groote Schuur, which is one of the hospitals running several wards for COVID-19 patients, doctors said that the number of patients is doubling every 5 days, and the hospital will not be able to cope. The doctors believe that there will be an excess of patients needing care even if all existing beds are open. Over and above this, there are over 1 000 health workers affected by COVID-19. Tygerberg Hospital has the highest number.

When there were only a few cases, we raised the matter of Tygerberg Hospital, with health authorities. We warned them against allowing facility management to force employees to work under risk, in hazardous wards, after positive cases were confirmed. Our concerns fell on deaf ears and now before us, we have a crisis of epic proportions. This is wholly on the Democratic Alliance's covert plans to drive herd immunity in the province. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. On Thursday 21 May 2020 during a virtual sitting of this House, I moved a motion which was agreed to, regarding a drug bust – drugs that would have otherwise ended up on the streets of the Western Cape. The motion further noted:

- a) The disastrous effect that drugs and organised crime have on the safety of the people of the province and
- b) That this House and all law enforcement agencies, together with the entire justice system, should play a role to ensure that drug premises are effectively closed, and perpetrators are brought to book.

SAPS in its Annual Report for 2018/2019 revealed that in this province we have 1 705 drug premises and as I have stated previously in this House, that during the 2020 SOPA in Rocklands, Mitchells Plain, this House convened a mere 140m away from a known drug house, a drug house that has sold drugs to three generations. The grandfather, then the father followed suit and as of last year, the grandson followed in their footsteps. If Wade van Niekerk was at our SOPA he could have sprinted to the drug house in a mere 12 seconds.

To add further insult to the situation, our National Police Minister boasted that almost 230 000 arrests were made for contraventions of the various lockdown regulations. Yet, drug bosses are roaming the streets freely.

Hon Speaker, I therefore call on SAPS to ramp up the fight against drugs and to close drug houses down and to urgently review Instruction 8 of 2017, which deals with the destruction of illicit drugs, as currently all drugs with the exception of Cannabis are destroyed at a national level, where only a SAPS-13 clerk and a commissioned officer must be present to witness the destruction. But for the sake of transparency we should change that as seized drugs could potentially land back on our streets.

In closing, hon Speaker, the war against drugs should be accelerated and I would like to know that at least 50% of drug houses in our province ... [Inaudible – audio lost] ... know that the scourge of drugs in our communities is leaving people unproductive, which is pushing them further into poverty. I thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Sir. You have exhausted your time. I now recognise hon Marais, FF Plus. Hon Marais?

Mr P J MARAIS: I will pass my time over to a next member who wants to make a statement. I do not want to make a statement.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marais. We do not have bonus time at this moment. So, we will freeze it. [Laughs.] Thank you, hon Marais. I now recognise hon Brinkhuis, Al Jama-ah. Hon Brinkhuis? Okay. I can see he is not responding. I now recognise the DA. I guess that is it. Alright. Thank you, hon members.

At the end of Members' Statements, in terms of our Rules, Rule 145(6), I now recognise any member of the Executive who wishes to respond. You may do so now for 5 minutes maximum. Is there any indication from the Executive? None. Thank you very much, hon members.

COVID-19: PRESERVING LIFE AND PRESERVING LIVELIHOODS

(Notice of Motion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House, at its next sitting, debates the importance of preserving life whilst at the same time preserving livelihoods in the economy. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Thank you. I recognise the hon Sayed.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the importance of preserving life while at the same time preserving livelihoods in the economy.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

WESTERN CAPE SCHOOLS: SERVICE LEVELS

(Notice of Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the high number of Western Cape schools which are not meeting the service levels demanded by communities they serve. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the high number of Western Cape schools that are not meeting the service level demanded by communities that they serve.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: READINESS OF SCHOOLS

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the readiness of our schools in the Western Cape under the COVID-19 pandemic. I thank you very much.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M XEGO: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the readiness of our schools in the Western Cape to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: LAST MINUTE DELIVERIES TO SCHOOLS

(Notice of Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the so-called last-minute deliveries of small quantities of Coronavirus-combatting equipment and sanitising chemicals to Western Cape schools. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the so-called last-minute delivery of small quantities of coronavirus combatting equipment and sanitising chemicals to Western Cape schools.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: INFECTIONS AND MORTALITIES

(Notice of Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the growing Western Cape figures of COVID-19 infected people and mortalities that are now on two-thirds of all 9 South African provinces put together. I thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the Western Cape's growing figures of COVID-19 infected people and mortalities that now represent two-thirds of all nine South African provinces put together.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: INFECTIONS IN FACTORIES AND ON FARMS

(Notice of Motion)

Mr P MARRAN: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the large number of Coronavirus infections in factories on farms and even in hospitals where the high concentration of people aids the spread of this killer virus. I thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Mr P MARRAN: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the large number of coronavirus infections in factories, on farms and even in hospitals, where high concentrations of people aid the spread of this killer virus.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

PPE PROCUREMENT: PRICE HIKES

(Notice of Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House calls for an urgent investigation into the varied costs paid by the different provincial departments for essential items such as sanitizers, masks and gloves under the procurement of PPE's, which raises serious concerns of price hikes as similar items are sold or purchased at different price brackets. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House calls for an urgent investigation into the varied prices paid by the different provincial departments for essential items (such as sanitisers, masks, gloves and cloth masks as part of the procurement of PPE), which raises serious questions of price hikes as similar items are sold at different prices.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS

(Notice of Motion)

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House appoints an *ad-hoc* committee consisting of a representative of each political party represented in this House, and chaired by the Speaker of this House, to investigate the very serious allegations against the Deputy Speaker of the Western Cape Legislature, who is alleged to have informed a labour inspector that he cannot enter the premises because there is a great possibility that the labour inspector carries the Coronavirus. In the light of this allegation, I move with notice further that the Deputy Speaker of the Provincial Legislature of the Western Cape is suspended with immediate effect and that the Speaker takes all necessary measures to set up the *ad-hoc* committee.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I take ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, I am rising on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker the Rules are very clear. If there is a reflection on a holder of office that is dependent on the removal by a decision of the House that a substantive motion must be submitted. Now, I am not going to educate the hon Dugmore on the Rules and the definition of a substantive motion. He can do so at his own leisure and in his own time. I therefore ask you, hon Deputy Speaker, that the motion with notice submitted by the Leader of the Opposition not be tabled and adopted and accepted by the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Point of order. Point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order, hon Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, this is a difficult matter to raise, but I do not think it is correct that in terms of the motion with notice that I have moved, which reflects on the office of the Deputy Speaker, that as the Deputy Speaker, you should rule on this matter. I therefore ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Point of order!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...request you to recuse yourself [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Point of order!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...and to allow the Speaker to deal with how this particular matter is going to be handled.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Point of order! It is Fritz.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Fritz, I recognise your point of order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am sure that the hon Dugmore heard very clearly the point made by the Deputy Chief Whip of the Democratic Alliance. It is clear that if he has any issue he must come with a substantive motion and that that motion be placed before the House, so that we can make ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You do not go anywhere. You sit there and you just reject his motion. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I will state this very clearly that this is direct violation of the Rule and therefore this motion will not be tabled. I move on to hon Nkondlo.

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Order. Order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made my ruling. I have made my ruling [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order, can you raise ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am moving on ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes?

An HON MEMBER: Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is your point of order on something new, hon member?

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, hon Deputy Speaker, I just wanted to check in terms of which rule. Hon Mitchell rose in terms of Rule 59 and Rule 62. Now you are saying that you are overruling this matter. In terms of which rule? That is all I just want to know.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Mitchell is absolutely correct that in terms of Rule 59, as a Presiding Officer, if the hon member Dugmore wants to lay any claims against the Deputy Speaker, whoever it is, he has to provide a substantive motion. The Rule is clear. And that is my ruling ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is it ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And that ... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: But in terms of which Rule?

An HON MEMBER: Again, again.

Ms A BANS: Point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I am going to carry on ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My ruling stands. My ruling stands. We move on.

Mr L L MVIMBI: In terms of which Rule, hon Deputy Speaker?

Ms A BANS: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Rule 59!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can we move on? I recognise the hon Nkondlo.

Mr M KAMA: Order. Order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, are we moving on?

Mr M KAMA: I am rising on a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker. It is member Kama ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it a new point of order or is it the same one? I am not entertaining. I have made a ruling.

Mr M KAMA: It is a point of order ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made a ruling and we are moving on.

Mr M KAMA: Deputy Speaker, you are being inconsistent with the application of the Rules.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr M KAMA: Once in this House there was a similar point of order that was raised, and you cited that the member had said “alleged”. So, it cannot be that when member Dugmore says that there is a motion with notice that the House investigates an allegation, then you say that is being out of order. He is not saying you have done this, but he is simply calling on the House to investigate, and that cannot be out of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you cannot be telling me how to do my job ... [Interjection.]

Mr M KAMA: Maybe really you ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...as Presiding Officer.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... and I remain ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes?

Ms A BANS: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, I am rising on ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: On what?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... Rule 66(5), where if a member is aggrieved by a ruling of the Presiding Officer ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is fine ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... that again, there is a process to follow. Hon Deputy Speaker, I ask that we continue, because you have made a ruling. There is a process in place, if any member is aggrieved by a ruling made by you. Can you please continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am.

Ms A BANS: Hon Mitchell, you have not been recognised. Why can you alone speak? We have been raising our hands.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made it very clear, hon members. I have made the ruling and the ruling stands. I am moving on.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just remember, hon member Nkondlo is going to take her chance to do a statement ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...and I will be moving on.

Ms A BANS: Deputy Speaker, you gave the hon Daylin a chance to speak ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have not ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But you allowed him ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...changed my ruling. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: ...to speak and you [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And I am now ... [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: Deputy Speaker, you gave member Mitchell a chance a speak. Can we also interject and speak? Is it fair for you, Deputy Speaker, to be making a ruling on yourself? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I have been very clear in my ruling. So, are we going to have to adjourn the House because it is impossible to continue or are we continuing with statements? [Interjections.]

Ms A BANS: We are rising on a point of order.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: A point of order on the substantive Rules.

An HON MEMBER: Hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members ... Member Nkondlo, is this your last chance to go onto statements?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, I have a point of order ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And then I recognise the hon Sayed. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... in terms of Rule 59(2).

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I have a point of order on Rule 59(2).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I am not taking any more points of order. I have been very clear.

Mr L L MVIMBI: In terms of which Rule?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, may I address you?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I am raising a point of order in terms of the Rules of this Legislature. I am entitled to raise a point of order.

Ms A BANS: Can the Deputy Speaker make a ruling on behalf of herself?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And I have made a ruling and the ruling is very clear that if you do not like the ruling as it has been stated, you are to take this further. Not now. I have made the ruling.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, may I address you? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is on point 66 of the Rules.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Can I address you, hon Deputy Speaker? [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: No, you cannot.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No. You are not the Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I am very clear ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] Sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...now. I will remain with my ruling and I am not going to entertain any more points of order. So, can we move on please? [Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are not going to get through the sitting [Interjections.] Hon members. We need to have some decorum in the House [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: The Deputy Speaker must respond to our points of order ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You cannot ignore people when there is a point of order being raised.

Ms A BANS: ...as well, the same as you did for the hon Mitchell. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will not take points of order on my ruling. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You cannot. You cannot! A point of order remains a point of order. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot hear you, hon members. So, I am going to move on, otherwise ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No. I have a point of order, Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... we will have to adjourn until [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Point of order.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: We are allowed to address you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, I am waiting to address you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, but so is half of the House. Now the ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Your role is to allow people to speak in this House. Not to cut them off.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not after my ruling. So, if I have made a ruling and you do not like it ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I want to address you on Rule 59(2). I want to address you on 59(2).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon member. I have made a ruling on this.

Mr L L MVIMBI: In terms of which Rule? [Interjections.] In terms of which Rule?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am sorry, but I remain on the ruling. No more points of order. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Which Rule?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...regarding the ruling as stated, which is point 59, Rule 59.

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, point 59, Deputy Speaker, does not give you powers to overrule motions.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [Inaudible.] Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Right, members, it is the last chance. Are we moving on or are we going to have to adjourn for 5 minutes in order to caucus?

An HON MEMBER: No, Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Yes! Can we move on please?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Deputy Speaker, Rule 59 does not give you powers. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are now moving on ... [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: We just want to be recognised, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unfortunately, that is my ruling. We are moving on. Right, hon Nkondlo ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, you cannot just move on. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, no, we cannot allow this. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We have a right to participate and engage when there are unfair practices in the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, you can shout as much as you want to. That is not going to get my attention. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: We are not shouting. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, we are not shouting. We want to address you. [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: You say we are shouting here. We are not ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We are not shouting at you. We want to address you, simple. And we want to keep the decorum of the House. [Interjections.] Who has got the right to manipulate the system here, because there is a message that says, your hand has been lowered, which I have raised a long time ago.

Who manipulates the system? [Interjection.] It was asked. The message indicates that my hand has been lowered. Who just did that? Who has the right to manipulate the system, hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have no idea who has put your hand down. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Then I will request that you investigate because that is also wrong. We have a right to participate. Now if there is someone that decides to lower a hand that has been raised, we must raise that, because there is a problem with your system.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Hon member ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I did not lower my hand. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you stop speaking so that I can speak?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, are you listening, or do I have to name you?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Why must I listen when you are closing down democracy, Deputy Speaker?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You are disrupting democracy.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: We have points of order ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...which we would like to raise. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I finish? Can I finish? Alright? If a ruling has been made, I cannot entertain any further points of order. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But you did not ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I made a ruling.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: You did not allow others to come with their points of order. You just allowed the Deputy Chief Whip.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No. I did not. I had ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You did!

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chief Whip of the DA has been speaking as and when he wants to. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Lulama spoke too.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, surely once I have made a ruling, that is the ruling.

Mr L L MVIMBI: But in terms of which Rule, Deputy Speaker? Which Rule? ... [Interjections.] We do not have, in terms of the Rule, nowhere in the Rules does it say that you can overrule a motion. All I am saying is let us go according to the Rules. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Or refuse to take a point of order. [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: You are saying that you are overruling a motion because that was a notice of motion that was presented by hon Dugmore. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It has ... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... and you said you are overruling it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...to be a substantive motion.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Can I address you? I would like to address you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No. I am terribly sorry.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order. Deputy Speaker, may I please come in?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Speaker, I find that unprecedented. Yes? Are you coming in as an hon member?

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you very much. We are moving on. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, I would like to address you. I would like to address you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I would like to address you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Let us get this clear. If you are going to address me on my ruling then I am not going to entertain you.

If you are going to bring something different, I will give you a time to speak now, but then I am not entertaining anybody else because my ruling stands.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: This is something different. It is something different.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright. What is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, if you look at Rule 59(2), it says that a member who wishes to bring any improper or unethical conduct on the part of another member to the attention may do so, only by way of a substantive motion comprising of a clearly formulated and properly substantiated allegation.

Now, you have ruled that the motion with notice that I tabled does not actually represent a formulated and properly substantiated allegation. I would like to ask you, I have the evidence, I would like to move now to read out the statement of the labour inspector and the case number, so that that is actually moving and, I would argue, falls clearly within a clearly formulated motion. There is no convention which says that it has to be tabled before. I can do that now and I request an opportunity to do that either now or before the end of the session. I will substantiate the allegations that I am making.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: So, allow me to ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...you cannot make the Rules as you go along. So, I understand you can bring a substantive motion, but you cannot bring a substantive motion at this moment. Unacceptable.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Why not? Why not?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you cannot.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: What is a substantive motion? Why can it not be verbal? Why can a substantive motion not be verbal?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unfortunately, it cannot.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Sorry?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It cannot. Hon Dugmore, you have been in the House for many terms.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: There is not a convention which says that it cannot be substantiated ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...verbally. We are in COVID-19 lockdown. We are sitting ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It cannot ... [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, may I address you?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Must I put the allegations on the screen?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, you are an esteemed politician. Can you please, you do know your Rules. You do know your Rules. [Interjection.] You are one of the most experienced politicians around for a number of terms. You do know your Rules. Now, I am not going to entertain this any further.

Mr P J MARAIS: Deputy Speaker, can I address you? Can I have a point of order?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are we now going to continue with this conversation, hon members?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes.

Mr P J MARAIS: Deputy Speaker, we are setting a very dangerous ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, can I also address you just on a substantive motion?

Mr P J MARAIS: We are setting a precedent.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Wait [Interjection.]

Mr P J MARAIS: We are going to become like the National Parliament! If you do not stop the DA Whip and Deputy Whip from eating up time and interjecting and points of order, we are going to become what happened in the National Parliament. It is going to be what we are going to inherit if you do not stop this!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is not a point of order. That is not a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Dugmore needs to take and make a substantive motion in writing, alright? I am not going to entertain this any further and my ruling on this stands. So, I would like your cooperation for us to finish, otherwise we are going to be finishing at nine o'clock at night.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, can I address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, yes, you may.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you. Deputy Speaker, I would like to address you because I feel that someone out there is manipulating the Microsoft Teams ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): And I am saying that because, when there was this altercation here, I had already raised my hand. I never at any point lowered my hand, but then I noticed a message that says, I have lowered my hand and that is a cause for concern. I would like your office to investigate this allegation, because it is very serious. It is exactly like jamming a cell phone in the House, and that is also illegal and therefore Deputy Speaker, I am putting it to you that your office must investigate who did this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I certainly will do. I do take that seriously. That is the same as throwing someone out of the House and I will ask the Table staff or the IT to be able to check just where and who was switching off microphones. And please, hon members, that is really unparliamentary. I do not believe that no matter what is said in the House, that anybody's mic is switched off by somebody else in this House. Alright? I will investigate that, hon member.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, may I address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, I just wanted to perhaps refer member Dugmore to page 66 of the Rules, Rule 151 guides the procedure of a substantive motion ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, can I ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...so on page 66 ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ... address you?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...right at the bottom ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): It is a point of order. We are still on my turn to speak ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...page 151, 1(a), 1(b), 1(2) ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Put it correctly that if ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...it is in the Rule Book ... [Interjections.] He just needs to read it. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You made a ruling ... [Interjections.] Why are you allowing him to ... [Interjections.] No-no-no! [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: But we have raised our hands and you said you are not taking any more point of orders. Why is ... [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We cannot be bullied! We cannot be bullied! [Interjections.] Member Mackenzie is not supposed to speak when you have made a ruling. [Interjections.]

Ms A BANS: No, Deputy Speaker, it is unfair. It is unfair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members I am listening to everybody, but I cannot have the Chief Whip of the Opposition shouting above a member. That is very unparliamentary. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I am not shouting at anybody.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have to wait until the hon member is finished speaking like we waited for you. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No! [Interjections.]

Ms A BANS: But you do not allow us to speak. You allow only DA members to engage. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am happy to engage. I am listening to you. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You do not allow a speaker to finish on the point of order, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is unfair, Deputy Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Be consistent with the ruling. When there is a point of order, someone must sit down. And member Mackenzie cannot make a statement when you have already made a ruling. He is undermining your capacity as the Deputy Speaker of the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip of the Opposition.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are contradicting yourself now.

An HON MEMBER: The DA is falling apart.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are firstly contradicting yourself [Interjections.] Secondly, your own members are shouting above you. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I am not shouting above anyone.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thirdly, you are contradicting yourself. [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: But Deputy Speaker, why are you just responding selectively? You are listening whenever ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bans ... [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: ... the DA is speaking ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am speaking ... [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: ...but when it is us, we are shouting. But you are giving them the full respect of just listening. For us, you do not give us a chance. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright. Hon Bans, I did not recognise you, hon Bans. I did not recognise you.

Ms A BANS: You would not recognise me because my hand was up. The only hand you recognised was member Mackenzie that came after me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We cannot see which hand comes up first or does not, okay? There are a whole lot of hands up. So, I am asking, I am speaking to the Chief Whip of the Opposition. It does not help if you are shouting over your own Chief Whip, member Bans. That does not help. [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: Deputy Speaker, I am not shouting over my own Chief Whip. I am just correcting ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are shouting, and I have not recognised you. So, that is ... [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: ... the Deputy Chief Whip.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...now the third infringement. Now, hon members, if this now continues, I will have to suspend the House today because this is now really, we have lost the decorum of the House. [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: Deputy Speaker, if it is Mitchell then there is no ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But I am actually saying once again, I am asking for some decorum in this House, otherwise we will suspend.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I am saying now, if there is anybody shouting again ... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...we will have to suspend the House.

Ms N D NKONDLO: No, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members. I am being very clear now. It does not help to be shouting.

Ms N D NKONDLO: We are not shouting! We are requesting for you to provide us an opportunity to speak ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Nkondlo ... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... in the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... I did not recognise you. I did not recognise you. I have been speaking to the ... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Who are you recognising?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have been speaking to your Chief Whip. So, if the hon member is going to actually control the members of the ANC, we can have a conversation around this, but we need to have some decorum in the House. This is going out public to everyone who is watching it. Now, I have made a ruling and allow me to finish. I have made a ruling. There has to be a substantive motion. [Interjection.] I have made that ruling. If you are not happy with the substantive motion in the way that the hon Dugmore wants to put it, he cannot present the substantive motion now. In terms of Rule 66, he must bring a substantive motion to the House. That is the ruling.

INCOME EQUALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE

(Notice of Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates income inequality in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates income inequality in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: WESTERN CAPE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

(Notice of Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the fact that the Western Cape Education Department has been making its own rules in dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic and that this breeds a sense of insecurity. I thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the fact that the Western Cape Education Department makes up its own rules in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic and that this breeds insecurity.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: HEALTHCARE WORKER DEATHS

(Motion)

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much. Deputy Speaker, I move on without notice:

That the House notes the passing of the sixth healthcare worker who succumbed to COVID-19 in the Western Cape. Deputy Speaker, we lost a porter, 3 professional nurses and 2 doctors. Their selfless service to the citizens of the Western Cape is highly esteemed. Every life lost to COVID-19 is one too many. Our thoughts and prayers remain with their loved ones and their colleagues. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Deputy Speaker, I move on without notice:

That the House notes the passing away of the sixth healthcare worker who succumbed to COVID-19 in the Western Cape; further notes that the death of this doctor follows after the passing away of other doctor, three professional nurses and a porter; and further notes that their selfless service to the citizens of the Western Cape are highly esteemed, that every life lost to COVID-19 is one too many, and that our thoughts and prayers remain with their loved ones.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19 : NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commends President Cyril Ramaphosa for his initiatives with the religious communities to have a National Day of Prayer on Sunday 31 May 2020 while our country still has activities that are incrementally normalised with gatherings of up to 50 souls as from next week. We join the nation with our President that prays, "God bless Africa and save her people." I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commends President Cyril Ramaphosa for his initiative, with religious communities, to have a national day of prayer on Sunday 31 May 2020, while our country is still partially in the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown period; notes that spiritual activities are incrementally normalised with gatherings of up to 50 souls as from next week; and joins the nation with our President who prays: "God bless Africa and save her people."

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LATE IZAK WILHELM ABRAHAM SPANNENBERG

(Motion of condolence)

Ms L J BOTHA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the passing of former councillor Izak Wilhelm Abraham Spannenberg, affectionately known as Oom Spannie, on 21 May 2020. The former Alderman of Bergrivier Municipality served as Speaker of the council and after retirement continued to serve on the oversight committee. We appreciate his long service to the community of Velddrif. I move that this House extends our sincere condolences to firstly his wife Marie, his children and his extended family. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the passing away of Councillor Izak Willem Abraham Spangenberg on 21 May 2020; further notes that he was an honorary Alderman of the Berg River Municipality and also served as Speaker of the Council and, after retirement, continued to serve on the Oversight Committee; appreciates his long service to the communities in the Berg River area; and extends sincere condolences to his friends, colleagues and family.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LATE ZEMKA FAKU

(Motion of condolence)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the tragic and sudden passing of Ms Zameka Faku. Zameka was a hardworking community leader from Tafelsig, in Mitchells Plain. Deputy Speaker, we send our condolences to the Faku family and extended family wishing them strength during this difficult period. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the tragic and sudden passing of Ms Zameka Faku, a hardworking DA community leader from Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain; and conveys our condolences to the Faku family and extended family and wishes them strength during this difficult period.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

TOWNSHIP FIRES: DEATHS

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes two toddlers were killed, and four adults demised in two different township fires, namely in Old Crossroads and Delft, over the past weekend and calls on Cape Town Fire and Rescue to up their game to bring down figures in this annual carnage that claims too many innocent residents every year. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes two toddlers and four adults were killed in two different township fires, namely in Crossroads and Delft, over the past weekend; and calls on the Cape Town fire and rescue services to improve their service in order to bring down the figures of this annual carnage that claims too many innocent residents every year.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

EID-AL-FITR

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the celebration of Eid-Al-Fitr, which marked the end of Ramadan as celebrated by the Muslim population here in the Western Cape; the month of Ramadan has been a time of reflection, prayer, giving and sacrifice and we trust that the Muslim community had a blessed and peaceful day. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the celebration of Eid-al-Fitr, which marked the end of Ramadan, as celebrated by all Muslim citizens on 24 May 2020; further notes that the month of Ramadan has been a time for reflection, prayer, giving and sacrifice; and trusts that all Muslims had a happy and peaceful day.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

MAYOR OF GEORGE

(Motion)

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you. Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House investigates the process of appointing the Mayor of George and investigates whether the caucus of the Democratic Alliance manipulated the processes involved in regard to the election of the George Mayor and also discusses in general the crisis facing the George Municipality which is clearly the making of the Democratic Alliance in that municipality.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection, Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBERS: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

SHAVUOT: FEAST OF WEEKS

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the celebration of Shavuot, also known as the Feast of Weeks, which is celebrated today at sundown until 30 May 2020. During this period the Jewish citizens celebrate Pentecost and I move that this House wishes all Jewish residents in the Western Cape a blessed and peaceful Pentecost. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the celebration of Shavuot, also known as the Feast of Weeks, which will be celebrated from today at sundown until 30 May 2020; further notes that Jewish citizens will celebrate Pentecost during this period; and wishes all Jewish people a peaceful and happy Pentecost.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19 LOCAL RESPONSE TEAMS

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes initiatives by different communities to set up local COVID-19 response teams, particularly those in Khayelitsha, Gugulethu, Philippi and Langa; even before they were declared hotspots and calls for the Provincial Government to work closely with these teams and give them all the necessary assistance required and applaud the visionary leadership for setting up such a multi-stakeholder coordination that is inclusive and involves all social partners to flatten the curve; a lesson that the Provincial Government in its response to COVID-19 must learn. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes initiatives by different communities to set up local COVID-19 response teams, particularly in Khayelitsha, Gugulethu and Langa, even before they were declared hotspots; calls for the provincial government to work closely with these teams and to give them all the assistance required; and applauds the communities for their visionary leadership in setting up multi-stakeholder coordination teams that are inclusive and involve all social partners to flatten the curve during a time when the provincial government's response to COVID-19 is lacking.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

DAY OF PENTECOST

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the upcoming Day of Pentecost, celebrated by Christians, on Sunday 31 May 2020, which marks day 49 after Easter Sunday and that this House notes the Christian Church's mission to the world as observed on this Holy Day, and we wish all Christians a peaceful and blessed Pentecost. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the upcoming of the day of Pentecost, celebrated by Christians on Sunday 31 May 2020, which marks the 49th day after Easter Sunday; further notes the Christian church mission to the world, as observed on this holy day; and wishes all Christians a peaceful day of Pentecost.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

ARCELORMITTAL: LOSS OF JOBS

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and remembers the plight of thousands of workers that lost their jobs in the closure of ArcelorMittal in Saldanha, including their families and calls for an intense effort of an intergovernmental response to lessen the burden and facilitate employment opportunities to them and many others who are unemployed. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and remembers the plight of thousands of workers, including their families, who lost their jobs after the closure of ArcelorMittal; and calls for intense efforts and an intergovernmental response to lessen the burden and to facilitate employment opportunities for them and for many others who are unemployed.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS COMMAND COUNCIL

(Motion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the haphazard decision-making being made by the National Coronavirus Command Council, the President and his Cabinet; Deputy Speaker, we have seen a U-turn by the National Government just yesterday. At a meeting of the NCOP this week, the Health Minister's presentation indicated that certain hotspots would remain at Level 4 lockdown; the Presidency then yesterday clarified the entire country will move to Level 3; that the House notes another example, the Minister of COGTA has consistently announced a ban of all tobacco products, while the President of the Republic previously addressed the nation to indicate that the ban would be lifted; Deputy Speaker, that the House further notes how decisions are being implemented at the eleventh hour, which negatively impacts on provinces, certain industries and certain civil liberties. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBERS: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the haphazard decision-making of the National Coronavirus Command Council, the President and his Cabinet; further notes that we have seen a U-turn by the national government just yesterday when, after the Health Minister's presentation at a meeting of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) this week indicated at the time that certain hotspots would remain at level 4 of the lockdown, the Presidency yesterday clarified that the entire country would move to level 3; further notes another example: the Minister of COGTA has consistently announced a ban of all tobacco products, while the President, when he previously addressed the nation, indicated that the ban would be lifted; and further notes how decisions and arbitrary restrictions are being implemented at the eleventh hour, which have a negative impact on provinces, on certain key industries and on citizens' civil liberties.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

COVID-19: SAFETY OF WORKERS

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House implores the Premier and his team to put in place tighter measures to protect lives of frontline service workers and those in various industries that will be open for business during the Alert COVID-19 Level 3, and calls on business to take up precautionary measures regarding health and safety of workers as per the regulations to minimise infections and protect lives. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House implores the Premier and his team to put in place tighter measures to protect the lives of front-line services workers and those in various industries that will be open for business during COVID-19 alert level 3; and calls on business to take up precautionary measures regarding the health and safety of workers in accordance with the regulations to minimise infections and to protect lives.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LOCKDOWN: DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the ruling made by the Western Cape High Court, which ruled that National Government cannot prevent people and NGO's from distributing food during the lockdown; this is a victory for civil society and our society's most vulnerable. I so move, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the ruling made by the Western Cape High Court that the national government cannot prevent people and NGOs from distributing food during the lockdown period; and further notes that this is a victory for the civil society and our society's most vulnerable.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

FOREST VILLAGE: HANDOVER OF HOUSES

(Motion)

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the hon MEC of Human Settlements and his Department for handing over 50 houses in the Forest Village provincial development. This is the first handover since the start of the nationwide lockdown; Deputy Speaker, the handover demonstrates this Government's commitment to improving people's lives. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): There is an objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection? [Interjections.] Noted. There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Ms L M MASEKO: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Hon Minister of Human Settlements and his Department for handing over 50 houses in the Forest Village provincial development; notes that this was the first handover since the start of the nationwide lockdown; and notes that the handover demonstrates this government's commitment to improving people's lives.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

LATE NANDIPHA KAMBI AND MAGDALENA JULIES

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House sympathises with the family, friends and colleagues of two more public health workers who died in the Western Cape due to COVID-19, namely Nandipha Kambi of Gugulethu and Magdalena Julies. I so move, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

That the House commiserates with the family, friends and colleagues of two more public health workers who died in the Western Cape due to COVID-19, namely Nandipha Kambi of Gugulethu, who was on a respirator for three weeks, and paediatric nurse Magdalena Julies (67).

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: WESGRO

(Motion)

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that Wesgro, the official tourism trade and investment promotion agency for the Western Cape, is the only sub-national investment promotion agency to be featured on the World Bank Group report and that this report looks at Global IPA's initial responses to the COVID-19 crisis; further notes that Wesgro and its stakeholders were cited for the development of the #COVID-19ContentCentre, with specific reference made to the COVID-19 Support Finder Tool, which seamlessly assists businesses in identifying support funding applicable to their businesses; acknowledges that more than 7 000 businesses across not only the Western Cape but South Africa have utilised this tool and congratulates Wesgro and its CEO for achieving this world-class recognised status on a global scale. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Wesgro, the official tourism, trade and investment promotion agency for the Western Cape, is the only subnational investment promotion agency (IPA) to be featured in the World Bank Group (WBG) report, a report that looks at global IPAs' initial responses to the COVID-19 crisis; further notes that Wesgro and its stakeholders were cited for the development of the #COVID19ContentCentre (www.supportbusiness.co.za), with specific reference made to the COVID-19 Support Finder Tool, which seamlessly assists businesses in identifying support funding applicable to their business; acknowledges that to date more than 7 000 businesses not only in the Western Cape but also in South Africa as a whole have utilised the tool to navigate support measures released by the government and private sector; and congratulates Wesgro and its CEO for achieving this world-class, recognised status on a global scale.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: CLOSURE OF HOSPITALS

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes two private Western Cape hospitals were also closed down in the past week due to an outbreak of the Coronavirus when the Cape Town Mediclinic discovered it had 5 positive workers of which one is now being treated in hospital and that this House bids all affected health workers a speedy recovery. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that two Western Cape private hospitals have been also closed down in the past week due to outbreaks of the coronavirus (the Cape Town Mediclinic was found to have 26 COVID-19 positive workers and the Paarl Mediclinic discovered it had five positive workers of which one is now being treated in hospital); and wishes all affected health workers a speedy recovery.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: STERLING WORK BY WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT

(Motion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House acknowledges the sterling work being done by the Premier, his Cabinet and the Western Cape Government under tough circumstances; also noting the progress being made in converting the CTICC and Old Mutual South Africa training facility into temporary isolation and quarantine facilities in the Province's fight against COVID-19. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House acknowledges the sterling work being done by the Premier, his Cabinet and the Western Cape Government under tough circumstances; and notes the progress that have been made in converting the CTICC and Old Mutual SA into temporary isolation and quarantine facilities in the province's fight against COVID-19.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LOCKDOWN: BURGLARY AND VANDALISM AT SCHOOLS

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes at least 104 schools were burgled and vandalised during the COVID-19 shelter period; that criminals invaded and plundered these institutions due to broken fences and calls on WCED to submit a proper plan to sanitise and not only sweep and dust these schools. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, objections.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that at least 104 schools were burgled and vandalised during the COVID-19 lockdown period; further notes that criminals invaded and plundered these institutions and possibly contaminated them; also notes that a large number of schools were invaded by gangs and homeless people due to broken or absent fences; and calls on the WCED to submit a proper plan to sanitise – and not only a sweep and dust – schools and to prioritise the erection of proper perimeter fencing.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

COVID-19: PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the work being carried out by the provincial Department of Social Development in providing psychosocial support services to families and individuals who are affected by COVID-19 regulations. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the work being carried out by the provincial Department of Social Development in providing psycho-social support services to families and individuals who are affected by the COVID-19 regulations.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

SCHOOLS BUILT WITH INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Western Cape has 130 schools built with inappropriate material; that almost 60 are in the Cape Metro area and that this inflates the backlog with the schools and that Government must pull up its socks to build proper schools and stop the deception of the people. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Western Cape has about 130 schools that are built with inappropriate material and that almost 60 of them are in the Cape metropolitan area; further notes that this inflates the backlog of the School Building Programme enormously; and calls on this DA-led government to build proper schools and to stop deceiving people.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

COVID-19: RETURN OF GRADE 7 AND 12 LEARNERS

(Motion)

Ms L J BOTHA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House wishes Grade 7 and 12 learners well as they return to school next week; Deputy Speaker, during this uncertain time we note the importance of education for our learners as well as their safety; we encourage the practice of social distancing as well as good hygiene at all times following the five golden rules. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House wishes Grade 7 and Grade 12 learners well as they return to school next week; notes the importance of education for our learners, as well as their safety, during this uncertain time; and encourages the practice of social distancing, as well as good hygiene, at all times by following the five golden rules.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: GRADUAL REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that at least a dozen State schools in the Western Cape have reported COVID-19 problems on the first day of the gradual reopening on Monday and that many staff members and their families are infected, which proves that the Provincial Education Department is not ready to receive the learners from Monday next week. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I heard an objection. [Interjections.] The objection will be printed on the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that at least a dozen state schools in the Western Cape reported COVID-19 problems on the first day of the gradual reopening on Monday; and further notes that many staff members and their families are infected, which proves that the provincial Department of Education is not ready to receive learners from Monday next week.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

SCHOOLS: PROTECTIVE SUPPLIES

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the Western Cape Education Department will soon leave poor schools in the lurch with the high cost to fight and reduce the spread of Coronavirus on their own; that the WCED will only provide an initial supply of sanitiser and protective supplies and then expect schools to fend for themselves and calls on the Provincial Government to urgently adjust its budget in a manner that will provide more resources to poor schools in protecting communities against the killer pandemic or release the millions of rands that are stashed in other slush funds like the notorious surrendered and unused Revenue Fund. I so move, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: No, that is Rasool.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Western Cape Education Department will soon leave poor schools in the lurch as they will have to cover the high costs to fight and reduce the spread of the coronavirus on their own; further notes that the WCED will only provide an initial supply of sanitiser and protective supplies and then expects schools to fend for themselves; and calls on the provincial government to adjust its budget urgently – or release the millions of rand stashed in other slush funds, like the notorious surrendered and unused revenue fund – in a manner that will provide more resources to poor schools in order to protect communities against the killer pandemic.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

**HON CATHY LABUSCHAGNE:
INTERESTS IN THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY**

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the Western Cape Whip within the National Council of Provinces launched a scathing attack on a member or members of the National Executive Committee; further notes that the double standards DA would never allow such an attack in his House and calls on the hon Cathy Labuschagne to publicly declare her interests in the tobacco industry and whether any company, directly or indirectly, supported her party at any given time. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection!

†n AGB LID: Wie rook? Wie rook?

[An Hon MEMBER: Who is smoking? Who is smoking?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Western Cape Whip in the National Council of Provinces launched a scathing attack on a member or members of the national executive; further notes the application of double standards as the DA would never allow such an attack in this House; and calls on Honourable Cathy Labuschagné to declare her interests in the tobacco industry publicly and to reveal whether any company directly or indirectly supported her or her party at any given time.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

SCHOOLS: PROTECTIVE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that it is only the schools in the leafy suburbs, mostly for the well-heeled, that seem to compete to have the best equipment and chemicals to assist in the COVID-19 pandemic battle, while schools in the poorest areas have to be satisfied with the bare minimum the Western Cape Education Department supplies and suffer the most of Coronavirus infections. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

An HON MEMBER: I so object.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Of course they must object. They represent those in the leafy suburbs.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Because you are talking nonsense!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And the final will be hon ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Ja because that is whom you represent.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members. Hon Kama.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that it is only rich schools, mostly for the well-heeled in leafy areas, that seem to compete to have the best equipment and best chemicals to assist in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, while schools in the poorest areas have to be satisfied with the bare minimum that the Western Cape Education Department supplies while they suffer most.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

LOCKDOWN: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

(Motion)

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House lauds the South African Police Service for the sterling work during the shelter period by confiscating large consignments of illegal stuff worth millions of rands, like drugs, weapons and smuggled goods like poached marine life. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M KAMA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House lauds the SAPS for their sterling work during the lockdown period by confiscating large consignments of illegal stuff – such as drugs, weapons and smuggled goods, including poached marine life – worth millions of rand.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

**REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON THE
DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL [B 3 – 2020] (NCOP)**

(Consideration of Report)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members. The House received the report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation and the NCOP not to support this Bill. This mandate has been sent to the NCOP. I will now afford parties an opportunity to make a declaration of two minutes, if they so wish. Is there anybody or any party that would like to make a declaration? Let me go through the parties. Will the ANC make a declaration?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognise the ANC.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Deputy Speaker, I have been part of the meeting of the Budget Committee and I did propose to the Budget Committee that the Western Cape support the Bill, but obviously I was in the minority. The majority overruled me, but in spite of that Deputy Speaker, I would like to say the Division of Revenue legislation is evidence that the National Government really cares for the poor and vulnerable people in the Western Cape with programmes and projects that benefit and target them.

The National Government determines vital projects and programmes, laying down rules and providing funding set against firm spending. If targets are not met the funding is forfeited, taken back and lost. The DORA conditional grant is closely monitored, the money allocated is done in a fair and equitable manner, despite calls to the contrary. Spending is adjusted and tailored to set formula and to even accommodate other matters. Sometimes this province gets more than what it initially budgeted for. DORA shows National Government plans and duly allocates the resources to the province to execute National Government objectives.

The DA-led Government has thus a very limited application and role when it comes to real matters financially. Big budget speeches by MEC's in the Western Cape are therefore mostly hollow and very shallow. Everything has been said at National Government and is there for all to see.

On some issues the ANC will continue to differ with the DA where it has some limited powers and sways spending into wrong ideological directions or where it does not meet the purposes set by the ANC-led Government. The ANC thanks our National Government who continues to have the interests of the Western Cape people at heart. And I would propose, Deputy Speaker, that we support this Bill and also maybe lobby the National Government where we disagree with it on certain issues.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time is up. Thank you, hon member.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognise the EFF. No EFF. I recognise GOOD Party.

Mr B N HERRON: No thank you, Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. I recognise the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I have nothing to comment, Deputy Speaker, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. And I recognise the Freedom Front Plus. Okay. I recognise Al Jama-ah? No? And I recognise the DA?

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Deidre Baartman for the DA, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: The Budget Committee having considered the subject of the Bill referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 217 recommended that the House confers on the Western Cape delegation in the National Council of Provinces authority not to support the Bill. No minority review was requested in terms of the Standing Rules. We fundamentally disagree with the inherently flawed equitable share formula for provinces, because this means that even where the Western Cape receives an increase of funds, it is not in proportion to what we should be receiving. This is thus a question of fairness.

Deputy Speaker, if Thandi received R6 this year and she received R5 last year, this means there is an increase of R1 for her budget, but if she deserves to receive R8, then it means she is actually R2 short of what she deserves. Thus, Thandi's budget allocation would not be equitable. Just because she received money does not mean she cannot dispute that she should have received more. The national formula does not make sufficient provision for allocations to Health, Education, Drought and Safety. The funds do not follow patients, they do not follow learners, they do not follow infrastructure.

Further, instead of bailing out failing State-owned enterprises, National Government should have allocated such funds for provinces for frontline service delivery. Despite receiving an increase on conditional grants in numerical terms, the baseline of the conditional grants have changed as well, decreasing. We are now receiving also more funds for conditional grants rather than the equitable share, seeing a trend towards centralisation of the decision-making at National Government level.

Deputy Speaker, for those unfamiliar with the conditional grants this means that you could only use funds for certain programs. So, if Thandi receives then the R5 to buy apples, she may only buy apples with those funds and the Province does not have a say to reallocate those funds. The fact that we are receiving more funds poses then the question about provinces' decision-making power being scuppered by giving more funding for specific programmes. I thus ask this House today to accordingly support and thus ratify the decision of the Committee. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. We are going to now move over to the support or not support. Are there any objections to the ratification on the conferment of authority on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP not to support the Bill?

An HON MEMBER: No objections.

An HON MEMBER: No objections, Deputy Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright. No objections. Agreed to. Okay. Thank you very much, members. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned, and the Secretary will now end the meeting and all the members will be exited from the sitting.

The House adjourned at 18:25

ANNOUNCEMENTS TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements for the 2019/2020 financial year, dated 20 May 2020, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Maseko, L (Chairperson) (DA)
America, D (DA)
Herron, B (GOOD)
Lili, A (ANC)
Van der Westhuizen, A (DA)

Alternate Members

Baartman, D (DA)
Bakubaku-Vos, N (ANC)
Marran, P (ANC)
Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)
Mitchel, D (DA)
Schafer, B (DA)
Smith, D (ANC)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee was to-

- 1.1 maintain oversight over the Executive member and the Department and its Entity, of the way in which they perform their responsibilities including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.2 consider and report on legislation, other matters and the Annual Reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee -

- 1.3 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.4 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.5 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.6 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Department(s) and Entity

The Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

3. Overview of Committees Activities

No of Committee Meetings	10
No of Public Hearings	4
No of Oversight Visits	0
No of Provincial Bills considered	3

4. Oversight activities

The 2019/2020 financial year commenced with the election of the Chairperson for the Standing Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 82(1) after which the Department provided the Committee with an overview of priorities for the financial year. The Department briefed the Committee on its current projects, new innovations that aligned with provincial policy, new focus areas in terms of the Ministerial strategic plans with specific reference to the Housing Demand Database and programme challenges faced by the Department.

Four vacancies arose on the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal. The Committee deliberated on the nominees recommended by the Department for appointment to the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal. A briefing was held on the process leading up to the long and short lists and the process leading up to the finalisation of the interviews to fill the vacancies on the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal. The Committee, having consulted with the Department on the candidates, recommend that a chairperson and a member be appointed to serve on the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal. The Committee recommended that the Department advertise to appoint two alternate members who have expertise in consumer matters pertaining to rental housing. This was decided on the premise that none of the candidates were qualified in consumer matters.

The Committee was able to engage the Department on its Quarterly Performance Reports, challenges associated with new programmes being implemented in terms of the Department's Strategic Plan and on new innovations that aligned with provincial policy.

The City of Cape Town briefed the Committee on the the Salt River affordable social housing opportunities. They informed the Committee of the number of beneficiaries who would be allocated a housing unit.

Communicare briefed the Committee on the challenges associated with social housing programmes for the current financial year and on its partnership with the City of Cape Town. The Committee resolved to invite Communicare and other related companies that manage social housing projects to brief the Committee on their core business.

Further discussions were held on on the status of GAP Housing from 2014 – 2020, the status of the Rent to Buy Model in the implementation of the Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) and the challenges and successes regarding the process related to the implementation of the FLISP (GAP market) and municipalities. The Committee resolved that Ms Maseko, as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, send correspondence to the National Department of Human Settlements and the NCOP Housing Committee, indicating that the Standing Committee was concerned about the challenge in the GAP market for beneficiaries who earn a salary between R3 500 and R7 000 and invite them to attend a meeting and engage with the Committee to find possible solutions to the GAP market pertaining to the flexibility of the housing policy.

As part of the Committee's mandate and oversight function a meeting on the Department's Annual Report took place as per Standing Rule 105(1) of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. The Committee engaged the Department and the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal on its Annual Reports submitted in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999).

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 8 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2019], the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill [B 2–2020] and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3–2020], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 188. The Committee considered the Bills and members were able to ask questions and request documents from the Department pertaining to matters which stemmed from the discussions on the Bills.

5. Legislation

In the 2019/20 Financial Year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2019]: Vote 8;
- 5.2 Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill [B 2–2020]: Vote 8; and
- 5.3 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3–2020]: Vote 8.

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

As part of the Committee's mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held four public hearings. To this extent the Committee advertised extensively on the Annual Report and on Bills such as the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2019], the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill [B 2–2020] and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3–2020], informing and inviting interested stakeholders to participate in processes.

7. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated an amount of R100 000. At the close of the 2019/20 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements amounted to a total of R64 719.

FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Change in membership of the Programming Authority with effect from 29 May 2020 (* denotes a change):

Programming Authority**Members: 10**

DA (6)	ANC (2)	EFF (1)	ACDP (1)
Wenger, MM Mitchell, DG Botha, LJ Bosman, G Van der Westhuizen, AP Philander, WF Alternate Members America, D Allen, RI Mackenzie, RD Schäfer, BA	Lekker, PZ Sayed, MK Alternate Member Dugmore, CM	Xego, M Alternate Member Makamba-Botya, N	Christians, FC*

FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

COVID-19 Risk-Adjusted Strategy

Return2Work: Alert level 3 (1 June 2020).

MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Referral of bill to committee in accordance with Rule 173:**Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism**

Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 1–2020].

TABLING

The Speaker:

Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 1–2020].

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

[Virtual online sitting held through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

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The Speaker took the Chair.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! I was hearing a noise at the back somewhere. Is that a point of order during prayer? You do not do that during prayer!

As we are about to begin the meeting, the sitting of the House, hon members, I trust that all of us have now been connected in order to participate in this sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in terms of Rule 1(a) of the Standing Rules, with all our members in remote attendance by electronic means.

The WCPP remains fully operational and we have done so since before lockdown, until to date we have never stopped, and our committees have also been functioning and this has been done to ensure that we play our oversight role in an effective, efficient and transparent manner. Our sitting today will be conducted in terms of Standing Rules and directives issued by me on 17 April 2020.

Hon members, please allow me to highlight some of the important directives in this regard:

- The Secretary and his administration will ensure dedicated technical support at all times during the sitting. We will make sure that we are all connected, as best as possible, in order to participate in this democratic process.
- The quorum requirements for sittings of the House are as provided for in the Constitution and the Standing Rules.
- Unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will take place by members present and entitled to vote, to cast their votes by clearly identifying themselves to the Presiding Officer, verbally expressing their vote.
- Hon members who are present will have all the privileges and immunities imparted by the law.
- I also wish to say to the House that the hon members who are considered to be out of order by the Presiding Officer, their microphones will be muted and the members will be called to order, and that is the last thing we want to do, but if you force us to do so in terms of these directives which were approved by the House, that is what the Presiding Officer will do.

- I also need to say to the hon members that the attendance of members will be recorded by the Serjeant-at-Arms, as we have done in many other sittings before this one.

In instances where these directives do not cover a particular eventuality, the Standing Rules must apply. In instances where the Rules cannot be applied, the ruling by the Presiding Officer is final.

Hon members, all microphones have now been muted. You are requested to only unmute your microphone when you need to raise a point of order in terms of these Standing Rules. You should then first state your name and surname in order for the Presiding Officer to recognise you. When you speak, please ensure that your microphone is unmuted and when you are done speaking please mute your microphone again so that the next hon member is unhindered during the address to the House.

Hon members, in this sitting the media has also been granted access and this is done in order to ensure that we work with the Fourth Estate, as we have always done when we are here in the building, in the Chamber here in Parliament, but I also need to impress upon the members of the press, please do not press your microphone. Do not activate your microphone. Do not activate your camera. Observe the sitting, as you would otherwise do, when you are a visitor or a guest here in the House. If you activate these in any way that will then be your disqualification to the meeting.

For the purpose of this sitting via Microsoft Teams, I am requesting that hon members be sensitive to the language needs of other hon members, since there is no interpretation services, and I must say that since we started off with the virtual sittings we have really done pretty well, and I am comfortable that hon members have been tolerant and under extremely difficult times in some cases, but thank you for your support and cooperation in this regard.

The Secretary and the ICT component have been looking at various means to look at how we can intervene in the issue of translation for us to be able to use the interpretation services, and we have not succeeded up to now. Hon members, as ruled by the Presiding Officer in the sitting of the House on 23 April 2020 also via this same platform of Microsoft Teams, no interjections shall be permitted during the debate. In this regard I also wish to draw the attention of the hon members to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules.

Hon members, I just want to request that as you see the pane, the control pane that you have before you, if you want to ask a question, if you want to raise a point of order, you do so by activating your microphone and once you have been recognised by the Presiding Officer you just need to press that hand.

There is a hand like this, you tick there, or you put a message in the chat room, but I know that the members who are using a mobile device like this one are unable to have that opportunity to raise your hand, but you will be able to do so by just sending a message on the chat room. I hope that is acceptable to the hon members. That is what we have been doing since we started off.

At this point I wish to request the Deputy Speaker to take the seat, and I will withdraw until she is done. Hon Deputy Speaker?

RULING

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon members, I am going to deliver a ruling on the use of the word “hypocrite” during the debate on 21 May 2020; the hon the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning used the word “hypocrite” after which a point of order was raised by the hon member Nkondlo, questioning whether the use of the word was permitted when in relation to a member. I responded that I did not think the word “hypocrite” was a derogatory word and that I was not going to stifle free speech in the House.

Later on during the same debate a member in an interjection said: “The Speaker was a hypocrite,” upon which the Deputy Chief Whip of the DA on a point of order drew the Chair’s attention to the Ruling 62 stating that no member may reflect on the honour and competence of the holder of an office, whose removal from such office is dependent on a decision of the House, except on a substantive motion.

Clearly the Deputy Chief Whip of the DA was of the view that calling a speaker a hypocrite was a derogatory and negative reflection on the honour or competence of the individual. When members speak in the House it is important to preserve the character of parliamentary debate especially in terms of how they refer to other members. All hon members are hon members of this House.

Words that may be tolerated by the Chair when used in other circumstances may be required to be withdrawn when used in relation to hon members. The context in which the words are used must also be taken into account when determining if an expression is unparliamentary or not.

I have had a look at some of the definitions of “hypocrite” and it is generally indicated as someone who pretends to have qualities, beliefs or feelings that they do not really have, who acts in contradiction of his or her stated beliefs.

Although members enjoy freedom of the House, that freedom is curtailed by Parliament’s own Rules so that the decorum of the House is upheld at all times.

Given the above and after consultation with the Speaker and the staff I wish to rule the word “hypocrite” unparliamentary as it speaks directly to the person.

However, I wish to state that the use of the word “hypocritical” be allowed without hindrance to protect the freedom of speech of members in this House as it speaks to action and not the person directly.

Given my previous stance and ruling on the matter, I am not going to ask members who used the term on 21 May to withdraw, but I will do so in future if members persist in using the term “hypocrite” in relation to other members or Presiding Officers. That concludes my ruling on this matter.

I wish to make a ruling on the criticism of holders of office with regard to myself as Deputy Speaker in the last sitting.

On Thursday 28 May 2020, the hon, the Leader of the Official Opposition gave notice of motion as follows:

“That the House appoints an *ad-hoc* committee consisting of a representative of each political party represented in this House, and chaired by the Speaker of this House, to investigate the very serious allegations against the Deputy Speaker of the Western Cape Legislature, who is alleged to have informed a labour inspector that he cannot enter premises because there is a great possibility that the labour inspector carries the Coronavirus. In the light of this allegation, I further move with notice that the Deputy Speaker of the Provincial Legislature of the WCPP is suspended with immediate effect and that the Speaker takes the necessary measures to set up the *ad-hoc* committee.”

Immediately after notice was given, the Deputy Chief Whip of the DA rose on a point of order and intimated that a reflection on a holder of office that is dependent on the removal by a decision of the House, that a substantive motion must be submitted. The Deputy Chief Whip furthermore asked me that the motion without notice not be tabled and adopted and accepted by the House.

On a further point of order the hon the Leader of the Opposition said:

“I do not think it is correct that in terms of the motion with notice that I have moved, which reflects on the office of the Deputy Speaker, that as the Deputy Speaker you should rule on this matter. I therefore request you to recuse yourself and allow the Speaker to deal with on how this particular matter is going to be handled.”

Furthermore, the Minister of Community Safety on a point of order pointed out:

“...that it was very clear, if hon Dugmore has any issue, he must come with a substantive motion and that the motion be placed before the House, so that we can make... You do not go anywhere. You sit there and you just reject his motion.”

I then stated that this was clearly a violation of the Rule and therefore this motion would not be tabled.

After numerous further points of order by various members I reiterated my stance on the matter and indicated that the ruling stands. For the record, various other points of order were raised by hon members, not material to the matter under consideration.

The crux of the matter and the reason for me addressing the House today is to consider and rule whether the honourable, the Leader of the Opposition actually used the correct procedure to bring an allegation of wrongdoing by a Presiding Officer to the attention of the House.

In terms of Rule 62, no member may reflect on the honour and competence of the holder of an office, whose removal from such office is dependent on a decision of the House except on a substantive motion. The question then arises, what constitutes a substantive motion? The Erskine May, the most authoritative and influential work on parliamentary procedure, defines a substantive motion as “a self-contained proposal submitted for the approval of the House and drafted in such a way as to be capable of expressing a decision of the House, whether as a resolution or as an order. In general, substantive motions require notice before they can be moved, while other motions do not.”

The National Assembly Guide to Procedure defines a substantive motion as “an independent self-contained proposal concerning a concrete item of business.”

In terms of our own Rules a substantive motion is defined as “a proposal for separate consideration by the House, including an allegation against a member or against the holder of office in accordance with Rule 62.1 of the Standing Rules.”

I have reflected and consulted on the matter and wish to inform the House that the notice of motion as given by the hon Dugmore complies in respect with the requirements of Rule 62.1, and I therefore rule the notice of motion as procedurally admissible and I have instructed the administration to publish the notice of motion on the Order Paper. This particular notice of motion will be treated as all other notices and could be programmed for consideration by the House by the Programming Authority. I here so move.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon members... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Dugmore, I recognise you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Speaker and thank you also to the Deputy Speaker for that ruling. I would just like to enquire, hon Speaker, you know, I have prepared a “substantive motion”, in inverted commas, as I understood the Deputy Speaker was requiring then.

Would this mean that I no longer need to move that substantive motion or could I still move a motion later on in today’s proceedings?

The SPEAKER: Thank you honourable, the Leader of the Opposition. In terms of the Rules, the ruling that the Deputy Speaker has just made now defeats any need for a similar motion being tabled on the same sitting, especially when it is on the Order Paper, so that then suggests that you will not be able to table the same motion today.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You are most welcome, hon the Leader of the Opposition. Hon members, now that brings us to the next ruling which I am about to table.

Hon members, during the debate on 28 May 2020, the hon the Leader of the Opposition in his member statement referred to the Deputy Speaker of the House, and I quote:

“...as having allegedly blocked a labour inspector from visiting a Maitland factory.”

The hon Deputy Chief Whip of the DA, on a point of order in terms of Rule 59(1), asserted that the Leader of the Official Opposition was reflecting on the integrity and dignity of a member of the House as well as imputing improper motives, read in conjunction with Rule 62(1) under the reflection of a holder of office, and asked me to rule on this matter. I responded that I would revert to Hansard and make a determination later and requested the hon member Dugmore to proceed, since the time allotted for members' statements was only two minutes per member.

The hon, the Chief Whip of the Majority Party echoed the sentiments of the Deputy Chief Whip in a further point of order, and asked me to not allow the Leader of the Opposition to continue referring to the same matter. Hon members, I indicated to the hon Dugmore that his time had expired, and that I would rule on the matter at the next sitting, which is now here.

During the same sitting the hon Dugmore gave notice of a motion on the allegation against the Deputy Speaker and indicated that he intended moving for an appointment of an *ad-hoc* committee to investigate the allegations against the Deputy Speaker.

Hon members, the hon the Leader of the Opposition was out of order to raise the issue involving the Deputy Speaker during the opportunity for members' statements but ultimately used the correct procedure as required by Rule 63 of the Standing Rules in this regard. Hon members, I now request the hon Dugmore to withdraw all references to the Deputy Speaker made during his member statement on this matter. Hon Dugmore, if you were inside the House, I would ask you to rise and withdraw this member statement in the manner in which I have read.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much for your ruling, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, as you are well aware, having referred to the statement that I made, I specifically used the words “allegedly” and in my interpretation that clearly indicates that there would need to be an investigation.

However, in terms of your Ruling it is clear that even the fact that I had raised the issue as an allegation, that it could be interpreted as casting an aspersion so in that context, given your ruling, I therefore withdraw the statement made at last week's session. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon, the Leader of the Opposition. Hon members, I am now done with this ruling and the hon member has just withdrawn his member statement. Thank you very much, hon members. At this point I recognise the hon Chief Whip.

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Order of the Day.

Agreed to.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING LIFE WHILST AT THE SAME TIME
PRESERVING LIVELIHOODS IN THE ECONOMY**

(Subject for discussion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, when the President announced the commencement of the nationwide lockdown, he was met with great support from citizens, Opposition parties, civil society and several sectors of our economy. The reality, hon Speaker, is that governments across the globe were caught between a rock and a hard place. Despite unpopular decisions, citizens complied with the regulations and took the necessary precautions to help flatten the curve.

Hon Speaker, this cooperation soon dissipated after the lockdown turned into a full-blown humanitarian crisis, characterised by hunger, severe job losses and illicit trade on a mass scale. What South Africa needed at the beginning was a strategy to balance both the containment of the virus and pending economic collapse, which in fact is equivalent to the threats currently facing South African lives.

It is a false choice to distinguish between the loss of lives and the loss of livelihood, as both are directly and robustly interrelated. Economically productive citizens contribute personal earnings to our national fiscus which get channelled into welfare programmes, hospitals and other public services. If our livelihoods are not preserved our economy will inevitably suffer. Whilst we understand that the lockdown aims to flatten the curve and prepare our health sector for the rise of infections that are yet to come, it is simply unsustainable and tantamount to economic suicide. Hon Speaker, the Western Cape Government has demonstrated its commitment to preserving lives and livelihoods through its whole-of-society approach, support for the health sector and strategies to jumpstart the provincial economy. In addition, Speaker, our Legislature continues to conduct oversight on the work of the Executive, more so than other Provincial Legislatures and National Parliament itself. Mitigation of the impact of COVID-19 demands a comprehensive response from Government based on meticulous communication and trust between itself and members of the public.

Hon Speaker, the DA-led Government has in fact demonstrated this based on empirical evidence to ensure that we preserve both lives and livelihoods in the Western Cape. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjection.] Thank you, hon member Mackenzie. Order, hon members! Let us practice some restraint. I now recognise hon member Nkondlo.

Before that, hon member Nkondlo, there is a hand from hon member Herron. Hon Herron, is that a point of order?

Mr B N HERRON: Yes please, hon Speaker, on a point of clarity. I thought the Chief Whip had asked that we continue as per the Order of the Day. Are we starting with the Subject for Discussion when the first item on the Order Paper is Interpellations and Questions?

The SPEAKER: The Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I moved that precedence be given to the debate as the Order of the Day, and as agreed to by the Programming Authority.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. Hon member Herron, I could not read what is before the Chief Whip there, but what I could hear is the preference for the Order of the Day, but I just wanted to make sure that we are on the same page. Are you satisfied, hon member Herron?

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. I guess my query arises because two weeks ago we had a topic for discussion and it was the last thing that was debated, so I mean I was not part of the Programming Authority but I wonder why this has been bumped up to the first thing to be debated, when the last time when we had a topic for discussion it was the last thing on the Order of the Day paper.

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon member Herron, we are not going to debate this now. The Programming Authority can deal with these matters. We are in the middle of a debate and therefore we cannot proceed retrospectively. I hope that is in order. May I request hon member Nkondlo to proceed. Please take your podium.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. The global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted lives of communities, livelihoods and businesses worldwide. It has decimated incomes and threatened food security of many people, especially the working class and the rural poor, and centrally it has threatened life. The concept of life is fundamental in human existence as a basis of everything side-by-side with livelihoods. All agree that the right to life remains a basic human right, high up in the list as such protected under civil liberties as sacrosanct.

How did it happen that we got to a human crisis where this fundamental truth is placed on the spot? What has interfered with this logic?

Is it the path of self-righteousness that humans through a system of brazen capitalist accumulation, promoting profits first against human life and nature; what brought us to this quagmire?

Such a system has for decades evolved into a beast that undermines the essence of life and poses an existential crisis to mankind.

Karl Marx in 1856 had this to say:

“There must be something rotten in the very core of a social system which increases its wealth without diminishing its misery.”

Already two centuries ago humanity was warned of the human cost of rampant accumulation, as if without ears and no brains to centre man’s reasoning, market fundamentalists have lived to deny this truth.

Today, centuries later, we are visited by another human crisis of unprecedented proportions to remind us of the question of fundamental human existence that is life. We shall not hesitate to speak truth to power and tell no lies, and equally, there are no easy victories. As a generation of men and women representatives in this House, enjoined with our citizens in their class outlook, the writing is clearly on the wall.

Articulations and orientations of what either side believes as truth on the question posed today mirror the class disposition either with the ruling elite or to save the economy and live off to feed the market interest of the oppressed class bustling in agony to free themselves from the... [audio connection lost.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo, we have lost you there. I will wait for you to come back to the House. Will the Table staff please stop the time; just pause the time. If the hon member Nkondlo does not come back in the next few seconds, I will go to the next speaker and we will take her when she comes back to the House. [Pause.]

Alright, hon members, we will proceed. We note that hon member Nkondlo will join us again. These are technical challenges on her part. Let us welcome the hon Minister of Health, Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon Speaker. I think hon member Nkondlo is back, but anyway, let me proceed, I continue. Thank you, hon member Mackenzie, for the sponsorship of this debate. Indeed, there are no binaries between the economy and health. The health policy will affect the economy and the economic policy will affect health and the livelihoods.

A healthy economy needs healthy people, a healthy workforce and healthy labour force for the production.

The same applies that if the labour force is sick, it means that there will be less production and it will even affect their livelihoods. Therefore, for us as Health, that is why as part of strengthening the health system you have to strengthen the human resource, which is the people themselves, in building a healthy system.

Hon Speaker, COVID indeed has affected many people. South Africa, there was no way that we could be able not to have a virus.

We have seen countries in the whole world with a strong economy with a strong health system, for example the US, the UK, even Asia, China, Singapore, now also parts of Europe, Spain and Italy. Now we have seen it in Latin America, Brazil and all of those, so there was no way that we could be able to run away from it. Similarly, hon Speaker, in these countries that I have mentioned, you will have seen that it starts; it targets one particular area when it ends up being the epicentre. I think for us as South Africa, the mere fact is at this stage it started to affect one province and then as we have heard it is going to go throughout in other provinces. Therefore it provides an opportunity for South Africa to learn and employ all resources so that we could be able to escalate and replicate the interventions when it hits other provinces, hon Speaker.

For us the issue of lockdown or no lockdown, taking into consideration that when the lockdown was introduced it was not to stop the virus because there is no way that you can stop the transmission, but to assist Health in order to be able to get ready, and therefore for us, whether there is lockdown or not, the basic principles of the golden rule of hand-washing, surface hygiene, wearing your mask, keeping a distance and also staying at home when you are ill, and also the issue of the coughing etiquette and sneezing etiquette, are always crucial.

When it started in the Western Cape through the international community, which was contributing actually to our economy through tourism, because already it seeded through that route, it then went to the clusters, so when we had these clusters, these are the essential workers, these were the contributors to the economy. We are talking about retail, the pharmaceutical industries and the essential services clusters like the health workers and also from the law enforcement, the officers. That is why we said these people, they are not always individuals as workers. They have got homes, they go back to their communities and as the labour force in the economy you will find that in the vulnerable communities. That is why we immediately initiated a hotspot strategy so that we are able to contain the virus.

Come August/September, hon Speaker, we do know, as the evidence we have seen coming also from the National Office, that we will have an exponential growth and a curve. That is why it is important for us to ensure that at the end, even if the virus continues, that people should still be able to remain with their livelihoods. In our strategy we have included the humanitarian support. We have included the provision of the other sectors of the economy and within that space, hon Speaker, in the economic sector, we have provided protocol management where each and every sector could be able to engage with the cluster, not only now that it is Lockdown 3, but even at the lower level of the lockdown which we initiated, at Lockdown Level 5. So if you are working in a petrol station, whether you are working in an office or whatever sector, we have got all of those protocol managements in terms of what kind of PPE you need. Also, what is the responsibility of the employer, what is the responsibility of the employee with regard to that space, and then lastly, hon Speaker, the issue of the health response in terms of the number of beds, in terms of the number of quarantine and isolation sites, and also the number of the staffing that we have to take into consideration, noting this is a new virus. Each and every day is a learning curve. It is a learning phase.

We learn from it, whilst at the beginning we transplanted some of the lessons that happened overseas and all of those, but taking note that there are various impacts and it mirrors differently in each and every population. There is no homogeneity, so for us we are on a learning curve, but we are not only doing that as South Africa, as the Western Cape Province, but we are also doing it for the whole country.

Lastly, we need to celebrate the recoveries. Yes, each and every positive case or every death does count, but you need to understand that 90% of the population do not have to be hospitalised. These are the people who are still going to remain as a labour force, as a work force that we need to nurture in terms of what I have just mentioned, in terms of prevention and promotion, especially in the community space. We also need to understand that it needs all of us. This is a new virus. We need to – all of us – unite in fighting the spread of the virus. It does not need time now for politicising the issues.

It does not need time now to create binaries, whether economy-wise or even in the issue of the House, but also amongst ourselves, because it does not choose anyone. It does not discriminate.

It does not discriminate according to class... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It does not discriminate according to education. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Mbombo, your time has expired.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Therefore, I appeal to my colleagues also to be coming forth with solutions.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon members, we have hon member Nkondlo back in the House. I now wish to recognise hon member Nkondlo. We will start from the beginning. [Pause.] Are you back, hon member Nkondlo?

Ms N D NKONDLO: [No audible reply.]

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon members, I was under the impression that hon member Nkondlo is back. [No audible reply.]

In the absence of that we will then proceed, I recognise hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, our world has changed irreversibly with a global pandemic that has created a global recession and the global climate is changing as a result of our own rampant consumerism.

The notion that it is a livelihoods versus lives debate is a false one. Sweden adopted an open-economy approach to the virus. Its neighbour, Norway, did not. The death rate in Sweden is now ten times that of Norway's and the economic benefit for Sweden seems to be none. Norway's economy is expected to contract by 5% this year, where Sweden has warned that their GDP would decrease by 7%. Sweden's death rate per capita reached the highest in the world this week and too many people died in a failed experiment to save the economy. Like Sweden, we do not operate in a closed economy. Our economy is one of the most advanced on the African continent and is an open economy that seeks to trade with the world. We are highly dependent on trading with developed nations and our trading partners face unprecedented mortality rates and massive economic contraction.

Expecting that saving livelihoods is simply reopening the economy for business as usual, is obviously nonsensical. Normal is gone. Everything we were doing on this earth, including consuming every resource it offered us without regard for its or our sustainability, was interrupted.

As we contemplate our future, we have the opportunity and the urgent need to reinvent ourselves. We all know that we are in for a tough time. This Government must take steps to prepare for the recession, implement steps to aid economic recovery where it can and make sure it mitigates the spreading of the virus.

As we work through this, our plans must be to build a world that is more equal, more just and more sustainable. We can stop talking about an inclusive economy and a green economy and we can start to build one. It cannot be business as normal because normal ended last year and we can resuscitate an economy, but we cannot resuscitate a dead body. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Herron. Hon members, I see that the hon member Nkondlo is now back. Will you please indicate that I am correct to say so, hon member Nkondlo?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Yes, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Now you may please take the opportunity and speak and address the House.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Can you indicate the time because I did not notice at what point I got cut?

The SPEAKER: You had six minutes and one minute was gone by the time you got cut off, so you have got five minutes.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Okay, thank you, hon Speaker. Let me quickly go back to my speech. Okay. Jeff Rudin in the *Daily Maverick* writes:

“The brutal reality that needs facing is that the only real choice open to the poor is to decide how to die, or, more accurately, of what to die: Coronavirus, hunger, lockdown-compounded gender-based violence, or TB, HIV-AIDS, cancer or any of the other diseases and conditions that have been de-prioritised to make way for the Coronavirus.”

The parents and community leaders of Nomzamo Primary School had little and no choice this morning but to brave the cold winter morning only to demand the protection of lives of their children as the authorities of WCED refused to close and decontaminate the school premises after one of the educators tested positive and was sent to quarantine. Similarly, a number of workers succumbed to COVID-19 in the line of duty when accumulation again brought fatal misery to them and their families. The Social Justice Coalition, in analysing the City of Cape Town's 2019/2020 Budget, points out the choice made to provide temporary facilities rather than investing in long-term infrastructure.

Mayor Dan Plato is reported to announce R589 million under the guise of the upgrading of informal settlements, which in essence shows undignified temporary toilets wherein R235 million thereof is for temporary sanitation facilities; R220 million to service providers for the renting, servicing and maintenance of potable non-flushing chemical toilets, which we call *Mshengu*; R50 million of this to supply and deliver potable flush toilet units, called porta-potty. The report further shares with us how the daily janitorial services have been de-funded and services temporarily halted since the 2017/2018 financial year, from an annual budget of R73 million down by 80% by the following year and reasons provided being delays in vaccination of janitorial staff as a health requirement.

Janitorial services ensured that the communal flush toilets across informal settlements are kept clean. It is said on average 600 to 700 cases of diarrhoea in children under five are reported each week in the City of Cape Town. This picture draws clearly on the misery of the market economy and its social system and the misery that even a five-year-old child is not spared. As if it is not enough, these children and their families were found wanting by the unannounced visit of COVID-19 under these conditions and this issue is still being considered by those like us who hold power over their lives. What have we done and what has been our response? Have we used the COVID-19 to go back and correct these atrocities? With the window of budget reprioritisation for COVID-19 demands, the pandemic tests, our hygiene and safety standard, so did we, with the MEC of Finance, move to do all in our power to get the janitorial services resumed with speed in the City of Cape Town?

When the Health Department under the able leadership of the MEC of Health and its machinery tested some individuals residing in these areas, and sent them home to isolate in those conditions, using the same *mshengus* and porta-potty that have not been serviced, were we not aware or flatly in denial and opted to finger-pointing, we declared this known misery with a new term: hotspot.

Is it hotspots due to COVID or the underlying condition we choose to deny? History repeated itself first as tragedy and secondly as a farce. We must then help each other to make a radical shift away from niceties but take the leap of faith to confront and deal with the human cost in accumulation, fashioned by the economic choices of our time. We must be true to those that are human shields and suffer the misery of the carnage of this social system. Ours is to deal and confront inequality right in our shores. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, governments around the world are having the same debate: we are not alone. All countries face this dilemma and in particular poorer ones where poverty can be as big a killer as the virus. It is estimated that South Africa's lockdown could cause 29 times more deaths in the long run than the virus itself.

Professor Paul Romer, Nobel Economics prize winner, in an interview last month on the Coronavirus and developing nations, wisely said that "each society should have a conversation about which way to go to ease the pain" and this, hon Speaker, is why this debate is so important. Saving lives and livelihoods are not mutually exclusive. We can and we must save both. Poverty and mortality are related, so by allowing poverty to spiral out of control we will not contribute to saving lives.

South African economist, Mike Schüssler, and health expert from the University of Stellenbosch, Dr Kerrin Begg, argue in a similar way that we are arguing today, that "lives and the economy are actually inseparable."

Hon Speaker, a simple binary of health versus of the economy is over-simplifying a complex issue and ignores the fact that both the pandemic and the lockdown affect the most vulnerable in our society.

Mauricio Cárdenas, former Finance Minister of Columbia, was quoted just two weeks ago saying that there are ways to save lives and improve the economy at the same time. He said this of a country that is substantially similar to ours, one that battles poverty, unemployment and inequality in a population roughly the same size as ours. Cárdenas said it could be done if it is controlled and with protocols in place.

The Western Cape is doing both these things, controls and protocols through the hotspot approach, all aimed at protecting citizens from the virus. This notion that we are trying to implement herd immunity must be rejected as ill informed.

Last week the Opposition seemed to impress us with their newly learnt phrase "herd-immunity." Healthline tells us that this can happen in two ways. The first is when many people contract the disease and build an immune response, or second, when many people are vaccinated against a disease to achieve immunity. Given that there is no vaccine for COVID-19, we can only assume they were referring to the former.

We are not aiming for many to contract the Coronavirus, quite the opposite. We are aiming to prevent people from contracting it. Other protocols such as contact tracing are also in place to identify and isolate those who have the disease. Since the end of May the Western Cape has traced an estimated 63 000 contacts which is almost four times what the Opposition is claiming it to be, but what really needs to be addressed is the elephant in the room – testing capacity.

In the space of one week the test backlog for the Western Cape at the National Health Laboratory Service has ballooned from 18 000 to 27 000 and result turnaround times are getting slower and slower.

We were showed in March that the NHLS had adequate testing capacity and equipment to meet demand and in April we were assured by the NHLS that “the NHLS has also secured supplies to maintain the 15 000 testing capacity over the next three months and further, if required,” on daily tests. Yet, the ten-day average for testing in the public sector has been sitting at about 10 200 tests only – two thirds of declared capacity.

This failure of being able to process tests means that this Government has had to take the extraordinary and very difficult decision to strategically limit testing to ensure early detection for those with the highest risk of dying and ensure greater protection for our healthcare workers on the frontline who are saving lives. In conclusion, hon Speaker, Columbian economist and news reporter, Luis Carlos Velez said a few days ago:

“It is easiest to lock everyone up and stand in the corner and say, ‘I told you so’, when inevitably the numbers increase.”

True leadership finds a balance between our economic reality and saving lives. The one is determination and the other is opportunism. Thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, this is a very, very important debate today, and, as a person, I have more questions than answers because I want to ask, what is the right thing to do and not be politically correct, because we get reports on the increase of infections in the Western Cape and also nationally and deaths too, and there is a rise of anxiety when it comes to the country and also globally and also in the Western Cape. The health of our family members and friends and loved ones are crucial and it is non-negotiable, but when we see the impact of the pandemic on human lives and how severe it is and when loved ones are succumbed by this pandemic, like a friend of mine witnessed yesterday, the entire family plummets into grief. So, hon Speaker, lives do matter but on the other hand this pandemic has a real impact on the livelihood of our people. A proud father who is unable to provide for his family because he has a barber shop, is unacceptable. People are losing their jobs, so the question today is, and it is a terrible question to ask: Do we look at livelihood or do we look at sacrificing lockdowns and sacrifice the lives of many? Hon Speaker, to avoid permanent destruction of livelihoods we need to prepare to deal with this virus and to shorten the strain on the economy, but hon Speaker, as I said, there are many, many questions.

If we continue with the prolonged lockdown, how many companies will be bankrupted and can the supply of essential goods and services be maintained? Two things are certain: if we do not deal with the virus effectively many people will die, but if we do not stop, if we stop the virus at all costs and lockdown goes on... [Inaudible – speaking simultaneously].

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. Your time is up, sir.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I will conclude now. Our economy will be damaged severely and beyond recovery and livelihoods would be lost. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. Hon members, we understand the technological space that we operate in, but when the Presiding Officer informs you that the time is up, that means that your time has expired.

In the event where you perpetually address the House despite the warning, I would be very much uncomfortable to get to a point of muting the microphone, but if you do not help the Presiding Officer, that will be the sanction as I indicated from the beginning of the sitting, but it would not be necessary because you will help me. [Laughter.]

I now recognise the Minister of Finance, hon Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker.

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic will have a devastating impact on lives and livelihoods across South Africa. Some people think that we have to choose as other hon members have said, choose between saving lives and saving livelihoods, but of course this is a false choice because we have to save lives and we have to save livelihoods in South Africa, which is why my Department has been working hard to support business not only to open the economy, but to open the economy responsibly and safely so that we can save livelihoods in the Western Cape.

We have set up a COVID-19 Content Centre with our partners at Wesgro and the City of Cape Town to provide support and advice for business during the crisis. We have launched the COVID-19 Support Finder, which helps businesses navigate and access the many financial relief packages that are available during this crisis, and we have launched a smartphone app for entrepreneurs which is a fantastic resource for businesses who need information about how to start a business, scale up a business or grow a business and of course we have launched the weekly Go Digital Western Cape Webinar Series and the Tech Volunteer Programme, which bring leading experts in the digital technology to present ideas and advice to small businesses on how they can adapt and innovate during the crisis. Of course our Red Tape Reduction Unit, which is well established, has played a critical role in assisting businesses to understand the risk adjusted regulations and the additional red tape which they have created.

Over 73 000 visitors have used our support business website. Over 2 300 queries have been dealt with by the COVID Content Centre and over 6600 businesses have used the COVID-19 Support Finder and finally, over 1000 queries have been dealt with by the Red Tape Reduction Unit. But that is not all. We have also worked hard to ensure that all employers and employees implement and adhere to critical safety measures to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the workplace, and we have made a number of valuable resources available for employers and for employees returning to work which can of course be found on the Western Cape Government's website.

We have made available health guidelines and information materials on preventing and managing COVID-19 infections in the workplace and we have assisted businesses to find personal protective equipment, suppliers through our PPE marketplace. We have provided employees with frequently asked questions, that advised them on how to stay safe in the workplace and what their employer needs to do to ensure their safety, and of course we have provided employees and indeed customers with a mechanism to report businesses that are not following the necessary health guidelines to stop the spread of the virus in the workplace.

Hon Speaker, with the national economy expected to contract by at least 7% and with an estimated 1,8 million job losses, economic recovery of course is imperative if we are going to save lives and if we are going to save livelihoods in South Africa, but we have to confront the fact that the so called V-shaped recovery, a sharp rise following a steep decline in economic growth, is unlikely in South Africa.

Hon Speaker, we have Exhibit A, the ANC's document entitled "Economic Reconstruction", which is a remarkable document because it proposes new mad ideas on top of existing mad ideas on the economic recovery in South Africa. We have the normal mad ideas, a tax on the Central Bank, establishing a State Bank and establishing a State Pharmaceutical Company on top of new mad ideas including raiding private pension funds in South Africa. We are told that the State, which cannot run an airline and which cannot pay unemployment insurance because of what is referred to in the document, and wait for it, as subjective weaknesses in cadreship, must provide higher levels of guidance on economic development in South Africa and that is to say nothing of National Government, who now seems determined to rescue our national airline from business rescue, which will cost a further R21 billion in bailouts.

The fact is that the pandemic, hon Speaker, has surfaced some of the worst tendencies in National Government, with the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel, micromanaging the micro-economy, issuing directives on what you can and what you cannot buy at clothing stores in a way that would have made State planning officials envious in East Germany. They could only dream of issuing decrees to instruct clothing stores to sell shorts-sleeve T-shirts, provided of course that they are promoted and displayed as undergarments for warmth.

We will therefore have to ensure that we take a different path to economic recovery by creating an enabling environment for the private sector and for the markets rather than for the State to drive economic growth and create jobs in the Western Cape, and we will have to all pull together and we will have to work together over the coming days and over the coming months to save lives and to save livelihoods in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the COVID-19 situation continues to be grim in the Western Cape, with 29 deaths out of 37 reported in the country yesterday. Out of the 37 525 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country, 24 657 came from the Western Cape, with 597 deaths out of the 792 nationally.

Hon Speaker, this should be blamed on complacency, carelessness and gross negligence on the part of a Government, which seems to put the needs to open the economy above saving lives.

Due to sloppy containment and civilian strategies, the Western Cape is in a worse position to control the disease as it is now battling widespread community transmissions mainly effecting densely populated Cape Flats and rural communities.

Hon Speaker, there are international examples to prove the effectiveness of strict lockdown measures, in controlling the spread of the virus. Countries like New Zealand have recorded zero new cases while China has been reporting zero digit transmissions for months.

In South Africa, too, the nationwide lockdown showed glimpses of hope as it slowed the rate of infection. It was only in the Western Cape that we continuously witnessed a rapid rise. What worked best for these countries is that, together with the strict lockdown measures, they also mounted an extensive testing-and-contact-tracing operation.

The Western Cape was an antithesis of this. It failed to contain the spread and was very poor in tracing contacts. For an example, data from National Government showed that out of the 7 798 confirmed cases in the province in mid-May, only 7 614 contacts had been traced. This means that as at 15 May the province was tracing less than one close contact of a COVID-19 positive case. Contact tracing, isolation and quarantining positive cases are instrumental in the containment of COVID-19.

In the Western Cape confirmed cases from densely populated working-class communities were forced to quarantine in their homes, which they share on average with four other family members. The Government's complacency and gross negligence have led to hospital outbreaks. Over 1 000 health workers have tested positive. Health workers have been complaining that their facility management refuses to isolate and quarantine them, even after their colleagues test positive.

Hon Speaker, this negligence is also evident in the Provincial Government's decision to defy National Government orders to not open schools this week. Schools are slowly becoming the new hotspots with a number of positive teachers that are reporting for duty, as well as those that have passed on. The reckless decision by the WCED to open schools when it is clearly not ready to do so and thereby placing the lives of many teachers and learners at risk, should be condemned with the contempt it deserves.

Hon Speaker, the best way to describe the Provincial Government's handling of the COVID-19 outbreak is shambolic and chaotic. I get shocked sometimes when certain leaders of society decide to shower the Government with presents.

The issue highlighted above seems to be part of a carefully grafted strategy to pursue herd-immunity in the province.

The aim was to expose as many people as possible to the virus so we can reach our peak and lift and end lockdown and reopen the economy. The interest has always been the economic overlies.

The recently introduced new criteria of COVID-19 testing in the Metro indicates that the Government is stopping the testing and contact-tracing component of the Communities Surveillance Programme and moving towards self-reporting of symptoms. It will result in widespread undetected community transmissions. The end result of this will be the misrepresentation of COVID cases in the province and a false sense of security as the number of reported cases will drop drastically.

Many carriers will be the affected high-risk population, including TB, HIV patients, due to not knowing their status and not being told to isolate. As the ANC we are passionately opposed to this strategy and we would like to call on the Premier and the MEC to reconsider it. As the country moves to Level 3 and now opening up the economy we need to remind our people that we are not opening up people's social rights. People should continue to observe social distancing.

†Mense moet weet hierdie DA stel wins bo arm mense se lewens. Daarom moet hulle hul gedrag verander om hulself veilig te hou, want die *Western Cape Government* gee nie 'n flenter om vir hul mense nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[People should know this DA puts profit above poor people's lives. Therefore they should change their behaviour to keep themselves safe, because the Western Cape Government does not care a hoot about their people.] I thank you, hon Speaker.

†'n AGB LID: 'n Flenter.

[An HON MEMBER: A hoot.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. Hon Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the House to the fact that we are in the midst of Child Protection Week, and yet sadly, children are being gunned down as we speak, and I am asking us to all take care of our children, not just during Child Protection Week, but every day.

Coming back to the topic of sustainable livelihoods, I am going to talk to a forgotten approach during COVID-19, hon Speaker. The United Nations in 2013 published a document called "Livelihoods and Economic Recovery in Crisis Situations". This guide provides a neat summary of the impact of a crisis or disaster on people's livelihoods.

Hon Speaker, the guide states that:

"An immediate impact of a crisis is the destruction of livelihoods and local economies, poverty, hunger, frustration and idleness, which in turn contribute to the greater social and economic insecurity and rights violations."

The COVID-19 pandemic and the hard lockdown, which has recently been eased, has caused a humanitarian crisis, and violated the rights of millions of South Africans in the process. This has been confirmed by the spate of judgments handed down recently.

Hon Speaker, we urgently require, in unprecedented times such as these, interventions and strategies that are intended to bring people together, yet observing the social distance, and reduce vulnerability. Such interventions must contain safeguards against the risk of creating further social divisions or exacerbating the conflict. To that end the Western Cape Government stepped up to the plate and created the necessary whole of government and whole of society approach to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank civil society, faith-based organisations, donors, individuals, municipalities, public reps, MPL's, everyone who has given a hand in some small way to contribute to keeping a family going, whether it was with a cash donation or with a plate of food.

Since President Ramaphosa announced on 23 March 2020 that lockdown in South Africa would continue, we have in this province provided over 130,000 food parcels – that is to at least four or five people for a month – to people from every corner of this province.

With the ongoing support of various entities, including NGO's and municipalities, we are currently feeding roughly 200,000 people per day from kitchen feeding schemes, and well over 1 million meals have been provided to children across the Western Cape through the Emergency School Feeding Programme.

However, hon Speaker, there are a few concerns that I must touch on. These concerns are directly linked to the many livelihoods being completely decimated by indecisiveness and incoherent decision-making at a national level, and it could not be evidenced more than in the family space, where you could not buy clothes, warm winter clothes; you could not buy underwear; children now in ECD at Level 3 need to stay at home, but their parents have to go to work. It is completely bizarre.

So for the first part of the lockdown, the ECD sector was left completely in the cold by National Government, and the hon member Nkondlo touched on the *Daily Maverick* article which was published on the 28th, and that very eloquently sums up the situation we find ourselves in.

Hon Speaker, on 18 March 2020, all ECD-centred playgroups and day mothers were instructed to stop operating by National Government. Many ECD operators are non-profit organisations and micro-social enterprises, and are mostly run by caring mothers and grandmothers, aunties providing a service in poor communities with limited cashflows. These women often earn below the minimum wage.

Hon Speaker, at this point our ECD sector has had no easy access to any of the economic relief packages offered by the National Government, and more than half of them might not be able to reopen once National DSD gives the green light for childcare to commence.

This raises serious questions about child safety and focuses attention on the enormous role ECD's play not only in families' lives, but in our country's economy and its prospects for social development.

The Centre for Early Childhood Development started a petition demanding that Government announces dates for the reopening of ECD's. According to this petition, around 2,3 million children attend around approximately 32,000 ECD's across the country and are cared for by about 100,000 ECD workers. The sector ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please wrap up.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Speaker. The sector, according to the petition, contributes R10 billion to the South African economy annually.

My request today, and I stand in complete agreement with Grace Matlhape, Chief Executive of Smart Start, an early leaning social franchise, let us reopen our ECD's responsibly in Level 3, yet get everyone back to work. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Man shall live and work by the sweat of his brow, not social dependency and ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon member Marais, is not ... [Interjection.]

Mr P J MARAIS: ... government handouts. That is what my Bible says.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P J MARAIS: While I agree that the right to life is non- [Inaudible.], that right is subject to availability of food, shelter, jobs, housing, health services, and none of these are available to everybody equally in this country.

If members of Parliament had to rely on UIF payments, then this debate would have taken a totally different course.

You cannot destroy the economic cycle of a country and hope to preserve the cycle of life. Economics is the railroad on which the political train runs. Remove that railroad and the train will crash.

The Sakeliga judgment ruling, that the regulations are unconstitutional and irrational, begs the question: What remedial action do we seek and expect from Government?

The Latin maxim *ubi ius ibi remedium* reads:

“Where there is a right, there is a remedy.”

South African, being a member of NEPAD, must choose which economic policies will help us achieve our aims of eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable economic growth and development.

It cannot be financed by shutting businesses, reducing our tax base as a consequence, and leaving people unemployed. We cannot look and follow Africa, because Africa itself is looking for help elsewhere, and to ourselves. We must stand on our own feet and become self-reliant or become simply another failed African state. Open manufacturing and establish our economy if we want to preserve life.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Marais, will you please wrap up?

Mr P J MARAIS: I will obey you, my Speaker, and I wrap up. I say let us think with our heads and not with our hearts if we want to survive this era of COVID-19.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I think we need to note that key to this discussion is the understanding that we are not faced with a zero-sum game, in which we have to either preserve life or preserve livelihoods. This is a false dichotomy that has been perpetuated by the Opposition.

These two goals are not mutually exclusive. The Western Cape Education Department has clearly demonstrated that we can do both at the same time. First we must consider the impact that COVID-19 has had on our learners' immediate health and well-being. The hard lockdown had a devastating impact on many families with the loss of jobs and income, putting their access to sufficient food in danger. Hunger has become a widespread reality in our country as a result. The national agency tasked with responding to such crises, SASSA, closed its offices, leaving our residents without access to support, where learners who ordinarily rely on the National School Nutrition Programme during the school term, faced an indefinite period without the support when schools closed.

We agreed with Minister Motshekga that the NSNP funding needed to be preserved for term time when this was initially discussed, as the intention was that the lost teaching and learning days would be made up later in the year, and we would need that funding for then, but this closure was no ordinary school closure, no ordinary holiday. Large numbers of parents do not suddenly lose their jobs and income over school holidays, or have limited access to supplies, as was the case during lockdown.

As the lockdown persisted, so too did the need for support. The Western Cape Government made emergency funding for food relief available. We, as Education, received R18 million to run an emergency school feeding programme, using our infrastructure and knowledge to effectively deliver meals to as many of our learners registered on the NSNP, as possible.

Despite vehement opposition, this programme has run successfully and served 1,2 million meals to learners safely, thanks to the dedication of WCED officials, school staff and volunteers.

They implemented the detailed safety protocols that were sent to schools, including maintaining strict physical distancing and taking the meal directly home, rather than eating it at the school.

At the same time, we are also aware of the toll that this epidemic has taken on the futures of our learners. The Brookings Institution recently estimated that the loss of future income for United States school students from just four months of school closure, would be 2,5 trillion US dollars.

This is not a case of economy versus lives. We must recognise that losing out on their education has a direct impact on their future health, food security, safety and earning capacity.

Finding a way to keep learning going during the lockdown and beyond was thus a priority for the WCED. As soon as a lockdown period became likely, our e-Learning Team sprung into action, expanding the WCED e-Portal to add more content, and improve the server capacity as the number of users to the site increased. We have been working on having the site zero-rated, but this has proved a complex process, and we are now part of a joint effort to have education sites zero-rated.

We develop weekly lesson plans to provide guidance for home learning, to help provide direction for learning taking place at home. We also have a special focus on reading with tips for improving reading at home, and matric learners have their own section of matric resources.

We have also expanded our support for teachers learning to use digital platforms for teaching, including making a [Inaudible.] online course available. However, we are aware that not all learners have access to the internet. Schools have been finding innovative ways to address this also.

- At Westlake Primary, work packs were sent home with learners coming to school to collect take-away meals.
- A teacher at Hermanus High School assisted Qhayiya Secondary to get sponsors for data for 200 learners.
- Teachers at Klapmuts Primary School have used Facebook groups to support remote learning.
- At Groendal Secondary School, WhatsApp groups are being used to support learners.
- A teacher of [Inaudible.] High School even designed a special box that teachers can make at home to help them record videos to teach their learners.

But even with this amazing work being done by our schools, there are learners who are reliant on in-class teaching, and the longer schools are closed, the more they are disadvantaged.

It is for this reason that our WCED officials, principals, teachers and non-teaching staff, SGB's and parents, pulled out all the stops to make sure that we were ready to reopen schools for Grades 7 and 12 learners on 1 June 2020, the

date gazetted twice by the National Minister of Education for their return, after she was given the go-ahead by the National Cabinet for schools to reopen in a phased manner, and after approval by the National Corona Virus Command Council, the National Institute for Communicable Diseases and Paediatric Association, all agreeing with those decisions.

We have spent R280 million on PPE's and cleaning materials so far, before placing the secondary orders. This includes face masks, temperature scanners, hand sanitisers, bleach, liquid soap and disinfectant. We have issued detailed guidelines to schools on numerous aspects of safety and cleaning and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. All are available on the Back to School page of the WCED website.

We have said that no school may open for learners unless the required safety procedures are in place. We are thus committed to ensure the safety of all our staff and to the saving of lives. At the same time, we have to save livelihoods as well. It is imperative that for parents to go back to work and the economy to open, schools must open. Whilst protecting our children now, we must also ensure that their futures are not compromised. Obviously that also applies to our teachers and we have put in place measures to ensure their safety as well, and to respond to the hon member Windvogel, there was no defiance of any National Government instruction, to the point that the Human Rights Commission has even acknowledged that the *Gazette* is a lawful, legal document, and that we are in compliance with it.

We are the only province that actually was ready, other than Gauteng, and Gauteng unfortunately is completely captured by SADTU which is the only reason they did not open.

The SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer, if you will wrap up, please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thanks, hon Speaker. So we are completely committed to getting our children back to school as soon as possible, contrary to the unions who seem to want to keep on ensuring that they stay out of school, as long as possible. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Schäfer. Hon members, I now recognise hon the Chief Whip of the Official Opposition, hon member Lekker.

The CHIP WHIP (ANC): [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, are you winning?

The CHIP WHIP (ANC): [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. Hon members, I am unable to get hon member Lekker on the system. She seems to be having trouble there with the connection. I am going to give her a minute to see if I am able to get her in.

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, does it mean we extend the length of the debate, or take it off hon members' time?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Marais. That was not a point of order, but for information, we are now moving ahead with the debate. It is hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Just for the record, so is hon member Lekker still going to speak or not?

The SPEAKER: If she does not come back whilst we are still on this item, because remember this is the subject for discussion. If you are done speaking and she is not in the House, then she will not be able to speak anymore, because we will have concluded the debate, and therefore the answer is no, but if we are still busy with the debate and she comes back, we will give her the opportunity.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker, for the clarity. I see she is online, because once a sweeper sweeps, you sweep. You cannot have people speaking after a sweeper.

The SPEAKER: Let me see if hon member Lekker is back now. I just do not want to hold the House indefinitely. One does not want to do that. Hon member Lekker? She is here now, I can see, and the mic is on, it is not muted. Yes, hon member Lekker, thank you, welcome. Oh, she is on the phone.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: No, she is ...

The SPEAKER: Okay. Hon member Lekker, can I assist you? We can assist you from where you are if you are struggling, and one of the ways you can call the Presiding Officer to put you on the microphone, or call one of the members and then you will be on the microphone. We need to be as creative as possible. Hon member Lekker?

The CHIP WHIP (ANC): [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, there is a message on the chatroom:

“I can hear, I was on the phone with IT.”

Okay. No, it is fine. Are you able to join us, hon member Lekker?

The CHIP WHIP (ANC): [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. I think if I proceed now then that will mean she will not have the chance to participate, because I do not see her coming back into the House, but she is in the chatroom, hon members.

The CHIP WHIP (ANC): [Inaudible.] to your phone?

The SPEAKER: Yes, yes, we can hear you.

The CHIP WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I will just start by echoing the words of an English journalist, Suzanne Moore, when she said:

“We must stop the inane talk of saving lives; let us start saving the economy.”

And the public knows what really matters. Hon Speaker, she went further to say that even if patients are [Inaudible.] the fact remains that we fear death more than recession.

Our apex priority should be to save lives. A life lost is too high a cost. We cannot save the economy without saving lives. This is in line with the Health MEC when she was saying earlier to strengthen the economy, we need to strengthen health and [Inaudible.]

This I fully agree with. However, the reality is that in the province we have failed dismally to save the lives of the labour force. Many workers in retail and other clusters have fallen victim to COVID-19, with some paying the ultimate price of death. Even our frontline workers in health are not spared. Thousands of health workers have been infected, and some have died. Labour unions have put the blame squarely on negligence and complacency. We have been made aware of various cases where the workplace refused to close down and decontaminate after positive cases were found.

While the DA wants to hide these realities behind claims of better testing and tracing, there is no explanation for the high fatality rate in the Western Cape. The Western Cape has nearly two-thirds of the fatalities. All opportunities to save lives and to promote livelihood need to be explored. The vitriolic diatribe that was spewed by the MEC is laughable. He picks and chooses what he wants to put aside. While his Government only created a marketplace to preserve the economy of white elite, the National Government has been working around the clock to save livelihoods.

As the MEC of Economic Opportunities, he should have told us how, under his watch, many companies that were operating under Level 5 and lockdown, managed to in fact [Inaudible.] many workers, which [Inaudible.] in order for it.

While the MEC of Health was trying to explain the sector management protocol, the reality is that it did not help the province to halt the infection. While the DA Chief Whip rushes to defend her party's herd immunity agenda, the public sentiment shared by some of her party proved this point. One example is the statement of MEC Madikizela:

“The country's current ‘house arrest’ is not only causing a major economic crisis, it also puts lives at risk. Death will visit us all at some stage. We cannot stop living our lives.”

In closing, the court case that was mentioned here, which declared the national lockdown as unconstitutional. I highly doubt it would pass the scrutiny of a higher court. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lekker, the Chief Whip of the Opposition.

Hon members, I am sure we can all see there was a serious challenge that side, and it would have been very unfortunate not to have allowed hon member Lekker the opportunity to address the House. Thank you very much for your indulgence. I now recognise hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you for the hon members contributing to this debate. Can I just say, hon member Nkondlo, in the future when you quote Amilcar Cabral, please do it properly. It is not your quote, so you have to reference who you are quoting in the debate so everybody out there knows whose debate it is.

Minister Nomafrench, I wholeheartedly agree with your sentiments in terms of saving lives and preserving livelihoods.

Hon member Herron, if I can just add, I agree with part of what you are saying. However, as you know, Sweden did not put plans in place that the Western Cape Government has done. We are talking quarantine sites, mass screening sites ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... CTICC, etcetera. Chairperson?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mackenzie, will you please address the Speaker.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Okay, I am addressing you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Speaker. Via the Chairperson ... [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: On a point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: What is your point ... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: On a point of order, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, can you just correct, hon member Mackenzie. I never quoted Amilcar Cabral. He must go and read if he wants to posture here as some ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is not a point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is a point for debate.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. You know, there is one Speaker here. Hon member Nkondlo, that was not a point of order, it is a point for debate, but let us now look at another hand here. Hon member Bakubaku-Vos, I see you have your hand up. What was your point of order? Is that a point of order?

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: Or you have inadvertently pressed the - lifted your hand? I hope you made a mistake. Then we can proceed. Hon member Mackenzie ... [Interjections.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Sorry, hon Speaker.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. With regards to hon member Herron, I agree with you, you cannot resuscitate dead bodies, but you can also not resuscitate an economy with dead bodies, so you have to look at both sides of the fence.

I agree wholeheartedly with what hon member Wenger was saying, and similarly hon member Christians, and hon member David Maynier.

Hon member Windvogel, it is clear that – and I do not know where you got your information from - you are using outdated information via the Speaker. The Western Cape has tested more per 100,000 than any other province. The ANC-led Government, as you know, has dropped the ball on testing. The National Health Laboratory Service ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... has ballooned from 18,000 to 27,000 ... [Interjection.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Point of order, hon Speaker.

Mr R MACKENZIE: I do not know if that is done deliberately to stop ... [Interjection.] how fast the virus ... [Interjection.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Point of order, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mackenzie, will you please take your seat. I hear there is a voice, who is that, hon members?

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: It is hon member Bakubaku-Vos, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Oh, so your hand is now up, correct?

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Yes, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: What is ... [Interjection.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: But hon member Mackenzie is repeating what he has done to hon member Nombi. He is addressing hon member Windvogel now.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Bakubaku-Vos. I would like to address you, hon member Mackenzie, on the same point.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Apologies, hon Speaker, I will rephrase it.

The SPEAKER: Remember you are addressing the Speaker, so please do not ... [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: ... let me call your name again. Please proceed.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I will rephrase it, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, hon member Windvogel clearly uses outdated and old information.

The Western Cape has tested more per 100,000 people in South Africa, but the ANC National Government completely dropped the ball on testing. By the own admission of the National Government, the backlog from the Western Cape has gone from 18,000 and ballooned to 27,000. It is clear, hon Speaker, that hon member Windvogel has got no clue what is happening in New Zealand. How long does she want to be under lockdown? We already have the world's longest hard lockdown. A year, two years, three years? I do not know.

The problem is when people cut and paste from the internet, if you do not know how to cut, do not paste, because they cut headlines not reading the full story, and, hon Speaker, via you, the National Government †gee nie 'n flenter om [does not care a hoot] about the people in this country, which is exactly why we are in this situation that we are in today. †Hulle het die land kaal gesteel, [They have stolen the country blind] and the hon member, via you, hon Speaker, clearly did not listen what hon member Maynier said.

There is a document by the hon member's party on the table. They want to take her own pension money. She did not even mention it. The National ANC Government wants to take her pension money, †die laaste bietjie geld wat oor is, [the last bit of money that is left], to further make South Africans poor, and via you, hon ... [Interjections]

The SPEAKER: Please wrap up, hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... via you, hon Speaker. Saving lives without saving the economy is exactly the debate that the DA-led Western Cape Government has been saying all the time. You cannot have the one without the other. I thank you.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mackenzie. This, hon members, concludes the debate in the name of hon member Mackenzie, as he has just done so now, and we proceed to the next order.

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

MEMBERS STATEMENTS

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Weighing in at 27 unqualified and 13 clean audits, the Western Cape municipalities are the Mohammed Ali amongst the provinces in South Africa. Albert Einstein defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome. Whilst this is true for most of the other provinces, it certainly is not the case for the Western Cape as it has consistently got better and better in terms of the governance of its municipalities and councils.

The same cannot be said for the Opposition, as their flagship province – Gauteng – has continuously deteriorated and regressed in so far as clean and unqualified audits are concerned, with none whatsoever in the Free State.

The DA-led Western Cape Government has placed its citizens' needs above all else and in turn ensured that its municipalities operate to the highest and cleanest level at all times, in order to ensure that they are able to deliver basic services. We determine our success on the ability to deliver basic services to our people and not only chasing clean and unqualified audits. We also measure our success in terms of how we respond to issues and challenges we unexpectedly are confronted with, such as the case in the Witzenberg Municipality, where this municipality was identified as one of the largest COVID-19 hotspots in the province. A swiftly developed response plan was implemented to curb the spread.

Deputy Speaker, there is now an 80% recovery rate which is a clear indication that the DA-led Western Cape Government places the lives and dignity of our people above all else. Lastly, Deputy Speaker, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Minister Anton Bredell for his able and serving leadership. Similarly, to the HOD, Mr Paulse, for his team and amazing councillors for their commitment and hard work in delivering outstanding services to our people. Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. The DA's dominant shift to the right which I know even certain DA members in this House are not in support of, directs Provincial Government to sacrifice our teachers and children as it sends them to school as cannon fodder in the COVID-19 pandemic with too many schools that are not fully ready to face the biggest world health crisis of the century. Herd immunity directs the Democratic Alliance. Many poor children went to schools on Monday with no masks. Some were even given only two flimsy paper masks. Learner transport is not properly sorted out and not enough sanitiser was delivered. Trusted water supply is also absent or suspect. Some schools still do not even have properly treated and dedicated holding areas for people with fevers.

Hon Deputy Speaker, on 29 May 2020, the Khayelitsha Development Forum wrote to MEC Schäfer's Department to highlight some of these challenges in the Khayelitsha area alone. Therein they also highlighted the fact that five teachers had passed on of COVID-19. They also cited examples of Kuyasa Primary School, of Harry Gwala High School, where teachers have tested positive.

The MEC's Department had admitted to this, however school continued as normal on Monday without any proper measures being put in place, like with John Ramsey Secondary School in Bishop Lavis, where the Department failed to send out a team to disinfect the school and provided no sanitiser whatsoever. There are many such cases that we receive from our poor and working class communities.

Deputy Speaker, we cannot measure readiness with examples of the mainly former Model C schools in leafy suburbs, which this Provincial Government wishes to show the public. We cannot have a situation where the mainly privileged schools reopen, and the mainly poor schools are focused and are forced actually, to remain closed due to lack of readiness. We would be much better as a province to focus our energies on ensuring compliance with all health and safety guidelines at each school as opposed to steamrolling and playing petty politics. The COVID-19 context, Deputy Speaker, requires us to actually ensure that we amplify the inequalities in education and work towards a greater redress. I thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The EFF hereby condemns with disgust the decision of the Western Cape Minister of Education to continue opening schools in the province in defiance of the order of the National Minister of Education, Angie Motshekga, that provinces must wait for a week to assess the situation and implement safety measures for schools.

The reckless behaviour and attitude by the Western Cape MEC continue to place the lives of school children and teachers at risk without any reasonable and just cause whatsoever. Moreover, scholar transport for learners to school is not being operated optimally and efficiently. The fact that not all learners have returned to school now forces the majority of learners to use public transport with the general public, automatically increasing their risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

Furthermore, the Provincial Education Department has also not addressed the issue of teachers who have been infected with COVID-19 in 32 schools in the province. In addition, some feeding schemes in a number of public schools are not operational as yet, leaving a number of poor learners to starve. The EFF calls for sanity to prevail in the province and that those in the leadership of the DA-led Government in the Western Cape, within South Africa, must separate laws that can be chopped and changed at any time in the province and as well as in our country. Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

Ms D M BAARTMAN (DA): Estonia is considered "the most advanced digital society in the world" by Wyatt. 99% of their citizens have electronic ID. 99% of their state services are online. They were ranked the number 1 country in terms of start-up friendliness by Index Venture 2018; number 1 in terms of entrepreneurial activity by World Economic Forum 2018; number 1 in terms of Digital Health Index by Bertelsmann Foundation in 2019.

Deputy Speaker, Estonia's challenge was, how does one "build a fully functioning country from scratch while knowing that they cannot afford the bureaucracy of a developed democracy"?

Estonia gained independence in 1991, Deputy Speaker, the year I was born. So, how did they do this? In 1994 they earmarked 1% of their GDP to the IT sector. By 1996 they had launched their Tiger Leap initiative for country-wide IT infrastructure development and making computer skills a priority in schools. Estonia is essentially the same age as South Africa, but they have been prepared for a no-contact, virtual, borderless, block-chained and secure future for more than two decades. From e-Banking to e-Cabinet Meetings, 98% of Estonians file e-taxes and do so within 3 minutes, e-Voting, a health database with 99% of medical prescriptions being handled online, becoming the leading nation in cyber security, to exploring using AI for government solutions. Estonia showed us that you do not need to be rich to be a digital society.

The Western Cape has made available online business toolkits and a mobile app for entrepreneurs; has turned the CTICC into a paperless, digital hospital for the COVID-19 crisis, from a COVID-19 online health dashboard which promotes transparency to our Education Department making online learning material available. The WCPP has also followed the Estonia Parliament's example, becoming the second parliament in the world to go virtual and the first province to do so in South Africa. The time is now to leap past the Fourth Industrial Revolution and straight into the Fifth. We need to commit to fully embracing e-government and digital education. Ke nako [it is time.] Deputy Speaker, I thank you.

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Over the past few weeks, I have been raising my concerns about the Western Cape's rampant infection and death rate while two steps in the health protocols appear to be poorly implemented. While our testing ratio has been the highest in the country, our community screening performance and our contact tracing results have been extremely weak.

The national health protocol for containing the rapid spread of the Corona virus and to save lives, has been community screening, testing, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine. Data presented by the National Minister of Health has shown that our community screening numbers have been the lowest in the country, under-performing even the Northern Cape in real terms which has a fraction of our population.

That same data showed that at one stage we were tracing less than one contact per positive case. I am encouraged to see that the most recent data shows that our contact tracing is improving and if we have indeed ramped up to 63 000 contacts; this means we are now tracing about 3.5 contacts per positive case. This is still inadequate, but we are moving in the right direction.

However, this week I visited communities on the Cape Flats where community health care workers expressed frustration with our failure to offer those who test positive the opportunity to quarantine in a public facility. Over-crowded living conditions make it impossible to self-isolate and our Government should know that. Health care workers advise that people who have tested positive in densely populated communities are not isolating because they cannot. Some are wandering around and some are even going to work.

This Government must implement the full health protocol from start to finish and the failure to offer those who cannot self-isolate the option to do so in a public facility is not acceptable. We will not contain this Corona virus and save lives if we are careless about the ability of every person to isolate for quarantine. Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The ACDP is very concerned about the trauma cases in some hospitals that doubled overnight since the Level 3 Lockdown was instituted. The lifting of the alcohol ban on Monday was greeted with jubilation but also with great concern. Arrive Alive noted several incidents involving the arrest of drunk drivers and road accidents. The CEO of the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital reported that the number of trauma cases has effectively doubled overnight. The majority of patients were drunk. They also saw patients with stab wounds, gunshot wounds and general assault injuries.

Deputy Speaker, in the Knysna Provincial Hospital most of the incidents that were reported at the hospital and the load case that was doubled were of alcohol-related individuals. The abuse of alcohol is still a killer on our roads and a killer in our communities. Deputy Speaker, this is alarming and very concerning to the ACDP and we cannot condone the irresponsible behaviour of individuals placing others at risk. I thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER (ANC): The Western Cape is a dangerous place for people trapped in informal settlements. More than 200 people annually die in informal settlement fires. The Cape Town Metro is parading as very progressive and the so-called world's best run municipality. This so-called "beacon of light to darkest Africa" is also a risky place to stay, as at least 100 people die a horrible death every year in consuming informal settlement fires. This does not include the hundreds of children and other people that die off-site of serious wounds or in hospital from secondary infections. There is also no indication how many people and their children are mutilated, how many are scarred for life or their hands burnt, rendering them as people that have to live with disabilities.

The DA in 2006 and 2009 made promises to the high heavens to change this and beef up the fire and rescue services to be more efficient. There is to date still no specific desk tasked with this phenomenon in the province, nor in the fire services, nor in planning to make sure changes are effected to prevent this annual predictable disaster in poor communities.

Reasons why these structures burn so badly, or even that information pamphlets are distributed, are no excuse. Perhaps there is no political will to change this terrible fate of the poorest. The Koeberg nuclear plant, the oil refinery or industrial and business areas all get priority treatment, proving the fact that this DA Government does not care for the poor. Black lives do not matter. They are on their own. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Ms L J BOTHA (DA): Deputy Speaker, in this province 98% of schools were ready to reopen their doors in line with Government-gazetted Regulation 43381. At those schools we commend the school management and Provincial Department of Education for the provision of safety protocols, social distancing measures and good hygiene practices.

On 1 June 2020, many Grade 7 and 12 learners and parents prepared to return and start orientation for the new normal after one term of contact time had already been lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With much regret, our national peers were not quite as ready. Minister Angie Motshekga, during her postponed media briefing, or what can be better described as an eleventh-hour national apology, announced that it was already decided to postpone the reopening late on Saturday evening. This meant that the National Government failed to take the nation into confidence on Sunday as scheduled.

The ANC-led Government once again confused the entire nation with its unclear and inconsistent policy directives. To reiterate recent court rulings, “irrational and illogical”. As much as the primary objective is to ensure the safety and health of every learner, it is of paramount importance that schools are reopened without further delay by the National Department of Basic Education. The Education Committee will continue to monitor the readiness and the reinforcement of safety protocols at public schools and availability of PPE in the province to promote the continuation of quality education in the Western Cape. Both safety and education remain fundamental to future livelihoods and lives of learners in this province. Our Western Cape learners ought not to suffer because of the incompetent efforts of other ANC-governed provinces and the Cabinet in Pretoria. I thank you.

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. As Child Protection Week kicked off this week, we are reminded of how the protection and welfare of children are a collective responsibility in any society. The fight against child neglect, abuse and hunger requires a whole-of-society approach in order to put a stop to violence that is being witnessed by children in vulnerable communities.

The DA Government in the Western Cape has gone beyond its core mandate to ensure that children in this province receive the necessary support that will enable them to make the most of the opportunities in life. While we acknowledge that more will always be needed and more needs to be done, the Provincial Department of Social Development continues to provide critical services and programmes for children who are in need in these vulnerable situations.

Children and families ought to be empowered through not only financial means, but through programmes that seek to address their psychological and emotional challenges as well and thus need to have a place of importance in our society. In addition, the Western Cape is the only province in the country, and indeed in Sub-Saharan Africa, to have appointed a dedicated Commissioner for Children.

The National Department of Social Development has exposed their own ineptitude and incompetence yet again by attempting to enforce regulations that are draconian in communities during this lockdown and this has had a direct negative impact on our children. We are grateful that our justice system is working overtime, where courts have ruled that Lockdown Levels 3 and 4 of the regulations are invalid and unconstitutional. If that is not enough, let us not forget how the Basic Education Minister, Angie Motshekga, demanded that nutritional programmes at schools be halted during the lockdown.

Once her party's administration in Gauteng resumed the same feeding scheme, she backtracked.

Why does the ANC place its political interests above those of the people? We must continue to ask this. This is another example of how the Western Cape Government has had to intervene to prevent National Government from placing children further at risk. When we say, "Let us work together", we mean less talk and more action. This is precisely what our Government has demonstrated. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time is up. Thank you, hon members. In terms of Rule 145.6 I now give an opportunity to a Minister to present for not more than 5 minutes. Is there a Minister that would like to respond? No? I am assuming not. That brings us to the end of Members' Statements.

LOCKDOWN: POLICE AND ARMY BRUTALITY

(Notice of Motion)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the police and army brutality experienced during the lockdown. I thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the police and army brutality experienced during the lockdown

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: IMPACT ON ECD'S AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIVELIHOODS

(Notice of Motion)

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House, at its next sitting, debates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and regulations relevant to the WCED and ECD's on social and economic livelihoods in the province. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the regulations relevant to the WCED and ECD on social and economic livelihoods in the province.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: IMPACT ON PERSONAL CARE SERVICES INDUSTRY

(Notice of Motion)

Ms D BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and regulations on personal care services industry, with an emphasis on hairdressers, barbers and salons; the majority of these individuals are self-employed entrepreneurs, many of whom are sole breadwinners for their families. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms D BAARTMAN: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the regulations on the personal care services industry, with the emphasis on hairdressers, barbers and salons; and notes that most of these individuals are self-employed entrepreneurs and the sole bread winners of their families.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

INEQUALITY BETWEEN POOR AND WEALTHY SCHOOLS

(Notice of Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the continued huge inequality between poor schools in former marginalised areas like townships and those wealthy schools in the leafy areas within the shadow of Table Mountain, mostly former Model C schools.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the continued huge inequality between poor schools in former marginalised areas, like townships, and rich schools in leafy area, mostly former model C schools.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN HOTSPOTS

(Notice of Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the socio-economic conditions in the areas declared as COVID-19 hotspots and the impact of such conditions in exacerbating the spread of the Corona virus. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the socio-economic conditions in the areas declared as COVID-19 hotspots and how these conditions exacerbate the spread of the virus.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

CHILDREN: DA ENDANGERING LIVES

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House, at its next sitting, discusses the DA endangering the lives of children in the Western Cape. I so move, Speaker.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M KAMA: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses how the DA is endangering the lives of children in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

COVID-19: POLITICAL ABUSE BY DA OFFICE BEARERS

(Notice of Motion)

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses political abuse by DA office bearers and leaders who use public schools to advance themselves at openings, feeding schemes and now with the Corona virus pandemic, while blocking other parties from performing oversight visits. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses political abuse by DA office-bearers and leaders who use public schools to advance themselves at openings, feeding schemes and now with the coronavirus pandemic, while blocking other parties' oversight visits.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

**COVID-19: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
WEARING DA COLOURS ON FACE MASKS**

(Notice of Motion)

Ms A BANS: Mr Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses why the Western Cape Provincial Government sports COVID-19 face masks openly in the main DA colours. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

Ms A BANS: Mr Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses why the Western Cape Provincial Government sports COVID-19 face masks openly in the main DA colours.

[Notice of motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Notice taken.

GEORGE FLOYD: MURDER

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the brutal murder of George Floyd in the United States of America that led to the recalibration of the #BlackLivesMatter movement during the current week; I further move that this House recognises with great concern police brutality right here in the Western Cape and in South Africa as well, citing the passing of Collins Khosa due to alleged heavy-handedness of national safety officials in our country. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen. Hon members, is there any objection to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, Speaker. There is an objection to the second part of police brutality in the Western Cape.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Sayed. The objection is noted, and the motion will be recorded in the Order Paper.

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the brutal murder of George Floyd in the United States of America that led to the recalibration of the #blacklivesmatter movement during the current week; further recognises with grave concern police brutality at home with the passing away of Collins Khosa due to the alleged heavy-handedness of national safety officials in our country.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

COVID-19: CONTRIBUTIONS BY COMMUNITIES

(Motion)

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House would like to thank everyone for their contribution in helping the most vulnerable during this time. We especially want to thank those who have opened their homes to the poorest and to the vulnerable in their communities. We have seen many soup kitchens, feeding schemes and other types of donations especially in poor communities like Bonteheuwel, Athlone, Mitchells Plain and Manenberg. Hon Speaker, on behalf of the ACDP we want to thank all those who are making a meaningful contribution in this time. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House thanks everyone for their contribution in helping vulnerable people during this time, especially those who opened their households for the poorest and the most vulnerable in their communities; notes that we have seen a lot of soup kitchens, feeding schemes and other types of donations, especially in Bonteheuwel, Athlone, Mitchells Plain and Manenberg; and thanks all those who contributed.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LATE DR ROELOF BOTHA

(Motion of condolence)

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with great sadness the murder of Dr Roelof Botha in Tulbagh on Monday, 1 June 2020. Hon Speaker, that this House extends our sincere condolences to the family, patients and loved ones of Dr Roelof Botha and that the House notes with concern the senseless attacks on citizens in South Africa. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Botha family during this time. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with great sadness the murder of Dr Roelof Botha in Tulbagh on Monday 1 June 2020; extends our sincere condolences to the family, patients and loved ones of Dr Botha and assures them that our thoughts are prayers are with the Botha family during this time; and notes with concern the senseless attacks on citizens in South Africa.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: PRINCIPAL OF SETTLERS HIGH SCHOOL

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the principal of Settlers High School in Bellville, Mrs Shireen Gallie, has tested positive for COVID-19 and that we wish her a speedy recovery. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Mrs Shireen Gallie, Principal of The Settlers High School, the DA's flagship school in Bellville, has tested positive for COVID-19; and wishes her a speedy recovery

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

YOUTH MONTH

(Motion)

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that South Africa celebrates Youth Month this month, commemorating the Soweto uprising on 16 June 1976 when unarmed student protestors stood up against the apartheid government in defiance due to the enormity of the horrific quality and conditions of black education in South Africa; further notes that currently in South Africa statistics show that the majority of the youth choose not to participate in democratic systems such as elections; acknowledges that while much has been achieved in ensuring that every child has access to education, that many children and youth are still left behind and congratulates the Western Cape Education Department for having provided 1,2 million meals to learners through the emergency feeding scheme during the COVID-19 lockdown and for achieving close to 100% reopening of schools this week in order to continue the fight for the constitutional right to a basic education for all. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Baartman. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No objections. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Is there an objection?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I object to the second part, particularly on the Western Cape. [Laughs.]

The SPEAKER: There are objections.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I know, Speaker, we object.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Are you objecting to providing food?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Objecting to placing the safety of learners at risk.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order. The objection has been noted and the motion will be recorded on the Order Paper.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that South Africa celebrates Youth Month this month in commemoration of the Soweto uprising on 16 June 1976 when unarmed learner protesters stood up against the apartheid government in defiance due to the horrific quality and conditions of black education in South Africa; further notes that statistics currently in South Africa show that the majority of young people choose not to participate in democratic systems, such as elections; acknowledges that, while much has been achieved in ensuring that every child has access to education, many children and young people are still left behind; and congratulates the Western Cape Education Department for having provided 1,2 million meals to learners through its Emergency Feeding Scheme during the COVID-19 lockdown and for achieving close to a 100% reopening of schools this week in order to continue the fight for the constitutional right to basic education for all.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY: RESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS

(Motion)

Mr D SMITH: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the begrudged resignation of a number of Knysna Municipality officials, including the municipal manager, Ms Michelle Gratz; and further notes that she previously resigned from a similar position, aggrieved by the DA-run Mossel Bay Municipality. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Smith. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, we object.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Objection is noted, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Mr D SMITH: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the begrudged resignation of a number of Knysna municipal officials, including Michelle Gratz, Municipal Manager; and further notes that she previously resigned aggrieved from a similar position at the DA-run Mossel Bay.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

WORLD PRIDE MONTH

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House observes the month of June as World Pride Month. The DA-led Western Cape continues to be a proud supporter of the LGBTQI+ community and the promotion of equality for all; further that this House notes that the Stonewall riots in New York City in 1969 as part of civil society's protest regarding police brutality, a major concern which we still face today. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House observes the month of June as World Pride Month; notes that the DA-led Western Cape continues to be a proud supporter of the LGBTQI+ community and promotes equality for all; and further notes that the Stonewall riots in New York City in 1969 was part of civil society's protests against police brutality – a major concern that we still face today.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

MANENBERG: GANG VIOLENCE

(Motion)

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House wishes all victims of gang violence well and sympathises with those that died and also notes that a Manenberg boy, Taufiq Johnson was earlier this week severely wounded when 18 shots were fired on the wooden Wendy House where he stayed, and also a boy of 2-years old, Zhario Johnson and his father of 32 died last night in a Bonteheuwel shooting; calls on all law enforcement agencies to strengthen their resolve to arrest those terrorising our communities. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M KAMA: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House wishes all the victims of gang violence well and commiserates with those who died; and notes that a Manenberg boy, Taufiq Johnson (7), was severely wounded earlier this week when 18 shots were fired on the wooden Wendy house where he stayed and that another boy, Zhario Johnson (2), and his father (32) died last night in a shooting in Bonteheuwel.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

WORLD FOSTER DAY

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the importance of World Foster Day which was observed on 31 May 2020; that this House further notes the importance of safe living conditions and a healthy family environment and that it notes the impact that this has on the development of children. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the importance of World Foster Day, which was observed on 31 May 2020; and further notes the importance of safe living conditions and healthy family environments and the impact that these have the development of our children.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: NOMZAMO PRIMARY SCHOOL - DECONTAMINATION

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends the Strand community activists, led by Xolani Diniso, for placing pressure on the Western Cape Education Department to close Nomzamo Primary School and have it deep-cleaned and decontaminated today after the Department initially refused to close the school for decontamination and deep-cleaning after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. I so move, Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: The objection is noted, and the motion will be printed in the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends the Strand Community Activists, led by Xolani Diniso, for placing pressure on the Western Cape Education Department to close the Nomzamo Primary School and to have it deep cleaned and decontaminated today after the Department initially refused to close the school for decontamination and deep cleaning after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

COVID-19: REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

(Motion)

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Western Cape Education Department for their readiness to reopen schools as required and in line with gazetted regulations on 1 June 2020. Hon Speaker, further that this House thanks all educational staff for their efforts in preparation for the new normal at schools, to promote the safety, health and futures of our learners. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: We object.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Object!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Botha.

An HON MEMBER: Obvious!

The SPEAKER: The objections have been noted ... *[Interjection.]*

Ms L J BOTHA: Not surprised. Not surprised.

The SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon members. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Ms L J BOTHA: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Western Cape Education Department for its readiness to reopen schools as required and in line with the gazetted regulations of 1 June 2020; and thanks all educational staff for their efforts in preparation for the "new normal" at schools, especially in promoting the safety, health, and futures of our learners.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

**COVID-19: CLUSTER TRANSMISSIONS
IN THE RETAIL AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR**

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and calls for an investigation into the circumstances behind the cluster transmissions of COVID-19 as observed in retail and agri-sector in the Western Cape; notes further the bad and unhygienic state of the informal markets in the townships and small rural towns that exposes the informal traders and their customers to health and safety risks which could increase chances of COVID-19 spread and calls for an urgent intervention by the relevant authorities to address the matter. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Nkondlo. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Object. We already have a hotspot approach.

Ms N D NKONDLO: No. So you object in protection of ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Order.

An HON MEMBER: No, for it being moved without notice.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: You cannot have committees of committees of committees ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members. Order, hon Baartman and order, hon Nkondlo. Order.

†Me N D NKONDLO: Ekskuus.

[Ms N D NKONDLO: Sorry.]

The SPEAKER: The objection hon members, has been recorded and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and calls for an investigation into the circumstances behind the cluster transmissions of COVID-19 as observed in the retail and agri sectors in the Western Cape; further notes that the bad and unhygienic state of informal markets in townships and small, rural towns exposes informal traders and their customers to health and safety risks, which could increase the chances of the spread of COVID-19; and calls for an urgent intervention by the relevant authorities to address the matter.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS: COURT FINDING

(Motion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the recent findings of the High Court in Pretoria; noting specifically that the lockdown regulations gazetted by the National Government for Levels 3 and 4 were found to be invalid and unconstitutional. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Object!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mackenzie.

An HON MEMBER: Object to what?

The SPEAKER: I know there was an objection ... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Object!

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: We know those ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Mackenzie, please ...

Ms P Z LEKKER: I do not have to explain myself to you!

The SPEAKER: ...observe the protocols in the House and the decorum that we need to maintain. You delivered a motion. Hon members, the objection has been noted. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the recent findings of the High Court in Pretoria that the lockdown regulations gazetted by the national government for level 3 and level 4 were found to be invalid and unconstitutional.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

GRAND PARADE: INFORMAL TRADERS

(Motion)

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you. I move without notice:

That the House notes the stand-off between the City of Cape Town and the Informal Traders Association operating at the Grand Parade where the Municipality is refusing to provide permits and enable trade to resume in the area; notes further and condemns the serious double standards of a party in the Government which on the one hand calls for the opening of the economy, while on the other hand denies small enterprises their economic right to trade using rigidity in the applications of the regulations. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Nkondlo. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: The objection is noted, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the standoff between the City of Cape Town and informal traders association operating at the Grand Parade, where the municipality is refusing to provide permits to enable trade to resume in the area; further notes and condemns the serious double standards of a party in the government that, on the one hand, calls for the opening of the economy while, on the other, denies small enterprises their economic right to trade by rigidly applying regulations.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

COVID-19: WITZENBERG MUNICIPAL AREA – SUCCESSES

(Motion)

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates those at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19 in the Witzenberg municipal area on their successes in not only flattening the curve, but even lowering the infection rate of COVID-19 cases; this ongoing success demonstrates that the Western Cape's strategy is effective when different entities, departments, businesses and communities work together and combine their efforts in a whole-of-government approach. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Van der Westhuizen. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Objection.

The SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates those at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19 in the Witzenberg municipal area on their successes in not only flattening the curve, but also lowering the infection rate of COVID-19 cases; and notes that this ongoing success demonstrates that the Western Cape's strategy – when different entities, departments, businesses and communities work together and combine their efforts in a whole-of-government approach – is effective.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

JOE SLOVO: EVICTIONS

(Motion)

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes a protest erupted on Monday when the heartless DA-run City of Cape Town destroyed informal structures and evicted people from Joe Slovo in Milnerton. The timing was unfortunate as it was one of the coldest times of the year to be thrown onto the streets. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marran. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Objections noted. Thank you, hon members, the motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that a protest erupted on Monday when the heartless DA-run City of Cape Town destroyed informal structures and evicted people from Joe Slovo in Milnerton; and notes that the timing was unfortunate as it was one of the coldest times of this year for people to be thrown into the streets.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

CTICC FIELD HOSPITAL: NURSES

(Motion)

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the 200 nurses currently undergoing training to work at the CTICC Field Hospital; that the House further notes that these nurses are heroes who help capacitate our healthcare system in the province as we fight the COVID-19 pandemic; finally, that the House extends its sincere gratitude to nurses for taking up the critical cause. I so move, Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the 200 nurses currently undergoing training to work at the CTICC field hospital; further notes that these nurses are heroes who help capacitate our healthcare system in the province as we fight the COVID-19 pandemic; and extends sincere gratitude to the nurses for taking up this critical cause.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: SHORTAGE OF SANITATION AND PROTECTIVE GEAR

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes it is reported that at least R23 million was spent by the Western Cape Provincial Government on the safety of people during the COVID-19 pandemic and that WCED had run short of sub-standard sanitation and protective gear delivered and further calls for a proper investigation and report to this House on the findings. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Objection. Someone else wrote that for him.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. The objection is noted ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He did not understand what he wrote.

The SPEAKER: ... and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that it was reported that at least R23 million was spent by the WCED on the safety of people during the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes that the WCED had short or substandard sanitation and protective gear delivered; and calls for a proper investigation and a report on the findings to this House.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

DR MOSADI MAHOKO

(Motion)

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the remarkable achievement of Dr Mosadi Mahoko, a registrar in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Tygerberg Hospital; Hon Speaker, I ask that we as the Western Cape Provincial Parliament congratulate Dr Mosadi Mahoko as she is the first female black South African plastic surgeon to qualify from Stellenbosch University and in the Western Cape. She recently won the Jack Penn Medal for the best result in South Africa for the 2019 Final Plastic Surgery Examination; we thank her for her service, and we wish her well on this magnificent achievement. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the remarkable achievement of Dr Mosadi Mahoko, a registrar in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Tygerberg Hospital; congratulates her on being the first black woman South African plastic surgeon to qualify from the Stellenbosch University and in the Western Cape, and for recently winning the Jack Penn Medal for the best result in South Africa for the 2019 final plastic surgery examinations – a magnificent achievement; and thanks her for her service.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: DONATION FROM MTN FOUNDATION

(Motion)

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I hereby move without notice:

That the House notes that the Western Cape Regional Operations received a generous donation on behalf of the Western Cape Government from the MTN Foundation, consisting of 1 833 food parcels for food relief during the COVID-19 crisis; as well as 30 tablet devices with 30 x 1GB data bundles and prepaid SIM cards to the Western Cape Department of Health for use by persons in critical care in hospital in order to phone their loved ones; thanks MTN for their generous donation, their contribution as an example of all the great work being done by the private sector during the COVID-19 lockdown to assist Government; congratulates the Western Cape Provincial Government for their sterling work of including the private sector in their whole-of-society approach; and calls for continuous, greater involvement of the private sector with Government as we together battle one of the greatest challenges of our lifetime. Thank you. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Western Cape Regional Operations received a generous donation on behalf of the Western Cape Government from the MTN Foundation consisting of 1 833 food parcels for food relief during the COVID-19 crisis and 30 tablet devices with 30 x 1 GB data bundles and prepaid SIM cards for the Western Cape Department of Health for use by persons in critical care in hospitals in order to telephone their loved ones; thanks MTN for its generous donation and recognises its contribution as an example of all the great work being done by the private sector during the COVID-19 lockdown to assist the government in responding to this global pandemic; congratulates the Western Cape provincial government for its sterling work in including the private sector in its “whole-of-society” approach to the COVID-19 crisis; and calls for continuous greater involvement of the private sector with the government as we battle one of the greatest challenges of our lifetime together.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS

(Motion)

Ms A BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commends all religious leaders across faith and denomination lines who decided life is of higher value and suspended worship until the COVID-19 pandemic settles down; even though the National Government relaxed restrictions on gatherings to a maximum of 50 people. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms A BANS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends all religious leaders across faith and denomination lines who decided that life is of higher value and suspended worship until the COVID-19 pandemic settled down, even though the national government relaxed restrictions to allow gatherings of a maximum of 50 people.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIERES: TEMPORARY HOSPITAL

(Motion)

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the completed 60-bed temporary hospital in Khayelitsha built by Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) at the City of Cape Town's Thusong Centre, which can now provide further care to positive COVID-19 patients. I so move, Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the completed 60-bed temporary hospital in Khayelitsha, built by Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) at the City of Cape Town's Thusong Centre, that can now provide further care to COVID-19 positive patients.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

LANGEBERG COUNCILLOR: NICKLAAS BEGINSEL

(Motion)

Mr D SMITH: Thank you Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes Langeberg DA ward councillor, Nicklaas Beginsel of Ashton, is still in his position despite being sentenced in court to 4 years in prison on 12 counts of fraud in February and further calls on the hon Local Government MEC, Anton Bredell, to investigate and report to this House why Beginsel has not been removed from office. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Smith. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Objection is noted, hon members. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Mr D SMITH: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Nicklaas Beginsel of Ashton, a Langeberg DA ward councillor, is still in his position despite being sentenced in February by a court to four years in prison on 12 counts of fraud; and calls on Anton Bredell, the honourable Minister of Local Government, to investigate and report to this House why Beginsel has not been removed.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

**COVID-19: DONATION OF MASKS
AND PROTECTION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS**

(Motion)

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with gratitude the donation of 20 000 masks from the Condere Group to traffic and safety officers here in the Western Cape; that this House further notes the support by Minister Albert Fritz and the Department of Community Safety for the protection of frontline workers who continue to serve communities during this time of national crisis. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with gratitude the donation of 20 000 masks from the Condere Group to traffic and safety officers in the Western Cape; and further notes the support of Minister Albert Fritz and the Department of Community Safety for the protection of front-line workers who continue to serve communities during this time of national crisis.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

**COVID-19: DEVASTATION AT
PANORAMA PALMS RETIREMENT RESORT**

(Motion)

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes another old age home suffers due to the COVID-19 devastation and that the Panorama Palms retirement resort in Cape Town has 41 residents of whom two died, and 34 staff members that tested positive; and that this House bids them a speedy recovery and offers our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that another old-age home suffers due to the COVID-19 devastation: the Panorama Palms retirement resort in Cape Town has 41 residents (of whom two have died) and 34 staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19; and bids them a speedy recovery and offers condolences for the families and friends of the deceased.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

COVID-19: REOPENING OF SCHOOLS, READINESS

(Motion)

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Speaker. I move with pride and without notice:

That the House gives thanks and notes that:

- Portland High School, Principal Mr Williams,
- Oval North, Acting Principal Mr Jacobs,
- Lentegour High School, Principal Mr Cupido,
- AZ Berman Primary School, Principal Stofberg,
- West End Primary School, Principal Mr Clive Arries

all went beyond their call of duty to get their schools ready for school opening and commends all other schools in Mitchells Plain that undertook to ensure they were ready to receive their learners safely. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House gives thanks and notes that Mr Achmat Williams (Principal of the Portland High School), Mr Nazeem Jacobs (Principal of the Oval North High School), Mr Cupido (Principal of the Lentegeur High School), Mr Mervin Stoffberg (Principal of the AZ Berman Primary School) and Mr Clive Arries (Principal of the West End Primary School) went beyond their call of duty to get their schools ready for opening; and notes and commends all other schools in Mitchells Plain that undertook to ensure they were ready to receive learners safely.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

DA: FUNDING FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS

(Motion)

Mr D SMITH: Thank you, Speaker. I also move with pride and without notice:

That the House notes the DA is running out of money fast and will soon dump many party workers and implores all to keep a watchful eye on where the DA will take money from the public [Interjection.] purse to fund its elaborate spending ahead of the coming elections. [Interjections.] Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr D SMITH: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the DA is running out of money fast and will soon dump many party workers; and implores all to keep a watchful eye on where the DA will take money from the public purse to fund its elaborate spending ahead of the coming elections.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): We are not the ANC.

An HON MEMBER: Object!

The SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are worse! You are worse than the ANC!

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order! This is the House of Parliament. You must please exercise some restraint ... [Interjections.] so that we do not allow our House to degenerate into chaos.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Point of order, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. Order.

Mr D SMITH: Hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: We are dealing with the motion first. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: No objection.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Object!

An HON MEMBER: Object with pride!

The SPEAKER: The objection is noted, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. [Interjections.] I now recognise the hon Bakubaku-Vos. [Interjections.]

Mr D SMITH: Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Is that hon Kama?

Mr D SMITH: Hon Smith.

Mr M KAMA: Hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Is that a point of order? I have got the hand of hon Kama. Let me just tell you who else wants to talk to us here. Hon Kama and then I will recognise the other hon member after that. Let us hear you, hon Kama. What is your point of order?

Mr M KAMA: Hon Speaker, I wanted to raise a point of order that you please alert members to refrain from interjecting when a member is speaking. It is against the directive you had given as a Speaker and we have adopted that, because we cannot really hear the rest of the point that is made in the motion when members are interjecting while the motion is being moved. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Kama. You have just assisted the Speaker and I am very happy that you reminded hon members of this important directive. I would like to reiterate, hon members, let us please exercise some restraint in order to safeguard this space and ensure that we are able to function as this Parliament with the necessary decorum and I hope that hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr D SMITH: It was one member, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I beg your pardon, hon member.

Mr D SMITH: I was saying it was one member, Speaker. It was the hon Mackenzie.

The SPEAKER: I did not ask that the member addresses me without having raised a hand. So ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Point of order, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: It is fine, hon member, but I am requesting that let us proceed and just continue as you have been doing – you have been doing very well, and let us proceed in that spirit. Now, I recognise hon Bakubaku-Vos.

Mr D SMITH: Hon Speaker, can I raise a point of order?

The SPEAKER: The point of order is sustained. Who is the hon member?

Mr D SMITH: Hon Smith speaking.

The SPEAKER: You may address me, hon Smith.

Mr D SMITH: No-no, Speaker, based on what hon Kama has raised and also the ruling on the point of order, may I now please get the opportunity to clearly read my motion without notice so that the House can clearly hear my motion? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: No, we have gone past that. I have even dealt with the motion until the last moment in terms of the Rules. So the motion was delivered. What he was raising was a point of order to recognise this for future motions and we will make sure that it does not become the routine here on this platform.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you, hon Speaker.

LATE KWANELE “KWAITO” GUGUSHE

(Motion of condolence)

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commiserates with the family, friends and comrades of the late Kwanele “Kwaito” Gugushe of Stellenbosch who served the ANC and his community at high level. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the house commiserates with the family, friends and comrades of the late Kwanele (Kwaito) Mills Gugushe of Swellendam who served the ANC and his community at the highest level.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

**COVID-19: SAFETY OF LEARNERS
AND TEACHERS USING BUS TRANSPORT**

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Western Cape Education Department is in denial of its vicarious liability for the safety of learners and teachers using the bus transport contracted by the WCED during the COVID-19 pandemic and that it still squabbles with service providers to bully them to supply, from their pockets, PPE and sanitation while taking learners to school and home; and calls on the WCED to cease hostilities and assist the poor learners to travel safely. I so move Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. I now wish to put to the House ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: ...the motion. Are there any objections?

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Absolutely an objection.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. The objection has been noted to the motion and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the WCED is in denial of its vicarious liability for the safety of learners who are using the bus transport contracted by the WCED during the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes that it still squabbles with service providers to bully them into supplying PPE and sanitation from their pockets while taking learners to school and back home; and calls on the WCED to cease hostilities and to assist poor learners to travel safely.

[Motion as printed on Order Paper.]

Objection recorded.

COVID-19: COMMUNITY-BASED NGO'S, FOOD DONATIONS

(Motion)

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with a deep sense of gratitude the generous donations of food to people affected by the COVID-19 lockdown in Hout Bay, Woodstock and the Bo-Kaap within the Cape Town Central and Atlantic Seaboard constituency by hardworking community-based NGO's: the Sharing Hope Foundation, the Nedebe Foundation, Tshepagalang Holdings and the Southern Suburbs Legal Advice Centre. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with gratitude the generous donations of food to people affected by the COVID-19 lockdown in Hout Bay, Woodstock and the Bo-Kaap, in the Cape Town's central and Atlantic seaboard constituency, by the following hard-working, community-based NGOs: the Sharing Hope Foundation, the Nedebe Foundation, Tshepagalang Holdings and the Southern Suburbs Legal Advice Centre.

[Motion as printed in Minutes.]

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No objections. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I do not have another motion.

The SPEAKER: Oh, you have no other motion. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I have got no other motions.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr G BOSMAN: Nobody has written it for him, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon Bosman.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): The hon Bosman must actually share the full motions on Facebook if he ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Sayed [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): ... wants to attack fellow members.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): This is not Wikipedia where you can change ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I know you miss each other very much because you cannot see each other's faces in person, but do not worry. We will come to that. We will get there.

Hon members, thank you very much. You have been very, very honourable and I must congratulate all of you. This is now our sixth House sitting that you have been enjoying. This is the best record that I think we can record and some of the members have recorded this and thank you very much for your cooperation and participation and in advancing democracy. This now concludes the motions and the House is now adjourned. Thank you very much. Have a great evening. Thank you. †Siyabonga. [Thank you.]

The House adjourned at 18:45.

ANNOUNCEMENTS TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Petition referred to the Petitions Committee

Submission of a petition from Mr Barry Vincent Jacobs from the Gourikwa Khoisan dynasty in Tergniet, Great Brak River, Mossel Bay.

**INTERPELLATIONS,
QUESTIONS AND REPLIES**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY*Ban on the transport of wine: level 5 lockdown***1. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

With regard to the ban on the transport of wine for export under the Level 5 lockdown regulations:

(a) What is the expected loss in foreign revenue that wine producers in the Western Cape will suffer due to these regulations and (b) what was the content of the letter that he received from the national Minister in response to his appeal for these regulations to be reviewed?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Good afternoon, hon Speaker. Thank you for this opportunity and thank you for the question from hon member Van der Westhuizen. The reply is as follows:

1. The total number, value of South Africa's wine exports amounted to R9,57 billion in 2019. This is roughly equal to R184 million per week. The implication is that the direct loss in export value is R920 million. It is almost 10% of annual exports over the five weeks that wine could not be exported from South Africa. However, the immediate cost is not the biggest loss to the economy. Approximately 50% of the wine harvest is annually exported and 95,9% of South African wines are in the Western Cape Province. For this reason, it is not strange that wine is the third biggest export product of the Western Cape economy and contributes to 6.5% to the value of exports from the province.

However, although important for the province, in particular for the rural economy, it is a very small player in the global field. The South African wine industry is also the twelfth biggest exporter of wine and has got the market share of 1,8%. It follows that any interruption of supply by the local industry could very easily be made good by wine from a range of other countries such as Australia, Argentina, Chile, and the United States of America. Obviously, we want to protect our local market here in South Africa and particularly here in the Western Cape. Due to the fact that competition for shelf space in retail outlets of export markets is very fierce, one of the key requirements to secure shelf space is the nature and the quality of service provided. As South African wine exporters were not able to honour their agreements, the risk is very high that local wine exporters will be branded as not being reliable.

It is important to remember that shelf space or market share will be very difficult to recover once it is lost. It is calculated that a 5% decrease in market share will lead to a direct loss in export earnings of R478 million per year over the longer term as well as the destruction of 15 000 jobs, a loss which the South African economy can ill afford at this stage.

At this stage it is too soon to provide a clear indication of the real size of the market share loss. Also, hon Speaker, the second part of the question, I did write three letters on wine-related matters to the National Minister on the following dates: on 26 March this year, requesting that critical work in wine cellars could be exempted from the lockdown in order to allow the harvest of wine grapes to be completed during the 2020-season. I wrote again to the national Minister on 3 April, supporting the wine industry in its attempts to get exemption from the lockdown in order to allow the export of wine.

Also, the third letter that I wrote was on 17 April, hon Speaker, requesting the assistance of the national Minister to allow the transport of wine to ports in order for wine to be exported.

Other than the acknowledgement of receipt, no letters responding directly to the matters raised were received by my office. However, we believe that our submissions made a difference due to the fact that the regulations were amended as follows:

Regulation 419 was published in the Government Gazette 43168 of 26 March 2020 allowing harvesting and storage activities essential to prevent the wastage of primary agricultural goods.

Secondly, Regulation 453 was published in the Government Gazette 43211 of 7 April 2020 allowing the export and transport of wine. It is unfortunate, hon Speaker, that this regulation was subsequently rescinded by Regulation 456 as published in Government Gazette number 43232 of 16 April.

Lastly, hon Speaker, Regulation 480 was published in the Government Gazette 43258 of 29 April, allowing the export of agricultural products, including wine as well as the transportation of all agricultural products to ports, that is land, air and sea, and it was for this purpose to export.

We believe that our submissions and also the submissions of my colleague, the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities, who also wrote to colleagues in the National Department of DTI, together with Wesgro, and I am confident that all of our letters had an impact on this.

The wine industry, hon Deputy Speaker, is a very significant industry in the Western Cape. 98% of all the wine cellars here in South Africa are based in the Western Cape and we need to protect this very special important sector of the economy and we are now taking the fight up to also see that we can have E-commerce and online wine cellars for the local market but that is the next chapter, but we will certainly engage with the National Department in this regard. I thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to the Minister. Minister, you have just informed this House that the National Minister did not respond to any of your letters.

What signal did the Minister send out by her lack of response and would it be correct to deduct that the job losses in the Western Cape agricultural sector as well as the substantial loss in foreign currency caused by this silly ban on transport that had nothing to do with the spread of the virus, is of no importance to the National Government?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you hon Speaker and thank you for the follow-up question. Well it is certain, the Premier has indicated through our Cabinet that we must work through the cooperative structures, engage with the National Command Centre, engage with the various MECs and certainly work within the framework of cooperative governance, and I will continue to do so. Later this evening at six o'clock we will have an Agricultural Minmec discussion and for us it is important that we continue on behalf of the citizens of the Western Cape Government on behalf of the economy of the Western Cape that we do everything possible, despite all of these particular challenges and sometimes politics coming into the play. It is my job as the Minister of Agriculture to do my utmost best to see that we protect this sector of the economy. Here agriculture is about 10% of the GDP of this province, 17% of the labour force, and I will certainly continue, despite the complexities and difficulties that we have, given the great challenges and the volatility, the uncertainty, even the ambiguity that we experienced in this situation, together with my Cabinet colleagues and the Premier leading this situation, do our utmost best to protect the economy despite the challenges. Even when the Premier started his term of office he introduced the concept of resilience, meaning that whatever obstacles we receive, even letters not being answered, we will continue to push the boundaries for the benefit of the people as we have been elected to serve the citizens of the Western Cape and certainly I do this as well as all my colleagues in the Cabinet. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, thanks, good afternoon and good afternoon to everyone else in this sitting. Hon Speaker, hon member Van der Westhuizen raised questions in a manner as if he knows how to raise those people who have died, from the death.

Hon Speaker, one question quickly to the Minister, because the question only refers to the regulations. Does the Minister think or believe that if there is indeed a case, a loss of foreign revenue, it is attributed to only the regulations or also – especially the European markets who have closed their ports of entry like your airports, seaports and so forth? Is it attributed only to the regulations if there is a loss, or is it a mixture of issues, which includes foreign countries that have closed their ports of entry? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to hon member Marran. I think firstly we must understand that this loss on revenue for the fiscus will be massive in South Africa. Certainly, the chop and change of the regulations has a huge impact. Firstly, wine was allowed to be exported, and then suddenly a regulation was then published to say you can no longer export wine. Now during that period of time we must understand that when the first regulations were allowed to export, people had already some of their consignments on the way to the harbour or already at the harbour and so this has posed a particular risk, because now you sit with a stock in the harbour that cannot be exported due to the sudden change of the regulations.

Well, I think hon member Marran is absolutely correct. I think the massive loss of revenue was on both sides.

Firstly, I think it was partly due to the irrational and illogical change of the regulation. It made absolutely no sense to prevent the export of wines because the regulations that were published initially allowed for agricultural production. It allowed for agricultural exports, particularly our wines, and so the sudden change, there was no reason, no logic, and so what we have also seen globally as a result of COVID-19 it is actually correct, we have seen that certain of the major global ports have been closed and we know those particular ports, particularly the Hamburg port, the port in Rotterdam – one of the biggest ports in the world, as well as the ports in Asia were closed for imports on their side. But certainly we want to protect our market share, particularly our shelf space because once people order wine and you are unable to deliver on your commitment, certainly people are not going to wait when South Africa – through our regulatory framework – gets our act together; they look somewhere else, particularly Australian wine, they look even at California, also a wine producing region, as well as in South America. We know those particular markets, Burgundy in France and many other regions in France, so it is important that we protect it. But in short, the loss of revenue will be massive, it has both to do with our irrational regulations, as well as a result of COVID-19 the international community having protected their borders and closed also some of their ports, so that is my answer, hon Speaker. Thank you for that.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I listened with great interest to the Minister's responses and I could not help, but I have a slight giggle here. The Minister said the regulations make no sense. We want to protect our market share. We know our markets.

Minister, can you tell me, does your party support the federal solution so that you can have all those powers so that these nonsensical regulations will not be applicable to the Western Cape, where you can decide for yourself what to export and what not to export? You cannot have it both ways. You cannot agree to a unitary system and then complain if you do not have federal powers. Now how are we going to resolve this issue?

Can you tell me what is your party's policy with regard to the devolution of powers to provinces so that they can decide for themselves what to export and what they cannot export, whether it is Level 5 or whether it is Level 3? Do you want those powers or are we forever going to hear moaning and groaning but you stick to the present system? I would just like to hear your views on that.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Speaker, this is a very important question in the geopolitical landscape of South Africa. The centre of this question is, what does our Constitution allow us to do and what is my party's position in this particular regard? The Constitution is very clear in terms of Schedule 4 of the Constitution. My party believes in constitutional democracy, expending the powers of the Constitution within the framework of the Constitution. So, Schedule 4 makes it absolutely clear, where is the concurrent powers between the National Government and the Provincial Government. What we have done over the last ten years in this province is to expand the

powers to the extent that it is within the concurrent powers, therefore we have, on numerous concurrent powers, adopted the strategy to push the boundaries through legislative reform and therefore we have seen for example that even in the previous term our Minister of Education has pushed for some education reform in the Western Cape through legislative reform. That is part of pushing the boundaries of legislative reform. So we have done that in particular regard to push the boundaries for, because Schedule 4 tells us the National Government must develop the broader framework and within that framework the Province must exercise their policy and legislative opportunities, and certainly we have done so.

Schedule 5 of the Constitution is even more dramatic. Hon member Marais, as you know, it speaks directly to exclusive provincial legislative competence and if you look at that space, hon member Marais, you will see that my party the Democratic Alliance is the only party that has really over the last ten years and even when you were the Premier, have expanded the basis of Schedule 5 legislative reform, by having all of those things as laws in the Western Cape that allow for that. Issues like for example the Western Cape Cultural Commission, the Western Cape Heritage Commission, the Western Cape Language Committee, there are many similar institutions, even Wesgro, all of these public entities with a good-standing record. So hon member Marais, my party believes in constitutional democracy. We believe in expanding the powers of provinces and we have done so over the last ten years and even before that and I think we have been very successful.

The second part of your question, hon member Marais, is does my party believe in getting things done at the lowest level? Well, you would be pleased that my party has approached and adopted an approach that is called the whole issue of subsidiarity. Subsidiarity means let things happen at the lowest level where the local knowledge dictates and the local solutions to be found in that particular regard and that is why we even went, when there was an attempt to centralise the food distribution, to the Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights Commission has ruled in our favour that they are not in favour of the centralisation of food. We believe in the principle of subsidiarity that churches, the organisations in the communities, can do a better job than having to centralise this at a national level.

So, to conclude, hon Speaker, to the direct answer of hon member Marais, we believe in constitutional democracy, expanding the powers of provinces and we believe in the principle of subsidiarity, let things happen at the lowest level where you can get a much better return on the service delivery than having to have it centralised. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P J MARAIS: I thank the Minister for that very broad response. I know about subsidiarity and subsidiarity merely means federalism. There is no other word, or a canton system or a federal system, so we are on the same page, it seems. That is a big jump for the DA and I must say I am not unhappy, because that is the Freedom Front's policy. Thank you.

*COVID-19 infections: Witzenberg municipal area***2. Mr A P Van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

To what extent can the recent spike of infections of COVID-19 in the Witzenberg municipal area (a) be attributed to farming or related activities and (b) affect primary or secondary agriculture production in that area?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to answer the second question from hon member Van der Westhuizen. The reply is as follows:

2. Yes, there is no doubt that a number of workers have been affected by the infections. However, it is impossible to determine whether the spike is directly attributed to farming or related activities as no scientific analysis has been done within agriculture to determine the root cause of the spikes. What compounds the issue is the fact that the correctional facility in the area had also seen a spike in infections. It should further be noted that agriculture is deemed an essential service and therefore critical to ensure a sustained food supply for the country and its citizens.

Similar to other essential services being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic the agricultural sector and/or specific geographical district area within the agricultural domain cannot therefore be singled out as a contributing factor for the spread of the virus as no industry or social class is immune to this pandemic. Notwithstanding the aforementioned all cases of COVID-19 that the Department was made aware of, were reported to the Departments of Employment and Labour, as well as the Department of Health, in order to ensure that all required protocols are adhered to.

Hon Speaker, the agricultural sector and the agro-processing sector are required to adhere to a number of regulations to ensure food safety and safe working conditions.

In addition to regulations, these are also private standards that the sector must comply with. These include ethical standards, that are implemented by, amongst others, the horticultural sector, comprising fruit and wine industries and since the outbreak of COVID-19 the Sustainable Initiative of South Africa, also known as SISA, has also developed guidelines to assist companies in managing their processes in order to comply with the five golden rules of the pandemic. The ultimate aim is to prioritise the safety of employees so that production is not disrupted. The guide is further complemented by the prevention and management of COVID-19 in the workplace, which is Circular H70 dated 6 May, which was recently released by the Department of Health, and it is an extensive list of how to prevent and manage COVID-19 in the workplace. We have also set that particular protocol with the agricultural sector and certainly it is well received in that particular sector. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to the hon Minister of Agriculture, as the Minister has stated, farming has fortunately and quite correctly been deemed as an essential service and we are grateful to all in the agricultural sector for keeping us food-secure in these days, despite the dangers of this epidemic.

My question is, what has your Department done to support and protect our agri-workers during this lockdown period “from the death”, as hon member Marran has stated it.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to hon member Van der Westhuizen. Well, the Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape has done a number of initiatives. The first one was to develop frequently asked questions to assist the agricultural sector during the lockdown period. Because of these numerous guidelines it was important to us to indicate to the sector how they need to deal with COVID-19, so we have published on the Western Cape Department of Agriculture website the frequently asked questions, and we regularly update it as new information becomes available.

Secondly, hon Speaker, we have issued PPEs or the masks, and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture has issued 100 000 face masks to our farmers and farmworkers to protect our workers in the agricultural sector. In addition, hon Speaker, hand sanitisers, we have also received a donation of an alcohol-based sanitizer and we have made it also available to the sector and we want to put on record here our deep thanks and appreciation to Distell, and I want to thank the Premier for also alerting me to Distell which I have subsequently post our conversation visited, and we have also handed out some of these sanitisers in the region of Witzenberg specifically.

In addition to that, hon Speaker, we have developed protocols, we have either developed it ourselves or assisted the sector with the development of health-and-safety protocols for the agricultural sector and the most recent circular 870 dated 6 May on the “Prevention and Management of COVID-19 in the Workplace” from our Western Cape Department of Health, is an outstanding circular which we have also shared with the agricultural sector and there is also a specific chapter dealing with “Fighting COVID-19 in the Agricultural Sector.”

In addition, hon Speaker, with the hygiene measures to follow at the workplace, we have also advised the industry on these particular protocols and recently we have also done some spot checks at the agricultural places to see that these regulations are being implemented and adhered to in the workplace.

Lastly, hon Speaker, we also have, as you know, our extension officers. We have asked them to also shift some of their work responsibilities to also assist the Department of Health, the Department of Labour, also to pay spot checks and visits to some of these farms and the rural communities in particular to make sure that we adhere in the sector in terms of COVID-19 regulations. So this is what we have done and in addition we have seen that both the African Farmers Association of South Africa (AFASA) as well as Agri Western Cape, have also made extra efforts and issued some protocols to protect the workers and the agri-industry in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, thanks. Hon Speaker, I just want to check with the Minister whether he is aware, because the question is whether agri-workers attributed to the number of cases and the spikes in the Witzenberg area, whether they are responsible, whether the Minister is aware that on 7 April 2020, 70 workers were sent home by CFG when the first worker showed symptoms.

Also, hon Speaker, I just wanted to check whether the Minister is aware that on 15 April after the first case in Witzenberg was registered at CFG on 15 April, when the Department of Health went in to screen, that 60 workers were sent home, hon Speaker, to self-isolate within their communities, people at Nduli, for instance.

Also, hon Speaker, the Minister raised the issue of correctional services. He raised it in response that it cannot only be agriculture when a number of people within correctional services have tested positive. Is he aware that the wife of one of those prison wardens is one of the workers that was tested positive at CFG, which might be the link between the number of prison wardens that have tested positive at correctional services Koue Bokkeveld, to be specific, and the female worker which is also the wife of the prison warden that has tested positive at CFG site? Thanks.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, I will try to answer the question very broadly. Firstly, in the context of Witzenberg currently as of yesterday we had in Witzenberg a total of 211 positive cases, but we must put this also in context that of those 174 have subsequently recovered, which leaves us with about 37 cases currently because eight have died. There are currently only 29 cases in Witzenberg that are active.

The question is from the agricultural sector, yes, I am fully aware of all of these incidences that hon member Marran has spoken about and the Department of Labour as well as the Department of Health have visited the institutions and I think we must also remember the protocol is very clear, when an incident happens at an institution or the workplace, when the Department of Health comes in they normally advise what needs to be done at that specific sector. If one person has been found to have tested positive they normally make a recommendation based on their own assessment and criteria in the space of the workplace, and if they make a recommendation that the workplace people must go for tests that is normally what happens. That does not mean that the people are positive. They will be properly screened and certainly that will be the case.

I think it is important if we want to make the causal link between what has happened at CFG and the link between the Correctional Services, I think this is something that I will rather leave to our medical practitioners to determine, that medical link in that regard. It is plausible. I do not want to dismiss it. This could be plausible, but I think that is something for our medical and healthcare professionals to advise us on that, based on evidence that they can trace.

I think we know that from the agricultural sector there were six cases in farms in the Western Cape in the Witzenberg area.

Two of those have recovered and three are currently receiving treatment. Sadly one has died and it is suspected that there are currently not more than 20 cases in the agricultural sector in Witzenberg affected by this, but once a case is reported, it is important that everybody gets screened and those who are in the high-risk category also go for testing and observe all the necessary health protocols and the five golden rules that we often speak about in terms of the COVID-19 regulations here in the Western Cape. Thank you, Chair.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, †Somlomo. [Speaker.] I just wanted to follow up and I am partly answered with the response that the Minister just gave that since the question is asking about the correlation between the spike in infections in the agricultural sector to the production processes itself, and to me he already indicated that at this point there was no study or research investigation actually done in this regard.

Now my question to him is, given that particular reality and the fact that in the absence of any scientific data, at this point it becomes reckless and irresponsible to say, to dispute that those particular cases of infections in that area may actually have a causality to the production system, taking note that work spaces itself, including workers that are working on the farms are part and parcel of the ecosystem of food production. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, and to hon member Nkondlo. I think the Premier is on record, this Government is on record that we believe in data-led evidence-base practice and certainly we will certainly be following up on these particular matters. It will certainly take some time to make the causal links and certainly when all the evidence and the research point in the various directions we will be very glad and happy to come back to this Chamber to report on those particular scientific reports, but for now I think we have seen some major changes in the workplaces, protocols that are being adhered to. We are concerned about the agricultural sector because it is a significant sector in the economy, but one of the trends that we have certainly seen and we have observed it as well during our recent visit with the Premier to Witzenberg area, is that the agricultural sector does a great job in terms of managing and preventing COVID-19 in the workplace.

During this week we also had a presentation by Commissioner Klaas from the Correctional Services, who did also indicate the issue of the prison in terms of the Warm Bokkeveld Prison, because as of yesterday there were 22 cases and obviously these are wardens that also live in the community and we are certainly, from the Witzenberg COVID-19 Response Plan, monitoring the situation very closely and certainly we are concerned firstly about human life. We are concerned about the impact that it will have on the agricultural sector and we have seen also in 2018 that we had about R43 billion agricultural value production in this province and certainly it will have an impact on the agricultural value production, the COVID-19, and I am happy once that research is done we will come back to the House and produce that report more on a scientific basis. Thank you, Chair.

Ms A P BANS: Hon Speaker, mine is simple and straightforward. Witzenberg is a hotspot, hon Speaker, there is no doubt about it and we also know that the agricultural sector plays a big role in that area.

What I would want to know from the Minister is that have you considered a special plan noting that with what we have already there that we are in crisis, that the Department itself should start taking upfront responsibility the same way we have done it with the export of wine using the same method now to the human lives? I thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker. I will be very brief. Thank you, hon member Bans, I think you are absolutely right, we must take a dedicated approach to save lives. That is the first prize of this Government and therefore this Western Cape Government has adopted a Witzenberg COVID-19 Integrated Response Plan, not only a response of the Health Department, but the whole-of-government approach, the whole-of-society approach, and therefore you are asking me what is this plan. Let me briefly indicate to you and also part of your question you indicate that this Department must take the lead. I am happy to report back to this House that the Western Cape Cabinet has mandated me as the MEC for Agriculture in this province to lead the Western Cape Health Response Plan in Witzenberg and this is what has subsequently happened.

Firstly, the Western Cape Cabinet has approved the plan near the end of April. The plan involves that the additional resources that must be allocated to Witzenberg and additional resources in terms of screening and testing has been done. Also, we are still looking to increase the further testing through a mobile testing facility. We still currently have some problems with the National Health Laboratory Systems, but the Premier has written to the President in this regard. We are also doing public sanitising of the roads in the Witzenberg area together with the Cape Winelands District Municipality.

I have recently also visited Nduli in Ceres to observe and inspect the sanitising of the public roads because this is for us very important. As I have indicated the plan also involve allocating 100 000 face masks. We have already allocated or distributed 35 000 face masks in the Witzenberg area alone.

Also, in terms of this plan we have isolation and quarantine sites in the Witzenberg area. We have also looked into Wolwekloof. We found it not to be a place to be conducive for the facilities that we have in mind and certainly we have, through Transport and Public Works, found also some facilities in the Tulbagh region.

We are also working with the Department of Labour and our District Health to implement inspections and enforcement in high-risk areas to ensure that the regulations are being implemented. Also, we have requested that we do some greater control over access routes in and out of Witzenberg. There are some 24-hour patrols in law enforcement. We have also requested through our law enforcement agencies, particularly the South African Police Services and the South African National Defence Force – we are still waiting for those. They have not yet been deployed in Witzenberg but we continue to work on that.

We have also, together with the Department of the Premier, Witzenberg Municipality and Cape Winelands, now developed a very comprehensive plan.

The hon member Bans will appreciate that we have also now asked one of the wardens that have tested positive and who has now recovered from COVID-19 that that person also take part in the communication campaign and that person has been on the radio stations, WRFM in Witzenberg, so that the message gets across because our Health Department is currently looking into behavioural change in this particular regard.

Also, we have developed some protocols. The protocol that we have also developed for Witzenberg in particular is the transportation of seasonal workers to other regions in the Western Cape and also in particular to neighbouring provinces.

In addition we have also implemented the transport protocols together with Minister Madikizela of Transport and Public Works, also working very closely with the Department of Labour and I am very thankful, hon Speaker, for the Minister of Local Government and Environmental Affairs, Minister Bredell, because through him and the national, Provincial Treasury has allocated R800 000 for immediate food relief to the food bank in Witzenberg because nobody in that area must go hungry, and so we have also promoted the five golden rules throughout.

The plan is much more extensive but time does not allow me to go into greater detail, but I can say that I have been in touch today with Dr Titus from the hospital in Ceres to check up. I am in regular contact with Mayor Claassen to follow up on the implementation of this plan and certainly I am happy to report back at a later stage about further developments in the Witzenberg Health Response Plan as part of the Government Integrated Plan.

This is not only the responsibility of the Health Department. We adopted the whole-of-government approach and I am particularly happy that we are making progress and if we look at the figures in Witzenberg that I have received also today I think I am very positive that today the figures is that we only have 29 positive cases in Witzenberg. 174 have recovered, eight unfortunately died, and I think we are making significant progress and in our conversation with Dr Keith Cloete he did indicate that the rate of increase of COVID-19 cases – he presented it to our Cabinet in Witzenberg area – is now increasing at a slower rate, which means we are making an impact. Thank you, Chair.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister of Agriculture. I thank the hon members who dealt with the follow-ups on the question. I now move to Question number 3, which is asked by hon Bosman to the hon Minister of Social Development. I now recognise hon Minister Fernandez. [No audible reply.] Hon Minister Fernandez? [No audible reply.]

Alright, I think we are missing the Minister. I will have to proceed for now to the next question.

[Question number 3 to stand over momentarily.]

*Chronic medications: shortage of***4. Ms W F Philander asked the Minister of Health:**

With reference to an article in the *Rapport* on 3 May 2020 that stated that there was an alleged national shortage of certain chronic medications:

Whether there is a shortage of medication; if so, (a) which medications, (b) what interventions has her Department taken to manage or prevent the shortage in the province and (c) what is the impact of the shortage on affected persons?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thanks for the question but noting that the question refers to an article dated 3 May and now we are almost three weeks later, there might be some discrepancies. The reply is as follows:

4. In reference to that the response is about the countrywide lockdown, even the lockdown applicable in other countries internationally. There will always be some medication that will be in short supply so South Africa would not be exempted.

As some of you might be aware, we are using the National Department of Health central procurement as per the National Treasury for most of the common medications. At this present moment there are items that are not available. Sometimes we have got more than 20 000 of whatever items. Without boring you in terms of what kinds of medications are not available, when we have a stock shortage, we use an alternate supply. With some of those we do have essential drug lists that we are using medications from and if they are out of stock the clinicians are able to use these alternatives.

The Medical Depot places orders and once deliveries are made, which may be part-deliveries, we have to make a point that we rob Paul and pay Pauline in terms of the stock. For example if there are six packs that need to be provided to a person but you find that there is a shortage of that medication, you might provide the person with maybe two and then you say, "I owe you, and come back again". However, because of the lockdown, most of the medications are delivered by community health workers. Thank you.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Minister, thank you very much for the response. The article appeared and yes, this is an ongoing concern for many communities. Minister, can you perhaps please provide more insight into the procurement processes and where does the Province exactly fill in with the procurement processes of national and how do the two complement each other in order to assure that there are adequate stock at our health facilities? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is quite complex, but what I can say is that we have got information system technology that is in place, which from the Western Cape's side we initiated a provincial one even before National introduced their national one.

Let me qualify what I am trying to highlight. You should be able to tell whether there is a shortage of medication in Bitou, in Kranshoek or wherever because the clinic there relies on the medical manager or on the team of the Bitou substructure. When they do not have it, it means that they have got their own decentralised depot, for example in Oudtshoorn, where they are able to get the medication. But once the medication is there, automatically from the Oudtshoorn side which they might be offering for the Garden Route, it triggers within our Centralised Medical Depot, which is here in the province. So, you will already know in advance if you are going to have any type of shortage and if there is actually a national shortage there.

For example, there was a time pre-COVID, when there was a shortage of BCG drugs, a shortage of contraceptive drugs, a shortage of some cancer drugs, penicillin and so forth. We knew already that because there was an international shortage because of raw materials that were not available. In that case we provided clinicians with a circular that instead of using item A, they should use item B when they are out of stock. I am talking about those where you would be able to provide an alternative, or if there is no three months contraceptives injection, inform the people that they must explore whether they could use other methods, whether it is oral and so forth.

Of course in terms of the National Treasury, using the different regulations according to the Treasury, there are those that are centralised. Then after three years National Health advertises the tenders, and in some instances we find that when they advertise the tenders they might have left out some of the medications that are being used in the provinces and now when the service provider must call companies internationally, those ones will probably have changed and maybe they now want to be service providers. Then you might find that it becomes too late in terms of making that product and then you might see a situation for almost six months or more that provinces do not get that medication, whilst the national tender now has to review their system and look for alternatives.

In some instances in the province, when we cannot wait anymore, when something like that has happened, we have to use our own money, from our pocket, noting that we will already have provided money to national procurement. Thank you.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, thanks very much. Hon Speaker, I just want to check with the Minister, she was saying that before COVID there was a shortage of certain drugs, but it seems her response was that it was not necessarily because of our Government's own doing, but an international shortage. I just want to understand that correctly.

Secondly, hon Speaker, the Minister has spoken about some shortages. It seems that the percentage of drugs not available is very low and it seems that National Government including the Provincial Government is actually doing very well within this period to make sure that chronic medications are there on a regular basis and that if there is a shortage that that shortage is actually very low. I just want to make sure in terms of the response of the Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon member. The shortage, pre-COVID, was about where internationally the drug was no longer available, perhaps because of raw materials. For example, the BCG vaccine that we give to babies because it was – although in South Africa you will find that we might have our own pharmaceutical labs but when the raw material is from let us say India, and then India runs out of it or that they are going to use it for themselves, then it means that that shortage is beyond our control.

The same applied when there was a shortage of penicillin. It was because of the raw material. So, it is beyond our control and therefore the clinicians have to come up with what would be an alternative drug that could be used during that time. It has always been like that.

Another contribution to the shortage is when there is a national tender which they normally do every three years. Actually, we even made a recommendation that they must not do the tender six months before the other one expires, they must do it earlier and also, they must indicate which drugs will need to be available. Because remember every now and again some of the drugs that are being changed are based on new evidence.

So, what used to happen, especially in the period from November to about March, when people say †ayikho, ayikho [it is not there, it is not there], out of stock, it is about that tender. Now when there is a new one you will find that if they are saying that there are 20 drugs that we need for South Africa, then out of those 20 they will say we need so many based on the Western Cape. We will make the request. They will say we need 5000, Eastern Cape 3000 or whatever, something like that and then down the line find that out of those five that say they requested, the pharmaceutical companies will only will be able to produce three in those large bulks and then two are not available. Therefore, it becomes their fault in the sense that they did not add their number C and number D.

As a result now, specifically for us provinces, it means that number C and number D we have to find elsewhere, not necessarily that it is out of stock. That means that we have to 'out of our pocket' look for some of the others and then we trigger urgency in terms of the procurement and supply chain as approved by Provincial Treasury.

Now with COVID, the drugs that we are talking about, are some of those that are related to – because the production of it might be a company, for example in China [Inaudible.] or wherever, affected by COVID. So, they are unable, not only to produce but also it might be because of a shipment that will take longer because there is a lockdown on that side, or they have paused the production of such drugs. So, I think the article was related specifically to the latter. Thank you.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Through you, it is indeed very reassuring, Minister, that we have a system in the province that beforehand indicates what our stock limits are, whether there would be a shortage and then that we have alternatives available and then we also make use of own money to procure in the process.

Hon Speaker, that covers my question in terms of remedial action. I just want to ask the Minister, is she aware of any deaths in the province that occurred due to medication shortages? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for the question. I am not aware of any death related to the shortage. Thank you.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Minister.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister. Hon members, I have got one last opportunity. I was looking for hon Bans earlier but I could not get hold of her. Now I am going to proceed and give hon Marais ... [Interjection.]

Ms A BANS: Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Bans?

Ms A BANS: I am back, Speaker. Thank you, hon Speaker. My question to the MEC was to actually find out how often we have to buy medication as the Province, noting that we are aware of medication being borrowed from one region to another or from one aunty to another; how many times do we find ourselves in a situation where we have to tap into our own pockets? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon member. I would not know. It is difficult to quantify such. On borrowing, my understanding is that it is about getting medication where if, let us say, Garden Route has more and then you transfer it to the Central Karoo. But remember it is still part of the province. That is allowed because it is still the Department of Health. One can do such borrowing.

Then on the issue of us buying from our own pocket, it has always been like that because of the three-month gap from the National Procurement and Supply Chain, when they do not add some of their medications.

Also, with some pharmaceutical companies, although the item would have been added to the list, when they realise, for example, if that item is used by South Africa, Tanzania or Brazil, where they produce it in bulk, in terms of the economy of scale, if the other countries now no longer use it they will find that down the line when they are supposed to produce, that actually it will not make much profit, then they end up dumping us and we have to find our own means.

But at least at that level you will find that National will know and then say, "Province sort out yourself", but what is irritating is every three months when there is an exchange of the service providers of the tenders, then you will find that there has been a mistake. They hit us hard on the chronic medications for those people with cancer, those who have got bleeding tendencies and then also some of them who need other chronic medication like diabetics. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister and to hon Philander and all the hon members who asked questions. I am going to request now that hon member Allen and hon Bosman who asked the questions to the respective Ministers, Community Safety and Social Development. Those questions hon members will stand over and it is Question numbers 3 and 5 because we have now exhausted the time for Questions in this particular sitting. Sorry hon Fernandez, I know you are at that glitch there. I hope you will forgive us.

[Question 3 standing over.]

Destruction of drugs

5. Mr R I Allen asked the Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the destruction of drugs and any and all chemical substances defined as illegal drugs:

(a) Which law or instruction guides this process, (b) what is the extent of SAPS's involvement in this process, (c) where does the destruction take place in the province and (d) how often does the destruction take place?

[Question 5 withdrawn.]

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Regulations: return to school

1. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Health:

Whether her Department has been consulted by the Western Cape Education Department to waive certain regulations before the return of senior management teams and learners to schools; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

1. The Department has engaged all sectors and made available guidelines to the prevention and management of COVID-19. The Education Department has taken these guidelines and made them practical for implementation to protect all staff and learners. These guidelines can be found at :

<https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za/documents/BackToSchool/Letter%20to%20Schools%20-%20Guidelines%20for%20schools-Eng.pdf>

Covid-19 response

2. Mr B N Herron asked the Premier:

With regard the Western Cape Government's response to the coronavirus epidemic:

- (1) (a) What does he mean when he refers to the Province implementing a "targeted testing" approach, (b) how is targeted testing implemented, (c) what medical protocols are implemented for those who are tested for the virus but waiting for their results and (d) how is the compliance with these protocols monitored by the Province;
- (2) (a) what medical protocols are implemented when a person tests positive for the virus, (b) how is the compliance with these protocols monitored by the Province and (c) how does the Province ensures that a person who must be isolated or placed in quarantine is in fact isolated or placed in quarantine;
- (3) whether the Western Cape Government lost control of the number of infections; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) why has community transmission become "entrenched" as indicated by the Premier on 16 May 2020;

- (5) in the light of recent comments made by the Premier, and the governing DA, that suggest that the Western Cape is now embracing a “herd immunity” approach to the virus, whether the Western Cape provincial government is adopting a “herd immunity” policy towards this virus; if so, what are the relevant details.

The PREMIER:

2. (1) a) With the implementation of community screening and testing, the province chose to target communities where there were known positive cases of COVID-19, with the expressed purpose of stopping person to person spread. To date 739 363 screenings have been conducted of which 14 455 people have been referred for testing. Note that the Province followed the NCID protocol for testing as defined in the National policy for community testing and screening. Thus people who had travelled outside of South Africa since the 1st February 2020 or had contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive case; and then people who were exhibiting any 2 of the following symptoms were referred for testing: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, myalgia/general weakness, loss of taste or loss of sense of smell.
- b) The community screening and testing teams were deployed in the Bo Kaap, Litha Park, Ndlovini, Site C, site BM section (ward 89), Mfuleni, Langa, Delft, Elsie's River, Grassy Park and Du Noon. These areas were identified based on where essential workers and any other person who had tested positive resided. Community Health Workers went door to door screening people in these areas and referring them for testing when they met the criteria as described in (1a).
- c) People under investigation are required to isolate while they wait for results and depending on the severity of their symptoms this may mean isolating at home or a state provided alternative or in a hospital.
- d) In the event of self-isolation the contact tracing teams call the person regularly to check on their symptoms and affirm they are following the necessary public health measures to stop person to person spread within their household and beyond. In the event of isolation at a state facility, there is on site support to assist and monitor symptoms. A test, isolate, quarantine care pathway has been established to ensure people get the support they need.
- (2) a) They are phoned and the diagnosis is relayed to them. They are asked for the presence of co-morbidities and other risk factors. They are advised that they need to be isolated and have a daily monitoring of symptoms.

If they cannot isolate at home safely they are offered isolation at a public isolation facility.

- b) The people doing the phone calls are trained volunteers, following a documented script on which they keep records and which are later transcribed into a database. They are in turn overseen by leaders with a public health background.
 - c) After noting that someone qualifies for isolation, disaster management is contacted to arrange transport. They in turn book the case in the local government UNITI system which tracks the occupation (and de-occupation) of isolation beds.
- (3) The increase in the number of new laboratory confirmed Covid-19 cases in the Western Cape is as anticipated in the epidemiological modelling done at both national and provincial levels to date. We are on the upward part of the curve as per the nature of the pandemic and are expecting to see case numbers increase more rapidly, with associated increases in hospitalisation and deaths. The transmission has been concentrated around essential services clusters (which have been permitted to operate under all levels of lockdown), care homes and in geographical areas where people who work in these clusters live and this has mostly been in the most vulnerable communities in Cape Town. Our hotspot intervention strategy focusses our combined efforts in these targeted areas with the focus to protect vulnerable people who are at high risk, and to prevent deaths.
- (4) In any epidemic there are essentially 4 transmission scenarios that a country moves through as the virus spreads and all four scenarios can occur at the same time in a Country, Province, District and sub-district as the virus can spread at different rates. These 4 scenarios have been described by WHO as follows:
- Scenario 1: No cases
 - Scenario 2: Sporadic cases, one or more cases, imported or locally detected
 - Scenario 3: Clusters of Cases, cases clustered in time, geographical location or common exposure
 - Scenario 4: Community transmission, established local transmission
- The City of Cape Town district is now in scenario 4 where there is established local transmission
- (5) The Western Cape Government has neither adopted nor intends adopting a herd immunity policy in its fight against the COVID-19 virus. Herd immunity occurs when the proportion of the population that is immune to an infection (either through previous exposure or vaccination) is high enough that the chance of an infectious person coming into contact with a non-immune person is so low that ongoing transmission of the disease in the community will not occur.

It is the indirect protection from infection conferred to people at risk when a sufficiently large proportion of immune individuals exist in a population. Most vaccination programs for vaccine-preventable diseases aim to establish herd immunity so that those who cannot be vaccinated, including the very young and immunocompromised, are still protected against disease. While herd immunity to COVID-19, through natural infection, is theoretically possible there is no clear, ethical path to reach this goal, as the societal consequences of achieving it would be devastating.¹

As yet, there is no evidence of a country or region that has demonstrated herd immunity for COVID-19. The World Health Organization does not support the active pursuit of herd immunity in the absence of a vaccine.

Reference:

1. Randolph HE, Barreiro LB. Herd Immunity: Understanding COVID-19. *Immunity*. 2020;52(5):737-41.

INTERPELLATIONS*COVID-19: Western Cape Province as the epicentre***1. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Premier:**

- (a) What circumstances led to the province becoming the COVID-19 epicentre in South Africa and (b) what mitigating measures has his Government put in place?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you very much to hon member Dugmore, the Leader of the Opposition, for the question.

1 (a) Community transmission was established earlier in this province compared to other provinces. It is likely that this was seeded via tourists prior to the national lockdown. Well, not only tourists, but international travel, both South Africans going overseas for tourism and business as well as tourism and business coming to this region. It was largely driven by clusters in essential workspaces as well, such as supermarkets and factories by the end of the second week of April 2020. Many of the workers in these workplaces are likely to have started community transmission in their respective local communities prior to being tested in the workplaces. Community transmission is now well established, and more and more people are going to get infected by COVID-19 over the coming weeks as this virus spreads. Its nature, as we have seen globally, is to grow exponentially. This is a new phase in the transmission of the virus, which the entire country will enter into at some point and perhaps has entered into in some areas already depending on their own trajectory and where they are.

In the Western Cape we have implemented a targeted screening-and-testing regime, linked to the workplace and community clusters. We therefore expect the number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases to increase in our province.

We have increased the number of tests from 7 975 on 1 April to 133 489 on 27 May. This is an increase of over 1 573%. This represents the highest testing ratio per 100 000 people in South Africa and using our targeted hotspot approach we screened 538 529 people and referred 12 427 people for testing with that second approach to testing.

The death rate in the province is at 1,8% which, based on current trends, is in line with international data on the progression of the virus in other countries, and as it stands the death rate is no higher in the Western Cape than elsewhere in the world and is likely to be the same rate countrywide, although this data we continually update and we have just had a presentation before this sitting of the House by the different modellers who are looking at different scenarios and that we are taking back into our work-streams and our departments as of this morning seven o'clock. And next week we will come back to see if there have been any adjustments to our models and forecasts, but that number still stands.

And then (b), most people recover from COVID-19 with over 90% who will not require hospitalisation.

Our Screening- and Testing Teams are deployed based on data which actively identifies and follows the bushfires, all those hotspot areas, the pockets of infection within communities. We identify these pockets whenever we confirm a COVID-19 case and our rigorous Contact Tracing Teams track the previous movements and contacts. We have established a dedicated coronavirus provincial hotline for residents to call and so far have received a total of 28 500 calls. As people might have seen, I visited the CTICC Temporary Hospital. It is almost nearing completion. It is an 850-bed hospital. I am glad to see they have squeezed out another 12 seats, so another 12 beds, so it is 862 beds, the biggest single COVID hospital in Africa – a paperless hospital. It really was impressive to see and they are opening very shortly.

We have also got the temporary hospitals on the R300, the one in Khayelitsha which opens tomorrow; one out in the Winelands – an extra 616 beds, and we have opened 18 Testing-and-Triage Centres. 12 of them are operational at the moment. We have recruited over 1465 volunteers and healthcare workers and specialists to help us when we get to the peak. We have ordered over R350 million worth of PPE for our healthcare workers and we are increasing that to R550 million to take us to the end of the year.

We have issued the flu vaccinations, 186 129 flu vaccinations thus far, 65 000 of them going to vulnerable groups in our population and 20 000 going to healthcare workers.

We have 432 ventilators on order and we have a ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, your time is up.

The PREMIER: Thank you, hon Speaker. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: You will have another opportunity, sir, later on. Thank you. I now recognise hon, the Leader of the Official Opposition, hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and Premier. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of our health workers that have contracted this virus while in fact attempting to do everything to save our lives. We convey our sincerest condolences to the families of these departed health workers as well as all of those in our province and in our country that have lost their lives.

It is clear that the Premier's explanation is not adequate, and he needs to properly investigate this high infection rate, particularly amongst health workers given his stated view that protective gear has been appropriated. We know what is going on in Tygerberg. The nurses call us. We know what is going on at Somerset Hospital. The nurses call us and it is clear that there are issues of management in that facility and complacency and often carelessness and it is disappointing, hon Speaker, that the Premier does not refer to that.

We are clearly the epicentre with 65% of the total COVID-19 cases and in fact our experience is that contrary to the claim that this is related to testing, I want to inform this House that the very first case that we were aware of has actually then become a pattern in Khayelitsha where someone was actually sent home to a crowded environment to wait for the results, and then we battled with hon member Windvogel and others, we had to battle to get hold of the MEC. It took at least over 48 hours to eventually get this particular patient into a quarantine facility, but we hear absolutely nothing, hon Speaker, from the Premier about those real examples. Our members will tell you in their constituencies, hon member Marran in Witzenberg, in constituencies of Philippi, Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain, Bonteheuwel, the absolute problem that we have been having - but I do want to also say there are officials in the Health Department who are trying their best to assist - is that when the Premier simply talks about the issue of testing and then says, "Look, we must expect that this is going to go all over the country", and sure there are going to be more infections and so on, but this province, I am afraid, it does not actually have a command which has leadership together with officials, 24 hours on a shift-basis to be able to respond. These delays, and I also want to pay credit to the Premier, whenever I have called him, I know he has done his best, to try, but the problem that we are having, it is a systemic issue; lack of management at Tygerberg Hospital; lack of the proper application of the protocols when it comes to putting people in isolation and then if they then test positive to getting them into quarantine.

You cannot isolate an informal settlement or a farmworker dwelling in the Witzenberg. You cannot do that. The fact is that there has been an undermining of labour inspectors, and the Premier referred to the workplace, to actually go in and respond to the fears; the deep anxiety of workers is another issue which has contributed to this particular situation in our province, so we think that the explanation of the Premier is a glib one. It does not go down to the deep and we want more responses and we want the truth for the sake of our lives. [Time expired.]

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much hon Speaker. I do welcome at the beginning of the Premier's address the readiness in terms of the Western Cape. Hon Speaker, the Premier has also made mention of phases and as the Western Cape we are in an advanced phase at this stage in comparison to the rest of the country. Hon Speaker, through you, what has the Department put in place?

I have seen in terms of an initiative that was a first in the Western Cape where the HOD directly connects with staff, addressing their comments, their concerns and their issues directly, I believe this is a first and this is a huge advantage to the staff and our healthcare workers that is at the coal front of this pandemic, hon Speaker. Also, we welcome interventions by this Government and also there were various challenges during the hard lockdown period, we accept that. What does the Premier think what kind of support at this stage and in this phase that the province are in, would be useful and will be welcomed from the NCC in this regard? Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the Premier speaks about targeted testing in the Western Cape and if we accept that that is so and that is what has given us the high infection rate in the Western Cape, the full spectrum – as I said last week in this House – of health protocols includes contact tracing once a positive case has been identified. As I said last week, experts in South Africa are saying that about 20 close contacts per COVID-19 infected person should be traced and close contacts are members of our households, people who we come into contact with at healthcare facilities at stores and if you are an essential worker, your colleagues at work, and the data released last week shows that the Western Cape is tracing less than one close contact per COVID-19 patient, less than one when it should be 20, and the province now accounts for more than two-thirds of all COVID-19 cases and deaths in the country, and we know that some in the DA are resigned to pursuing the strategy of herd immunity and some are even openly advocating for it. So the Premier speaks of rigorous contact tracing, but where is the evidence for this and is the Premier permitting rampant infection to occur in alignment with those who advocate for herd-immunity in his party; and, if not, what actions had been taken in the last week to improve contact tracing, isolation and quarantining of infected or possibly infected people, and what consequences have there been for those responsible for the really poor tracing, isolation and quarantining of infected people to date? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon member Herron is absolutely correct when it comes to the woefully inadequate contact tracing. Let us be honest, lives appear to be of less value in a Mitchells Plain, in a Khayelitsha, in a Witzenberg, in a Langa, and the reality is that unless there is a political will to actually do the contact tracing, herd-immunity – let us be honest in this House, MEC Madikizela and Helen Zille are proponents of herd-immunity – let us tell them, we are not prepared to be sacrificial lambs because of an ideological notion of herd-immunity. We are going to fight for every life in this province. If you look at Strandfontein, I was there with hon member Bakubaku-Vos, we saw that the law enforcement officers did not have protective gear that was supposed, and also the volunteers at Strandfontein; yet, J P Smith lied and basically indicated that they were all given. Why did those law enforcement officers tell us that they had to buy their own hand sanitizer?

It is this dereliction, this cynical approach, this manipulation of public perceptions – in reality although the Premier is trying, those that are in control of his party, his Chairperson in this province, MEC Madikizela, support herd-immunity which is the line coming from the Institute of Race Relations, Helen Zille, John Steenhuisen. That line is actually killing people in this province. Let us be frank. You might think that we are angry, but we are, because this political line is actually resulting in a carelessness and a disregard for the lives of black and coloured people in this province. Let us put it straight. That is the problem that we are facing here, an attempt to push a line which actually talks about opening the economy without considering the issue of what is happening in terms of continuing with the prevention drive.

We need to say from today that we are going to focus on the prevention, on the behaviour, on the protocols and be absolutely sure.

We are happy that the Cubans are here. Hopefully they can inspire us but let us work with the good people in the Health Department, the HOD and others, but we have to re-enforce.

Why do we not together, say we need extra help? Let us call on that extra help and sweep every particular community, rural and urban, to make sure, because we are not going to be herded, we are going to fight so that our people stay alive and we really want to indicate very clearly, Premier, we will work with you as we have been trying to do, but please avoid that political line which is actually then impacting on the way that we are able to mobilise communities against the spread of the pandemic. It is time for us to take every life seriously in the workplace in the Western Cape and that is the missing ingredient. [Time expired.]

The PREMIER: Thank you very much hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I am a bit worried about the kind of political line that some of this debate is taking and I want to categorically say, absolutely no way. The R2,5 billion that we are already spending in the health sector, is absolutely focused on making sure that we protect every single person that we can. We can get the best health response possible in this country and we are totally open, totally transparent and we will put all of the detail on the table, much unlike other places, but we will do that and I want to say that we might be the epicentre right now but that could move to other provinces. We must be careful what we wish for or what we say or the political lines that we take in this space, but in this Government we will take decisions made and we will make them transparently and openly and do them in the best interest of every single citizen in this province.

I want to also say that hon member Dugmore focused on specifically our hospital staff and our frontline staff, and I absolutely agree, we need to. These are the real heroes in this fight against COVID-19. These are people on the frontline. They are nervous and of course they have seen some of their colleagues lose their lives to this virus. I can assure him that the Occupational Health and Safety specialists at Tygerberg and at every single one of our hospital facilities have been working overtime in making sure that we build better relationships, that we make sure we understand the insecurities and that we really work with our frontline staff.

Our HOD meets more often with unions now than I think he does with the National Department of Health or with the Provincial Cabinet. It is interesting; I mean he really is putting a huge amount of focus with his team onto making sure that our frontline is looked after and of course we have known from the beginning, we have seen it internationally, that it is your frontline staff, whether it is in the health space, which obviously have the most contact, but we are seeing it in our law enforcement and security services. We are seeing it in any frontline service and that is why we have to make sure that we create the balance between our health focus, and in making sure that we are mitigating risk with regards to the pandemic or the disaster declared by South Africa in this health space with COVID-19, with of course the humanitarian disaster that is slowly but surely gaining more and more traction in our country.

I want to say that not only the HOD of Health and the process that he has been following, our DG as well has also been really upping the consultation, the mechanisms of allowing team leaders, allowing directors in departments and HODs in departments and he himself at the frontline also making sure that all of our frontline staff, in actual fact every single one of our staff are part of an ongoing communication, and perhaps that is where I want to say to the hon member Philander, thank you very much, you spoke about the NCC and of course how we interact. Definitely the task that we have had of late, testing is our one Achilles heel.

I heard the hon member Herron also talking about testing. Unfortunately, the big problem is that we have got at the moment over 100 000 tests in backlog at our National Health laboratories. We have got over an 18 000 backlog for this province alone and the problem with testing, you need testing as a management tool, and when we have got these kinds of backlogs and delays, these testings become history lessons and already you cannot use them as management tools, and specifically this conversation started off about making sure our frontline staff are protected and people going to our hospitals are protected and testing of our frontline staff is urgent and it is being focused on right now, but the same thing if you arrive at one of our hospitals with perhaps just flu systems and you cannot be tested, you might end up in the COVID ward by mistake, and we need to make sure that testing is ramped up. But we have also said, let us have a look, if our curve is coming before another province, how do we actually see if some staffing can come from other provinces to this province and then of course when we get beyond that curve in the province we can return the favour to those other provinces later on in the year.

[Debate concluded.]

COVID-19: infections at workplaces

2. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

- (a) What are the reasons for the rapid spread of COVID-19 infections at workplaces and (b) what mitigation measures has his Department put in place?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker. I would like to thank the hon member for the question, and as she and other hon members would know, the COVID-19 pandemic will have a long-term impact on the lives and livelihoods of every South African and that is why scientists are working rapidly to research the virus so that we can better understand how it spreads and therefore how to slow and limit that spread including in the workplace. What we know of course is that the coronavirus can be passed from fluid droplets when coughing or sneezing or for example talking. When people cough and sneeze the fluid droplets get onto people's hands and the objects or surfaces around them. The coronavirus is then spread by hands, which touch the hands of others and touch objects such as equipment or money, door handles and counters and till points.

When people touch their eyes, noses and/or mouths, after they have touched other people or objects with the coronavirus on it, they of course can be infected, and of course we know that this coronavirus can survive for quite some time on surfaces, and I suppose the point then is that the reality is that wherever there is human interaction and where there is congregation of people such of course as workplaces, so the spread of the virus has the potential to increase.

Hon Speaker, from the start of the crisis the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has worked actively to mitigate the risk and to support business to implement safety measures in the workplace in several ways, which include, of course, working with the Department of Health to develop health guidelines for the workplace, so detailing safety measures that business and employees can implement in the workplace and these of course are available on our website. We have also distributed these guidelines to business associations and chambers across the Western Cape.

We have developed a range of supporting communication material and collateral like posters and social distancing stickers for shop floors, which are also available on our website for businesses to download and display in workplaces. We have engaged regularly particularly with large retailers, business chambers and specific sectors to support them to implement safety measures and to understand the detail of how the virus spreads so that the spread can be slowed and prevented. We have assisted businesses to access the necessary PPE by connecting suppliers with our PPE marketplace and we have worked of course with business to identify and begin to resolve systemic issues, which challenged them to implement the necessary safety measures to stop the spread of the virus in the workplace. Hon Speaker, I have myself had several interactions with businesses and associations most recently in Witzenberg, in Bothasig, Dunoon and the Cape Chamber of Commerce where we are working with business so that business can open safely and limit the spread of the virus in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you. Thank you, Speaker. As the country prepares to move down to Level 3, our primary concern remains the balancing act between economic recovery and public health, as those remain key features of a responsible and caring government. No more shall we be forced into profits first at the expense of human lives as the price in human debt to future generations is too huge. Unchecked corporate interest remains a fault line, that, if ignored, may exacerbate the burden of COVID to human lives and our province is evidence to that effect.

Under Levels 4 and 5 hundreds of workers especially in factories and retail stores were infected by the virus whilst on duty. In one retail store to date about 70 workers tested positive at various periods and some recovered, and we celebrate that, whilst two lives of middle-aged females were lost in this battle.

The majority of these workers reside in informal settlements with no services and poor human settlement, but when testing positive they were told to isolate at home. That community is amongst the areas declared hotspots given the spike and infection rate. These workers had to use radical methods and mobilise attention just to be heard.

In another company where in a 14-day period the infection rate reached almost 100 employees, when they sought help observing non-adherence of social distancing inside the company, they were threatened and silenced especially to communicate and report this externally. All that the company was interested in was to push the numbers of the goods they were trading, which became a demand during COVID, with management being so inhumane with some who were back at work from maternity and asking for parent responsibility. The most recent one is the Food Town Hyper Khayelitsha where employees were fired because they got tested after discovering one of their colleagues had tested positive, and I am still awaiting the response of the MEC because this is a matter that I did bring to his attention. All agreed that COVID has amplified pre-existing conditions in societies, especially the vulnerable, quite linked to conditions of inequality, underdevelopment and poverty by those who had become high risk during this time. Surely, we all agree if we take what our Premier and his Cabinet declared as hotspots, that they mirror exactly the realities of duality between the haves and the have-nots.

Is this news to us? Surely it cannot be, especially in our Provincial Government; pride of data analytics that include scenario and modelling efforts, such academic studies would have told and randomised these trends through data to provide the probable stage for COVID in our province. Remember, due to our booming tourism the downside is that we were at the frontline of the infections, especially from interaction of those that visited and were visited from high prone countries. It remains bizarre that last week in this House with all the data been thrown in our face as the strength of our provincial response, the MEC for Agriculture conceded that no study has been made to ascertain causality of the spike of infections of workers to the agricultural production chain. [Interjection.]

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. With the upcoming Level 3 regulations of the lockdown, many businesses will be opening their doors. What is the Government Ministers doing in terms of their approach for workplace safety in the hotspots specifically, and is the National Department of Labour assisting, if at all?

Further, with the ongoing economic and fiscal uncertainty, it is crucial that National Government is implementing a strategy that would ensure that a large-scale job-creating industry such as construction is protected from further collapse.

In the Western Cape, hon Speaker, R14,9 billion in income is expected to be lost to people who are employed by the construction industry in 2020, if the lockdown regulations continue to be stringent and hostile towards this sector. What safety advice has the Provincial Department provided to this sector within the hotspot areas specifically? I thank you.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. As the MEC has joined the call to open up the economy and we welcome the announcement by the President of Level 3, ours is to ask for the state of readiness against the background from the current corporate cluster transmissions. The Province runs a COVID-19 business safety compliant complaint form.

Can he tell us how many cases have been reported and what action have the MEC and his Department done in this regard? We seek to ask for a targeted study, the science of the virus that has been actually spoken to by the Premier and the MEC on the phenomenon of workplace transmission. There are cause and implications to the economy, especially towards employees and their household's ability to earn income.

Further, how do these cluster transmissions bear correlation to community transmission, specifically to the hotspot areas? We ask the Provincial Government in its business and economic rescue to include the workers and their formations in the structure and consistent dialogues per industry that have already registered exposure. These are workers that carry and are central in the economy that we are all affectionately arguing for to be opened and recovered.

The Western Cape needs additional labour inspectors to ensure that more businesses will be inspected, and for health and safety measures to be put in place, the Provincial Government should also come to the party and accept that it has a role to play to arrest the situation in the workspaces. Mr Moepa, Secretary of Kraaifontein Development Forum, cautions us against the tech-based response that is not balanced with a proactive government.

Online platforms such as the dump-apps are not on their own going to resolve and realise the desired result, considering that in the hotspot areas particularly, poverty / underdevelopment is the reality. Many do not have proper internet connectivity, let alone access to unemployment places, many unable to afford data costs to access and use the information. Mr Moepa asked if we are able to get big corporates to bring solutions. How much are we doing, the same for local entrepreneurs in those areas to provide local solutions, visit shopping malls, audit health and safety for the retail stores; assisting them to remain and also earn income as part of the recovery.

The Voice of Women tell us packers and other frontline workers have also asked us that as Government we must urge that companies must improve management style and place the lives of the employees as an important asset in their corporate profits. Fighting to ensure employee safety must be a priority and also must demonstrate a mature leadership from our Provincial Government with less pointing fingers and blaming National Government, but working together, because indeed this particular virus affects us all across party lines so we should seek to ensure we reach out to each other and work in a manner that demonstrates that particular leadership also to our own communities and the people that we serve. And we appreciate what the Speaker with our MP, Richard Dyantyi are doing in Khayelitsha COVID Response Team to ensure that across political lines [Inaudible.] the community is mobilised to ensure that they flatten the curve in the area like a hotspot in Khayelitsha and we send our condolences to the families of those that have lost their lives in the workspaces as they were busy ensuring that our economy remains intact. I thank you, hon Speaker. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker. I certainly join the hon member in offering condolences to the families of those workers who have lost their lives.

The hon member is absolutely correct, we do have to strike a balance between opening the economy but doing so in a way that is safe and responsible and it is precisely that which we are trying to achieve, and that is why we are working around the clock to implement the kinds of measures which I described. Certainly in my many visits to the retail sector I particularly have been impressed that the private sector and the retail sector in particular have bought in to implementing extensive prevention-and-safety measures in the workplace, but of course there are lapses and it is precisely for that reason that we have set up a complaints forum which is easily accessible online and we are investigating those complaints together with our partners in the Department of Employment and Labour, the Department of Health, and of course the City's Environmental and Health Department.

On the particular matter which the hon member raises, which of course relates to the Food Town Hypermarket in Khayelitsha, that matter was immediately referred not only to the Department of Employment and Labour because of the seriousness of the allegations, but also to the Department of Health and it has been investigated and I will certainly give the hon member a detailed reply on that matter in due course.

The hon member also raises the question of complaints which I have referred to. As of 26 May we had received 312 cases which we, together as I have said with our partners in the Department of Employment and Labour particularly and the Department of Health, together of course with City's Environmental Health Department, are certainly investigating, each one of those complaints. The hon member is absolutely right, we do require more capacity and I am advised that the Department of Employment and Labour will be bringing on board at least 40 new labour inspectors, and of course the hon member will know that I myself have visited several workplaces as I have mentioned, in Witzenberg, in Bothasig, in Dunoon and elsewhere in the City of Cape Town, looking at workplace safety.

The hon member Baartman asked a question about hotspots and as most hon members know, there is a whole-of-government response to hotspots and of the six responses of course we are responsible for the economic response. We of course, as part of the hotspots strategy, are contacting and engaging with business, which has already been done. We are distributing our guidelines for the prevention and spread of the virus. We are engaging with, as I have said, the Department of Health, the Department of Labour, and the City Environmental Health, to establish a referral system for inspection and we are following up on each of the complaints that have been referred to us and of course we are assisting business, supporting business to implement appropriate social distancing markings inside and outside the workplace. Certainly the Department of Labour as the hon member asks, are a very key partner in ensuring workplace safety.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, and my concluding point is we of course have been in contact with the sectors. We are encouraging them to develop workplace safety plans in order for us to open the economy safely in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker. [Time expired.]

[Debate concluded.]

*Lockdown: impact on provincial tourism industry***3. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:**

What has been the impact of the lockdown on the provincial tourism industry so far?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for putting the question about the tourism sector, which is so vital to the economy in the Western Cape. I make the point that the COVID-19 pandemic is of course not just a national but an international crisis and has resulted of course in global restrictions on travel and together with the measures put in place in our country, restricting local travel, there inevitably has been a major impact on the tourism sector and the broader economy in the Western Cape.

The tourism sector is a major contributor of course to the economy and to employment in the Western Cape, and we have developed a model inside the Department, which of course is based on certain assumptions and those assumptions need to be reviewed fairly regularly as we shift between alert levels. Our model suggests that the tourism sector could experience a net loss of employment of about 104 000 jobs and about R13 billion in GDA, which obviously is of huge concern to myself and for that reason the Department has been engaging actively with the tourism sector to properly understand the impact of COVID-19 and working with the sector to prepare the industry to be able to open up safely in time, and up till now we have had at least 11 engagements with the industry. Hon Speaker, in addition to the regular engagements, I of course have been engaging with the National Minister of Tourism on a range of issues relating to the tourism industry.

We have been providing advice and support on financial relief packages available through webinars and our online support-finder tool, to the sector, and as I mentioned two weeks ago we have launched a one-day campaign, which is an innovative campaign developed by Wesgro that uses digital content tools to virtually showcase the Province to those who are currently in lockdown both in South Africa and around the world; to remind them that one day both Cape Town and the Western Cape would again open for tourism and we have obviously had regular engagements with our districts and are actively working with the tourism industry to develop a recovery plan, which is so vital to the economy in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I hear what the Minister in terms of his response says, but the major question that I wanted clarity on is that noting that the pandemic is serious and the lockdown impacts on everybody, but I am worried about the people of Langa, the people of Gugulethu, the people of Manenberg; what is the Department doing in order to ensure that in a process of recovery you interact and what strategies did you put in order to reach out to those that were previously disadvantaged, that we know that they were in the formidable stages of accessing the industry.

So now the question is, did you reach out at each at every level of the people that are impacted and infected in terms of the industry itself? Thank you very much.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you hon Speaker. In a presentation made by the Provincial Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism last week, it was revealed that tourism in the Western Cape is under extreme pressure during this period and that tourism will account for approximately 43% of employment losses in the province, while 50% of all tourism businesses are expected to close down.

With the Level 3 coming up soon, tourism businesses will still not be allowed to open up. Whilst both national and provincial government departments have provided relief packages to business, this is not enough to mitigate the severe impact of this pandemic. I would like to know whether the Minister has made any submissions or whether Provincial Government has made any submissions on the tourism sector to the National Government and what the Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism is doing in order to assist the sector during this time?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you. Thank you, Speaker. The tourism sector was hard hit by the current corona pandemic and such is especially felt by the small and medium enterprises. Of these already in Level 5, most workers were temporarily laid off and at home partially unemployed. The relief support seeks to alleviate the burden to tourism enterprises and we commend the National Government in this regard. Of particular concern is, how many of these tourism enterprises have lodged applications of UIF and relevant support in the province and where the payouts have been made the payment to needy employees have been done within the 48 hours that the Department of Labour has actually declared.

The City of Cape Town opened up an opportunity for B&Bs to offer their places for quarantine services. Any indication, MEC, of how many especially small and medium-sized tourism enterprises are registered and contracted for this opportunity? The tourism economy in municipalities like Overstrand saw a huge impact, and I'm not sure if the MEC and his Department are focusing on this local economy, including the responses, the responses given the trickle effect on this particular sector, but also the related ones like transport in the chain wherein now, if you go into the areas like Hermanus, even your taxi industry that would ferry people from the communities of those that are working in the industry into town, are now left to park their cars, because of the current lockdown. And what then is the plan going into Level 3 and the future as the MEC has been making recommendations of some of the proposals of what needs to be done, in unlocking the economy. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, we know that the global tourism has fallen off the cliff in the midst of this global pandemic and countries that adopted lockdowns and those that did not are all reporting massive economic turndowns. The United States with no real lockdown is reporting record-high unemployment and the Western Cape accounts for seven of every ten deaths from COVID-19 in South Africa, and the proportion of cases is growing daily.

So the models that the Minister speaks about, do those models used by the Minister show what the impact on the economy and deaths would have been without a lockdown, or if we assume that international tourists could travel, does the Minister believe that it is likely that tourists would choose to come to Africa's epicentre of COVID-19 deaths and infections? Surely it is a precondition that we demonstrate some change in our trajectory; and then finally, maybe the Minister, since he chairs the Subcommittee on COVID-19 for the Cabinet, can address this question that we keep raising about the weakness in our public health response being contact tracing and quarantining. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. In light of the fact that the province will now be moving from Level 4 to Level 3 lockdown, does the Minister think that the cluster outbreaks that will intensify at this level, whether the Hotspot Plan announced by the Premier will be effective enough in addressing the issue of cluster outbreaks, which remains the concern for the Minister of Health in the Province?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker. The hon member raises a question of the hotspot strategy and whether it will be effective? We will obviously have to work hard to ensure that our hotspot strategy is implemented, and time will of course tell whether it is effective.

The hon member is also concerned about whether in our deliberations and engagements we have reached out into townships, for example like Langa. The answer to that is our engagements have been extensive. We want those engagements to be inclusive and indeed they have been inclusive. Certainly, as we go forward in developing our economic recovery plan, not just for the tourism sector, but for the province, we want as inclusive a consultation process as possible, and we will certainly ensure that that happens going forward, so that we have as wide as possible participation and that everybody participates in our engagements, and in crafting a recovery plan, not just for the tourism sector, but also of course for the Western Cape.

The hon member Nkondlo asks a question about the various support measures which had been provided by National Government to support small businesses, including small businesses in the tourism sector, and I can give the hon member the assurance that we are following up with National Government about the implementation of these various funds to ensure that as many businesses who have applied for support, receive support, and that includes the UIF TERS mechanism. I do not have the latest information available, but I would be happy to furnish that information to the hon member in writing.

Equally, I do not have the latest information about the nature of the quarantine and isolation sites in the various districts, which is also information that I would be happy to share with the hon member in writing.

The hon member Herron asks a question about essentially whether the model considers a scenario where there is no lockdown. The answer to that question is the model looks at three scenarios: a low, medium and high scenario, where we assume various forms of lockdown. So, the answer to that question is no.

On the question of opening up the tourism sector. I do agree with the member that it is unlikely that under the present circumstances, even if international travel restrictions were lifted, travel would begin at this stage, and that is why our proposals to open up the sector, focus on domestic tourism and travel.

Each of the hon members have essentially asked the question about the transition to Level 3, and what the Province's response would be. Well, the hon Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma is currently briefing the press and the public on Alert Level 3 regulations. We are going to have to carefully scrutinise those regulations and we certainly will, depending on the nature of the regulations, consider making further submissions to National Government to open up the tourism sector, but of course in a responsible way; looking at perhaps opening up accommodation for short-stay trips, intra-provincial travel and possibly opening up certain attractions, so that we can start to get the tourism industry moving, but only in a way that is safe in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Question standing over from Thursday, 21 May 2020, as agreed to by the House:

Relief parcels: national centralisation of relief

3. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Social Development:

With reference to concerns expressed in the report in the *Daily Maverick* titled "How red tape is hampering the hungry from receiving food in South Africa" on 5 May 2020:

What impact has the national centralisation of relief processes had on the distribution of food parcels and other items of relief provided by her Department and accredited NGOs?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. Hon Speaker, good afternoon to you and the hon members. I wish to thank the hon member Bosman for the question.

3. Before I respond to the question, I do wish to bring to the House's attention that today is International World Hunger Day, and I think at a time like this, World Hunger Day really takes on greater significance.

It has been a week since the question was tabled. However, much has transpired in the food relief space, not only in the province, but across the country. The news article referred to provided insights into food relief efforts by NPOs, CBOs and individuals being hampered when they were stopped by SAPS to reduce new permits, and/or had their facilities closed due to confusion regarding the issue of permits.

Hon Speaker, what in fact transpired is that certain provinces went ahead and implemented the disaster's draft food directions in some form or other, before they were gazetted.

When my office received the draft directions, I realised the negative impact it would have on food relief efforts in the province. I immediately wrote to the National Minister, informing her of my concerns and the unintended consequences the draft directions would have if implemented. I wrote that letter on 11 May 2020, hon Speaker, and I have yet to receive a reply.

So, in short, the red tape has resulted in confusion and mayhem. However, I am pleased that civil society has taken up the fight as they are ultimately providing food and nutritional relief to the most vulnerable. The direction is that, and I quote:

“Food relief must preferably be delivered to individual households until advised otherwise. Only food parcels are allowed, not cooked meals. SAPS must be informed.”

It is bizarre and draconian in that it would have had disastrous effects, especially on cold, wet days like today.

This, hon Speaker, then leads me into part two of the question, and I quote from the question:

“What impact has the national centralisation of relief processes had on the distribution of food parcels?”

Quoting from the draft, which I must remind this House, has been already implemented, in part, in other provinces, the following actions would have been implemented. I quote:

“Amongst others:

- Organisations and individuals would need to apply for permits or authorisation letters, no less than 48 hours before the distribution date.
- All food parcels procured and donated must be reported to Social Development provincial offices.
- Organisations or the persons will deliver food parcels directly to the affected homes or shelter.
- The food handlers or distributors must not wear political party, faith community regalia ...”

And-and-and.

Hon Speaker, at this point though I wish to pause and express my thanks to civil society, our NPOs, CBOs, everyone that is assisting in food relief, and to say that sanity prevailed, although it took court action to halt the madness in this province.

I have also just right now had sight of a media statement released by the Gauteng Department of Social Development, which states that they withdraw the guidelines on food distribution, which I might add was implemented before the directions were gazetted, and it is based on the fact that organisations said it would hinder and affect the ability to deliver food to the poor.

So, in short, the article read correctly, and I would like to believe that we will now see a more rational, practical approach to delivering food to the most vulnerable, not only in our province, but across the country. I thank you.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. To the Minister, through you, I would like to know if the Minister can perhaps elaborate more on the work that is done by other organisations, and the other initiatives regarding food and nutritional support being provided in the province, besides the work of DSD? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Speaker, and to the hon member Bosman. In response to the COVID-19 lockdown, the Western Cape Government has established a humanitarian relief work stream in order to coordinate humanitarian relief efforts in the province.

So, besides the work of Social Development, we have a work stream that I lead, together with some other Ministers, and we have adopted a whole of government approach to food relief, in that we have the EDP Desk, which engages with key NPOs, CANs and CBOs on a weekly basis, to ensure that food distribution from private and public donors is mapped and updated on an interactive map.

Our district municipalities have stepped in and opened soup kitchens, and they have provided additional food parcels, and I think in just this last week we saw 9,000 parcels distributed.

I can also add that SASSA is part of the forum, and their contribution is mapped. The Solidary Fund is represented, and we can see where their parcels and distribution footprint are going.

The Western Cape Education School Feeding Initiative is included in the humanitarian report, and for the week ending 25 May, I can confirm that approximately 120,000 learners were fed at 506 schools.

We also enjoy, hon Speaker, the support of the interfaith community, who have now been afforded essential service status, and we are extremely grateful for all the social relief efforts and contributions received from churches, mosques, shuls, and all other institutions to date.

There are also initiatives underway with top chefs for soup production, Ladles of Love, and small craft brewers are also now cooking soup to supply to CANs and to our vulnerable communities.

It was noted in a ministerial briefing at the NCOP earlier this week, that the estimated number of people experiencing hunger currently stands at 6 million. This number could increase to as much as 9 million people as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hon Speaker, we are running out of time, and SASSA and the UIF literally need to step up to the plate as the pool of vulnerable individuals and families requiring food relief is growing daily. We are in a race against time. I thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you, Minister. I am very deeply concerned. We are obviously [Inaudible.] controversial. We have got a Minister at the helm of SASSA that is incompetent, does not know her eyeball from her arm, and whatever she has done so far has not succeeded to satisfy the urgent needs the people have .. [Inaudible.]

Last night I was watching television and SASSA came on TV, admitting their failures and that SASSA has only paid 10 people the amount of R350 they would give people and that they are hoping to improve this.

In the light of this, are you telling me that the new regulation says you must register yourself in order to give people hot food? How many months will that take before [Inaudible.] registered? And must the people die of hunger before we can give them hot food without having to ask the permission of a Minister that herself is incompetent and should never have been a national Minister? Are you telling me that we cannot give hot food or hot soup to hungry people, who phone every day, because the Minister must give permission?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Speaker. I think part of parliamentary protocol is not to cast aspersions, so I am going to accept that the hon member Marais has made a statement, but I must, for the record, state that the draft regulations were not gazetted as there was a court action that was launched by a political party, and the Thousand Women Trust NPO, which is also known as One Billion Rising. They are the women, the foot soldiers, who do the soup kitchens across the province and the country, and the result of their application was that the regulations were halted. I think Judge Henney has requested that the parties return to court some time, I think it could be 16 or 19 June 2020.

So, to answer the question, feeding continues. It was a victory for the people in that there are queues of people today in the cold, queuing up for a bowl of porridge, or a bowl of soup, and I really think it was unconscionable that this direction could even be considered. I must express my concern that the Opposition actually thought that I was being hysterical when I raised the attention of these draconian directions to the public, which I believe is my duty as a public servant, to act in the best interests of the citizens we serve.

So, to answer your question, we can continue with feeding, but I do believe that the rules which they had implemented, with those now being withdrawn, will pave the way for a more practical, rational approach that is inclusive and that will allow food to be delivered to the most vulnerable, in the shortest and most efficient way possible. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I notice, hon member Marais, your hand is up. Is it by omission, or do you want to say something?

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, yes, I want to say that this Government should seriously consider bringing a court application and I want to say the Premier should step in. Food is something we cannot deny ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: What is your question, hon member Marais?

Mr P J MARAIS: ... the people because of a regulation. My question is, hon Minister, will you and your Department be prepared to engage with the [Inaudible.] on this matter urgently, or otherwise refer this matter to the Premier for a legal challenge?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Speaker, through you to the hon member Marais. In my letter which I wrote to the Minister on the Monday that I received the draft directions, we indicated that we would take the matter to court on an urgent basis. The Premier has been alerted and I do believe has informed the President, so it has been escalated to the highest level.

So we have not been complacent, we dealt with it immediately and I am just saddened that it took a political circus before sanity actually prevailed, but we now await the courts. As I said Gauteng have now dropped their directions which they implemented prematurely, so hopefully we are on the right track. At the end of the day it has to be about the people.

So we have taken your concerns into account and they have been actioned, hon member Marais, thank you.

New questions:

Budgeted expenditure for disasters

1. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

With regard to the expenditure budgeted for disasters, such as the fighting of fires: (a) How did the expenditure compare with the actual expenses during the last fire season and (b) what contributed to the difference between the budgeted and the actual expenditure?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to hon member Van der Westhuizen for the question. The reply is as follows:

1. The Department has not received a budget for disaster response, except for the management of wildfires. The budget allocated for wildfires for the previous financial year was R12 886 000, with the actual expenditure being R13 831 000. This translates in an over-expenditure of plus-minus R945 000, or 7,3%.

The (b) part of the question. The over-expenditure was due to a number of reasons: the cost per hour for the utilisation of aircraft resources is linked to the fuel price, and due to the frequent fluctuation in the fuel price, the cost increased over the fire season.

A second reason for the over-expenditure is in previous fire seasons the Province was able to call upon the South African Air Force to provide helicopter support during large fires. This resource was not available during the wildfire season, which required the Province to incur higher costs in using their own resources; and the third reason, certain district municipalities – Cape Winelands and Overberg – experienced major wildfires towards the end of the season, which required a large response due to the potential loss of life and large loss of property.

On several occasions the Province assisted with the response by providing additional resources. I thank you.

Mr A VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to Minister Bredell. Hon Minister, all eyes are now on our current disaster and I believe much of your budget may have been spent on this disaster, but what has also been the effect of the lockdown is that apparently the clearing of alien vegetation in our nature areas has been delayed.

What do you believe would be the effect of this on the fire risk and the firefighting costs during the next dry season? And should the risks have increased, will the Province receive additional financial support for the increased risks?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, to hon member Van der Westhuizen, yes, it is a very important question, something very close to my heart.

Due to Level 5, all alien clearing operations were stopped. Under Level 4, both Working on Fire and Working for Water were restarted. They were compromised due to the 70% travel restrictions as well as, at that stage, a struggle to get some PPEs and to get everything in line.

Under Level 3, obviously we will continue and increase and get back to normality as far as possible, but we need to be cautious and recognise that the health and the safety of our personnel will come first.

In the meantime, the Disaster Management Centre convened a working group to determine the risks of the coming fire season. Obviously – and there is not an exact science, so excuse me, this is my personal opinion – the more aliens, the higher the risk of wildfires, and as we work with COVID we must never forget what happened a year ago in Australia, and a huge part of those big fires was caused by aliens.

So, no, there is no additional funding currently, and under the current budget constraints I do not expect funding to be allocated towards aliens just yet.

What we normally do is during a fire season, when we see that we are going to overspend or run into trouble, we will go to Treasury and they will accommodate us then. Thank you.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, thank you very much, and good afternoon to all hon members present.

Hon Speaker, just a question to the Minister, because not so long ago we have received a presentation by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, and they told us about the restrictions under the different levels; Level 5 and then Level 4, but also indicated that some of the contractors under Level 4 would then come back and be on site.

We are going back to Level 3 on Monday, meaning most of the contractors that have been appointed by the Department will then go back to deal with the issues of vegetation and so forth.

Hon Minister, your response was there is no exact science that there will be a greater danger when it comes to wild ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I would like you to get to the question, hon member Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: Yes. As we are going into the winter season now, hon Speaker, do you think that the team that has been appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs will be able to deal with the fear of veld fires in the summer season? Do you think they will be able to deal with that particular fear and that come the summer season, that that fear will be no more?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, I hope I understand the question correctly. "Fear", I do not know if it is like we are scared.

They are trained people; it is not something new. We have this programme year in and year out; we have got different working groups. Cape Nature is working with groups and the whole alien vegetation issue is an ongoing programme.

As I stated with hon member Van der Westhuizen, under Level 4 they have restarted, but they were restricted because of the 70% travel restrictions and having to get PPE in place. The health of the people obviously needs to come first.

Secondly, yes, I am just covering myself, because it is obvious, if there are more aliens it speaks to a higher risk of veld fires. Alien vegetation needs to get more attention actually, but we also need to understand that the budgets are under huge strain and it will be part of the conversation going forward, as well as the possibility of another drought, etcetera. There are different risks that we need to accommodate, and we as Disaster Management have always worked very closely with Treasury, because they do understand the fears and the threats, and they have always worked with us, and so the same will happen with the coming fire season.

Obviously, now that we are at Level 3, the teams will up their production rate as well, and hopefully we can make inroads into the aliens that we have lacked to touch. Thank you.

Mr A VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you. Minister, do you believe that a public campaign to make the public aware of the dangers of veld fires particularly is warranted? I do know that our current campaign should be about infection and social distancing, etcetera, but I am just wondering whether we should not revive the old campaign that for many-many years we saw while travelling through plantations, with the little *bokkie* with the tears. Is there a possibility of such a campaign? Is there potential in such a campaign? And would that be a cost-effective exercise?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you. Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon member Van der Westhuizen, in marketing terms it is difficult to prove the value in it. I believe firmly there is huge value in it. We have not stopped our training, our awareness campaigns. That is an ongoing campaign and we must continue with that.

I think there were lessons learnt from the past through different disasters, and currently there is a team looking at behaviour change. We, as humans, will need to learn that we need to change our behaviour, and what kind of messages will help us to get to the public and have a breakthrough so that we realise that we need to protect this planet.

So obviously yes, I am very much in favour of those kind of campaigns and looking back I think in the past it did help us a lot to control possible disasters that can hit us. So, yes, I am very much in favour of such a campaign.

Budgeted expenditure for disasters

2. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

What is the province's state of readiness for the reopening of schools in the context of COVID-19?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker. The reply is as follows:

2. The WCED has over the course of the past week and a half delivered various elements of the school safety and hygiene packs to schools. These elements include sanitisers, cleaning materials, liquid soap, masks and thermometers. The deliveries were to accommodate the return of teachers this week. More deliveries are being made over this week for the return of Grade 12 and 7 learners next week.

We are following up on singular schools that were not available to receive the deliveries of masks and scanners. A letter went out this past weekend to schools, requesting that they contact the district if they have not received the required masks and thermometers.

We have spent R280 million on PPEs and cleaning materials so far, before placing the secondary orders. We have ordered 2,4 million face masks at a cost of R50,6 million; temperature scanners 7,113 at a cost of R8,4 million; hand sanitiser 893,270 litres; 87,350 litres of bleach; 2,8 million litres of liquid soap, and 5,6 million litres of disinfectant.

We are very pleased with the thorough cleaning of schools and the essential planning that had to be done this past week to prepare for this week. Planning for screening of all staff every day, planning for orientation of staff on their first day of return, planning for the establishment of health and safety committees as part of the SGB, and planning for the physical distancing of learners.

We want to thank all principals, [Inaudible.] and non-teaching staff who have worked very hard to prepare their schools for the teachers.

This week the focus is on readying the school for the return of Grades 12 and 7 learners on 1 June 2020. Plans for the daily screening of learners, orientation of learners around COVID-19, and new ways of behaviour and movement, teaching them to take responsibility for their own safety, and final preparations for curriculum delivery from 1 June 2020.

The WCED has also issued detailed guidelines to schools to assist them in their preparations. These include:

- Important information from the Department of Health.
- Roles and responsibilities of staff.
- Orientation of staff and learners.
- Screening of staff and learners.
- Cleaning of schools and maintaining hygiene.
- School feeding.
- Psycho-social support.
- Managing learners with comorbidities.
- Safety of learners on the learner transport scheme.
- Managing hostel safety during COVID-19.
- Managing COVID-19 cases in schools, and
- Roles and responsibilities of SGBs.

All of these can be seen on the Back-to-School page of the WCED website.

We are still in a process of finalising the guidelines on staff with comorbidities, as we have not yet received clarity from the National Department on this. A guideline on the curriculum as well will be issued very shortly. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. As I thank the Minister for her response, also let me just place on record that us raising these critical questions and issues is all part of improving and assisting the Department to improve its response to the virus and to the issue of needing to reopen the schools.

I just wanted to get a sense, based on the response of the MEC, can she tell us why vital learner transport services and those operators are not fully on board as yet? Why those engagements have not yet taken place? Because after two months of sheltered time with the COVID pandemic, these service providers need to be on the same page with the new rules for moving children, for example.

Also, how does the MEC explain the fact that many teachers have now contracted this virus and at least one educator has fallen victim? Does this not in a sense demand a bit of a rethink, particularly with regard to the monitoring of the implementation of the partial plan that we have been getting, and that we have been receiving? Because clearly parents and guardians are now living in fear, and we cannot blame them.

Does the limited supply of last-minute delivery protection and sanitation material, and where schools, including poor schools, have to supply the rest, not place our teachers and learners at risk? What is being done to ensure that the poorer schools, those in the poorer areas, that are unable to necessarily fully comply and do not have the necessary resources, are assisted?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you, hon member Sayed. I appreciate any assistance in trying to improve our Department. Sometimes it is just the way the questions are raised that becomes an issue.

Why the transport issue is a problem is because the transport service providers, particularly the smaller ones, are raising concerns because of the fact that they are losing income now, because they have not been transporting learners for a while, and they are not accepting the responsibility to ensure that their own transport is sanitised, and think that the Department must provide them with sanitation equipment and fluid, which we do not believe is our responsibility.

Having said that, there are ongoing discussions with them. Yesterday there were some, and I believe today there is some more. I have not had the latest update. I think they may still be continuing, but it obviously is a source of concern for us, and we are trying to resolve it as quickly as possible.

The fact that we have to also go back in a phased manner means that they will not necessarily have a full load of learners, and they get paid per learner, so that is another issue that is being discussed at the moment to try and find a solution that is acceptable to both parties.

As far as teachers who have contracted the virus are concerned. The teachers who contracted the virus did not get the virus at school, they got it in the communities. So, to try and link that to coming back to school I think is creating the incorrect impression. As much as we are obviously sympathetic to them and their families, if people have got it, it certainly was not from school.

Yesterday, in fact, we had a case in one of our schools where a teacher arrived, she was screened at school. She reported having a cough. She was not allowed to enter the school premises, and she was actually quite upset about that. She was then sent for a test and tested positive.

So, by implementing our processes, we in fact prevented her from getting into the school and infecting other teachers, and that would also apply to learners.

So I would say no, it does not affect our plan, because the reality is we all know that the infection rate is increasing, and we are not going to stop people from getting COVID in communities, and obviously that is going to also impact on schools, but the fact that we have those processes in place in schools I believe are actually very good measures to protect our learners and our teachers.

As far as the supplies go, comments like “last minute supplies”, we did not have a long time to order these things, and when you are ordering the kinds of volumes that we are ordering – as I have mentioned earlier – it is quite a logistical exercise, and I think we have done extremely well. We did focus initially on the Metro areas because we have more schools in those areas, so the more rural areas were still getting their stuff delivered this week, but I have been informed that they are getting their stuff. Just today I was told in fact that a school that did not have it yesterday, has now received it.

We also do need to remember that every single school does get norms and standards funding, so they will have some cleaning materials at their school, but the vast majority of all our schools have received additional bleach and sanitisers, as well as all the masks that they need for their teachers and the learners that are coming back next week. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Schäfer. Hon members, I just want to bring to your attention that the following hon members wish to ask a question to the Minister, and that is hon member Botha, hon member Christians, hon member Bans and unfortunately, hon member Marais, you were the last one to lift up your hand, so you unfortunately fall out, unless somebody wants to withdraw their question. So, the first now is the hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, through you. Hon Minister, you have alluded to the screening and according to you, WCED and DBE, every learner and staff member must be screened before entering the school premises. What does screening involve, and do you have to be a health professional to do the screening in terms of learners and teachers?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, and thank you, hon member Botha. Yes, that is an important question. It has raised some concerns amongst some of our members. It is actually a very simple process. It involves asking a short list of I think it is five questions that need to be asked:

“Do you have a cough?

Do you have a fever?

Do you have shortness of breath?

Do you have a sore throat?

And within the last 14 days have you had any direct contact with a person who has been confirmed to have Corona virus?”

And then of course we are asking them to also use the infrared temperature scanner, which is a non-contact scanner, to ensure that people have not got raised temperatures.

Of course, this is going to help in schools, because we can then see from day-to-day what people's temperatures are and we will be able to pick up any variations in that.

It does not involve being a health worker. I have been to a few schools this week already and last week, where different people in the school were assisting, one SGB was assisting, in one a security guard was assisting, and some teachers are also assisting.

So as long as they are properly trained as to what to do it is not complicated, and it really is much easier to limit the number of people who come onto school premises, to try and ensure that we do not have extra people on the premises who could bring in additional risk. Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. We, of course, as the ACDP, said previously we support opening of the schools with the necessary protocols.

Hon Speaker, to the Minister, an important factor is that a lot of parents at home are saying, "We are not going to send our children to school," because of this virus being so big and people knowing that by the end of June we are hitting the peak.

So, a lot of parents do not feel comfortable. I know the necessary letters went out, circulars went out, but some of our parents are still fearful of sending them to school.

So, what is your strategy? What is the Department's strategy to get those parents to feel comfortable to send their kids – because the big thing is, the one lady I spoke to, her son is 10 years old, but she has got a 2 year-old at home. So, she is worried that her 2 year-old might be infected if he is infected.

You have done a lot, but how are your Department and you now going to communicate to our parents that the schools are safe, and please send your children back to school? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker, and hon member Christians. Yes, that is quite so. We also need to accept of course that not every community is the same. I was in one yesterday where the children were running around in groups, playing catch outside a school. So in their case they will actually be safer in a school than they will outside.

The current law is such that parents have to send their children to school, but given the statements made by the President and the Deputy Minister, that parents will not be forced to send their children to school, we have been raising with the National Minister to see if there is a little bit of leeway that we can give people until they feel satisfied that we have put the necessary measures in place.

So I am still engaging with the Minister on that, but we will continue to communicate what we are doing in schools, and I really hope that once the first grades go back, they will also be able to then communicate to their parents and their communities what measures are in place.

What I have seen is that the schools are doing an incredible job of keeping it. One of the big issues that parents are worried about is that the numbers of learners in a class will not be able to, we will not be able to keep that physical distance of 1,5 metres, and I do wish to reassure them that that will be the case. We will not compromise on that, and we will work with the schools.

The schools are busy working out their own plans as to what works best for them, including things like, for example, having different classes on different days, or different grades on alternate days, or splitting the class into two, but we will make sure that that distance is maintained and all the research that we have seen shows that the two really most important factors are the distancing and the handwashing.

So we will continue to communicate to try and reassure parents of the measures that we are taking. Thank you.

Ms A BANS: Hon Speaker, I could not help but wonder when I heard the Minister speaking about the Metros that were a priority when PPEs were distributed, one cannot help but wonder when rural areas are going to become priorities. I have seen in rural areas that principals are taking from their own budget to start buying PPE for their schools. What I want to know is if this is going to be the norm or are they also going to receive when the Minister is ready to distribute? That is my first question.

My second question would be on the screening. I understand the Minister is saying that people will be trained to do the screening and I want to align myself to the question asked by hon member Botha. When the Minister responded she said that the people doing the screening would be properly trained. I want to know who will be training the people to do screening?

My last question, hon Speaker, is on the use of bathrooms at schools. What strategy is put in place for the kids to use the bathrooms because we take cognisance that they cannot just go to the bathroom as usual, and it is not a matter of cleaning the bathrooms the way they used to be cleaned? There is a special method that must be put in place. Has the Minister thought about it and are there plans in place to deal with the question? I thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker. I thought they were only allowed one question, not three questions in response, but anyway.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, let me just say that the question is broad. [Laughs.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: [Laughs.]

The SPEAKER: Ja, the question is broad, and I thought it is also beautiful that hon members are interacting to hold you accountable. [Laughs.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will regard it as sub-questions. Yes, thank you very much, hon member Bans.

They were prioritised in the sense that they are closer together. It was easier for the distributor to go to all of them first. It does not mean that they are more important, it was just a logistical issue. As I said, by this week, all schools in the rural areas too will have the relevant equipment and PPEs.

If you say that a principal is taking from their own budget, I would need to understand what you mean by that, because if you mean the norms and standards budget that is given to the school by the Department, there is nothing wrong with that, because they are supposed to use that money to buy some cleaning materials anyway in the course of the school year, but they will be getting by this week already - I think already mostly have got - the additional supplies that we are giving to all schools.

So it is not a question that they are not being prioritised at all, it is just that it was an issue of logistics to try and get all the stuff there in time.

As far as the screening is concerned, the screening will be done. We sent a detailed list to the schools as to what has to happen to do screening, and the schools will be doing it with the people that they choose to do the screening. As I said it is not a complicated process, we just have to make sure we do it uniformly across all schools. So they will be done by the school.

As far as bathrooms are concerned. That really is a management issue by the schools, but we have also, as I mentioned in my initial response, sent out a list to schools as to what exactly needs to be done as far as cleaning is concerned, and there will definitely have to be additional cleaning as far as bathrooms go. So that will have to be managed by the schools obviously, but they have been told what requirements are needed. Thank you, hon Speaker.

COVID-19: travelling to other provinces

3. Mr L L Mvimbi asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

What measures did his Department put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by people travelling from the Western Cape to other provinces?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you very much to hon member Mvimbi for the question. The reply is as follows:

3. When the National State of Disaster was announced with the introduction of disaster management regulations and directions, the Directorate Traffic Law Enforcement was required to adjust its normal operational mandates, directives and deployment approach.

As part of the mandate, the services were clustered under the emergency personnel or security services, with the South African Police Service as the lead, to effectively render the enforcement approach.

As part of our planned joint operations with all applicable law enforcement role players, we are providing required resources to aid fixed 24/7 merger interprovincial roadblocks to ensure compliance in terms of the Disaster Management Act and Regulations, and also as part of the tactical deployment we have an additional nine secondary vehicle checkpoints, which are located at strategic points to achieve the desired objectives of the prevention of the movement of people who are not permitted to do so, other than according to what is prescribed in the regulations. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Madikizela, thank you for your response. I now recognise hon member Mvimbi.

†UMnu L L MVIMBI: Somlomo, andiyazi man. Uzondinceda kulo mcimbi. Umbuzo wam ubusithi kuHonorable Ngutyana: What measures his Department put in place to prevent the spread of COVID 19 by people travelling from Western Cape to other provinces? Ngumbuzo wam lowo ebe ndimbuze wona. Now, kukokwesibini ... phofu njalo qho xa ndibuza umbuzo kuye direct...

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Speaker, I do not know. You will assist me in this regard. My question to Honorable Ngutyana is: What measures his Department put in place to prevent the spread of COVID 19 by people travelling from Western Cape to other provinces? That is the question that I asked him. Now, this is the second time ... well, each time that I ask him a direct question... [Interjection.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Sorry-sorry-sorry, let me – sorry, my apologies, hon Speaker. I will try and [Interjections.] My apologies.

Mr P J MARAIS: Point of order. Otherwise I will start speaking Afrikaans. Point of order, hon Speaker.

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, sorry, my apologies, my apologies, hon members.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Order, hon members. The hon member ... [Interjections.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Okay, no, I will speak English, I will speak English, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi, I just need to deal with a particular matter right now. Hon members, the apology by hon member Mvimbi is on the use of language, in terms of my brief as we started with the sitting, we all observed the reality of language.

So he is apologising, and I hope that the hon members have accepted the apology, to allow the hon member Mvimbi to proceed. Hon member Mvimbi.

Mr P J MARAIS: Apology accepted, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Marais.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Once again sincere apologies, hon Speaker.

Hon Speaker, I was saying, most of the time when I ask the hon Minister questions, he never directly answers the questions I have asked, and I do not know whether it is disallowed in terms of the Rules of Order. I can cite an example where in the past I have asked questions ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mvimbi. You were rising on a point of order, so I want the hon Minister to respond to your point of order. There are other opportunities for follow-ups, and I will give you the first follow-up after this one. Because we have to follow the Rules. Your point of order has been recorded. Hon Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: What is the point of order, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: All right. Hon member Mvimbi, you hear the hon Minister. He does not hear your point of order.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Okay.

The SPEAKER: And in light of that, I am going to request that you repeat your point of order to the Minister.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, I do not know whether this is allowed in terms of the Rules of Order of asking questions because it is not the first time when I ask questions that he does not directly answer my questions. He either indirectly answers them, or does not answer them, or avoids them.

The question I have asked is: what measures has his Department put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by people travelling from the Western Cape to other provinces?

The SPEAKER: Okay, all right.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Now it is not answered the way I have asked it. I want to know whether that is allowed in terms of the Rules, when a member asks a member of the Cabinet a question and he does not answer that question?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hon Speaker, I really do not understand the concern that the hon member is raising, because I have answered this question in line with the mandate of the Department of Transport and Public Works, and I think I went at length answering the question, because the mandate of this Department is to enforce the law, as far as the question is concerned that he is raising. As I said, after the announcement of the State of Disaster, in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies we had to make sure that all the interprovincial borders were manned, and that is exactly how I have answered the question.

In order to make sure that in line with the regulations the number of passengers in those vehicles is 70%, there are masks, there are sanitisers, etcetera, etcetera. But more importantly, the point that I was raising is that we had to make sure that for those people who are travelling to other provinces, we had a joint operation which was led by SAPS; since the State of Disaster the law enforcement agencies that lead in that regard become the members of SAPS, as I said, SANDF and the law enforcement agencies of the Department of Transport and Public Works. So I am not sure where the unhappiness comes from from the hon member. I need to understand.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you, hon Minister, for that first response. Hon Minister, in light of the question posed to you, could you just inform the House which body or law enforcement agency is responsible, or was responsible, as per the regulations for issuing the relevant permits in fact to travel out of the Western Cape to other provinces?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Blame game again, that is what you want to show.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Nkondlo. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much for that question, hon member Mitchell. I think it must be understood that the Department of Transport and Public Works issues permits in terms of the National Land Transport Act and these are normal route permits that we issue to our operators. As soon as a State of Disaster was announced by the National Government, the permits were then issued by SAPS in various police stations and magistrates' offices. These are the two Government entities that are now issuing permits under the regulations, so that is the answer to your question, hon member.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much Speaker and greetings to all the members. What I want to ask, hon Speaker, is what monitoring are we doing to ensure that in the roadblocks that the Minister is talking about, that all the regulations or what need to be checked are checked? I recently travelled to the Eastern Cape and, yes, there are many roadblocks as you travel from one province to the other, but what I realised is that the checks are not the same as you go from one roadblock to another. You will have screening in one, but in another you do not get screened, in one you are searched, in another you do not get searched, in one they ask for the permits of people who are travelling, in others they do not even require that. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much for that question, hon member Kama. The law enforcement agencies under the National Disaster regulations currently deploy members – there are three departments that are participating, it is the Department of Defence, SAPS and of course our traffic officers. They focus on different areas depending on the nature of the transgressions in those particular areas and then they decide what the focus should be in terms of the roadblock in that particular area.

But, more importantly, the issue of permits is a must because as you know, people can only travel under very strict conditions.

If you are travelling from one city to another, you must produce a permit. If you are travelling from one province to another, you must produce a permit that clearly indicates that and that your permit is in line with the conditions on which you are travelling.

I agree with member Kama, that this concern was raised with me, that there seems to be a different understanding of what the law enforcement agencies on the ground should be checking. And I think in our joint operations we discussed those concerns that people are raising as member Kama said. But the main thing that needs to be checked is 1) whether people have the necessary permits; 2) whether the vehicles that they are travelling in meet the requirements in terms of the number of people that may be there. So those are the two main things. Of course the regulations clearly stipulate now that everyone who is inside that vehicle must wear a mask, and of course the issue of social distancing is addressed in the number of people who are allowed in that vehicle.

Mr P MARRAN: Thanks, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I just want to check with the Minister, I saw a press release on 4 May from the Minister of Agriculture and it basically spoke about the transportation of seasonal workers from the Western Cape to other provinces. Now besides the masks and sanitation, workers need to have with them an employment contract and UA19 forms. I just want to check specifically on those two issues, the UA19 forms and the employment contracts. Who is responsible to ensure sure that that documentation is with those workers when they travel from the Western Cape to other provinces? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: It is the employers, hon Speaker, who must make sure of that. In fact, with any worker who is travelling for the purposes of work, it is the responsibility of the employer to issue that kind of permit.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

Mr P MARRAN: Maybe let me rephrase, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: No, you cannot rephrase now. You have been given a chance. You have asked the question and the Minister has responded. Do you think the Minister did not hear your question, hon member?

Mr P MARRAN: It might be, hon Speaker. Because we all know the employer is responsible for the employment contract and the UA19. I was asking, in terms of when a worker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, on a point of order ...

The SPEAKER: Point of order has been received. Hon Mitchell?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): My point of order is that it cannot be that when a member has posed a question to a member of the Executive, that has been answered, and they do not like the answer, they then get another opportunity to pose a question in a format that suits them. I just think it is cannot be.

An HON MEMBER: Speaker, point of order.

The SPEAKER: Hon members. Order. I have not recognised anyone. Hon Mitchell has raised a point of order, correctly so, on the question of members having asked a question, the response being given by the member of the Executive, and the member having not liked the response to the question then wants to raise the same question differently. I think that is what the hon Mitchell is asking. But on the question that hon Marran is rising on, he was rising on a point of order to state what his question is, and there is nothing wrong with that in terms of the Rules so that the hon Minister does not go without having heard the question. He is not asking a different question, he is just clarifying his question and may we please allow hon Marran to do so, so that the hon Minister can respond. Hon Marran? Alright, hon Marran has gone. In the absence ... [Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, can you hear me now?

The SPEAKER: Yes, we can hear you.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, thanks very much for the clarification because we all know that it is the responsibility of the employers to make sure that they issue UA19s and that there are employment contracts. We understand that.

The question was, Speaker, whose responsibility is it to check whether the worker on the road, for instance if he comes to a roadblock, that he has the necessary documents with him? Whose responsibility is it to check? Is it the responsibility of the traffic department, of the police, of the Department of Agriculture or whoever else? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Well, the simple answer is it is the responsibility of that joint operation that I spoke about, hon Speaker. All those three departments' representatives in this joint operation: your traffic officers, your SAPS and your SANDF. So that is the responsibility of that joint operation to ensure that people have the necessary documents to be on the road.

COVID-19: Agricultural workers

4. Mr P Marran asked the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What is the number of agricultural workers who have been infected by COVID-19 and (b) what measures have been put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the agricultural industry?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker and thank you to hon member Marran. The reply is as follows:

4. As per any other sector in the country, a number of agriworkers have been affected by COVID-19, however it is impossible to determine the exact number due to [Inaudible.] patient confidentiality clauses which are adhered to by the Department of Health.

All the cases of COVID-19 that the Department was made aware of were reported to both the Department of Employment and Labour as well as the Department of Health in order to ensure that all required protocols are adhered to. The Department, in consultation with the agricultural stakeholders, has agreed to implement a comprehensive workplace strategy as developed by the Department of Health, titled "Guidelines to Manage COVID-19 in the Workplace," dated 6 May.

The Department has also ensured that all stakeholders are guided and supported around complying with the regulatory framework for workplaces, as developed by the Department of Employment and Labour, as reflected in the *Government Gazette* Number 43257 dated 29 April 2020. The Department also continuously disseminates updated relevant information and protocols in terms of safety and hygiene regarding COVID-19 with all industry bodies and producers, farmers, organised agricultural associations and agriworkers in order to ensure that they are compliant with these regulations.

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has also developed a frequently asked questions document which serves as an additional guide for producers and farmers and agriworkers.

In addition to the aforementioned, several interventions have been put in place, namely providing reuseable cloth, face masks, hand sanitisers, as well as signage and materials displaying appropriate hygienic practices in the workplace such as regular handwashing and social distancing.

It should be noted that the enforcement of these regulations [Inaudible.] for example the Department of Employment and Labour, Road Traffic Law Enforcement, SAPS and the South African National Defence Force. The Department is, however, fully committed to working with stakeholders to ensure full compliance to the stringent health protocols, all in an effort to stop the spread of the virus. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, unfortunately we have exhausted the time for oral questions. The rest of the responses to questions will be printed in Hansard.

[Question time expired.]

[Replies to questions 5 to 7 to be printed in Hansard]

Questions and replies as received from departments

ORAL QUESTIONS

For written reply:

COVID-19: retail workers

5. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:

Whether, with regard to contact tracing and testing, all the immediate family members and contacts of retail workers who tested positive for COVID-19 have been tested and isolated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH

5. Of the retail workers who have tested positive, 94% of their immediate family members have been traced. Many of those not traced were diagnosed in the last 2 weeks where the case numbers have been very large, and they have not been allocated to a case and contact tracing team yet. Family members/close contacts of case are only tested if they are symptomatic as per the NICD guidelines. Testing in asymptomatic contacts is not done routinely.

All cases and family contacts who were not able to effectively self-isolate/quarantine at home have been offered isolation facilities as appropriate.

COVID-19: voluntary self-isolation

6. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Health:

With reference to the national Minister of Health's visit to the province when he said that cluster outbreaks were reason for the spike in COVID-19 infections: (1) What has her Department done to investigate whether the voluntary self-isolation of those infected with COVID-19 is mostly complied with by those who should abide by it; 8 (2) whether her Department deems the voluntary self-isolation of those who are infected with COVID-19 to be an effective mechanism to curb the spread of COVID-19; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; (3) how will her Department address the issue of cluster outbreaks in the province going forward?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

6. (1) Yes. The Department's contact tracing team engages with positive cases and person's under investigation and advise them to self-isolation/quarantine.
- (2) Yes. The Department works with the SAPS to enforce self-isolation/quarantine and where found that people do not abide by the requirements they are uplifted from their homes to an isolation/quarantine facility.

- (3) The Department has identified several hot spots which are concentrated in essential services clusters, care homes and the poorest communities. As such, the Department has adapted its strategy to streamline testing and contact tracing activities to focus on high risk groups. The Health Strategy is now aligned to the risk stratified case management approach, in areas with established community transmission. Differentiated strategy is required to deal with different realities in Cape Metro and Rural Districts.

COVID-19: provincial social housing

7. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Human Settlements:

In light of the new regulations published by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on 7 May 2020 that allow people to move to “new” houses until 7 June 2020 under level 4 lockdown regulations: How many provincial social houses have been made available to individuals to move into during this period?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

7. Please be advised that the Regulations mentioned in your question, have been subsequently amended by the National Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. For your own reference, herewith find a copy. According to the amended regulations gazetted on 14 May 2020, the once off movement of persons or good for purposes of relocation would be permissible indefinitely under alert Level 4 of the National Lockdown.

Since the easing of the lockdown, we have been working tirelessly with our contractors to ensure that the sites are COVID19-compliant. This has led to the first 50 units out of 267 units, being handed over in Forest Village on Wednesday, 27 May 2020. I was delighted to handover these units to the most deserving of our society. In addition, enclosed is a complete of units that will be delivered by my Department in the coming weeks and months.



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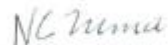
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

NO. 534

14 MAY 2020

**DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 27(2)(f) OF THE DISASTER
MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002)**

I, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, hereby, in terms of section 27(2)(f) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), after consultation with the Ministers of Police and Transport, issue directions in the Schedule hereto relating to the movement of persons and goods.



DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI ZUMA, MP
MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS
DATE: 13.05.2020

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In these Directions a word or expression bears the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations and unless the context otherwise indicates—

"Regulations" means the Regulations made in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published in Government Gazette No. 43258, Government Notice No. R. 480 of 29 April 2020.

Purpose

2. (1) The purpose of these Directions is to facilitate the movement of persons and goods across provincial, metropolitan or district boundaries during the period of Alert level 4.

(2) (a) The movement of persons and goods, where—

(i) a person is relocating to a new place of residence;

(ii) the movement is necessitated due to domestic violence; or

(iii) a business is relocating to a new premises,

requires a change in place of residence or business, including the transport of related goods to a new place of residence or business, within the Republic.

(b) The circumstances in subparagraph (a)(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) require the once-off movement of persons who are relocating to their new place of residence, as permitted in terms of regulation 16(5); and

(c) The transport of goods within the Republic is permitted in terms of regulation 22(1)(f).

The once-off movement of persons and transportation of goods

3. (a) A person who needs to travel to his or her new place of residence or business and to transport goods which are limited to household or office furniture and effects, as required by the circumstances in paragraph 2 of these Directions, is permitted to do so during Alert level 4.

(b) A person referred to in subparagraph (a) must—

(i) obtain a permit to travel across provincial, metropolitan or district boundaries from the head of court or a person designated by him or her, or the station commander of a police station or a person designated by him or her. The permit must correspond with Form 1 to these Directions;

(ii) indicate the persons who are part of the household who will be required to move; and

(iii) have in his or her possession the relevant lease agreements indicating the date of expiry of the old lease or the date of commencement of the new lease, or the proof of purchase of residence and occupation date, or the transfer documents attesting to the change of ownership of property, or a domestic violence order, or proof of change or new occupation of business premises.

Public and private transport

4. A person referred to in paragraph 3 who makes use of public or private transport must adhere to the relevant Directions issued by the Minister of Transport.

Repeal and transitional provisions

5. (1) The Directions published by Government Notice No. 513 of 7 May 2020, is hereby repealed.

(2) Despite the repeal the direction referred to in paragraph (1), permits already granted, remain in force as if the direction had not been repealed.

Short title

6. These Directions are called the Directions on the once-off movement of persons and the transportation of goods for purposes of relocation.

FORM 1
PERMIT TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER PROVINCE, METROPOLITAN AREA OR DISTRICT FOR
PURPOSES OF RELOCATION
 Direction 3(b)

Note:

- This permit must be issued to the persons or businesses relocating
- This permit and any form of identification must be in the possession of the person to whom this permit is issued

I,

Full names	
Surname	
Identity number	
Court/Station	
*Station Commander/Head of court/designated person	
hereby issue a permit for *relocation/transportation of persons, household furniture and effects/business furniture, equipment, and inventory related to the business to: Full names	
Surname	
Identity number	
Names of additional people travelling and requiring authority to return (Limited to number of people per vehicle, as per directions of Minister of Transport)	
Address of residence/ business relocating from	
Province relocating from	
Registration number/s of vehicle/s for movement and return	
Contact details	Cell nr <input type="text"/> Tel No (h) <input type="text"/> e-mail address <input type="text"/>
Address of residence/ business relocating to	
Province relocating to (if different from current province)	
Date/s of travel	


I have verified that the person requesting the permit *produced the relevant lease agreements, indicating the date of expiry of the old lease or the commencement date of the new lease/produced proof of purchase of residence and occupation date/produced the transfer documents attesting to the change of ownership of property/domestic violence order/produced proof of change or new occupation of business premises.

Signed at _____ this ____ day of _____ 20__

*Station Commander/Head of Court/designated person

*Delete which is not applicable.

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 Western Cape Government Human Settlements			
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT : WESTERN CAPE			
DELIVERY REPORT :			
Top Structure Ready for Hand Over		Programme	HOUSES TO BE HANDED OVER
			COMMENTS
CITY OF CAPE TOWN			
PLS/IRDP			
Atlantis Kanonkop Phase 1		IRDP	
Belhar Pentech (340)		IRDP	
Delft The Hague (1012 of 2407)		IRDP	
Delft The Hague (896 of 2407) & Eindhoven		IRDP	
Garden Cities Fisantekraal ph2 (1955)		IRDP	
Morkel's Cottage (562)		IRDP	
Gugulethu Infill (Mau Mau) (1019)		IRDP	
Valhalla Park (777)		IRDP	
Imizamo Yethu		IRDP	
Somerset West 10Ha		IRDP	
Maroela South		IRDP	
Pook se Bos		IRDP	
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CITY TOTAL			
PROVINCIAL PROJECTS			
Boystown (1393)			
Joe Slovo (2886)		UISP/IRDP	
Forest Village (4500)		IRDP	208
PROVINCIAL PROJECTS TOTAL			
Land Release Projects :			
Highbury Veterans (100)		Mil Vet	10
Scottsdene (332)		IRDP	
Khayelitsha Erf 26943		IRDP	
LAND RELEASE PROJECTS			
TOTAL PROVINCIAL AND LAND RELEASE IRDP			

LAND RELEASE PROJECTS : FLISP (CD Management Support)			
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Our Pride Erf 8175 & 6111	FLISP		
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Highbury Ph3 FLISP	FLISP		
Belhar CBD	FLISP		
Blue Downs Erf 1896	FLISP		
Blue Downs Erf 4238	FLISP		
Khayelitsha Erf 26943	FLISP		
Paarl Dal Jasofat (2000)	FLISP		
PROJECTS TOTAL			
WINELANDS DISTRICT			
Breede Valley			
New Mandela Square (652 + 391)	IRDP		
Worcester Transhex Phase 1 Tops	IRDP		
Drakenstein			
Paarl Vlakkeland (Ph1.3 : 316 sites / 309 units) Ukhana	IRDP		
Paarl Vlakkeland (Ph1.2 : 236 sites /228 units) Kalesego	IRDP	64	
Langeberg			
Robertson Nqubela Erf 136 (150+24)	IRDP		
Stellenbosch			
Watergang	IRDP		
Idas Valley	IRDP	14	
Witzenberg			
Ceres Vredebes Ph1 (605)	IRDP	229	Municipality to finalise beneficiary admin process
SUB TOTAL			
OVERBERG DISTRICT			
Cape Agulhas			
Bredasdorp Site H (158)	IRDP	96	Municipality to finalise beneficiary admin process
Bredasdorp Site F (683)	IRDP	332	Municipality to finalise beneficiary admin process

Overstrand			
Hermanus Zwelihle (836) C1	IRDP		
Hawston (489) IRDP		63	
Gansbaai Blompark (544) IRDP	IRDP		
Swellendam			
Buffelsjagsrivier (75 + 39)	IRDP		
Theewaterskloof			
Grabouw Rooidakke (1169) Tops	PHP	30	
Grabouw Hillside (348) (121 + 227)	PHP	9	
Riviersonderend (140)	PHP		
Caledon Side Saviwa (32)	IRDP		
SUB TOTAL OVERBERG			
CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT			
Beaufort West			
Beaufort West S1 (814)	IRDP		
SUB TOTAL KAROO			
GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT			
Bitou			
Kwanokuthula (1360) UISP	IRDP	61	
George			
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Syferfontein East Phase B1- B5	IRDP		
Knysna			
Vision (459)	PHP	53	
Hlalani (273/165/96)	UISP		
Ethembeni (180/200/175)	UISP		
Happy Valley (95/120)	UISP		
Bloemfontein (150)	UISP	4	
Hornlee (312)			
Xolweni (220)	UISP		
Mossel Bay			
Asazani/Zinyoka (256 of 1077)	UISP		
Sonskyn Vallei (616)	IRDP		
Oudtshoorn			
Rose Valley (875)	IRDP		

SUB TOTAL GARDEN ROUTE			
WEST COAST DISTRICT			
Berg River			
Velddrif Noordhoek (107)	IRDP		
Cederberg			
Citrusdal (162)	IRDP		
Lambert's Bay (596)	IRDP		
Matzikama			
Saldanha Bay			
Diazville damaged houses	EHP		
Paternoster (202)	PHP		
Laingville (309) IRDP	IRDP		
Swartland			
Riebeeck West (252)	IRDP		
SUB TOTAL WEST COAST			
TOTAL		1447	

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE

With that I will then move to Questions to the Premier without Notice and the first question to the Premier is by hon Mvimbi. Hon Premier, are you on board? Yes, I can see you. I now recognise hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. The plight and the occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Western Cape has reconfirmed the well-known reality of the huge gap between the rich and the poor and the huge gap between the haves and the have-nots. It has further exposed the huge socio economic inequality in the province of the Western Cape. And of course, during the lockdown period of Level 5 and now Level 4, we have seen and witnessed long queues of people queuing for food and food parcels as well as soup kitchens, hon Speaker.

We have also witnessed long queues, mainly in the poor areas, for public transport in the form of minibus taxis, crossing the borders of this province to and from other provinces. However, in the midst of all these problems and challenges, the Premier and some Cabinet members of the province have been calling and advocating for the province to go to Level 3 of the lockdown and this gives the impression that the Provincial Government has a plan and solution to the socio-economic problems that have been mentioned above.

So I would just like to ask then, what plans and solutions does the Provincial Government have to deal with this socio economic problem of the province during the Level 3 of the lockdown, especially with reference to public transport and also the dense spatial planning that we are facing?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. I think specifically the socio-economic problems that the member refers to, the hunger, the plight of specifically those who fall through the middle, the people who are not getting help from SASSA, the people who are battling to get their UIF payment, that socio-economic pandemic or crisis that has been developing over time, is the sole reason why we need to have a health response on the one side and in actual fact enable safe and responsible opening up of the economy.

It is specifically because we have such a problem, with a new crisis developing, where we are not able to deal with that crisis decisively, the missing middle, the people who do not or have not got the ability to make a UIF claim and perhaps are not on a list to get a social grant. Those people are the people that the SASSA claim is supposed to be for, this R350 food voucher or support voucher that you are supposed to get. But of course, we are months into this disaster and I see the last time, and I heard earlier on in some of the statements and answers in the House, that only ten people got their payment as a trial of that R350.

This creates an even bigger problem for society in this province and that is why we have to find the responsible balance. If this was solely a health response and there was no issue on the other side of the equation, well you could stay in lockdown much longer. The problem is it is not.

We have a disaster declared, we have a big issue for the citizens of our province, making sure that they are kept safe and of course that response has been mentioned now in the question that was brought up by the hon Leader of the Opposition, and I gave a whole lot of answers to that on the hospital response, on the quarantine and isolation response, on the protection of our front-line workers and their protective equipment. It looks to the medicines that are delivered to households of those that are chronic or looking for chronic medicines that normally have to come to our clinics, that have been an outstanding health response and so far, the projected budget for that health response is in excess of R2,5 billion.

The other side of the equation is exactly as the hon member says, it is a disaster that is growing by the day, hungry people. I must also use this opportunity then to say, not only has the Department and Treasury and this Government made more money per capita available from a provincial government than any other provincial government in this country, directly for that kind of humanitarian response, but over and above that, the real response has come from the NGO sector and from citizens in this province, who have both taken out from their own pockets to put money on the table, donations, and then of course those real people who stand up every single day and go out there and make sure that those soup kitchens are feeding the hungry, to make sure that we continue.

We, through our education system, have managed to give meals, probably by now one and a half million meals, to our young people who are not able to get those meals while they are not at school. But over and above, it is the NGO sector that has stepped in.

Of course now the next issue is those businesses that used to employ people; these could be the subcontractors to the construction industry who perhaps are not paying UIF and cannot claim; those electricians and plumbers, people with small businesses who had great vision for their businesses and now are destroyed; the 27 000 SMMEs who we think are now going to no longer exist after these COVID-19 lockdown processes have had such a massive impact on them; those 200 000 jobs already lost and as we have seen around the world, probably even more.

So I absolutely do not agree with the initial statement of the member and my answer to it is that there is an absolute clear dedicated response on both sides of this equation, on the health response as well as on the response for humanitarian relief, the response for economic relief.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, thank you very much, hon Speaker and hon Premier. As I have mentioned, some of the challenges that we are facing during this period are definitely in the field of public transport as well as the densely populated areas that are easily opened up to the spread of this Coronavirus because it is difficult to exercise social distancing with people who are living in shacks. More particularly it is difficult on public transport because this Coronavirus can be transmitted by not exercising social distancing and by not having masks. I just wanted to find out whether you are aware of claims that the Eastern Cape has seen a rise in COVID-19 cases because of people that travelled from the Western Cape and how did these people leave the province undetected?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Obviously I agree that we have certain regulations in place. Some of the regulations I think we have really tried hard to change. I know that this province was more in favour of the 50% within public transport versus the 75% seating capacity, specifically because of that factor and we still continue to push to see whether we can actually try to reduce the numbers within our public transport space.

But then the hon member goes, and maybe also to that, it is also what the President says, ... [Inaudible. – audio interrupted]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] Alright, please proceed hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Hon Speaker, then of course this is also about the whole of society. I mean Government has a response, the businesses as in taxi businesses or retail businesses, they all have a responsibility that they need to put in place, but so do citizens and so we need to make sure that citizens are also playing their part. And when the taxis [Inaudible. – audio signal lost] we have created an opportunity to do that, we have got to make sure that we deal with these issues that we get the right behavioural change to slow the spread so that our health response can cope.

The hon member then moved onto a linkage between the Eastern Cape and the Western Cape and I think a number of earlier questions to the hon Minister of Transport, Minister Madikizela, related to the same issue. And of course, again the same answer. If you want to travel between provinces there are rules and there are regulations. Those rules and regulations mean that you must get a permit. There are certain ways in which you get that permit. You then also have to be checked in that process and of course I know that in the discussion that I had with the Premier of the Eastern Cape and also our respective Ministers, but also our respective Commissioners of Police, that there are people who do not adhere to the regulations, people who try to bypass them and that is why the Minister of Culture put the protocols in place so we agreed to those protocols.

We are busy, at the moment, on a second round of protocols that we will be putting together, not only between the Eastern Cape and the Western Cape but we have agreed to submit those protocols to a national level because in the discussion that we had with the Premier of the Eastern Cape, along with the National Minister of CoGTA and the National Minister of Health and the National Minister of Police, the Eastern Cape felt that there was spread of the virus coming from people moving between provinces, between the Western Cape and the Eastern Cape and between Gauteng and the Eastern Cape. And that is why we have agreed to put these protocols in place because everything that we do must be working towards slowing the spread of this virus.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Premier. Hon Mvimbi, do you still want to ask another question? You must unmute yourself, I had to mute you because you had left your microphone on so I had to force your mute.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Oh, my apologies, Speaker. Of course I know the Premier might also subscribe to the notion of herd immunity. I do not know whether he is also one of those people who subscribe to it but what I know about herd, is a herd of cattle. I have never heard of a herd of human beings. If you talk about herd immunity, that means that you regard people as animals and once that spread actually takes place, you are going to make a laboratory of the province. It is going to be like a political laboratory where we are trying to experiment with these people that arguably have immunity and then that herd immunity, especially when it starts affecting poor areas, people that are living in densely populated, informal areas, in the informal settlements, who are shack to shack next to each other. Other provinces have come with areas where they have identified spaces where they will de-densify and take out people that are living in densely populated areas and relocate them to other areas. Is there a plan like that in the Western Cape, to try and de-densify the areas that actually have high density?

The PREMIER: The answer is yes. There is a plan for de-densification. He actually needs to put a question through to Minister Simmers who can give you the full details of the de-densification and obviously this is a longer term programme because you cannot de-densify within a month, but there definitely is a programme for that.

The second of course is the immediate de-densification which is the quarantine and isolation facilities and of course that is also part of how you deal with this virus, to slow it down.

And then lastly, I am not sure, you know that herd, I want to say mentality, immunity that was put on the table, I thought I answered that earlier when the hon Dugmore seemed to ask the same question. I am not sure if there has been some ANC caucus specialist coming to address you on different immunities or different processes. I can assure you that this Government is totally transparent on every single one of our interventions and you know you can come and see them at any time. They are on the internet, you can Google them. You will see every single one of them that are there.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to the Premier. Hon Premier, what is your view on the phased level strategies with regards to the lockdown?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. I understand the phased level strategy because it is another tool in which to manage the spread of the virus and of course, as we all know, the lockdown is a tool. The full lockdown is a tool. It is a blunt instrument, but it is a tool and of course that gives you the time to put your health response in place because it definitely slows the spread of the virus.

But, of course, as we heard in the previous question as well, at some stage you have got to create a balance because you cannot save everyone from getting the virus because even in lockdown Level 5 we saw that was when our spread happened in our retail spaces, in our police stations and in our hospitals and clinics. But you have got to find a balance and so we then have to move to opening up the economy a bit more to avert the humanitarian disaster, to avert the other medical disasters that happen during these severe lockdowns because people do not get to go and have their TB tests. You know our country loses 63 000 people every year to TB. I was thinking today it would be nice to see us as a country put the same energy into solving some of our TB problems because we lose 63 000 people every year in our country to TB, as we are putting in now to fighting COVID.

So it is about finding a balance because now suddenly, even in this lockdown level, we are losing people to all sorts of other health issues because they are not able to get to their healthcare and we do not have that amount of budget now available for the healthcare. But then of course the other side of that equation is opening up the economy for the humanitarian and jobs bloodbath that we are seeing at the moment. You have to try to find the best balance you can between the two.

And of course we know that our numbers are going to go up, but then there is the suggestion of having a level as a tool, but having various levels in various places and we spent quite a lot of thinking about that, and that is where we came up with the hotspot strategy. Because it is not possible to have one town in lockdown Level 5 and the town next door in lockdown Level 1 or 2 or even 3, because you can just imagine if the city or any of our cities, any of our metros were in lockdown Level 4 and the rest of the rural areas around the metros become lockdown Level 3.

Just for the accessibility to alcohol you would find millions of people moving about, which is actually going to spread the virus further.

You would find businesses desperate to operate in Level 3 where they cannot in Level 4, moving their businesses to another town. You would find people looking at ways in which to save their livelihoods, their businesses and their families and not from COVID but from hunger and starvation.

So that is why we came up with the hotspot model and I really do applaud the President for announcing that we, as a country, go to Level 3. But of course exactly as he said, I say exactly the same, we have got to go to a Level 3 because of the reasons of not causing different levels to create migration and movement of people in a more exacerbated way than we do see at the moment, but doing it in a responsible way where every citizen needs to play a role in making sure that they are keeping their social distancing masks and hygiene. And of course, businesses, everywhere, public transport, wherever we are we have got to make sure we are playing that role in enabling, or we are making sure that the virus spreads slowly enough that our health response can cope.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Premier, for the answer.

Hon Premier, in the President's most recent address to the nation he referred to the Cape Winelands, the West Coast and the Overberg district municipalities as hotspot areas and even though these municipalities make up 5%, 1% and 0,5% respectively of all the COVID-19 cases in the Western Cape, hon Premier, can you explain how these municipalities were identified as hotspot areas?

The PREMIER: Thank you, hon Speaker. So what was being used is a number of cases per 100 000 and then looking at the growth of the cases over time and this again, we can spend a long time deciding whether this is the right way to do it or not; what I do know is using that as a uniform formula going forward, as other parts of our country and other parts of our province start to also gain more infections and move towards their peak – because remember, every single one of our provinces, our country, is going to grow the infections to a time when it peaks.

Today we have just had a presentation from the Masha modellers. This is the team that advises the National Government on the national model. We have also had the Actuarial Society advising us on our model and we make public the results of those further two models to the model that we existingly use as an update mechanism. And quite frankly, if we are going to use the same data on declaring what a hotspot is going to be, it is also going to be one of those very interesting cases where hotspots are going to be all over the place.

But I think the opportunity that we have in the Western Cape now is with the agreement that we go all to Level 3 but we have this focused Hotspot Plan and in each of these hotspots there are responsible HODs with a plan to make sure that we slow down the virus in those hotspots, we understand what is driving the spread of the virus. If it is in a sector or an industry or it is transport or whatever it is, that we find mechanisms with society and those businesses to just keep it under control or under check so that we do not go way above that graph which is going to increase, at the moment doubling every eight days. So the members must understand that we will be double the numbers in eight days' time.

The good part is that the number of people who have survived, who have come through the COVID virus and are now declared healthy again, that number is also more than doubling at the moment and we see it hovering around about 50% of our active cases. That is also very good news because we know that most people who do get the virus in our province are going to not even need healthcare facilities and those that even do need our healthcare facilities, most will come in through the healthcare facilities, receive the healthcare and then leave to go home again.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Premier. The time for the questions without notice to the Premier has expired and thank you very much, hon Premier, you are now off the hook. [Laughs.]

The PREMIER: Thank you. [Laughs.]

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Lockdown period: compliants against SAPS officers

1. Mr R I Allen asked the Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) Whether any complaints against SAPS officers have been lodged since the start of the lockdown period; if so, (a) how many, (b) what is the nature of the complaints and (c) what steps have been taken against these police officers?
- (2) How many complaints have been lodged against police officers between 1 April 2019 and the start of the lockdown period?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

The Independent Police Investigative Directorate informed me as follows:

1. (1) (a) The IPID confirm that a total number of 97 Covid-19 related cases in various classifications were reported against the members of SAPS from the 26 March to 31 May 2020.
(b) The IPID received two (2) death cases, twenty-eight (28) Discharge of fire-arm and sixty-seven (67) assault cases for the same above indicated period.
(c) These cases are still at various stages of investigation for both criminal and departmental disciplinary.
- (2) For the period of 1 April 2019 until end of March 2020 IPID Western Cape office received a total number of 1197 alleged cases in various classifications against members of SAPS.

The Western Cape Police Ombudsman informed me as follows:

1. Yes.
 - (a) 73 complaints for the period 1 April 2020 until 31 May 2020.
 - (b) Refer to below table.

Of the total of 73 complaints which were received, 10 complaints were registered as enquiries. Enquiries are complaints which will not be investigated due to it either being not within the WCPO mandate, a duplication of a complaint or a premature complaint.

Category	Subcategory	Lockdown Complaints	General Complaints	SAPS	Total
Enquiries	Not within WCPO mandate	1	6	Provincial Head Office Grassy Park Durbanville Lwandle Belhar Gansbaai Tableview	10
	Duplication		2	Milnerton Paarl	
	Premature		1	Mfuleni	
General	Any other complaint not mentioned within all the categories	1		Provincial Head Office	1
Lack of Communication	Any other assistance required	4	1	Radio Control Goodwood Bellville Parow Thembaletu	5
Poor Communication	Lack of telephone etiquette	3		Murraysburg Kleinvele Muizenberg	17
	Not providing feedback	1	12	Belhar Cape Town Central Lingeletu-West Paarl Mbekweni Mfuleni Kraaifontein Manenberg Wynberg Provincial Head Office Laingsburg Durbanville Murraysburg Caledon	
	Supply incorrect information		1	Strand	
Poor Investigation	Failure to arrest suspect		4	Kraaifontein Lansdowne Steenberg Strand	7
	Failure to follow up on clues and information		2	Gugulethu Kraaifontein	
	Failure to update criminal record (SAPS 69) with outcome of case		1	Kleinvele	

Poor Response	Failure to attend to a complaint	9	15	Ravensmead Ocean View Table View Lentegeur Diepriver Parow Steenberg Grassy Park Ladismith Sea Point Hermanus Kraaifontein Bredarsdorp Kuilsriver Wynberg Mbekweni Mitchells Plain Murraysburg Philippi Ladismith Vredendal	25
	Unnecessary delays in attending to victims / complainants		1	Nyanga	
Unacceptable Behaviour	Fails to comply with or contravene an Act, Regulation or legal obligation	1	4	Steenberg Kraaifontein Provincial Head Office Bredarsdorp Lingelethu-West	8
	Conducts himself or herself in an improper, disgraceful and unacceptable manner		3	Provincial Head Office Ladismith Steenberg	
Total		20	53		73

- (c) The 63 matters registered for investigation are all currently under investigation and the WCPO will aim, as far as possible, to finalise these matters within the 90-day period. The outcome of all investigations are communicated to the complainants and the SAPS Provincial Commissioner to implement appropriate actions, where necessary.

A total of 20 matters are in relation to COVID19 or Lockdown complaints.

A total of 734 complaints were received during the 2019/2020 financial year (as per the WCPO Annual Performance Report which was issued to the Provincial Minister for tabling to Provincial Parliament on 30 April 2020).

Theft of weapons: Lentegeur and Mitchells Plain police stations

2. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Community Safety:

With regard to the theft of weapons from police stations in Lentegeur and Mitchells Plain:

- (1) Whether weapons were stolen from the (a) Lentegeur and (b) Mitchells Plain police stations; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any person has been dismissed at the cluster for the disappearing and/or theft of weapons at those police stations; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

The South African Police Service informed me as follows:

2. (1) (a) No weapons were stolen from Lentegeur SAPS during the 2019/20 financial year.
(b) No weapons were stolen from Mitchells Plain SAPS during the 2019/20 financial year.
- (2) N/A

*Lentegeur and Mitchells Plain police stations
Police officers leave and idle vehicles*

3. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) How many police officers have been off duty or on leave at the (a) Lentegeur and (b) Mitchells Plain police station in the last financial year;
- (2) how many police vehicles have been idle (not fixed or in the process of being repaired) at the (a) Lentegeur and (b) Mitchells Plain police station in the last financial year?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

The South African Police Service informed me as follows:

3. (1) (a) The question is unclear. Further clarity needs to be provided. It is unclear which type of leave is referred to.
- (2) (a) One vehicle was not fixed or in the process of being repaired.
(b) Six vehicles were not fixed or in the process of being repaired.

COVID-19 pandemic: collaboration in healthcare services

4. Ms W F Philander asked the Minister of Health:

What are the details of the collaborative approach between the public and private healthcare services in terms of admissions, hospitalisation and the sharing of resources during the COVID-19 pandemic?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

4. In order to optimally utilise the inpatient capacity available in the province, the Department is collaborating with the private health sector to ensure a 'single integrated public/private' health system response to Covid-19. To enable this a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being developed, clinical guidelines are being endorsed by the College of Medicine for use across the public/private hospital platform, clinical ethics committees are being set-up to guide care rationing, administrative intermediaries are being appointed to manage the monitoring and billing interface; and tariffs are being negotiated nationally.

Mechanisms to co-ordinate the COVID-19 health system response have been integrated into existing governance structures within the Department (Gold, Silver and Bronze Command), which includes the private sector. These commands coordinate service access across public and private health sectors.

Combining resources optimally from the private and public sectors in a single health system response who will also de-escalate non-emergency services, add additional capacity where feasible and create additional off-site facilities that can be equipped and staffed appropriately.

Gouda wind-farm project

5. Ms W F Philander asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

Whether he can provide the (a) founding documents or relevant institutional information pertaining to the Gouda wind-farm project, with specific reference to community trust and membership agreements, (b) financial and annual reports since its establishment up to 2020 and (c) records of community engagements and feedback sessions with the communities of (i) Gouda and (ii) Saron?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

5. The Gouda Wind farm¹ is a privately-owned² wind power project that was developed through the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme in its auction process known as bid window 2.

As the Gouda Wind farm is privately-owned, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT) does not have access to the information requested as these are not publicly available documents but are that of a private organisation.

DEDAT is aware that some of the documents requested may have been entered as part of the aforementioned bid process for the National government driven REIPPP process, however DEDAT has not been a party to these documents nor been involved in this procurement process. The procurement process is run at a national level by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy's Independent Power Producer office and not provincially in the Western Cape and as such DEDAT does not have any jurisdiction over this process nor access to these documents.

The honourable member would have to approach the Gouda Wind farm company directly³ to obtain the information requested as these are not in the public domain.

¹ The first wind farm installed by ACCIONA in South Africa. Grid connected in 2015, it has forty-six 3-MW (unit capacity) turbines of ACCIONA Windpower technology mounted on concrete towers with a hub height of 100 meters. <https://www.accion-energy.com/areas-of-activity/wind-power/major-projects/gouda-wind-farm/>

² The ownership structure is as follows: ACCIONA (54.9%); Royal bafokeng Holdings (25.1%); Soul City (10%); Gouda Wind Energy Community Trust (10%)

³ See contact details at <https://www.accion-energy.com/contact>

INTERPELLATIONS*Schools: clean running water***1. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Education:**

Whether all the schools in the province have adequate clean running water?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and to the hon member for the question. The answer to the question is yes, all schools except three have adequate clean running water. The exceptions are Fairdale Primary School in Mfuleni; Washington Drive Primary School in Mitchells Plain; and Sunridge Primary School in Milnerton. These are mobile schools and the City has a backlog for applications for permanent connections.

In the interim the schools have been provided with water storage tanks that will be filled with water, until the permanent connections are done. Thank you.

Mr M XEGO: Yes, thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. In terms of what the Minister has now said, we have done our moving around the schools, and what we have also picked up, hon Minister, is that during this week of reopening of schools, there was a serious shortage of soap in the schools.

Now, in terms of ensuring that there is adequate clean and running water there, and the implementation of surface hygiene and consistent handwashing, how is the Department ensuring that schools are opened under hygienic circumstances? Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. During the 2017/18 financial year an audit was requested into school sanitation infrastructure, after the death of two learners in the Eastern Cape and Limpopo, respectively 2017 and '14, when they drowned in pit latrines, and today this is still inadmissible.

In the 2018 audit report presented at the NCOP as a work in progress, at the same time the WCED presented its progress, and revealed that it spent just under a hundred percent of its infrastructure grant.

Furthermore, in its presentation, it met all targets, including upgrading of infrastructure, new schools and halls built, storm damage and general refurbishments, as well as its drought interventions, as required at the time.

One can thus welcome the fact that despite these challenges, the Provincial Department can provide clean water to all schools, especially during this time of crisis where hygiene is critical in fighting the pandemic.

I want to ask, hon Minister, please can you speak to whether there is a difference in having clean, running water at the Metro school, versus having clean, running water at a rural school, and including those schools who are situated on privately owned land, or where the Department is leasing the school building. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the hon member Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIP WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Firstly, I want to commend my colleague, hon member Xego, for a well-thought-out question that he just posed. I think it is very, very relevant for the current context, but, hon Deputy Speaker, from visiting schools and from engaging stakeholders, we as the ANC are convinced that not all conditions have been met for the return of Grade 7 and Grade 12 learners.

Safe and secure water supply remains a major challenge for far too many poor schools in our province, and in many of our so-called rural areas water supplies at schools are suspect. Some with too little flow, and then there are others with not the required quality, hon Deputy Speaker. Even in the Cape Metro the water infrastructure at schools is generally not conducive for the mass handwashing that is especially required during this particular period. Many washrooms are not hygienic, or remain under pressure, with some not even having basins.

This week, hon Deputy Speaker, we discovered various schools in Philippi as well that have got no water. Mzamomhle Primary and Siyazakha Primary School are two examples.

Now, hon Deputy Speaker, as the MEC has responded, and I am glad that she has mentioned it, in Fairdale Primary School in Mfuleni there is still no water, no electricity connection and refuse bins, despite the MEC's reply – and she has given this particular reply about the water connection and no water, despite her reply to my parliamentary question, stating that the school has achieved contractual completion, and that water was in use. I would like an explanation as to the contradictory answers that we are getting now, and the response that I got earlier in this particular term. This just shows, hon Deputy Speaker, that the DA-led Provincial Government is obsessed with the well-heeled in the leafy suburbs, with this Trump-like approach to our education system. Thank you. [Time expired.]

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. With regard to the response that was given earlier by the Minister, to paint the picture that the current Government is ready to reopen the schools in the province, the reality on the ground is a totally different picture of what the MEC has painted. It will not only result in risking the lives of the young ones, but also to subject the workers, as well as the teachers to unhygienic circumstances.

Shortage of water in a province that is predominantly rural in terms of its five district municipalities that are outside the Metro, is a serious challenge, in particular in the rural farming areas.

So now what I want to understand is that how is the MEC going to deal with issues especially in areas where there are farms, with privately owned land under farms in the rural areas; what is the intervention going to be from the MEC's side? Thank you very much.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon member Xego, the shortage of soap, I would like to know specifics, please. The fact of the matter is that if there is sanitiser then that is also adequate for people to sanitise their hands, but we are also obviously going to be delivering soap to schools.

Of course schools also do receive Norms and Standards funding, which they should also ensure that they use for things like soap, because that is something that should be at the school anyway, but if you have any specific schools that you are concerned about, please, will you send it to my office by tomorrow, and we will certainly investigate.

How are we ensuring that there are highly hygienic areas? We are ensuring that by making sure that there is a thorough cleaning of all schools before they open. We are making sure that there is an additional cleaning once the learners go back, either in the morning or after they leave in the afternoon, to ensure that it is sanitised with bleach, and we are also ensuring that there is sanitiser at every one of the schools, and my reports say that that is the case.

So if you have evidence to the contrary, I would appreciate it if you sent it immediately to me.

Hon member Botha, there is no difference – I mean we all need water, whether it is running water as in connected to a pipe, or coming out of a container, we still need water, whether in rural schools or not.

So that is an essential, especially for being able to wash down the school and diluting the bleach and so on, to be able to do the cleaning. That should apply even on private land.

Hon member Sayed, you have mentioned two schools, Siyazakha and Mzamomhle, and if you have any others, I will certainly investigate those. My information is that everything has been delivered to all schools.

So if that is not the case, again, I would like to know about it, and I will take that up internally with my Department. There is water at Fairdale. It is just not running water. It is not connected, as I said, because the Municipality has not yet been able to do the installation.

Then hon member Xego again, as I say if there are any schools – we had three schools that did not have running water, which we made alternative arrangements for. It is fine to say that we are not convinced, that the conditions are not met. Well, if you are not convinced, you need to give me evidence, because my evidence on the advice of my Department and officials is that they have been met, and if you have got evidence to the contrary, then you need to give that to me. You cannot just say that you are not convinced, because I am also convinced that they have been.

So I would need to be convinced that they have not by proof, and we will then investigate immediately at any particular school.

We have said all along that if a school is not ready, they must inform the circuit manager immediately, and they will be assisted to get ready. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

Arts and creativity: financial assistance due to lockdown

2. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

What assistance has her Department been providing to those who rely on arts and creativity as their source of income and who can no longer receive an income due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you for the question.

The regulations related to the National State of Disaster and the subsequent lockdown, which have limited movement and gatherings of people, have had a devastating impact on the arts, culture and heritage sector, because of the cancellation and postponement of events.

Further to this, it has resulted in uncertainty amongst South Africans, particularly when it comes to spending. Even the consumers may defer major consumption decisions because of uncertainties for 12 to 18 months. Consumption will focus on essential items because of this experience, and this will have a further, protracted, negative impact on spending on the arts long after lockdown.

In response to this, Government has come up with a number of relief options for various sectors of the economy. The National Department of Sports, Arts and Culture has allocated over R150 million to provide the much-needed relief to practitioners in this sector. This will be used to render various forms of support to practitioners during this period.

The bulk of these initiatives announced by the National Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, cover activities that have a national footprint, and not just those in provinces which are crucial for a provincial and national GDP.

It was therefore important for the Western Cape Government to make efforts in support of the creative economy, given the significant impact that it has on the economy of the province, as well as its significance in building a socially inclusive society; a key component to our productivity as a region.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport developed relief options for a culture in a creative sector. The relief options have focused on two of the three phases in the fight against the COVID-19 outbreak. It also focused on two of the three pillars of the national response: social relief and economic recovery pillars.

Aware of the very complex and evolving COVID-19 environment, the DCAS relief targeted areas of relief which could be achieved quickly, focusing on categories where support was most needed and most helpful. The Department focused on efforts that would have a direct impact on artists, specifically those whose sole source of income was their craft. This effort went further to provide support to organisations and venues which are platforms for artists to earn an income, and here we prioritise support to organisations who were having difficulty meeting their obligations to artists because of the cancellations.

An effort was also made to look at those artists who may have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, particularly those older than 60 years of age.

As already indicated, efforts are made to support artists within both the business continuity phases, as well as the recovery phase post lockdown. The relief options addressing the above are as follows:

- Event cancellation support for DCAS-funded events or projects.
- Arts venue and production cancellations.
- Artists or creators.

And the funds in this form of relief are targeted at freelance workers, and this is inclusive of session musicians, buskers, visual artists, stage managers and other creatives along the value chain.

- Community arts education and training organisations.
- Humanitarian relief for our Legends grant, and
- A public call for application was published on 6 May 2020 and closed on 19 May 2020. We received 1,332 emails; some containing several applications in them, and we are currently processing these in preparation for the adjudication process scheduled to begin on 4 June 2020 – this is today.

The Department will also be making the following interventions in support of the culture and creative economy to deal with the impact of the National State of Disaster. Thank you so much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Can I just check if hon member Makamba-Botya is in the House? It does not seem like it. I am going to move on to hon member Allen.

Mr R ALLEN: Thank you so much. Minister Marais, thank you for giving us feedback in terms of the relief funding that was made available by the Provincial Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. I firmly believe it should be welcomed, it should be commended, and I would appreciate it if you are able to speak more in terms of the adjudication process to make sure that that process obviously needs to include representatives from various sectors in order to promote fairness, because we have seen at a national level with the National Department of Sports and Culture, their support funding application, according to media reports, was abruptly closed on 6 April 2020, and it was widely critiqued for its discrepancies within its application process, which obviously led to an exclusion for many artists who are in need of support.

Also, I believe that in terms of the national funding, it lacked detail on the criteria related to the qualification for funding, which obviously opens a door for manipulation in the selection process, and here in the Western Cape I firmly believe that if we are taking that lead, and I will appreciate your answering this regard ... [Interjection.]

Mr A LILI: Order!

Mr R ALLEN: ... because we need to fill the gaps that National Government appears to be unable or unwilling to undertake. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Lili, can I have your attention, please. That came directly from you. I am not sure why you are calling out "order", but the last time I checked I am in the Chair. Can I ask that you please do not actually make statements or comments like that, if that is called a comment. Thank you. I move over now to hon member Bans.

Ms A P BANS: Hon Deputy Speaker, for over 10 weeks artists have had nothing to eat. They are starving in their homes, not knowing where their next meal is going to come from.

Many artists who have lost their livelihood due to COVID-19 are asking for only R3,500 in relief to put food on their table. While the Western Cape has a provincial relief fund for cultural, creative and sport sectors, I have it on good authority that many artists, especially the rank and file, will not benefit. The biggest hurdle is the red tape involved in the process, and I want to challenge the MEC to tell us her plans to cut red tape, and to accelerate the release of the relief fund.

I have been in constant communication with TUMSA, a union of musicians that was founded right here in Cape Town, with a national membership of 2,000 members, 700 of them coming from the Western Cape. The union is calling on the MEC to find ways to assist artists. They have met with her several times, but they have not found joy in those interactions.

I learnt that over 70% of TUMSA members did not apply, because the application process was too tedious and complex, sometimes requiring over 12 forms to include in the application. This means the poorest of the poor artists who needed the relief most, will not be getting it.

For many years the plight of the poor artists in the province was ignored. I rise today to call on the Provincial Government to hear the cries of our artists and to show some urgency on its response to their plight.

The Department must cut its red tape in the process. It must allow unions and associations who have a database of artists and athletes, to assist with particulars of beneficiaries in need of the relief. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Can I just check if hon Makamba-Botya is back in the House? No. We will then finish off with the hon Minister Marais.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I am going to start with hon member Bans. I just want to mention that we will meet with TUMSA, and I have had discussions with TUMSA as well, and we have met almost a year ago, not on the relief fund.

So we will meet with them now in the near future; and then thank you so much to hon member Reagen. I am very happy to say that the Adjudication Committee is very diverse, and they will send you the list of names.

Then as we emerge and rebuild our communities, we will continue to monitor a legislation informed by the alert levels, to prepare for the return of the cultural and creative economy.

We will also continue to provide updates on private and public funding opportunities, as well as support creative resources to get us through these unprecedented times.

Then finally, and just for the record, I have received a national list of beneficiaries, and only a few of the Western Province received funding, and therefore even though we have a small budget, I am more than grateful to our Department to allocate the relief funding to assist our Western Cape artists. I thank you.

[Debate concluded.]

Reopening of schools

3. Ms W F Philander asked the Minister of Health:

- (a) What is the role of her Department in the reopening of schools and (b) what kind of support does her Department provide to the education system?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you, hon member Philander for the question. Firstly you need to understand that we always play a role in schools, irrespective of Covid or not, for example, we have got a school hub as a sub-system of health services that we render, and we have got dedicated school nurses that are there, according to the districts and also allocated to schools.

Then in the case of some vaccines and also some of the interventions, for example, the issue of HPV, which is the vaccine that we give to young girls to prevent early cancer of the cervix, the uterus, and also some of the vaccines, like tetanus and hepatitis, are part of it. So there is a school nurse that is dedicated to every school.

The same applies that with Grade R and the Grade 1's. We have got buses in Metro and also in the rural areas that are dedicated to school health services. So irrespective of Covid or not, we always have such.

So when it comes to the reopening related to Covid, actually any sector cannot open without bouncing with Health. Whether it is in the Western Cape or in the whole world, you cannot, we have to bounce, because it is all going to go back to the Health.

So that is why, just like in all other sectors, we engage with them and develop guidelines. The same applies with ... [connection lost.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Mbombo, we have lost you. Minister Mbombo?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have completely lost her. Alright, Minister Mbombo, one last try.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I apologise. If you can try and please try and call Minister Mbombo to come back on. We will move over to hon member Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. The reopening of schools has sparked criticism and a lot of reaction from parents, pressure groups and to a point where the Human Rights Commission is threatening court action.

We do understand the concerns around learner health and their safety, and inevitable readiness preparation by schools with the support of the departments in order to continue with teaching, but keeping learners safe, which is already beyond their sectoral objective.

We welcome the readiness of the Western Cape schools to reopen on 1 June 2020 in terms of gazetted regulations. We further welcome the role and the support that the Western Cape Department of Health has offered, and still offers during this time, and the integral part it has to play in the hotspot strategy adopted by the Western Cape Government as the province remains the epicentre.

In yesterday's Standing Committee, hon Deputy Speaker, the Department announced that there is a de-escalation of services to free capacity in dealing with the pandemic, one of which immunisation is of importance to young lives in this province. The Department also noted a decrease in immunisation, especially in hotspot areas, upon which they embarked on deep recalibration efforts in order to continue with non-COVID-19 healthcare.

These efforts, hon Deputy Speaker, with regard to pickup points, delivery services and community healthcare worker efforts, must be commended. Hon Deputy Speaker, this period has brought a lot of uncertainty.

The new testing strategy adopted by the Western Cape Government is focused on saving lives, all lives. Also, that the delay in National Health Laboratory Services is simply not [Inaudible.] option, of which we understand the global demand, and that's the provision in South Africa as well.

We therefore welcome the strategy to save lives in the Western Cape, with emphasis on all lives, that shows true commitment from a caring government in the Western Cape.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I wanted the Minister to elaborate on the WOSA approach and the intergovernmental and departmental approach and collaboration. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Philander. Can I just check that hon Minister Mbombo is back online. She has two minutes 20 seconds left of her speech time.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: All right. If we can try and sort out that line, while we move over to hon member Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. In mid-May France recorded 70 cases of COVID-19 in the first week of reopening schools. The Israeli Government yesterday announced it has threatened to close down 42 kindergartens and schools after 244 students and staff tested positive after opening schools. Over 6,800 students and teachers are in home quarantine by Government order.

These examples are dispelling the often-repeated misinformation and deliberate mistruth, that students have some form of immunity from the virus as fewer cases than that have been recorded.

The role of the Provincial Health Department should be to study these international trends and advise the WCED and Government about the dangers of reopening schools, but the opposite is happening in the province. The Health Department is playing a central role in the Provincial Government's herd immunity agenda. There is absolutely no need to rush to open schools in the province, especially when there is clear evidence that the province is not ready to reopen schools.

The WCED announced that 37 educators had already been infected. In the Standing Committee for Education, the Department's official stated that the Province will not be deep-cleaning and decontaminating schools because of an advice received from the Department of Health. It has also been stated that they sought a waybill from the Department not to adhere to some social distancing regulations when all grades return to school. I hope this was a misrepresentation of the Department by the WCED officials. I call upon the MEC to clarify these claims. I repeat, our priority must be to preserve the lives of our teachers and learners. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Windvogel. We go back – can I just check again on hon Minister Mbombo. I think I am going to wait to the end for her to respond. We will move over to hon member Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Western Cape Government clearly proved their commitment to all communities in this province by aligning and adjusting strategy during this time of crisis, based on real events as to what our people experience on a daily basis.

This was again proved when National Government adopted the hotspot strategy during alert Level 3 of lockdown, and came to realise eventually that an integrated plan is needed in society where lives and livelihoods are equally important, especially in the context of South Africa, which education is key to prosperity, and health remains a key stepping stone.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the debate on COVID-19 is not a political debate, †en ek wens die ANC wil ophou om ons mense te mislei. [and I wish the ANC would stop misleading our people.] In fact, in the Western Cape people that fall ill – a healthcare worker or someone that is at high risk – †sal nie meer sewe tot 12 dae hoef te wag nie, [will not have to wait seven to 12 days anymore,] and they can receive their test results between 20 and 48 hours.

Hon Deputy Speaker, although scholars do not fall within the vulnerable brackets, that does not mean that this concern is not warranted. We are human after all. †Stop om ons mense te mislei. [Stop misleading our people.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, as we embark on the new normal, the measures instituted provide much needed support for calm and certainty, and a whole of society approach to this pandemic, and the risk factors. I conclude, hon Deputy Speaker. In the meantime, let us not forget to do our part to keep our kids and our communities safe and to relieve the pressure on the system. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. I know that hon Minister Mbombo is in the House, and she is still awarded two minutes from her previous time, plus her four minutes, so I am handing over to you, hon Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Okay, thank you. I am not sure where I left off, because I was just speaking, speaking, speaking until the point I lost the connection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: But the point what we are trying to make is that international research does show that learners or children are mostly not affected by the Corona virus, compared to adults, as is often the case in some diseases, like TB and HIV.

So in this case the issue is going to be how we can prevent the circumstance of when they congregate, specifically the adults, and they end up infecting the others. That is why we work with the Department of Education as to what means should be in place.

Again, look at the incoming research that keeps on coming up. I gave an example of the sanitising tunnels that some were proposing should be part of it. The evidence shows that they actually will not have much impact. Anything that fumigates, and all of those, it is only on surfaces where the cleaning will have an impact.

Also you may recall that the schools were closed at a time that Covid was not as widespread, and even if there was an infection there a month ago, there is no way that the virus will still be there. Therefore the issue is not about disinfecting the whole school but it is where learners now return and they have to change their classrooms. How do we disinfect all of those?

So what we are trying to highlight is that there is no way anyway that Education would have actually reopened schools without bouncing with Health. There is no sector that could open without looking at the occupational and health and safety responsibilities, and also in terms of meeting the regulations.

So for me, where I am sitting, in terms of the guidelines that we have provided, and if Education sticks to these guidelines, there is no way anywhere in the world where you will not be able to open the schools, which we have seen actually worldwide; but again, we keep on learning every day. We do not want to be over-confident, but at least we need to be able to open and see how it goes, because the issue is as National Health has indicated, as the models have indicated, that the worst scenario will be in September in South Africa. Does it mean that now our children will still be waiting until September?

However, lastly, hon Deputy Speaker, we need to understand that people keep on reflecting that some teachers have got infected. What is going to happen where that teacher has been infected? I always say that I am from a Department that works 24 hours, 365 days. If now I was expected to say to a teacher in Delft he/she must not come to work in case they are infected, it means that I have to send the same message to a nurse, to a policeman: "Do not come to work."

So it cannot be that we are saying that some other sectors, the essential service sectors, should be open and the others cannot. However, we must not do it recklessly and a phased approach for the grades needs to be endorsed by Health. Not only in the Western Cape, even the National Department of Health, even before it was suggested that the schools reopen, it was bounced by us together with the experts. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Food parcels, distribution of

1. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What is the total number of food parcels distributed since the start of the lockdown period to date and (b) what challenges have been experienced?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the hon member Lekker for the question, which has two parts. The reply is as follows:

1. The first part of the question talks to the number of food parcels distributed by the Department of Social Development. I can give the breakdown. We distributed 4,920 parcels to existing beneficiaries at targeted feeding sites. A further 5,000 beneficiaries from existing community nutrition and development centres, also known as CNDC's, received parcels, and then a further 37,244 food parcels funded by the Department have been distributed to date by four humanitarian relief organisations.

So in total the DSD parcel allocation distribution is 47,164 food parcels. The Question 2 regarding challenges. There were numerous challenges. One of the key challenges was the interruption of distribution in areas such as Khayelitsha, Kayamandi, Delft, Dunoon, Oudtshoorn, Villiersdorp and Grabouw, sometimes due to food protests, and also the criminal element.

Some of the other challenges we faced were duplicate applications, incorrect addresses supplied by applicants, the non-availability of applicants on the contact numbers when we returned their calls. When we started off, we operated with a limited staff, because we have not increased our staff complement to make provision for this relief effort.

We also experienced temporary closure of certain DSD offices where COVID-19 became evident, and/or where staff had to go into quarantine. As for the temporary closure of participating humanitarian relief operations due to Covid and social distancing, there were high volumes of requests which impeded the call centres ability to process.

One of the big issues that still continues is fake news that distorted the official messaging regarding the food relief programme, and this resulted in a fair amount of panic and confusion.

There was also unrealistic expectation on the parts of various pressure groups who submitted thousands of names at a time, despite the fact that there were clear criteria specified.

So incorrect client information and a backlog of the Call Centre's "please call me", which resulted in undue delays. One of our responses was to increase the Call Centre complement, and that has assisted greatly. However, the project has now been closed, and we are busy with the final deliveries to the various six regions across the province. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I am just looking at the statistics or numbers that were given by the MEC and I am struggling to make coordination, because in the House we were informed that the Department would distribute 50 000 food parcels. Now from the report of the MEC it is 47 164 and I am really interested to know what happened to the balance that I can see in my calculation?

But also, Deputy Speaker, one of the key challenges mentioned by the MEC is the unrealistic expectations that were submitted by people. I am particularly interested as, if this was unrealistic, what was the plan for how many food parcels would be distributed per community?

I see there are criteria that was put in place, but where does that put the applications of vulnerable people from the informal settlements that may not have been affected by COVID-19, but are literally poor? They do not have the means to buy or even plant their own food garden. So what exactly were the criteria and what was the planning in terms of the applications that would have been expected by the Department? I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you very much Deputy Speaker, and to the Minister, through you. Hon Minister, I would like to know since the pool of the vulnerable is growing every day, will the South African Social Security Agency be distributing food parcels to this growing pool of vulnerable people as well?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Deputy Speaker, if I may respond. I think it is important to provide the context to the 50 000 food parcels.

The need for food parcels originated when SASSA's budget was depleted in this province late in the financial year, last year. So SASSA would normally provide what is called Social Relief of Distress and we identified a gap by the number of calls coming through. So what Social Development did, we reprioritised R35 million of DSD funds and it was spread across six social development regions, as far as George and Beaufort West.

At that point we did not have the extended lockdown impacting those individuals in that vulnerable pool, which is the reason why I say we are now facing a humanitarian crisis.

So the criteria we used; we worked with Social Development and we used their criteria for Social Relief of Distress together with their SOCPEN database to ensure that there was no double dipping, and at that point it would have been people who would have gone to SASSA's offices, but due to SASSA being closed, they could not access the relief that they required and that was the rationale for us, with the Premier making a statement, I think it was on 5 April.

Then I must say that the 47 000 are not our full allocation. We have delivered approximately 40 000 but all the screening and vetting have been done, the recipients know who they are. It is now a matter of the distribution which, as I said, has been impeded by the fact that some members in our distribution team had to go into quarantine, some of our service providers had to go into quarantine, so that has been the backlog.

I am certain that by next Friday we will have a complete close-out report and I can also alert the member that if you go to the Western Cape Government website, there is a little yellow tile and if you click on the yellow tile, it is an interactive map which will show you where food is being distributed across the province.

My response to the question was just based on DSD, but in that mapping exercise we actually have all our donors. We have Community Chest, we have Ladles of Love, we have the District Municipality figures, we have farmers and Agrimark has stepped up.

In our humanitarian work-stream we are conducting a pilot – Minister Meyer together with the Overstrand District – regarding getting soup ingredients to the communities' soup kitchens in order for people to be fed a hot meal.

I am extremely concerned, Deputy Speaker, that we are talking about pie in the sky projects, like SAA R21 billion bail-outs and Eskom, when in this country more than 50% of our citizens are now experiencing food distress and until we get an announcement from National Treasury, we are just going to be scuppered in trying to stem the tide.

So as a Government, we have allocated R70 million; Education contributed R18 million; DLG gave R16.2 million and DSD gave R35 million. However, these are now unfunded mandates going into the new month and we need clarity urgently from the National Government regarding funding going forward.

When I talk about unrealistic, there was an effort on the part of some people who went knocking, door-to-door, to collect people's names and numbers and the application process was one that you had to call in, as an individual applicant, or you could have directed your request through an NPO or through a municipal manager.

So there were avenues, but sadly there were lobby groups who pushed to get extra food, but I recognise, and I would want the entire House to be mindful, that as this lockdown that I believe has now been extended until 15 July, if that is in fact true, and we cannot see everyone returning to work in Level 3 - I think about the hairdressers and all of them - then that vulnerable pool is going to grow even bigger and sadly, it has come back to Government and Government does not have the silver bullet.

If I speak to hon Bosman's question which talks to SASSA; SASSA works together with us, but the budget they have received for this province for the new year was a mere R36 million, of which only R10 million is allocated for Social Relief of Distress. Now if we have 50 000 parcels valued at R500 through our four service providers, the R10 million is not going to go very far.

But in our humanitarian workstream hon Deputy Speaker, we have SASSA as a key stakeholder in terms of the whole of government and I would like to share from the report that was tabled to Cabinet on 2 June. In terms of the SARD Grant status, SASSA received 13 million applications. Listen carefully. 6.7 million were rejected due to them being incomplete or duplicates. Of the remaining 6.3 million, 3.5 million were processed with 1.5 million then being rejected, so with all the checks and balances, it is a 40% rejection rate, and on the date of this report, there were 666 000 approved applications of which 37 000 were processed and, listen to this, only 2 117 were paid in the Western Cape.

We are in trouble. SASSA is our social security agency and unfortunately they are not responsive, they are not getting the food or the grants to the people quickly enough. Then I also need to add that, in the conditions, foreigners without papers will also not be considered and that provides the Department with an ethical dilemma, because poverty, hon Deputy Speaker, does not wear a political T-shirt or have a colour. I thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Minister, do you admit the total failure of social services, social development, in feeding the stressed communities hungering for just a piece of bread? I want to ask you now, I have listened to all the figures you have given here, and we had a debate previously, this morning, about livelihoods and preserving the economy. Now when you say 'double-dipping', does it mean that if I want a food parcel every month I am 'double-dipping' or is that one food parcel supposed to be my quota as long as the lockdown lasts, maybe six or 12 months, and if I come again, it is 'double-dipping' or what is 'double-dipping'?

Do you have a fixed amount of money which you are supposed to give to x number of people or do you first determine how many people are in dire need and then you make the funds available from National, what comes first? The people who need, or the money that is ring-fenced, this is all we have and if this money is finished, you can go hungry, we cannot help you, sorry. That to me is what I would like to understand, what we mean when we say we are giving food parcels? Are we going to feed the people as long as the lockdown lasts and people are prevented from working to earn a living, or are we giving it like a Christmas box? Christmas comes but once a year, when it comes, it brings great cheer. Is that what we are doing? One food parcel but the lockdown lasts until next year January? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The hon Marais touches on a very important point and it is something that resonates with me, close to my heart, because we need to move beyond food parcels. We need to look at a more sustainable way of addressing the issue of hunger post COVID-19, hence the establishment of the Humanitarian Work Stream.

I must concur with the hon Marais that the SASSA model which has been in existence for some time does not address the needs of the vulnerable in a COVID situation. We have seen large volumes of people calling in and sadly the Department of Social Development, at a provincial level, does not have funding for mass humanitarian feeding.

Funding normally takes place through our NPOs, which are our implementing partners. So what we would do is, once a year, I would sign off a submission as the Executive Authority; the NPOs, they would go out and do the work. What has happened with this extended lockdown is the fact that we had a vulnerable pool that would have been assessed regularly via SASSA's approach, Chapter 3 Social Services Act, and that is where the mandate lies. That mandate has now been devolved to provincial and local governments because of the inability of a national entity to step up to the plate.

I have to be dead honest, when our 50 000 parcels are up, as they are, they have all been allocated, we do not have funding. So we need to sit down as a Cabinet, come up with a plan and try and see where we can find money. But I must say we are running a pilot in a vulnerable ward in the City of Cape Town where we have delivered dry food to NPOs; they in turn cook the food and feed entire streets at a time, and it has been very well received.

However, the cost to the fiscus and as I said, we are hearing about SAA bailouts to the tune of R21 billion, I would like to hear the President say, we have allocated x amount for humanitarian relief, and then my closing remark on this one is that we need to revisit the old saying, 'you give a man a fish or you teach a man to fish', and I support the idea that Minister Meyer has introduced in the rural areas, that of food gardens. It is starting to happen in the city now. We have the City of Cape Town on board in terms of their feedback and I think the City of Cape Town, just this week, released R3.5 million to 10 NGOs in 21 wards. So they have obviously used the GO spatial mapping, their census data to indicate where the food needs to land.

But with the extension of this lockdown, we are facing a crisis of epic proportions, and we all need to work together to find the necessary solutions to keep people from protesting, because a hungry man, hon Deputy Speaker, is an angry man. I thank you.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. The Minister in her response to the initial question said in terms of challenges there were unsuccessful applicants. I just want to check, in terms of these unsuccessful applicants, hon Minister, how were these applicants informed of the outcome of their applications? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you for the question, hon member Botha. As a close-out exercise SMSs were sent to every single applicant who had applied, whether they had applied once or ten times, we had distributed SMSs from the first to the fourth of this month and we have also provided SASSA with a database of the most dire. Remember we are working very closely with SASSA in the province, despite the fact that all their staff are not back – they are operating with a small team of volunteers - but SASSA is now revisiting that and testing it against the 350 SRD process which will see an individual receive R350 for six months and that would have started from May.

I do have a concern which I must share with the hon Botha, and that is the fact that many disabled grant beneficiaries could not have their grants renewed in March because either there were no doctors or they were unable to get the processing done.

I am now asking SASSA to provide me with an update because I also am concerned about the number of people who would have received a double pension last month and who would not have received a pension this month, bearing in mind that many individuals have their pension cards with the money lenders, and that adds a completely different perspective to this conversation.

However, as DSD, we remain committed to trying to find solutions. We are lobbying donors, we are lobbying NPOs, we have set up a donor desk, we have a warehouse where we are starting to see non-perishables come in and I can announce that right now 5 000 food parcels are being distributed. One of my ex-colleagues that I worked with many years ago has come from Durban and they are distributing and we also received food parcels and cell phones from MTN.

So the figure going forward will not be a DSD figure but a whole of society figure that reports and reflects where food lands in the most vulnerable areas. I thank you.

Essential products: hiking of prices

2. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

What role does his Department play in making sure that businesses do not hike the prices of essential products during the lockdown period?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member for putting the question. The reply is as follows:

2. The Western Cape Government does not control prices but rather relies on the free market to regulate prices. But of course, in anticipation of price gauging or the hiking of prices during the COVID-19 crisis, the National Government promulgated the Consumer and Customer Protection and National Disaster Management Regulations and Directions earlier this year in March 2020.

Now, when the Western Cape office of the Consumer Protector, which of course sits in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, receives complaints of higher than usual pricing, we direct the person to this regulation which deals, as I have said, with the Consumer and Customer Protection and National Disaster Management Regulations and Directions.

And of course, these regulations are there to promote the concerted conduct to prevent an escalation of the national disaster and to alleviate and contain and minimise the effects of the national disaster.

But most importantly, in addition to that, they serve to protect consumers and customers from unconscionable, unfair, unreasonable, unjust or improper commercial practices during a national disaster. Complaints of price-hiking received by the Western Cape office of the Consumer Protector are also of course directed to the Department of Trade and Industry and Competition. The Western Cape office of Consumer Protection regularly engages with the National Consumer Commission and the Competition Commission to assist businesses and consumers who identify any contravention of the Competition and Consumer Regulations.

I am advised that the Western Cape office of Consumer Protection has only dealt with one case involving allegations of price-gauging so far which was ultimately resolved.

The Western Cape's office of Consumer Protection is part of the Consumer Protection Forum which includes the National Consumer Commission as well as the Competition Commission and it meets every two weeks during the lockdown to receive updates on regulations that would serve to protect businesses, and of course, consumers in South Africa. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker and thanks to the Minister for the response. I am shocked that the Minister's response is that the Western Cape only recorded one case with the Consumer Protector which was later resolved. The National Minister of Trade and Industry has reported in the public domain that there are a number of cases that involve the Western Cape, such as Spar in Platteklouf that allegedly hiked prices in terms of sanitisers, the Sunnyside Pharmacy in Tableview, that also dealt with the issue of face masks as well as Pick 'n Pay in Milnerton.

So what we want to understand is how serious is the Department, during this time of vulnerability, in detecting all those aiming to hike prices in the province and what are the interventions to ensure that such things do not happen in our province?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Hon Deputy Speaker, I wish to assure the member that we take any allegations or indeed cases of price-gauging or undue price-hikes very seriously and we will certainly be complementing National Government's effort by investigating any cases that are brought to our attention. However, up until now, only one case has been brought to our attention and that case has been resolved. But should any further cases come to our attention, they will certainly be referred to our office of Consumer Protection and of course to the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition for further investigation. We cannot, in this period, afford any unconscionable, unfair, unreasonable, unjust or improper commercial practices during a national disaster in the Western Cape.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you so much, Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, I would like to ask you, here now is an opportunity that has been created by COVID-19. Not everything is a dark cloud, there is some rain coming through, especially when it comes to tenders being given for medical equipment etc.

What are you doing to make sure that locally manufactured goods and companies get the contracts to supply schools and hospitals with medical equipment like sanitising whether free-standing, wall-mounted or foot-operated sanitising equipment and PPE; what is your Department doing to make sure that preference is given to SMMEs or local suppliers instead of importing it because it could create a lot of opportunities, economically for local production and we have such companies who can supply it. Also, tell us, to whom should they apply or have you already decided who gets the contracts? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I can assure the hon member that the relevant localisation provisions are being implemented in our province, but there are some challenges because of course local content needs to be verified by external agencies and of course that takes some time, which presents a challenge during a national state of disaster. But I can assure the member that particularly when it comes to the kind of opportunities which he refers to, particularly in relation to personal protection equipment, that a large amount of PPE is being purchased from local suppliers, which of course support local businesses and jobs in the Western Cape.

I think the hon member would also be aware that we have established what we have called a PPE Marketplace, which seeks to link firms who require PPE with firms or individuals who are manufacturing PPE, which again, support many local companies and jobs in our province and we have at least 170 producers of PPE trading in that marketplace. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister, what measures has the Minister put in place to protect against price hiking of personal protective equipment gear which could negatively impact on public spending, especially since as the Western Cape Government, we are also spending large amounts on acquiring these PPEs during this COVID-19 crisis? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you. [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon Minister. Is there a point of order, hon Nkondlo?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Yes. Deputy Speaker, I just want to understand from you, the nature of the question, do you allow other speakers to introduce new questions or do they stick to them, because then we can utilise the questions to also try and ask new questions that were not part of the main question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Nkondlo, that is up to the Minister if he wants to answer that question, he does not have to because the question is very specific, that is totally up to him.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Right.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Hon Deputy Speaker, I think the hon member's question is pertinent because it relates to what measures we have put in place to ensure that departments in the Provincial Government are not vulnerable to price-gauging or undue price-hikes from businesses in relation to PPE.

Now in response to the hon member, I have made the point, of course, that we cannot and do not control the prices charged by suppliers, but we have put in place measures to support departments to manage prices at an appropriate level.

We have provided departments with a set of uniform specifications, of course which are approved, not only by the Provincial Department of Health but also the National Department of Health. We have provided departments with information about pricing, lead-times for delivery and the quantities available in relation to PPE and we have provided departments with benchmark prices which have been issued by National Treasury.

All these measures, I think go a long way to support departments and to reduce the risk of price-gauging or undue price-hikes which in the end, I think, will ensure that departments and the public get value for money when it comes to PPE. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you Minister. Minister, I am just trying to find out what role does the DTI and the National Consumer Protector play when it comes to price-hikes, because that is exactly within their ambit, and secondly on the same question, what is the capacity on the ground to start monitoring and implementing these regulations, as member Xego asked, against price-hikes? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon member. Of course the Department of Trade and Industry and the National Consumer Council all form part of the Consumer Protection Forum which meets every two weeks to receive updates and to monitor and to regulate and to protect businesses and consumers and ultimately, their responsibility under the direction issued by the National Minister, the Consumer, Customer, Protection and National Disaster Management Regulations and Directions, it is their function to investigate those matters that relate to unconscionable, unfair, unreasonable, unjust and improper commercial practices during this period of national disaster.

Ultimately, hon member, I think that the capacity obviously is always constrained but to the extent that these practices become apparent to our Department, I can assure him, that they will be followed up in the first instance by the Western Cape office of the Consumer Protector and of course each complaint will be referred to the Department of Trade and Industry and Competition so that we can act against price-gauging and undue price-hikes during this state of national disaster in the Western Cape. Thank you.

[Question 3 standing over.]

Vandalism at schools affecting reopening

4. Ms L J Botha asked the Minister of Education:

Whether the 104 cases of vandalism at schools in the province have affected the Department's readiness to reopen schools on 1 June 2020; if so, what support did her Department provide to these schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, and to hon Botha for the question. The reply is as follows:

4. The total number of incidents reported to Safe Schools is 109 but this includes reports of suspicious persons near a school with no impact on readiness. So 100 schools were affected by burglary and vandalism between 20 March and 25 May. The majority of incidents happened in the Cape Winelands district, Metro Central and the West Coast. Many of the items stolen are those that are outside the school building, it was in the perimeter of the school such as fencing and garden tools or sporting equipment. Other items included electricity cables, computer equipment, security gates and kitchen equipment.

The WCED added additional day security and doubled night security in schools situated in high risk areas. Dogs were also deployed in some schools to deter people from entering the premises. The additional security costs amount to over R6 million for 470 schools.

Of the 100 schools vandalised, 48 schools required emergency repairs and maintenance. Work has been completed at 45 of those schools and the remainder are scheduled to be completed shortly. However, they are functional and will be able to open on 1 June with close monitoring. Thank you.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, thank you for the answer. In terms of the numbers that you have just quoted with regard to vandalism in schools, how many criminal cases have been opened?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Out of the 100 cases, three of them were not reported. So 97 cases were reported to the police. The reason why two of them were not was because they were attempted burglaries with nothing actually stolen so the schools felt it was not worth it, and the other one we are following up. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the Minister for the responses. Is the Minister able to tell us how many of these incidents were the result of broken fences, and then if the Minister can just advise members of this House what we can do as members in our constituencies to work with communities to ensure that our schools are protected? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Sayed. I am looking at the list at the moment and there were not a large number of broken fences, but I can get you the exact number, hon Sayed.

What you can do, that is a very welcome question. We always tell communities that we would really appreciate them working with us because no fence to a school is stolen without somebody seeing it and we really, really need to ask our communities to report immediately if they see anybody stealing a fence or hanging around where they should not be, and we certainly have noticed some communities really rising to that challenge and if you could assist with that in communities where you work, that would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I would just like to ask the Minister, in regard to the 97 cases that have been opened, do you know what the status of investigations are pertaining to these cases, and were there any arrests already made?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Hon member Botha, the one problem is that we do not get direct feedback from SAPS. They feedback and give progress reports to the schools directly. So we are not aware of that but I am certainly not aware of very many, from what I have heard anecdotally, but I will ask for a report from Safe Schools as well on that issue. I have been keeping lists for quite some time and the time when I last checked, there were really very, very few arrests that had been made and many cases had just simply been closed. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We move over to Question 5, I see the hon Fernandez. Minister Fernandez, can you hear me? Minister Fernandez? While we sort out Minister Fernandez, if we can move over to Question 6 instead. I am going to move over to Question 6, I recognise the hon Minister Maynier.

[Question 5 standing over temporarily.]

Small business: Mitchells Plain

6. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) How many small businesses has his Department supported in Mitchells Plain in the last financial year and (b) what are the details of the services provided to these small businesses?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member for putting the question. The reply is as follows:

6. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism currently supports 300 businesses through the SMME Booster Fund implemented in 2019/20. The SMME Booster Fund aims to enhance existing SMME interventions implemented by intermediary organisations ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The reply is as follows:

6. As I was saying, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism currently supports about 300 businesses through the SMME Booster Fund implemented in 2019/20. The SMME Booster Fund aims to enhance the existing SMME interventions implemented by intermediary organisations that focus on SMME support. The Fund focuses on business development support, enterprise and supply development interventions as well as some infrastructure projects aimed at SMME development.

Of the businesses supported through the SMME Booster Fund, seven are located in Mitchells Plain. Three of these are assisted through the ASISA Flame Programme, two through the Khayelitsha Bandwidth Barn Project and two through the Fix Forward Contractor Development Programme. The ASISA Flame Programme focuses on enterprise development and provides businesses with training, mentorship and coaching.

The Khayelitsha Bandwidth Barn also provides businesses with training and support programmes to entrepreneurs, specifically through the use of digital technology tools, and the Fix Forward Contractor Development Programme develops contractors with training and mentorship support. It also provides market access through a portal where contractors and their work can be showcased and advertised.

Ultimately of course, all the SMMEs in Mitchells Plain are able to access any of the other support and resources that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism have put in place to assist entrepreneurs to start and to grow their businesses. These include, as I mentioned earlier this afternoon, the Jump for Entrepreneurs Act, which allows SMMEs to better understand their businesses and markets, find other businesses, professional mentors and other beneficial people in their local area using a map and establish relationships for buying and selling of goods and services. Our Red Tape Reduction Unit of course assists entrepreneurs with business information, such as how to start a business, where to register a business as well as dealing with red tape issues related to small businesses, and we have done more.

We have implemented the Go Digital Western Cape Webinar Series and the Tech Volunteer Programme which provide SMMEs with access to digital and technology experts who can advise organisations on how they can adopt new technologies to better promote their products and services and access new markets and identify new opportunities to improve business operations. And of course, small businesses and entrepreneurs in Mitchells Plain are also able to access business development support through the Small Enterprise Development Agency Branch which is part of the Provincial SMME Forum, established by my Department, and assists small businesses with business development services, advice, counselling, access to opportunities and links to training.

And so all the small businesses and SMMEs in Mitchells Plain are of course able to access any of the support provided by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you Minister for the response, it is certainly enlightening.

The first point, obviously one would like a list of those businesses, so when I visit my constituency there I can conduct oversight. The second point is how – and they are great services that your Department provides and certainly access to the Internet etc. – does your Department communicate with potential entrepreneurs and potential small businesses to have access to these services,

and the second part to that is, how many times do they go out to these communities so that people know where to apply for these services and where do they advertise when they go out to the communities? Thank you, Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you hon member. First of all, we can certainly furnish you with a list of these businesses so that you can indeed do oversight in your constituency, and I would certainly welcome the opportunity to join you in visiting some of these intermediary organisations in your constituency, to showcase and see some of the good work being done by the Department.

I am advised that these various services and the support that we provide to small businesses are of course widely advertised, particularly on the Western Cape Government's website and in other media, so that we can get as wide as possible a group of SMMEs, not just in Mitchell Plain, but all over the Western Cape, taking advantage of the support measures which my Department furnishes to small businesses in the Western Cape. Thank you.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Minister, like I said before, we have an opportunity here to really revitalise our dependency on ourselves instead of depending on outside companies to supply us with our needs. I have had complaints from small businesses that said the application for assistance from the fund has been declined because they could not produce a tax clearance certificate.

Is this so in light of the lockdown? Things do not operate as they normally would, even if you want to get tax clearance certificates, etc? But some of them say they have been declined on that basis. I would like to hear your view on that. One company is a recycling business, one of these BBEEs, a small business here in Parow and which is doing a great service, but it has not been approved. Now the approval, I know that you work with Wesgro and the City of Cape Town too in managing this fund, where does the final decision lie whether it is rejected or not? Do you get a fixed amount for the Western Cape or is it a conditional grant from which you assist these businesses, and how can you assist them for the Western Cape to get its fair share of this kitty, to help them? They have to pay rent, but they have no income but it does not matter when the person who owns this factory or business says, I want my rent, and they say we cannot open and do not have an income, but he wants his rent. They need assistance and now the Department comes and says we want your tax clearance certificates before we can help you. Can you please comment on that?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I am unsure of the fund to which the hon member refers. But there are several funds available from National Government and the case which the hon member refers to, where a business is frustrated because they are not able to apply or as he says, they are not clear on the qualifying criteria or are unsuccessful in their applications, is a fairly widespread problem. We certainly, as the Department, are committed to supporting those businesses resolve the problem. I wonder, hon member, whether in this case it would not be best for you to furnish me with the particulars of this case so that we can follow up and try to resolve and support the business to which you refer.

Mr P J MARAIS: I thank you, Minister. I thank you very much. I will do so.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. From the response of the Minister can I just understand – because he says there are six tourism enterprises from Mitchells Plain that received support in the categories he mentions - one, assuming that Mitchells Plain in particular has a serious presence of tourism enterprises, and I am saying that because of the pre-engagement we had as the Committee in Mitchells Plain before, as part of the build-up towards the SOPA. An impression was given that Mitchells Plain intends to expand its tourism platform. Now my question is: these six applications that were successful, how many applications were received in Mitchells Plain particularly versus the one that has been approved, and secondly, in total, of the six, what is the cost of this particular support that the Minister is mentioning?

I think hon Mackenzie covered me in terms of how people access this support, but I would like to ask as my last question, whether the Minister would be able to provide us with similar stats of the tourism and SMMEs that have received support from the programmes that he is mentioning from the Department in the various municipalities of the province? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I think that the hon member may have misunderstood my response to the question. What I said was that seven of the businesses who had benefited from the SMME Booster Fund were located in Mitchells Plain and they are not necessarily from the tourism sector.

On the particulars that the hon member requires on the number of applications submitted and the number of applications approved, I do not have data for the previous financial year on the number of businesses who applied and who were either approved or not approved, but what I do have is data on the number of intermediary organisations that put in proposals to be considered.

There were 104 intermediary organisations who responded to our call for proposals and ultimately, after following a process, where various criteria were considered, 18 of those intermediary organisations then received support. It is the intermediary organisations that then in turn provide support and the kind of support that I have described to the various businesses.

But if the hon member requires further detailed information, I invite her to put a written parliamentary question and we will of course provide her with all the information that she requires, either relating to businesses in the tourism sector or indeed businesses that have benefited from the SMME Booster Fund. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I would like to find out from the Minister whether there has been any interaction between him or his Department with the Mitchells Plain Chamber of Commerce in the past year regarding small business in the area? And, in particular, I want to find out whether any hairdressers or barbers in the Mitchells Plain area have contacted him or his departments regarding assistance, given that they are not allowed to operate during Lockdown 5, during Lockdown 4 and during Lockdown 3, putting many households' economic viability at risk? Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I am advised that there are several business organisations in Mitchells Plain. There is of course the Mitchells Plain Business Forum, the Mitchells Plain Integrated Development Forum, and the Mitchells Plain United Residence Forum. The Cape Chamber of Commerce also has a Mitchells Plain Chapter. I can assure the hon member that my departments are in regular contact with all these institutions and she will know that I have set myself a goal of interacting with as many business chambers and associations and of course, by extension, businesses as possible during the COVID-19 crisis. In fact, it was just this morning that I spent a very productive hour with the George Chamber of Commerce and certainly going forward, I look forward to meeting and spending time with the various business organisations in Mitchells Plain so that I can better understand how our Department can support business in Mitchells Plain.

On the question of hairdressers, you are absolutely right. I have not received any submissions from hairdressers. The Department may have received submissions. But certainly as a department, the hon member will know that under Level 4 Regulations and indeed under Level 3 Regulations, our general approach is to open the economy in a way that is responsible and safe and for that reason we have made several submissions under both Level 3 and under Level 4 and certainly we are looking at this sector with a view to making further submissions to National Government, so that we can open the economy, but do so in a way that is safe and that prevents the spread of the Corona virus in the workplace in the Western Cape. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Reopening of ECD centres

5. Ms L J Botha asked the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) (a) What are the details of her Department's plan for the reopening and the state of readiness of Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres, (b) what assistance will her Department provide to advance the readiness of ECD centres and (c) what is the total rand value of the assistance;
- (2) whether any ECD centre does not comply with any of the relevant regulations; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. I would like to thank the hon member Botha for the questions which relate to the detail of the plan for the opening of ECDs. The reply is as follows:

5. At this point in time, hon Deputy Speaker, the National Department is in the process of developing a national framework and protocols for the reopening of ECD centres in collaboration with ECD national organisations. This engagement took place last Tuesday and eight work streams have been established but we have yet some way to go.

The assistance that we are currently providing is trying to keep our ECDs informed and we are communicating with our facilities via the funded service organisations.

The challenge we have is that there are many unregistered ECDs which we cannot access because they are not registered on a database and unfortunately, some of them are trading, I am told, at this time but it is a local government intervention.

Question b) was the total Rand value of the assistance: the National Department of Social Development is considering approaching the National Treasury to repurpose the Conditional Grant infrastructure for procuring PPE for our ECDs. I am told the Rand value for the Western Cape will be R2 million and I would like the House to consider this R2 million based on the numbers I quoted in the debate. However, that figure of R2 million still has to be realised. We have not received any feedback.

On whether any ECDs do not comply with the regulations, I can only answer none at this stage as we do not have a list at this stage that I can talk to. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, through you; Minister, how has the announcement by Minister Motshekga impacted the ECD sector as she indicated that they will be returning on 5 July?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Botha. The impact of the statement created mayhem and chaos in the ECD system. And if I recall correctly, the reference was to Grade R that is linked to DBE already. It does not talk to the registered ECDs within the Provincial Department of Social Development spaces or domains.

So I think it is important for me to alert the members. It says here: Early Childhood Development programmes including child day care mothers, play care groups or similar, shall remain closed until such time that a decision is taken and communicated for the reopening under any of the five alert levels.

The continued closure of these early development programmes is based on the consideration of multiple factors but hon Deputy Speaker, I am deeply concerned because the Minister has the ability to engage specialists in the field and Minister Zulu was on national TV talking to reasons why ECDs are closed and it is unfortunate that the Centre for Early Childhood Development disagrees vehemently and the Chairperson quoted Minister Zulu as being factually incorrect, confused and incoherent in her understanding of the challenges.

So we have now got eight work streams set up. It happened last week, people are going back to work, I am receiving letters and I think it is very, very important – people might think that we are trying to downplay what is happening – but I received a really sad appeal from a citizen who lives in Khayelitsha, who said to me, what is the decision that I am going to be forced to take? Do I lose my job because I am told that I cannot take my child to an ECD or do I run the risk of going to an illegal operation?

Unfortunately, we have reached a stage where I have become aware that unregistered ECDs are popping up all over the place, but they do not meet the criteria in terms of six children or more.

So you can in your home have up to five children, but I would like to appeal – and I have appealed to the National Minister – that we revisit the arrangement to open our ECDs in a manner that is considered, takes the best interest of the child into account, that the directions are clear, they are practical and they can be implemented at a grass roots level without any further confusion. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker and thank you to the Minister for that answer. Just in going forward, through you, Deputy Speaker, Minister how will your Department communicate with parents on the opening of ECDs without creating this biblical confusion of many tongues talking at the same time?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Botha. Within the Department we do have a programme for Early Childhood Development and a very capable chief director and director. We also have forums within the province that we engage with and just recently, I think on Tuesday for the launch, there was an initiative in Stellenbosch, so we will use the platforms that are known to us. We will use media statements, social media and of course, I would imagine that once the directions for Level 3 finally come through that we can then share with all our stakeholders, but you can be assured, we get hundreds of calls every day from desperate parents – in fact, some of the hon members have sent me emails – asking “When are the children going back to school?”

So, as soon as we get word – I am concerned that if lockdown has been extended to 15 July 2020, that the return for ECD’s would only be then, but we are due to have a MinMec and that would be one of my questions, because I think we need to deal with this matter sooner rather than later, as lives are being lost; children are being compromised. They are being left in the care of people that we cannot in some instances rely on to ensure their safety and livelihoods are lost at the same time. Thank you.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I just want to check, Minister, with all that is said pertaining to the questions, can I therefore take it that all systems are in place to do the monitoring whenever ECD’s are reopening?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Botha, our registered ECD’s are ready in that we did not stop our payments to ECD’s during this period. We continued with transfer payment agreements and that allowed ECD’s to continue feeding children. Remember we have a database of registered ECD’s and then we know that there is X amount, an approximate amount of unregistered ECD’s. What the National Department is now wanting to do, and I see the Deputy Minister launched a programme, is to try and find all the unregistered ECD’s in an effort to sort of bring them in the fold to ensure compliance.

However, my office does not have the capacity to monitor ECD’s. So what do we rely on? We rely on our local ward councillors and law enforcement to assist us or to alert us if there is anything untoward that they see, but we do have monitoring in place.

If you report a specific ECD, we will send out the MME team, but they do not do that as a day to day responsibility, or as part of their day jobs, because they are a small team in number and they really cannot cope with all the different aspects of ECD that have now been imposed on us. Thank you, hon Botha.

[Question time expired.]

[Replies to questions 7 to 10 to be printed in Hansard]

Questions and replies as received from departments

ORAL QUESTIONS

For written reply:

New housing-development projects: Mitchells Plain

7. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether there are any new housing-development projects planned for Mitchells Plain, excluding Kosovo; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

7. The following projects are earmarked for beneficiaries from Mitchells Plain:

1. City of Cape Town projects:

- (i) The Highlands Drive project – 700 opportunities: The City is in the advanced planning phase.
- (ii) The Beacon Valley Housing project – 1320 opportunities: The City is in the process to start construction for internal services.

2. Department of Human Settlement projects:

My department is in the advanced stage with a project in New Woodlands, Mitchells Plain. This project will accommodate 434 beneficiaries from the Mitchells Plain and Kosovo area. Services have been installed and the contractor will commence with top structures shortly.

In addition, the Regent Villas Social Housing Development in Weltevreden Valley, Mitchells Plain will yield 104 rental social housing opportunities. According to the current project timeline, the contractor has put strategies in place to expedite the development in the next 3 months. These strategies are primarily for unit completion and tenancing as follows:

- 56 units to be completed and tenanted in July 2020;
- 48 units to be completed and tenanted in August 2020

*Brandvlei water canal and Clanwilliam Dam***8. Mr A P van der Westhuizen asked the Minister of Agriculture:**

- (1) What steps has his Department taken to ensure that the project to increase the height of the Brandvlei water canal would not be delayed again for another full year;
- (2) (a) what is the current delay with the construction project at the Clanwilliam Dam expressed as a number of working days and (b) what is the effect of this delay on the area's potential to increase agricultural production?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

8. (1) The Brandvlei Dam situated near Worcester and the Clanwilliam Dam situated near Clanwilliam, together with the associated water conveyance canals of both dams, are assets of the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS). As such the DHSWS, as a national competency, is primarily responsible for the implementation and the construction work in order to increase the yield from these dams. In addition and following construction, the DHSWS will have to increase the scheduled allocations and issue water use licenses to prospective water users so that the full potential of irrigation agriculture will lead to transformation, job creation and economic development. It is estimated that with the completion of the Brandvlei and Clanwilliam projects, that respectively 4400ha and 6000ha of newly developed high value crops will be irrigated.

From 2015 onwards the Provincial Department of Agriculture served in a supportive capacity by coordinating and establishing the Brandvlei Dam Inter-Governmental Steering Committee. Sixteen organs of state which have a relevant developmental or regulatory mandate were mandated to the committee. During this time up to 2019, the committee conducted a number of actions and undertook studies and investigations to facilitate the project readiness up to the stage that the DHSWS can proceed with construction.

Unfortunately, to date, construction has yet to commence. WCDOA has requested updates, the latest being a letter sent in March 2020. Despite the numerous requests for updates on the progress of construction, no formal response has been received.

- (2) (a) On 11 February 2020 during the Provincial Standing Committee's visit to the Clanwilliam Dam, presentations made by the DHSWS indicated that the time delay on the construction programme for raising the dam amounted to 217 days, but that they will "catchup" in due time. Taking cognisance of subsequent non-working days and the Covid-19 lockdown, at least another 32 workdays can be added to the programme.

Assuming, in view of the impact and logistical disruption of the Covid-19 lockdown, that the 32 days was moderately productive, the total delay on the programme would now be in the order of 240 work days. If construction work is not expedited, this relates to a full calendar year being lost.

- (b) It is foreseen and estimated that construction of the Clanwilliam Dam under normal conditions will take five years to complete and that the on-farm development for new irrigation agriculture and the uptake of additional water for 6000ha will take an additional five to eight years. This timeline is largely dependent on market forces and the availability and cost of investment capital, and the completion and construction of additional canal conveyance capacity.

It is therefore expected, in reality, that the impact on production of a one year delay in the construction and completion of the Clanwilliam Dam, will become blurred with the other factors impacting on production.

However, under a best case scenario, it can be argued that a full annual investment and production cycle would be lost due to a one year delay on the project.

Personal protective equipment stocks

9. Ms W F Philander asked the Minister of Health:

- (1) Whether her Department is confident that all the healthcare facilities in the Western Cape have adequate stock of personal protective equipment (PPE); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) how does her Department ensure that all facilitates implement the safety protocols strictly?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

9. (1) We have more than doubled our PPE stocks in the past week and we now have R102 million worth of stocks on hand- with more on order.
- (2) The Department follows standard infection prevention protocols at all facilities to prevent the spread of the virus. Guidelines and training has been provided to quality assurances and infection prevention champions at facilities. In addition, we have also engaged labour on the safety measures at health facilities.

Public health facilities: closure of

10. Ms W F Philander asked the Minister of Health:

- (1) (a) How many public health facilities in the province have been closed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa, (b) which facilities were closed and (c) what were the reasons for the closure;
- (2) whether all the facilities that had been closed have been reopened; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

10. (1) (a)(b) Health facilities are also places where gatherings occur and we have found positive cases at various health facilities across the province. Most recent facilities affected include District Six CDC, Du Noon CHC, Matthew Goniwe, Retreat CDC, Valkenberg, and Dr Abdurahman CHC and various sections at hospitals.
- (2) Facilities are either closed for a short period of time or adjusts the patient flow so that the affected area can be decontaminated while service delivery continue and are reopened as soon as this process is concluded.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Coronavirus pandemic: community screening

1. Mr B D Herron asked the Minister of Health:

On 19 May 2020 the national Minister of Health released statistics on the coronavirus pandemic:

As at 14 May 2020 the Western Cape had done the lowest number of community screenings of any province in the country, namely 404 143:

- (1) (a) Why are the Western Cape's community-screening results lower than any other province and (b) how has the Western Cape been implementing community screening;
- (2) whether the Western Cape has implemented any measures to increase the community-screening performance; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) what is the current number of community screenings being done in the province and (b) what is the referral rate?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

1. (1) With the advent of the Community Screening and Testing (CST) programme, community transmission has already been established in the Cape Metro, on account of earlier community seeding in late March 2020 (prior to the National lockdown). Consequently, the introduction of CST coincided with the discovery of clusters of cases in the Cape Metro, especially in retail supermarkets and factories, where essential workers reported for duty. With the implementation of CST, the province therefore opted to target its screening resources to where there were known positive cases of COVID-19, with the clear purpose of finding new cases linked to existing cases, and hence slowing person to person spread. This was a targeted approach, in line with the national recommendation to target clusters of positive cases and focus screening activity in those clusters. There was specific attention paid the developing clusters in essential services sectors. This decision was aimed at the most effective and targeted use of human and testing resources for that particular phase of the pandemic.

Screening and testing activities were also directed according to the case NICD protocol and case definition at the time. The case definition at the time specified that criteria for testing would include people who had travelled outside of South Africa since the 1st February 2020 or had contact with someone who is COVID-19

positive case; symptoms screened included people who were exhibiting any 2 of the following symptoms were referred for testing: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, myalgia / general weakness, loss of taste or loss of sense of smell. Thus the province followed national protocol at that time.

- (2) In the Cape Metro, where community transmission was established relatively early, specific effort was put into screening activity around essential services clusters (which have been permitted to operate under all levels of lockdown), care homes and in geographical areas where people who work in these clusters live and this has mostly been in the most vulnerable communities in Cape Town. Our hotspot intervention strategy continues our combined efforts in these targeted areas with the focus to protect vulnerable people who are at high risk, and to prevent deaths.

In the Rural areas of the province community screening activity is still actively pursued as part of the containment and suppression strategy.

- (3) As at 29 June 2020, 832 009 screenings have been conducted of which 16 235 people have been referred for testing.

Coronavirus pandemic: contact tracing

2. Mr B D Herron asked the Minister of Health:

Contact tracing is an important step in the public-health response to the pandemic. According to the national Minister of Health, the Province had identified 9 204 contacts for tracing as at 15 May 2020 and had reached 7 614. By this date the Western Cape had 7 798 positive cases. This means that the Western Cape had identified only 1,2 contacts on average per positive case and had reached fewer than one contact per positive case. The Minister's statistics indicated that, at 83% of the identified contacts reached, the Western Cape is reaching the lowest percentage of contacts in the country.

- (1) (a) Why is the Western Cape identifying so few contacts per positive case and (b) why is the Western Cape reaching on average fewer than one contact per positive case;
- (2) why is the Western Cape not reaching more contacts?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

2. (1) (a) The big gap between contacts identified and contacts reached was mainly due to an initial artefact in the contact tracing policy, in the first two weeks after the first cases were identified, namely that the entire flight manifest of any confirmed case, who traveled on a flight to Cape Town, were listed as contacts, which resulted in a large number of contacts, which were not in fact close contacts.

The policy was specifically narrowed the contacts to people seated within 2 meters confirmed cases, subsequently. The number of contacts listed as 9 204, were contacts linked to cases of 2 weeks prior to 15th May 2020. The real number contacts linked to the 7 614 cases as at 15th May 2020, were more and the data lag has subsequently been addressed.

(b) The discrepancy is explained in (a) above.

(2) More contacts are reached. The data discrepancies have since been addressed.

Coronavirus pandemic: contact tracing

3. Mr B D Herron asked Minister of Health:

On 18 May 2020, Dr M Moodley, Head of the Western Cape Department of Health, sent the members of the Ad-hoc Committee on COVID-19 a document titled "Questions stemming from the Ad hoc Committee meeting on 22 April 2020". This document indicates that the Western Cape had "traced" 11 181 contacts and had isolated 11 181. Can the Minister confirm:

- (1) (a) Whether this was the total number of contacts traced or (b) the total number of contacts identified for tracing and (c) at what date;
- (2) how does her Department account for this 100% isolation of the number of contacts traced;
- (3) what is the current situation with contact identification and tracing regarding the (a) current number of positive cases, (b) number of contacts identified for tracing, (c) number of identified contacts reached and (d) number of contacts in isolation?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

3. (1) This was an erroneous number. It did not include the data from the multiple systems doing contact tracing. In subsequent reports, this number has been corrected. Additionally, Dr Moodley is not the Head of the Western Cape Department of Health.
- (2) A case or a contact may isolate/quarantine in their own home. The vast majority of cases or contacts that we call, prefer to isolate/quarantine in their own homes. This is accepted by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases provided that certain conditions are met. When we call a case or a contact, we instruct them to isolate/quarantine. If they cannot isolate/quarantine in their own homes, they are offered free, state isolation/quarantine facilities.

(3) As at 7 July 2020: total cases 71 272, recoveries 52157

From 22 June to 29 June 2020, there was an increase in new COVID infections of 10 827

Total cases and contacts traced from 22 June to 29 June 2020
Estimated – 30 000

As explained in question 2, all contacts traced are quarantined either at home or in a state facility.

COVID-19 transmissions in retail businesses

4. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Health:

With regard to COVID-19 transmissions in retail businesses between level 5 and level 4:

- (1) (a) What is the total number of tests conducted at workplaces, (b) how many workplace transmissions were recorded and (c) what is the total number of essential workers, particularly those in the retail sector, who passed away due to COVID-19;
- (2) whether she can give a breakdown of workplace transmissions in the various identified hotspots in the province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH:

4. Reply not supplied.

Khayelitsha: free-trade zone

5. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) Why is Khayelitsha regarded as a free-trade zone, (b) how has this status enabled or inhibited the City of Cape Town to provide services to those entrepreneurs trading in Khayelitsha and (c)(i) to which other areas in the City of Cape Town has the same status been granted, (ii) to which areas in other municipalities has the same status been granted, (iii) for how long has this status been granted and (iv) what are the reasons for the granting of this status?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

5. (a) According to the City of Cape Town, there are three types of informal trading areas, one of which are free trading areas where there is no informal trading plan developed or required. In these spaces, traders do not require permits. As far as we are aware, Khayelitsha is not the only area in the metro that has free trading areas.

- (b) The Department is unable to address the specific questions raised around the regulation of urban management and trading practise of the City of Cape Town. It is recommended that these matters of clarity are to be directed to the City of Cape Town.
- (c) (i) The Department is unable to address the specific questions raised around the regulation of urban management and trading practise of the City of Cape Town. It is recommended that these matters of clarity are to be directed to the City of Cape Town.
- (ii) No other municipality has advised that they operate with 'free trade zones'
- (iii) The Department has reached out to the City of Cape Town for clarity, but it has not received any information around the regulation of urban management and trading practise.

It is recommended that further clarity is sought form the City of Cape Town regarding these matters.

SMMEs and informal traders: level 4 and level 5 permits

6. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) What is the total number of permits per municipality that has been approved for (i) SMMEs and (ii) informal traders during (aa) level 5 and (bb) level 4, (b)(i) what is the number and details of those applications that have been declined and (ii) what were the reasons thereof and (c) what are the (i) qualifying criteria, (ii) categories of business activity and (iii) demographic profiles of those businesses whose permits were approved?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

6. (a) (i) As an autonomous sphere of government municipalities are not regulated to submit municipal permitting statistics to provincial and/or national government. The WCG has however requested and received the information below from municipalities -with regard to the total number of permits issued per municipality. As sole proprietors/SMMEs do not require municipal permits to trade, municipalities have not captured, nor submitted permitting numbers for these businesses.
- (ii) Table showing the total number of permits per municipality that has been approved for informal traders:

Municipality	Informal Traders	Spaza Shops	TOTAL
City of Cape Town	5494	880	6374
Saldanha Bay	34	48	82
Bergrivier	11	4	15
Swartland	26	72	98
Cederberg	14		14
Matzikama	23	2	25
Witzenberg	82	0	82
Breede Valley	111	included in the 111	111
Langeberg	36	28	64
Stellenbosch	200	11	211
Drakenstein	219	138	357
Cape Agulhas	56	71	127
Theewaterskloof	27	115	142
Overstrand	100	165	265
Swellendam	21	61	82
Oudtshoorn	29	7	36
Mossel Bay	10	151	161
Bitou	39	4	43
George	19	71	90
Kannaland	0	18	18
Knysna	14	10	24
Hessequa	45	104	149
Laingsburg	6	4	10
Prince Albert	3	31	34
Beaufort West	23	not provided	23
	6642	1115	8637

- (aa) Municipalities have however, not specified total figures permitted during level 5.
- (bb) Municipalities have however, not specified total figures permitted during level 4.
- (b) (i) We have requested information but have not received a response.
- (ii) We have requested information but have not received a response
- (c) Each municipality has its own qualifying criteria, however, over the alert levels 5 and 4, the national regulations required the minimum criteria to include an Identity Document or Refugee Permit.

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- (i) Some municipalities required that informal traders should have the following documents accompanying the application:
- An existing trading permit where one may have been issued prior to COVID-19 lockdown;
 - A valid certificate of compliance where one may have been issued prior to COVID- 19 lockdown
- (ii) Categories of business activity is different across different municipalities, but the broad categories include: fruit and vegetable trading; fresh and frozen fish, automotive repairs and cleaning services, clothing and textile manufacturing, art and culture activity trading, beauty, health, bakery, meat, wood and general dealers.
- (iii) No demographic profiles of businesses permitted was provided.

PPE Procurement

7. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

With regard to personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement by the Province:

- (1) What is the total amount that has been spent by the provincial government on the procurement of PPE;
- (2) whether he can provide (a) the details of all companies and service providers that have been used by the provincial government to supply PPE, (b) their BBBEE status and (c) the criteria used to select them;
- (3) whether all tenders to supply PPE have been advertised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how can SMMEs and large businesses access the procurement process with regard to PPE;
- (5) what is the total expenditure and unit cost for all PPE procurement for the Western Cape Education Department;
- (6) regarding the company or companies that will be supplying PPE to schools, what (a) are the number, (b) are their details, (c) is their BBBEE status and (d) criteria were used to select them?
- (7) whether he can give a breakdown of the quantity of PPE that has been procured for each school; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

7. With regard to personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement by the Province:

- (1) R55 883 235.38 for March 2020 to May 2020 (as extracted from the system on 8 June 2020). This excludes the Department of Health.

Please note that for the Department of Health the order value of R367 890 834 for March 2020 to May 2020 (as reported by the Department on 9 June 2020) reflects a commitment value and not expenditure. Expenditure information could not be extracted from the information provided by the Department of Health at this time. We suggest that the member request this information directly from the Department of Health.

- (2) (a) and (b):

Below is an extract of suppliers who were paid for the period March 2020 to May 2020.

Supplier Name	BBBEE STATUS
Triple Three Band Solutions (Pty) Ltd	Level 1
Bagazio Promotions	Level 1
Grobir Medical Suppliers (Pty) Ltd	Level 2
Fabulous Distributors (Pty) Ltd	Level 1
Daffodil Trading 39cc	Level 1
Temperature Monitor Solutions Africa	Level 4
Masiqhame Trading 1057cc	Level 1
Stelmed	Level 1
Triple 3 Services	Level 2
Steady Grow Trading 44cc	Level 1
Bioearth Laboratories	Non-compliant Contributor
Medi-Industrial Trading (Pty) Ltd	Level 4
Medisa Trading	Non-compliant Contributor
Sparks and Ellis	Level 1
Grinnell Security Services (Pty) Ltd	Level 2
Cymod (Pty) Ltd	Level 2
FG Uniforms	Level 5
Assur Developers	Level 1
Bfect	Level 1
Brand Universe	Level 1
Enigma Designs	Non-Compliant Contributor
New Age Mediden	Level 1
Tusk Construction Support	Level 4

* Bagazio Promotions CSD information only

** Please note that "Non-compliant Contributor" is the term used in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and B-BEE regulations.

It means that they do not have currently valid B-BBEE certificate / affidavit registered on the CSD and are thus non-compliant to BEE requirements only and will thus not receive preference points. It does not imply they are unable to tender, or that they are not compliant with other SCM requirements.

- (c) Each procurement process is evaluated in respect of compliance to specification and the evaluation criteria identified upfront by the procuring department, which may include price and preference, local content requirements and any other special conditions.
- (3) No. In a disaster or emergency situation, provincial organs of state may utilise existing emergency procurement policy, read with National Treasury Regulation 16A6.4 and paragraph 5.5.5 of Chapter 16A of the Provincial Treasury Instructions, 2019, to procure essential goods or services required for the provision of disaster-related support in emergency circumstances. To this end, departments have been utilizing the eProcurement System (ePS) for sourcing quotations, a manual quotation system, limited bids, and the extension or expansion of existing contracts, National Treasury RT transversal contracts or departmental existing contracts depending on which offers the most viable option for an accelerated response to their requirements. PPE items have mostly been procured via the eProcurement System in this regard.
- (4) All businesses must be registered on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database and the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank under the relevant commodity for Personal Protective Equipment in order to access opportunities via the eProcurement System or to be approached via an informal quotation process in accordance with the emergency procurement policy. Limited bids are limited to either one or more suppliers based on a business case that motivates why the selected supplier is the only viable supplier to be contracted.
- (5) Total expenditure for the Western Cape Education Department is R48 208 103.22 for March 2020 to May 2020 (as extracted from the system on 8 June 2020). The unit costs for various items sourced by department are provided below:

Department	Description	Unit Price	Unit of Measure	Quantity
Education	Cloth Masks	R20.50	each	2091778
		R20.55	each	347758
		R22.90	each	2700
		R35.00	each	8088
	Digital Thermometers	R1178.75	each	7113
	Disinfectants 25 L	R254.21	25 Liters	99520
		R254.28	25 Liters	30929
		R262.28	25 Liters	64969
		R272.37	25 Liters	29973
	Gloves - Latex	R90.79	box of 100	390
		R92.81	box of 100	420
		R98.86	box of 100	190
	Gloves - Yellow	R10.59	Per pair	1992
		R11.60	Per pair	726
		R9.89	Per pair	1326
	Hand Soap 25L	R595.18	25 Liters	65840
		R615.35	25 Liters	34274
		R635.53	25 Liters	15493
	Heavy Duty Gloves	R72.63	Per pair	14660
		R75.66	Per pair	7994
		R84.74	Per pair	3524
	Mask	R22.90	each	1130
	Sanitisers and Disinfectants	R1940.00	25 Liters	22945
		R2050.00	25 Liters	8642
		R2100.00	25 Liters	3989
		R480.00	5 Liters	221
		R490.00	5 Liters	332
	Spray bottles - 500ml	R500.00	5 Liters	121
		R23.20	each	221
		R25.22	each	332
		R32.28	each	121

- (6) (a), (b), (c) and (d) According to the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), it made use of an existing contract (as per the NT circular). The WCED entered into a three (3) year contract with the supplier (Masiqhame Trading 1057 CC) and they are currently in the last year of their contract. At the time of award (as thus of the purposes of the tender and associated expenditures) the supplier was a level 1 BBBEE contributor. The Central Supplier Database (CSD) currently reflects this supplier's BBE status as having subsequently lapsed. The Department followed a competitive bidding process and the criteria used were as per the advertised bidding conditions and requirements (B/WCED 2382).

The Department procured 7 113 digital infrared thermometers from Tusk Support Services via an emergency procurement process. Thirteen potential suppliers were identified via the Provincial Treasury and National Treasury PPE databases and were approached to respond to various questions in terms of the availability of stock, lead times for delivery, etc. At the closing time, seven responses were received of which five were requested to provide a formal quotation including an all-inclusive unit cost and confirmation of units readily available for distribution. After consideration of the responses received, Tusk Support Services responded positively to the Department's need in terms of units available, confirmation of cost as well as a further discount due to the quantities required. The supplier is registered on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database and Western Cape Supplier Database, is tax compliant and has a level 4 BBBEE status as indicated in question 2 above.

- (7) This information is not reflected on the system and requires manual intervention and reporting by the Department of Education and hence cannot be provided at this stage. We suggest that the member request this information directly from the Department of Health.

*SIAS Policy***8. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:**

With regard to the Policy on Screening, Identification, Assessment and Support (SIAS):

- (1) How are ordinary public schools in the Western Cape expected to fund reasonable accommodations (particularly moderate to high accommodations) made in respect of the SIAS Policy to accommodate learners who experience barriers to learning, as it is not clear how this should be funded from the WCED's circulars concerning the 2020/21 allocations to schools;
- (2) the SIAS Policy states that schools providing moderate levels of support to learners experiencing barriers to learning must be provided with an "Inclusive Education Allocation" as part of the schools' funding and posts: (a) whether this "Inclusive Education Allocation" exists and (b) where is it referenced in the WCED's allocation to schools?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

8. (1) Loan centres for assistive devices have been established at eight Special Schools in the province, one per district. Application for assistive devices and equipment is via the district senior therapist and to the provincial therapy programme manager.
- (2) There are as yet no Norms and Standards for an Inclusive Education allocation. National Guidelines for Resourcing an Inclusive Education were released for public comment in January 2018, but have not yet been finalised by the Department of Basic Education.

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