
WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2014

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: Order! We will now deal with the motion. I recognise the hon Chief Whip.

Ms A ROSSOUW: Mr Speaker, I move the motion standing in my name on the Order Paper, as follows:

That, notwithstanding Rule 161 of the Standing Rules, the House deals with both the consideration of principle and the finalisation of the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B2 – 2014] today.

The SPEAKER: Any objection? No objection.

Agreed to.

The Order of the Day, the Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Consideration of principle of the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2013/14 Financial Year) [B2 – 2014] (Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism).

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the hon member Mr von Brandis.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Speaker, the Bill provides for an additional adjusted appropriation in the 2013/2014 financial year in respect of the amount of money that has become available for the requirements of the province of the Western Cape in respect of the National Conditional Grants, National Health Insurance Grant, Human Settlements Development Grant and the Community Library Services Grant.

For health, R2,453 million; for human settlements, R32,1 million and for library services R1,484 million. The total amount of R36, 037 million is thus related to the 2013/14 financial year. The amounts are specifically and exclusively appropriated and may be used only for the purpose as stipulated in the Division of Revenue Act and in accordance with the framework published in terms of this Act. Section 19 of the Division of Revenue Act stipulates that the National Treasury may determine that the portion of allocated grants can be reallocated to other provinces and municipalities on condition that it must be spent in the current 2013/14 financial year or next financial year.

Funds to the Department of Human Settlements and Cultural Affairs and Sport are due to reallocations from the Limpopo Province, who could not spend this money.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hear-hear!

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Speaker, we appreciate these allocations because they help to alleviate in a small way the burden of service delivery to residents of other provinces. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Van Zyl over to you.

Ms J A VAN ZYL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. To appropriate additional adjusted amounts of money from the Provincial Revenue Fund in respect of funds that have become available for the requirements of the Province of the Western Cape in respect of the 2013/14 financial year and to provide for matters incidental thereto, whereas National Treasury has allocated additional funds to this province in respect of National Conditional Grants such as Health Insurance Grant, Human Settlement Development Grant and Community Library Service Grant, whereas Section 31 of the Public Finance Management Act 1999 provides that the Provincial Minister responsible for finance may table an adjustment budget in the Provincial Parliament in respect of funds that have become available.

Section 26 of the Public Finance Management Act provides that the Provincial Parliament must appropriate money for each financial year for the requirements of the province.

Mr Speaker, as COPE we support this Bill on condition that the funds are utilised as appropriated. The Department of Health has done well under growing demands, choosing continuity from the previous administration over trying to reinvent the wheel, has been the foundation for its success. As the Department of Cultural Affairs is doing reasonably well under the circumstances of having the lowest budget on the provincial Government, it is about time their budget is hyped. The same cannot be said of the Department of Human Settlements. Its record has been dismal over the first term of the DA administration. It feels a shame to give it more funds when it cannot properly spend what it has to fulfil its mandate.

An HON MEMBER: You did.

Me J A VAN ZYL: Maar mnr die Speaker, indien 'n verdere allokering van die Nasionale Tesourie van \pm R168 miljoen gemaak kan word vir die verbetering van gesondheid, onderwys, infrastruktuur, behuising en ander noodsaaklike dienste, dan eers is dit gelykstaande aan die kontroversiële Nkandla opgradering van \pm R204 miljoen. Dankie.

Die PREMIER: Ja.

Mnr H P GEYER: Mooi.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Lentit, over to you.

Mr R B LENTIT: Mr Speaker, the Independent Democrats support the Bill.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Lentit. Hon member Mr Haskin, over to you.

Mr G C R HASKIN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The ACDP rises in support of the Bill as published. We share the remarks made by COPE in respect of health and the concerns raised by COPE in respect of human settlements. In the budget committee, when we met to be briefed on this matter, we found that the human settlements representative was ill prepared to provide adequate information to us, acknowledging also that there had been a lack of integrated planning in the department that had led to difficulties that they had experienced. We found that there was a lack of detail that was able to be provided to the Budget Committee.

Notwithstanding that we still support the additional adjustments budget as published. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, over to you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. We are thankful to the ANC

National Government for yet another ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: South African taxpayers.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... R36 million conditional allocations, to this ungrateful province.[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And from the South African taxpayers, again. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This ungrateful DA government continues to bash National government at every corner ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Why do not you leave? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Taxpayers money. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... yet accepts when the same government redirects taxpayers' money from another province to them [Interjections.] which just proves that the ANC Government considers this ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The ANC Government considers this province to be part of South Africa. [Interjection.] This same ungrateful and uncaring DA

government tells the people of the Western Cape that its budget prioritises poor people, yet we know that it is National government redistributing this taxpayers' money with conditions as to where and how it should be spent. We hope that MECs Grant, Botha and Madikizela will stop their refugee phobia of complaining about resources for education, health and housing [Interjections.] being much stretched due to in-migration. We would like to see a more caring society so that people will freely go to our hospitals; that money ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: So when were they refused?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That money will be spent on improving the attitudes of medical staff. [Interjections.]

Mr H P GEYER: Spent or stolen?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, can I please be protected and be treated with the same respect. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms L BROWN: [Inaudible.] does not care about [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That I treat them when they speak. [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: Yes.

The HON MEMBER: We spoke with respect.

Ms L BROWN: He has not heard.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: To be spent on improving the attitudes of medical staff so that other people can be treated with dignity especially in district hospitals and rural areas and one of the explanations is that the allocation is due to a conversion at national level comprising of a shift from the National Health Component to the National Health Grant and specifically the funds to be used to implement ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa! Minister!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... the General Practitioner Contracting Project which means ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Which means that more doctors should be sent to the

rural areas. It is sad that MEC Botha's department will not be spending the money transferred by National government despite complaining about a lack of resources and in-migration putting a strain on the current budget. [Interjections.]

The human settlement's transfer must be utilised for eradicating the portapotties and the bucket system.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And to ensure that all families in informal settlements have flushing toilets and running water. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Why did your government not...

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Resources must be spent - you are governing now. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Why did your government not do that?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Resources must be spent on ensuring integrating human settlements [Interjection.] and MEC Madikizela's department should be more committed to creating social cohesion where they attempt to develop

and I want to read from your own aims, which reads - let me just find it quickly. Your own aim says:

“To promote, facilitate and develop integrated sustainable human settlements, to facilitate delivery through sound administration and engagement of all spheres of government.”

You are not practising your own aims.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is exactly what we are doing.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Resources must be spent on ensuring integrated human settlements and MEC Madikizela’s department should be more committed to creating social cohesions where they attempt to develop.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: They do.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Human settlements is not only about building houses, Mr Speaker. It is about creating cohesive communities where all the necessary infrastructure, schools and services are integrated.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: We do that.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: As an example - no you do not.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Yes we do.
[Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: As an example in Chatsworth - I will give you a perfect example listen ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You do not even build schools.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Listen! Listen!

The SPEAKER: Minister, Minister Carlisle.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: In Chatsworth, Mr Speaker, many houses are being built, yet the existing school is too small to handle the current intake of learners. Learners need to be transported to Malmesbury and often are left stranded yet MEC Madikizela continues to build houses where there are not even enough services or an opportunity for kids to go to school.
[Interjections.] Then you talk about a caring society.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You start with the schools again.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: MEC Madikizela's HOD could not even respond the

other day in the positive as to whether they are doing integrated planning to [Interjection.] build bigger schools in that area, to ensure that learners do not need to be transported to other areas. This specific resource allocation is a direct result - may I remind you MEC Madikizela before you start boasting - this specific allocation is a direct result of a national ministerial visit to the Chatsworth area. [Interjections.] MEC Madikizela should no longer put up in this House and shift the focus to municipalities for his failure to build houses and to reach his modest targets. [Interjection.] Since 2009 we have seen, you must build houses in an integrated manner, not just build houses.

'n AGBARE LID: Ons doen dit.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Seeing that his department has failed to capacitate and support municipalities optimally to deliver housing opportunities, yet National government has to come to your rescue again, because the ANC cares about the quality of life, about our people. [Interjections.]

Mr H P GEYER: The ANC cares about the power of money!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Resources transferred to - give the money back if you do not want it. Give it back! [Interjections.] Resources to Cultural Affairs and Sport ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, order!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Who, Nkandla?
[Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It must be spent on ensuring excellence and inclusivity in sports through rolling out MOD centres in communities where none currently exist and keeping learners occupied after school. The communities must know where these MOD centres are situated and the advantages must be known.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: She likes MOD centres.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The quality of equipment at these MOD centres must be improved so that learners do not get injured when using the equipment as has been previously reported. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The DA
[Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Waar is julle MOD centres?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: National government sees the important of preserving the rich and diverse historical culture of our province. We therefore expect the province to build libraries and museums in rural areas as poor communities as stipulated in the conditions. We are assured that the

HOD of this department will see that this is done. These need to be accessible to those living in the communities as well as the visitors. This conditional grant from national government, which seriously considers the poor of this province as well as the failures of the DA, must be spent as per the directives. The ANC will most certainly fight hard for this House and the DA government for the proper spending of this conditional grant. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Under its new leader.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi. Pragtig.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Spend your budget.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Under its new leader.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Spend your budget.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order hon members, order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Spend your budget!

The SPEAKER: Order! Min Winde, over to you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. First of all thank you to all of those who have taken part in this debate. One can definitely tell that the appropriation of an extra R36 million which under normal circumstances would be dealt with quite quickly, we are nearing the election time, but perhaps just for clarity in this house, that R36,037 million is coming to us because the rules stipulate that when one province is not able to spend their money it will be re-appropriated to other provinces.

Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Hoor daar!

An HON MEMBER: You must spend it.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And we thank the Limpopo province, who were not able to spend their money and of course some of it is coming to us. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, just for clarity in this house that R36 million is made up of R2,453 million, a small amount, which goes to the Health Department for spending on general practitioners, on GPs and I think this House knows that you cannot just receive the money now and actually put those GPs into positions straight away. The Health Department has said they will spend that money as soon as they can but it will not be in this financial year but we can roll it over to next year.

The second one will be another R1,484 million going to Community Library Services, again much needed.

The bulk of the R36 million, which is R32,1 million, R7,5 million goes to Kannaland for serviced sites for housing. R4,6 million goes to also housing in Chatsworth in the Swartland Municipality and R20 million of that goes to the eradication of the bucket system for sanitation. [Interjection.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: How much [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: That money has already been spent by this department ... [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Where?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... and Treasury has seen fit to actually reimburse this department for that money already spent.

Mr M SKWATSHA: How much is going to Knysna?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, thank you very much to the members, to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee for dealing with this. I am glad that we can get this

past us so we can move to the next item on the agenda. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi!

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Winde. That concludes the debate on the consideration of the principle of the Bill. [Interjections.] Order hon members! Are there any objections? No objections.

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: [Interjection.] Order! I now put Clauses 1 to 3 of the Bill; any objection? No objection. I put the Short Title; any objection? No objection.

Agreed to. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I now put the Schedule of the Bill, any objection? No objection.

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: Now for the finalisation of the *Western Cape Additional*

Adjustments Appropriation Bill, I recognise the Minister. Order, hon members.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Premier Zille, Cabinet colleagues and Members of the Provincial Legislature, Director-General and Heads of Departments, our partners in business, civil society and labour, the media and finally my very, very special guests that are here today. Mr Speaker, each and every one of today's special guests has dedicated him or herself to making a difference in the lives of others. They wake up each day to play a role in fulfilling our late President Mr Nelson Mandela's dream of a life of opportunity, freedom and prosperity for all South Africans.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: These are just a handful of the somewhat 78 000 employees who make up the engine room of this administration. As Premier Zille mentioned ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister Winde, as I listen it seems that you are busy with your budget now, and we were not yet finished with the... [Interjections.] That is why I called the Minister, if you agreed on ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, what do you need me to do?

The SPEAKER: Come again? [Interjections.] Yes, let us proceed. Secretary ... [Interjections.] Secretary, read the order. [Interjections.] Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order hon members! Read.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.*

Mr P UYS: Now we must start again. [Interjections.][Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent, hon members. Now hon Minister, the Secretary will read the second order of the day. That is the budget.

2. Introduction and First Reading – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 – 2014] (Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism).

The SPEAKER: Over to you, hon Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, I am not going to start from the beginning. [Interjections.] I am going to just start from the part about the special guests

that are here today. Each and every one of today's special guests has dedicated him or herself to making a difference in the lives of others.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They wake up each day to play a role in fulfilling our late President Mr Nelson Mandela's dream of a life of opportunity, freedom and prosperity for all South Africans. These are just a handful of the somewhat 78 000 employees who make up the engine room of this administration.

As Premier Zille mentioned in her State of the Province Address two weeks ago progress is the product of partnerships. Amongst others these individuals are key partners in the 'Better Together' province and I thank you very much for attending.

Mr Speaker, I am honoured to stand before you today to table a budget which puts our vision of an open opportunity society for all into action.

Mr M SKWATSHA: For the last time. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We devised this budget after listening to the concerns of our people [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You wish!

Mr M SKWATSHA: It is the last year [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You wish!
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: Because we know that for some of you life is still very hard.
[Interjection.] Even you, hon member Mr Skwatsha.

Mr M SKWATSHA: You are wrong.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: This budget seeks to protect and support our most poor, most
vulnerable the elderly and people with disabilities. Our goal is to remove the
constraints that are holding these residents back from living full lives. It is
also a budget which seeks to build bridges to better opportunities for all
because we know that the Western Cape residents want a better tomorrow.
We can only achieve this through continually building partnerships with all
stakeholders, be they our staff, our municipalities, national government, the
key drivers of our economy in the private sector, the people of this province
and of course the opposition.

Mr Speaker, in her response to the State of the Province Address last week,

the hon Leader of the Opposition spoke to the need to build a sustainable home in which all our people can escape extreme poverty and begin to live dignified lives. We agree, Mr Speaker. Over the past five years we have already designed this home, dug out the rubble and built the firm new foundation. More recently we have started laying the bricks that will make up its walls. Over the next five years we will build these walls higher and higher and begin to work on its roof.

Mr M OZINSKY: You have not built [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am confident that if we continue on the path that we have set, the years ahead will be breakthrough years. Each wall of the home we are building symbolises one of our core focus areas.

The first is to promote economic growth. We will do this through infrastructure investment; growing the green economy; increasing the value of our agricultural sector and improving our competitiveness. These steps will create an enabling environment for small and large businesses in our province.

The second is to increase employment. We will achieve this through skills development, incentivised employment programmes and initiatives that assist our entrepreneurs. The third is to improve the quality of basic education and healthcare and the fourth is to reduce poverty, crime and other social ills. We

will do this through focused socio-economic projects, social inclusion and development programmes and through increasing safety. The overarching priority of our 'Vision in Action' budget is to make government work better. Just like the roof holds the four walls together and completes our home, we believe that improved governance will add strength to all our plans. In total we will spend over R150 billion over the next three years to achieve our 'Vision in Action' budget.

Mr Speaker, before I talk about our specific plans for the future I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the journey we have taken together since we first came to government; to take stock of our achievements and the challenges we faced. Being in government over the last five years has given me a far deeper understanding of the hardships that many of our residents struggle against every day. I have also come to appreciate the challenges that were being faced by the staff and the systems of this administration in delivering quality services. I would like to thank those residents who have welcomed me into their homes and businesses and shared their stories with me. It is because of your stories that we have become even more determined to put the open opportunity society for all into action. As our first step in government we set about conducting a full analysis of the areas we need to change most urgently and based on these results we have developed a plan of strategic objectives to put the Western Cape Government on a new trajectory.

Mr M OZINSKY: You were meant to do that five years ago.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am going back five years. Today, despite the global economic downturn which began at the start of our term in government, 270 000 more people in our province have jobs.

Mr H P GEYER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Our manufacturing and clothing and textile sectors are once again showing positive growth with strong investment from both the public and private sector. In the past five years, 49 wind turbines have been erected in our province and are contributing to our energy security. The Dassiesklip Wind Energy Facility in Caledon which is made up of nine turbines and was launched last month has the capacity to power in excess of 5000 homes. A further 149 turbines have already been approved and will come on line soon in this province. Since last November when we launched the Saldanha Bay IDZ or Industrial Development Zone in partnership with local and national government, 14 companies have signed MOUs with us indicating that they are eager to invest in this area. These companies will bring growth and jobs to our province and our people.

Mr Speaker, since 2011 the number of active companies in the Western Cape has increased by 14 598. This brings a total of 203 112 registered businesses in this province.

We have also started to turn around our education system. Between 2010 and 2013 we increased the matric pass rate of the Western Cape by 8.3 percentage points. At the end of last year 5000 more students than in 2010 got results that allow them to go to University and become doctors, lawyers, teachers or engineers. The number of schools with a pass rate of 60% or less has been reduced from 78 a year ago down to 23.

Our health system is showing similar signs of improvement. Life expectancy, which is an indicator typically used to measure the performance of health systems internationally, is far higher in our province than anywhere else in South Africa. Here men live on average until they are 64 years old and women until they are 70. In the country as a whole, men have a life expectancy of only 58 years and women typically live until the age of 61.

Mr M SKWATSHA: So I must not move.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In part these increases are owed to the decreased child and maternal mortality rates as well as the stabilisation in our province of the HIV epidemic.

Our province also experiences the best service delivery. According to results of the latest Census, 99.1% of the Western Cape residents have access to piped water, 91.1% have refuse removal, 93.4% have access to electricity and 89.6% have access to flushed toilets.

Mr M OZINSKY: What has that got to do with you?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Since 2009 - everything hon member Mr Ozinsky, everything. [Interjections.] Since 2009 we have delivered 119 647 housing opportunities using the services of around 147 broad-based BEE contractors. We have also seen success as a result of our Safely Home project, through which we, in collaboration with our province's motorists and the media, have reduced our annual road death toll by 30.1% and we have started to turn the tide of poor governance.

Each year our municipalities which deliver day-to-day services to residents have doubled the number of clean audits they have achieved. As revealed late last year, each one of the Western Cape Government's 14 departments achieved an unqualified audit. In the management test conducted on us and other provinces by President Zuma's office, the Western Cape achieved the highest mark in every category including governance, strategy, human resources, and finances.

While these are tremendous achievements, I can relate to a sentiment once expressed by Madiba when he explained, "after climbing a great hill one only finds that there are many more hills to climb."

Our education and health systems are challenged in offering the quality of

service that we are aiming to provide. Our children deserve education and healthcare that will allow them to compete internationally. As a province, we are still burdened by the prevalence of social ills, including drug and alcohol abuse and increasing crime rate. In 2012/13 there were on average seven murders a day in our province. These figures are in part driven by substance addiction as well as the gangsters who have little or no value for human life. Mr Speaker, our residents deserve better.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have also struggled to keep up with the demand for government housing. While we welcome new residents from all parts of the country, our budget cannot cater for the creation of free homes for all of those in need. We are intent on exploring innovative methods to help meet this demand. [Interjection.] We are determined to intensify our partnerships with role players across the spectrum that are eager to play a role in tackling our challenges and accelerating change through all the avenues at our collective disposal. We know what is required to make our economy stronger, to systematically end poverty and build bridges to opportunity for our people. We have put the 'Vision in Action' budget in place to deliver it. Now is the time to build inclusive growth, jobs and a better life for all.

With that Mr Speaker, let us get into the detail of our plan. As mentioned, to build the first wall of our home, we are making key investments in promoting

economic growth. The large share of these investments is in infrastructure because through infrastructure we can increase the quality of life, social well being, health and safety of our citizens. Government infrastructure can also play a role in getting the private sector economy of the area moving. In total we plan to spend R14.48 billion on maintenance and new and replacement infrastructure over the next three years.

In 2011, we pledged to bring broadband to communities across our province. I am pleased to announce that we have already reached some key milestones in delivering this plan. Just yesterday we signed MOUs with three companies that are piloting wireless hotspots in our less formal areas. By June residents of Blanco in George will be able to connect to the internet while they wait for a bus at their local transport hub. By September the learners in Delft and Atlantis will receive free WiFi so that they can research their school projects on the web.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, last year we rolled nine community internet centres in central parts of our province as part of the Cape Access Programme. Over the medium term we will also deliver internet services in local libraries and through e-knowledge I-CAN centres. The pilot centre will open its doors in Elsies River later this year.

We have set further funding aside to build a broadband enabled skills portal where young people will be able to go to access career awareness, training and advice, and because our first Bandwidth Barn has been so successful in helping young tech entrepreneurs to develop their start-ups, we are creating a second barn in Khayelitsha and a third barn in George. At the same time, we are busy forming partnerships with Bandwidth Barn equivalents in the rest of Africa so that our tech entrepreneurs can extend their networks and finally Mr Speaker, the town of Louwville in Saldanha Bay has been chosen as the pilot site for the rollout of our wireless mesh project. Through this project we aim to deliver last mile open access networks to poorer communities at affordable rates.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, step by step we are connecting our residents to high speed internet in order to grow our economy and jobs. We are also connecting government buildings in our province in a bid to improve service delivery through greater coordination between-and integration of our efforts. We hope to achieve 100% connectivity by December 2015, this despite the substantial delays imposed on us by the nationally-controlled State Information Technology Agency.

Mr M OZINSKY: Explain some [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, to ensure that we can maximise the use of this infrastructure we are developing new supportive systems and applications on which it will run. In total, we have set aside R1,3 billion over the next three years to achieve our broadband goals.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, we are also investing in new roads and road maintenance in order to improve the link between our residents and work opportunities. Since 2009, we have added 339.22 kilometres of tarred road in our province. We have also decreased the number of poorly surfaced roads over the 2014 MTEF we will spend R8,586 billion to maximise the number of kilometres that our residents drive on roads in good condition and to make our roads safer.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have also started planning for upgrades to the Borchard's Quarry interchange and the N7 between Potsdam and Melkbosstrand.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are also working on adding a third lane to the N1 at the Durban Road interchange. New roads will also be built in our more rural areas in partnership with the national Department of Transport and the local municipality, we are rolling out a public transport service in the Eden district economic hub of George.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, over the past five years we have radically increased the share of government funds we invest in new and replacement public facilities. Since 2009 we have built two hospitals and seven new primary healthcare centres around our province.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In doing so we have brought better healthcare closer to our growing communities. [Interjection.] The state-of-the-art Khayelitsha Hospital which opened in 2012 and the Mitchells Plain Hospital which

opened in 2013 have the capacity to deliver world class health services to millions of residents from the surrounding areas. In the years ahead we will also upgrade Valkenberg Hospital, the emergency centre at Tygerberg Hospital and complete the development of psychiatric units at George Provincial Hospital and Mitchells Plain Hospital. We will also finish building four new community health centres and five emergency service centres around our province.

We are also ensuring that new education facilities are built where they are needed most. In the year ahead, we will build 52 Grade R classrooms, complete 23 schools and start to construct eleven replacement schools, predominantly in our poorer areas. We will also start the planning for a further eleven schools. The above new facilities will help us to offer quality services to our growing population.

Another key part of our plan is to develop infrastructure that catalyses our economy. These projects are designed to attract investments and jobs by changing the way our region is viewed. The Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone which I mentioned before, has the potential to create 15 000 over the next ten years and generate R10 billion for the region's economy in the long term. In the near future, a range of stakeholders including the Western Cape Government, will invest in excess of R1 billion to support the development of the IDZ. This allocation will be used for management and planning, skills programmes for local residents, and hard infrastructure at the site.

Another important economic catalyst for our province is the expansion of the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The CTICC which is one of the very few profit-turning conference centres in the world already generates a significant contribution to the Western Cape's GDP. Once it has doubled in size, it is likely to generate R5.1 billion of the regional economy every year and create 8000 jobs. We have earmarked R161,9 million towards its expansion over the next two years.

Mr Speaker, through our Regeneration Project, which we laid the groundwork for in 2010 and which is finally coming to fruition, we will shortly be advertising four centrally located government properties for lease by the private sector. These will be the first of many, because there is no sense in government clinging to buildings or pieces of land that are being under utilised and are costly to maintain. The income we derive from these properties will be channelled back into service delivery projects that benefit our residents.

We are also investing in growing our green economy. To this end, we have devised a Green Economy Strategic Framework which seeks to position the Western Cape as the lowest carbon province in South Africa and drive job creation in this sector.

As mentioned earlier our province is well positioned to capitalise on green growth. Amongst other projects, in this medium term budget we have set

funding aside to develop an electricity master plan for each municipality in our province so as to ensure the cost effective delivery of this necessary service to our businesses and our homes. Because one company's waste might be a resource for another we have invested in a symbiosis project which is creating links between companies wishing to buy one another's by-products for the use in their production processes. This project is saving costs for businesses and helping us to protect the environment through the reuse of waste which would traditionally have contributed to our landfill sites.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: No.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Other initiatives to bolster the green economy include investigations into reducing our reliance on coal in favour of Liquefied Natural Gas ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: The only thing you have got there is waste.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... the 110% Green flagship project, through which businesses commit to reducing their energy consumption and a mapping project which will provide data on investment, job creation, skills development and red tape

issues in the renewable energy, agro-processing and economic-tourism sectors. [Interjection.]

Mr Speaker, at present our farms account for one third of what is produced on an annual basis in South Africa.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: While this is a significant achievement our agricultural sector has only been growing at about 1.5% per year. [Interjections.] This is an area in which we have massive opportunity for growth and job creation, especially for rural communities and we must do more. Over the next three years we have allocated R32,837 million to the FARE process to support the development of farm workers, subsistence agriculture and smallholder farming and to contribute to the success of land reform projects in the province.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have also allocated R228,022 million to our vet services over the 2014 MTEF to ensure that our products do not suffer from further exclusions to international markets as a result of sickness. To augment these efforts to improve production, we will continue to proactively push our

exports in new and potential markets in Africa and abroad.

A further step in growing our economy involves boosting our competitiveness at home and overseas. We have implemented several projects which seek to drive this agenda. The first is our “red tape to red carpet” initiative which removes unnecessary barriers hindering the private sector. In the year ahead, this programme receives R7,54 million to help entrepreneurs and businesses across our province tackle red tape.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This team is saving jobs and encouraging investments and slowly but surely building a brand of open for business in this province.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

Mr M OZINSKY: Very slowly. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, we are also - but something the ANC does not do, but Mr Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are also boosting our competitiveness in investing in tourism, trade and investment promotion in our core competitive sectors. Last month, I was pleased to reveal that the Cape Town and Western Cape had its best December season yet.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In addition to an increase in numbers at the majority of our tourism attractions, our airport recorded the highest number of international arrivals since the recession began. We have also seen big airlines like British Airways adding extra direct flights to Cape Town.

The PREMIER: Where is SAA?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And what really encourages me, these extra flights are also coming in our winter. They are adding to our season.

The PREMIER: Where is SAA?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This is proof that the province's campaign to increase tourism is

yielding results, Mr Speaker.

Mr M OZINSKY: It does not seem that way.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: As hosts of the World Design Capital 2014, this year is set to be a good one for our hospitality industry.

Mr M G E WILEY: The ANC Cape Town has been part of South Africa.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Our most recent figures show that despite the generic economic downturn our province continues to draw strong levels of foreign direct investment. Wesgro estimates that in the 2012/13 financial year 1783 new jobs were created through investment projects. Since coming to power we have attracted 80 such projects into our province valued at R30,1 billion.

Over the past five years, the agency has also been instrumental in attracting a number of international companies to base their Africa operations in the Western Cape. In contrast foreign direct investment into South Africa as a whole has slumped on the back of ANC government policy instability and weak investor confidence in the post-Marikana age.

Mr Speaker, over the next three years, we will allocate R225,271 million to Wesgro for tourism, trade and investment promotion so that it can continue to

bolster growth in our region.

Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Hoor-hoor!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, we are confident that through the above investment and our open-for-business attitude we will be able to drive economic growth and job creation in our region. The second wall of our home represents our plan to increase employment through incentivised employment programmes, entrepreneurs and skills development.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: According to the latest Stats SA, figures 2.2 million residents in our province have jobs. For these residents the door to a better future is open if they are willing to work hard. For the 593 000 others however, the hope for a better life is still a distant dream. This is especially so amongst our youth, who make up more than two thirds of our unemployed population. We remain deeply concerned for the wellbeing of all our unemployed residents.

The PREMIER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, in the years ahead we will intensify our efforts to

raise the number and percentage of employed people in our province. In partnership with the national government, in the year ahead we have set our sights on creating 94 424 job opportunities through the expanded public works programme. Amongst others, EPWP employees will be offered work opportunities in crime prevention through our neighbourhood watches, in construction through our public works programme and in bio-diversity management in collaboration with Cape Nature. Where possible, we are striving to ensure that our EPWP employees receive on-the-job training to ready themselves for permanent employment in the public or private sector. This programme receives a cash injection of R 611 million over the 2014 MTEF.

Die MINISTER VAN VERVOER EN PUBLIEKE WERKE: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker ,we know that the Western Cape's entrepreneurs play an important role in creating jobs in our economy. Through my engagement with them at their places of work we also know that many of them are frustrated by the stumbling blocks they face in getting off the ground. That is why in the years ahead, we are boosting the support we offer to entrepreneurs. In addition to the assistance we already provide through our red-tape unit, we will be rolling out two new business support centres, bringing the total number of access points across the province to 21. We have embarked on this programme in collaboration with SEDA and a number of private institutions because we all know that together we can offer more than

we can alone.

We are also formalising a strategy to boost our informal economy. This is a viable alternative to formal employment for those who do not have a job. Our goal is to investigate and remove the hurdles residents encounter when exploring opportunities in this sector, which include access to land, services and low cost finance.

Another critical part of our plan to create jobs is to give our people, most especially our youth the tools they need to become active players in our economy. Over the next three years we plan to invest over R300 million in skills development programmes to help our young people improve their chances in life. To date we have given over R5 500 unemployed youth the opportunity to develop skills that will grow their employability through our flagship initiatives. Over the next year, we will give another 750 post matric young people opportunity to gain work experience by interning in the Western Cape Government as part of the Premier's PAY Project.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: No.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, last year we launched an exciting new initiative to

address the shortage of skilled artisans in our economy. At present the average age of the Western Cape artisan is 55 years old. This presents a particular challenge in the light of the specialised skills we require in our emerging oil and gas renewable energy and ship-building sectors. Through our groundbreaking artisan development programme we plan to offer a further 1000 young, unemployed residents the in-service training they need to obtain their official qualifications. Three years after it was first announced the national government has finally passed legislation which allows companies to extract incentives if they employ people between the ages of 19 and 30 years old.

Just like our work and skills programme, the Employment Tax Incentive Act is designed to share the cost of creating new jobs between government and the employer. To facilitate the best possible uptake of this initiative we are developing a database of unemployed youth in our province who are seeking internship opportunities. We are also aiming to put a help desk in place to assist businesses which require guidance on implementing this scheme.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The success of most our skills development initiatives depends on partnerships. Through the Provincial Skills Forum we are working with the private sector and academia to define and respond to our changing job

market. The third wall of our plan is to improve the quality of the public education and healthcare we provide to our communities. We firmly believe, just as Madiba did, that our children are our greatest treasure and our future. Despite the gains we have made in turning education in our province around, too many young people continue to drop out of our school system. [Interjection.] Without basic education they have little chance of going on to develop the skills they need to get a job.

Over the next three years we are investing over R52,121 billion to improve the learning outcomes of the one million children in our public school system by sticking to the plan we set ourselves four years ago. At the top of this list is improving our literacy and numeracy results. In this regard, we will continue to direct maximum resources, both human and financial, to the first three years of schooling. This will be coupled with a compulsory testing of learners in Grade 3, 6 and 9 and an increased focus on teacher training. To improve accountability all officials and principles will be asked to sign performance contracts with targets for improving learning performance. These contracts will be monitored on a quarterly basis. There will also be far greater attention focused on the management of schools at the district level, with officials and teachers held to account for their role in improving the overall results.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have implemented an online management tool to facilitate this process.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Hoor-hoor.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker because we know that employment is tilted heavily in favour of those who have achieved at least a secondary education, we have embarked on several initiatives aimed at keeping our learners in school for longer. In the year ahead we will spend R1 million to conduct a learner retention study to identify further causes of our high dropout rate. Following this we will adopt additional strategies to address the areas of concern it highlights.

Finally, Mr Speaker, in collaboration with our Health Department we will roll out mobile clinics to test the eyesight and hearing of our young learners. Based on the outcomes of these tests learners will be assisted to receive the aids that they need to lead full lives. [Interjection.] Our mobile clinic programme is one of the many new projects of our Health Department.

Ms L BROWN: We did not do a lot like [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You did nothing.

Ms L BROWN: We did want to do that [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: When we came to government, we revealed our strategic vision to improve wellness in our province. [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: We did want to do that, remember, by closing the [inaudible] and all of that, closing G F Jooste [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Healthcare 2030 has four pillars ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order hon members! [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: You are right ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The first is to improve the patient experience through a people-centred approach. The second is to provide integrated care whereby various doctors work together in the treatment of a patient. The third is to provide continued support for the patients and the fourth is to treat patients during their full life cycle instead of on a once-off basis.

Mr Speaker, in the three years ahead, we will spend R54.73 billion, the highest amount spent on one department, to execute the various aspects of this plan. We will pay special attention to further reducing maternal and child mortality rates and further increasing the life expectancy of Western Cape residents. We have set aside an additional R43,359 million over the 2014 MTEF for neonatal screening, hearing aid provision and cochlear implants for the hearing-impaired.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: To improve the quality of care we offer the Western Cape residents, we aim to reduce patient waiting times in our busy facilities.

Mr Speaker, I would like to tell you now about the fourth wall of our home we are building, which includes the up-scaling of our interventions to reduce poverty, crime and social ills.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have put these plans in place because we know there are still residents in our province who are struggling to cope, who are struggling to scrape by and need a helping hand from government to improve their socio-economic circumstances. Because our young people are our priority, and

because their futures are deeply affected by poverty and crime, we will provide food and other poverty alleviation measures to address the needs of our poorer learners. We will strive to make schools safer through physical safety measures, greater cooperation with the South African Police Service and Metro Police and actively promote community involvement in protecting schools. In addition, in collaboration with SAPS, we will conduct random inspections and tests at schools for drugs and weapons.

To promote greater social inclusion and participation, I am pleased to announce that we have allocated an additional R211,746 million over the MTEF to bolster the 181 MOD Centres located at schools around our province. This excludes the amount allocated for this programme in the education budget. MOD Centres are so important because they offer our youth opportunities to engage in constructive activities after school hours and lessen their chance of being exposed to high-risk activities. Through this programme, our learners will now have access to more sporting equipment and infrastructure, graduate maths tutors and additional meals.

Mr Speaker, to offer young people better choices in life we are implementing the Youth Development Strategy which aims to assist young people in developing the tools they need to have the best opportunity for success.

In the near future, we plan to open nine youth cafes in Athlone, Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha, Atlantis and Bredasdorp as part of a pilot project. These centres will provide our youth with safe spaces in which they can access

opportunities, unleash their potential, channel their energy and receive mentoring. In addition, the Youth Work Programme will provide jobs to 1400 unemployed youths. We hope that through these initiatives, more of our young people will be given the tools they need to play meaningful role in the Western Cape's economic growth.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hear-hear.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, I am also thrilled to announce that in excess of R110 million has been set aside to roll out regional socio-economic projects in the Theewaterskloof, Drakenstein, Saldanha Bay, Swartland and Breede Valley Municipalities. These projects will be modelled on the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade initiative, which was devised by the City to address the particular concerns of Khayelitsha residents and has transformed the Harare area through new infrastructure for business and heightened security.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did anything.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, the German Development Bank has agreed to

contribute to a further €5 million to assist us in rolling out these projects. This is another example how partnerships work to expand opportunities for our people in the 'Better Together' province.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The greatest contribution that we are making to grow social inclusion and reduce inequality in our province is through human settlements. Over the next three years we will spend R2,115 billion to deliver a further 10 357 housing units and 6 211 service sites. We have also embarked on a programme to refurbish and upgrade units in need of restoration so that they may begin to be utilised by deserving beneficiaries.

We are also up-scaling the provision of GAP housing opportunities. These homes are purpose-built for residents who earn between R3 500 and R15 000 a month and are able to service a small bond. In addition, we have initiated the development of a business case for an affordable housing model. To educate citizens on how to affordably own their own home, we are also embarking on a consumer awareness drive in partnership with various stakeholders in the property sector.

Mr Speaker, the Western Cape Government also drives programmes to cater for the most vulnerable people in our society; those that are struggling on their own and need government's support. In this respect, we are aiming to

work with the communities to build happier, healthier, safer communities. The bulk of the Department of Social Development's R1,8 billion budget for the 2014/15 year, will be channelled into social-welfare services for older persons, children, victims of substance abuse and those with disabilities.

To aid in their development and to address child hunger, we will provide registered early childhood development services to 90 000 children between the ages of nought and four years old. To further assist our residents who need it most, we will continue to use a greater proportion of our budget to support non-governmental organisations than any other province. Over the next three years more than R3,096 billion will be allocated to a network of 2000 NGOs across this province.

Mr Speaker, a major threat to our residents' well-being and indeed economic growth are the high levels of crime.

The PREMIER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: While SAPS is the only mandated body to perform enforcement, we will continue to drive safety through effective oversight of policing and by making safety everyone's responsibility. To ensure residents can play a proactive role in preventing crime, we also have invested in two innovative new projects. The first is the Expanded Public Partnership for Community Police Forums. The EPP project is allowing us to provide focused training to

CPFs and improve the lines of communication between the Department of Community Safety, CPFs and SAPS. To develop new approaches to safety and security, R16,587 million has been allocated to the Safety Lab over the 2014 MTEF to incubate innovative ideas.

Now, Mr Speaker, let me move to the final part of our plan, which is to encourage better governance, active citizenry and partnerships. This is a critical success factor to achieving all of our goals. It is the roof that completes our home.

When we first came to government we realised that we would not be able to improve the economy, create jobs, and alleviate poverty, unless we got this government working properly. That is why we put a plan in place very early to put citizens at the forefront of service delivery and to improve the way we manage our finances and our staff. We have already started migrating more of our services from paper to PC. The systems and programmes that we are investing in will provide the backbone for improved effectiveness and efficiency in the way this government delivers services to its population. We will accelerate this initially by increasing spend in this area in the years ahead. Managing our functions online, including project management, human resource management, asset management and financial management, means we will close more loopholes for human error and of course for manipulation.

Mr Speaker, we will also implement a strategic sourcing strategy. Through this project we will identify instances where the government can save money

through bulk buying. This will reduce our operating costs on daily items so that we can spend more money on high-level projects such as infrastructure. R13,159 million has been set aside to implement this strategy. In implementing this strategy, we will make sure that we do not prejudice smaller companies. Over the past five years we have worked hard and have taken major strides in using government's goods and services budget to support broad-based BEE companies. To improve financial governance and project management within our municipalities so that they are able to deliver better services to the residents, we will continue to provide a high degree of support to this sphere. We have allowed R75 million over the next three years to achieve this.

Last, but not least, Mr Speaker, our plans will work better if citizens play an active role in helping us to achieve them by doing their bit. Without an active citizenry, we can only do half the job. To this end, we are creating partnerships within the Western Cape Government and outside it. Internally, we have formed a new management structure that has done away with the old silo-mentality of our departments.

The Western Cape Economic Development Partnership will continue to build partnerships across government, the private sector, academia and civil society. The EDP focuses on enhancing our region's competitiveness and ensuring that economic growth is inclusive and benefits all the residents of the Western Cape. We have allocated R27,9 million to the EDP over the next three years to deliver on this mandate. Mr Speaker, we are also strengthening

the relationship between government and its people through our Thusong Centres and Community Development Work Programme, through which we are bringing services closer to millions of residents. Through our ever-improving governance across the municipalities and departments of this province, we are building not only credibility but creating the right partnership network that will make it possible for the private sector to invest in our region and create the growth and jobs that we all need.

While the above partners play a huge role, our success in building our home will hinge on the decisions that each of our 6 million residents make every day. Our people have the greatest power to determine our future. If we all choose, as our guests today have done, to make a difference by contributing positively to our communities, we can grow the economy, create jobs and reduce social ills we face. As Madiba said, “It is the difference we make in the lives of others that determines the significance of the life we lead.”

Mr Speaker, as mentioned previously we will spend R153,826 billion over the next three years delivering services to the Western Cape communities. Of this amount 95% will be financed from the Provincial Equitable Share and Conditional Grants, and the remainder will be financed from the revenue we collect from motor vehicle licence fees, casino taxes and transfers from our own reserves.

Mr M OZINSKY: What percentage is that?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I have just told you. Over the 2014 MTEF, the total amount we will spend has been divided amongst the departments of the provincial government as follows:

To coordinate and support the governance objectives of the Executive and Cabinet and to achieve effective, efficient and professional legal and corporate services, including a shift to e-services, the Department of the Premier received a total allocation of R3,22 billion.

To run an effective and independent legislature, and to encourage public participation in the affairs of the Western Cape Government the Provincial Parliament receives R341 million.

To provide strategic leadership to the provincial government and municipalities within the province that brings about improved socio-economic and governance outcomes, the Provincial Treasury receives a total budget of R2,085 billion. Of this amount, R1,382 billion is set aside to be reallocated to departments once their business plans for strategic special projects have been approved.

Mr P UYS: Again a selection of projects.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: To provide civilian oversight ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The ANC never did that either.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: To provide civilian oversight over police as well as crime prevention and community police relations in the Western Cape, the Department of Community Safety receives R702 million.

To provide public schooling in the province from Grades 1 to 12, to provide adult basic education and training and further education and training and to subsidise the roll out of Grade R to more learners, the Department of Education receives R52,121 billion, a third of the total budget.

To provide a comprehensive package of health and wellness services to the Western Cape residents, the Department of Health receives R54,730 billion, 36% of the total budget.

To deliver development services that enable and empower the poor, the vulnerable and those with special needs, the Department of Social Development receives R5,581 billion.

To create human settlement opportunities that allow residents to access social and economic opportunities close to where they live, the Human Settlements Department receives a total allocation of R6,859 billion.

To ensure that the integrity of the natural environment of the Western Cape is maintained, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning receives R1,430 billion.

To construct and maintain Western Cape public roads, education and health facilities, to increase access to safe and efficient transport and to perform traffic management, the Department of Transport and Public Works receives R19,352 billion.

To provide a range of development, research and support services for the agricultural community of our province, the Department of Agriculture receives R2,277 billion.

To enable a vibrant, innovative and sustainable economy characterised by growth, employment and equitable opportunities and to encourage the full potential of all, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism receives a total allocation of R1,460 billion.

To unite our people through sport and culture and ensure a creative and active Western Cape, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport receives R2,077 billion.

Finally, Mr Speaker, to support and strengthen the capacity of our municipalities to manage their affairs in a manner which promotes integrated, sustainable and empowered communities, the Department of Local

Government receives R599 million.

Mr Speaker, in line with the special development needs of various parts of the province, and in line with their growth and job creation potential, the budget has been divided by district municipality as follows. This is so you can get a spatial indication of how the money is spent across the province:

R109,256 billion will be spent within the borders of Cape Town, which houses 75% of the province's economy and 64% of its population. This amount includes some goods and services that will be procured from service providers in the city and thereafter distributed to other various districts;

R18,270 billion will be spent within the Cape Winelands which forms part of the greater functional area;

R11,652 billion will be spent in the Eden district, one of the fastest growing regions of our province;

R7,094 billion will be spent in the West Coast District which is home to Saldanha Bay and Swartland;

R4,665 billion will be spent in the Overberg district, which is home to Hermanus and Swellendam amongst others;

And, finally

R1,857 billion will be spent in the Central Karoo, which is our most sparsely populated region.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, this budget is about partnerships, it is about communities playing their roles, it is about this administration delivering good governance, it is about better and better service delivery, all of which creates an enabling environment that stimulates private sector investment, growth and jobs and a better life for all of our people. We have a vision and we are putting it into action.

Mr Speaker, before I end I would just like to express my sincere thanks to the Premier, to my Cabinet colleagues, to Dr Stegman and the Provincial Treasury for all their hard work in putting this together. [Interjections.]

To the other heads of department that are here today - I must also thank Minister Pravin Gordhan and his team for being good principle partners in the 'Better Together' province.

An HON MEMBER: Amandla!

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Hoor-hoor!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, I must also thank the Chair and the Standing

Committee for the role that you have played over the last five years.
[Interjections.]

I would like to thank the Mayors of our municipalities, their municipal managers and CFOs and their teams, because they also play a major role in this partnership.

Mr Speaker, I would also like to thank my family - Tracy, Jason and Lauren and my parents - mom and dad - who are here today, for being a constant source of encouragement and then of course there is my team in my office. Some of them are up here as well. I see you there. My team in my office, many of whom are here today, who have been with me for the past five years. They most definitely run the best run regional government ministry in the world. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, finally, on behalf of all of the people of this province I want to recognise and thank the staff members of the Western Cape Government who are represented here today by a handful of their colleagues, for the role that they are playing in making lives better for everyone in this province.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hear-hear!

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi! [Tussenwerpsels.] [Applous]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Mr Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to table the 2014 Overview of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, the Western Cape Gazette of Allocations to municipalities and this speech, for discussion and consideration by this House. Mr Speaker, I thank you. [Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi! [Tussenwerpsels.] [Applous]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order hon members! Thank you very, much hon Minister Winde. The secretary will read the bill for the first time.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Appropriation Bill.*

The SPEAKER: In accordance with Rule 187(1) the introduction speech, the Bill and the papers laid upon the table will be referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 15:30