

---

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2014

---

The House met at 10:00

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Before we proceed with the day's proceedings, let me give a ruling which is outstanding. During debate on Tuesday numerous points of order were raised about the use of the words "deliberate distortion" by the honourable Premier and the Chair was asked to rule the expression unparliamentary.

By way of comparison I indicated at the time that the expression "deliberate untruth" or "onwaarheid" in Afrikaans is always unparliamentary and would always be withdrawn.

In addressing the Chair on the matter the Premier said that what the hon member Mr Fransman had said was: "A deliberate distortion of my answer,

and I am not withdrawing it.”

Given the Premier’s explanation on the words used by her and the fact that I was not sure as to what exactly was said I had to ascertain first whether the quote “distortion” *per se* had the same meaning as “untruth” and if so then the expression would indeed be unparliamentary.

Having now studied Hansard and other sources I rule as follows:

The Premier in fact did not only use the expression "deliberate distortion" but she used the expression “complete and deliberate untruth.” As indicated on Tuesday the latter has always been declared unparliamentary. I did not hear that particular utterance in the debate and the points of order were also not raised on that specific utterance, hence my decision to consult the official record. I will ask the Premier at the end of my ruling to withdraw the words “deliberate untruth”.

As undertaken I have also consulted sources as to the meaning and nuances of the word “distortion” to ascertain whether in fact it has the same meaning as “untruth”. According to Oxford Dictionary it means: “misrepresent or transmit inaccurately.” Other meanings include “twisted, inaccurate, slanted, loaded, changed...” etcetera. Pharos translates “distort” as “verwring, verdraai, verkeerd voorstel.” I could find no evidence that “distort” in fact can be equated to “untruth” and hence I am satisfied that the expression is not unparliamentary.

I do however wish to say to the House that it is extremely difficult for the Chair to rule on statements made by members who continuously test the boundaries of what can be allowed and what not. This is a case in point.

Let me also just make a general comment on freedom of speech. We have freedom of speech in the House but as we all know it is not unlimited. Our Standing Rules made by the House and accepted by all members curb absolute freedom of speech and together with our conventions set parameters within which freedom of speech is allowed. Those parameters are changed from time to time through rulings, usage and resolutions. As advised in a ruling in the previous Parliament freedom of speech is a crucial cornerstone of our democracy and should be protected at all costs, but we also have a duty as honourable members serving and representing the people of our province to guard against allowing freedom of speech to become a “free for all” where everything goes. I have also indicated before that the Chair’s point of departure is to rather err on the side of more freedom than to curb it.

I also want to deal with the specific matter that actually gave rise to the Premier’s utterance of “deliberate distortion”. The hon member Mr Fransman by way of a question enquired from the Premier whether she was saying: “that the reason why they have only 5% of black procurement in road infrastructure is because black contractors are not able to build proper roads and it is only white contractors who can do that.” Not only did he put words in the hon Premier’s mouth but his comments have direct racist undertones

that cannot go unchecked. [Interjections.]

The National Assembly's Guide to Procedure is very clear, that an offensive remark is not rendered parliamentary by being quoted, used hypothetically or put in the form of a question.

Speaker Fernandez also made a ruling on that as recently as two weeks ago that such utterances in debate would not be tolerated. Furthermore there is also overwhelming support that such an utterance is unparliamentary from a ruling by Speaker Frene Ginwala in the National Assembly in which she said that it was incumbent on members to actively take the lead in ridding our society of its racist heritage and that members, when participating in debates, have a unique opportunity to actively inculcate and promote the values of tolerance and inclusivity and to set the standards in that regard. Allegations of racism are never parliamentary regardless of the context.

As indicated above the fact that the Leader of the Opposition did not directly allege racism against the hon Premier, but did so in the form of a question is no mitigating factor, and it remains unparliamentary.

I ask the hon Leader of the Opposition to withdraw his remarks that have been ruled to have racial undertones and when that is done I will ask the Premier to do the same.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, that is totally incorrect. There are a lot of

discussions around that and that was not an accusation against a member of this specific House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: That can never be.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, I am not going to allow to be addressed on rulings while I am busy giving a ruling. If your party or you are unhappy with a ruling there are specific ways of dealing with that.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: We are very unhappy with that, very unhappy.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I sense that you will be unhappy, but I do ask the Premier - I ask the Leader of the Opposition, hon member Mr Fransman, I ask you to withdraw those remarks that have been ruled to have racial undertones.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I need to address you on this matter.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will allow you to address me for clarity...  
[Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: I need to address you on this matter.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...and then I will ask you to withdraw.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You made the ruling. I understand your extreme difficulty, because one, the question that I posed is definitely not unparliamentary. Secondly, Mr Deputy Speaker, the fact is that in the order, in the reports of the Department, it said the target is 5% for previous disadvantaged individuals. The inference therefore is that 95% is white contractors. How can that be unparliamentary? I think what I am saying Mr Deputy Speaker, is that at this moment it is very clear to me the pressure that the Premier has put you under, she is going to have to apologise and she is going to have to withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: But Mr Deputy Speaker, but the pressure that you have been put under over the last two days got you, as the Deputy Speaker, to compromise in a way that is in fact very wrong, and in that... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, please take your seat.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...she needs to address.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will deal with any pressure, if there was any pressure. I do not confirm any pressure. I read the Hansard and I make an

objective ruling on the Hansard. The Hansard tells me that what the hon member Mr Fransman said was unparliamentary and I have quoted the sources to support me on that. I ask the member to please withdraw that, hon member Mr Fransman. Hon member Mr Fransman, please withdraw that. If you do not want to withdraw it, then you know what the next step would be.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not going to allow you to address me now. I want you to withdraw that.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, at this point of time the Premier two days ago refused to withdraw... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...after you made a ruling. The question now is... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...is the Deputy Speaker in fact under such severe pressure ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...that you in fact have to... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, I am asking you again ... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...buckle to this Premier... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: That was actually wrong and unruly in the last few days?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am not going to allow points of order while I am giving a ruling. The ruling is very clear. The request is, the instruction is to withdraw... [Interjections.] ...and if you do not want to withdraw then there are other steps. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No-no, no-no-no, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am going to allow the hon member Mr Fransman to indicate whether he withdraws or not.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No Mr Deputy Speaker, no, no-no-no, no, no. It cannot

be. It cannot be. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: No Mr Deputy Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it a point of order?

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, the point here that we are dealing with, that you said you are going to be ruling on... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The Premier.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...is the issue of the Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: We agreed. That we agreed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: And now you are changing the rules.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Tyatyam!

Mr S G TYATYAM: To suit who?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: To suit who? It cannot be.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat. Please take your seat. I have looked at Hansard in totality. Whether something slipped through which I did not pick up then or nobody raised a point of order - that is immaterial. The Speaker has the right and has the duty to look at Hansard and to rule about what happens in the House. [Interjections.] My ruling is and my ruling stands finally, the request is that the hon member Mr Fransman withdraws that and if he does not want to withdraw he must leave the House.

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, you did not show to this House that there was a racist remark.

An HON MEMBER: Yes Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr P UYS: You could not show that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You could not show that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No Marius [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Why are you sugar-coating what you are going to the Premier now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Uys, Order! Take your seat.  
Hon member Mr Wiley, Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Chief Whip on the Opposition benches is now questioning your integrity and your ability... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Absolutely and we will check it in the court as well.  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You did not say a word! You did not say a word of this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: There is also a clear rule in this House ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We are following her example.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...when a member addresses the bench... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, following her example.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...then everybody else keeps quiet. I would ask Deputy Speaker that we cannot allow this constant questioning. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat hon member Mr Tyatyam. A point of order has been raised. Take your seat.

Mr M G E WILEY: We cannot allow the integrity of this House to be attached and impugned in this way that when a person does not agree with a ruling from the bench... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is from the Premier... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: ...when a person does not agree with a ruling from the Chair, that a chorus then overrules that ruling... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: So whatever the Chair say... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...and it cannot be allowed.

An HON MEMBER: You were right there.

Ms S W DAVIDS: What happened on Tuesday [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, Order! Hon member Mr Tyatyam, I will you a last chance and then I expect action on this ruling. [Interjections.] I am listening.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I think it is going to be important, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is going to be important... [Interjections.] Wait, wait.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Davids, I cannot hear your own member speaking.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is going to be important, Mr Deputy Speaker, to be consistent here. [Interjections.] On Tuesday, when we were here... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Premier was wrong.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...it is the Premier... [Interjection.] ...that first raised an issue that you then decided to have a ruling on.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly.

Mr S G TYATYAM: And therefore it is only fair... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have already covered that point exactly.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No-no-no-no, wait, wait. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please get to the point.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is only fair... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Get to the new point.

An HON MEMBER: You must relax also.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...when you are ruling you must say that... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must be consistent. [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...you must say that the first person that must...  
[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...apologise here and withdraw is the Premier, and then  
the second thing... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, honourable.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The second thing... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The Premier refused.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Can I raise the second thing?

An HON MEMBER: ...who has refused to withdraw.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...refused to withdraw in your face.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please take your seat if you are finished.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Can I raise the second thing? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms M N GILLION: It is bias. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Can I raise the second thing, Mr Deputy Speaker?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Really bias!

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is that the conduct, the biasness that we see...  
[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I must say that it is an issue that we want to raise. We  
are going to take it to court also... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...because it is totally not... it is not a precedent that we  
have seen in the past in terms of the Parliament.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, Order! Hon member Mr Tyatyam, you have made your point.

An HON MEMBER: At this time nobody is [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have given my ruling and I stand by that ruling and I expect the hon member Mr Fransman to either withdraw, the ruling, or to withdraw from the House. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Then she must also withdraw. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: This is going nowhere.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, no. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Please do not disrupt this House now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: The DA must not disrupt this House.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Disrupt this House, ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You must not do what they are doing in the National Assembly here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I am not... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: What they are doing in the National Assembly must not happen here... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, take your seat.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You cannot do that. The person who have insulted the House... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Is the Premier. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...including yourself is this woman... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is the Premier. She must withdraw.

Mr P UYS: You are changing the [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: She must withdraw. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: No she must withdraw. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: She is the rude one. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, honourable.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The person who has insulted the House is here, or was it me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No man!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Give me a chance. Hon member Ms Davids, do you want to make a point of order? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Nobody is going to leave. Nobody is going to leave this House today.

An HON MEMBER: You are wrong.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, because the Speaker is in London.

An HON MEMBER: With the taxpayer's money.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, with taxpayer's money. Mr Deputy Speaker, on Tuesday you said that the Premier must withdraw. She did not. She refused in your face and you were afraid to act on that... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...and your Chief Whip did not say a word. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Now he wants to come and speak.

Mr P UYS: In your face.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want the Premier to withdraw or leave the House. Thank you.

Mr P UYS: Ja, in your face.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, if you had listened to the ruling the Premier will withdraw immediately. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No we want her to leave. She must also leave. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not going to... [Interjections.] I am not going to... Order! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We decide they are both going to leave the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: We decide that both of them leave this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly, both of them.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Ja. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: There is one Speaker.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Both of them must leave the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I would like to address you Mr Deputy Speaker. Could you please, you referred to certain sources, to inform what is a completely unprecedented ruling.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly!

Mr C M DUGMORE: It was political comment made by the leader of the... Can you give this House now those sources which actually justify a decision like yours, which fundamentally undermine... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! No.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...undermine freedom of speech. I have not finished yet, while you sit down, hon member.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Sit down Wiley, sit down.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Sit down. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: So what I would like to ask for Mr Deputy Speaker, can you please provide this House with the detail which informed you, because it is unprecedented... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: He did, you never listened!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...that is political comment. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] of the DA.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Keep quiet!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Please provide the details. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If the hon member had listened, I quoted the sources and the ruling will be in writing available to anybody who wants to see it.

Mr P UYS: We want to see it now.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Now, we want to see now. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: No, we want to see it now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not even finished with the ruling. I have not even come to the point where I ask the... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: But it was not withdrawn. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Listen to the ruling. The ruling goes on and the Premier will be asked immediately after to do the same. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Premier [Inaudible.] She must leave the House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Davids, I am not going to allow you to... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: She must [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, I am giving you a last chance before I chuck you out. [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.] Order!

An HON MEMBER: She must apologise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, please leave the House.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No! No! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please leave the House. [Interjections.] Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Premier will leave with me. I am not leaving. She will leave with me! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids... [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Davids, hon member Ms Davids.

An HON MEMBER: Sit down! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, I am giving you the last chance, leave the House.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am not leaving. I am not leaving. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Order! Order! Order, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They are unruly. [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You must recuse yourself ja.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: There is no question here. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: You must recuse yourself.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Premier will leave with me.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: What you have now done is to be extremely biased in a non-bias position. In fact you are bringing this particular Legislature into a situation ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...not because of your own making, but because of the Premier who is autocratic, dictatorial... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ... and has tried to insist on Tuesday to do this against you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members! [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: In fact it is a shame what the Premier has done over

the last two days in compromising your own integrity in the position of Deputy Speaker. You are a graduate in the proceedings and the rulings of Parliament. You in fact made a ruling on Tuesday.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The Premier said she is refusing.

An HON MEMBER: Ja. [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You then had to withdraw your own ruling. What is that? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: What is that? She then said... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable, order, order.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The Premier then talked about freedom of speech.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: She talked about freedom of speech.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have heard you now.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So what we are asking Mr Deputy Speaker  
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She must withdraw.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Please reassess. It is wrong what you in your position  
at this moment are doing to this House. Why is my member here, hon member  
Ms Davids instructed to leave the House, when we are actually having a  
situation where both the Premier and the Chief Whip of the ruling party has  
brought a disgrace on this particular House? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members, we cannot - I will see the Premier now.  
We cannot continue in this vein.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Either we accept our own Rules and the parameters  
within which we operate... [Interjections.] Order! Or we say it is a free for  
all. [Interjections.] Madam Premier, I will see you, Madam Premier.

An HON MEMBER: It is a free for all.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a fact that I refused to withdraw the words... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Give the Premier a chance.  
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is wrong. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Bly stil man.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: But it is him, it is not me. It is the MEC.  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I cannot see behind the Premier's back so please. [Interjections.] Please be quiet.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not want to see.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Premier, if it is quiet you can continue.  
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You cannot see what...

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: It is a fact Mr Deputy Speaker, that I refused to withdraw the words “deliberate distortion”... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: And “untruth”.

The PREMIER: And I offered to leave this House rather than withdraw the words “deliberate distortion”. At no point was I asked to withdraw the words “deliberate untruth”. I was asked to withdraw the words... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: There was a ruling made.

The PREMIER: ... “deliberate distortion”... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It was a ruling.

Mr P UYS: That was a ruling.

The PREMIER: ...and instead of withdrawing it I offered to leave the House.

Mr P UYS: But why did you not?

The PREMIER: Then you said, Mr Deputy Speaker, that you would consult Hansard and make a ruling, which is what is what is happening now, but I offered quite freely to leave the House rather than to withdraw what I stand by, which is “deliberate distortion”.

Ms S W DAVIDS: There she is saying again.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, it was not for the Premier to offer to leave.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: She was supposed to leave because she did not want to go in terms of your ruling.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: You were supposed to leave.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Madam, you are not doing any of us a favour; not any of us.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, I was never instructed to leave the House. The hon Chief Whip of the Opposition...  
[Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You were instructed to withdraw.

The PREMIER: The hon Chief Whip of the Opposition says I should have withdrawn. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You were instructed.

The PREMIER: I would have gone immediately had I been instructed.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You were instructed to withdraw.

The PREMIER: I was not instructed to leave the House. I refused to withdraw... [Interjections.] ...and I stand by that refusal. There is nothing unparliamentary about the words “deliberate distortion” especially when it was a “deliberate distortion”.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please take your seat.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: You ruled it was unparliamentary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I address you please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Very quickly.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, on Tuesday you were the one...

An HON MEMBER: You were not here.

Ms M N GILLION: ...who said in this House... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She was.

Ms S W DAVIDS: She was here. She was here.

Ms M N GILLION: “Deliberate distortion” was ruled before unparliamentary. That was your words Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No.

Ms M N GILLION: It did not come from anyone else. It was your words, that it was ruled before unparliamentary. It is very disturbing that today it is another ruling.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion and for the benefit of the House, my ruling on Tuesday was that if the words “deliberate untruth” were used that is unparliamentary. I said I was going to check whether the meaning... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, you ruled.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please give me a chance... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No-no-no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Whether “distortion” was the same meaning as “untruth”. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No it was previously [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And that is the end of the story of that.  
[Interjections.] Please we cannot continue like this. Please take your seats.

Ms M N GILLION: No Mr Deputy Speaker, then you must go and listen to Hansard.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M N GILLION: Because we did that.

An HON MEMBER: You must play Hansard.

Ms M N GILLION: Play Hansard back.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Mr P UYS: The Premier must apologise first and withdraw.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Before she leaves.

Mr P UYS: She cannot leave now. She must withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: People, we cannot... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You must play Hansard here in this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! [Interjections.] We cannot continue like this. I am going to suspend business for a few minutes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: A point of order, there is a point of order, linking on what you just said Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you want to address me on this?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Yes. On that, you just said, am I hearing you correctly, you said on the ruling of Tuesday against the Premier that you did not say that “deliberate distortion” is not unparliamentary at that time? Are you saying in response to what hon member Ms Gillion said, are you actually saying that you did not say that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My recollection of Tuesday... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Not recollection Mr Deputy Speaker, what you actually said. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My understanding of the proceedings on Tuesday was that I reserved my view... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No-no-no that, Mr Deputy Speaker, can I clarify. Afterwards you've said that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Just play Hansard here in the House.

Ms M N GILLION: Play it here.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Play it here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, order, hon member Mr Fransman... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: After that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Even if I had said "deliberate distortion" was...

Mr P UYS: You did say that.

An HON MEMBER: You did say that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay for argument's sake, I am not going to argue.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You did say that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not arguing with the House now.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You did say that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Fine, let us accept I did say that.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So then it was wrong what you have just said in response... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Nothing stops the Chair from giving another ruling which might be different.

An HON MEMBER: Hansard.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No, no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You accept that.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No Mr Deputy Speaker, that is understandable because you - that is the point that we are making - then had to change your ruling to benefit the leader of the DA... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...who is scared to sit in the National Assembly.  
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Because the House belongs to her... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The question here Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! No-no Order! Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The question here is why did you at this moment, two minutes ago, actually intimated that you did not say that the “deliberate distortion” is unparliamentary, when it was a direct point that was made, and that is our dilemma currently. Our dilemma Mr Deputy Speaker, is you are under such severe pressure... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: That you know what is right, know what is wrong, but the custodian of dictatorship is actually now dictating what... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Yes, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No people, Order! Order! We cannot continue like

this. We can sit here the whole day making accusations. My ruling is that “deliberate distortion” is parliamentary, whether it was perhaps ruled differently on a different day, it could be so. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No. It cannot. No.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: “Deliberate distortion” was okay, but “deliberate untruth”, “deliberate untruth” is not parliamentary. [Interjections.] Madam Premier, and I will ask you also when it comes at that point to withdraw “deliberate untruth”.

The PREMIER: I do withdraw “deliberate untruth”.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Apologise. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, apologise.

The PREMIER: And if I had been asked before I would have done it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Madam Premier. The Madam Premier has withdrawn “deliberate untruth”. There are now two outstanding matters. I have asked the hon member Mr Fransman to withdraw the racial connotations.

Mr P UYS: But what must he withdraw? What must he withdraw?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No-no-no, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you do not do that, then you know what to do.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is obvious. [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: No, come-on.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...that at this point of time the Premier had to now withdraw because she just does not have a choice... [Interjections.] ...because what it was, it was unparliamentary.

An HON MEMBER: He must withdraw.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It is wrong, Mr Deputy Speaker, and now I am addressing yourself, because you have just changed and we are now bringing the question of why did you change.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, no, I am not...  
[Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...in these last few minutes, twice, your position.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not entertaining that accusation.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No-no-no-no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If there is a problem with the interpretation of the Chair, you can come with a motion of no confidence in the Chair or do anything else that the Rules allow. I am not going to entertain the accusation from the floor all the time. The last speaker now is Hon member Mr Wiley. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: That is not racist.

Ms S W DAVIDS: He did say that. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, you have ruled clearly on the matter, the Premier has withdrawn her unparliamentary remark, and now the sword cuts both ways. It has to apply to the other side. [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: No. No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I agree with that. Hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, just a point of clarity.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, your very last time.

Mr P UYS: You are asking the hon member Mr Fransman to withdraw something.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, leave.

Mr P UYS: What are you actually asking him to withdraw? [Interjections.]  
What are you asking? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Run Zille, run.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Run Zille, run.

Mr P UYS: But what are you asking? There was an untruth, you asked to withdraw that. What are you asking? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is actually wrong. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not going to read the whole ruling again. It is very clear... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Can we get that ruling in writing please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You can have it immediately in writing.

Mr P UYS: And can we adjourn then and study the ruling first?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no.

Mr P UYS: Of course we need.

HON MEMBERS: Yes, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we must apply our mind.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Ms M N GILLION: We cannot just [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Speaker has applied his mind and the ruling has been given. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Hy het die verslag getik.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In view of the Chair it is unparliamentary to make racial insinuations.

Ms S W DAVIDS: What was the racial [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And that ruling stands.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ai, ai, jai, jai, jai, jai.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ai!

Mr P UYS: But Mr Deputy Speaker, what must he withdraw?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Is the ruling that you are saying the fact... is the Deputy Speaker saying you are ruling it unparliamentary and you are calling it racist undertones, the fact that the documents of government says 5% target on PDIs in road maintenance, is that racist? Is that what you are calling unparliamentary?

'n AGBARE LID: Skande! Skande!

Mr P UYS: What must be withdrawn? We do not understand.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It was wrong.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You never decide for me... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! For the benefit of... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You must answer for your sins of the past.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Take your seat please. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I please address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I will - take your seat please.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You must answer for your sins... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, I am not going to allow... [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You must answer... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman. I am not going to allow this Legislature degenerate to the level of where we are going now. [Interjections.] I want us to get clarity. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But that is what you are doing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, for the benefit of hon member Mr Uys and hon member Mr Fransman I will read again that portion of the ruling.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I am going to read now. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Deputy Speaker, †ndicela ukuthetha. \*Can I speak?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I also - take your seat please. I also want to deal with this portion of the ruling of a specific matter that actually gave rise to the Premier's utterance of "deliberate distortion". The hon member Mr Fransman by way of a question enquired from the Premier whether she was saying: "that the reason why they have only 5% of black procurement in road infrastructure is because black contractors are not able to build proper roads

and it is only white contractors that can do that.”

In other words he put words in the hon Premier’s mouth.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And those comments have direct racist undertones that cannot go unchecked.

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And the sources for that is the National Assembly’s [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I do not understand these undertones.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The National Assembly Guide for Procedure is very clear that an offensive remark is not rendered parliamentary... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, that was not offensive.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...by being quoted.

Ms S W DAVIDS: it is wrong.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...be used hypothetically or put in the form of a question, and our own Speaker Fernandez also made a ruling on that as recently as two weeks ago... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is wrong for you to start to speak now... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...that such utterances in debate would not be tolerated.

An HON MEMBER: It is wrong for you to start to speak... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: No, no, no, I know.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Furthermore there is also overwhelming support that such an utterance is unparliamentary from a ruling by Speaker Ginwala in the National Assembly in which she had said “that it was incumbent on members to actively take the lead in ridding our society of its racist heritage and that members when participating in debates, have a unique opportunity...” [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What was said there?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...to actively inculcate and promote the values of

tolerance ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What was said there before that ruling? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja.

An HON MEMBER: What was said?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...and inclusivity... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What was said ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...and to set the standards in that regard.

An HON MEMBER: What was said?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Allegations of racism are never... [Interjections.]

Me S W DAVIDS: Hou op “he-he” vir ons man.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Allegations of racism are never parliamentary regardless of the context. As indicated above the fact that the Leader of the Opposition did not directly allege racism against the member... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Ag, come on.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...but did so in the form of a question is no mitigating factor and it remains unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The mindset.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members, that... Order, honourable.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! No we... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: No. No-no-no.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, you are denying that there is a broad base black economic empowerment and employment equity in this country.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly! Exactly!

Mr P UYS: And when we discuss these targets you must refer to it. It is a reality of South Africa you are ignoring now. It is not a racial issue. It is the reality and you are ignoring that Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Uys, you are entitled to your views.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I please address you. You said you will allow me after you made the ruling.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That will be the very last Speaker.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, my question is very simple. Is any reference to race being regarded as racist in this House, because then we must go through the whole debate of Tuesday and of yesterday, listen to the tapes and then I think I will agree with your ruling, but up until now, no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me just conclude my ruling. I was not even finished with the ruling.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me finish the ruling. I have asked the two

members to withdraw. One has not yet withdrawn.

An HON MEMBER: Huh, what?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: According to Hansard interjections were also made by members, including the Leader of the Opposition, of being “wit for purpose”, which could be construed as a racist spin on the “fit for purpose” dictum of the Democratic Alliance. That in turn led to accusations from both sides of members saying: “you are disgraceful”. I mention this, because it is an illustration of how debate can spin out of control, to do cynical remarks and interjections and responses to such remarks and interjections. I am not going to rule the statements out of order, but I seriously want to appeal to all members once again to use their freedom of speech responsibly and refrain from making remarks merely for narrow political gain.

People, we have come through a long and a hard session. We are all very tired. We must really cooperate now. I have asked two people to cooperate with me. The hon member Ms Davids is refusing obviously to leave the Chamber as I have asked her. That will have consequences and the hon member Mr Fransman has been asked in terms of a ruling to also just withdraw. That is all that it is. You needn’t leave the Chamber. You must simply withdraw.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, the one thing that I will never do in my life, never, is to dishonour a ruling in a parliamentary environment in

an elderly environment outside of this, never. I am on record on those things historically. You would know when you were the Secretary to this Parliament when we were here, I cannot think of once that we were rude to yourself, so whether we are here or outside, because we are brought up in a different way. The issue is simply the following: I will immediately withdraw on anything that we know is technically correct, if that ruling was made.

Mr Deputy Speaker, you are putting me in an untenable situation, because one, I have got great respect for you. Two, the reality... [Interjection.] It is not... No-no-no, look, you must - Mark Wiley [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must keep quiet.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You, hon member, must answer for your sins under apartheid, please. That is what you must do. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: That is what you must do, you must answer for your sins under apartheid.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You and some of us know what those sins were.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, the other [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order hon member Mr Fransman, get to the point please, I want to conclude this now.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, we have made an argument and I am not going to go into the details. The technical information is there from our side. Secondly we had the reality on Tuesday, and I am not getting into the detail. That is factual. We know what the facts are. At the moment when the Chief Whip asked you to ask for that point on the Premier, we knew what she also was saying about “untruth”. Yesterday Mr Deputy Speaker, how must we feel this side of the House, 14 members, anyone of us, when the Premier stands up carte blanche “I do not need to say you are honourable...” How do we feel when that type of vulgarism starts to emerge with the leader of government, so what we are sitting with here, is the following. What you have ruled, we know it is not unparliamentary and there is a reason why. We have made the point in the last two days that the Provincial Government has in fact institutionalised [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sorry, wait, wait man. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...institutionalised racism within the Government of the Western Cape.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Fransman, I want you to finish off now. Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: There is an order point.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, you have made a ruling on this matter. You have given the latitude to the hon Leader of the Opposition to address you. [Interjections.] He has not given any counter-argument. He has not quoted any text... [Interjections.] ...or any other precedent on this matter. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is just subjective... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, I want you to conclude now.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Ja, no, no, but he said I did not put an argument. I actually said... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But please conclude. I want us to move forward

now.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No, no Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I take your point what you are saying.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, all that we are saying...  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Get to the point, finish off now.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...is what you are now going to do if we ask questions in this House, so this is not for today, this ruling will have effect on every debate when it comes to what happens in this province.

Ms M N GILLION: And every [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Absolutely.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Every debate, and that is the point. There is a covering up of what is actually taking shape, Chief Whip, so the issue is not the ruling. The issue is the precedent... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It applies to everybody.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...that you will be creating with a ruling of a question to the hon Premier, which had no direct racist connotation, but had a very fundamental point in it, and you are saying in your own words there is an insinuation possibly into that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: An undertone.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: There is an undertone into that. [Interjection.] Now we are not saying only undertones. [Interjection.] We actually are saying that the way employment equity happens in this province is actually racist. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: There is a racist position... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, hon member Mr Fransman. We are arguing the content now. The ruling stands for the moment. There is no question that the ruling will be changed now. The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker are the servants of this House. If this House at a later stage feels differently or feels aggrieved... [Interjections.] Order! Order! If this House feels aggrieved or this House feels that the rulings are too limiting then the House is absolutely free to come with new suggestions to open the field again, but until such time

the ruling will stand. The two people will have to withdraw or at least the hon member Mr Fransman will have to withdraw.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we would ask you if you would recuse the Chair and that a different Chair be elected today here. You showed your bias towards us. We ask that you recuse yourself. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I am not going to do that. I am asking the hon member Mr Fransman to withdraw or otherwise to leave the House for the rest of the day. Hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am speaking to hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr P UYS: No man.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, I cannot allow everybody to speak now.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Just one second.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes okay, the last one. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I just want to appeal to you to consider perhaps hon member Mr Uys' appeal for a written ruling, so that we can engage for a few minutes about that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You will, you will get the written ruling as well.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am saying if the House can adjourn and then we will look at that... [Interjections.] ...because my problem is that this will have serious consequences in our political participation in this meeting. It will mean that any word related to our past we will not be able...

Ms S W DAVIDS: To speak about.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Now this is a serious matter, you are censoring us so that we will never engage about our colonisation of a special type history.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That was never the intention. That was never the intention. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: That was your ruling!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is the... [Interjections.] Order, order, order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: That was your ruling?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And that is also not what the ruling says. [Interjections.] The ruling tries to limit and to curb absolute racism incidences. That is all it is.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: But this is... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not to say... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, order, did you just say that I have actually in that created a racist utterance. Did you say that? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I did not say that.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No-no-no Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am saying there were nuances in. That is all it is... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No Mr Deputy Speaker.

HON MEMBERS: No, no, no.

Mr P UYS: A nuance?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No Mr Deputy Speaker, no, no, no. No, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr S G TYATYAM: This is written in the documents of the province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, this side of the House rejects that motion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Rejects what motion?

Mr M G E WILEY: That you should vacate the Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oh okay. [Interjection.] Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: But I need to understand you, Mr Deputy Speaker, are you saying that we are not allowed to say that there must be a quota or a race-based allocation?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No I am not... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: That you are saying... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not saying that.

Mr P UYS: You are against the laws of South Africa.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: That is what you are ruling on.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Uys is my ruling eventually appears to be wrong... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: It is that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then the House will act on that and withdraw it.

Mr P UYS: That is why we are acting on it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But for the moment the ruling stands. That is the ruling that was given. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: It cannot stand. It can never stand. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, I am going to give you a last chance. Your interjections are too many now. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Fransman, are you going to withdraw it or not?

An HON MEMBER: No.

An HON MEMBER: Withdraw what? [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Uh-uh, Uh-uh.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, are you going to withdraw... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, no, no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, we want to... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, please stand up.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No Mr Deputy Speaker, no, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am seeing the hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, no, no, you cannot see only him. We are also here in this House... [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: Ja.

Ms S W DAVIDS: In the House.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...that is under you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: You cannot see one person in this House. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Suspend the House.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It cannot be, unless we are deciding, you are really, really telling us you are so biased against the Opposition... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members, members, I am sorry... [Interjections.]

Order! Order! We cannot continue in this vein. I am going to suspend business for a few minutes. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I heard that.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And I want the... [Interjections.] I want the... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it because there was now an instruction... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: An instruction came to suspend. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Am I right that Chief Whip said in an interjection we suspend the House... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Where? Order! Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...and then immediately you responded. [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: Yes, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So is it so... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You must follow. We are not in the army.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...that we are having a situation here that the Executive... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why must you follow the corporal? ... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...and the party try to dictate to this particular [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The instruction came.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, if you had listened carefully I made the same suggestions a couple of comments back.

An HON MEMBER: Why must we follow the corporal?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It is wrong [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] Just so

that the other side of the House is in no doubt, I formally move that we suspend the proceedings and that the hon member Mr Fransman be removed.

'n AGBARE LID: Generaal, generaal, generaal. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, the House will now... [Interjections.] Order!

The House will suspend proceedings and my instructions stands that either the hon member Mr Fransman withdraws or will not be forming part of the remainder of the proceedings.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House is suspended.

An HON MEMBER: We are not going anywhere.

An HON MEMBER: Sit down. Sit down.

The House was suspended at 10:40.

The House resumed at 11:40.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. During suspension we had a discussion between the various role players, Chief Whips and myself and we came to an agreement on the specific portion of the ruling that is at issue here, and the decision is the following: that the portion of the ruling relating to the racism part be placed on review and that we request the Judge President to nominate a Judge to adjudicate on the correctness or otherwise of the ruling; and the instruction that the hon member Mr Fransman withdraws the statement is therefore suspended, as well as the instruction that the hon member Ms Davids leaves the Chamber.

From this point we will go on with the Order Paper and I ask the Secretary to read the first Order.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

1. Debate on Vote 11 – Agriculture – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think from the outset I just want to thank the Department for being here and I did speak with

the HOD and the staff to say that there are customers of ours out there. There are people to be served, so we do excuse those few officials whom we have said they have appointments and work to be done, but the HOD is still here with some of her team.

Perhaps also just to say, this Department is responsible for a very key sector in our economy and a very key sector in the Western Cape economy that plays a big role in South Africa. This Department is directly responsible for a sector that employs 129 000 people; 79 000 people added to jobs on top of that were around agri-processing and we have not even taken into context the influences from this sector around what happens within the retail space, etcetera, and all of this is creating a basis for food security for our people.

It is a very, very key department, but that is not why we are here today. We are here today to debate the Adjustments and Adjustment is a process. Adjustments and this legal process within our system, where we are sitting here today, starting on page 236 of the Blue Book, Vote 11, looking at the Adjustments that were made in the process of the year's Budget. It is a process of good governance where we can come back to the House and say we had a budget passed at the beginning of the year and in this hearing process there is some area that we actually would like to move some money. We have some extra pressure here and there. We need to make some changes and that is exactly what we are doing today so that we can say that there is good governance in place and we are regularising these changes that we want to make. We bring it to this House which approved the original Budget. So as a

highlight obviously if you look at the total we have gone from R859 870 000 odd thousand rand, we have actually an increase now of R2,820 million in total and of course we have got variations and shifts around within the Department, but if I can just highlight some of them.

So there were some funds received from DEADP, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, R2,1 million and this programme is the resource management programme, and it is around the Berg River Improvement Plan. It obviously links to the improvement of a river because that is so key to our agricultural sector for the fruit industry, for in itself the water system but of course also all the people who live along that river core.

R750 000 was rolled over for the RTDS implementation. Also this is a plan that works with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and this also again looks at climate change and the implications for agricultural production.

R946 000 was transferred from Provincial Treasury to the Department for the capacitation. This is for internal control components, which also will have a carry-through effect for the Medium Term Expenditure Framework and then of course the Department's own revenue was increased by R524 000, which was allocated to the programme RTDS, this is Research Technology and Development Services, this specifically around ostrich research. We know what has happened within that sector within the ostrich farming part of our

country and then what has happened, by implication again to people who live in those regions, jobs are created through this industry, so obviously we need to make sure that we have future research in this space.

Funding also transferred out of the Department: R1.5 million to DEDAT. This is around the PSG1 Programme. Obviously we are at the start of a five year plan. We need to make sure that we are making the right decisions in the interests of the economy; in the interest of creating jobs; in the interest of making a difference to our people out there.

Then of course several shifts were made between and within programmes. This is around the COE and you will see that we have made strategic investments in infrastructure and skills development and we also had the improvement of the IT architecture. That is R1,819 million. These are new servers. We have the implementation of a new telephone system based on a Microsoft platform, R5,438 million. Again you will see through implementing a system like this we will actually be able to show a saving, so this is another good management space.

Financial assistance to 4-PDI learners in the agricultural school space, R141 000; another R2,566 million for the improvements for the FruitLook system. This is how we get efficiencies and can compete and how we use technology to make sure that we are minimising our water usage. And then of course there is higher than expected price increases, things like municipal services, things that we have budgeted for but perhaps have not budgeted for

sufficiently. So I think that is an outline. I look forward to the debate, and perhaps also just to say that I have only had this position where politically I have played a role directly with the Department of Agriculture, but it really has been a great department. Coming into a department that I think is the one single department that keeps on winning awards across our country for the kind of job that they are doing in this sector and... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Good photo opportunities for... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and perhaps say to them, well done, and it is a really a privilege to work with you and I look forward to this debate and of course how we move forward in the next while. [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...with your speech [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Ms Schäfer.

Mr M G E WILEY: That was the speech.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Good photo opportunities for you.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The agricultural sector remains one of the most important generators of growth and jobs in this province and it has the potential of revitalising rural economies and

transforming the lives of most of the marginalised communities. The Department has a very specific strategic objective to increase the opportunities for growth and development in rural areas. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] the ANC.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: This includes increasing agricultural production by 10%, maintain the Western Cape's export position; develop rural nodes and ensure a 60% success rate of land reform beneficiaries and just to add that Casidra, which is a 25-year old listed company, serves as the official implementation agent for the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Government of the Western Cape as a whole and Casidra is therefore responsible to plan and implement all development projects for the Western Cape Provincial Government.

The Department has also been able to create 33 land care projects, reaching 7 000 youth with training and resource management. In terms of food security 84 community food gardens and 1 036 backyard gardens were implemented across the province. The Department's land care team excelled this year by achieving four gold medals in the Land Care Conference, one of which was the Water Care or Breede River Greening and Restoration Project.

The labour unrest during the last quarter of 2012 in some of the rural areas of the Western Cape has exposed very much the social and economic realities of some of the farming areas in the province and in response the Department

through its Farm Worker Development Programme has developed and approved a 14-point Farm Worker Response Plan with interventions which include a helpline and a training programme for farm workers. [Interjection.]

A farm worker household survey which focused on the Overberg and the Cape Winelands area involved 1 980 farm workers and their families to benefit from training and development initiatives, and I know that my colleague in Local Government will soon be talking about a wonderful pilot project that they are going to be starting in support of farm workers.

The future of agriculture in rural economy: the fair process is a key implement to the plan and the fair process is really about creating opportunities for dialogue between farm and farm workers, and it is an important priority for this Department of which R32 million has been allocated over the 2014 Budget for the implementation of projects around the fair process.

The Department also hosted the Western Cape Land Reform Summit in September this year to discuss diverse stakeholders in agriculture and agri-processing in the agri-business sector and to engage on the current proposal for land reform and to discuss alternative models. Another objective for the Department is to ensure transformation regarding broad-based black economic empowerment and equity in terms of access to markets, information and sufficient support at sufficient levels, especially for land reform beneficiaries. Their Market Access Programme is there to eliminate the

barriers to entry up and downstream, to be able to integrate black smallholder and commercial farmers into the mainstream value chains as a main focus.

The Western Cape remains the most important agricultural export province of South Africa, the horticultural industry is responsible for a large share of exports and although this export focus adds significantly to the profit, the profitability, the foreign exchange earnings and the employment creation in the sector, it also implies that Western Cape farmers are vulnerable to changes in the export market. It will be key that this Department continues to focus on exploring and growing these new markets, especially in Asia and Africa, while maintaining existing relationships with our traditional markets. Africa is envisaged to have the highest population growth globally over the next 90 years, more than tripling from R1 billion to R3,6 billion in 2100. Sorry, that looks wrong. It is crucial that our province targets demand for agri exports. It will arise from the population growth which will lead to greater economic growth and opportunity for this sector.

I must commend the Department who for the last three financial years as the Minister has mentioned, achieved numerous accolades which included the Best Run Department in South Africa. What must be commended is that this is also the only agricultural department with a prestige Farm Worker Forum in South Africa, but what must be really noted is the emphasis that this Department puts on the development of women through their women empowerment projects within the Department. The Young Professional Programme, an affirmative action programme within the Department of

Corporate Services, within the farm workers for the Farmer Support and Development Programme, 5 000 households of which 50% were women, received household food production packages as well as the acknowledge of women in agriculture through the Female Entrepreneurship Awards.

My concerns raised today with the Minister relates to a decrease in budget over the next few financial years; how will the Minister box cleverly to ensure that the strategic objectives as set out will be able to be achieved. We know that land reform is going to take a sufficient amount of capital. But in closing, let me just say it is with great disappointment that this Department was called thieves, as described by one of the members in the last committee meeting.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Mention their names.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: This is a distortion of the reality and the ethics of this Department. The exemplary track record is of a clean audit and best department over a number of years, recognised by the National Government as an exceptional department, counteracts this vicious remark. This is only, once again, another obstructionist play from the ANC, so as Chair of the Standing Committee I would like to thank the Department for always being completely transparent, accessible and totally committed to the work they do despite operating at times in an environment which on many occasions has a political agenda. This is not an easy space to work in, and I must commend the dedication and commitment to the work they do.

To my fellow Committee members who involve themselves in really wanting to see the plight of this sector thriving and transforming, I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Ms Davids.

An HON MEMBER: Happy Christmas!

Mr S G TYATYAM: You do not know what is coming! [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Ek wil begin om te sê ja, die landboubedryf is 'n baie belangrike bedryf vir ons, want ons wil hê, soos die Nasionale Regering gesê het, dat werkskepping moet plaasvind in daardie bedryf, maar ons kan nie anders as om te erken dat om 'n skoon oudit te kry, is nie 'n 'outcome' nie. Ons praat van 'value for money' en as ons kyk na die landbouontwikkeling in die Wes-Kaap is daar nie 'value for money' nie. So ek verskil met ons Voorsitter van ons Komitee om te sê dat sy 'applaud' die Departement.

I am standing to reject this Adjustment Budget, the estimate. In fact it cannot be correct for us to be expected to support a department that has failed to plan properly and is trying to hide poor performance through adjustment budget estimates. In the world out there, there is a saying: "thieves' labour hides their true identities" They use a mask when committing criminal activities. In this Department they hide their true identity of incompetency.

They shift funds left, right and centre. What is evident in this Adjustment Budget book is the story of a department who cannot plan adequately and thus resort to fiscal dumping to make up for its failures.

I tell you, this is an injustice to the people of this province who are in need of services, especially the poorest of the poor... [Interjection.] ...the vulnerable farm workers; the vulnerable farm kids and the vulnerable elderly on the farms; those who live in rural outskirts where agriculture is most active. In the 2013/2014 financial year these debacles of the Department were evident in the fact that they under-spent enormously with R6,5 million but we see they are compensated for their incompetence with a proposed budget of R2,8 million in these Adjustments. How can that be acceptable? Why should we applaud a department for poor performance?

I just want to state it, that this is gross and cannot be accepted. In our questions, comrade, Mr Deputy Speaker, [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Comrade Deputy Speaker! [Laughter.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay. Mr Deputy Speaker, because you are our comrade today, even our Chairperson brings it out when we question the Department; why must we give them more money if they are under-spending? We are talking here of a department that aims to unblock the full potential of agriculture so it can enhance the economic and social wealth of all the people of the province through developing, retaining and attracting skills and human

capital as well as contributing towards poverty and hunger alleviation. This is what the Department claims it aims to achieve. In practice, which I will explain below, you will see a department that is practicing the opposite of what it is preaching.

One example of this, we see an overall of R20 330 000 shifted away from filling of posts to fund other non-essential programmes and we got the explanation from them; they were saying that they are looking for people, but they are not finding people to get them into the employment of the Department, of which that is an excuse.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Klap hulle, klap hulle. Gooi kole!

Ms S W DAVIDS: This is a department that seeks to develop, retain and attract skills and human capital, but more than R20 million is shifted away from this to fund other programmes. Moreover we note that R1 million was shifted away from Further Education and Training (FET) Colleges to the retirement benefit of the former MEC, who is also a farmer.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Take a swipe! This can only show the blindfolded employees of colour and the [Inaudible.] crowd out there that the DA does not have the interest of the poor people at heart. It only seeks to keep the allies happy at the expense of the poor. They gave the former MEC good

money to go on with his farming.

I can see there is still a long way to go, but let me tell the story further, the R1 million that I mentioned above is money that the Department used towards the retirement benefit of the former MEC, and as if it ends there. An additional R47 000 was taken away from essential services to fund the retirement benefit of the former MEC, again! Let me leave it there, maybe one day they will see that indeed this party was never for them and their people.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Ms S W DAVIDS: It has always been anti-poor and always stood for the interest of minority and the minority, you know who you are, in this province. [Interjections.]

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande!

Me M N GILLION: Gooi kole, gooi kole!

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It does not take a rocket scientist for one to understand the importance of telecommunication in the agricultural sector. Countries around the world have started to prioritise the use of telecommunication in

agriculture. For those in this House who might not know, telecommunication technologies are used as essential tools to disseminate the knowledge and information needed by workers in agriculture to improve the production processes. We are saying that we are the best province doing export on fruit production and stuff, but what are we doing with that money that comes back to develop the farm worker who is giving us that production?

Furthermore, telecommunications provide vital tools for planners and administrators in the agriculture and food sectors, to be able to promote the production of affordable and safe accessible food, but we need to prioritise telecommunications in agriculture. If the House agrees with me then I ask the simple question, why would we therefore support an Adjustment Budget that seeks to shift R5,2 million away from installation of telecommunication systems? We dispose this shift and we refuse to accept this Adjustment Budget. Perhaps this Budget is shifted away from telecommunications to avoid another Filcon scandal.

'n AGBARE LID: Hulle het mos 'cellphones' daar.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is crystal clear that this Department did not plan adequately for the ICT and the telecommunications. If that was the case then I am certain that the Department would not have proposed a shift of more than R10 million to ICT and telecommunications related programmes.

Before I leave this section for you to reflect on I need to pose this simple

question: why is R2,6 million spent on the FruitLook system? Should this not be addressed in the Main Budget? Fiscal dumping! [Laughter.] But now you see - yes, you can laugh because you are not poor and you can laugh because you are not working on a farm. You are just chowing the money. [Interjections.] By now you should know that we know of your habit of fiscal dumping of funds. I would have been shocked to see that you did not attempt to show funds in your so called entities which we do not know where they are.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Like what?

Ms S W DAVIDS: As expected more than R1,5 million is given to Wesgro and more than R2 million to Casidra. On top of this a further R1,2 million proposed funds are to be utilised primarily for agencies and support DA campaigns. Can the Minister then explain to this House... [Interjections.]

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande, skande!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...where the Adjustment Budget of this fiscal dumping agencies are going and give us, after this, a full report on that. [Interjections.] How on earth does the Minister and his Department expect us to accept this Adjustment Budget when he and his Department have wasted money on the Biannual Congresses of Farm Associations? How is the biannual congress of an association a priority for this Department? A R100 000 was donated to them. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Ms S W DAVIDS: And again a R100 000 was donated.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Where is it going to be, in Bavaria?

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, it is not there, but you know what they are doing, they are doing that because they want those people to lobby for them on the farm, but the farm workers is not stupid anymore. [Interjections.] If this does not qualify as fiscal dumping, then the Minister should page quite quickly to page 271 and explain to this House why the money set aside for research... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, member, is that a question or a point of order?

Mr D JOSEPH: A point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. The statement made by the member saying that “the farm workers are not stupid any more” implies that they were stupid and she must withdraw that statement.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ah, with pleasure, because... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! I am not asking her to withdraw, that is a political statement which she is making. It is fair enough.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you, Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I would love to withdraw. I am not Helen Zille. If this does not qualify... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We know you are not Helen Zille. [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: If this does not qualify as fiscal dumping then the Minister should page quick to page 271 and explain to this House why money set aside for research is instead donated to “all kinds and gifts and conferences”. Can the Minister give us a written motivation for this?

I need the MEC to explain the frivolous spending of his Department. There is a lot of suspicion in this regard. [Interjection.] Can the Minister explain to this House what is this funding towards “transport equipment” which his Department is proposing on page 267? [Interjection.]

Can the Minister take us into confidence that this is not as a result of inadequate planning and actually constitutes fiscal dumping? Can the Department explain this? Furthermore, who are the beneficiaries of the R1 million and furthermore R3,4 million of the GAPS project related

expenditure? Furthermore, there are various entities of photographic and other equipment like computers. Why were they not addressed in the Main Budget and what is the purpose of all this unplanned photographic equipment? [Interjection.] Ja, that is what they like.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dankie tog!

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am not going to say something about what you have just said, “dankie God.” [Tussenwerpsel.] Because you use the word of God to take the mindsets of our people in the apartheid era... [Interjection.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dankie tog, dankie tog!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, that is your mindset, that is your thinking. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not an excuse, it is your thinking. On a closing remark, I humbly ask the Minister and his Department not to play with people’s feelings. [Interjections.]

On April 26, 2013 Minister Van Rensburg, the former MEC on the media briefing said to the agricultural stakeholders that his attempt to make challenges and the experience in the agricultural sector “go away through the solution of Fair Team.” Now when the current Minister takes away R15 million of money budgeted to this work to dump it on Wesgro, how does he expect us to accept the Adjustment Budget? When he takes away this money, does it mean that he and his Department do not prioritise farm workers and only farmers, because his friends are farmers like our former MEC and our honourable Minister Theuns Botha sitting here. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

'n AGBARE LID: Sy is klaar, sy is klaar ja. [Tussenwerpsel.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Comrade, ag, Mr Deputy Speaker,

An HON MEMBER: Land thieves!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, land thieves. Then I want to go to the Fair Programme and the report that the Fair gives us. On page 21 of that panel report that they gave us, they said that they have come to the conclusion that the various farm worker equity schemes which are prevalent in the Western Cape are widely perceived to have failed to empower farm workers in any meaningful way. Evidence was presented to the panel that workers who are shareholders in such a scheme were entirely in the dark as to how the entity operates.

[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Jo! Jo!

Ms S W DAVIDS: They do not get retirement funds. They do not get medical boarding, debt, when debt arrives. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Skande!

Ms S W DAVIDS: They do not receive benefits or any shareholding or any dividends. This perception appears to be widespread that the farm worker equity scheme in the Western Cape is not working to the benefit of the farm worker but to the benefit of the farmer.

Then I want to take you to that same report on page 25 where they said they were told farm workers were called into the farmer's office and asked to sign documents without them understanding what they are signing and they were told that they must just give a copy of their ID for these schemes.

Me M N GILLION: Skande!

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Then on page 26, that same report... [Interjection.]

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande, skande!

Ms S W DAVIDS: They were told if a child of a farm worker finishes school and he is above the age of 18, even if the father and the mother are part of the share scheme, that kid must pay R200.00 to stay on the farm, otherwise he must leave the farm, breaking up families through the scheme that we are saying is working in this province.

'n AGBARE LID: Skande!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Then I do not even want to mention what our Chairperson said about land reform. In this report it is stated clearly that land reform is not moving in our province.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not moving because we do not have a land reform strategy and it is said it must be developed for the Western Cape. Why is it not [Interjection.] ...that not a priority within our Adjustment Budget?

'n AGBARE LID: Skande!

An HON MEMBER: Expropriate [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: They take [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am not finished yet Mr Deputy Speaker, do I still have time?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You still have time.

Me M N GILLION: Gooi kole, gooi kole!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not much though.

'n AGBARE LID: Gooi dit, ja.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No-no-no-no, I am almost finished, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: We are almost there [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, I am almost. I want to come to the same, where our Chairperson was speaking about a Farm Worker Forum within this province and the Department is working with them. I bring it to this House that the MEC with some of the local municipalities, especially the local municipality Drakenstein, went and formed their own forum, of which DA members are the Chairs and secretaries and leaders within that forum, of which the PA of the Deputy Mayor in Drakenstein... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...is the spokesperson for that forum.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: So we cannot come and speak here of a forum that was established by the DA... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...and then we are saying we are giving funds to that forum. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The PA [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No she is not a farm worker. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: She is not a farm worker.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The ACDP supports the Adjustment Budget.

An HON MEMBER: That is expected.

'n AGBARE LID: Wys hulle daar, ja!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Like Education... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: That is expected.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...like the Department of Public Health and Transport... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You like your 325 in the City of Cape Town.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...this Department only do not have a clean audit but also have a capable female leading and heading this Department.

Mr S G TYATYAM: What is your party's [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When we had our Scopa meeting she could not be there and I heard all the accolades this lady is receiving internationally.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: There is a lot of things, this leader, this Head of the Department... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: I think he wants her job [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This Head of Department is a lady of substance. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You know, today's paper said there are findings of the South African Reconciliation Barometer 2014, a survey [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We do not trust the survey.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: A survey was released to say there is a decline in trust in government.

Me B A SCHÄFER: Ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...in Parliament and in the present.

An HON MEMBER: In this government, yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to applaud you, how you handled the case earlier. I actually prayed too... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must enjoy [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...that you have the wisdom that we do not turn into a circus like National Parliament. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: Are you praying to a black God or the white God?

An HON MEMBER: Do not worry, we pray about it.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: You pray to the black God.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Scopa said that we have concerns with internal audit. That was one of our concerns. Now money is going to be allocated for internal audit and now the ANC has got a problem with that. [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Now they have a problem with that.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: I do not understand that. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It does not belong... [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I am very disappointed [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We are disappointed.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...with the hon member's comments, very destructive. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: At most you are disappointing.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Agriculture you can make political, but this we need to [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must make your own points. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

An HON MEMBER: Make your own points. Make your own points man.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Hon member Ms Lekker I cannot see you, but I hear you somewhere.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Aikona.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, sorry, sorry.

An HON MEMBER: She was quiet.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member behind hon member Ms Gillion, I could not see there.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a point of order or a question?

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, it is a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am listening.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will speak to this one.

Ms M N GILLION: Is it parliamentary for the hon member Ms Wenger to say “they do not understand it.” These are not idiots sitting this side of the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You are putting words in her mouth. The words she used, it was not unparliamentary.

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I did not say that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

Ms M M WENGER: She is confusing me with someone else. I have a point of order though...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms M M WENGER: ... that I would like to raise. It seems that the Opposition bench to my mind are in contravention of Rule 38 and 39 because they are conversing aloud and interrupting the hon member Mr Christians.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes thank you for pointing it out. [Interjections.] I will look. I will watch out for that, but I want to also I want to appeal to the hon member Mr Paulsen for the last time. He might not see the end of the day

if he continues like this, by making continuous comments while the speaker close to him speaks. I can only listen to one speaker at a time and I hear the hon member Mr Paulsen continuously and I am serious if I say you will not see the end of this day.

'n AGBARE LID: Gooi hom uit!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians, please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I ask the ANC to show me some love. They are not doing that. [Interjections.] They are interrupting when I speak.

An HON MEMBER: Uh-uh, sit down.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: They must show me some love. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ja, we show you love.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When we had our Annual Reports they had a farm worker award where 900 farm workers attended.

An HON MEMBER: Farm walker.

An HON MEMBER: By this government.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: A farm worker award. I cannot understand the hon member Ms Davids are saying this Department is doing nothing for our people. [Interjections.] Yes, there is always more to do. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order hon member Mr Christians, your time has almost expired, just finish off your last sentence.

An HON MEMBER: Do you support the bill?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Okay. [Interjections.] No-no-no, we support the Adjustments Budget. I would have concluded with that, thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Paulsen, now it is your official time to speak.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The disposition of South Africa started with land dispossession. 80% of South Africa is agricultural land so when we speak about redress we cannot do so without addressing the issue of land ownership.

An HON MEMBER: But what about [Inaudible.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Very few blacks own agricultural land. This issue also

highlights the key failure of an ANC government. It is supposed to giving farm workers or rather landless farmers a stake in agriculture through the equity schemes. This scheme involves paying farmers to give their farm workers a stake in profits generated by the farm. Can there be anything more ridiculous?

Let us look at the table grape sector here in the Western Cape. In the Hex River Valley there are 12 500 hectares of table grape farmland and only 48 hectares are owned by blacks. Ownership is the key issue when it comes to agriculture. This is also the main cause of upheaval in the agricultural sector. Any other issue being addressed, however well intended, is only a placebo, which will never address the pain of landlessness. The Department has an annual competition and I cannot think of anything more insulting, Farm Worker of the Year Award, glorifying the landlessness of our people. I think there is a serious problem when you have a programme to teach farmers how to treat farm workers properly. There is a serious problem there. You should not put them on programmes. You should lock them in jail, but let us look at some of the issues that are of concern in this placebo department and its appropriation.

There is a cancer that has taken root in all departments in the Western Cape Government, namely the slower than expected filling of posts. Here we refer to sub-programmes 1.2, 1.4, 2.1 and the list goes on. This Department is not serious about these sub-programmes. If it was then why is there no urgency in addressing these vacancies? This Department funds training programmes

and provides bursaries for tertiary studies. It can therefore not be justified that key positions are not filled. Could it be that this DA government has its own cadre deployment programme and those posts are earmarked for specific candidates?

That said, I appreciate the oversight visit to Casidra earlier this year and I thank the hon Chairperson for arranging that. I am very impressed with the staff there, but I want to add that the work that they do does not address the serious problem in agriculture.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Paulsen, just finish off.

Mr M N PAULSEN: And that is the ownership of land for black people.  
[Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has expired. The honourable Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to all those who have taken part in the debate. Not much of the debate went around the Adjustments, but I will try to answer the speakers as they took part. I think if I want to first of all say to the Chair, thank you very much for the role you play as Chair, and perhaps linking to one of the statements that have just been made about the farm worker competition, and I will talk a little bit

about that just now, but for you and a number of your Committee members for always being there, for getting out on site, visiting, seeing what happens, because it is always interesting when you hear individuals in this House making statements and you just know they have not been to have a look for themselves. That is primarily what oversight should be, members of this House getting down on the ground, going to see where the issues are themselves and then it will be far easier for them to make statements, but I want to just highlight a couple of things out of your speech and what you spoke about. I think it is a trend moving forward with all the speakers and it talks about land reform and you all know that I have had this post for six months. I have in every single opportunity I have had to speak in this House, spoken about land reform. It is something that I personally want to involve myself in absolutely. You will see when this Department comes back next year with the Budget you will already see how the management in this Department is already looking at how we can even start to realign within the Department, so we can make sure that we play our part in land reform changes, and I call on this House to judge me at the end of this five year term on this specific topic. But with regard to land reform, and as I put it out in this House so often, it sits with the national department and we will be taking far more responsible within this space, but I actually would very much like the members in this House to also help us put pressure at a national level. I have spoken about the 49 projects funded in this province as opposed to 16 in other provinces, across the country, all other provinces put together in the country, but I want to ramp that way up. I need the members of this House to use their influence as well to help make this difference. If you all speak with

with such passion when you stand up here, we need you to help us at other levels as well to make the difference.

The Chair spoke about Africa as a focus and that definitely is a focus and you will see we are reporting on numbers and the change that has happened in the last four year or you will see in the programmes and plans going forward that Africa is definitely a focus, a very big focus and it is the focus where we will find the change in the economy, the growth that we need to be have place so we can drive many of these projects that we need to drive.

The Chair of the Standing Committee also spoke about the decrease in Budget over the next few years. This is an issue that South Africa has to apply their mind to. In this very province we have to cut R3 billion out of our Budget over the next three years because the revenue income, coming through our taxation system is not meeting the projected incomes, in actual fact because it is riding on the back of the lower than expected growth rates that we are experiencing in our country and this has the negative impact on us as a system, on us as departments, on us as a government and of course it has direct implication on service delivery at the end of the day. And other than that I just want to thank her very much for her speech and the support in this Adjustment.

The hon member Ms Davids, asked many, many questions and quite frankly if I take the list of questions that the hon member Ms Davids asked here in the House, asked in this very same room when we held the discussion with the

full Department sitting here to answer those questions... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It was not the same questions.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They were not the same questions. They were different again, but she did not listen to the answers of the first set of questions that were given to her. [Interjection.] Now she comes with a whole second set of questions and I actually wrote a note here: “were you even in the presentation on the adjustment”?, because it does not sound like you were. It does not sound like you listened to any of the answers that were given to you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Winde, it appears the member wants to ask you a question if you are prepared to take it. Are you prepared?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue, hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. One of my questions that I have asked there in the House, I am going to ask it now to the Minister again to see if he was here, because apparently he was not.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Ask the question.

Ms S W DAVIDS: My question was on page 265 in the Adjustment Budget: money was shifted from the programme, a total shifting of funds between programmes. Money was shifted from the one programme to the other programme - that was 7.1 was shifted to 5.3, “infrastructure support”. The Higher Education and Training was shifted to infrastructure support. I asked why was it done and the answer is here in my book, but I am not going to give it to you. I am asking you now the same question, why was that done?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. I will get to that answer now. The questions that were raised by this hon member; I say again, it does not sound like she was even in the House, because - and let alone speaking about filing of posts, it is actually “filling of posts” - the whole operation of an Adjustment Budget is a management tool within the overall budget. She speaks about underspending. She speaks about fiscal dumping. She said the word fiscal dumping about 20 times. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is the member [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You have to look at this as a tool in the management of your

budget system. Your budget will end at the end of the financial year and then she can start to ask her questions about fiscal dumping. This is about realignment of your budget and you have to make decisions on the process and if we take these questions that she has been asking, let us deal with that one, where we have to have a look at where we have got money budgeted and we have pressure on another side where we perhaps need, where we have given diesel, where we have given tractors to new farmers. But then there is a request that we have actually to resource so we can actually run those tractors; where she asked the same question on the same page around money that was given, and she said money was given to help the past MEC, who is a farmer. My wording that I wrote here: "She has no clue of the law." She does not understand that there is a piece of legislation in our country that says when you retire from politics, and you can ask any of these members here, because they will be banking on it when they retire from politics, this is your pension and there is a payment, an *ex gratia* payment that you get paid. It has to come from somewhere and it comes from that department which you are in. They did not know when they put the Budget together that their Minister was going to retire from politics. They could not budget or plan for it. They do not know exactly how much diesel is going to be used in this specific space or whether we are going to find a person to fill that post. They put the Budget together along with the plan and that gets approved months and months ago.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Excuses, excuses.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: It has got nothing to do with excuses. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Excuses, excuses!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM: It has got something to do with very, very good management.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Excuses, excuses!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM: Which the ANC does not understand.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, excuses.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM: When we get good management in place you will have a look at  
Adjustments Estimates [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, we do understand, it is excuses.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM: ...and I would actually challenge the hon member Ms Davids to  
go and have a look at the quantum of adjustments over the last while as this  
government gets better and better with its planning and its budgeting and its  
execution of those plans; you will see that the adjustment number diminishes

over time. Go and measure that against any other province in this country where the ANC runs. Go and measure it. She can make the statements here, but she cannot back them up and I have never heard her in one speech say this is what you are doing in this province and where we govern in another province we do it this way, this way, this way [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Uh-uh and the oversight here [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Or perhaps even in this very province [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, nothing in this province.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...where we govern in a town we will use that as an example to show you this is how it should be done. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] you have the highest [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This is how it should be done. She cannot do that at all [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] you have the highest rate of in-service.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and she needs to be told that perhaps... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We need to tell her caucus or the leader of her caucus that we need to explain this as how the Adjustment Budget is a system, a process, a part of good governance and good management.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear, hear!

Ms S W DAVIDS: No man, excuses.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Then she spoke a little bit about land reform. I already mentioned the 49 to the 16. Perhaps the last point I want to make; she stood up here and made some comment about myself forming some union or some organisation.

An HON MEMBER: A forum.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I will tell you here that I had nothing to do with the formation of any organisation of any farm worker grouping out there, but she then made some flabbergasted statement about how there is a member in some organisation who is a DA person or a DA member. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The whole, that whole forum.

An HON MEMBER: The DA member in Drakenstein.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I have no say as to how any organisation and their political party representation on that organisation happens. [Interjection.] And it is very, very interesting... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Adjustment Budget. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...because you know the other day I had a meeting with one Nosey Petersen.

An HON MEMBER: Are you funding Nosey?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Are you funding them?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am not funding Nosey Petersen, no. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, are you funding [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So I had a meeting with this gentleman Nosey Petersen.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Davids, you had your chance please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: It is my second meeting that I have had with him and you know, I have got no say as to what he [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He is a pastor.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...what his political affiliation is and in fact I do not care what his political affiliation is. It has got nothing to do with me, but where he has a union with a logo on it [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He is a Church man [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: ... and I said this to him: “You make it very, very difficult for me, because here is your pamphlet that you hand out. It has your union logo. I really want to work with you, I think that we have the same goals, but you have a political party logo on your pamphlet.” Now I have not heard you say a single word about that, nothing. Now perhaps you should actually look at it through the same lens and then come back to this House and say the same thing again.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I will. I will.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I think you should think about that. You should really think about that. [Interjection.] Then of course the ACDP, hon member Mr Christians, thank you very much for your support of this... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you for jumping, hon member Mr Christians.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The EFF, you spoke about the equity share schemes again and we had an opportunity while there was a break in proceedings to talk a little bit about equity share and I will say again, where an equity share scheme is put in place for the wrong reasons, where it is manipulation of a farmer trying to get money out of government for the wrong reasons, it is absolutely wrong

and we should close it down. That actually should be deemed as fraudulent and there should be consequences for it, but what we also need to do is we need to go and have a look at where these schemes are adding benefit, where they make a difference in people's lives and the point that I raised with the honourable member which I will raise again, I went to have a look at some of these schemes myself, because obviously this is a new terrain for me. I have to learn and I have to understand what happens on the ground and you know, I was involved with a request to say could I please have a look and see if we can support a demarcation on a property, and I went to meet with these people and I met with the farm workers who are part of this equity share scheme. You know what encouraged me there, was when the farm workers told me that they have made profits in this year and those profits that they have made they are taking and they are buying the farm next door. They are purchasing the farm next door with the profits that they have made through the equity share scheme. Then I say [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister Winde. Is that a question or a point of order?

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, are you prepared to take another question?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: No, I am tired of questions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Winde is not prepared. Please continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I always take questions but I am getting a bit tired of these frivolous questions. This scheme proved to me that when it is done with the right intentions, where the system in place is correct, it adds value and people can grow within that system.

An HON MEMBER: One farm.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: So here is an opportunity, and I have just heard the comment of “one farm”. Now we have 246 that we have measured and I estimate there to be another 250 out there; not funded by government money, but funded by [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What about that [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: ... those individual farmers who have said: “Listen, we have to make a change”, and we need to respect and honour those people that are doing it for the right reason because they are creating the value in the system. They are making the difference in the people’s lives and they are

creating the environment that is going to help us to achieve the one million jobs that we need to in this country in agriculture. We really need to work hard together on this, but with those few words, can I once again thank you; thank the Department very much for all that they do and thank those that have supported this Adjustment and hope that those others that do not get to actually understand what an adjustment estimate is [Interjection.] and how it works within a financial system. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Winde. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the next order, the second Order. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We are replying, that is how we will move [Inaudible.] to reply. [Interjection.]

2. Debate on Vote 14 – Local Government – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is a privilege for me to table Vote 14, the Adjustment Appropriation in the Western Cape. Firstly I am just going to touch on the shifts and the reasons for that.

- The first programme, the Municipal Infrastructure Support Grant, a total amount of R9 350 000. The grant's purpose is financial assistance to municipalities to ensure effective functioning of the municipal infrastructure and to maximise the provision of basic services to the citizens.
- The second shift, the Municipal Performance Management Grant, a total amount of R1 million. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to municipalities to ensure functional and compliant performance management systems within the municipal domain.
- The third programme, Municipal Capacity Building Grant, a total amount of R4 million. The purpose is providing financial assistance to municipalities to improve system structures, cooperative governance and service delivery in a co-funded basis.
- The fourth shift, the Integrated Development Planning Grant around about R1 million, the purpose is to provide financial assistance to municipalities in support of the IDP programme.
- Then the CDW Operational Support Grant, the amount of R2 993 000. The grant purpose is to provide financial assistance to municipalities to cover the operational and capital expenses in terms of the functioning of community development workers including the supervisors and the regional coordinators.
- Then the Thusong Programme, the grant around about R1 million, the purpose to provide financial assistance to municipalities to ensure the financial sustainability of the Thusong Programme.

I table the Adjustment Budget. I thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi, mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Mnqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to say this has been a very thorough exercise with an engagement with the Department officials and I think it came very clear that whatever the Department aims to achieve, they are spot-on, and when we interacted with them as the Committee obviously we highlighted some of the areas where we think that they need to jack up, and the reality is we are satisfied - I am satisfied as the Chair of that specific Committee and obviously members are at liberty to engage. That is why there is a speakers list here, but this is one of the departments that have done so much work to uplift the performance of the municipalities. Out of ten [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela, just one second. Is there a question hon member Mr Paulsen?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to know is it parliamentary for a member to wear a safari suit and a t-shirt in this House?

An HON MEMBER: No man, sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Let us not compare dress at this moment. Hon member Mr Mnqasela, you may continue.

Mr M MNQASELA: Ja, I will not wear something red. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The hon member disturbed me, but let me just go back to what I was saying. The Top 10 municipalities in the country as ranked by the Municipal IQ indicates that eight of them come from the Western Cape and obviously one of the best municipalities in terms of municipal productivity index, number one is Cape Town and the two other metros are in Gauteng.

I think given the fact that the space of municipalities does say to us the only thing that people know when they vote is that they know there is ward councillor where they live and they know there is a municipality and there is a mayor. Us as members of Parliament have constituencies and of course we work very closely with all those municipalities given the nature of our jobs. But if the municipality does not work, if there is no water in the tap and there is no electricity and roads are bad, people do not go to anybody. They go to the councillor. They go to the municipality and if you are a councillor in a particular place you become a centre of all of these kinds of things. You become a social worker, you become a scientist, you become a bricklayer, you name it. So the reality is municipalities must work and the Western Cape is very serious about this. IDP Indaba Programme has been designed to support municipalities and MGRO has been designed to support municipalities, and over and above that we have established MPACs and we

are using this Budget as appropriated to ensure that MPACs work well, to ensure that the CDWs are there as a buffer to bring communities and government, so that there are also Thusong Centres that are functioning properly, including the mobile centres throughout the country that service the far-flung communities.

The last thing that I think is important to note is what has been said by hon member Ms Schäfer earlier, that the municipalities must come to the party when it comes to farm workers so that you are able to relieve the pressure on some of the farms so that the relationship with the municipality and farm workers on the farms can be synergised, and this Department is led by Minister Anton Bredell whom I think has displayed capacity, has displayed support, has displayed the kind of leadership we need in this Department. In saying that municipalities must include those farm workers and their programmes and there is a programme that we intend to pilot with this Department so that we use alternative technology to bring about immediate services, basic services like water, electricity, refuse removal and you name them, so that the farmers do not see the baggage of having to provide these services alone to the farm workers. So that is the responsibility that I think this government has accepted and we commend them for taking that responsibility. Drakenstein Municipality seems to be leading the way. They are saying in this budget, in their MTEF they are going to include, in fact it is in their budget, that they will include those who live on farms in terms of their allocation of housing. On that note, I am happy with this Adjustment and I wish this Department well. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker en baie dankie LUR AWB. I just want to make the following points as I start, that we are doing this adjustment for some of the following important reasons, that we are halfway through our financial year and we are here to check the changes and check the progress and to check how is our baseline affected or not affected. That whether the committed expenditure is on track, especially given what the Minister of Finance and our own MEC here spoke about, the consolidation of public expenditure to force the delivery and make a firm bridge for the 2015 MTEF. But more importantly what we are doing, we are engaging in this debate because it provides an opportunity to revise the Main Budget. I am highlighting these points to help some amongst us who wish that we must have a narrow focus on this debate, especially yesterday.

We appreciated the decision taken by the Department to use internal capacity on projects forfeiting the use of consultants and thereby recording a saving in that regard. In an environment of general use of consultants it stood out as a rare best practice. I really want to give praise where it is due. Let us do that. Please cherish that. I do not know if I have got any others to follow.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are correct now.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, it is a good speech.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We at the same time raise a number of concerns and I want to take you through that. We obviously had maximum interaction with the Minister and the Department on key matters of concern including the following: the fact that the Department required additional operational funds for Disaster Management Unit. From our book this gap was caused purely by bad planning. Period. This is not an unplanned disaster. It did not rain. There were floods. There were fires. This is about operational money. That is bad planning and I said it in front of the Minister and his Department and therefore it was opportunistic for the Department to exploit this appropriation period to request that funding. You cannot just realise the need for this operational funding six months into a financial year. It is about your planning.

Secondly under-spending in sub-programme 2.6 CDW regional offices in the Overberg, because the Department cannot secure an alternative office accommodation. Clearly the effectiveness of the CDW in that region is affected. Op die einde van ons vergadering met die Departement en die LUR was hulle hande nog steeds in die lug, hopeloos. No hope of where and how they are going to solve this. We concluded that meeting without them telling us giving us any timelines when this is going to be dealt with. That is a concern we have raised. It is a serious one.

The Department is facing a serious problem of having compensation of employees [Inaudible] as a permanent source of so called “savings” due to the staff leaving the Department and posts not being filled. I termed it the “exodus of staff”. The Department gives an explanation for it and has committed to address this. Again we are watching the space. We express our concern that the top three struggling municipalities should receive better support than they currently do - Cederberg, Kannaland and Oudtshoorn.

An HON MEMBER: All ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We raise concerns about the fact that only 37% had been spent by the Department at the end of the second quarter, though the Department assured us that the situation is likely to change in a few weeks. As we stand here we are watching this space. I have nothing in front of me that says that situation has improved and it was the lowest department in terms of that.

Funds were shifted as a result of delays in the appointment of staff, yet the Department was assuring us that that expenditure was expected to increase. We certainly were not convinced about the optimism from their side. This was a general undertaking in the expenditure trends. The DA has mastered the art of appropriation. Give them credit for that. They have appropriated every progressive language on offer. They speak about the whole of society inclusive economy, open opportunity society, more equal prosperous society, the best run regional government, they really mastered the art of

appropriating good and progressive language on offer.

An HON MEMBER: And sports. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They believe their own propaganda.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But evidence available to all of us demonstrates that they finance the opposite of what they say. More about this later. They want us to look forward to a rosy picture but their 4x4s drive backwards. The NDP that the DA claims to champion speaks about triple challenges facing the country and I call them three evils, which is unemployment, inequality, and poverty, and Minister Meyer in delivering the PERO and the MERO emphasised the importance of space based planning direction. I agree with him on that, and using that I want to take you to a particular journey.

The geographical concentration of economic activities in the metro at 73%; budget distribution also followed the same trend as well as the fact that the metro is employing two thirds of the work force, because this Department is overseeing municipalities. It therefore makes sense to me to follow the money in the metro and I ask you to join me in a painful journey of where the money actually goes and in that process I want hon member Mr Christians to join me in this journey. It is quite a painful journey. I would need his prayers in taking them through this. It is a tragedy of all time...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He has got the ropes hey.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... because the financial distribution in the Metro demonstrates the DA's hypocrisy and let us have a look at some of these financial allocations in this, being the metro, and here I am just using one example, and I will take you through that. We have had a debate in this House about issues of race. I am not going to bore you about that, but I am going to say something in passing. The City of Cape Town on its capital budget in the year that we are speaking about, of about R1.8 billion, close to R2 billion that it is allocating to various sub-councils, it is a shame when you see those allocations. And here the allocation is, if you allow me to do this. If you see here in this graph, all the high scrapers that you see here, these are the sub-councils where we stand. This is the Good Hope Sub-council. It is getting R213 million of capital budget. I take you through immediately and I take you to Mitchells Plain. Mitchells Plain with two sub-councils gets R38 million.

'n AGBARE LID: Sjoel!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is Mitchells Plain. I am not going to stop there. [Interjections.] I take you to Khayelitsha with three sub-councils. It gets only R100 million.

An HON MEMBER: Jo.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will take you to Gugulethu with two sub-councils. They

get R56 million.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You are at the wrong budget.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha, Gugulethu all together cannot even get to R200 million and yet one sub-council gets that.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Jo! Shame on you.

Ms M N GILLION: Shame on you!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: If that is not unequal distribution, if using this - I am speaking facts here [Interjection.] This is not cheap talk. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is skewed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member, speak to this side.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is not cheap talk. This is not just a thumb-suck or a 'groot duimsuig'. I am putting facts together, and let me leave race aside. What is very clear here is that the Top 5 Sub-councils - this is where your rich people are in this Metro.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, it is skewed.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And yet the bulk of the money is going there.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Where you have got high levels of poverty in Mitchells Plain [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The people trust the DA. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In Khayelitsha in Gugulethu, in Philippi [Interjections.] in the South-East Metro you cannot distribute that amount of money. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Jo!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: It is not on Convention Centre. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No way. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Quite clearly, quite clearly... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is true.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: At some stage is there going to be some relevance to this contribution?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly, a big relevance.

Ms S W DAVIDS: A big relevance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Kan ek voortgaan asseblief?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Let me just say, and make a general comment about relevance. The debate on the Adjustment Appropriation really should focus on the money in the Budget, the reasons for the shifting of money and the reasons for the decrease or increase, but the practice has developed over the last couple of years that this debate has gone very wide

and it is very difficult for the Chair to know exactly where to draw the line. I want to appeal that the Whips when we plan for next year's Budget that we really look at it afresh and limit the debate to what is actually in the book related to the Adjusted Appropriation but for the moment I will allow the member to continue.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie. Ek verstaan dit is baie seer. That is why I said I want to take you on a painful journey.

Me S W DAVIDS: Dit pyn ja. [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: Pain.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is a painful journey... [Interjection.]

Me M N GILLION: Gooi kole.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...that I am taking you through. It is very painful because what it means is that [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is a painful journey because your councils [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Me M N GILLION: Hy gooi kole. Hy gooi kole.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because you speak of inclusive economy. You speak of more prosperous society.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You speak of best run regional government.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, exactly.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But now I am saying to you, you cannot finance your [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You cannot finance your walk.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly.

An HON MEMBER: What did he say? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You cannot do that. You are hypocritical in the way you do this. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because quite clearly this says to us this is clearly an anti-poor strategy and pro-rich distribution. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly! [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what it means. That is what it means.

An HON MEMBER: It is for a specific programme... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: You must [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Saving the rural.

An HON MEMBER: That is what it is for.

An HON MEMBER: It is 5% of the City's fund goes to [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay and if we go further [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Please not.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Please do, please do.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... and say on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June you gave me a response on

a question that I asked Minister Bredell ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Dyantyi, just one second. Is that a point of order?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: A good response.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: A very good response. Let me take you to that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A point of order or a question? Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is clear in that in the ANC council they do not have the capacity to submit budgets for their money.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Joseph, that is maybe a valid debating point but it is not a point of order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not a point of order. Dit is baie duidelik.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Me M N GILLION: Dit is baie duidelik [Tussenwerpsel.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Luister asseblief.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, your time is running out, your time is running out so please get to the point.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, yes, before it is rigid. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They have taken part of my time Mr Deputy Speaker.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You still have time left, hon member Mr Dyantyi. I am just watching the time.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay thank you so much. [Interjections.] I asked him a question about the indigence in the City of Cape Town in all the municipalities. He gave me a response and this is his response that shows just for the City of Cape Town in just in a year a difference between 2012/2013 and 2013/2014; there is a rise of indigence by R200 000 in the City of Cape Town and if I were to break it down for you it will go to the same areas,

where there this capital budget is not going. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: There is no money.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I want to go towards conclusion Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Social development. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Even when they speak about an inclusive economy, this economy of this province is 23.6% better than the national economy. Give them that, but this is an economy that does not take care of its own people.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because I will give an example, Khayelitsha, its unemployment is 45%.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: When this province's unemployment is 23.6% so what are you doing with the poor in this province? This is the critical question.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Nothing, nothing.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And let me therefore conclude and make the following point, that according to the Oxfam report released in November this year 2014 there are two factors that cause inequality explosion:

- (1) It is the market fundamentalism;
- (2) It is the capture of power and politics by the elites.

Both factors apply so much to the DA, I am convinced. The DA cannot finance or walk its talk.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you! [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member Mr Dyantyi

started very nicely, because I thought he has got the experience. He was the MEC for Local Government. He will understand what this is all about. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Adjustments appropriation.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And then he spoke on the Adjustments Budget of Cape Town, not this Department. [Interjections.] Not this Department. I know the ANC will show me some boards. There are problems that we saw today in Cape Town with spending, but that I will address with the Minister on a separate issue [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Nice said ja, nice said.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Because what we are talking about here is a different matter. You are voting against service delivery. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, never [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: That is what the MEC was saying. [Interjections.] He is shifting money for IDP programmes. [Interjections.] If you vote against this Adjustment you are voting against service delivery. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Sorry, sorry [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

An HON MEMBER: Please stop shouting!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I thought this member has got some substance, but there is no substance at all. He fell into a trap of cheap politics. [Interjections.] How can you plan for disasters? It is going to rain tomorrow. I need to plan! [Interjections.] I mean how can you plan for disasters? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Thusong Centres are there [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member, just one second. Hon member Ms Gillion. [Interjections.] Order!

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I ask the hon member Mr Christians a question please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians, no, his time is very limited. He says no.

An HON MEMBER: Let him feel. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: He does not get it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thusong Centres are there to help our people.  
[Interjections.] That is a fact.

Mr R T OLIVIER: If I were you I would not support this.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Now the MEC is shifting money to the Thusong Centre to bring some stability. [Interjections.] You did not give any addition to how can we improve this? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! There are far too many comments.  
[Interjection.] Hon member Mr Olivier, I am talking.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] I put down my microphone.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable, is that a question?

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, no, an order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am listening.

Ms P MAKELENI: That the speaker must address the Deputy Speaker; not the ANC.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, that is quite correct. I am watching him. Please address the Chair.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The member also complains about staff leaving. Is he stopping development; stopping promotion? Let them tell the people that “we do not want you to develop.” [Interjections.] “We do not want you to develop.” [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This member [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians, just finish off your last sentence.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This member in his speech was very disappointing and he did not contribute to this Budget, but to the budgets of Cape Town. Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjection.] Order! Your time has expired. The hon member Mr Paulsen. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker. Earlier this year we went to Oudtshoorn on an oversight visit...[Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We will support.

An HON MEMBER: Shush!

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... and I would like to thank the hon Chairperson of the Standing Committee for that opportunity. The Oudtshoorn case highlights the fact that political interference is what affects service delivery. The officials there showed great commitment to fulfilling their responsibilities. Now this is one of those municipalities that the DA does not run and it shows. There does appear to be a party political agenda to show up municipalities not run by the DA as a party political, because I do believe that it is not in the MEC's nature to be malicious. I said it once before and I will say it again. He is probably one of the nicest members on that side of the House. So my appeal to you, MEC Bredell, and I concur with the hon member Mr Dyantyi that he is one of the nicest people on that side of the House, do not allow your party's agenda to affect the relationship that you have with Kannaland, Cederberg and Oudtshoorn.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The second aim of the mission of this Department is to

promote participative integrated and sustainable communities. So why is the Department increasing funding and promoting ward committees? Surely this would help us get to the root cause of the problem in our communities. The Department should also do more to assist poorer communities like Beaufort West, more importantly as far as what I can read in that report, come next year, I would like the reports for your Department to be the first one that reflects that you have overcome the cancer of slow spending due to delay in filling posts and staff leaving department.

You also need to focus on disaster management centres and ensure that municipalities have proper contingencies in the event of disasters and yes, hon member Mr Christians, you know, you are very privileged that when it rains you can go into your house and you are safe from the elements out there... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... but in the 230 odd informal settlements or squatter camps, whatever you may call it, it is actually labour camps, because that is where cheap labour lives... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has expired, just finish off.

Mr M N PAULSEN: It is not as comfortable as it is for you that you have in

your home. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired. I see the honourable Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. Thank you for everybody contributing towards the debate. First of all allow me to thank the Standing Committee. In the Department we really appreciate your oversight role, the interaction with you as a committee was thorough and we respect that, that is your role, to keep us sharp, but I really want to thank you for that, Chairperson, and all the members. Also thank you Chairperson that you do support this, out of the IQ Report and some of the other members can also get it. That is the latest one. We received it last night. The Metro of the City of Cape Town is the number one Metro in the country and eight of the ten municipalities is within the Western Cape, the Top 10, but I think we need to mention their names because I think they put in a huge effort to service their people, and that is Overstrand number 1; Stellenbosch, number 2; number 4 is Saldanha Bay; number 6 is Mossel Bay; number 7, Cape Agulhas; Knysna, number 8; Bitou, number 9 and Drakenstein, number 10 and I want to congratulate those municipalities as well.

An HON MEMBER: You mentioned Cape Agulhas as well. [Interjections.]  
[Applause.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is also important the farm workers that we do realise ...[Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, we told you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...that the farm workers are like any other residents within the Western Cape and they are entitled to certain services and we need as a government to put our systems in place to provide those services to them and with the Standing Committee we will work very closely with you to provide services to our farm workers as well.

Yes, I must say thank you to the hon member Mr Dyantyi for also complimenting us, but consultants are not a swearword. We need to minimise them as much as possible and build capacity, but where we use consultants it is also important that we do get value for money and also a transfer of skills. I think that is the core of consultants.

Disaster management: I am not going to touch on a lot of things. The big issue within the Standing Committee for you was this whole departure of personnel according to you, and you said you have a feeling that a lot of personnel are leaving us. We have in the meantime had more or less a quick look into it and we found that we are exactly at the same vacancy rate as in

October last year currently, so it is not that there is an exit of staff, because that will be worrying to all of us. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you listening? Are you listening? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: There is different reasons why staff...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Please.

An HON MEMBER: Why are you sitting dreaming [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... leave the organisation and if staff leave us for better opportunities it is a good thing.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is what I said.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja asseblief.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Then it shows that our training, our building capacity in-house shows that it works and we have a lot of young people and we put them through training courses and if the private and other

government's spheres think they are competent and they give them a better raise and a better job opportunity, they are entitled to take it and we are very proud of that. It is a contribution towards the Western Cape, building capacity [Interjections.] all over, but that is something that you also need to manage and that is why... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And this is really like, you do not even attach that formula. I do not know how you can scheme [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Ms M N GILLION: Exactly!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You had your turn to speak, please give the Minister a chance now.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sorry Minister, I am just troubling you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...and on staff exiting, I think what is also very important is that we do have exit interviews so that we also determine the reasons why staff left, because if there is an unhappiness it is also something that you need to address. We need to manage in a responsible

manner and we will do that.

The increase in indigence, well, we need to look into that. Obviously it is to do with our economy currently. It is a big worry for our municipalities because as always we sit and we work very closely with our municipalities with the valuation roles, with the increase in their budgets because if the increase is outside of the inflation rate and so forth, all you do is you increase actually your indigence, because the bottom part of the paying class will just drop through as the non-payers and it is important for our municipalities to manage that system as well.

Well, I cannot and I will not go into the whole debate on the metro, because I think you must put those questions to the metro and they must answer to that. This whole programme - to hon member Mr Christians - you are quite right, this programme, the money that we are going to spend [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... he is the one.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We are going to spend the money on IDPs, it is crucial for service delivery. We are going to spend the money on MIC programmes. It is building infrastructure for the poor. We are going to spend money on Thusong Centres. That is with the centres where Sassa and all those departments are in. They sit in, they managed to get to around about 26 000 people last year. One programme that we need to enter now apart of it

will be money that we will spend on that; to determine did we really make a difference to those people's lives? It is one thing putting 26 000 people through. It is another thing whether they really received their IDs. Did they receive that? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They want the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So that is what is very important.

An HON MEMBER: We do not want to hear you man.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Our CDW programme, it is a programme that we have debated a lot over the years in this House. I still believe that 80% of the people within this programme are doing a great service to the poorest of the poor. Nobody in this House can argue that to develop poor people can be wrong, so the community development workers, they fill that space and they do a great job, I think. So we will always help and support that programme. [Interjections.]

To hon member Mr Paulsen, ja, the Oudtshoorn issue, I can promise you from my side that - and I accept that I also have a political position - the officials within the Department are independent. They will go out. They will support any municipalities. The problem is we also in this debate need to understand

the spheres of government and that the court's interpretation of the spheres of government is independent and we cannot just walk into a council, even though we want to, and second of all we can only work with facts. People cannot phone you and tell you that X, Y and Z is stealing in the municipality. You need to prove that by a forensic investigation, by the SIU and we enter into those programmes. The SIU report took four years. That is too long. We will need to look at that. It sat with it for 18 months in the President's office. That is too long. We all acknowledge that. I am busy with Minister Gordhan working through that.

You are quite right when you say political instability is hampering service delivery in municipalities, also an administration that interferes into the political domain within a municipality, but if you look at these adjustments again you will see that we still equally support the Cederberg, the Kannaland, the Oudtshoorn municipalities. This is not a political driven agenda. This is the agenda on service delivery. We give each municipality their equal share and maybe we are a bit more lenient towards the poorer municipalities, because I think that is the space that government needs to fill. You do get your larger municipalities, who have the capacity and who have the tax base to carry a lot of these issues, but I think it is our space to help the municipalities who do not have an economic base, so with that couple of words, I want to thank the Standing Committee and thank you for supporting the Adjustment Appropriation. [Applause.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister Bredell. That concludes the debate on this Vote. Before we suspend business, may I just remind members of the luncheon in the dining-room? Business is suspended till two o'clock.

The House was suspended at 13:07.

The House resumed at 14:00.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the third Order.

3. Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Mr Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, I again rise on these Adjustments for Vote 12 where we actually see an increase of R12,249 million going up from the R498 million of the Budget and I think in the interest of time I will just quickly mention or highlight a couple of these shifts and changes, but the same that I have said apply under Agriculture. This is a process in good governance, this is a process that obviously when you first budget at the beginning of the year, you do not really know exactly

what is going to be panning out and the good governance process allows you to regularise the changes that you make, which is good for administration, good for service delivery. So perhaps to just highlight a few things in Programme 1; if we have a look at the R1,045 million, from Vote 3 (Provincial Treasury), this is again a transversal project that you saw happening across other departments as well, and this is the internal control component. Also an amount of R5,8 million was shifted from Program 7 (Skills Development and Innovation), to fund additional skills projects such as the Schools of Skills Artisan Development Project and as you know, specifically with the IDZ that is coming on line, and also the work that we have done through the Provincial Skills Forum, already shows us where those needs are and in artisenal space there is definitely a huge need for skills development and this is also a continuation of the work that the Work and Skills Programme are doing alongside our FET colleges, etc.

In Programme 2 there is an amount of R3,2 million that was shifted to Programme 3 (Trade and Sector Development), and this is around the Cape Health Technology Park - I see Miss Jane Johnson here from the department - which is one of those strategic initiatives that she and her team had really been driving very hard; a team that really is identifying great levers in our economy, that are going to be making a big difference going forward, but of course all of those levers that her team have been involved in and specifically the linkages like I have just mentioned around the IDZ. Then of course there is a R240 000 that was shifted to the Entrepreneurship Recognition Awards, this is awarding or recognising entrepreneurs in our system. I think we need

to do that and we need to create heroes that are entrepreneurs and I think we did that very successfully, outlining a number of companies, businesses, clever entrepreneurial people who are really making a difference in our economy creating jobs, and we really need to do that. Let me just say at this stage, not only those entrepreneurs that we recognise, but entrepreneurs in our system. One entrepreneur that was present at the awards, someone who actually caught a plane just after being at the awards is Luvuyo Rani and I am not sure if the hon members of this House know, but he was part of the JCI World Congress and recognised as one of Top Ten Junior Entrepreneurs in the world, and this is a young entrepreneur from our economy right here in the Western Cape; and really well done.

In Trade and Sector Development there is a R4,150 million that was received from Programme 5 (Economic Planning), providing funding for the LNG (Liquified Natural Gas) priority projects as well as looking at bio-fuels etc through GreenCape; also very fundamental in looking to our energy needs and looking to sustainable resource use within our economic system going forward. Programme 4 (Business Regulation and Governance), R3,5 million to fund the Western Cape Liquor Authority. This is office accommodation and IT infrastructure as well as an extra R1,804 million to the Liquor Authority. We also did the shift as you saw in Agriculture and we see it here as well, this being a lead department, but in conjunction with other departments around PSG 1, our Strategic Goal 1; again it is the start of a new term looking where they are doing a study to say are we on the right track, are we doing the right things around PSG 1 and setting up that system, so we

would have seen a shift in money, making sure that that is in place, that PSG 1 is advised correctly that we develop our five year strategic plan and obviously allow in our budgets accordingly.

And lastly, Skills Development and Innovation, an amount of R5,8 million was received from Programme 1 as referred to earlier; the skills area in our region needs fundamentally to be supported, because without the right skills we cannot create the jobs, we really need to be upping our game there.

So those are the Adjustments and looking forward to listen to the debate. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Before I touch on some of the adjustments I would just like to highlight a few points with regards to the Western Cape's economic outlook in order for us to understand better how the Department is focusing its objectives. The Western Cape is not an island on its own, it is affected by global and national trends. So just to state that South Africa's economy is growing less than 2%, it has deteriorated to 1,4% in 2014 and we have in the province developed a projected range of about 3% between 2014 and 2019. We also have issues such as domestic labour unrest, we have rates hikes, we have a weaker Rand and this does not help economic performance in South Africa generally, and it also is a large contributor to an increased unemployment rate that we experience. It is key

to understand that low growth rates mean the economy will not be able to significantly create jobs, not here only in the Western Cape, but in South Africa in general and it is a general consensus that economic growth is a prerequisite for poverty reduction. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism's core function is to create an enabling environment to unlock opportunities for business to grow the economy through demand led private sector and ultimately to create jobs. So creating jobs in this kind of economic climate that I have just described is going to be a challenge. We must bear this in mind when we assess the budgets. It is encouraging to see that the appropriation of money to the Programme of Skills Development and Innovation is there. We know that youth unemployment is at crisis levels, both here and in the rest of the country. The Minister highlighted the Artisan Development Programme, which specifically focuses on training artisans exiting FET colleges and unemployed youth with a technical education foundation across various scarce and critical skills occupations, mainly in manufacturing, tool making, mould and dye, hospitality and maritime sectors. And these training artisans will also be provided with stipends, be mentored and coached and really aimed to obtain an occupation directed qualification.

Then there is money appropriated to the Work and Skills Programme which again continues to skill youth aged 18 to 35 years in the province and to establish learning opportunities to South African youth, particularly in the Western Cape's economic and social sectors. Again, this youth will also be provided with stipends and access to technical training to improve their skills

levels. Money has also been appropriated to the Trade and Sector Development and I would like to focus on that, because it is the Department's central pillar to driving demand lead growth driven by private sector. The SPV's as we so call them, special purpose vehicles, is the mechanism through which the Department does so. These SPV's have a networking role, they act as a neutral platform to build trust in social capital and they assist in unblocking constraints that hamper growth, working closely with the Red Tape Reduction Unit. Within this programme money will be specifically repatriated into fund, as the Minister stated the Cape Health Technology Park, which we believe as a committee will take the Western Cape competitively forward into health related innovation products and another initiative to fund the 'I-Can' Centre. I must commend the Department on this Programme which has been running since 2009 with an investment from the Department of about R170 million which has resulted in more than 5 000 member companies and employed more than 100 000 people. They have leveraged R290 million in key projects and attracted R3,5 billion in fixed investment in oil and gas, film, call centres and agriculture. Any money repatriated into this sector will be money well spent. I must also commend the Western Cape's initiative which involves this department in project Xoliswa, a project to achieve growth and create jobs, particularly in agri-processing, tourism, oil and gas sectors. Moreover, the Department is involved in the green economy and road map to becoming the leading green economic hub on the African continent.

But once again, I must also raise some concerns with the hon Minister as I have in Agriculture and I reiterate again that the budgets have been cut over the next three financial years and my question really is how is the Department is going to achieve their strategic objectives with a smaller budget over the next 3 or 4 years? We as a Standing Committee in this House have come out to say that these regulations will have a negative impact on all sectors of the Western Cape economy. Our report has clearly indicated these concerns. So how can the hon Minister counter-act that effect particularly when the Western Cape has set the goal to continue to strengthen the international marketing, to growth and tourism industries' contribution to the region's GDP from 10 % to 15 % by 2020, and how is the Minister going to increase the number of visitor arrivals by between 3% and 5% as promised? Also, how can the hon Minister utilise technology and innovation to become much more smarter and achieve much more for less. In other words, using less money to achieve higher economic growth. Finally I would like to thank the members of my Standing Committee again for their support and the hard work they put in, particularly the time spent during the public hearings and to the Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism and their associate entities who have all achieved a clean audit and delivered on their mandate to creating an enabling environment for growth. It is a great pleasure working with you. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. South Africa has made a remarkable progress in the transformation of our society from apartheid to democracy. This transformation has succeeded despite the country's history of violent conflicts and dispossession. In nearly every facet of life advances are being made in building an inclusive society rolling back the shadows of violent history. The South African Constitution enshrines a right-based approach and envisages a non-racial, non-sexist and a prosperous democratic society that belongs to its entire people. Therefore an economy that is more inclusive, more dynamic, in which the fruits of growth are shared equally, is what we want. However, I must say, a different story is being experienced in the Western Cape under the DA government who are actually going the opposite direction from what we want to build and which is also explained in the MDP, which was adopted by our Cabinet, which also in this Parliament we are bound to follow and make sure that it is implementable. It is important to say that the Department, and I want to use the quote from Amilcar Cabral in this case: "Tell no lies, claim no victories and hide nothing from the masses. Always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, they are not fighting for things in anyone's head, they are fighting for material benefits, to live better, in peace, to see their lives going forward and to guarantee the future of their children." I am raising this because what we have seen in terms of the shifts here, in terms of the Adjustments, it is contrary to what we want to achieve to build a better life for all in this province. What has been happening here evidently is the denialism on the part of the government, in fact, anything we raise, there is a route that the DA would follow. They will raise other parts of the provinces: 'No, other

provinces are doing it like this. The National Government is doing it like this.’ We are talking about Western Cape, which history tells us has been far better than other provinces. We are supposed to be able to deal and feed everyone in this province. We cannot compare ourselves with other provinces. If you don’t know hon member Mr Joseph, who is sitting here [Laughter.], the reality is that our National Government is committed to build an economy and create sustainable jobs of growing economy as exposed in the MDP.

It is better articulated by one of our responsible Ministers, hon Ebrahim Patel. In 2013 he launched here in this province a R300 million smart TV and fridge factory in Atlantis which created real jobs where more than 300 people were employed. Most recently, 16 September 2014, the Minister further launched a shoe factory in Paarl that created jobs for 300 people and there have been plans to employ further 240 people in the next two years. It is real jobs. It is not promises of jobs that are not being created and it is jobs created by national. We still want to see what the province is doing to invest. [Interjection.] It is important to raise all these adjustments and the critiques and we hope that our issues that we are raising here are not going to be taken on partisan lines. We are raising issues that affect the ordinary people of our province. Many of our people in the province are poor. They need to benefit when we do the shifts and adjustments. Your adjustments are silent on job creation interventions affecting the vulnerable sections of our community, such as women, youth, unemployed and people with disabilities, which are core functions of this Department, to make sure that we create employment

for our people with disabilities. We do not do that and all the shifts are not addressing that particular issue. Of course, in practical terms, these adjustments do very little to create hope or give hope to many of our poor communities. Exactly under these adjustments there will never be better lives for our people. In fact, these adjustments are actually not even coming close to start going to a road which our National Development Plan is taking in terms of job creation. [Interjection.] So it is going to be important.

Last weekend I came across a homeless young man; he asked me while I was interacting with him in terms of your party and what your interests are, and then he was clear with me saying that 'I voted for DA in the last elections' and he was questioning himself why should he continue to vote for DA if he is going to continue to live on the streets without food, without proper clothing, without shelter, things supposed to be provided by the government to him. Every time the wind blows and rain falls on him. That is what the DA said, hon member Mr Mackenzie, they do not care about people, because as long as they vote DA, whatever happened, they do not care. That is what we know. And that is the majority of our poor people in this province that are led and lied to most of the time, to vote for a party that is not having interest in them.

This Department is given, as the Minister was saying, R12 million in this Adjustment. But the question we must pose is why did this Department have an underspend of R13,5 million? If they want R12 million; they had an underspend of R13,5 million and they want more money? And I think it is

going to be important, hon Minister, to really tell us - the money that you are saying that you must receive, is it correct that you must shift money to buy cars of R1,1 million? Why must we do that, why must we allow and agree to that because that you need the car of R1,1 million, you must squish money from...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is the second time that the hon member has crossed the line.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In fact, I was watching him myself, he was not crossing the line. The line goes in the middle of the venue to his floor and to the Table, so he is actually on his side still. If my interpretation is correct, I think the Table will bear me out.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Correct, correct.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: There is no way that a sober, sensible person can actually agree on this adjustment to buy a car when many of our people are living in poverty and it is going to be important also that we must ask ourselves why most of this shift that is taking place is going to WESGRO. I think all of us agree that we do need the technological help that is being

invested in. But the same question that we must ask is why is WESGRO unable to raise that investment because they are given money by the province to attract investment? Why can they not raise an investment to make sure that we get investment that can pay for that technology, which all of us agree is a good idea, but why must all the money go to WESGRO? It is the same thing, part of the shift of the Adjustment here was money that has been shifted to premium awards. The question that we want to ask is why that money was not budgeted by the Premier's Department because we then lose our focus in terms of going out and creating jobs for the young people, for the women, for the people with disabilities; where is the interest in what we are doing, a department that pays for awards when our people are poor? We go for awards, that is the interest that we have ...[Interjections.] Therefore one is also interested that the money that is been taken to WESGRO....[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: That is being taken to WESGRO for instance for some of the programmes, the IDZ programmes, which are supported by WESGRO. The issue that we must ask ourselves, has WESGRO been able to involve communities so that communities participate in that development; because as far as I know in terms of the Annual Reports, we were told that until now there has never been a board, the IDZ Board that involves everyone. And the mandate is given to WESGRO to do that, why must our people not participate in creating and changing their lives? Are we still focussing, because for some

reason the focus in this shift is only making sure that certain sections of our communities are the ones that benefit; not the broader community as a whole. Which is what we want to change, which is why we are saying we can never support such adjustment as it is raised here; the issue that we want to ....

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam, your time is now expired. Last sentence.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes. There are monies that are taken from the compensation of employees. It is important to make sure that employees are compensated but where is the money going? [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Tyatyam, your time is now really expired. Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am very disappointed in my SCOPA colleague...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This Department must create an environment for business to grow. Now the hon Minister comes and he says, I want to take some money to develop skills. And you say talk about something else [Inaudible.]. You see, how do you address the people who are poor, how do you address unemployment? By equipping them, maybe you can be part of

those programmes...[Interjections.] Maybe you can read a better speech next time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member Mr Christians directs his debate to you rather than the ANC.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I agree with you, hon member Mr Paulsen, the hon member Mr Christians must please address the Chair, maybe that will calm him down a little bit.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We have a major problem when it comes to youth on the street. How do you address this problem? You empower them; small business should assist them; and that is why the Western Cape is growing better economically than the rest of the country. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon member Ms Davids, you are shouting together with your own members. Hon member Mr Christians, continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I really thought after a good lunch we will get better debates from the Opposition. I think we would have better debates, but my poor colleague there is not contributing, so I want to say the following: we as the ACDP support. Why do we support? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Because it is going to support the poor. I think maybe hon member Mr Tyatyam must get hon member Mr Uys's job. He will do a better job. So this Adjustment Budget is basically to help this economy grow. This other Minister is calling 300 jobs to...that is not going to solve the problem! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: What does he get in his back pocket? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: That is what you must ask! [Interjections.] What does Patel get in his back pocket? That is what you must ask!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon member Mr Christians, your time is expired. Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Before I start I would just like to concur with the Chairperson of the Committee. Yes, we are affected by global trends, big business loses profits, but ultimately the working class becomes unemployed. Economic opportunities - now this is

where white monopoly capital rears its ugly head. This is the one department that is capable of changing the economy. We are not talking about job creation, we are referring to opportunities where blacks own the means of production and we are talking about a real stake in the economy. So you would have to revisit the mandate of that entity WESGRO which has the task of creating new channels for white-owned business. The other concern that we have with entities like WESGRO is that they do not have to follow the rigid procurement processes like other government departments. Unemployment among the youth is a major concern, yet none of the programmes of this government has dented the huge challenge we have in this regard. There are solutions to the social ills, but as I have said before, this DA government, they have the attitude that you cannot teach an old dog new tricks. An apology to the old dogs. It starts with us acknowledging that 20 years of new liberal policies have proven their failure to address the legacies of apartheid. Let us accept that the government can create jobs, we need to create industries of mass employment. We would like to see this Department do more via the Budget to ensure that blacks enter the mainstream economy. The idea of creating a favourable environment for investment only favours existing business which is largely white-owned. The reports also indicate a staffing issue, namely due to staffing shortfall; officials were required to act in higher positions to ensure the continuity of projects. Thus funds were shifted to accommodate allowances. And in a number of sub-programmes you also reported savings due to prioritisations.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, your time is expired. Just your last sentence.

Mr M N PAULSEN: As the Economic Freedom Fighters, we cannot support this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I will be quite brief. First of all, to the Chair, thank you very much for the role you play, thank you for your input today and your support of this Adjustments Budget. I am not really going to flesh it out too much, you spoke about PSG 1, growth and jobs, the things that we actually need to do to make a difference; you spoke about the global climate and our growth and that is exactly what we have to do and that is what this Department has to do, that is what I need to do, we have to create the right environment; so that we can get that growth, we can get as many people in our system into jobs, as many people who can start businesses to start businesses. To go to hon member Mr Tyatyam – but I think what I will do, I will come back to him last. What I want to do is to thank the ACDP, hon member Mr Christians for his support and to the EFF, I know you did not support this Budget, ...[Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, I am trying to reply to the hon member and he...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen give the hon Minister a chance to reply to you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: So to the hon member Mr Paulsen, I know you did not support this Budget, but what I really would like to request you, is to come along and see for yourself. An oversight is supposed to really be doing just that. I have not seen you coming to one thing. You did attend one thing. You attended the roll-out of the free Wi-Fi in Atlantis; to all the rich people in Atlantis that are getting free Wi-Fi now, you did come to that project roll-out, but that was one. The only time we have ever seen you. You need to come and see what this Department does. You do not need an invite, you are a member of this Legislature, you can walk in at any stage to go and have a look at what we do; at any time you are free to do that and you need to go and see what this Department does on the ground. You need to see for yourself just as we noticed your provincial leader sitting up here in the gallery looking for himself as to what is going on here in EFF oversight, probably looking at how comfortable the seat is for himself in this Legislature.

Now to the hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Point of order, hon Minister Winde. One second, hon Minister. Hon member Mr Paulsen, what is that?

Mr M N PAULSEN: I just want to tell the hon Minister...

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you cannot tell him ... Order. Order. Take your seat.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: I do not really know how to reply to the questions that have been asked and to what has been said here, because again, I went through a whole part of my reply to the Agricultural debate on what an adjustment is and how it fits within a programme of budgeting, planning and then delivering on that budget according to your plan over time and this is an opportunity to say where you perhaps have not filled the post for whatever reason, but you do not just sit with that money in the post you cannot do anything with it, you need to then move it to somewhere where you have effect. But I will leave that to the Chief Whip in the ANC and the leader of the ANC in this House to make sure that they run their programmes so that we can get to understand our processes.

It was quite interesting when he said he came across one person so far that voted for the DA that was unhappy. One person, well, that is very good, I did not think you would find even one, but I am not really going to mention anything anymore about that. I want to focus on two things. The one is the IDZ, WESGRO, the Board. And just to say to him, and perhaps this goes to my previous point about really understanding what this process is, you need to have within your own political party a thing called a study group. In a study group – and you have a huge advantage in your political party - you could bring in someone like Minister Rob Davies or Minister Ebrahim Patel

who would give you the direct information that you need to have, because then Minister Rob Davies would tell you that for the IDZ, he, from his department, still has to supply members of the Board. He will also tell you that he has not even signed off for the SEZ's yet on the boards. He has not done that yet. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

An HON MEMBER: Inaudible.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: If I can interfere into that, well then I have more power than I thought. But let me end off with my last point which was a point that was raised by the hon member to say how great it was that his national Minister had opened this factory that created 300 jobs. Well, when I was there last week, it is actually over 1 000 jobs and it is quite interesting, because in actual fact, it was not Minister Ebrahim Patel and I challenge the hon member to get in his car, drive to Atlantis, go to the factory and ask that question. The specific question about who opened this factory and why and what involvement did this individual have in the process of landing this investment. And you know what? Ebrahim Patel had one role, he was at the opening of the factory and the reason he was there is because Minister Rob Davies could not make it. You can go and ask the question. Because in actual fact the role players in delivering that investment were the DTI - Minister Rob Davies' department, WESGRO and the City of Cape Town. And this

department with two officials sitting there and this person who is interjecting all the time, just have a look at the two people sitting there and I challenge her to go and speak to two of these officials and ask them the role that this Department played in landing that investment. The role that we played with the Red-tape Unit, the weekly meetings we had to have, the role that WESGRO played, in actual fact the CEO – who would not be the CEO for much longer, as he is moving on – is someone who that company approached who worked in WESGRO because of the role that WESGRO played in landing the investment. So you come here and you make a whole lot of spurious statements as to who plays what role, it shows you that you have no clue whatsoever. But I thank those members who supported this Budget. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Ms Davids, you are making far too many comments. I am watching you carefully now. That concludes the debate on this Vote. Secretary will read the next Order.

4. Debate on Vote 4 – Community Safety – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Plato.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. The Department's original Budget Estimate for the 2014/2015 financial year was R222,566 million. Through the Adjustment Budget process

we received a nominal increase of 3,2% or R7,119 million providing the Department of Community Safety with a total adjusted budget of R229,685 million. The major additional funding received, includes: R2,853 million - a rollover from the previous financial year for the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry; R2,5 million for the training of law enforcement auxiliary officers, and transferred to the City of Cape Town; R1,18 million for the Internal Control Unit of the Director of Finance, a Provincial Treasury Transversal Governance Project; and R1 million for setting up of the Community Stabilisation Unit. An amount of R414 000 was also transferred to the Premier's Office for the Department's contribution to the Ideas 42 Project. The additional R7,119 million allocated to the Department is reflected in the following Programmes:

Programme 1 - Administration : receives an additional R1,18 million for the setting up of the Internal Control Unit Directorate.

Programme 2 - Civilian Oversight : sees a budget increase of R3,509 million, giving it a total adjusted budget of R13,954 million. The bulk of the increase is due to the rollover of funds that was earmarked for the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. [Interjections.] [Laughter.] What happened now? [Laughter.]

The ACTING SPEAKER: Go on, hon Minister Plato.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: OK. Thank you, Acting Speaker, I am sure I have your green light to continue. OK, let me do the necessary.

Programme 3 (Crime Prevention and Community Liaison) receives an increased budget allocation of R2,43 million.

Programme 4 – this allocation for Security Risk Management remains the same at R72,634 million; and own revenue, the Department's own Revenue Budget remains the same at R16,107 million.

I hereby table the Budget. Thank you very much.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Plato. Hon member Ms Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Chairperson. The Department of Community Safety has received five consecutive clean audits and has been named one of the top performing departments by the Impact Tool which is awarded by the Presidency. It is clear that the Department runs a good financial ship and it is using its budget productively and has cut wastage. The Department received an overall 3% increase which is a nominal adjustment to its books. This Department has been characterised by innovation. It has shifted from disparate projects to a focused evidence-based programme of action which is grounded in its mandate. The Department must be supported to continue

defining oversight as contemplated in the Constitution. The R2,5 million adjustment constitutes provision for the transfer of funds for training of law enforcement auxiliary officers. The province now has to spend money on helping the City with additional reservists, because the Western Cape does not have enough police officers. There is a declining SAPS force and a declining number of reservists paid for by the SAPS. The number of reservists used by the SAPS in the Western Cape has dropped by 90% in the last five years. It is no wonder then that crime is increasing. In 2008 there were 22 000 police reservists called up on duty with pay. This number has dwindled to just over 2 700 by 2012.

The Western Cape further has the highest shortage of police officers compared with any other province in South Africa. The Western Cape accounts for 60% of the national shortage and the situation is only being exacerbated by the resignation of officers. The recruitment drive is woefully insufficient and will not even address half of the vacancies. It also means that we have increasingly inexperienced officers. It begs the question as to why the Western Cape has been marginalised, why the National Government has neglected our province? Why has it allowed the whittling away of core numbers to concerningly low numbers? Police officers' lives are now at risk, because at some stations they can only muster one officer on duty. In fact, Warrant Officer Brits was killed earlier this year and he was the only police officer manning that station. It is little wonder then that crime is increasing in this province. Those empowered to make the decisions and to make the improvements and increase the number of officers and fill the vacancies, do

not. It seems that they do not care about communities in the Western Cape that live in fear of crime.

What the National Government is doing to the Police Service in the Western Cape borders on negligence. I have written to the National Commissioner and I have sent my letters by email and fax. And one would think that a matter of such importance would warrant an urgent response. But do you think she has even given the courtesy of an acknowledgment? The National Commissioner has a lot of explaining to do to the people of this province. In the Western Cape we take community safety very seriously, unlike the Gauteng MEC for Community Safety who thinks her job is boring ...[Interjections.] and who said in the Legislature that she was only there to sign the attendance register. [Interjections.] Right.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Ms M M WENGER: R2,8 million is set aside for the wrapping up of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. The Commission was unfortunately delayed due to not one, but two court challenges by the Police Minister. The added costs...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Is there a question or a point of order?

An HON MEMBER: I would like to ask if the hon member ...

Ms M M WENGER: I am not taking a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Wenger is not prepared ... The hon member will not take a question.

Ms M M WENGER: OK?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Ms M M WENGER: The added cost for legal fees is because of the longer than expected run time of the Commission, due to these delays it caused the budget increase. That being so, this Commission ran efficiently and speedily, unlike it's KZN counterpart which took seven years to produce recommendations. Seven years! It is important to recall that the Commission came as a result of complaints that were submitted by the community of Khayelitsha and the fact finding uncovered many problems that need addressing and these recommendations will have positive impact if they are implemented.

The expanded partnership programme in which oversight is co-produced creates a funding model for CPF's. This system capacitates them to perform the duties as outlined in the SAPS Act and at the same time adheres to good governance principles. Currently not all CPF's are performing these functions and as a result are not accessing the funds that they could be. The

Department is assisting to capacitate these CPF's so that funding can be supplied in a responsible and accountable way. In conclusion, this Budget Adjustment of the Department of Community Safety is supported.[Applause].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Lekker. Hon member Ms Lekker, I am waiting for you to start.

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi Sekela Somlomo. Mandibulele intetho kaMphathiswa uPlato. Sekela Somlomo, olu hlengahlengiso lundinika inkxalabo kakhulu, ingakumbi xa ujonga olu hlengahlengiso phaya kwiNkqubo 3. Uya kuqaphela ukuba kwinkqutyana 3.2 kukho isixa esigqithiselwe ku 3.3, sixa eso sikumyinge we R1.7 isigidi nesifakwe kwinkqubo apho kuza kuthi kumiselwe inkqubo yophando yomgaqo-nkqubo kunye neentlawulo zophando lwaseKhayelitsha. Ithi ke loo nto ibonakalise mhlophe ukuba eli sebe alithatheli ngqalelo ubudlelane nentsebenziswano phakathi kwabo neCPN. Kwakhona uya kuqaphela ukuba eli sebe lithe gqolo ukucaphula kwisabelo senkqutyana 3.2. kwakhona umyinge we R1.617 mali leyo isiwa kwintlawulo yabasebenzi nenkqubo yeenkonzo. Le meko ifika ibonakale iyintsindabala kwaye iyingxubakaxaka. Itsho icace okwekati emhlophe ehlungwini into yokuba eli sebe alinamsebenzi nakuqinisekisa ubudlelane kwakunye nentsebenziswano phakathi kwabahlali kwakunye nenkonzo yamapolisa. Ingaba yile nto siyibiza ngokuba buburhulumente obukhathalayo? Nakanye!

Kwinkqutyana 3.2 uya kuqaphela into yokuba obu burhulumente bukhathalayo bufanele ukubeka iimfuno zabasebenzi phambili. Abasebenzi balo kufuneka bathathelwe ingqalelo ngalo lonke ixesha. Impilo yabo kufuneka ibekwe esweni. Umthwalo wabo kufuneka ujongwe ngeliso elibukhali. Xa kuvuleka izikhewu umthwalo uyanda, nto leyo ibabeka phantsi koxinzelelo olukhulu kuba bona kufuneka benze umthwalo owongezelelekileyo. Ithi ke le nto xa abasebenzi bephantsi koxinzelelo olumandla ukuba benze umsebenzi ogqithisileyo bathi bazifumanise bedinwa ngokomzimba nokwengqondo. Ewe, eli sebe linayo inkqubo yentlalontle yabasebenzi. Ingaba sifuna ukubona abasebenzi bephuma bengena kule nkqubo yentlalontle yabasebenzi okanye sifuna abasebenzi abaphilileyo ngokwasemzimbeni nasengqondweni, babe nempilo ende nentle? Ingaba sifuna ukusebenzela ukuqinisekisa ukuba bahlala bephile kakuhle, ngoba nesiNgesi sithi, “Prevention is better than cure.

Masiqale ke sithathele ingqalelo iimeko abasebenzi abasebenza phantsi kwazo ngendlela ephucukileyo. Ndivumele ke Somlomo ndithi inkqubo 3.2 ndiyifumanise iligumbi lokucela nokugcina imali eza kujika isiwe kwezinye iindawo nangaliphi na ixesha. Kutheni isebe lisenza njalo nje? Ingaba esi sisibonakaliso sokungakwazi ukucwangcisa inkqubo ngokupheleleyo? Yiyo ke le nto ndithi mna ndimadolo anzima ukwamkela olu hlengahlengiso. Ndincede ke Mphathiswa undinike ingcaciso eza kwenza ukuba nam ndanele, ngoba inyaniso yona kukuba ndinomnqweno wokuncedisana neli sebe nanjengoko injongo yam ikukubeka phambili isebe nabantu elithi isebe libanike iinkonzo.

Ndifika ke Somlomo ndikhwankqiseke xa ndibona isigidi esinamawaka avisayo sisisiwa kuqeqesho logcinocwangco. Yintoni kanti le sikuyo, eli sebe lifuna ukumisela inkqubo yalo yesipolisa? Kutheni eli sebe lingagxili kwiizenzo njengo intetho yalo isithi, “Better Together”?

Ingaba le yintetho nje eyenziwayo engenantsingiselo igxilileyo nemayenziwe ngamaxesha onke? Ndincede Somlomo kwakhona, ndizibona ndixhelekile ndinxunguphele ngoba ndizibona ndifika kwinkqubo yogonyamelo, kwaye yinto engalunganga kulo Mzantsi Afrika uneminyaka engama 20 yenkululeko. Olu hlengahlengiso lusengela phantsi ubudlelane phakathi koluntu kunye neenkonzo zogcinocwangco ekuhlaleni. Le ke yenye yezinto eziye zaphawulwa yiKomishoni yaseKhayelitsha, futhi ndicinga ukuba kufuneka silisabele eli khwelo ngoba ke ikhwelo lityala, masigxile kulo. Sekela Somlomo, kubuhlungu ukuphila phantsi kwale meko sizibona sikuyo, kodwa ke ndivumele namhlanje ndiguqule ulwimi ndithethe ngolu lwimi lwembolekokufuneka sithethe ngalo, ukuze ungasokoli. Ndifuna ukuthi ke ngoku ...

\*Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Let me also thank the hon MEC Plato. This Adjustment gives me great concern, especially when you look at this adjustment in Programme 3. You will notice that in sub-programme 3.2 there is an amount that has been transferred to 3.3, which amount is in the region

of R1,7 million and which has been put in a programme that will see an investigation into policy and payments for the Khayelitsha Commission. That clearly shows that this Department does not take cognisance of the relationship and cooperation between themselves and CPN. Again you will notice that this Department constantly takes money from the appropriation of sub-programme 3.2, again an amount of R1,617 million, which money is taken to employee salaries and services. This poses a big problem. This makes it clear that this Department is not serious about ensuring a relationship and cooperation between society and the Police Service. Is this what we call a caring government? Not in the least!

In sub-programme 3.2 you will notice that this caring government is supposed to prioritise the needs of workers. Its workers must be recognised at all times. Their health must be monitored. Their work load must be looked at seriously. Where there are gaps, the work load increases, which puts them under immense pressure because they have additional work. That means when workers are under immense pressure because they have additional work to do. They find themselves fatigued, physically and mentally. Yes, this Department does have a wellness programme for their employees. Do we want to see employees who go in and out of this wellness programme or do we want employees who are healthy, physically and mentally and to have a long and good life? Do we want to work to ensure that they stay healthy because in English they say, "Prevention is better than cure".

Let us first take care of the conditions under which employees are working in a progressive manner. Allow me to say I find sub-programme 3.2 to be a place of asking and keeping monies that will at some stage be taken somewhere else at any given time. Why is the Department doing that? Is this a sign of inability to plan a programme fully? That is why I say I am reluctant to accept this Adjustment. Please assist me MEC and give me an explanation that will satisfy me because the truth is that I am willing to assist this Department as my intention is to put the Department as a priority and the people it serves.

I get surprised when I see a million and some odds being taken to security training. What is this we are in? Does this Department want to establish its own police service? Why is this Department not sticking to deeds because its slogan says, “Better Together”?

Is this just a saying without a focused meaning that must just be said at all times? Help me again, I find myself disturbed because I see myself in a predicament, and that is not right in this South Africa of 20 years of freedom. This Adjustment looks down on the relationship between security services and the community. This is one of the things that were noted by the Khayelitsha Commission, and I think we should heed this call, let us focus on it. It is painful to live under these conditions we find ourselves in, but allow me to change languages and speak in the borrowed language that we are required to speak in, to make it easy for you. I now want to say ...

†The DA has constantly sought to disintegrate the vibrant and resulting [inaudible] relationships that had been cultivated by the CPF's buffering and assuming a leading role between communities and the department. The ANC's assertion is further reinforced by the unyielding upsurge in criminal levels, which while the ANC was in government we were able to arrest, thanks to the principal role played by the CPF's. What has the DA to gain by breeding a fertile ground for criminals in the province and in particular in Manenberg? Because criminals run roughshod over residents and they are unable to call for help, following their telephone lines that are stolen by these transgressors. The DA is completely [inaudible] in the increased levels of crimes at the expense of the communities from where we emanate by sabotaging the CPF's and thus are usurping communities' power to protect themselves. [Interjections.]

You further assess that in this financial year an amount has been written off to the tune of R70 000. What transpired prior to taxpayers' money being wasted in this fashion? The Department wants us to really believe that they have successfully thrown wool over our eyes. For if you as the DA assumes that the ANC will ever back this Adjustment Vote, indeed, you must try harder. How can we ever be expected to support an adjustment when our people are inhibited from peacefully and freely accessing malls due to fear of being robbed. While gangs are allowed by this government to hold our communities at ransom, by compelling them to live in fear, owing to the non-

existence of a robust counter-strategy to abating levels of crime. We therefore as the ANC reject this Adjustment Vote. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Christians.  
[Interjections.] Order, order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Deputy Speaker, I do not know when these members are going to understand the role of hon Minister Plato and his department. They are not the police. They have the oversight role. Now you are blaming the Minister for crime. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hon member Ms Lekker is sitting with me on the Standing Committee of Community Safety and she is totally uninformed. What a pity. Let me tell you what this Budget does. This Budget will give money to City of Cape Town for law enforcement auxiliary services. For those who do not understand, that is reservists. So they want to do something to make the people safer, and you have a problem with that. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And you have a problem with that. That is the problem. CPF's we have 150. Not everybody utilises their money. But surely they are doing something to address the problem. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member, just one second. Hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. You must really ...  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must really speak to the hon member Mr Christians because when he has his two minutes, he keeps on speaking to the ANC and not through you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Hon member Mr Christians, address the Chair but I want to call on the ANC to please contain themselves. There are too many interjections while he is speaking. Hon member Mr Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am listening.

Mr R T OLIVIER: On a point of order is it parliamentary for a member who is alone to say “we”. [Interjections.][Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! It is a good point but not a point of order.  
Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We, the two of us. The two of us, we! [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please calm down. Order! Please calm down in the ANC benches. Hon member Mr Christians you can continue now.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The member went with us to Nyanga, the people are doing sterling jobs, but there is no manpower. The National Government does not want to provide manpower. The levels of employment have dropped in that police station. You were there. They were there. They are not appointing policemen and we are understaffed. Those officials are dedicated and committed but you cannot blame the Department. Dr Lawrence is retiring. He did a sterling job heading the Department, because he understood his role. And they are trying to empower communities. Now they come ...  
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Are you standing up hon member Ms Lekker? Yes you can – point of order!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Is it parliamentary for the hon member Mr Christians to pronounce Nyanga as Naianga because they are two different things. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! No we [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is not Naianga, it is Nyanga.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are wasting time. Order! Order! We have a long day ahead still. This is the last day of session and we are wasting time with frivolous points of order now. Please carry on.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We as a committee, most of us are proud of this Department and proud of the MEC. Why? Because they are doing something to address the crime. They only have limited powers but this side of the House comes and criticises and says he must be the police. Where are the balls, where is this? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: In closing, because I know my time is up, I want to say this member contributes in the Standing Committee, today she is opposing this Budget. Thank you. She is part of us, and today she is rejecting it. Rejecting it!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: She is rejecting today.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Your time has now really expired.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: To increase crime I think. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon member Ms du Toit Marais.  
Order! Order!

Me A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ek wil net herinner veiligheid is almal se verantwoordelik en nie net dié van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens nie en effektiewe polisiëring dra by tot die voorkoming van misdaad. Huishoudelike geweld en geweld teen vroue en kinders word as hoë prioriteit beskou en polisiebeamptes doen alles in hulle vermoë om hierdie geweld effektief te polisieer. Polisiebeamptes is oor die algemeen goed opgelei in die afneem van verklarings, en die korrekte administrasie van saakdossiere ten opsigte van geweld teenoor vroue en kinders.

In ons oorsigbesoeke het ek gesien dat die meeste polisiestasies wel traumakamers het, en ek weet dit het dalk nie met die Aansuiweringsbegroting iets te doen nie, maar wat vir my bekommer is dat traumakamers nie noodwendig voorsiening maak of nie toeganklik is vir persone wat leef met gestremdhede nie.

Ek wil net laastens sê die Departement van Gemeenskapsveiligheid lewer 'n diens van hoogstaande gehalte en 'n rustige feestyd word hulle en hulle families toegewens.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie. Agb lid mnr Paulsen?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. This House must be aware that the Department of Community Safety is currently under review by the Department of Labour for its employment equity performance and has to submit a reviewed plan before 16 March 2015. At the initial meeting with the Department of Labour, when the Department of Community Safety was summoned on 1 December 2014, that was just a few days ago, with the active unions present, the Department was informed that the employment equity plan was not compliant with regulations.

We have always contended as the Economic Freedom Fighters that this department has become a haven for recycled old white men and former Correctional Services employees of the current Chief Director Secretariat Safety and Security. Is this not nepotism? Is this not criminal and we are expecting the Department of Community Safety to keep us safe in our communities? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just one second. Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is convention that we do not attack civil servants personally in the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear him mention any particular names but in general, did he mention names?

Mr M G E WILEY: He might not have mentioned a name but he specifically designated a post and a person's former career.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, if that is the case hon member Mr Paulsen, refrain from doing that. That is a convention we do not get personal in the House in that respect.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I will do so. Second to landlessness and racial discrimination, the hardest pressing crime category in the Western Cape is drugs and gangsterism, a problem that has been around for decades and that is not being adequately addressed. There is an appropriation of R2,853 million and R3,5 million to the Budget of the Department of Community Safety for the Khayelitsha Policing Commission and for the appointment of law enforcement officers.

For this Commission of Inquiry to be a plausible initiative it must either address the whole province and not be boxed into Khayelitsha or it should investigate other communities more dangerous than Khayelitsha, and there are many. More investment must be made on the social crime prevention

intervention programmes and youth programmes in this province, and they must be spread out more. I concur with the hon member Ms Lekker, prevention is better than cure.

The appointment of the officers should not be for mere police presence in areas but to give the police reservists permanent jobs and these appointments should be coupled with programmes that will guarantee a more efficient criminal justice system.

As with other departments this Department has to relook at its priorities, and as a result we vote against this Appropriation. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Mr Kivedo?

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ek wil van die geleentheid gebruik maak om net Minister Plato en sy departement geluk te wens met die uitstekende werk tot dusver gedoen en ook die omsigtigheid waarmee hulle by die Aansuiweringsbegroting omgegaan het, in terme van regtigwaar 'n gesistematiseerde program aan te bied. Die verskuiwings is sinvol, so ook die aanvullings.

Daar is net een aspek wat ek graag wil uitlig en dit is die Uitgebreide Vennootskapsprogram en die impaktering daarvan op die gemeenskap polisiëring forums. Die Uitgebreide Vennootskapsprogram wat dan gepromulgeer is in terme van die Gemeenskapsveiligheidswet dink ek kan as

'n katalisator gesien word op die gemeenskap polisiëring forums waarvoor agb lid Lekker baie bekommerd is om weer nuwe lewe in te blaas. Weer op te kikker en ook in lyn te bring met 'n befondsingstruktuur veral soos agb lid Wenger ook gesê het waar hulle onderbestee het en nie altyd die mandaat soos aan hulle opgelê word deur die Departement uitgevoer het nie.

Ek dink dit gaan ook basies oor die pligstaatomskrywing wat duideliker gedebatteer en geformaliseer is sowel as dispuutresolusie. Dit is ook 'n voldonge feit dat die gemeenskap polisiëring forums voortaan dan ook in terme van hulle intensiteit of vlak van dienslewering gekompenseer sal word, in terme van befondsing en ek dink dit is 'n stap in die regte rigting. Dit is 'n program Minister wat ek dink die Ministerie tot groot voordeel gaan strek.

Ek is ontsettend trots op die Departement, ek is trots op minister Plato wat op grondslag besig is met sy mandaat; waar die koeëls vlieg is hy daar, en waar dit brand is hy ook daar en waar dit druk is hy ook daar. So ons is dankbaar daarvoor en ek wil net afsluit deur te sê ek neem dit ter harte. Nyanga – is my uitspraak reg? - een van die grootste misdaad-geïnvesteerde gebiede in die Kaapse Skiereiland het die bes funksionele gemeenskap polisiëring forum in die Wes-Kaap. Dit is 'n pluspunt omdat ek dink hulle is deursigtig en verantwoordbaar in hul omgang met hulle spandering en ook die wyse waarop hulle hulleself struktureer en ek dink as almal die voorbeeld kan volg sal ons ver kom met GPF's.

Baie, baie dankie mnr die Adjunkspeaker. [Applous.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie. Agb Minister Plato repliek?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. With regard to some of the issues raised, I think it is important to note that we are definitely not the South African Police Services and we do not have any operational control over SAPS and we try our best to assist the police to assist the communities. I hear this afternoon, communities are under siege. That is correct. Looking at gang violence and the drug problem we try to address that to the best of our ability, but we cannot arrest, we cannot investigate and I think it is a bit unfair from the other part of the House to be of the opinion that we must stop the violence ourselves.

It is not for us to stop the bullets. That is why we are talking about a collective approach, a collective approach you do not want to hear about it, you do not want to know about, but the hon member Ms Lekker raised the issue of prevention is better than cure. It is exactly what we are doing, but then the member must also assist us so that we can execute what we need to do in our communities and to support our initiatives in many of the communities.

Our religious outreach programme, where for the upcoming December holiday period, we hope through that programme to keep in the region of about 30 000 of our youth busy, to keep them off the streets. I have not seen my counterparts on the other side say that they support such a worthy cause

and initiative. I would like to see that because we cater for religious institutions across the board and youth also from all walks of life and communities.

FET College initiative - you get the poor gangster drug-stricken youngsters out of their community and you get them into education. I have not seen any support from your side in that regard. Then also the Safety Lab initiative, and the Edu-Football Training initiative. What is happening via Edu-Football in Khayelitsha, the evening or night soccer programmes - the other day I took some of Khayelitsha's leaders to Edu-Football. They were not even aware of that. So the good projects and initiatives need to be supported by the whole House because when bullets fly in our communities, a bullet does not ask if you are ANC, does not ask if you are DA and does not ask if you are white or brown or whatever. If that bullet flies and hits you it can kill you, irrespective of who you are. So I would like to see a situation where we address the gangster problem and the under-siege issue in our communities as a collective.

We must keep the politics out of that and this is based on that. The Khayelitsha Commission of Enquiry, the impact of that, you do not, will not feel it in Khayelitsha alone. We will feel it across the Western Cape Province but even countrywide, because calls received from other parts of South Africa asked; how did you get it right? What steps have you taken? Policing is not a problem in the Western Cape alone, it is a problem countrywide. My PNP outreach meetings with everybody involved with an

interest in safety and security are packed and the issue is our safety. Our communities are worried about their safety, and I have said it to the police many a time, it is not a case of criticising the police. From where we are sitting it is to look into SAPS and to say there is a problem, there is a problem, there is a problem and likewise the issue about the police reservists.

I have said it even last night, at the big Kensington Broader Cape Town PNP meeting, it was a mistake to let thousands of police reservists go. It immediately impacted on the police visibility in our communities. Why withdraw them now while we have this under-siege problem in our communities? If the ANC, my colleagues this side, continue to get at me for that then I want to say maybe there is some political undertones attached to that because for what reason is it that you are depriving the police of resources and of manpower in their communities, but I do not want to go into that right now.

Moenie daar gaan nie ek dink is goeie advies. Laat ons daar weg bly. But you will force my hand to go there. This issue about the upsurge in criminal levels now that the Democratic Alliance is in power - I can hit back by saying exactly what I have said now, you withdraw the specialised units; the drug unit, the gang unit, the police reservists and then we hear noises about other units as well to be taken away. The question then is why, is it because the Democratic Alliance is governing the Western Cape? Is that the reason? Is that the reason?

With regard to the CPF elections, I would like to thank you, my colleagues on the other side as well, thanks for noting the CPF issues. Yes, there are challenges, there is monies lying for CPF's, for projects but as constituency heads assist your CPF's in your area to work with the Department. It is a sin – previously they were shouting no-one is looking at us, there are no funds to do projects etcetera, etcetera. Now the funds are there and the funds are lying there. The funds lie there.

The moment we withdraw the funds again it will become another political kind of football. Please capacitate your CPF's to begin to utilise the funding. Also now with the CPF elections what I pick up is the fact that there is still a lot of CPF's playing a political game. With regard to the trauma centres, colleague Anroux, we will – ons sal daarna kyk, ek verneem jy sê dat baie van die traumakamers is nie toeganklik vir mense met gestremdhede nie, ek dink dit is 'n baie ernstige uitspraak en ons sal dringend daarna kyk, dankie dat u dit onder ons aandag bring.

Agb lid mnr Paulsen ek neem kennis van die kwessie rondom indiensneming en ons hanteer daardie aangeleentheid met die Departement van Arbeid. En dan natuurlik ook die agb lid mnr Christians, baie dankie vir jou insette. Dit is 'n baie, baie ondankbare taak om veiligheid in gemeenskappe te verseker en saam kan ons 'n baie beter bedeling vir ons gemeenskappe beding as ons die politiek daaruit hou. Ten slotte, die kwessie rondom die hulptroepe is regtig nou dat ons daardie paar duisend reserviste verloor het en dat ons net kyk of ons daardie gaping kan toemaak. Geweld om die skole; om van daardie

manne daar te plaas as die skole nou volgende jaar dan open want dit is 'n ander probleem wat ons politici moet oplos. Hoe is dit moontlik in ons gemeenskappe dat wanneer ons kinders moet skool toe gaan dat bendes besluit hulle wil nou eers skiet? Dit is asof hulle nie omgee vir die opvoeding van hulle eie kinders in hulle eie gemeenskappe nie. Daardie R2,5 miljoen wat ons na Stad Kaapstad toe gaan stuur, ons gaan 'n definitiewe sê daarin hê oor die plasing van daardie offisiere as hulle aangestel word in ons gemeenskap want ek wil ook die hoop uitspreek tussen ons en Stad Kaapstad dat ons moet seker maak [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde!

Die MINISTER VAN GEMEENSKAPSVEILIGHEID: ... ons stel ook van ons gesoute opgeleide polisieerserviste aan wat nou by die huis sit wat nou hulle tyd by die huis verkwis en vermors. Op daardie noot, baie dankie.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie. Dit sluit die debat oor die pos af. The Secretary will read the next Order.

5. Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development - *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I rise seeking this House's support for Vote 7 of the Adjustment Appropriation Bill. This Adjustment Appropriation Bill helps us continuously focus our efforts and reprioritise our response to its service delivery environment. As the Department of Social Development we have experienced significant budget pressures, however, I am pleased to announce that the Department is well on track to spend all its funds as projected.

The Department's main appropriation was R1,755 billion and the adjusted appropriation is R1,757 billion. This is a slight increase of just over R1,7 million which are funds we received from Treasury and we all know it is for internal control. The funds are ring-fenced to improve the management of our internal capacity. Honourable members, as you study this Adjustment Appropriation Bill you need to constantly remind yourself that we have statutory obligations on our budget which places considerable, but in my view, welcome additional obligations on this Department. In this regard, I want to specifically say that those obligations within the Children's Act, within the Older Person's Act, in the Substance Abuse Act: we take those obligations very seriously. That when old age homes must be visited once a year it must be visited substantively not to go count the blankets but to look at the treatment and the conditions of old persons in those homes.

Also the visits to children's homes and the inspectorate of children of which I am so happy to announce I have started the first one in the country, and I see now the National Department of Justice is looking at actually inculcating

that into the Children's Act, making it part of the Judicial Inspectorate. It is a good move to look at ensuring that effect is given to Section 28 of the Constitution but also that the rights of children are taken seriously.

Therefore key shifts, and I want to emphasise, key alignments in this Budget and its alignments that we are busy with, have to be made in order to maintain and in many cases expand services, but most importantly, to maintain norms and standards. What is a very interesting trend that runs through our Budget, and you will see this countless and countless times, is the pressure of compensation to employees and how we need to adjust service delivery funds to compensate employees specifically with CPI increases. This is an important point because hon members, we are in for a big shock. When the new 15% comes that we have heard about, I do not know where we are going to get the money for 15%. And this is the point about this appropriation, about shifting, about this Adjustment Budget, it is about those hard issues that we need to take.

Hon member Ms Lekker is not here but she spoke about the wellness of workers and of employees and she spoke about employee compensation. The pressure for service delivery is huge and sometimes we are forced not to fill posts. You know, there is this romantic idea that we must fill all the posts. Sometimes if you fill the posts you are not going to have money for increases for those posts and so that sometimes elevates the kind of pressure to pay people increases that the unions unfortunately have enforced. Of course

worker's rights must be protected but the unions demand, I think, sometimes about average increases. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Agb lid me Du Toit Marais.

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Die uitdaging vir die Departement Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling is altyd om die beste moontlike diens aan die armste en mees weerbare sektore van die gemeenskap te verskaf. Die Aansuiweringsbegroting fokus dan ook op maatskaplike dienste, kinders en families. Gesien in die lig hiervan is dit dringend noodsaaklik dat die beleid ten opsigte van die Nie-regerings Organisasies wat beter bekend is as praat van NGO's hersien en streng toegepas word. Die NGO's moet verantwoordbaar gehou word en voldoen aan die vereistes wat gestel word soos byvoorbeeld die verskaffing van finansiële state en die implementering van hulle programme met 'n verdragveranderde uitkoms en met 'n uitkoms wat lewens verander.

Finansiering aan die NGO's om die programme te fasiliteer en te implementeer wat effektiewe dienslewering aan arm en weerlose gemeenskappe verskaf moet gemoniteer en geëvalueer word en ek verwelkom juis die laasgenoemde inisiatief van die Departement. NGO's is nie-winsgewende vrywilligers wat taak georiënteerd is en dien 'n gemeenskaplike saak nie vir winsbejag en eie belang nie.

Die Departement bied allesomvattende diens aan vir die voorkoming en behandeling van middelmisbruik en -afhanklikheid. Meer nog, die Provinsiale Strategieë word geïmplementeer en nie net oor gepraat nie. Die Aansuiweringsbegroting word ondersteun.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie. Agb lid me Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, the objective of the Adjustment Budget process provides government in the middle of each financial year the opportunity to revise the Main Budget in response to changes that have affected spending. The Adjusted Budget may allocate unused funds in the Provincial Revenue Fund or Asset Finance Reserve. The Adjusted Budget may allocate any additional funds received from National Government and allocate additional amounts approved from provincial sources for particular types of spending.

The Adjusted Budget before us today does not do any of the above and I will illustrate this. On the contrary, service delivery allocations are shifted to internal capacity within the Department. It goes further; this Budget Vote 7 is a factual insult to service delivery and the plight of the poor people of the Western Cape. Two matters of serious concern run throughout this Adjusted Budget. I highlight this before you today and I will illustrate this through my assessment of this Adjusted Budget.

These matters reflect on service delivery or rather the lack of service delivery because without them one cannot do service delivery. It is; 1. The non-filling of vacancies and 2. underspending. On page 163, Programme 1, the MEC appointed a head of ministry in his office. The MEC's response in the Committee is that this person is already employed in the Department and money is now appropriated to fund his salary. This is unacceptable, and calls for illegal labour practices. Why is this person not funded for in the Main Budget? Why does he have to appropriate mid-year for a position that is assumingly under the organogram of this Department.

Page 164, sub-programme 3.3, Childcare and Protection. The Budget reads 'under-spending due to non-compliant organisations'. The matter before us is reduction in the spending of the NGO sector and therefore service delivery to the poor. At our last Committee meeting, a community member, Mr Nortjé, came to the Committee to plead with the MEC not to take away money from the NGO's. This is a serious indictment to the NGO sector and it means that services to this sector are taken away.

I want to recognise and thank the Chairperson of this Portfolio Committee for the way in which he has conducted his oversight role and not playing party politics when we are in our Committee and doing our oversight.[Applause.] In our last Committee meeting, the ANC asked for a thorough investigation into Programme 3 and it was taken as a resolution in this Committee and no party politics was played.

I want to go further in asking the MEC about what he said that this department is serious with regard to the rights of children. According to Programme 3 in this Adjustment Budget you are taking the money away from that programme. Are the poor children and families really important to this government? I would also therefore go further, because at the end of this financial year it will be zero in the Budget in that programme. I want to go further and ask Provincial Treasury to do an investigation into this matter.

Sub-Programme 3.4, ECD and Partial Care: underspending due to non-compliant organisations. What does this mean? NGO's in this province have been giving and providing services to the poor people of the Western Cape for the last so many years - I cannot even count. Now, suddenly, they are not compliant. My question in the Committee was and it still is: must we not review our entry levels for NGO's; or does this Department not support the NGO sector in this province? These are critical service deliveries to our people and organisations. Something is wrong in this Department. Why now all of a sudden is it not compliant?

This is not all; sub-programme 4.2 -Crime Prevention and Support. A critical area in the Western Cape is again neglected. The DA calls for the army to intervene but they do not appoint people to do the job. The Budget states 'underspending' due to non-filling of vacancies. This is a practical joke. Why are these basic things not happening in this Department? These are service delivery matters and need very urgent attention. I think the DA has lost the plot. Why is it that service delivery mechanisms are not getting the

serious attention they deserve? Instead, money is being moved to operational matters. That is wrong.

I continue, I am still speaking to the non-service of this Provincial Government in the key critical programmes for which the National ANC led government is giving ample funding to the Provincial Government to do so. The ANC was elected with a majority vote and is leading government in this country, please accept that. It is not happening.

The following programme again speaks to the same non-delivery of services. Sub-programme 4.3 - Victim Empowerment: underspending due to non-compliant organisations. These programmes are all priorities in the Western Cape and the DA government has now through their selective budgeting illustrated that they do not care for the poor and the children of this province.

I continue, sub-programme 5.1 - Management and Support: underspending due to non-filling of vacancies. In this case, the money is being moved to the following categories; funding of salary increases, shortfall. How does savings on non-filling of key critical programmes pay for salary increases? I have not come across this level of non-compliant budgeting and for this alone this Department should get a qualified report for the next audit.

I continue, I must add it is not getting better. Sub-programme 3.4 - ECD and Partial Care. Is this not important for this province? Again, underspending due to non-compliant organisations. Listen to this, the money is being moved

to the following categories; fund salary increases and fund the shortfall for the Government Garage. What is happening in this Department? How is money meant for the poor moved to operations? Is this not a transgression that should be raised with the auditors at this stage or should we not call for an investigation into this matter? Early Childhood Development is a key critical priority on a national level and the money is moved to a government garage.

We are now moving to Poverty Alleviation. Here we all agree in this House what this means for our country. Sub-programme 5.4 -Poverty Alleviation and Support: underspending due to non-compliant organisations. The DA is collapsing the civil society movement in South Africa. This is an indictment on our democracy and this is wrong. I ask you where did they move this money to? To fund the shortfall of a government garage. I illustrated the two factors of this Adjustment Budget and I said in my opening those two things are the non-filling of vacancies and underspending.

The ANC recommends that this Budget should not be approved and it should be sent back to the Department for revision. The concerns highlighted in my assessment must be sent to the Auditor-General and the Provincial Treasury for further investigation. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we support this Adjustment Budget. The ACDP supports this Adjustment Budget ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You see the previous speaker is very selective in what she is saying. She mentioned underspending but she does not say underspending in subsistence and travelling. That is a positive saving. She does not say underspending due to transfer of photocopier leases. She does not say those things. But what she wants to do is again, like the ANC from yesterday to today, play political games with the people's lives of this province. That is all they want to do.

Now the important thing is. This is not a budget. The member said it is a budget, it is an adjustment budget. She gave a definition that she got ten out of ten but then she failed the test in her speech ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...because she did not address an adjustment budget. Good governance comes when you look at the needs of the people and realise, that is what you must do. That is what the Minister is coming to ask; I want to realign this Budget to look at the poor. The member's report spoke about NGO's non-compliance. Must the Department give money even if people do not have paperwork?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Christians. Is there a question?

An HON MEMBER: A question, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you prepared?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I am not prepared.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is not prepared.

An HON MEMBER: I want him to ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I however do have a concern and this is what the MEC has raised. Service delivery and increases of salary, how do you balance that because we need to address that – the Department must give salary increases but can we not look at other realignments that will not affect service delivery? That is the question we must ask.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Ms Makeleni, I am watching you, you are making far too many comments there, continuous comments. Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We know that NGO's play a critical role when it comes to poor people, we know that but we cannot give them money if they do not have proper record keeping, if they cannot account for those monies. We cannot do that. We cannot do that. So I want to ask the ANC to contribute to the debates and not to look at all the negatives ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, order! Your time has expired, just finish off your last sentence. Hon member Ms Makeleni.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: All that I want to say is if the ANC votes against this budget they are voting against the poor people, they must know that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The welfare of this country's disadvantaged and marginalised is the primary aim of this Department, with social grants being the most highly appraised of its programmes. Over 56% of South Africa's children live under the poverty line while adults percentages are in the thirties. Unemployment is at 23.6%, youth unemployment at 67.8%. This province's stats are not far off. This is despite over 30% of the population receiving social grants and over half benefiting from some form of social assistance proving social programmes as

they stand are neither a safety net for the poor nor adequate to be used as the main tool to alleviate or reduce poverty.

It is then very surprising that this Department does not have a bigger budget appropriation. As EFF we are of the view that social grants cannot be used as a permanent solution to South Africa's poverty and unemployment. Other options must be provided and in the interim social grants must be substantially increased. We should cut government officials' salaries if need be. It is the responsibility of this Department to hold public hearings and eventually have the National Assembly make this issue a priority.

This Department prides itself on allocating over R5 billion towards services of persons with disabilities but poor communities hardly have access to these services and upon completing school disabled people are virtually unemployable.

Should this Department not be working extensively on projects to provide a safety net and sustainable livelihoods for disabled people in our society then?

Not even half of the government departments have met their already low target of employment of disabled people of 2%. 0.08% of the workforce in this country are disabled people. Disabled people have always voiced that they do not want to be dependent but want to be participants of South Africa's economy, so when will we ever listen? Where do all these billions go? When will we prioritise the needs of the disabled as we do others? We

therefore vote against this Budget Appropriation because it is inadequate.  
Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expired. Hon member Ms Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The DA supports the Budget Appropriation Adjustment for the Department of Social Development. The DA supports the Department's aim to promote social inclusion and reduce poverty by providing access to sustainable community development programmes to create opportunities for all to become self-reliant. I commend the Minister for more stringent measures in the monitoring of programme implementation of NGO's.

Very often NGO's use the same funding as a political tool before services are rendered on the ground. I need to note however that it is very clear that the ANC not supporting this Appropriation in actual fact is their support of no service to the poor. Hulle retoriek van ondersteuning aan die armes is eintlik net lippetaal al gee hy nie werklik om nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die DA ondersteun die Departement se Aansuiweringsbegroting Wetsontwerp. Dankie.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie. Die agb Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to start off by just saying to the Chairperson, hon member Ms Marais, thank you for chairing and I want to concur with the hon member Ms Gillion that I think you are an incredibly good chair and I think you are absolutely impartial and I have seen you in action. Sometimes we lose our cool and you actually keep and steer the ship and I completely concur with you that we will not move hon members away from the notion of accountability. We are managing taxpayers' money. As romantic as we want to be about the money we need to hold people to deliver, people cannot steal the money. Those are the two issues that the hon member was talking about; the idea of compliance. Now, compliance refers to people not submitting reports, people not being able to account for how they spend the money and this is after capacity has been built for those organisations.

It is not like punishing those organisations, it is really capacitating them, taking their hand. The notion of entry level, I honestly do not know what that is, because as people come in, we look at them, we try and capacitate them and we take them by that.

I want to just say this, because sometimes I think a lot of us live in a bubble, we have no clue of realities, and I was last week on a farm, Goedverwacht, where I was working on the Nelson Mandela Fund. I told the Nelson Mandela Fund that I am the only MEC in the whole country that ever comes to any of those engagements, because I go to all of them. It is always a very valuable experience because we met with a number of NGO's on the farm and again

that gave us time to interact with NGO's and to discuss. It is so amazing, the Nelson Mandela Fund says the identical thing, they say to NGO's: we will not stop you but will not fund you if you do not comply, simple.

And the second thing if you do not comply we do not see impact. "Why are we funding?" That is what the woman asked. She asked: "Why are we funding it?"

So, you know there are a lot of people concurring with our approach and I want to make the point that it is not about punishing anyone. I think if I look at the faces in this House, I think there are too many NGO's. Elke iemand wil 'n faksmasjien hê en 'n telefoon en 'n NGO-nommer en dan doen hy aansoek vir bevordering en wat hy dan met die geld gaan maak weet net die man van bo, niemand anders weet presies daarvan nie, en as hy nie gekonsulteer word nie dan is dit ontsettend belangrik dat daar diens gelewer word. [Tussenwerpsel.]

It is that. I am coming to you. You actually made a very good contribution but I am coming to you hon member. And so I want to again say thank you to the hon member Ms Marais. Hon member Ms Gillion, I actually think you were very well prepared. It is good to see members preparing, and I am not patronising, because the issue is about robust debate in this House, and I welcome that, and I do not take offence for anything, I really do not, but I really think we need to look at the two issues.

The underspend is in the one column like the hon member was saying, and then we adjust the Budget. Now the underspend, and I also like his selective point, because hon member Gillion, we have also for instance banned catering for meetings, internal meetings, long ago. Long before Treasury came up with this idea of no catering, we banned it long ago, because when I arrived at this Department a normal management meeting was like a 21st or wedding in our areas. Remember how a 21st is, die oggend kom die mense vir brekfis, 'n groot warm ontbyt, warm breakfast, for lunch its even bigger than our weddings - because it is government money. I could not believe it. That was the first and the last and it never ever happened again. So I just want to say we have started with these austerity measures.

Now, those are savings but it gets reflected as underspending and this is the point. I mean then you shift it, that is what the hon member here - you know a lecturer in economics told us you can shift that money to where the need is, hon member Ms Dijana, you shift that and I think the point [Interjections.] the point, wait I am coming to that, but what you are also not saying hon members, why you are also very selective, is that we have expanded a number of service delivery areas; like the place like Slanghoek of wat is die plek se naam, Kop, Slangrivier, jammer, Slangrivier het nog nooit vir ons gesien nie - so we go and expand services there on the ground, organically giving the services to people. We did not hear that, you do not say that. I must admit the members only tell me in the passage: hey great work, thank you. In the House they do not say it. I go to where the people are.

So please, hon members, let us not selectively do this. Let me just explain this point about the HOD. I have a head of office. Now let me tell you please, hon members, my head of office was first my head of ministry. In the meantime he was eventually after someone else - you remember the debates we had in the House - he was then seconded to become the Head of Department but we could not, we had to use or continue with that month and budget for him and he still got his pay from here until he was appointed. So that is why we have that amount there for the HOD and the HOO.

Let me also talk about the issue of operational. Hon members, we cannot expect our social workers to hitchhike to see their clients. There in foster care, Manenberg, they hitchhike. We need to balancing our stuff here about service delivery. Let us see that the operations are in place and that is why Government Garage comes up. Ons het nie – it is not like some – I hate Government Garage by the way, hon member, I hate them with a passion but we are forced to operationalise and get our social workers to our clients.

Hon member Ms Gillion you made the point about hon Kortje, who is the NGO man now. I have known him for about 20 years, he has always been in the NGO. [Inaudible.] Hulle kla altyd hulle kry te min en dit gaan mos nou so wees. You know we really look at our NGO's and I tell you something that we do that will surprise the House because everyone will always say we are not getting enough and we know that. It is a very interesting point you are making because it is precisely Treasury's acknowledgement of us, in fact saying thank you to us and therefore we have a clean audit, that in fact it

would be very interesting for you to subject us to an investigation because it is the very Treasury of the very AG also who is saying: you are doing very well, therefore you got a clean audit.

So you will see also, you will be surprised. Treasury is so impressed with us so it will be lovely to subject ourselves to that and I really welcome that, what did you call it, an investigation. I want to also just very quickly talk about the crime prevention. Now you know this name is misleading. I have said this in the House, I have said this in our committees. This is about diversion programmes, this is about programmes that deal with some of our childhood youth care programmes for children in conflict with the law. It has got nothing to do with programmes in communities and preventing crime. I just want to make that point. And so what we have done with a lot of that money that is saved there was also pushed to assist with other programmes but specifically child and youth care was under massive pressure. Child and youth care, hon members, the gang fights are filling our centres. Now that is a reality and then we have to shift again so it is within the children's sphere that this is still happening.

I also just very quickly want to talk about the ECD. Again that is a non-compliance issue. There is nothing I can – I will not just continue fining people but we will always look after those children. That is a last resort, hon members. The non-compliance is stopping us but it is a last resort. It is not the first instance and I want to make that point. We really will try and get as far as we can.

You know what hon member Mr Christians, I think you summed up the realignment very well. I think and you know the issue of the tension between service delivery on the one hand and salary increases. In fact you must tell your alliances, NEHAWU, please ask for a lesser increase this year so that the people can get services because government is too bulky. Why must we fill all the posts? I will not fill unnecessary posts because government is a bloated bureaucracy. It is a stupid place, nowhere else does this work. So why are we continuing asking about filling of posts in this House, why are we continuing to ask it? We are saving money for service delivery for the filling of stupid posts and that is the problem in this House and the reason and I think you make the point, so that unions also ask: listen we are under pressure, ask for less increases, we are under massive pressure.

But here, ons gaan 15% increase vra nou, 15% hon member Ms Lekker. Yes! I just want to make another point hon member Ms Gillion. You know our disability programmes in the Western Cape and now the norms and standards are being rolled out nationally now because there is a best practice. As I said the other night at the National Disability Awards evening; I said: we are not in competition, hon members, with other provinces. Where we see a best practice ...[Interjections.] Where we see – Let me say, let me ...[Interjections.] We are not in competition.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Where we see a good programme in the Northern Cape I will import that programme in the Western Cape if it is a good programme. There is no competition and it is because there is possibly no competition. Ja, that is because of that.

Hon member Mr Paulsen, for a long time in all the debates I have sat through, I have heard you speak sense. You know, you did not throw around this means of production and this façade of empowerment. On one hand you talk about means of reduction to owners of a [Inaudible.] then on the other hand you talk about nationalisation and you do not exactly know what – You know I get in all the other debates confusion but I must say in this debate you actually did proper research and I want to say good stuff.

AN HON MEMBER: Go give a workshop!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, not a workshop in confusion, please, because that is the type of workshop, but I want to agree with you ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: But I think your point about disabilities and getting people more job opportunities; like the new hotel in Newlands where they have now given exclusively and in a very pro-active way, they have now employed deaf people, and they are employing them.

They do not want, like you say, they do not want to be victims, they do not want to be dependant on other people all the time, and I think that is an important point.

The last point: hon member Ms Botha, thank you again for the notion that disabled people are socially-inclusive. Also the issue of our society, our poor people; to give them social economic inclusion.

More stringent measures for NGO's are welcome and I really advise that you agree with it, and I think my ANC colleagues will support this Budget after listening to this carefully, tonight they will change their mind. So I thank you.

I also want to just say thank you to the HOD and the staff. Also, thank you to all those guys and for turning this Department around and for continuing to take us on a road of clean audit so that the hon member Ms Gillion can understand how great we are doing. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the next order.

6. Debate on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs & Development Planning –  
*Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Vote 9 Adjustment Appropriation Bill, the Department of Environmental Affairs, the additional allocation, R27,814 million; Environmental Affairs itself, R17,514 million, and Cape Nature R10,3 million.

The reasons for the additional budget: additional funding consists of an allocation for the Regional Socio-Economic Programme (RCEP), Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading; the establishment of the departmental Internal Control Unit and the Cape Nature, with the 2013/14 financial year unspent funds, which was reallocated to 2014/15.

The reallocation within Vote 9, additional funding was made available to Cape Nature for ICT expenditure, with the purpose to mitigating the ICT risk and operational funding pressures.

Other funding to the Department of Environmental Affairs that was allocated for projects including the Mossel Bay Coastal Sediment Study, the Tuin of De Braak; the increased transfer to existing and new biodiversity reserves; the planning and implementation of Breede River Estuary Management and the assistance with the application process regarding Blue Flag status. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs and Development Planning recommends the approval and acceptance by the House of the Additional Appropriation Budgets of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. We thank the honourable Minister Bredell and his Department for the work that they have done. We commend the amount of R25 million that was shifted from the Provincial Treasury for the Regional Socio-economic Programme towards Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading as the Minister had so described. It is also important that the safety of our communities be addressed holistically and on a broader platform in order to get to the core problems and address it accordingly and effectively.

Further funds are needed for the assessment to be completed on the Berg River Maintenance and Management Needs Project. R3,8 million has been allocated towards the broader Berg River Project.

The research and skills developed through this project will effectively be utilised in the management and maintenance programmes of other river projects throughout the Western Cape. The skills development such as working for water and working for fire are extremely important as our river and water systems are under immense threat due to the broadened environmental pollution. We need to understand vulnerable biodiversity of this planet in order to adequately protect it and ultimately for the human race to survive.

This excellent research development done in the Western Cape has proven valuable to the rest of South Africa and we will do so again in the future. On behalf of the Standing Committee I therefore commend the Additional Appropriations Bill for Vote 9. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Ms Dijana.

†UNksz T M DIJANA: Ndiyabulela Sekela Somlomo. Ndibulele nakwintetho kaMphathiswa uBredell, ndiphikisana nesithethi esigqiba kuthetha kuba kwikomiti savumelana ukuba asihambisane nale nto, kuba izigqwathi zikhona xa sinokuvumelana. Ikomiti ivumelene njalo. Nantsiya ibhaliwe yikomiti. [Uphazamiseko.]

\*Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you for the speech of MEC Bredell. I disagree with the last speaker because in the Committee we agreed that we do not accept this because there will be complications if we accept it. That is what the Committee agreed on. There it is written by the Committee [Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A point of order or a question?

Mr M MNQASELA: It is a question, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you prepared to take a question hon member Ms Dijana?

†UNksz T M DIJANA: Andizukuthatha mbuzo, uyandilibazisa.

\*I will not take a question, you are delaying me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, she is not prepared [Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: No it is on a point of clarity, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry?

Mr M MNQASELA: It is a point of clarity.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no such thing, unfortunately.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Uh-uh there is no such point; there is no need.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat. [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Environmental and Development Planning Department is the epitome of incompetency over budgeting as well as poor planning to the extent that the Committee unanimously declined to support the Adjustment that is currently before the House on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. The hon MEC shifted funds; an amount of R6 million to Cape

Nature, which he proclaims mitigates identified risk, emanating information and communication technology. Why was this not detected when they were undertaking their needs analysis prior to compilation of their annual performance plans, which informed their Main Budget Estimates? This is clearly a case of fiscal dumping [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is shocking!

Ms T M DIJANA: And a feeble attempt to hide under-expenditure underscored by their over-budgeting in the Department. R1 800 000 was transferred from Climate Change Management sub-programme, R2 500 000, Biodiversity Management; yet there is still no fence in Kanana in Gugulethu where three of our children drowned due to lack of fencing around the wetland.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: [Inaudible.] Nkandla, hey.

Ms T M DIJANA: Are the only lives vital enough to be protected, those of your rich white constituencies... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: There is fencing there.

Ms T M DIJANA: ...who are provided with the requisite equipment in this regard. [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Actually they have been [Inaudible.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Non-filling of posts is a concern for the ANC to the extent that R3 261 000 was transferred from New Post to Cape Nature. This Department fails to initiate learnerships, unemployed graduates, university dropouts who are not provided with opportunities to upskill this, making no contribution to the socio-economic conditions that are prevalent in our youth in this province. It further fails to address representivity of regional demographics. [Interjection.] Henceforth the ANC will neither support this Adjustment nor gratify the DA's political agenda. I thank you. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Christians, do you want to take the chance to speak? You are welcome.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, there is not much to say. There is not much to say. It is I think after today ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We are saying the same thing; saying the same; the same thing [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No man, you are ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: After today [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: You must be consistent [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: The same thing.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I hope after today the ANC will realise what this is all about. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I hope that you realise [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The MEC and the Department have an opportunity [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are playing with [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...to put the money where it is most needed. [Interjections.] The ANC is criticising on other issues. Surely I thought that the Leader and the Chief Whip will educate them in the lunch break [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Who is educating you?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But they were not educated. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Who is educating you? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: How can you oppose [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: How can you oppose this Budget [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Dijana, you have just had your turn to speak so now it is the turn to allow the hon member Mr Christians.

Ms M N GILLION: On a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening.

Ms M N GILLION: I wonder to whom that member is referring.

An HON MEMBER: Honourable member. [Interjection.]

Ms T M DIJANA: No but you are not [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We have raised the same point of order before. Hon member Mr Christians, address the Chair [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: No, no, no, the reason I am responding is because the member said this Department is incompetent.

Ms T M DIJANA: It is. [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: It is not about incompetency. It is about an adjustment budget and the member does not understand that. [Interjections.] The member does not understand that.

Ms T M DIJANA: I understand it [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So all, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to say the ACDP supports [Interjection.]

Ms T M DIJANA: But why do you [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We support the Adjustment Budget and I clearly understand [Interjection.]

Ms M M WENGER: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, just one second. Hon member Ms Wenger. [Interjection.] Hon member Ms Dijana, hon member Ms Dijana.

Ms M M WENGER: Is it parliamentary for one member to call another incompetent?

Ms T M DIJANA: Which one?

Ms M N GILLION: Which one? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have not heard anything like that. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No that is right.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I see they got their vocabulary right. It is no more; no longer “filing of posts”. It is now “filling of posts.” So they got that right. [Laughter.] At least after a couple of debates they have got that right, so they have learnt something in this House today. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I am not going to allow the members

to waste the member's time. [Interjections.] He only has two minutes to speak and we have taken up his time with interjections and frivolous stuff. Hon member Mr Paulsen, what is that?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it parliamentary for a member to criticise the way a person pronounces English words [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...if it is not their home language? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I am not going to [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Is it parliamentary? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is parliamentary for the member to speak now. Hon member Mr Christians, please continue. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] You are so clever [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I am going to conclude. [Interjection.] I am going to conclude with the following.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are confused.

Ms M N GILLION: You are confused. [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: That the ANC did not contribute [Interjection.] to any of the Adjustment Budgets [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No man, you people [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I hope, a last, they have a last opportunity now... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...when the Minister of Finance will speak.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second. Hon member Ms Dijana, please stand up; please stand up. I cannot allow you to make running commentary the moment after you sat down after your own speech. Now it is your time and listen to the other speech. Please refrain from making comments now. Take your seat please.

Ms T M DIJANA: Okay.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians, you may conclude. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: You must get only one thing right as well.

An HON MEMBER: We... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The history has been wiped out [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: All that I want to say is we support it because when they appeared in front of [Interjections.] When we as a part as the ACDP, if they do not know [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No you are only [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We have raised certain concerns when it came to IQ Control [Interjection.] Those will be addressed, so we support it. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] I see the hon member Mr Paulsen. [Interjections.] Sorry hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I ask you to actually look into this particular matter. It was the second time today that as hon member Mr Paulsen indicated, that if somebody for example whose home language is not for example English, that there is a deliberate - a deliberate - in a sense joking about that particular word or two. Just assess that and if it does not bring actually discredit [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is worse than racism.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is worse than racism.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You do not need to rule today [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: It is worse than racism.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...I just think you must just look at this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman [Interjections.] Order!  
Order! [Interjections.] Order!

Ms T M DIJANA: You are not [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am not going to allow a long discussion about this. Hon Chief Whip, do you want to add something?

Mr M G E WILEY: Just briefly. It was repeated in a number of speakers that “the filing of post”.

Ms T M DIJANA: No they were not [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: If the Whips on the other side did their job they would have corrected it for the next speaker, which they obviously did not do.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, let me just say, I am not [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Ms Gillion, just take your seat. [Interjections.] I am not going to allow a long debate about this thing. If the honourable [Interjections.] Order! I am speaking, hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No man, speak [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please refrain from making those types of derogatory comments about other people's language. I know we are all talking in our second language. Mistakes may occur and we may pronounce things in different ways. It is natural. It happens. So try and refrain from doing that. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Paulsen, please continue. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.] impression is very good.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you for that ruling as well.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes it is [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: He must still go [Inaudible.] a finding [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: There is this thing about Violence Prevention and

Environmental Affairs and I was looking for some connection between the two and then I remembered in 2010 in Hangberg, Hout Bay, that some of the people there wanted to build their shacks above the fire line.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly.

Mr M N PAULSEN: And that is when the City unleashed its militia upon the poor residents of Hangberg, Hout Bay [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes. [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: So it is something... war erupted between the residents of Hangberg and the DA controlled City of Cape Town. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: What has that got to do with this?

HON MEMBERS: Yes, yes [Inaudible.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: So it has got a lot to do with the environment. There is an imaginary firewall where blacks cannot move above, okay.

An HON MEMBER: A firewall and blacks [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, no [Inaudible.] [Interjections.] They are still going to

pay the money.

Mr M N PAULSEN: This Environmental Affairs and Development Planning serves the interest of which community? I do not recall Breede River being such an essential thing. It is important to which community? [Interjections.] If this Department was keen on [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That was in the Berg River [Inaudible.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: No.

Mr M N PAULSEN: No, she has got it wrong. It is Breede River.

An HON MEMBER: Breede River.

Mr M N PAULSEN: If this Department... [Interjections.] ...was keen on promoting the environment, then why does it not promote our parks and the environment among young children at schools and budget for that?

An HON MEMBER: It does.

Mr M N PAULSEN: No it does not budget for it. [Interjections.] We as the Economic Freedom Fighters cannot support this Budget Appropriation since it does not cater for all the people of this province.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You see, you never meet your own [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M N PAULSEN: But what I have been to is some of the canals in our communities where young kids fall and hurt themselves because you do not secure it, but that is of course because it is for black people, is it not?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly!

Mr M N PAULSEN: So unfortunately once again this Budget cannot be supported. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member. Your time has expired. [Interjections.] The hon member Ms Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Mr Deputy Speaker, †Ka hore kajeko le re dumella hore re bue ka malimi a rona, ke tla thoma ke bue ka lilimi laka ... Le lona le ka bua ka malimi a lona ...

\*Because today we are allowed to speak in our own languages, I will start speaking in my language ... You can also speak in your languages ...

†Now you have a problem with the “filing” and “filling”. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: A point of order Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Olivier. I am listening.

An HON MEMBER: That is not the sound of the Western Cape language.  
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is not [Inaudible.] Western Cape.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order. We do not have that translation on record. So we just want you to rule on it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am still waiting for the translation myself.

An HON MEMBER: No, Sesotho. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, she is speaking Sesotho and we are three here or four who know Sesotho.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, Hon member Ms Maseko, if you spoke in Sesotho that is the wrong language. We have [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The wrong language yes.

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I was just trying to make a point that

“filing” and “filling” is not the same. [Interjections.] As a DA component [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: We are supporting the Adjustment Budget for Vote 9. I thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please calm down.

An HON MEMBER: Refugees!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please calm down. Minister Bredell. [Interjections.] Honourable Minister Bredell. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Filing refugees.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Refugees. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you to the members. Hon member Ms Schäfer is spot on, on ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Limpopo.

An HON MEMBER: The filing.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...on everything that she has mentioned, our river systems; our air pollution; structures that we have put in place; our bio-diversity. It is crucial that we do get bio-diversity right. We are busy with national because they sign all the contracts. We contribute a huge amount of money to volunteers looking after the biodiversity reserves and we are busy entering or trying to get National Government to fund us rand on rand to that as well.

To hon member Ms Dijana, clearly there must be something wrong within the Committee. I have got it that the Committee will support this, maybe the ANC part of the Committee does not support it but I can promise you the rest will support this Adjustment Budget.

An HON MEMBER: That is their right [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: With regard to the fencing; really, Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a line that I think we need also to put up and say that we will not cross those kinds of lines and that is especially when you lose lives and children's lives. The drowning of children is sad and it

concerns families in grief, busy grieving, and I do not think we need to use this to score political points. Obviously if you have got the budget, you will go out there and fence every pool of water you can. We do not have those luxuries and we as a department definitely do not do fencing, but really we need to be very careful to use the loss of lives when families are in grief to score cheap political points.

To hon member Mr Christians, thank you for the support of this Budget. [Interjections.] To hon member Mr Paulsen, the fire line is not a fire wall. It is a line which we cleared to save lives. We are busy and now the member is out of the House but it is important that we do understand. Dit is wat ons noem in Afrikaans die “brandpaaie.” We do clearing of that throughout the year. Hopefully we will get more funding because we have got a big backlog, and if you do not have that; well, you are going to lose lives and what then? Then it is again us that are then not doing our job and so forth so it is crucial that we do stay underneath those paths and that we do keep it clean.

The Breede River, it is the Berg River that I can confirm because my Department is running that. [Laughter.] The Berg River is a crucial ...[Interjection.] ... programme that we do get it right and the hon member, if he looks into this he will see what the importance of that is. If we do not get the quality of water right in the Berg River we are going to lose 25 000 jobs, because the European Union will not make use of our exports. It is as simple as that [Interjections.] and that is why we need to roll that programme also over to the Olifants and the Breede River. The quality of water is so

important and that is why we do it and it is not a specific race that is using water [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And in False Bay also.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Everybody needs water. All industries need water. On our parks, our parks are open for anybody to use. We have struggled a bit but we have a specific marketing unit within Cape Nature because we want to not only open our parks but also make it more accessible for school children and so forth, because we have entered into a huge strategic session where we say to get people in the environment will really help us to protect the environment for future generations so really we are busy with those kinds of projects.

To the other members, thank you very much for supporting the vote. To my whole team working on this, thank you. I am proud to be associated with the Department. Thank you very much.[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the seventh Order.

7. Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Meyer.

Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. I rise to table the Adjustment Budget for Vote 3, Provincial Treasury 2014/15 financial year.

Starting with the shifts within the vote:

Programme 1: Administration increased with an amount of R57 000;

Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management was reduced by an amount of R11,9 million;

Programme 3: Asset Management increased with R4,5 million;

Programme 4: Financial Governance increased with R7,3 million.

A large shift within the Vote was the reduction in the compensation of employees with an amount of R6.5 million. This was as a result of not being able to find suitable candidates to recruit for the most critical positions as well as losing officials to other departments and to the private sector.

In previous years, larger portions of underspending on COE resulted in more pressure to contain the 2% underspending within the vote and therefore the accounting officer and the Department placed strict criteria in place to keep the funds at a realistic level.

Goods and Services increased by R15,561 million mainly due to an amount of

R856 million under Programme 1 to cater for the higher expected external computerised services such as BAS, LOGIS and PERSAL and the provision also for an overseas trip.

Under Programme 2, R1,769 million was provided for the implementation of the ICT plans and also as you know we had extensive - together with the Minister of Local Government - LG MTEC engagements and part of the increase in this adjustment as we have started to also expose also the Deputy Directors and people lower than the SMS level to that particular process to build capacity, so that that particular adjustment is to make provision for SMT for other members as part of internal capacity building.

Also Programme 3, R5,5 million was provided for the MGRO engagements development of a training tool for municipalities, strategic sourcing and for the roll-out of the LOGIS system and Programme 4 an amount of R7,3 million for the transversal internal control improvement and the MGRO e-GAP tool was provided for under this programme.

Now one of the largest adjustments in this particular Vote is under the item transversal projects, R409 million - R130 million was shifted from the transversal programmes, which can be briefly summarised as follows:

- R300,798 million to Vote 1; of the Department of the Premier for the provision of the broadband in the province;
- R53,087 million to Vote 5, education for broadband and the Minister of

Education did refer to this in her Adjustment Appropriation debate;

- R25 million to Vote 9, Environmental Affairs, for the Regional Socio-economic Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade;
- R21,045 million to eleven votes to strengthen the Internal Control Units across this various particular votes;
- R9,2 million to Vote 14 for Municipal Transversal Support Projects.
- The remainder of the R20,255 million of the Transversal Projects funds were utilised for Vote 3, Provincial Treasury, as follows:

For Local Government Municipal Support funding, about R10,8 million; and R989 million to strengthen the Internal Control Unit; R3 million for strategic sourcing; R1 million for LOGIS and R4,466 million to improve the internal control across departments and biometric access control.

I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Agb lid mnr Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Adjustments Budget linked to the Provincial *Adjustments Appropriation Bill* are tabled by the Provincial Minister of the Province for the adoption of the revised spending plans. The goal of the Provincial Treasury is to build a skilled department and to ensure that the Provincial Parliament becomes a caring organisation; show accountability, be efficient with financial resources and to make sure that the financial maximum services are achieved. We are aware that the global economy remains a challenge and that it impacts on national fiscus as

well as our provincial departments. The Adjustment Budget will monitor and it will ensure that strict applications of fiscal disciplines are implemented and it is important to ensure that transversal projects are managed strictly for executing by the line departments and to ensure that the public receives the service that they deserve.

As in the Main Budget the focus remains on education and infrastructure development. This is an opportunity to revise or adjust the provincial budget as it is given by the departments and the responsibility they have to participate in the process for additional funds received from National Government or make proposals for adjustment to other votes.

The PFMA specifies the type of spending that is allowed and there are obviously strict instructions that we have to comply with. So the shifting of funds between and within votes or to other institutions in terms of legislation takes place in terms of Section 42 of the PFMA while variations relating to the utilisation of savings is provided for in Section 43 of the PFMA.

The Provincial Treasury is a key stakeholder in the delivery of service and meeting the predetermined objectives and also guides other departments in managing of the financial disciplines. The supply chain management forums are assisting the municipal officials for compliance with Treasury regulations and in particular the public / private public partnerships are established to produce value for money and to manage the risk transfer. The millions of rands for special projects and the funding that we had to shift to various

departments according to the PFMA are allowed to transfer money not used in a particular year.

Money shifted from Programme 2, Sustainable Resource Management to Asset Management and Financial Governance: in terms of our entities the Department must make sure that responsible gambling is promoted and that the negative social impact of gambling in our society is managed well through our awareness programmes.

Senior management, regular reports, monthly reports, quarterly reports, financial management systems are actually the tools that we need to ensure compliance is met and that good governance in this Department continues. The shifting of funds to various programmes was mainly affected by the need to strengthen the internal control component, municipal support in the area of governance, supply chain management, strategic sourcing and the roll-out of LOGIS systems as well as the transversal internal control services and biometric control.

An integrated financial management system is needed to ensure that all departments are on the same page. To this end the Department has started a process and I wish to thank the Minister, the HOD, the CFO, all senior officials and staff and I think it is also right that I thank the Committee members who have worked together and our NTT partners to ensure there is competency, there is dedication and commitment towards good governance and service delivery in the Western Cape.

I noted the EFF's objection on every vote, but I also noted that the new leadership were in the House and so obviously there are plans to replace him.

[Laughter.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Wishful thinking; wishful thinking. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He has improved hey, I must admit.

Mr D JOSEPH: In closing I want to acknowledge our HOD Dr Stegmann. It will probably be his last opportunity to be present here and when this Provincial Government passes the Adjustment Budget and also the role that Dr Stegmann has played thus far in building good governance and a good institution. We thank you for that. [Applause.]

I move that the Adjustment Budget of Vote 3 be adopted. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, may I request that I have a minute or two before my time starts?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will look after you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. I would also like to use this opportunity

to address via you Dr Stegmann, for the role that he has played in this Provincial Parliament. This will probably be my last opportunity to sit in and comment on work presented and overseen by you, Dr Stegmann, as you leave us at the end of this year.

I want to thank you for your sterling work; the sterling work that you have done for more years than I have been witness to. I also want to thank you for my personal growth. I want to thank you for your expert guidance to the Department, but also to the whole of the province and the father figure that you have played in transferring skills and comfortably and confidently handing over the baton to your successor.

Zak will have huge shoes to fill. I have no doubt that the Department will build on the legacy that you have left. May God bless you! Spend quality time with your family; enjoy your rest and do not spend it all in one place. Thank you. [Applause.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise on behalf of the ANC to say upfront that we will not support this Adjustment and the process, and via you, Mr Deputy Speaker, to hon member Mr Christians, I would just like to give him a lesson as to why you cannot just address the Adjustment Budget in solidarity. [Interjection.] You have to look wider than just that.

It is one thing for a political party to have beautiful sounding manifestos, strategic plans and mission statements. This is necessary as this is their compass which indicates their direction, but it is quite another thing when decision makers in political parties have the opportunity to translate those plans and beautiful words into reality. One way to do this is to allocate and apportion budgets and adjustments, which reflect that political party's priorities. That is where the people of this province feel and see the impact of the financial planning and consideration for the plight of their continuous struggles and protest as understood by this DA Government.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The adjusted estimates of provincial spending is meant to be the implementation of a reflective process, hon member Mr Christians. [Interjection.]

Mnr F CHRISTIANS: Ag!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This Adjustment was done to allocate R989 million of which R623 million was from national equitable share and conditional grants and the rest from provincial own funding. So when Minister Meyer at the outset stood up and was grandstanding about allocating of money to different departments, as he did in his speech, he conveniently omitted to acknowledge its source and the purpose. [Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: Taxpayers. Taxpayers' money. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We will get there.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We will get there. That cliché is - just forget it.  
[Interjections.] Treasury is in the strange position [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You do not even distribute properly the taxpayers' money yourself.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...of an autonomous department not service delivery but also for one [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, you are interfering. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...when you work with taxpayers' money.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, you are interfering with your own member. Give her a chance to speak.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...but also the one that has oversight over other departments and therefore the input today will cover a wider field. I just want

to remind the MEC of Finance where Treasury's responsibility lies; whether it is the Main Budget or whether it is the Adjustment Budget, the principles and core functions remain the same. They are governed by Section 18 of the PFMA and Section 5 of the MFMA and what does it say? To manage the provincial and municipal fiscal resources effectively; to promote accountability in financial activities and compliance with financial norms and standards... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Nice yes. Luister jy?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...and the vision is effective governance that delivers a better life for our people. Now I am saying this with a purpose, I will refer to it later again.

'n AGBARE LID: Hei, kom terug.

An HON MEMBER: Not for the rich [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yesterday we heard the shocking revelation that the Premier will not be able to spend all of the R320 million that was transferred from the Provincial Treasury Special Projects financial allocation this year.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Political fund.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That begs the question. Why did Treasury transfer

the fund if the Premier's department was not ready to spend it? This was always the reason why it was held back in Treasury because departments were not ready. It can only be to keep it as a committed project and request a rollover in the next Main Appropriation otherwise Treasury would have had to show an underspend on their budget and the PFMA does not allow that. So no matter how the Premier tries to blame or spin, it is a gross underspend.

The rest of the transfers out of Provincial Treasury, I will not go into that. You have heard the MEC say it. You have heard the Chairperson mention it. So I will not waste time because I have lots of other things to say. We are often subjected in this House to the refrain of how 80% of this Budget is spent on the poor. By implication insinuating that the ANC's stance that it is not a poor-pro budget is baseless.

An HON MEMBER: Yep.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: What they do not say is that that 80% is of the 96% of taxpayer's money. Did you hear me? Taxpayer's money.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, taxpayers, yes. [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Given by National Government from the equitable share and conditional grants. Do the maths and find out what your contribution is.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: So what was that underspend? [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: But let us take a virtual 3D walk through this province [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is here.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And remind ourselves whether this Adjustment Budget [Interjections] and the reassessment process addressed the following. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is your [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The stark and growing divide between rich and poor, the more child-headed households; the more drug-related crimes; the more social dependency; the more school dropouts; the more service delivery protests; the more loss of income due to job losses; the more street lights out and roads deteriorating; play parks in areas for kids not being maintained; unkempt school grounds [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande, skande!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Overcrowding at health facilities and the elderly [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Are you sure you have got the right [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...have less recourse for basic care. [Interjection.]  
There are many more that I could mention. Municipalities struggling to  
collect debt and then landing in a catch-22 situation... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] the lights not working [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...of having to apply for loans to do basic service  
delivery. [Interjections.] And so the examples have abounded amongst my  
colleagues as they have stood up here.

An HON MEMBER: Eastern Cape [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yet, the rich get richer.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Yep, as we saw in the [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And worse, they are assisted to do that  
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM: The Gupta family.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yet we continuously have to listen [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are Gupta's family, remember? [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...to most of these members lambasting other provinces... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are enjoying it, very nice. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...other provinces and National Assembly and ANC policies. [Interjections.] We must remind this DA of where the constituency ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order member, is that a question?

An HON MEMBER: Will hon member Ms Beerwinkel take a question?

HON MEMBERS: No. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member is not prepared. Please continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We must remind this DA of their constituency. It is

the Western Cape. Govern it and mind your own business here.

[Interjections.] Let your challenge... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We cannot, not as long as you mess up out there.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Let your colleagues at the National Assembly and the other provinces take on that governing party and hold them to account as we do here. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We will not!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The MEC for Finance [Interjections.] has a reputation of showmanship and arrogance and grandstanding and waving papers around and loving the sound of his own voice and even supported the loud noise that that member is making; and before this debate is over I am sure we will be subjected to another one of those shows.

An HON MEMBER: I know [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I do not have much hope for the underprivileged in this province [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Jo, jo.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...to really take care about people's needs you need to be humble and listen. [Interjections.] The detail of how this Adjustment was finalised shows clearly that the heart of the DA does not lie there. Most of the internal shifts in this Adjustment, the fact that most of the money that could be saved was because staff could not be appointed; speaks to the fact that staff are leading this establishment in droves. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, please. [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: At adjustment period it was significantly obvious that the MEC does not really yet have a handle on Treasury and that was evident in his responses during the debates and the input at the start of the province, because [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: You need a couple of workshops.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...because the devil is in the detail of the internal shifts in each programme. You have heard my colleagues here as they have raised these issues.

Mr M N PAULSEN: You need a couple of workshops.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: But to be able to make a point of how this DA Government does only look after its own white constituents [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And I am specifically saying white. I am going to relate a case study for this House to note. Swellendam Municipality, that quintessential town of perfect apartheid planning divided by both the railway line and the N2 has been in the news often [Interjection.] ...all for the wrong reasons, but instead of investigating or encouraging Swellendam to create a strategic development directorate, MEC Ivan Meyer, MEC Alan Winde are absent, absent! They leave MEC Bredell to the dogs and he has to try and pick up the mess.

Mr M N PAULSEN: And he is such a nice guy [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The MECs and Premier support and assist the municipality to outsource – outsource - the core function of tourism run by white foreigners.

An HON MEMBER: Jo! Jo! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: But when our own brothers ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... come here and want to attend schools or hospitals,

they are told that they are refugees [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Refugees yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And they are draining our health and education resources.

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yet such a directorate in the municipality could implement youth development, local economic opportunities, SME growth and support, tourism, all of which are municipal functions, but they outsourced that to an NGO consultant, to be exact. To what amount? R51 million!

An HON MEMBER: Whoa!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Let me tell you what that R51 million is made up of. [Interjections.] R51 million over a period of three years. What will they deliver? Remember this is a tourism organisation. What did they want to deliver?

An HON MEMBER: Is that Swellendam?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This is Swellendam.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is Swellendam.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Listen! 837 permanent jobs in Swellendam in Railton - a small area. Where and with whom? [Interjections.] 52 temporary jobs.

An HON MEMBER: Corruption. There is corruption there.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: 1 500 training placements.

'n AGBARE LID: Jo, dis goed.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: 38 new enterprises. Who will benefit? 95% of the new jobs and training placements will be reserved for the black, non-white residents of the previously disadvantaged communities of the Stellenbosch municipality [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Swellendam.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Swellendam. Preference will go to women, youth, the disabled the elderly people and so on. Go to Swellendam now and ask anybody whether they know anything about these 837 jobs. The answer will be a vehement “no”. So what must the municipality do? [Interjection.] This organisation gets R28 million from the jobs fund. The Municipality and other organisations must help them to match fund R21 million.

'n AGBARE LID: Sjoe!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That municipality is already cash-strapped. They were advised by the CFO and the MM we cannot do this. We cannot afford it. What happens? The Mayor goes to sign; the white mayor goes to sign with this organisation [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: On a point of order. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No, it is very important, it is very important. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: On a point of order [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You have got a big problem with whites.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is very important.

An HON MEMBER: You just have a problem with whites.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Listen! It is all about race. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second, Hon member Mr Mnqasela.

Mr M N PAULSEN: You are not even denying it!

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, you mentioned earlier that we need to follow a particular convention. Is the member really, following your earlier ruling, becoming out of order? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: No, I am talking to the Deputy Speaker. Is the hon member Ms Beerwinkel following your earlier ruling or is she out of order now?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, she is not.

Ms M N GILLION: No, she is not.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: She is okay because she is not referring to individual members of the House at this stage.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly!

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole! Brand hulle!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But the general comment [Interjections.] Order!

The general comment still maintains [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is important that I mention that the Mayor is white because we are trying to prove [Interjection.]

Me M N GILLION: Gooi kole!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...that the DA Government only looks after white, rich people.

An HON MEMBER: You know better. You should know better.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So now R28 million from DBSA, Swellendam Municipality [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...must give that STO R14,3 million over three years, going into the new election, they are now binding the next council into this agreement.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Do you know how the job front works in National Treasury  
[Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes, I do, I do. I am not stupid.

An HON MEMBER: She knows.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The MM and the CFO advised that council: “You cannot do it. We do not have the money.” The Mayor phones the Premier. The Premier instructs Minister Bredell to call those people and tell them: “We will help you.” Where is Minister Meyer? Where is Minister Alan Winde? They leave Minister Bredell alone to try and solve the problem.  
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ah shame!

An HON MEMBER: Factions!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Financial viability of the municipality is also his responsibility. [Interjections.] Where was he? They left him, left him to do it.  
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM: [Inaudible.] So now what are they [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It was a factional programme.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You were not there. You were supposed to be there.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But he had just written me a letter to say why did I go there without telling [Inaudible.]

'n AGBARE LID: Skip 'n paar bladsye. [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: You got the letter.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please continue. [Interjections.]  
Order! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not answer me. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I just address [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no, no, no.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Address him through the Chair, if you want.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, may I via you address MEC Winde. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: When I asked that the MEC and all of them sitting there, all of us sitting here, maybe yes, except you ma'am - all of us sitting here have a responsibility on the ground in a municipal area. Those are our constituencies.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is just good manners for an MEC to inform you when they come into your area. That is what I am referring to. [Interjections.] I am not saying you must call me. It is good manners. It is good manners. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Member, you are on injury time now already.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The point is [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just finish off please. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We get the worst [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Do not talk rubbish man. I wrote to you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Show me the letter. Let me tell you how they are now going to fund via this Adjustment Budget, suddenly find new money to help that municipality to help a white tourism organisation run business on the municipality's behalf.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Tell them.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Wesgro will give them R250 000 for three years.

'n AGBARE LID: Sjoe!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Provincial Treasury R250 000 for three years. [Interjections.] The Department of Local Government, R500 000 for three years.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skande!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The Swellendam Municipality must give them R400 000 in the current Budget.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You ought to be ashamed!

Ms M N GILLION: That they do not have.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And add to that 14.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sies!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Really, how else must I argue that this DA Government is only looking after white business? [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Thank you hon member Ms Beerwinkel, your time has now expired. [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: As I showed in the morning.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The same old story. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department, Treasury, the Provincial Department; their job is to give money to departments and in this case [Interjections.] In this case the broadband what the Premier spoke about, to assist our communities. We spoke about that.

An HON MEMBER: Which communities?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When we had our Scopa briefings we said there are complaints with internal audit. Now money is going to strengthen internal audit. The member has a problem with that. [Interjections.] The member has a problem with that. [Interjections.] Now when you have [Interjections.] I was very [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I was very encouraged when the hon member Ms Beerwinkel read from a page and honoured Dr Stegmann, but when she took out her ANC page - a speech that was written for her, she spoke ANC policy. [Interjections.] All the good work she had undone. I think, Doctor, you must stay to teach her even more. You must stay to teach her even more. [Interjections.] Because what she is in fact saying, is that the legacy that the Doctor left, she is questioning.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: What she is saying, the transferring of skills is questioned, because I went to meetings where that doctor was sitting [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...and when Minister Meyer says: “Doctor, please explain”, because it is technical. [Interjections.] I am very, very disappointed that hon member Ms Beerwinkel came to make a political speech.

An HON MEMBER: No! No!

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I do not even want to talk about Swellendam. I was there on numerous occasions because we had the Deputy Mayor there. So I was there. [Interjections.] I was there!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And the report I got from the Deputy Mayor is totally different. [Interjections.] Totally different! [Interjections.] I sat in council meetings. Where was she? Nowhere! Nowhere! [Interjections.] Now this is what the ANC is doing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Christians, can I assist you, your time has almost expired, just finish off. [Interjections.] Just finish off.

'n AGBARE LID: Ons sien jou volgende jaar!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The last sentence. [Interjections.] Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are changing [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Swellendam is the best [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I am disappointed in the debates of the ANC [Interjections.] and in closing [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not have a debate [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: In closing ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not have a debate. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... not one of them contributed constructively towards the debate.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Thank you. Your time has expired.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: All they did was to criticise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Order! Hon member Mr Christians always excites the House but I want the House to calm down quickly before the next speaker speaks.

An HON MEMBER: You must not be excited [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker.  
[Interjections.]

Me M N GILLION: Gooi kole man.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: The Budget Allocation for Provincial Treasury was R648 million of which over 80%, R520 million was allocated to Programme 2, Sustainable Resource Management.

A few months down the line the Department's services include sound financial administrative services to the Western Cape Government and advice on the sustainability and management of provincial and municipal funding

sources and if the financial backbone of our province is not able to budget appropriately, leaving over 63% of its budget and we are to trust it to make sound financial decisions in the future. The Annual Report apart from only twelve outstanding reports not being evaluated on the implementation of municipal budgets, this programme has no areas of underperformance. A large proportion of the Budget of the Department was for special projects to enhance the strategic objectives of the province and improve government's service delivery. All targets have been met. The decrease of R409 million may sound like a saving but it leaves a bitter taste in one's mouth. It is either this Department has underperformed and this shift is an attempt to hide that or the money that was deliberately over-allocated will be shifted again during this period for the DA's personal projects like giving their friends tenders and are of no benefit to our people or to fund hobbies like ostrich auctions, Minister Winde. This Department must account for this over-allocation or underspending of funds. The Provincial Treasury has failed in estimating its budget needs and compromised other more needy departments in this regard and because of that we cannot vote in favour of this Budget. [Interjections.] Thank you very much. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We, all of us. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not going to reply to many of the things that was said, except to remind hon member Ms

Beerwinkel that she gave incorrect information in this House about an investment in Swellendam because of that R54 million only R400 000 came from the Municipality [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: That is what she said.

An HON MEMBER: She said so.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...and therefore I am not, and that has nothing to do with the Adjustment Budget [Interjections.] So I am not going to reply to that, but ... [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Jy behoort beter te weet.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... let me rather say, I want to thank hon member Mr Christians and hon member Mr Joseph for their contribution and I would therefore like to move that we approve the Adjustment Appropriation for Vote 3 [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, that concludes the debate on this Vote.

The Secretary will read the eighth Order.

8. *Consideration of Vote and Schedule: Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want parties and members to give attention to the next procedures, it is quite technical sometimes. Parties will be given an opportunity to make a Declaration of Vote on each of the Votes if they so wish. I will put the Votes one by one.

I put Vote 1 : Premier. Hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: This Adjustments Budget is riddled with anomalies. But today the ANC showed Vote by Vote discrepancies, actual undermining of budget allocation meant for the poor and destitute. This indeed is a budget for the wealthy and the DA under the hon Zille does not care for those in informal settlements, on farms and in the [inaudible]. It is indeed astute and reinforces separate development along all apartheid spatial planning. What came as a complete shock is that the Premier admitted that she will not spend close to a third of her budget. Treasury must put steps in place for an expenditure plan in ensuring checks and balances to prevent abuse of the governing process in the Premier's Office and the Department. Yesterday this hon Premier even tried to give a wrong concept of Madiba's words when he explained what the struggle was about, when he analysed the Rivonia Trial, the issues of poverty, social exclusion and budgetary allocation in education. What she missed when she quoted Madiba; he said the following: "South

Africa is the richest country in Africa and could be one of the richest countries in the world but it is a land of extreme and remarkable...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it important that the words Mr Mandela [inaudible], they have no relevance in this particular ...[Interjections].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! No, the hon leadership of the Opposition is giving a declaration of vote on this specific vote and if he refers to what transpired previously it is in order. The purpose of the declaration of vote is to indicate why you vote in favour or against it, so it is a rather wide scope that the member has, but he must indicate then in the end whether they support or not.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: What Madiba said, and what the Premier did not want to say, was that the whites enjoyed what may be the highest standard of living in the world, and in that same statement, while Africans live in poverty and misery. He further states in that same document, poverty goes hand in hand with malnutrition and disease. The incidence of malnutrition and deficiency disease is very high amongst Africans. And how dare the hon Premier miss it when Madiba continued in the statement which she tried to misinterpret: "The complaint of Africans is not only that they are poor, but that the laws which are made by whites are designated to preserve the

situation". So the question now in assessing this Budget we must ask ourselves, if only 5% of road maintenance is spent on black contractors, is this what Nelson Mandela fought against? If the total majority of promotions and bonuses in the Premier's Department and quite a few other departments go to white professionals, twenty years inside democracy, is this what Nelson Mandela fought against? If there are no housing and proper development, low cost housing into Blaauwberg, into Constantia, into the CBD, is this what Mandela said we had to fight against? And therefore, when the Premier also had to admit yesterday when under pressure, that it is wrong to actually spend close to a million rand in Bavaria, we believe that we cannot support this Vote, we cannot in fact support any of the others, but we actually believe that the issue must be redressed and that's what ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has expired.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ... this Budget needs to reconsider. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any other parties wishing to take the opportunity for a declaration of vote? If not I will put the question: are there any objections to the approval of this Vote? Objection. Those in favour will say "aye".

Hon MEMBERS: Aye.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against will say "no".

Hon MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the “ayes” have it. [Interjections.] Order! Is there a point of order?

Mr N PAULSEN: I am not certain whether the “Ayes” have it. Could we have a division?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A division has been called. The bells will be rung for three minutes and then after we will divide. The bells will be rung for three minutes.

*[Proceedings suspended for division.]*

*[Proceedings resumed following Division]*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order! The result of the Division is: Aye’s 22; No’s 13. The Vote is therefore agreed to.

I now put Vote 2 : Provincial Parliament. Any objection? No objection to Vote 2? Vote 2 – I am putting Vote 2 – no objection? There is an objection from ANC, will be recorded.

I put Vote 3 : Provincial Treasury; objections from the ANC [Inaudible.]; I am putting Vote – the EFF must also indicate where they object to a Vote, otherwise they miss that. Are you objecting to all? To all.

I put Vote 4 : Community Safety – objections of those two parties will be recorded. [Interjections.]

I put Vote 5 : Order, order, order! I cannot compete with the House when I read from the Chair. Hon member Gillion, give me an opportunity.

I put Vote 5 : Education – objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 6 : Health – objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 7 : Social Development – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 8 : Human Settlements – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 9 : Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 10 : Transport and Public Works – objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 11 : Agriculture – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded;

I put Vote 12 : Economic Development and Tourism – hon Minister Winde, I cannot speak against you.

I am putting Vote 12 : Economic Development and Tourism – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded;

I put Vote 13 : Cultural Affairs and Sport – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 14 : Local Government – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

That completes the decisions on the Votes. I now put the Schedule. Any objections to the Schedule? ANC objects to the Schedule. Does the EFF object to the Schedule? The objections will be recorded.

I put Clauses 1 – 3 of the Bill – any objections? Both parties object to the clauses, will be recorded.

I put the title – there is an objection? No objection – title is agreed to without an objection.

The Secretary will read the ninth Order of the Day. Order!

9. *Finalisation of the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank all hon members who participated in the debates on the respective votes for their contributions and for their constructive proposals. In addition I want to express my thanks to Dr Stegmann and the Provincial Treasury and senior managers for their attention to the Schedules and putting the Adjustments

Budget together within a constrained fiscal environment. I now move that the Western Cape Adjustment Appropriation Bill be finalised. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the Finalisation? No objections, agreed to.

The Secretary will read the Bill.

*The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will be sent to the Premier for her assent. Order! As is our tradition, I will now afford representatives of the various parties an opportunity to address the House on the occasion on the end of the year and the end of this session. One member per party if they so wish to take the opportunity. I see the DA wants to go first, hon member Kivedo. I will have to limit it to five minutes maximum.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Baie dankie. Agbare Adjunkspeaker, dit is vir my 'n besondere eer en voorreg om namens die regerende party, al my kollegas, die ondersteuningspersoneel en dan ook ons kollegas van die ander kant, die ANC, sowel as die EVV en die ACDP, alle sterkte toe te wens met die pad wat voorlê, want ek dink retrospektiewelik sal 'n mens wil terugkyk oor die pad waarlangs ons geloop het. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid mn̄r Kivedo, dis nie tradisioneel om met 'n hoed te praat nie, u moet u hoed afhaal.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Het die tradisies verander? Ag, ek terg maar. Ek dink die pad waarlangs ons geloop het met die instelling van verrigtinge in die Huis na die inswering, was vir ons almal 'n wonderlike leerkurwe. Ek dink ons het mekaar op ideologiese gronde soms verstaan, soms verskil, soms hewig verskil, soms wegbeweeg ook van mekaar, maar soms ook nader aan mekaar beweeg. Ek dink dit is die verskillende nuanses wat in die politieke mosaïek en politieke dinamika van enige samelewing vasgevang is dat daar nie altyd oor alles saamgestem kan en mag en moet word nie. Die debat word lewendig gehou en ek is ontsettend bly dat ek persoonlik as 'n lid van die Parlement ontsettend baie geleer het, nie net van my eie kollegas nie, maar van u elke lid van die Parlement. Baie dankie aan die Speaker, die Adjunkspeaker, die Hoofswep, die Voorsitter van ons Koukus, dankie aan die Premier in haar afwesigheid ook hier en dan elke senior ampsdraer van die Parlement. Dankie aan die amptenary van die Parlement wat met administratiewe ondersteuningsdienste bystand gelewer het om dinge seepglad te laat verloop.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie, agb lid mn̄r Kivedo.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Ek wil vir u sê ...

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Is u nog nie klaar nie? Ekskuus.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Ek gaan nou begin afrond. Ek wil dit op u harte druk dat ten spyte van die verskille, is daar ook ooreenkomste en gemeenplase want ons almal het op een of ander manier dieselfde hartklop. Dis 'n aanduiding van 'n beter Wes-Kaap, 'n beter Suid-Afrika. Ons is primêr trotse Suid-Afrikaners. Ek wil vir u en u geliefdes alle voorspoed toewens met die komende feesgety. Mag God u bewaar en behoed. Baie dankie vir die samesyn, baie dankie vir die kollegialiteit, dankie vir u vriendskap. Ek persoonlik waardeer dit geweldig baie, en mag die pad vorentoe en veral met die oog op volgende jaar vir ons almal dan ook goed lyk. Baie, baie dankie. [Applous].

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die ANC. Agb lid mnr Fransman.

Mnr M L FRANSMAN: Adjunkspeaker, ek wil ook net namens die ANC sê dat, en inaggenome die gesprek vroeër oor taal, ek darem ook vir agb lid mnr Kivedo sê dat soos u het ek ook my moedersmelk in Afrikaans ontvang. Ek het geleer in Afrikaans, en in Namakwalandse taal het ek gevloek en somtyds het ek ook gevry in Afrikaans. So Afrikaans is 'n baie lekker taal, maar ek wil darem aan die einde van hierdie belangrike periode darem ook 'n versoek rig aan die leier van die DA en die Hoofswep, wat betref die verstrengeling van die woorde in Afrikaans wat agb lid mnr Kivedo so nou en dan gebruik, 'n klomp groot woorde wat hy net uitgooi, om net 'n bietjie daarna te kyk. So agb lid mnr Kivedo, ek stem saam met daardie groot woorde.

We want to say thank you. A difficult period has to be a difficult period, because fundamentally we do disagree on the fundamentals. But as we will proceed in the context of our festivities, as the African National Congress we wish all of you, including all of us, a happy festivity, a happy Christmas, let us come back re-energised. To the Deputy Speaker we want to say, and also to the Speaker, thank you for the way you have led the last couple of months. We do understand the complexity of governance, the complexity of Parliamentary issues and the difficulties, but we hope that as we end it, that we will proceed and re-energise ourselves to make sure that we create the dignified environment that all of us aspire to.

So ry veilig, drink as u by die huis is, maar moet net nie drink op die pad nie. Baie dankie. [Applous].

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Enige ander partye wat wil iets sê? Agb lid mnr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The two speakers before me, they made Afrikaans seem such a beautiful and colourful language. I would not do it an injustice, so I am going to speak in the language that I am most comfortable with. For a new member of this Legislature, it has been a very, very difficult period. But I must say I really appreciate the assistance of the Chief Whip of the ANC, the Chief Whip of the DA, yourself, Mr Deputy Speaker and the other members here. Mostly, I must say, I have said it before and I want to say it again, the staff of this

Provincial Legislature, they are absolutely professional and I think it made coming into this very strange environment that I am supposed to 'Leninise'- that means I am supposed to dismantle within as a Marxist Leninist - made it a lot more welcoming place. But of course I am not going to betray my ideology, I will stick to it. But I do want to wish the members of the ANC, the DA and the ACDP, and whether they worship the white card or the black card, I want to wish them well over the Christmas period and I look forward. I am wanting to come back healthy next year because I am looking forward to doing battle with them again. Thank you very much. [Applause].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Deputy Speaker, it is a pleasure just to say a few words. I want to say to the DA and to the ANC and to the EFF and their families, I wish them well over the festive season. Like hon member Mr Paulsen said, it was indeed a learning curve, but I think this robust debate assisted us. With the excellent staff that this Parliament has and of course, the seasoned politicians, with all of them I think we can become better. But let me say, we worked hard. Early mornings, late nights and I think it is for the improvement of the people of the Western Cape. I want to say from the ACDP may God bless you all, may He protect you, may He keep you safe, may His light shine upon you and never forget the reason for this season, the birth of Jesus Christ. I thank you. [Applause].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: May I also from this side of the Chair thank the House for their kind words expressed towards the Speakership in general and the staff of Parliament. It was not an easy session, but we managed to do it. Many, many years back when a former Secretary or Clerk in the House of Commons retired and they asked him what was it like working in Parliament all these years, his comment was that it was hours of utter boredom, interrupted by moment of sheer terror. Now there were moments of sheer terror during this day and some other days as well, but we managed to survive the days. Hon members, I wish you all well for the holiday break, have a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2015 and thank you personally from my side to have been able to serve you as Deputy Speaker for this term. It has been a roller-coaster of note, but we managed to survive. Enjoy the break and enjoy the rest. We all deserve it. The House is adjourned. [Applause.].

The House adjourned at 17:15.