
THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2015

The House met at 14:15

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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The SPEAKER: Before we proceed with the business of the day, I would like to remind members that all Motions must be typed, signed and be handed to the Table immediately after they had been moved. Members must also ensure that all the particulars of the people or organisations mentioned in the motion, including addresses, must be provided.

We will now proceed to Interpellations as printed on the Question Paper. I recognise the hon, the Minister Bredell.

INTERPELLATIONS:

Oudtshoorn Municipality

1. Mr S G Tyatyam asked the Minister of Local Government,

Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What intervention has been made by him to resolve the challenges of the Oudtshoorn Municipality?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you Madam Speaker, thank you for the interpellation. Baie dankie.

Die Oudtshoorn Munisipaliteit is veral sedert 2013 deur politieke onstabiliteit gekenmerk as gevolg van die feit dat sedert die vorige tussenverkiesing van 7 Augustus 2013 die meerderheid koalisie deur die huidige regerende politieke leierskap, en in besonder die Speaker, verhinder word om uitvoering te gee aan die demokratiese reg om te regeer. Die politieke onstabiliteit het 'n nadelige uitwerking op die administrasie van die munisipaliteit gehad en onder andere was dit nie moontlik om die kritieke poste van munisipale bestuurder, hoof finansiële beampte en tegniese dienste paslik te vul nie.

Ek het die afgelope twee jaar by verskeie geleenthede by die munisipaliteit ingegryp en van hierdie ingrypings word hieronder by wyse van 'n voorbeeld uiteengesit.

- (1) Die inwerkingstelling van Artikel 139(4) van die Grondwet toe die raad nie die 2013/14 jaarlikse begroting betyds teen 1 Julie 2013 goedgekeur

het nie. 'n Tydelike begroting is deur die Provinsiale Uitvoerende Gesag opgestel en die goedkeuring van die munisipale uitgawes daarvoor te bekragtig, tot tyd en wyl die Raad 'n finale begroting goedgekeur het wat in Februarie die daaropvolgende jaar geskied het.

- (2) Die versekering van die nakoming van behoorlike administratiewe prosedure deur te regeer op regsaksies deur die munisipaliteit ingestel asook regstappe te inisieer waar ek glo die munisipaliteit verkeerd was. In die saak *MacPherson & 13 Others vs JNH Stoffels & Three Others*, wat gehandel het oor die Speaker se opskorting en ontneming van die stemreg van twee lede van die Raad, het ek beëdigde verklarings voorgelê wat my vertolking van die wet uiteensit.

Die standpunt van die Speaker in hierdie saak is deur beide die Wes-Kaapse Hooggeregshof, die Appèlhof en dan ook die Grondwetlike Hof verwerp, en die regter in die Hooggeregshof het selfs verwys na streke wat deur die Speaker uitgehaal word om te verhoed dat die mosies van wantroue oorweeg en tot stemming gebring kan word, sodat die demokrasie gestalte kan kry.

- (3) In die saak van die *Demokratiese Alliansie & Others versus The Oudtshoorn Munisipaliteit & Eight Others*, wat gehandel het oor die verwydering van die twaalf raadslede deur die Speaker ingevolge die Gedragskode vir die raadslede, het ek 'n beëdigde verklaring dat slegs die LUR vir Plaaslike Regering oor die bevoegdheid beskik om 'n

raadslid in die toegewysde omstandighede te verwyder. Die Wes-Kaap Hooggeregshof het akkoord gegaan met my vertolking van die Wet en het ten gunste van die applikant beslis. Die munisipaliteit het ook hierdie saak op appèl geneem.

- (4) Die Raad het op 28 Mei 2014 oor die 2014/15 begroting gestem. 'n Staking van stemme het voorgekom, met 'n gelyke aantal stemme vir en daarteen. Die Speaker wat alreeds ten gunste van die begroting gestem het, het 'n bykomende stem uitgeoefen om die staking van stemme te oorkom soos na bewering die betrokke wet toegelaat word.

The SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, please finish up, your time...

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ja, dankie. Ek het aangevoer dat sy aksie onwettig was en dit is ook vir my gelyk gegee in die Hof en ons is nou in die Grondwetlike Hof daaroor. Dankie.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Tyatyam.

†UMnu S G TYATYAM: Ndiyabulela Somlomo, ngokucacileyo kulengxelo siyifumanayo kumphathiswa akazimisela ukuya phambili ekusombululeni le ngxaki yapha eOudshoorn, kuba le ngxaki le yingxaki enayiqala ngokwenu ngo2013 ngoku nanithenga I councillors ngemali ukuba maziyiye iAnc ziye kwi DA kengoko ke singaqali, singaqali ukuyibona isenzeka under nina

lonto leyo. Kodwa wena Mphathiswa kufuneka uzazi Mphathiswa ukuba lomsebenzi woMasipala ngumsebenzi ophethwe nguwe, awuphethwanga ngomnye umntu wena unoxanduva lokuthi kubo bonke ooMasipala abalapha e Provincen ungenelele xa kunengxaki. And kuyo yonke lonto Mphathiswa awukwazanga kuze kuyotsho ngoku, even nangoku ayikapaswa I budget yaphana unguMphathiswa uyabhatalwa for lo msebenzi ubhatalwa ngu Premier for ukuba mawenze umsebenzi wokuthi woonke oo Municipality nokuba ba under omphi na umbutho funeka balungiselelwe wena ube ne oversight yabo so Mphathiswa ndifuna khe ucacise kakuhle ukuthi uzimisele ukuyisombulula njani le ngxaki because iminyaka iyaqengqeleka isimo sase Oudshoorn singekho right and two Mphathiswa, Mphathiswa u AG kulonyaka uphelileyo uze nesisombululo esithi kuyabaluleka uMphathiswa nekomiti ukuthi mayi intervene pha kulaMasipala I komiti ke yona iyile, ke Mphathiswa wena wenzentoni kulomsebenzi woku intervinner, okwesibini uyile na ekomitini wayo reporter ngeyakho uxanduva oluthathileyo pha? Kuba ndiyakholwa usalindelwe pha ekomitini awukaveli nokuvela so kuyabaluleka ukuthi lombu wase Oordshoorn Mphathiswa kulonyaka uzayo ngu 2016 ... [Uphazamiseko.]

*Thank you, Madam Speaker. Clearly the report we got from the Minister shows how unwilling he is going forward in resolving this issue in Oudtshoorn, because this issue was started by yourselves in 2013 when you bought councillors for cash so they will leave the ANC and join the DA. So let us not see this with you, let us not see it under your administration. But you, Minister, should know your place. You must know, Minister, that the service of municipalities is yours, no one else has the authority over this but

you. You are responsible for all municipalities in the Province and you must intervene when necessary. In all that the Minister was unable until now, even now the budget has not been passed but you, as the Minister, you are getting paid for the job by the Premier to make sure that every municipality, irrespective of which political party they belong, you should provide for them. You should do an oversight in those municipalities. So, Minister, I want you to get this right and give us a clear indication as to how are you prepared to solve this issue because it has been many years now and the situation in Oudtshoorn is not right at all. Secondly, Minister, the AG last year came with a solution to the problem saying it is vital that the Minister and the committee intervene in the affairs of that Municipality. The committee did an oversight visit to that municipality. What have you done as the Minister in intervening in those affairs? Thirdly, have you contacted the committee to give a report on your responsibility and what you have done? Because I believe the committee is still waiting for but you haven't showed up yet. It is vital that the issue of Oudtshoorn, this coming year of 2016 ...

[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam, please finish up. Your time has expired.

†UMnu S G TYATYAM: ... ingaba uzimisele na ukuthi lo msebenzi ungasombululwa de kubethe unyaka ozayo because ... [Uphazamiseko.]

*are you prepared that this issue is not solved till next year because ...

[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time is up hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Max.

Mr L H MAX: Hon Madam Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. What I do not understand is that the ANC created this mess in Oudtshoorn; then they come and claim that the DA must clean their mess. I do not understand that. They created the problem.

An HON MEMBER: Hand over.

Mr L H MAX: We must now take the blame for their inactions. If you take into account the Constitution Section 5, 152 the objectives of Local Government, it states that the objective of Local Governments are:

- (a) To provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
- (b) To ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner.

Now the auditor's report, which they presented to the Standing Committee on the 20th of May, states the following. They say:

“Unauthorised expenditure resulting from overspending of the budget; underspending of capital budget and conditional grants; late payments and creditors; long outstanding debtors...” [Interjection.]

And you know what they say is the cause of it? The cause of it is instability of political leadership to approve budgets and budget related policies. [Interjections.]

Inadequate monitoring and expenditure against budgets, which results in unauthorised expenditure. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Just hand over.

Mr L H MAX: Hon Minister Bredell, we appreciate your interventions and we as the Committee, hon Minister... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where is your Minister [Inaudible.]

Mr L H MAX: ...are looking forward to expeditious actions. We are also pleased that you and the National Minister met to address this particular issue. [Interjections.] But you know ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members, there is a speaker on the floor.

Mr L H MAX: This problem is going to continue. It is going to persist

because the ANC do not have respect for the rule of law. [Interjections.] The ANC do not have respect for democracy. [Interjections.] The people of Oudtshoorn executed their democratic right.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Klap hulle.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Max, please finish up. Thank you.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Klap hulle! [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members, order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not believe what you are saying here.

The SPEAKER: Order, to the ANC members, you have a speaker on the floor. Please afford him an opportunity. Hon member Mr Tyatyam.

†UMnu S G TYATYAM: Ilungu uMax angazipasa I auditions pha e Bester theatre makaye khona yindawo yakhe leyana not kwenye indawo ingxaki Mphathiswa esifuna usichazele kuyo kudala siyi raiser apha ulungu uRichard Dyantyi kudala eyi raiser esithi Mphathiswa ngenelela before u national minister afike uyaphuca apha sifuna ukuqonda ukuthi wenza ntoni? Ayeke umsebenzi owenziwa ngu nantsika minister yena as u minister walapha kuleProvince onoxanduva obhatalelwa lonto wenza ntoni apha ukutshitsha imeko yabantu sifuna ukuyiqonda ukuthi kulomsebenzi lo Mphathiswa ingaba

even seleyenzile na I public participation ne communities zapha ukuva abantu bona baphana bathini na? Why engekayenzi umsebenzi wakhe in order to make sure ukuthi siyawutshintsha lamsebenzi wapha abantu bathatha uxanduva okwesithathu into endifuna ukuyicacisa apha kule meeting yethu uMphathiswa pha uqale ukuwuqonda lombaxa u national minister efuna uku introducer u section 154 wangona uMphathiswa ingathi uyashukuma but into esifuna ukuyiqonda thina ingaba uMphathiswa uyi implementer nini I constitutional obligation ayinikiweyo yena?

*The honourable member Max could pass auditions there in the Baxter Theatre. Let him go there, it is his scene not anywhere else. The problem, Minister, which we need you to clarify for us is: many a times we raised this issue with member Richard Dyantyi, we have been raising the issue with the Minister pleading for your intervention before the National Minister comes here. It seems you are just playing and not being serious and we want to know what are you doing? You should leave the so called Minister and you as the Minister of the Western Cape Province you have a responsibility that you get paid for. What are you doing to change the state of affairs for the people there? We need to understand what you are doing and as the Minister have you even done public participation with the communities there and what are the views of the community? Why hasn't he done his job in order to make sure that we change the state of affairs there so people do their responsibilities? Thirdly, what I need to state here in this sitting is that the Minister only realised the issue when the National Minister was about to introduce Section 154 then he started moving and taking action but what we

need to understand is when will the Minister implement the constitutional obligation given to him?

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Max.

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, Abraham Lincoln said once: “You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time...” [Interjections.]

Now I just want to say, if I was the ANC I would not put this interpellation, not at all, because they are the people who must tell this House what they did to ensure that democracy prevailed in Oudtshoorn? [Interjections.]

The honourable, the ANC asked the hon Minister: “What did you do?”

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: A question of national... [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: In the Western Cape.

Mr L H MAX: We are saying vacate the offices that we can take government in terms of the mandate, which the people of Oudtshoorn gave us, and then we will show you what governance is. Then we do not need ANC intervention where we are governing, so if you... [Interjections.] ...talk to your...

[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Just listen to yourself!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Max, sorry, you must finish up please.
Thank you.

Mr L H MAX: I just want to say, no man is good enough to govern another without the consent of the other. Take note of it. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Tyatyam.

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

The SPEAKER: Order please members, there is a speaker on the floor.

†UMnu S G TYATYAM: Somlomo, manditsho ndithi anduzuthetha kakhulu kulomba ngokucacileyo iDA iyadlala ngayo, iDA ayibahoyanga abantu base Oudtshoorn ngokucacileyo iDA ithi abantu base Oudstoon mabangazifumani I services ngoluhlobo bekumele bazifumana ngalo just kuleveki iphelileyo le beku suppose ku ardoptiwe pha amalungu eDA khangе аye e council ukuyenza I qorum tha'ts why sisenengxaki nangoku pha so sithi siyi ANC u MEC Mackenzie umsebenzi wakhe okanye acele u Premier amkhulule because

ngokucacileyo ngoku umsebenzi wakhe unzima for yena makunikwe noba nguMax ke ngoku aqhubekeke yena.

*Madam Speaker, let me explain that I am not going to say much about this issue because clearly the DA is playing games at this. The DA does not care about the people of Oudtshoorn. This clearly shows that the DA says the residents of Oudtshoorn should not get the services as others deserve to get the services because just last week they were supposed to adopt members of the DA but that did not happen. They did not go to the council to have a quorum that is why we have this problem and as the ANC we say the Minister must do his job or ask the Premier to let him go because clearly his mandate is bigger than him. Let them give it even to the honourable member Max to do this job.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order! I see the hon Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, shame on the ANC; poor ANC! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Shame on the Minister.

An HON MEMBER: Shame on you!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The ANC must go and ask why the five people decided to resign from the ANC. They must actually ask that question. Then hon Chairperson, they must go and read the law so that they understand the process. I have always stated that we will govern and we will take Oudtshoorn within the framework of the law and if you work with people who have no regard for the law, well, then it is very difficult to take over. We will get there, and I think a lot of us cannot wait for that day, because the day will come that they will account and we will bring them in front of the court...

An HON MEMBER: Pay back the money!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...to pay back the money that they cannot manage currently but we will get there. But there is much more that we are busy with. The Congo Caves tender is a mess. That is in court now. We tried to come up with a plan for the Congo Caves because the Congo Caves are the inheritance of our children and we need to protect that. They cannot do that. Now all of a sudden they asked me to come and help them. We have got a whole plan for that.

Then the current MM according to us is an illegal appointment and the National Minister agrees with me. Ask your National Minister. We have done a diagnostic report on Oudtshoorn. We know what is going on and we know we need to rectify that. We will get there...

An HON MEMBER: They are not intervening.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: But within the law. You cannot just intervene. We have three; we have to go back to the Constitution. It is an interrelated government sphere system that we have. I am not the boss of Local Government. I must support them and I must help them to become the government that they should be, everybody knows the mess Oudtshoorn is in. They currently owe Eskom R17 million. They owe a housing company R13 million. Their sewerage is running into the river. The water people walk off site. They owe them R5 million. [Interjections.] Now why I am mentioning this... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who is the Mayor there?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...that is why they are now so keen to give it over to the DA because there is a mess; there is a crisis and now they cannot fix it and they want us to fix it, they will not be able to pay salaries in Oudtshoorn. All of a sudden they are going to end up at the end of the month and they will not be able to pay salaries of people and that is people's lives and people are not able to pay their housing bonds and things like that. Now they want to hand it over to the DA because they know we are the only party who is able to fix it. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. We now move to Interpellation 2 and again I see the hon Minister Bredell.

Winter Readiness Programme

2. Mr Q R Dyantyi asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What relief and impact does his Department and municipalities' winter readiness programme bring to the already suffering poor communities in the provinces?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie, agb Speaker, en baie dankie aan die agb lid mnr Dyantyi vir die interpellasie.

Die Wes-Kaap is vatbaar vir 'n verskeidenheid van natuur- en mensgemaakte gevare. Ons het dit al in die verlede gesê, klimaatsverandering speel 'n groot rol en ons moet ten alle koste probeer om lewensverlies en beserings en dan ook die verlies en skade aan eiendom te bestry. Ook moet ons kyk na die sosiale en maatskaplike impak op mense se lewens, sodat ons ook vir daardie impakte kan voorberei, sodat ons ook ons mense daarin kan ondersteun.

Die oorstromings is huidiglik een van die grootste gevare in die Wes-Kaap.

Die uitwerking van byvoorbeeld die oorstromingsgevaar gee nie noodwendig daartoe aanleiding tot dat daar 'n ramp verklaar word nie, maar dit is baie ongerieflik vir ons mense. Daar is verskeie redes hoekom dit gebeur, weens swak beplanning. Dit is 'n rede teen swak beplanning of geen beplanning in die verlede. Daar is ook die feit dat mense gaan bly in gebiede waar mense nie behoort te bly nie, in laagliggende gebiede. Daar is verskeie van hierdie aspekte waar mense nooit op terugsetlyne ag geslaan het nie en dit het 'n invloed elke reënseisoen, maar ons is al die afgelope paar jaar besig om dit aan te pak.

Die Departement en die munisipaliteite het verskeie maatreëls ingestel om die uitwerking van hierdie gevare op kwesbare gemeenskappe te verminder. Die maatreëls sluit die volgende in:

- Die identifisering van hoe risikogebiede en die risiko-assessering, so dis baie belangrik dat ons weet waar lê daardie gebiede en wat kan ons doen om vroegtydig op te tree, want voorkoming bly die beste manier om enige ramp of enige moontlike katastrofe te hanteer;
- Die monitering en die verspreiding van vroeë waarskuwingstekens in die besonder weervoorspellings. Ons het SMS-stelsels, damvlakke, wat ons dan so met mense kan kommunikeer om te vra hulle moet met ons saamwerk;
- Die loodsing van oorstromingbewusmakingsveldtogte in die kwesbare

gemeenskappe;

- Die winter-gereedheidsprogram wat ons plaaslik sowel as op provinsiale vlak uitbrei;
- Verder stel 'n munisipaliteit proaktief maatreëls in om oorstromings in informele nedersettings te beperk waar dit op hierdie stadium nie moontlik is om strukture te skuif nie; en dit het weer te doen met beplanning, so die bewusmakingsveldtog, die verbeterde stormwater infrastruktuur en die vroeë waarskuwingstelsel; die skoonmaak van riviere en die skoonmaak van stormwater speel 'n geweldige rol in 'n suksesvolle bestuur van hierdie stelsel.
- Dan die gereedheid van ons Rampbestuursentrum wat 24/7 beskikbaar is en op bystand is om mense te help. Die noodnommer 112 is baie belangrik dat ons mense kennis neem daarvan.

Hierdie faktore soos verstedeliking en die ontwikkeling van informele nedersettings asook die omvang van natuurlike gevare maak dit moeilik om die verligting en die uitwerking van die winter-gereedheidsprogram op arm gemeenskappe, wat reeds ly, te kwantifiseer.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell, finish up please.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you Madam Speaker. Baie dankie vir die Minister vir daardie inligting en baie dankie ook vir sy poging, Minister.
[Tussenwerpsel.]

'n AGBARE LID: Dis 'n goeie poging.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Maar dit is 'n baie swak poging. Ek wil dit sê.

'n AGBARE LID: Nee, dis 'n goeie poging.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die vraag is wat is die 'relief and impact'. Al wat hy nou gedoen het, hy lees net vir my 'n boek. Dit is al wat hy gedoen het. Let me remind him, Minister, it is raining outside as we speak and as we speak there are people who are flooded.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, please speak through the Chair.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to emphasise that point. Now let me look at it.

Mr M G E WILEY: When the sun is shining... [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Every year the same commitment is made to the vulnerable people of this province. Every time that same commitment becomes false hope, as we know as we are standing here. It is false hope. The fanfare displayed in this annual announcement by the Minister collapses immediately when the first rains come, as we saw in the last few weeks. We are already speaking about thousands of people who are out there, who are homeless, and yet who are told every year of a winter readiness programme and plan.

Each year the situation is getting worse. The so-called preparedness is far from relieving the affected communities and had no impact at all. At best, what the Minister is doing, it seems to be a mere compliance-exercise. He is ticking the box. Whatever he is doing, it is not helping those communities. As we speak, there are thousands in communities that are stranded out there as a result of the initial flooding. Where is the plan that he is talking to us about here?

This government is certainly out of touch with reality and the plight of ordinary citizens. In their communication the DA Government is amongst others issuing the following. Please listen to this:

“Raise the floor level of your homes to above ground.” The fact is they are living like sardines in these areas. There is no “above ground.” Do they know that?

Secondly, they say, “Clear out drainage systems.” The fact is, where I come from at Site B, next to the stadium at L-Section, there is no drainage system there. Who are they talking to when they issue these instructions?

Even worse, they are asked, “to clear gutters and remove dead tree branches.” At Site B, where are the gutters in that informal settlement, in Site B in Khayelitsha? There are no gutters. So who are you talking to about this plan? So my point is, you are out of touch with the reality of these poor people who are affected daily by rain.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, please finish up. Your time has expired.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will be back soon.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Madam Speaker and afternoon to my colleagues. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr N E HINANA: Yes, indeed the Department is ready and does have the plan. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, order please.

Mr N E HINANA: The following operational procedures remain in place: that there is a current agreement with the South African Defence Force regarding the use of helicopters for the rescue operations. [Interjections.]

The WCDMC's standard operating procedure for the vision of the Western Cape Disaster Management Centre remains in place and is updated annually. The emergency medical service stations 24/7 in the WCDMC remain a source. All municipality disaster management centres as well as the WCDMC are in the state of readiness all the time.

The NSRI will utilise the further resource during response and flooding incidents. [Interjection.] The Western Cape Disaster Management Centre has assisted all district municipalities... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr N E HINANA: ...in updating the risk assessments. This enabled the municipalities to prioritise their risk assessment. In addition, it informs risk reduction and contingent plans at the municipalities. Flooding was identified as one of the Western Cape's highest risks, where the Eden District Municipality experienced the greatest losses over the past few years. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. Sorry, hon member Mr Hinana, there is too much noise, members. Interjections are allowed, but an ongoing commentary detracts from the speaker. You may proceed hon member Mr Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Thanks, Madam Speaker. The WCDMC assisted and funded a project to identify, collect and consolidate all relevant flood-related special data for Eden District Municipality. This data assisted Eden in decision-making and this project is to be rolled out for the entire province during the course of the year. [Interjections.]

The Western Cape serves as an excellent example of a province that is well-governed and this is done *Better Together* with all the people in the Western Cape. Thank you Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, I am so surprised. I was hoping that Hinana would speak... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: It is the hon member Mr Hinana...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon member Mr Hinana.

The SPEAKER: ...hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon member Mr Hinana, I was hoping - but it is very clear the DA-disease is so infectious, that you do not have a clue about the living conditions of poor people. That is why I am disappointed in that hon member. The debate inside this House and what we are seeing outside there in just these few weeks of rain illustrate the fact that we have an uncaring government in this province. That is all that it is. [Interjections.]

We have an uncaring government in this province, a government that is good in PR exercises as he was trying to read to us, that is what they are issuing. They will do all of this fanfare, but it remains a very uncaring government in this province. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which you do not believe yourself.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Have you seen - if you do not believe - any of these MECs, including MEC AWB or the other MECs related with the issue, MEC hon Fritz; have you seen any of them in the last few weeks visiting these affected areas... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Never!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...explaining the situation, sharing the pain with those

communities? No, they are not! They have ticked the box. They are watching on TV. That is what you are doing. Uncaring government!

That is the characteristics of this Government, very uncaring. Good at saying things but they are very bad at acting on those things. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And out of touch!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Of course! †Bafana ne Pesika bahle ngaphandle babolile ngaphakayhi yingxaki esinayo apha ndiyabuya.

*They are just like peaches. They look good on the outside but they are all rotten on the inside and that is the problem we have there, I will come back to this.

The SPEAKER: Your time is up. Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Madam Speaker, the Provincial Flood Preparedness Plan 2015 was presented... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Hinana, excuse me...

Mr N E HINANA: ...to the National Department of Water Affairs...

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Hinana. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, you had an opportunity to speak and you will be afforded another opportunity.

Please provide the member an opportunity. Thank you. You may proceed, hon member Mr Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: The only difference is that I was not groomed to be rude or to be suffering from verbal diarrhoea. That is why I cannot respond all the time. [Interjections.]

The Provincial Flood Preparedness Plan 2015 was presented to the National Department of Water Affairs' Provincial and Regional Offices as a benchmark for them to develop plans to be deployed in the rest of the country.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not go to Pretoria, come back!

Mr N E HINANA: The WCDMC liaised with all municipal centres in April 2015 to ensure that all centres are prepared for the winter rain.

In particular, the City of Cape Town and all the district municipalities update their flooding and storm plans annually. These flood plans make provision for sustained operating procedures regarding emergency centres and social relief, should it be required there.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what they tell you.

Mr N E HINANA: Constant engagement and communication with the South African Weather Services... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Hinana, finish up please.

Mr N E HINANA: ...are kept open regarding any weather warnings and with the Department of Water Affairs to monitor the levels of dams and the river-flows. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Are you ready for the weekend [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is hy! Ek wil die laaste twee minute van my net 'n bietjie padkos vir die LUR gee; 'n bietjie padkos en huiswerk hieroor. Not only him, but there are also other MECs that are supposed to integrate and work with him.

An HON MEMBER: But at least he tries.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The point in 2015 is: knowing the Western Cape that every year we know - it is no longer a disaster; we know there is going to be rain, there is going to be flooding and there is going to be fire at the end of the year. We know that. The level of readiness should be at a very different standard. So this is what I want to share, because by now - and MEC Madikizela should know this and I hope you will remember when I make the

point - all of the informal settlements that we have should have been categorised in terms of your high risk and low risk areas. You should not be asking people to say, "Phone us if where you are staying, you are not above the ground..."

You should be able before the rain begins to be able to go there and fix the things that you are asking people to phone about... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The ANC prevented us. The ANC prevented us from [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But you do not do that because you just do not care because relocations are supposed to have happened... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...well in advance... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Sorry, Minister. You may proceed.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, dis bietjie seer. Relocations are supposed to have happened well in advance before any rainy season happens in 2015. [Interjections.] It is no longer a question of us not knowing what is going to happen. We know, but it is clear that you do not have a plan because you do not have the political will to help those poor people. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: You cannot fix your own province.

An HON MEMBER: They do not want to... [Inaudible.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Einde van my storie!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order please members. I see the hon Minister Bredell.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker, baie dankie. If the DA is out of touch with the voters, nou hoekom stem hulle dan vir ons? [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is waar. Dit is die waarheid.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Hoekom stem hulle dan vir ons, agb lid mnr Dyantyi, en ek het mooi stil geluister, so luister nou maar wat ek vir jou wil sê.

Agb Speaker, ons het in 2009 by die ANC oorgeneem. Die ANC was so besig in daardie vorige termyn met die rondra van bruin koevertjies dat hulle nooit iets in plek gesit het om te kyk na die armste van die armste nie, so ons

moes 'n stelsel begin bou het en dis presies wat ons gedoen het. Ek het dit ook erken in die dokumentasie dat ons nie hierdie probleem gaan oplos in die volgende vyf jaar nie, moontlik nie eers die volgende tien jaar nie.
[Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit het amper ses jaar geneem [Onduidelik.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek wil vir die agb lid mnr Dyantyi, as hy net wil luister en vir my kans gee om te antwoord, sê dat Omgewingsake se strategiese sessie in die middel van Khayelitsha was sodat ons die risiko's en die omvang van ons probleme kon sien om dit te beplan. Dis waar ons dit hou; nie in vyfster hotelle waar die ANC hulle bosberade hou nie.
[Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dit is vir my baie hartseer dat die agb lid mnr Dyantyi politiek maak van 'n baie, baie moeilike situasie...

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Julle doen niks nie!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ...en nêrens is daar oplossings nie.

Hierdie ding kom nou al jare. Toe ons oorgeneem het by die agb lid mnr Dyantyi en hy was toe Minister van Plaaslike Regering... [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Oudtshoorn [Onduidelik]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons kan teruggaan Oudtshoorn toe.

The SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, can you take your seat please? Hon member Mr Dyantyi, I am going to have to caution you. Constant interjection, heckling is not allowed, please. You are having a running commentary with the Minister. Try and refrain and allow the Minister the opportunity to speak please. Thank you. You may proceed.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dankie agb Speaker. Hy wil praat oor Oudtshoorn. Kom ons praat oor Oudtshoorn. Dat rou riool in 'n rivier loop waar mense drinkwater kry waaruit diere drink is 'n ramp wat wag om te gebeur. Ons kan nie vir alles voorberei nie, maar dit is 'n ding wat te doen het met swak bestuur. So as ons bestuurspraktyke kan vestig wat ek dink hy nog nie verstaan nie, dan sal ons 'n klomp van ons rampe en risiko's beperk. Ons weet wat is ons risiko-gebiede, maar dit is nie te sê die ramp gaan gebeur in die risiko-area nie, want die reën val nie waar ons voorspel dit val nie, so ons

moet op 'n wyer grondslag op gereedheid wees. Ons het ons risiko-gebiede. Ons werk met ander departemente. Minister Fritz het sy ondersteuningsprogramme. Minister Grant het sy infrastruktuurprogramme want as daar verspoelings jaar-op-jaar is... [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Please finish off, Minister.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ...dan moet ons met ons infrastruktuurprogram dit op 'n volgende jaar gaan regmaak. Dis 'n langtermynprogram en ons moenie politiek maak van mense se lewens nie. Dankie agb Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That members, is the end of interpellations. Can I ask for some order? There is too much noise in the House please. We will now deal with Questions as printed on the Question Paper. I recognise the hon, the Premier.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY:

Question standing over from Thursday, 18 June 2015, as agreed to by the House:

Non-compliance with Employment Equity Act

1. Mr M L Fransman asked the Premier:

Whether there are any Provincial Departments which the Department of Labour are investigating for non-compliance to the Employment Equity Act 1998 (Act 55 of 1998); if so, what are the relevant details?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I see the hon Leader of the Opposition is not here today but in his absence I will answer his question. [Interjections.] He is hardly ever here. The answer to his question is that the Department of Labour is... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The PREMIER: ... not investigating any provincial departments for non-compliance to the Employment Equity Act 1998. It should be noted that the Employment Equity Act of 1998 provides for a range of activities to monitor the provisions of the Act.

Section 43 of the Act enables the Director-General of Labour to exercise the discretion to conduct a review of any company or of any department in terms of the Act.

Now this is not done on the basis of any *prima facie* evidence of non-

compliance. It is like a random audit or a random search that can be done on anybody or any entity at the discretion of the Director-General.

The best analogy I can think of is for example when one's suitcase is randomly taken when one goes abroad, and searched, even though there is no indication that there may be anything wrong with it, but it is a random search or often a random audit as our Auditor-General does, because that is one of the powers that such monitoring authorities have in order to seek compliance across the board. So subsequent to review the Director-General Labour may approve the Department's Employment Equity Plan or make recommendation regarding any corrective steps, which the Department must take.

On Tuesday the 10th of June the Director-General of Labour issued a notice for DG review in terms of Section 43 of the Act and this is one of those random reviews - Section 43 of the Act to the heads of the department of the following departments: Premier; Agriculture; Provincial Treasury and Economic Development and Tourism, and of course we and the Corporate Services Centre will fully cooperate in this particular review and we trust that this is being done countrywide and that there is not selective reviewing of particular departments in the Western Cape. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Madam Speaker. May I ask the Premier, was there any findings by the Department of Labour in terms of the review of the different departments that the Premier mentioned here?

The PREMIER: We just received the letters very recently so they have not begun investigation as far as I am aware, or the review, and so there have not been any findings.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you to the Premier. Premier, may I ask you do you support the Employment Equity Act?

The PREMIER: I support the objective of achieving diversity across all sectors in South Africa and I support the objectives to achieve that but I do not support the manipulation of outcomes. I support the extension of opportunities.

The SPEAKER: I see hon member Ms Wenger and then hon member Mr Uys.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you Madam Speaker. If I heard the Premier correctly, she said that the Western Cape Government received letters from the Department of Labour on 10 June. Now this question was placed on the Order Paper, if my maths serves me right, on 9 June. [Interjections.] So given that then the hon member Mr Fransman submitted this question...

[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No statement.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She must ask the question.

Ms M M WENGER: ...I am getting there - before 9 June and if the Department of Labour only then informed the HODs of the planned reviews on 10 June, could the Premier explain how it could be that the Leader of the Opposition knew about the Department of Labour's plans before Labour even informed the Western Cape Government? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ask the question.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms M M WENGER: Are these reviews perhaps politically motivated rather than routine?

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Madam Premier.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There is no question here. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a blunt statement.

'n AGBARE LID: Hier kom 'n ding nou!

The PREMIER: There is one lovely word for this and it is an Afrikaans word; it is called: “uitgevang”!

'n AGBARE LID: Ja, ja. [Tussenwerpsels.] Baie mooi!

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wie is uitgevang?

Die PREMIER: Uitgevang! [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: You are jumping the gun.

The PREMIER: Because... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. Allow the Premier to answer the question please.

The PREMIER: Because this question must have been submitted by the latest at about June 5. It was published on the Order Paper by June 9 and the heads of the relevant departments that I read out only got the letter from the National Director-General of Labour after the question had been placed on

the Order Paper. [Interjections.] Now this could not have been a coincidence.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The PREMIER: This could not have been a coincidence, Madam Speaker. What we are seeing here is yet further evidence of the manipulation of State institutions for party-political purposes, and this is what the ANC does all the time in the run-up to the election. They go on a fishing expedition, abusing the provisions of the law... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is the DA. That is not us.

The PREMIER: ...and abusing state institutions for party-political advantage and it is absolutely disgraceful. This intervention by the National Director-General of Labour has been exposed as being one of those things by this particular mis-timing of the Leader of the Opposition, who submitted his question before the National Department got it together to send us the letters that the Leader of the Opposition obviously knew about before they were sent. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: That is why he is not here.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. This is the fourth follow-up. I see the hon

member Mr Uys. Members please, you have a speaker on the floor.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Madam Speaker. The Premier clearly answered when I asked her whether she supports the Employment Equity Bill and Act, she said no. Now how would you then... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No-no-no.

Mr P UYS: Ja, of course you said no. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order members!

Mr P UYS: Can I... [Interjections.] Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order, sorry.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, can I get to my question please?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys there is a point of order.

Mr P UYS: Can I get to my question please? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Excuse me, there is a point of order, please. [Interjections.]
Order members.

Mr P UYS: Do you support the Act or not? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys. Sorry, the Chief Whip is rising on a point of order. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Uitgevang! Uitgevang!

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, Madam Speaker, I wonder if we can have a ruling on this matter please, that you could confer with Hansard, because [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are not to answer instead of the Premier.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja please man, sit down.

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

Mr M G E WILEY: Because the comment by the Chief Whip of the minority party is completely at odds with the truth.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Sit down man. You do not know what you are saying.

The SPEAKER: Members, sorry, I have heard the Chief Whip's point of order. I will refer to Hansard and I will come back to this House with the ruling. You may proceed hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, then the question is, Premier, you are not supporting the Employment Equity Act in full? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You are misleading the House.

Mr P UYS: How would you go about implementing it? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys please take your seat. Sorry Madam Premier, it is the hon Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, you have already made a ruling in this particular regard.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We call on all the parties to respect your ruling. You have made your ruling that you will look at the Hansard and you will come back to the House. That is your ruling. If the Chief Whip of the minority party does not understand your ruling, please can you repeat your ruling in this regard?

The SPEAKER: Okay, hon Minister Meyer, your point of order is noted. I said that I will revert to Hansard and I will come back to the House. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Can the Premier answer please?

The SPEAKER: Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. We on this side of the House support the objectives of the Employment Equity Act, within the Constitution and the law. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: There is only one party here who has been found by the Courts to have flouted the Employment Equity Act and that is the hon ANC.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: Because how they interpret it is unconstitutional as shown in a case in which the Supreme Court of Appeal said that their interpretation in the prison service of using exact representivity was unconstitutional... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Oh no, do not go there, Premier, do not go [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: ...and that the ANC's interpretation of the Employment Equity Act is not lawful and not constitutional, so there is only one party that rejects the constitutional interpretation of the Employment Equity Act that has been found by the Supreme Court to be in violation of it and that is the ANC. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. We now move to the next question. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Wat sê die Chief Whip van die 'minority party' nou? Dit was 'n lekker enetjie nè. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not support it, Premier, you are 'uitgevang'.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The minority party. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: We move to Question 1. I see the hon, the Premier.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Laat ons nou hoor.

New questions

Department of Community Safety: Labour review

***1. Mr P Uys asked the Premier:**

Why is the Department of Labour placing the Department of Community Safety under review in terms of the Employment Equity Act and how is she and her Department addressing it?

The PREMIER: Okay, let me begin by saying that the Department of Community Safety was not placed under review. This is a manipulation of words and we often see the manipulation of words to mean something that the ANC is trying to achieve for political purposes.

The Department was reviewed because of organisational restructuring in one of these random reviews, which is quite different from placing an entity under a review because of non-compliance. Those are two fundamentally different things and the ANC is trying to pretend that the Department was placed under review for non-compliance when there was organisational restructuring that saw the Traffic Services move from Community Safety to Transport and Public Works, which necessitated a fundamental review under the Act. So those two things are entirely different and the ANC must stop manipulating words to achieve political objectives and they must stop playing games with National Departments to abuse state power to achieve political objectives.

'n AGBARE LID: Julle is uitgevang.

The PREMIER: ..so there was a review of the Department of Community Safety. First of all the Department of Labour is not currently placing the Department of Community Safety under review, so the answer is no, but there was a review of the Department of Community Safety and that happened at the end of last year, and in fact it was concluded in March this year, the very month that the National Department just sent a letter for information to the DG's office for noting, and that was rather bizarre because in fact by then the process had already almost been concluded.

The Department of the Premier, through its Corporate Service Centre administratively supported the Department of Community Safety in the process to implement the recommendations and it went very smoothly. It was an administrative and procedural process that the ANC is trying to turn into a political football by pretending we do not support the objectives of the Employment Equity Act.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am asking the Premier then, why then if you say they did comply, the Department of Labour said to the Department that they have failed to fully comply with the provisions of Section 20 of the Employment Equity Act?

The PREMIER: If you look at Section 20 and all of the other sections these

are issues related to technical and administrative procedures, not to the issue of getting representivity and in fact diversity because representivity is unconstitutional as the Supreme Court of Appeal has already found and that is the ANC's interpretation, which has been found to be unconstitutional.

An HON MEMBER: Leave the ANC. Just answer the question.

The PREMIER: Now if you look at the findings you will find that there are technical issues such as, and let me give you one of them: numerical goals and targets were contained in an additional document. They were in an annexure and not in the main document itself. That is entirely technical and procedural. It has got absolutely nothing to do with the objective, but the ANC comes here and makes completely false allegations and says for example that none of the money spent on training and development was spent on black employees of the party... [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nee, ons is nie daar nou nie.

The PREMIER: But the truth of course is that over 91% of the people trained under that budget are black people, so that is the kind of distortion that the ANC tries to give to the technical and procedural findings that we have now corrected and the matter has been resolved, while the ANC is still trying to pump up political feelings around race, because race is the only card they have left to play. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Uys, the second question.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. To the Premier. on 21 May I have asked this question to you as the Premier responsible for the Corporate Service Centre and you did not answer it. Do you know what is happening in your department, Premier?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Oh come on! This is so [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: That is a very interesting question coming from the hon Pierre Uys, because in fact it is impossible for a Premier to know every single technical and administrative detail in the entire Government. Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds, probably thousands of letters come into this Government every month and indeed I am informed of all the issues that have a bearing on policy and have a bearing on politics, but this was purely an administrative issue and the other big issue here is that given the fact that the original letter was written to the Department of Community Safety and not to the Department of the Premier on 27 October last year, and that the letter to the DG of the Department of the Premier only arrived in March when the work had already almost entirely been concluded, shows that it was purely an administrative issue and there was no need for the Premier to be informed of that. But it really is extraordinary that the ANC comes here and accuses or insinuates that I do not know what is happening in this Government, when they have a president who did not know that renovations were happening to

his home to the tune of R253 million. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Is there a follow-up question?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: I wonder if the Premier could answer whether it is the hon member Mr Uys, in fact, who was using as his defence not to appear in front of Scopa, because he says the officials took decisions on his behalf and he was not responsible. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

'n AGBARE LID: Uitgevang! [Tussenwerpsels.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That qualifies as the third question. The Premier is free to answer or not, otherwise I am giving it over to... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: No, that is not relevant to the question that is on the table. [Interjections.] It is not.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: It is not. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: But you are trying to give a sweetheart to the Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Madam Premier.

The PREMIER: That is an entirely relevant question... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No! Sit down.

The PREMIER: ...because the member Mr Uys asked me if I knew about a technical and administrative letter for information to the DG...
[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Now he is going to give you the [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ...and indeed here was a major irregular expenditure of money under that Minister's watch and he says his own officials took decisions without him knowing about it, which could not be the case.

Mr P UYS: That is not true.

The PREMIER: So you see, he is using it to duck responsibility but applying complete double standards in coming to this House and asking us these questions. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Is there a follow-up, the last opportunity?

Mr P UYS: Definitely.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The last opportunity, number four.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, Madam Premier, you are running away from the issue here. That is very clear. [Laughter.] Mr Deputy Speaker, let us be clear about this, just give us a yes or a no, did you not instruct the DA caucus in the National Assembly not to support the Employment Equity Act? You did! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Madam Premier. [Interjections.] Order.

The PREMIER: You know it is really sad that the Chief Whip of the minority party has no idea of the policy debates happening nationally. The reason that the Democratic Alliance opposed that particular Bill was that it was a quota Bill as was shown by the regulations produced by the Minister subsequently, and quotas have been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of Appeal.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We proceed to Question 2, Minister

Bredell.

Environmental capacity building activities

**2. Mr R B Lentit asked the Minister of Local Government,
Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

Whether there were any environmental capacity building activities conducted for the current financial year; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the details and (b) was the impact of these activities?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, baie dankie, met die instemming van die agbare lid gaan ek 'n opsomming gee want dit is 'n baie lang antwoord, anders gaan ek u baie lank besig hou. So ja, 'n aantal omgewingskapasiteitsbou-aktiwiteite was alreeds onderneem tydens die huidige finansiële jaar. Gedurende April en Mei - ek is maar gefokus op daardie twee maande - het die Departement Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning en CapeNature die volgende omgewingskapasiteitsbou-aktiwiteite onderneem:

- (1) April: 'n interne en toenemende toegang tot natuurreservate en hierdie een is om uitstappies te doen in natuurreservate en hoe om vir al ons agtergeblewe jeug betrokke te kry in natuurreservate en ek dink dis 'n baie goeie program waarmee hulle besig is.

- (2) Een-op-een opleidingssessies was gehou met vyf verskillende afvalfasiliteite operateurs naamlik belanghebbende partye in die Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, Solid Waste Technologies, Simonsvlei Wynkelder, PathCare en ROLA Group ingesluit.
- (3) In Mei het ons byvoorbeeld: 'n kapasiteitsbousessie oor omgewingswetgewing aan die nagraadse studente van die Universiteit Stellenbosch aangebied.
- (4) Verder is daar 'n aanbieding gedoen oor die verandering aan die Omgewingswet tydens die bekendmaking van 'n nuwe ontwikkelingsregseenheid in Kaapstad.
- (5) Dan is daar ook verder 'n werkswinkel gehou oor die rolle en die verantwoordelikhede van die drie vlakke van regering in terme van Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, Geïntegreerde Kusbestuurswet. Die werkswinkel was bygewoon ook deur SALGA en ander munisipaliteite.

Van die suksesse en van die uitkomst in hierdie munisipaliteite, die een-op-een sessies was baie goed ontvang en die afval-fasiliteit operateurs se kennis is verbeter, maar ook het ons reggekry om van die 164 afvalbestuurspersele 162 te lisensieer en net twee is tans ongelisensieer, en ek dink dis 'n baie goeie uitkoms aan ons voorsitter. Dis iets wat hulle moniteer as 'n staande komitee. So 'n jaar of wat gelede was daar nog so 75%

van ons afvalbestuursfasiliteite ongelisensieerd.

Die volgende uitdaging en die volgende stap is dan nou ook om te sorg dat ons hierdie fasiliteite binne die wetgewende raamwerk bestuur. Dan is daar 'n sessie wat die vlak van bewustheid verhoog het in terme van hoe munisipale inkomste beïnvloed gaan word deur die skuif na sonkrag of Solar PV. Dit is 'n groot bekommernis. Met die huidige elektriese tariewe en met die moontlike verhoging van elektriese tariewe kan hier 'n krisis wag op munisipaliteite en ons is besig met verskillende studies en ons kommunikeer gereeld met ons munisipaliteite net om te sê dat as ons niks doen nie kan ons Wes-Kaapse munisipaliteite R840 biljoen verloor na 2040 toe, maar ons vrees is ook dat met die huidige moontlike elektriese tariewe hierdie agenda baie ver vorentoe geskuif kan word, wat munisipaliteite onder geweldige druk sal sit. Verder, 'n werkwinkel het bygedra tot die bepaling van die rolle en die verantwoordelikhede van die drie vlakke van regering in terme van wetgewing van verskillende wetgewings. Dis iets wat altyd sensitief is, watter vlak van watter regering moet dan nou oor sekere omgewingsaspekte besluite neem.

Verder, 'n aantal verdere omgewingskapasiteitsbou-aktiwiteite word beplan en sal uitgevoer word deur die Departement vir die res van die huidige finansiële jaar.

Ek gaan daarmee volstaan mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ek sal graag die vraag inhandig. Dankie.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie agb Minister Bredell. Agb lid mnr Lentit, opvolgvraag.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Dankie mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Gebaseer op die opleiding wat spesifiek aan munisipaliteite gegee is wil ek die Minister vra watter maatstawwe daar in plek is of hoe sal hy monitor dat die opleiding wat gegee was aan munisipaliteite regtig in die werksplek geïmplementeer sal word en watter maatstawwe is in plek om die uitkoms van daardie 'trading' te meet? Dankie.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dankie aan die agbare Voorsitter vir die vraag weereens. Ek dink party van die items is makliker en ander 'n bietjie moeiliker om te meet. Wetgewing is natuurlik 'n verpligting so ons het die plig om oor die wetgewing met die munisipaliteit te gaan beraadslaag, aan hulle die impak te verduidelik, en dan ook toe te sien dat hulle die kapasiteit het om te handel met die wetgewing. So dit is iets wat maklik gemoniteer kan word. Daar is dan nou ook ander programme wat ons aan hulle verkoop soos die toegang tot ons natuurreservate om veral ons agtergeblewe jong gemeenskappe deel te maak van sekere programme in dit is iets wat ons fisies kan meet en die Staande Komitee kan ook meet en dit kan deel raak van ons JPP, ensovoorts. So daar is verskillende programme, verskillende vlakke. Die Bergrivier rehabilitasieprogram is 'n reuse sukses. Ons moet hom nou uitbrei na ander riviere toe, maar ons het daardie

klinkklare bewyse en dit is 'n meting waar jy die E.coli tellings kan meet en jy kan sien hoe die waterkwaliteit verbeter, en dan kan jy ook bepaal wat was die groot besoedelaars, byvoorbeeld riool wat nie reg behandel word nie of 'n informele gebied wat nie die regte rioolfasiliteite het nie. Dit het alles impakte op riviere en met ons suster-departemente werk ons dan 'n program uit om daardie programme vinniger te laat geskied. So daar is verskillende maniere en ons werk graag met die Staande Komitee om te kyk hoe kan ons ons omgewing verbeter. Dankie.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Dijana.

†UNksz T M DIJANA: Enkosi,*Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, ndicela ukubuza ku MEC ingaba itrainings ezi athetha ngazo ze interns, ingaba ezitrainings agqiba ukuthetha ngazo zizo assister i interns ukuba mazifumane imisebenzi e permanent na?

*Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask the MEC about the training of interns he is talking about. Is this training that he just spoke about going to assist the interns to get permanent jobs?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, obviously through the internship we are trying to create more jobs through the EPWP Programme; Cape Nature is one of the big contributors towards job creation. It is core too, but we must also realise that is one part of it. The other part of it is we operate in a very legal framework like the new SPLUMA Regulations

we need to capacitate our municipal officials so that they can implement that piece of law, and so yes, on the one hand we need to build capacity and existing infrastructure in our municipalities, and on the other hand we try to create as many jobs as possible with these kinds of programmes, especially also with the programme getting previously disadvantaged people in our parks and so forth. It is like with cycling and they will become tour guides for the cycling fraternity, the mountain biking fraternity and so forth, so it is programmes like that that will definitely lead to job creation and the upliftment of human beings. Thank you.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agb lid mnr Lentit.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ek kan onthou - ek moet dit in konteks sit - baie jare gelede was daar 'n program waar skole die CapeNature fasiliteite kon besoek het gedurende skoolvakansies en ek wil weet dink die Minister in die toekoms dat ons weer dit gaan laat herleef waar gedurende skoolvakansies ons kinders van die strate af hou en dan gedurende skoolvakansies in daardie fasiliteite bietjie opleiding gaan kry en so aan. Dankie.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Bietjie werk vir jou... [Onduidelik.] ...early in the mind.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ja, baie dankie vir die vraag. Dis iets wat my baie na aan die hart lê en met die

Staande Komitee sal ek dit baie graag wil dryf. Dis een van die items waarin ons nog nie genoeg suksesvol was nie. Ons het 'n klomp ander goed gehad om aan aandag te gee aan maar daar is geen rede dat jy 'n stuk grond afkamp en niemand het toegang daartoe nie. Ons moet 'n liefde vir die natuur skep. Ons moet ons skole en ons jongmense in die natuur kry. Ons moet die natuur oopstel en daardeur sal ons baie meer inspekteurs eintlik binne die omgewing kry, maar dit het 'n geweldige positiewe uitwerking ook op 'n gemeenskap as hulle agterkom hoe die natuur werk, so ek is baie opgewonde dat die nuwe bestuur in CapeNature en ons nuwe HUB, wat darem nou al 'n jaar daar is, hierdie konsepte verstaan, en saam met ons hierdie programme sal dryf. Dankie.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We proceed to the next question, Question 3. Hon Minister Winde.

De Doorns: economic diversification, implementation of

3. Mr S G Tyatyam asked the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

- (a) How is his Department intervening to implement economic diversification in the De Doorns agriculture orientated community and
- (b) what is the (i) plan and (ii) timeframes that are projected?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member Mr Tyatyam for the question.

The Western Cape Government is working with Breede Valley Municipality, which includes the De Doorns area, on a range of economic projects. This work forms part of the 2015/16 Integrated Development Plan because we have it all in a plan of the municipality itself and it is stated as a focus area, which seeks to strengthen sectors, which are not agricultural based. This includes expanding the sustainable infrastructure and bulk services of the municipal area. It would work to create a healthy investor-friendly environment. Another goal is to market Breede Valley as a tourism destination.

The Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Agriculture, amongst others, are working with the municipality to identify these economic opportunities. Earlier this month both of my Departments met with the Breede Valley Municipality for discussions on the promotion of agri-tourism as well as agri-processing opportunities. Planning has also started on the short-term and long-term initiatives and aside from the sector specific initiatives my Department also supports interventions such as financial literacy training, skills training programmes and programmes for specifically agricultural areas in skills training and bursary programmes. This training aims to assist the developing crucial skills needed to take advantage of those economic opportunities that the IDPs are planning for.

We are also working with the municipalities of Theewaterskloof,

Drakenstein, Saldanha Bay, Swartland and Breede River, to drive socio-economic development in those areas of which this is one of them. We call it the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade Programme and of course the areas I have just mentioned, that is the regional socio-economic project nodes of which we have R100 million committed to these two projects in rural areas.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thanks Mr Deputy Speaker. My follow-up question is in relation to the food-chain development in terms of De Doorns, because the crisis that we have there, people only work during the season. So what do we do in-between the season, like now, when the season is off, and the majority of our people are not actually working? What is the process and how many people in the training for instance are you expecting at least to absorb so that they do participate in that training and are able to go out and sustain themselves besides going onto the farms?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I absolutely agree with you and that is specifically why we are busy with these intervention programmes because of seasonality and through the analysis that we did last year we identified the sector of agri-processing. You will see much of the budget now and both of my Departments are focusing on creating or lengthening that agricultural value chain specifically for that reason because seasonality definitely hits workers who obviously

only get those three months or four months worth of income and then what do they do after that? It is a huge issue. It is an issue for my other colleagues in Cabinet. Other departments have to come in, the social services' nets, etcetera, and obviously we should create the economic environment that becomes more sustainable year-round and it will be a focus whether it is in agriculture and moving to agri-processing or in tourism trying to get year-round sustainability; it is about growing the season because we create the environment so we can lengthen those seasons.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there a follow-up question? Hon member Ms Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. My question to the Minister is, what are you doing about the informal trading along the N1 in the agricultural sector?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you referring to the De Doorns area as well now Minister? Then it is relevant, Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I understand what she means. I must say that I am not aware of any programme within the Department that specifically deals with informal trading... [Interjections.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Uitgevang!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...on the sides of the road. I presume what the hon member is speaking about is when you see people just standing outside with a packet of oranges or just on the side of the N2. As that is a very different question to what is on the Order Paper, if she wanted that detail I would see if the Department is involved in a programme.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Uitgevang.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Winde. We continue. Is there a follow-up question, hon member Ms Davids, another one?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Another question to the Minister is, what is Wesgro doing about bringing investment to De Doorns or did Wesgro have a meeting with the Breede Valley Municipality thus far around investment in De Doorns?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, you are on the border of being not relevant. Minister, you are welcome to try to respond to that one. It is a totally different topic but it is in a sense on De Doorns also.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: As I said, if the hon member listened to my original answer I spoke about how both my Departments were involved specifically in that

region and of course when my Departments are involved Wesgro is part of that process, because they are linked to both of my Departments. Perhaps while I am on my feet, the hon Minister of Transport reminded me that specifically where trading happens on the sides of our national roads that there are areas, because it is very dangerous, where you will see - specifically in the De Doorns area - that there are signs warning motorists not to stop and warning traders not to be trading on the side of the N1 in just an erratic manner.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We then proceed to the next question. Question 4, hon Minister Fritz.

Social worker posts: Bitou Municipal area

4. Ms M M Wenger asked the Minister of Social Development:

With reference to the reply to written Question 6 of 27 February 2015, whether the five social worker posts for the Bitou Municipal area have been filled; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Yes, the positions were all filled. The first three social workers assumed duty on June 1, and the remaining two will start on 1 July. I hope by then they will not have withdrawn their [Inaudible.] But I must say there is a huge pool of graduates again of social workers and the really good ones we

try and absorb. Thank you.

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

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker. Minister I am very pleased to hear that these posts have been filled, where it is much needed in the Bitou area. I would just like to ask whether these are all permanent posts?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, they are all permanent posts.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We then proceed to the next question, the last question. Hon member Mr Hinana to Minister Madikizela.

Fire prone areas

5. Mr N E Hinana asked the Minister of Human Settlements:

What preventative measures are in place to combat fires in settlement areas that are prone to fires?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker. The present form and layout of informal settlements areas make it very difficult to provide utility and emergency services when needed.

High densities and highly flammable shack materials aid the rapid spread of fires significantly and this hampers the effective response of emergency services, which often result in the tragic loss of lives, homes and possessions.

To address this issue the City of Cape Town and other municipalities have drafted a policy that informs residents of its plan to re-block informal settlements over and above of course the provision of housing and the upgrading of informal settlements programme. This is aimed at reducing the impact of fires and floods on households in these communities as well as facilitating better access to City services. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any follow-ups, hon member Mr Hinana?

Mr N E HINANA: Thanks Mr Deputy Speaker. MEC, the heavily sweating National Minister of Police, Nathi Nhleko, despite what the Public Protector said, recommended therefore that to have a fire-pool; it is one of the main issues that we can fight fires. [Interjections.] Do you not think that you need to roll out the fire-pool as well to the nearest areas where these fires approach so that we can assist to extinguish the fires? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: How many fire-pools...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Well it is only President Zuma

who has the privilege of having a fire-pool to put out fires, but the budget of Informal Settlements, hon member Mr Hinana... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The budget of the Department of Human Settlements and the country cannot afford to build fire-pools in all the areas where we are facing this problem.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister, have you concluded? Are you finished? No further follow-ups?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No it was just a sweetheart...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then we move on to Questions to the Premier without Notice. The first opportunity is the hon member Ms Lekker. I see the hon member Ms Lekker.

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE:

Ms P Z LEKKER: Enkosi Mr Deputy Speaker. My question is whether the information submitted by Treasury is correct that this Premier's Office is the biggest and most bloated in all nine provinces?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker there is a distinction between the office and the department. Our office does not exceed the number of staff members allowed in terms of the handbook and the regulations.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You have got four advisors.

The PREMIER: Well, I am allowed four advisors.

An HON MEMBER: No, you are not. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The bottom line is that my office is no bigger than the size allowed. In our Department of the Premier we are unique in having a Corporate Services Department, which does all of the transversal functions. That saves a lot of money. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The empire you are building.

The PREMIER: It is much more cost effective...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are building an empire!

The PREMIER: ...and much more effective in many ways than any other Provincial Department...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are centralising power.

The PREMIER: ...and indeed many other provinces have come to find out how we manage to do what we do do in this province. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not trust the [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there a follow-up? Hon member Ms Lekker?

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] ...while he is taking over the DA. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, totally, a long time ago.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You have no idea [Inaudible.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: My follow-up question would therefore be will the Premier take responsibility and face the consequences for the huge under-expenditure in the Department as a result of this bloated office? [Interjections.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skande!

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker I have made two speeches in the House.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Uitgevang!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Dyantyi, please allow the Premier to respond.

The PREMIER: I have made two speeches in this House on this particular issue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: The outgoing Premier.

The PREMIER: The reason, Mr Deputy Speaker, is very simple.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: So wat is dit?

The PREMIER: We did have under-expenditure...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: A huge under-expenditure.

The PREMIER: ...on the Broadband Project that was carried over and the reason that there was an under-expenditure on the Broadband Project was because of the National Department's insistence that we work through SITA and SITA allowing the tender to lapse and we had to start again twice because of the interventions of the National Department of DPSA and of SITA. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Julle moet luister!

The PREMIER: And so we were making really good progress until we were blocked by the National Government from continuing and when SITA got involved they let the tender and the contract lapse and we had to go back to advertising it from scratch. If we had been able to do it, it would have been finished on time and the great irony is ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... blame National, blame them.

The PREMIER: The great irony is - well I do not have to blame them. It is a fact! It is true. [Interjections.] And I have.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, blame them.

The PREMIER: The question I want to ask the Minister of DPSA and I have asked and I have never got an answer to this question...

Mr P UYS: You are not in National Parliament.

The PREMIER: ...is why they allowed Gauteng to sidestep SITA, but forced us to rewind and go through the full SITA process and again this is abuse of power for political objectives. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Lekker, your last opportunity.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Enkosi Sekela Somlomo. If the office of the head of this Provincial Government openly squanders taxpayers' money for the sole purpose of centralising power around the Premier, will the Premier be in a position to take steps... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: A good question for Jacob Zuma.

Ms P Z LEKKER:...around the MPs to account for any of their bad performance? I am sure - jy is wakker nou, nè. Jy het nie geslaap nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Madam Premier.

The PREMIER: There was no squandering of any money.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Well watch this space.

The PREMIER: None at all! We came to this House and we got support for rolling over the budget that we could not spend because of SITA, the National Centre for IT.

An HON MEMBER: The State Information Technology Agency.

The PREMIER: The State Information Technology Agency, thank you very

much. The State Information Technology Agency run by the National Department allowed a contract to lapse on which we were making good progress and we had to start again wasting everybody's time, but no money was wasted. What was set back dramatically was service delivery. So not a single cent was wasted or squandered. The money will still be spent on broadband. The timelines just had to be stretched out and it is simply outrageous that the hon member Ms Lekker comes here and has a completely *non sequitur* follow-up question, suddenly alleging and drawing in this concept of squandering money, when indeed [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: [Inaudible.] It was not. Just watch this space.

The PREMIER: ...when indeed for the very first time and unlike any Department of the Premier under the ANC our Department got a clean audit.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Watch this space! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order. We move on to the second question. Before I see the hon member Ms Dijana, can I just confirm that the rules are very clear, the supplementary questions must relate to the original question or to the reply. It must be relating to that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, indeed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Noting that the Premier is responsible for youth development, children and women's empowerment, what efforts had the Premier specifically, and no other departments, made in firstly establishing a youth and gender desk in her Department to ensure that these critical programmes are mainstreamed and driven transversally?
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: With that bloated thing!

The PREMIER: Ensuring that these particular functions are mainstreamed does not necessitate a desk in the Premier's Office.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What does it mean?

The PREMIER: And in fact a desk in the Premier's Office can sometimes be counter-productive.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay, let us hear then.

The PREMIER: ...because we have an entire Youth Development Strategy that we are managing transversally with all of the Ministers in the relevant departments working together to achieve that Youth Development Strategy through our Provincial Strategic Goals. One of them, which is proving to be very successful and very exciting is the Yebo Project, the Year-Beyond

Project, in which we enable bright students to take a gap year to train young people in our schools; to help supervise sports; to help supervise homework, to ensure that people have mentors and role models and that is just one tiny leg of our Youth Development Strategy. We have our Youth Cafés, we have our Internship Programmes in Government, in which we take on 800 young people every single year and train them in Government. Our entire Education budget is focused on the Youth Development Strategy. Our MOD Centre budgets, all of these issues are absolutely central to our Youth Development Strategy. Our game-changer focusing on alcohol is critical for the Youth Development Strategy. Our opening of new drug rehabilitation centres is central to our Youth Development Strategy, so indeed this has been very successfully mainstreamed across all of the Provincial Departments.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And the women and children?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Dijana.

†UNksz T M DIJANA: Ndiyabulela *I thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, will the Premier deny the growing perception that she does not appreciate and care about the development of youth in these other critical sectors? †Nangona undixelela ngestrategy sika 2013 esinga implementwayo?

*Although you are telling me about the 2013 strategy which has not been implemented yet.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is denied.

The PREMIER: The perception resides in the ANC's head and the ANC basically thinks that if they repeat it often enough other people will pick up that perception. [Interjections.]

There is no government ever in this Province that has had such a coherent implementable and supervised pro-youth strategy, no government than this one. Now the hon ANC's focus on youth strategy works like this: today we got a letter from the National Department, saying they are going to Russia to discuss a youth strategy, in Russia. They want us to contribute towards 250 young people going to Russia to discuss youth development. Can you imagine what kind of budget that is going to take? This is just a junket to go to Russia... [Interjections.] ...and they said that we have to go and find those young people, submit their names by Monday. That gives us three working days effectively. [Interjections.] And the youth strategy is to take 250 young people to Russia to talk about youth development.

Now this is what the ANC understands by youth development. The ANC understands youth development as spending a huge amount of money on a few people to have a junket, to have a party, to have a kissing conference, to go on a trip to Russia and that is not what we understand by youth development. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon member Ms Dijana, the last opportunity.

†UNksz Ms T M DIJANA: Ndiyabulela Somlomo, icacile into yokuba uPremier akaboni ukubaluleka kwe Youth nomama apha kule Western Cape.

*I thank you, Madam Speaker. It is clear that the Premier does not see value in our Youth and women of the Western Cape.

†In a letter to the Presidency the Premier stated that the Western Cape Youth is over-consulted. Is she aware that as a result of her actions the youth in this province did not contribute to the formulation of the youth policy, which is aimed at strengthening the youth programmes for the next five years?

†Andithethi nawe wena ububaleke itoyi-toyi izolo ndithetha no Premier

*I am not talking to you because yesterday you ran away from protesters. I am talking to the Premier.

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

The PREMIER: When the ANC talks about the youth, they talk about things like the National Youth Development Agency, which is just ANC cadres put into key positions. [Interjections.] And they talk about... [Interjections.] ..they talk about hand-picking some ANC cadres to go on a trip to Russia - a junket to Russia. That is what they talk about and that is what they equate with youth development. [Interjections.]

Every single voter in this province gets an opportunity to participate in choosing which public policy they want in an election. We put it all out there

in our manifesto and the majority, in fact almost 60% of the residents of this province voted for the DA's policy proposals. We then have to govern... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a manipulated democracy.

The PREMIER: And it is not manipulated democracy. You are the only party through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, that tries to manipulate democracy, because what you are trying to do now before next year's election is to manipulate the outer boundaries of municipalities to give the ANC a chance to win, where they are worried that they are going to lose. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: That is manipulated democracy. So we follow democracy honestly. We have clear manifestos. We have clear policy proposals. We take them through the proper legal procedures, which require public participation. We meet all of the criteria and then we implement our policy and we do not need to get permission from the ANC when we have permission from 60% of the voters of this province.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes, yes.

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

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes please, Mr Deputy Speaker, I am just wondering if the bunch at the back there could please just tone it down so we can actually hear the answers by the Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Mr Wiley, you are pre-empting what I was going to say as well. I want to appeal to members to please calm down a little bit. The noise level in the House is too high. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, I am also talking to you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are we not honourable members? He is referring to the bunch.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you addressing me on a point of order?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The hon Chief Whip refers to the members and I want to ask you that you ask him to withdraw that. He did not refer to the members as hon members. He mentioned, and there is Hansard here, but he knows what he said; that he withdraws that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Mr Wiley, will you correct that; hon member Mr Wiley will you just refer to the members as members?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, what would he like me to withdraw?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want to... [Interjections.] Order! I want you to refer to members of the House as members, as hon members.

Mr M G E WILEY: The hon members.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We proceed to the next question, hon member Ms Wenger. Hon member Ms Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Given the upcoming school holidays I would like to ask Premier what steps have been taken by the Western Cape Government to keep children safe during these holidays. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! We want the Premier to reply, not all members individually. Hon Madam Premier, please respond. [Interjections.] Order!

The PREMIER: This is another aspect of our Youth Strategy, in which transversally the Department... [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: They are not even safe there. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Currently they are raped in classrooms.

The PREMIER: ...in which transversally the Department of Community Safety, the Department of Education, the Department of Social Development and a range of other departments pool resources to provide holiday programmes for the youth. One of the most successful has been the partnership initiated by the Department of Community Safety with Churches and the subsidising of holiday programmes, which has been highly successful. I understand that thousands of students have been involved in those programmes with very, very good results, and indeed this has been extended through the Youth Cafés. We are developing the concept of Virtual Youth Cafés and a range of other initiatives.

I also understand that there was a press conference earlier today. I am looking very much forward to getting all the details, but this is a transversal plan across all departments. Thank you.

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

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Madam Premier, it is very encouraging to hear that the Western Cape Government does have a plan and children's best interests at heart. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What is the question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a question? That is a long shot there, but I will allow that. The Premier, we are then finished with this question. We will... [Interjection.] Premier, there was no question to respond to.

The PREMIER: What I am just saying is that I am also very pleased that this transversal Youth Development Strategy is working so well. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will then proceed to the last question. Hon member Mr Mackenzie. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the question to the Premier is, following the Premier's engagement with youth mentors on the Year Beyond Programme earlier this week, what transpired from their proposals to solve the challenges of school dropouts to improve the academic excellence in our province? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: There was a very wonderful and inspirational afternoon with the young people involved in the Yebo Project at our schools and they were asked to try to analyse the major problem that we have of school dropouts to try and get to a good problem definition of the real causes behind that problem and to come up with solutions and propose solutions.... [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Poverty is the reason for the inequalities.

The PREMIER: ...and there was a range of analyses and they were all very good and then there were some interesting proposals. Most of the analyses focused on this problem of low self esteem that many pupils have and believing that they cannot succeed and the role of the state in ensuring that students learn to read, write and calculate in the foundation phase, because many children effectively drop out in the foundation phase, because if they have not learnt how to read, write and calculate after Grade 3 they will never be able to cope with the curriculum later on and then dropping out just becomes a formality as soon as they are of an age to leave school.

They looked at the organisation of the school day. They looked at the management of schools. They looked at the monitoring and evaluation to ensure that all children are able to meet the required benchmarks. They looked at programmes to stop bullying in schools. They looked at the whole complexity of peer pressure in schools. All in all it was a very inspirational time to see our young people as part of our Youth Development Strategy mentoring and being role-models for other young people and coming up with solutions to problems. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Premier raised a couple of things during her response. One particularly was low self-esteem and bullying and based on the solutions that some of those students provided I wanted to know is the Premier considering introducing some of those

programmes or projects into the Government?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. You know, life orientation should be a really very important subject and that should address things like peer pressure, like decent treatment of other people, like anti-bullying projects and I am sure that the curriculum does all of those things. What I very much would like to do is look at those curricula myself and find out whether and how we are using that compulsory component of the curriculum to maximise the opportunities of young people to be supported in these particular areas, but you are going to have low self-esteem if you end up in Grade 7 and cannot read and you are going to have low self-esteem if you never learn your times table, because inevitably you will think you are stupid. It is reinforced by the fact that kids are often told they are stupid and it is often reinforced by factors that are seeking not to make people feel stupid like being included in the same class with kids who are soaring ahead, which often make weaker students feel more stupid. So the solution that the Government can make to the fact that most young people drop out already effectively after Grade 3, because they cannot read, write and calculate at the foundation phase, is to make sure that every child can read, write and calculate at the end of Grade 3, if they have any capacity to do that whatsoever; and then we also have to diversify the curriculum so that at a much earlier age children can start doing subjects that suit their aptitudes and that develop their skills so that they can feel useful, so that they can feel as if they are valued and respected by their peers.

Peer pressure is a very, very serious matter and the dysfunctionality of many families is another serious matter and the non-involvement of parents; and the extent to which the state can try and supplement or compliment or make up for irresponsible parents is actually quite limited, I am afraid to say, but we can do our very best. Also issues like foetal alcohol syndrome, which on the margins is suffered by many, many more children than we think and also creates very low self-esteem when children cannot master basics in the classroom, is another critical issue that we need to play an enhanced role in preventing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mackenzie your last opportunity.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Just the last opportunity, given that we have just received the announcement of load-shedding on the load-shedding app, some of those dropouts having - obviously kids cannot get dressed in the dark as well. So what affect does the load-shedding have on those kids and dropouts, thank you.

The PREMIER: Well load-shedding is having a devastating affect on our country, an absolutely devastating affect and I do not think people understand just how much it is having an effect and the millions of jobs it is costing us and the crisis of economic growth.

The other day a Chief Executive Officer of a company who had just invested in South Africa phoned me to say goodbye. He said they could not expand

their operations in South Africa because the operations depended on a reliable source of electricity. We do not understand what this load-shedding is doing to our economic prospects and to the prospects of our young people. It is a disaster and the quite extraordinary thing is that just recently when we went to the launch of the Special Economic Zone and various other aspects of it, the skills training and other aspects of it, in Saldanha recently, the Chief Executive of Eskom, Mr Brian Molefe, announced that there would be no more load-shedding this winter. That is what he said and every single day we are having load-shedding.

In fact we lost the connection to Cahora Bassa, which I thought was going to lead to a complete shut-down of the system. So the extraordinary mismanagement, the manipulation of tenders and contracts to enrich cadres; the getting rid of technical expertise, the self-enrichment, the corruption that is completely bled Eskom dry and now Nersa has been asked to grant a 25% increase in electricity tariffs and we have the absurdity of the state wanting to give a R23 billion bailout to Eskom while we are in the middle of this load-shedding and then they will take more equity, but what kind of nonsense are you talking about when you say you want more equity when you are the sole shareholder? That is a nonsense, so you know, we are being taken for idiots. We are being taken for idiots by the ANC. They bleed all of our state-owned enterprises dry. When I was overseas and the Airways Emirates wanted to do a R2 billion investment into SAA, Myene, Chief Executive of SAA did not rock up to the meeting - Bezuidenhout.

I mean it is a complete disgrace and this is in the newspapers all over the world. I have just come back from seeing it...

An HON MEMBER: Disastrous.

The PREMIER: ...and everywhere I go people say: "You know, we thought South Africa was going to be different. They cannot even keep the lights on." [Interjections.] And it is a complete disgrace for our country, and while I was there also and speaking at the National Symposium of Liberal International that was exactly the time that this Government was letting Omar al-Bashir run away, contradictory to a court order in our own country and against the Rome Statute that we have signed. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Relevance!

The PREMIER: And let me say the flouting of the rule of law and the lack of respect for the Constitution underlies all this corruption that we are seeing. It is bleeding our country dry and it is not only affecting every single youth who cannot study at night, because there is load-shedding every afternoon. It is affecting their very prospect of living a life they value because it is destroying this economy and destroying this country and we are on the way to becoming a Banana Republic. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! That disposes of questions to the Premier. We move on to statements by members and I first see the DA. Hon

member Mr Max.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, South Africa is now on a slippery slope of our constitutional democracy. In case after case on issue after issue we see that the ANC is flouting the rule of law in favour of its own leaders and now also in the national criminal arenas.

Yesterday Judge President Dunstan Mlambo ruled that Sudan President Omar al-Bashir's departure from South Africa last week was a clear violation of the Court Order handed down by the High Court.

Again we now have the situation where the highest echelons of our Government is being investigated for breaking the law, but it is clear that the ANC does not take the rule of law seriously and we are seeing that one of the founding parties of our constitutional democracy constantly attacking the Constitution.

We heard Minister Blade Ndzimande stating that we are now in a majority rule and that the country should be run by the majority, not our joint Constitution.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, what is wrong with that?

Mr L H MAX: We hear the ANC Secretary General Gwede Mantashe stating that we single out the problematic courts.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L H MAX: We have a President Jacob Zuma... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The Constitution...

The SPEAKER: Sorry, will you take your seat please, hon member Mr Max. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Constitution deals with [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly.

The SPEAKER: Order please, Hon member Mr Magaxa. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Magaxa, Premier; there is a speaker on the floor, please. You may proceed.

Mr L H MAX: Thank you Madam Speaker. Wherever President Jacob Zuma refuses to respect one of our Chapter 9 Institutions and pay back the money he owes to the people. [Interjections.] The ANC is putting our country on a

dangerous road from the rule of law and the constitutional law to an authoritarian state ruled by a political elite. It is a sad development that the party that fought so hard against apartheid is now using the same tactics of the old regime. South Africa is in dire need for a change of regime. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Order! I see the honourable ANC. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That change was expected in the conference of the DA.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja.

The SPEAKER: I see the ANC.

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi Somlomo. Kuyadingeka ukuba siyikhumbuze IDA okokuba silapha nje namhlanje kungenxa ye freedom charter tomorrow egqiba I 60 years.

*Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is vital that we remind the DA that we are here because of the Freedom charter which tomorrow commemorates its 60th anniversary.

The Freedom Charter plotted the way for the liberation of South Africa and set the course of caring society we want this country to become. Tomorrow our nation celebrates the adoption of this progressive and first fully democratic document sixty years ago at the Congress of the People held in Kliptown, Soweto. For those who have not seen this before go and look at the

exhibition on the seventh floor of this building, celebrating how the Freedom Charter influenced the flow of our modern South African history and how this founding document became the cornerstone on which our Constitution and new democracy was built.

On the big photograph of that momentous event anyone can see how representative the massive gathering was that people from all walks of life attended and supported it that Cape Town was also present despite the distance or problems with public transport for all people way back.

It should also be noted that the predecessors of the Democratic Alliance who occupied posh positions in the apartheid Parliament prescribed to the ANC who piloted the Kliptown process not to embark on the armed struggle against the unjust regime and boycotted that game changing occurrence.

The Freedom Charter was one of the important documents that changed the direction of oppression and exploitation of the majority of South Africans. Without it South Africa could still be in the grip of a small gang of racists and the likes of Hendrik Verwoerd... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Lekker, please finish up.

Ms P Z LEKKER: And those who are described as greater than him.

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The cold fact of the Freedom Charter is that the DA and its older strays ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Lekker, your time has expired, thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you Madam Speaker. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: I see the DA.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to speak of the utter disdain the ANC in the Western Cape is showing in this House and to the people of this province. Hon member Mr Dyantyi in his previous sitting of this House falsely accused without a shred of evidence that of the two directors and the two Deputy-Directors leaving the Department of Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, all of those that left happened to be black. The ANC is trying to deliberately mislead this House and the people of the Western Cape, with constant unfounded accusations of racism without any piece of evidence.

The fact is that out of the 12 directors leaving the Department only four happen to be black.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are 12 now.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: In fact the ANC needs to start dealing with its own racism. It is completely racist when the ANC insults black and coloured DA supporters as supposed “puppets of the whites.” That in itself is nothing more than the most condescending racism.

It is obvious in the ANC that the ANC in the Western Cape has given up the governing of the province because they keep on using the same strategy that has failed them in the past. The ANC’s race card does not work and they should stop using it for their own good and for the people of the Western Cape. Racism has no place in the DA. The truth is that the DA is South Africa’s most diverse political party and the ANC’s constant use...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ...of the race card in our province is an insult to every single voter in the Western Cape who voted for us. The DA believes in a fair society... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ...free of unfair discrimination and that we redress the barriers of apartheid, which are still felt today. The DA offers freedom, fairness and opportunity to all, no matter who you are. I thank you.
[Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the EFF. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, it is the EFF's turn. Okay, the EFF foregoes. I see the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: No, after the EFF, sorry, is the DA in terms of the sequence. I see the DA, yes.

Ms L J BOTHA: Madam Speaker, each year on 15 June we celebrate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The day aims to focus attention on the problem of physical, emotional and financial abuse of the elderly. That said, I have been receiving an increasing number of complaints from elderly members of my constituency with regards to their Sassa grants. Each month amounts ranging between R30.00 and R300.00 are deducted from their Sassa grants; given that they even receive them. To the fat cats these amounts do not mean much, but to Auntie Maria Oliver it financially aids her livelihood for a day or two.

The poor administration of social grants by Sassa and the spate of illegal deductions from pensions has seen many South Africans suffer. Adding further injury is the poor feedback and customer-care experience that people endure from Sassa. Members of the public have complained about the lack of empathy and action by Sassa, which has led them to turn to the Provincial Department of Social Development for assistance. This is in spite of the fact

that the Provincial Department of Social Development has no control over Sassa, which is a national entity.

After I engaged with the hon Minister Fritz, who has no executive control over Sassa, the Minister informed that he has built capacity within his Ministry to deal with the volume of calls his office receives regarding Sassa.

From January 2014 the Ministry has dealt with 291 cases related to Sassa of which 79 were from older person who experienced illegal grant deductions. The Ministry has raised this matter with the National Minister and will continue to work to protect residents of the province adversely affected by Sassa.

I urge hon member Ms Gillion who is absent today, who promulgates advocacy for vulnerable communities to liaise with her national ANC counterparts who may [Inaudible.] Sassa to work better together to create an enabling and supporting environment... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Botha, finish off please.

Ms L J BOTHA: ...for the elderly of the Western Cape. I thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The relentless takeover of the DA by the English liberals has rekindled the Anglo-Boer War between British and Afrikaans communities.

An HON MEMBER: Really!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Please listen.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: These deep DA divisions are so paralysing as seen in the fact that the DA has not yet filled the vacancies in this legislation after the sudden departure of the old Boer General Theuns Botha, when his faction was defeated by the “Libs”, the liberals, with the assistance of some reportedly who sold their possessions for positions as new MECs.

In the meantime it is crystal clear that the factional fires burn high in the DA as with the alleged request by the hon Deputy Speaker Piet Pretorius to be redeployed back to National Parliament, because of undue pressure from the English, especially the Premier Zille and the so called pseudo-general, DA Chief Whip Mark Wiley... [Interjections.] ...who smuggles executive style protectors as guests or first-aid helpers in a national key point guarded and controlled by the State Security Services by the Constitution, without obtaining proper permission to do so.

Will the DA survive this patronage...

Mr M G E WILEY: Who believes a word you say?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...after Zille lost all interest in the party and jumped from the captain's cabin as the ship heads towards the rocks? Watch this space closely. An interesting time lies ahead in the DA. It is likely to implode and its devotees will devour themselves and they are already running. Some are even asking who is going to be the next Deputy Speaker. There is a crisis there... [Interjections.] ...because of the Anglo-Boer War in the DA.

The SPEAKER: I see the DA. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Was that the best you have got?

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You ran away yesterday at the NCOP. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members, there is a speaker on the floor.

Mr R B LENTIT: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. As the people of the Western Cape are facing the cold winter with flooding and cold fronts the ANC is giving them load-shedding. After more than two decades in power we can now see what the National Government is capable of delivering - an energy crisis. As is the case with every other failure of the ANC Government

it is the poor people that suffer the most as the country grapples with an energy crisis. This chronic lack of energy supply destroys jobs at a time when unemployment is at a record high.

The lack of energy disrupts learning at a time when our schools are already at the bottom of the international school rankings. The energy crisis creates opportunities for criminals to create crime, especially in our poor communities when there is load-shedding.

Tuesday in the NCOP Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson said that the energy crisis creates opportunities. Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson is wrong. The only opportunity this crisis gives us is another opportunity to enrich President Jacob Zuma and Zuma's friends with nuclear tenders and bailouts.

The DA is capable of protecting our people from the worst of the ANC's failures. Where the DA governs there are contingency plans in place such as the City of Cape Town, which was able to keep the lights on when the rest of the country was going dark, and that was on Saturday, 20 June.

In conclusion, the energy crisis has become a human rights issue. Eskom has become a liability and evidence of this is when a man died when he was connected to two oxygen tanks in a Free State Hospital. This is all due to load-shedding. What a crisis. Skande! [Applous.]

The SPEAKER: I see the ACDP. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the traffic officers for work well done. Over the last weekend, 87 cases of driving under the influence were reported; 44 traffic fines and 50 notices were given to road offenders and it is also the taxis that were under severe pressure with 84 suspects arrested.

These men and women who serve our province well are sometimes never congratulated and we want to take this opportunity in congratulating them for work well done. We believe our streets are safer because we have men and women that are hard-working and diligent. I thank you.

Die SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the ANC.

An HON MEMBER: Beautiful!

Mr R T OLIVIER: Agb Speaker, the DA does not care for the poor children of this province. This is evident in the latest infrastructure assessment by the Western Cape Government led by Premier Helen Zille of the DA. The ANC has for years consistently asked for a provision plan for education, as there is no real intention to grow education in this province.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, yes.

Mr R T OLIVIER: As a former Education MEC, Premier Zille dismally failed

the majority of our poor kids in this province. She and MEC Donald Grant leave no good legacy but a growing backlog without any aims to resolve it in the next three years or integrate race-based duplication school in small towns.

The latest survey amounts: 1500 schools do not provide for the retention of thousands of dropout learners as about half of those entering Grade 1 do not finish Grade 12. This does not include special needs learners like those with foetal alcohol syndrome, worsened by the tot-system of payment with alcohol. What is this Government's plan? Is it to close 323 schools? It cannot even build its target of so-called replacement schools. It shorts 96 new schools with no plan to show where and when these will be built. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Where is the MEC?

Mr R T OLIVIER: The bleak picture is there is a shortage of 750 toilets at about 100 schools. 830 have no access to labs or 500 to sports fields. More than 200 were erected with inappropriate building materials. 34 have no fences; 165 no access to libraries and media centres and 150 new classrooms are needed for more than 50 schools. The DA does not offer some of its R5.49 billion stashed away to address this. This is a crisis.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Olivier, please finish up.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Shame DA, of letting our poor children down.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Skande, skande.

The SPEAKER: I see the DA.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Los vir Nkandla. Bou skole!

Ms L M MASEKO: Madam Speaker, today I pay homage to the women of the Western Cape still struggling for freedom in our constitutionally democratic country. I call to mind the mother of a substance abuser; the mother, sister and daughter of a known gangster; the mother who lost her innocent by-standing child to gang-violence and the women who are sole-breadwinners on a menial salary.

Today I ask the ANC to tell the mother of the substance abuser in Worcester that she is a prisoner of her circumstances because the National ANC Government is misappropriating funds instead of investing in job creation to alleviate poverty so that youth do not turn to drugs as an escape ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] Why do you not go?

Ms L M MASEKO: ...from their socio-economic status... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: Can the ANC please tell the mother, sister, and daughter of the known gangster in Bonteheuwel that they have to continue fearing for their lives ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: ...because the SAPS refuse to reinstate specialised units that will combat gangsterism. Can they also tell the mothers who have lost innocent children in Lavender Hill, as a result of gang violence, that the ANC National Government delayed or simply did not acknowledge the Western Cape Government's plea to send in the SANDF... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order please members.

Ms L M MASEKO: Listen, you will understand, and it is a... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Ms Maseko. Please speak to the Chair. Thank you. [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you Madam Speaker.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] ...civil tolls for lighter sentences...

Ms L M MASEKO: Can the ANC tell the woman who is a sole-breadwinner on a menial salary that they drag their feet on taking punitive action against maintenance defaulters? [Interjections.] The women of South Africa need a dedicated commitment from National Government to redress the plight of women. [Interjections.] The women of South Africa need fairness, opportunity and freedom. The women of South Africa need accountability and transparency.

Ms S W DAVIDS: J P Smith.

Ms L M MASEKO: Essentially, the women of South Africa needs the DA in the Union Buildings sooner rather than later.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order members, order please. That is the end of Members' Statements. We are now going to move to Motions. Are there any motions where notice is given? I see the hon member Mr Lentit.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr R B LENTIT: Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of Eskom's 23.5% tariff increase and the Western Cape Government's strategy for alternative energy sources to sustain the economy of the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. I see the hon member Ms Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you Madam Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the effectiveness of the Western Cape Provincial Government's strategy to fight drug addiction and whether it has any solution to the overcrowding of drug-addicts in mental institutions.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. I see the hon member Ms Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you Madam Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the outcomes of the Bredasdorp Gender Violence Pilot Study that were recently announced by MEC Dan Plato at a Policing Imbizo in the area as well as plans by the Department to mitigate the problem of gender based violence and killings.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. No more? Let us move then to Motions without Notice.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Mr Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That this House debates the plans of the Democratic Alliance to close more schools in the Western Cape Province.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. I see the hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House acknowledges Cheslyn Masemola from Heinz Park in Mitchells Plain... *[Interjections.]*

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Kivedo, sorry, we are still busy with Notices of Motion.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Oh, with notice.

The SPEAKER: Are there any motions where notice is given? Hon member Ms Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: No, without now.

The SPEAKER: Okay, can we then move on? Motions without Notice. I see you, hon member Mr Kivedo.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you Madam Speaker, for being a bit hasty. I move without notice:

That the House acknowledges Cheslyn Masemola from Heinz Park in Mitchells Plain who at 19-years old has taken the responsibility upon himself to care for his two brothers, aged 14 and 12-years old and sister who is 7-years old, after their parents abandoned them. The matric learner refuses to be recruited by gangsters in the area, because he is focused on setting an example to his siblings by working towards his dream of becoming a mechanical engineer and prioritising his sibling's education. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Ms Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House sympathises with the family, friends and comrades of the late Siyabulela Vincent Daweti who recently passed away. He started his political activism as a SRC-leader at Fezeka High School in 1985. He was an active member of the Western Cape Student Congress and Township Student Congress when COSAS was banned. He later joined the ANC's Umkhonto We Sizwe and worked at the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries until his demise.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Ms Makeleni and then hon member Mr Mackenzie and hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms P MAKELENI: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Brandon Phillips from Mitchells Plain who was appointed as the resident conductor of the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra, who started playing an instrument at the age of 11 and who conducted the orchestra of the New Apostolic Church since the year 2000 locally and internationally.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Mackenzie.

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

That the House acknowledges that yesterday marked the 20th anniversary of the Springboks' historic victory over the All Blacks in the 1995 Rugby World Cup at Ellis Park. This auspicious win undoubtedly united the country through epitomising "*one team, one country*". I move so.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That this House condemns the breach of security at O R Tambo Airport, where two stowaways managed to get on a plane. This breach of security is evident around all our land borders and of the Government's inability to protect our ports of entry. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

HON MEMBERS: Objection, objection.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes 48 angry mining black families are facing their second winter living under terrible conditions in cold shipping containers due to this DA Government's mismanagement of the upgrading of their flats with the failed Filcon saga; it's an embarrassing failure to deal with the drug wars in the area and the payment of gangsters for so-called protection with the full knowledge of the DA leaders in the City of Cape Town.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Mr Joseph and then Maseko at the back. I also see the hon member...

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House extends its condolences to the family and friends of Bonique Jansen from Groot Brak River who has just disappeared and her life ended actually too early, and we hope that the perpetrator will be found and that justice will be served. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objection? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Ms Maseko.

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

That this House expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Kelly Theunis, the Director of the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements for People's Housing Processes Programme, who suddenly passed away last Thursday. Her professional competence will be dearly missed.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Tyatyam and then the hon member Ms Wenger.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House notes the Cuban five arrived as free men in the Western

Cape to a heroes' welcome this week, touring the country to show gratitude for the solidarity shown to them whilst unlawfully and unjustly imprisoned in the USA, and further notes Cuba played a pivotal role in the liberation struggle of South Africa and other African countries.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved? There are objections. It will be printed. Sorry Chief Whip, I see the hon member Ms Wenger and then the ACDP.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House condemns the merciless killing of nine people attending a prayer meeting in South Carolina in the United States and that the House rejects with contempt the propagation of race-based violence and supremacy and symbols of hate.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Christians and then hon member Mr

Wiley.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Taariq Mowzer, aged 14, who was elected to represent South Africa in three separate international tournaments overseas. The Grade 8 pupil from Fairbairn College in Goodwood won his first Commonwealth Chess Championship Game in New Delhi, India yesterday. Although he said he still needs to win seven more games, he hopes to finish among the top ten. We, the ACDP wishes him all the best for the tournament and trust that he will go even further to become the World Chess Champion. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Ms Lekker and then Chief Whip Mr Wiley and then I will get to hon member Ms Botha.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House applauds all the parties and especially the security forces

involved in the successful Operation Fiela for a sterling job and notes 86 people who were arrested and counterfeit goods with an estimated street value of R150 000 were seized at the Cape Town Station Deck the past weekend and notes that amongst those arrested were 81 undocumented migrants.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House acknowledges the contribution made by the former Leader of the Government, Mr Theuns Botha, who resigned during this session. Mr Botha served the people of the Western Cape as a local DA Government Councillor for nine years and then four years as Hessequa Executive Municipal Mayor. The former provincial leader of the Democratic Alliance served the Western Cape Parliament for eleven years as a member from 2004; the Minister of Health from 2009 up to 2015 and lastly as the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport before resigning public office on the 19th of April 2015.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Gopie. Sorry, hon member Ms Botha, my apologies. I am trying very hard to watch the hands here.

Ms L J BOTHA: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House, in the light of this week marking Substance Abuse Awareness Week, commends Minister Mbombo and Minister Fritz and their departments for their joint proactive efforts to tackle the social ills of substance abuse in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Ms Gopie and then hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Ms D GOPIE: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes innocent children are being raped, killed and

maimed while this DA administration fails to appoint a Children's Commissioner.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? Objections? It will be printed on the Order Paper.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Mackenzie. Then hon member Ms Lekker.

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

That the House congratulates the MTN-Qhubeka Team for being the very first African Cycling Team to participate in the Tour De France, which commences on the 4th of July.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

An HON MEMBER: Thanks to the ANC.

The SPEAKER: I see hon member Ms Lekker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the City of Cape Town has flip-flopped on its position from protecting payment of gangsters for so-called protection at its building sites into at long-last firing the subcontractors, who in the name of City assisted to pay gangsters.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper.

The SPEAKER: I see hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House wishes to thank the City of Cape Town for beating the load-shedding on 21 June and keeping the City lights on while Eskom kept the rest of the country in the dark.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are objections. It will be printed on the Order Paper. [Interjections.] Any more motions? I see the hon member Mr Mackenzie. Order please!

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

That the House wishes Allister Coetzee well as he leaves for Japan next week to embark on a new phase in his decorated coaching career with a Japanese Club Kobe Kobelco. Under his watch the Stormers have played in one Super Rugby Final, finished top of the overall log in 2012, collected three South African Conference Titles. There has also been success in Currie Cup Level victories in 2012 and 2014 along with runner-up medals in 2010 and 2013, while some good young players have become Springbok players under Coetzee's coaching. I move so.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see hon member Mr Mackenzie.

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

That the House express its deepest condolences to the family and friends of the late Esther Brand who passed away on the 20th of June 2015. The late Esther Brand was the first South African to receive a Gold Medal for High Jump in the 1952 Olympics. I move so.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: I see hon member Ms Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the recent utterances of President Jacob Zuma regarding the Marikana massacre and his naming of the Marikana miners as killers; noting that the President has been in possession of the Farlam Commission of Inquiry's report into the massacre for three months already and has not released it publicly... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: ...noting that these utterances... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. Sorry hon member Ms Wenger, take your seat. Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: It would be nice if we could actually hear the motion. Thanks.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, you have objections, allow the speaker to finish please. Continue hon member Ms Wenger. Yes.

An HON MEMBER: It is a statement.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think it is more of a statement. It is very long. I do not think that... [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: No listen to it first.

The SPEAKER: No we are now dealing with Motions without Notice hon member Mr Magaxa. There is no time limit.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Even that, Madam Speaker, is too long to be even a motion.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, the Rules do not specify a time for Motions without Notice. [Interjections.] Sorry.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Let alone that the content is nonsensical.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Order please. You may proceed hon member Ms Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the recent utterances of President Jacob Zuma regarding the Marikana massacre and his naming of the Marikana miners as killers; noting that the President has been in possession of the Farlam Commission of Inquiry Report for three months already and has not released it publicly; noting that these utterances show contempt for the victims of this tragedy as well as their relatives... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! A point of order, Minister Meyer, hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Hon Madam Speaker, this is such an important point that I did not hear. Could the hon member please repeat?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Wenger. Please do not start at the beginning again. Please members.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, no.

Ms M M WENGER: I am happy to start from the beginning again.

The SPEAKER: No please do not. Just pick up at your last sentence so you can conclude please.

Mr P UYS: Point of order, Madam Speaker. This is not a motion that has been presented here.

Ms M M WENGER: It is.

Mr P UYS: ... and I want the Table to help you in this regard. She needs all the help in the world.

Ms M M WENGER: Noting, noting... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Wenger, please take your seat quickly please. I just need to respond to the hon member Mr Uys, in that this is a motion and it can be as long as it needs to be. There is no ... [Interjections.] Hon members, the Table has guided me so I got my advice from the Rule book, so there is no limitation, so can I ask ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, I did not hear anything. Can she start from the beginning?

The SPEAKER: No. Okay. Hon member Ms Wenger, can you kindly conclude please? Thank you.

Ms M M WENGER: From where I left off: Noting that these utterances show contempt for the victims of this tragedy and their relatives, noting that the President's comments have exposed his bias in this matter, have decimated the public's trust in the President as well as the ANC Government's ability to deliver justice; that the House condemns the President's utterances regarding the Marikana miners as well as his threats to make a return to brutal apartheid style policing. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are objections. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Can we move on? Are there any further Motions without Notice? Hon members, the last call: no further Motions without Notice? We will now move on to the Subject for Discussion.

SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

The renaming of towns with colonial names and the removal of colonial and apartheid statues from public spaces in light of their irrelevance in post-apartheid South Africa, with specific focus on the Western Cape, values and identity

The SPEAKER: The next item on the Order Paper is the Subject for Discussion in the name of the hon member Mr B D Joseph, as printed on the Order Paper. I recognise the hon member Mr Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity. I would also like to welcome the leadership of the EFF in the province, in the gallery this afternoon. [Interjections.]

The colonial names of towns in the Western Cape Province should fall. The horrors of the past still exist today. They exist in the form of colonial names and colonial statues, like the statue in Voortrekker Road on local council property that commemorates the armed forces and security forces of the apartheid government. They are institutionalised and ingrained in every town named after a colonial war-monger, killer, rapist and murderer.

Franz Fanon argues that in the colonial project: “every effort is made to bring the colonised person to admit the inferiority of his culture.” This lies at the heart of the colonial project and the subsequent retention of colonial statues and names. Name changing in the past was a one-sided process and therefore all inputs from the indigenous people towards this process were not acknowledged and recorded. These colonial names do not promote nation building but remind people of the past injustices, the hatred, killings, rapes and of the stolen land. There was no effective public participation process that included all political and cultural parties as well as other role players. These colonial names are dividing the people and must be changed.

We as the landless people compromised way too much to let go of this process. These names are not inclusive and refer to war-mongers and killers

and do not reflect our history and heroes. We feel excluded in our own province where we have been called refugees. When people arrive in Cape Town they see two worlds of extremes; the one world, a poverty stricken area next to the N2; the second one, the Camps Bay area, Sea Point, where they think that they are in Europe. Not only are our people offended by these names but it has become embarrassing to allow the celebration of our painful past 20 years into democracy.

The Western Cape Government under the DA has simply made a few negligible changes in an effort to create the illusion that it is willing to change or break away from the past. Like recently, the renaming of seven bridges that were approved by Council. The Western Cape Provincial Geographical Place Names Committee has only attempted to correct spelling mistakes and has done very little with the millions it received from the Western Cape budget.

Since the first publicised minutes of this mentioned organisation, the only names it attempted to change were: Dohra Dam, Tradou Pass signage, Devil's Peak, Milnerton, Delft, Mitchells Plain and Schotsche Kloof. The amount of money wasted on this committee could have been better utilised.

A major task of the colonial project was and still is to celebrate the foreign empires promoting the benefits of a colonial expansion, recruiting support for the imperial cause and showing off the achievements of the mission of civilising blacks. Museums and monuments all count among the ways in

which pro-colonial propaganda could be disseminated to the public. Most of these names are derived from colonialists that settled here and commemorating their patrons by naming places in their honour.

They all contributed to the merciless butchering of the indigenous people. We need to start this dialogue because at the end, the statues and place names are symbols of oppression. We seek to reclaim our spaces, history and culture. We as the EFF are disgusted and the continuing celebration of colonial personalities that wrought agony on the indigenous people. As the EFF fighters we demand the following: the removal of all colonial and imperialist statues... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Joseph. Your time has expired. I will allow you one sentence; finish off.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ...like the names, museums or other physical remains of colonialism that are an affront to the people. What might be regarded by some as their heroes, the indigenous people view as their horrors. I thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Joseph. Your time has now fully expired. The hon Minister Marais.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to point out that the subject is emotive and

in itself is a revelation about the EFF's approach to politics. It is evident that the hon member Mr Joseph has not done his research on the subject for discussion today and is therefore speaking from an ill-performed position, something for which his party has become notorious.

However, in a very different vein, the DA believes that our people-centered approach to transformation will play an important role in bringing about redress and encouraging unity throughout South African society. Name changes and the removal of statues will not effect real change. Real change, truthful transformation, is only possible through a real change in approach.

We are not opposed to name changes and the removal of statues, but without a people-centered approach these acts are mere window dressers, and will achieve nothing. The process should be inclusive. It should be a public process, and should be through thorough engagement with affected communities. If it is flawed, it will not work and achieve the opposite.

The question is, will the change of a name or the removal of a statue in any way transform society, or tangibly improve the lives of our people? We would like to concur that some geographical names need to be changed. However, the real change comes into effect when an affected community is included in the process and the community oversees actual transformation and redress. Changing a name of a town, a suburb or a street, does little to address the areas in society in need of tangible and sustainable redress and transformation. It would be an easy way out to change names whilst we fool

ourselves into believing that that would effect real change. It does not.

I would like to set out the approach that the Department has taken on this matter since 2009, and my first point is a demonstration of how the EFF is using this matter to sweep up emotions, whilst it seems that the people of the province have no real need for name changes of towns. In the past couple of years, no applications for name changes for towns in the Western Cape have been received from any applicants.

My colleagues will speak more on the alternate ways to achieve real transformation, but I will provide some perspective on plans in motion in this regard.

On International Translation Day on 30 September 2015 we will launch a new version of a booklet with Government terminology in all three official languages of the Western Cape. This booklet will support the uniform use of terminology amongst language practitioners rendering services to the Provincial Government.

Wat betref die fasilitering van verandering deur middel van taal, ondersteun die Departement ook die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Taal Forum, veral ten opsigte van die ontwikkeling van terminologie en die hersiening en opdatering van die bestaande ortografie vir isiXhosa.

A further example that the EFF is sweeping emotions, is that the number of applications for heritage status approval keeps rolling in. Erfenis Wes-Kaap voorsien dat sy grootste taak tydens hierdie boekjaar die verwerking van ongeveer 3000 aansoeke gaan wees.

In addition, during the next five years the groundwork will be laid for the establishment of a Khoekhoen Heritage Site in the Two Rivers Urban Park in Observatory, Cape Town. This will form part of the National Khoisan Legacy Project. The site will reflect the history of earliest contact between the Khoekhoen and colonial powers in 1510 in Observatory, and recognise the significant role of the Khoekhoen and their descendants in shaping our country.

The Western Cape Provincial Geographical Names Committee is continuing their groundbreaking work with the verification of existing geographical names and submitting these to the South African National Geographical Names Council. The Committee is also considering applications received for the renaming of geographical features in the Western Cape.

The policy in this regard stipulates that geographical features and places are named through a need to identify and relate to the landscape. I quote:

“Geographical feature names serve as fundamental elements of geospatial data. Place names are also a significant contributor to, and

source, of historical, linguistic and cultural heritage in South Africa. It is the intention of the Western Cape Provincial Geographical Names Committee to honour this need to relate to the landscape, this functional purpose and this heritage function in its deliberations and recommendations.”

It is my intention to provide clear political leadership for this process over the next four years and to ensure that the public receive accurate information every step of the way. Through good governance and through community consultation we will achieve so much more than can ever be achieved through the destructive course of actions the EFF is hoping for.

In conclusion, I would like to suggest that the EFF considers changing its name from the Economic Freedom Fighters to something more fitting, because its elected representatives do not fight for economic freedom. The EFF’s representatives have a destructive approach, they perpetuate division and they are completely averse to the rule of law, yet they gladly accept salaries from the democratically elected system of government they so vehemently oppose. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The hon member Ms Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, the pain endured by the black majority in South Africa over 300 years of oppression and repression was unbearable. This repressive oppression was classified as colonisation of a

special type, which propagated racial segregation, human indignity and land dispossession, amongst many. Our forefathers vehemently fought against these injustices on different fronts.

These struggles culminated to a point where our people decided to develop a vision for a free and democratic South Africa, which resulted in the adoption of the Freedom Charter in 1955. It was their resolve that these freedoms would bring about a true non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous society and world peace.

These principles were echoed by the Harare Declaration, the OAU ad hoc committee on the question of South Africa in 1989. More specifically, the ANC in its document “Ready to Govern” committed to recognise that arts and crafts should be preserved, promoted and exhibited as part of our national heritage and production; that they should be supported and encouraged in our communities; that a comprehensive and accessible archive of South African photographic material, both past and present, should be created and preserved.

Twenty one years into our democracy a lot has been achieved in changing the colonial buildings and apartheid towns, cities, municipalities and street names and many other symbols of our notorious dark past. Today we know of Gauteng, Tshwane, Walter Sisulu University and many more. In all other eight provinces strides have been made to rename municipalities, towns, streets and public buildings to reflect the transformation agenda, but not in

the Western Cape. There is just too little to mention. I was alarmed that the name of a national hero like Steve Biko replaced a street in Gugulethu instead of a national road or public building in the CBD.

I think that although there has been hype in recent months focusing on transformation or lack thereof, particularly in the institutions of higher learning like “Rhodes must fall”; this must not be construed to imply that the democratically elected ANC led government has been silent on the matter.

The National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 was put in place immediately after the ANC led government came to power. This legislation aims to promote good management of the national estate and to enable and encourage communities to nurture and conserve their legacy so that it may be bequeathed to future generations.

Therefore the ANC supports calls for accelerated transformation, the replacing of colonial statues and statues to be placed in designated areas within the law in that; number 1, the statues and pre-1994 symbols, are tragic reminders of a divided and exclusionary South Africa which oppressed the black majority. Secondly, that the reality is that colonialism and apartheid suppression cannot be wished away, nor their memory be erased. Collectively, we have the responsibility and obligation to never forget, lest future generations repeat the mistakes of the past. And thirdly, 20 years into democracy, transformation can no longer be negotiated but the destruction and vandalism of statues is not condoned and certainly not accepted.

Having said so, the ANC thinks that this debate is moot because there has already been ongoing work done by the Department of Arts and Culture, nationally, in this regard. It has established a Heritage Task Team to look at means to fast track the renaming of public buildings and the placement of colonial and apartheid statues. †Siyaqhuba asimanga. *We are not standing still, we are going forward.

The national consultative meeting among others, resolved to: intensify a campaign to popularise South Africa's key national symbols, namely the flag and the National Anthem; use existing laws for the transformation, removal, transfer or replacement of any statue or public symbol or place name; an inclusive reflection of public symbols representing the entire history of South Africa; conduct an audit of offensive names of public places and buildings; a process to allow local communities to find replacement names after proper and all-inclusive consultation; the need for school curriculum changes to adequately reflect South African history and heritage in all its diversity and complexity.

The Heritage Task Team will hold a consultative meeting in the Western Cape at the end of June 2015. Hon Minister Nathi Mthethwa in his 2015/2016 budget speech stated that his Department has plans to build a Heroes/Heroines Acre. This is in line with the Constitution of our country and other relevant Acts of Parliament which enjoin us to honour those who suffered for justice and freedom to prevail in our country.

The national monument will depict the pre-colonial era, heroes of our resistance wars and those of the liberation struggle. It is envisaged that hundreds of statues will be erected, representing distinguished leaders of our people, including non-South Africans who contributed immensely in our struggle for liberation, freedom and democracy.

Through the Heroes/Heroines Acre, South Africans will be writing their own history, which will be taking South Africa forward. It must be further noted that the National Liberation Heritage Route to honour the women and men who fought against apartheid is progressing well. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

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

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much, and thank you to my colleague, hon member Ms Schäfer for giving me additional time.

I am glad that the hon member ms Makeleni agrees to what is coming on 30 June, because if you look at the consultative forum that has taken place, which is the draft document as circulated with the minutes, but the members did receive a copy too, it is actually a cut and paste of the City of Cape Town's policy of 2010. It is very important and I am glad that the National Government is taking the City of Cape Town seriously. So thank you very much for that.

Hon member Mr Joseph, I would appreciate it if you did bother reading the documents, because you would have seen provision has been made and I have a list of names changed since 2009, which is over 120 names, for your reading, if you do not mind. Please do so.

But let me continue with my speech. The DA welcomes this significant debate in which we constructively engage on redress in the Western Cape. It must be highlighted and made clear to the EFF, particularly the hon Bernard Joseph, that the DA on the whole, as the Western Cape Government, has never and will never be against redress. In fact it forms part of our manifesto in the 2014 election.

The DA and the Western Cape Government firmly believe and are proactive in their efforts to create an inclusive democratic, diverse province through freedom, fairness and opportunities.

In media reports earlier this month, the EFF correctly stated, and I quote: “Changes like these should be an inclusive decision that everyone should participate in.” This is exactly what the DA stands for as we believe that renaming public spaces deemed insensitive, offensive and hurtful, should be done in a clear, inclusive and consultative process which enjoys public and political support and can stand the test of time, which again the City of Cape Town has been doing since 2009 and what the Minister of Arts and Culture, Nathi Mthethwa did now cut and paste into his policy.

What we are against is the manner in which the EFF proposes to go about redressing ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mackenzie, just look up to the Chair from time then you will see ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I apologise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... it is a different... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... about redressing the legacies of our past. In true EFF fashion the hon member Mr Joseph said: “We are even going to track down and destroy the smallest statues of Queen Victoria that are hidden in churches.”

We cannot open the space for more destroying as the EFF has become accustomed to. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Is it a point of order?

An HON MEMBER: Do not mislead the House, yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: The hon member must not mislead the House to say that I have said that we will destroy statues.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... and as a Christian party... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... they should read Kolossense 3:9. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Die punt is gemaak. Dit is nie ... [Tussenwerpsels.] Orde, orde. Die punt is gemaak. Dit is nie 'n punt van orde nie maar u kan voortgaan.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon member Mr Joseph also took matters further, by misleading the public in stating that “no transformation has so far taken place under the DA in the Western Cape.” This again is untrue and must be corrected. Under the DA in the Western Cape, the City of Cape Town made significant strides in redressing the legacies of the past in terms of name changing, and at the heart of the success of their efforts is the authentic commitment to public consultation. The results of any naming or renaming process is not always supported by everyone, but there is a very high level of acceptance of outcomes due to the thorough and real public consultations.

Naamsveranderings bied 'n geleentheid om ons gemeenskaplike geskiedenis op 'n billike wyse te weerspieël. Indien dit reg hanteer word, bied

hernoemings die geleentheid om kulturele diversiteit te bevorder en om die identiteit van die betrokke gemeenskappe te versterk.

The hon member Mr Joseph clearly missed many names, including: Nelson Mandela, Helen Suzman, Iman Haroun, Govan Mbeki, Jeff Masemola, including all the NY names in Gugulethu that have been changed since 2009. [Interjections.]

Let me also say that in terms of the current renaming process, again the hon member did not read properly; the names have not been approved by the City Council yet. Yesterday the Naming Committee submitted the names to the Mayor. The Mayor will take it to a full Council meeting where those names will be approved. Also to highlight those names - very importantly he talks about the names of colonialism etcetera. The majority of those names, in fact all of them will be changed; like ones after Father John Oliver; [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Father Basil van Rensburg... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second. Hon member Mr Magaxa, what is that?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, can the hon member take a question?

AN HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is indicating he is not prepared.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think it is [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please take your seat, hon Mr Magaxa. Hon member Mr Uys?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of the time allocated, his time is up. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am being led by the Table and I understand there was one minute given from the hon member Ms Schäfer to the hon member Mackenzie. That was my understanding.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, then it is just the normal rule to communicate that to everybody in the House, at least to the other Whips in the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am looking at the Chief Whip. Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: I draw your attention to the bottom of the Speakers List.

It says: "The names and times may be changed during the course of the debate."

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker you know the rule, we know the rule.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Yes hon member Mr Uys, I am getting the point yes. Just by way of courtesy it would have been better hon member Wiley to inform the other side, but for the moment we can continue. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Okay. Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: The member actually said it at the start of his speech.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I did say it. Just a couple of the names that will be renamed once the full Council has ratified them: Vader Basil van Rensburg, 'n Suid-Afrikaanse Katolieke Priester wat internasionale erkenning ontvang het vir sy stryd teen apartheid-owerhede se gedwonge verwydering van mense van Distrik Ses; Taliep Pietersen, 'n bekende sanger/komponis en direkteur

van verskeie musiekblyspele en Dawid Kruiper, 'n tradisionele geneser en leier van die Khomani San in die Kalahari.

That is just a few names. I want to mention to the hon member, that the DA in the Western Cape takes redress very seriously and we do so constantly, without fear or favour.

That said, I suggest the EFF consults the Naming Policy of the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Provincial Naming Policy - I brought both copies for him here. It is also in the best interest of the people of the Western Cape to work better together to redress the legacies of the past in comparison with the EFF's call to destroy. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order. Hon Minister and hon member Mr Magaxa, please come to order. The hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The ACDP feels, although this is an important topic, this topic for discussion today must be shifted down the breadline. There are more important topics than this topic. Some people reminded us that we must look at the past so that we do not make the same mistakes in the future, but we must remember we have a rainbow nation. We represent different cultures, different views and different values and changing names will not solve any problems. [Interjections.]

I need to say further ... [Interjections.] Die rooi manne is van die pad af. I

need to say further, there are issues of national importance. The EFF is looking for sensationalism that has nothing to do with real issues. There are real issues; youth unemployment is the greatest problem that this country is facing, and the EFF is “neuking” around with the changing of names. [Interjections.]. In 2009 we had 3 million unemployed youth, today we have 3,4 million unemployed youth. Those are real issues, not sensational issues. [Interjections.]

South Africa is faced with unemployment, poverty, and with inequality, and the EFF comes with this ridiculous waste of our time. [Interjections.] I want to say further, regarding the speech that the hon member gave, he did not even research the topic, sitting with a newspaper; “we are going to change 40 names”, not even consulting the public. [Interjections.] Shame on you! Shame on you! [Interjections.] You get an opportunity to give a debate... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... and you come with this pathetic debate. You get the opportunity to sponsor a debate and you come with a pathetic debate. I want to say to the EFF that they must move from politics 101 to politics 202 and address real issues. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Christians, your time has expired.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you. [Time Expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Ms Maseko? [Interjections.] Hon members, please come to order before she starts. Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, I have asked for order, please. Please commence.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. After the dawn of democracy in 1994, many geographical entities in South Africa have been renamed for political, ethnic and even economic reasons. Name changes initially were to remove politically motivated, incorrectly spelt or offensive names. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, I am not going to ask you again.

Ms L M MASEKO: I know that the only way we can move forward as a country is by acknowledging our past and try as best as we can, within the available resources, to redress the injustices by working together. Although we are celebrating 21 years of democracy we still have much more work to

do.

Now, in the spirit of name changes I have renamed my Chihuahua “EFF” ... [Laughter.] because when it is not being lazy, it is tearing things apart, even its own bed. My Chihuahua does not comprehend the cost of his destruction, he does not realise his anarchy has a negative impact on my family.

What the EFF must understand is that the name changes are costly. They require extensive community involvement and most importantly they must find consensus amongst our diverse communities.

The National Government has a governmental council that deals with the requests for name changes. The South African Geographic Names Council acts as an advisor to the National Minister of Arts and Culture, which guides the change and standardisation of official names and helps the Western Cape Provincial Geographic Names Committee carry out its duties. Local municipalities must submit an application to the relevant authority if they want to change the names of cities, landmarks or even streets.

The DA is not against name changes. We are, however, concerned with the financial implications of name changes. To mention a few; Government must provide for new signs, maps and publicise the change. This undoubtedly can cost large sums of money. As a country and as a province we presently have more pressing priorities, such as the eradication of poverty and the burden of diseases such as HIV and Aids.

These priorities are key to redressing the ills of the past. While name changes are important for redress and reconciliation, name changes do not put food on the table or roves over our heads.

If the EFF is really interested in representing the poor, they must tell us how they would spend the budget differently. Instead they just give us empty, destructive rhetoric. When the City Council of Pretoria proposed to officially change the name of the Capital, Pretoria, to Tshwane while retaining Pretoria as the name of the city centre, the Council approved the change. It was estimated that the change would cost approximately R1,5 billion.

Let us take this R1,5 billion spent on a name change into consideration. R1,5 billion could provide a home to 10 714 beneficiaries. Currently we also have a high crime rate, which the EFF indeed contributes to with their illegal land invasions, which could be reduced with an appropriation of R1,5 billion or even simply a portion thereof.

It seems as if the EFF is not interested in adding to the economic growth of this province but just demanding, as if they are owed something, much like the ANC's culture of entitlement.

The people of this province already rejected the EFF at the ballot box, they will reject these cheap tactics too. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order. Hon member Mr Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a real pity that all the DA speakers up to now and also the DA's Chihuahua from the ACDP... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Chihuahua.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... have essentially, either... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley, I will deal with that. Hon member Mr Dugmore, I do not think you can refer to another member by the name of a dog.

An HON MEMBER: No! No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If that was the implication then I want you to withdraw that. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Order! The hon member used the word in a totally different sense; she referred to her dog and changing her dog's name. That is something totally different than referring to a member as a... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, she said EFF.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am addressing the House now.

An HON MEMBER: She said EFF.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat! I am saying that if the reference by the hon Dugmore was to a member of this House as being a Chihuahua, if that is the case then he must withdraw that. If it is not so, then he can continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker let me just clarify. I think Hansard will reflect that I made an indirect reference to the DA's ACDP Chihuahua.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I heard that correctly, but did you refer to a specific member of this House when you said that? Hon member Mr Wiley, let me just continue. Hon member Mr Dugmore, can you just respond to that question? Was your reference to a specific member of the House?

Mr C M DUGMORE: I definitely did not mention the name of any member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Was your reference to a member of this House?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is very clear that there is only one ACDP member in the House, he has now returned, and in terms of his approach of, you know, yapping in support of the DA, it was...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: It was a reference to the only ACDP member. Obviously there is no other ACDP... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want you to withdraw that.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... Chihuahua and I will withdraw ACDP Chihuahua and all of that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are wasting your own time now. Your time is limited so please continue. Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wonder if we could go over to naming the member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No. We will stop short. Hon member Mr Dugmore you may continue. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But, Mr Deputy Speaker. I was on a point of order there and so hopefully we can now move on. I think we actually need to salute the EFF for bringing this debate to the House. I think it is a critical debate and that is why it is a pity that DA members, starting with the MEC, have indicated there is no real need for this debate.

Then we have had the hon member Ms Maseko who has simply said this is just costing money, failing to actually understand the critical importance to deal with issues of intangible heritage and to look at those symbols which have in fact characterised the way colonialism, apartheid and oppression was built in this country.

So I think we are pleased that this debate has been brought here, but I think the issue really is that the DA has not been proactive in regard to this; it is rather a passenger and it essentially caters for its conservative membership who actually do not really want to engage critically on this matter.

We must recall that the DA has never established a House of Traditional Leaders in the Western Cape, compared to other provinces. [Interjections.] That is an insult. There is no House of Traditional Leaders in the Western Cape and if you look at the ANC approach in Hessequa, where there was a river called the Kaffir Kuils River, the ANC moved; that is now the Goukou River, and that has given rise to the recognition of indigenous history in the Hessequa, which has in turn contributed to building that particular culture.

But I think we must also, when we engage in this debate, we must also critically analyse a campaign such as “Rhodes must fall” because clearly... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Is that a point of order?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can the hon member take a question? [Interjection.] No-no-no-no, you are not a member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore, are you prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, he is not prepared to take a question. Please continue. You may continue hon member Mr Dugmore.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You are not prepared?

Mr C M DUGMORE: No, I am not prepared. Mr Deputy Speaker, could I ask for your indulgence, if the Table can just indicate... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will be lenient but you must continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Okay, right. So when we look at that campaign, you know clearly that statue is no longer there, but I think the students would be the first to admit that when we look at the need for transformation at UCT, we are still in the situation where the curriculum as we speak, has not changed. We are still in the situation where the admission criteria, influenced by a liberal agenda, at UCT is actually undermining the admission of black students.

Then the structure of the Council has not changed. The university has not sensitised community service where students can go in and tutor and lecture. So, those are the real transformation issues and we, as the ANC, express the hope and the support that the campaign at UCT, the campaign at Stellenbosch and other universities will gather momentum, because clearly we want our universities to act as champions. So, it cannot however be simply about statues and names. Transformation is actually about the strategic focus to dismantle the legacy of colonialism and apartheid, which resulted in inequality, land dispossession and that needs to be our focus.

So, I would just appeal to the EFF, while we get into this debate, fighter Bernard Joseph, [Laughter.] that let us not lose sight of the need to actually deal with the real issues of transformation as a legacy of internal colonialism.

I think it is actually absolutely critical for all of us to then look at what is to be done; the form of this, the content of this and the process. I think from the ANC's side we also need ground rules, we do not need violence. We welcome the commitment of the EFF leader in the province, when he distanced himself from the actions of other alleged EFF individuals who displayed anarchic tendencies which actually – not those members in the House, but others who claim to act in the name of the EFF, that we need respect and we need a level of sensitivity in terms of how we deal with this.

I want to ask the hon member Bernard Joseph, is not the real question; to be

Julius or not to be Julius? Because if you look at this name Julius for instance as an example; it comes from the Roman family, most famously, the Dictator Gaius Julius Caesar. Now the issue that the EFF needs to ask is; to be Julius or not to be Julius, to be Bernard or not to be Bernard? Bernard as the hon member knows, comes from Germany, it is used in England, and these are names that the EFF needs to seriously begin with.

We also want to say that given the tremendous effort of moving this motion, we have some Carnations here. Now even though the Carnation is an English colonial name, you will notice that the colour of these are almost like the jacket and we would like to make a presentation to thank the EFF for actually moving this motion and present these Carnations, and we do not have to change the name. We can actually continue using the name Carnation.

It is a pity that the DA did not take this debate seriously, because clearly they are not serious about transformation, and we would like to build a broad alliance to transform the Western Cape not only in culture, but in the real issues of inequality and poverty that continue to affect our people. I thank you. [Time expired.][Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member, your time has expired. Order, order. Order! Hon Minister Grant and Minister Winde, your Chief Whip is on the floor.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. That colonial item must

be tabled before it can be presented. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am most upset that I was not given flowers also. [Laughter.]

The topic for debate today is an emotive one. Sorry, can I actually speak?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Together with paint and human excrement, it has been flung into the spotlight again recently with the UCT debacle and subsequent events. The title of this debate also contains the fundamentally erroneous statement that so-called colonial and apartheid statues and names are irrelevant in post-apartheid South Africa. If they are irrelevant, why are we obsessing with changing them, and why the necessity for this debate?

The reality is that place names and statues are important. They symbolise parts of our history. The fact that certain people and groups are using them to whip up emotions also shows that they mean something to people, and how we deal with them sets the stage for the future of our country. We can choose, as do people like the EFF, to say that everything from the past must be changed, removed or destroyed and we can make a big noise and destroy

and deface them ourselves. Alternatively, we can say that nothing from the past must be changed, removed or destroyed and cling on to only one aspect of our history.

It is so that there has not been enough symbolism in the form of place names and statues to represent a large part of our history, but simply changing and removing those that exist is not the only option and nor is it necessarily the solution. To find out what the solution is we first need to ask the question: what exactly are we wanting to achieve; is it to erase the apartheid colonial part of our history? If so, how will removing statues do this?

Removing a statue or changing a name will not change what happened. Surely it is advisable for us to be reminded of the parts of our history that we would rather forget, so that we do not repeat past injustices.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible] the security forces of the apartheid government.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The fact is colonialism and apartheid are part of our history. It is important to know the history of our country, and in fact there is currently a call for more history as we heard today, to be taught in schools until matric, because it is seen as so important.

Imagine if in 30 to 40 years people who opposed the corruption we are currently seeing in our National Government decide that they wish to destroy

President Zuma's monument to corruption, Nkandla.

People may argue that changes are necessary for transformation but what do we mean by that? Do we mean removing absolutely everything that has anything to do with a particular time in our history and if so, which time is that? During the UCT fiasco it became quite clear that the removal of the statue was not going to be the end of the matter. As soon as the management capitulated on that issue, there were more demands. Then it spread to other places in the country, many involving people who would not even know the significance or otherwise of the statues they were defacing, as they are too young to remember, which leads to the inevitable conclusion that there are other reasons for this behaviour.

But in my view the real reason these changes are rearing their heads now, is that the current Government has not done enough, especially for young people. If we get people to think that statues and names are prohibiting transformation, it is far easier than acknowledging the reality; that National Government is failing our youth and our country.

As long as poor education, high levels of youth unemployment and bad leadership persist, young people will continue to demonstrate, protest, and often resort to violent behaviour to ensure that their voices are heard. To change these things would really transform our country. [Interjection.]

But notwithstanding that, we do need to have this debate. As with so many

things, it is how things are done rather than that they are done, that is important. Given the behaviour of our National Government regarding the rule of law, which has been devastatingly illustrated with the recent collusion of no less than the Security Cluster Ministers to circumvent a court order of the Judge President of one of our courts, we can understand to a certain extent why the youth involved in these protests recently have engaged in such atrocious behaviour; they are simply following the example of those who call themselves leaders of our country.

But in the DA we believe that there is another way. As our late President Nelson Mandela believed, in a country such as ours that has come through a painful past, reconciliation and inclusion are what is necessary to build our country. If we continue to allow people or groups of people to dictate, using violence and intimidatory tactics, what names should be changed and what statues should or should not remain in certain places, we are on a slippery slope to anarchy, which is what the ANC seems comfortable with even in this House.

It is perfectly feasible to add statues such as we have seen in Parliament, where statues of Mandela and Walter and Albertina Sisulu have been erected, whilst still maintaining that of Louis Botha. It is possible to agree on certain changes through dialogue between people in a way that helps each understand the position of the other. And it is also possible, like in the City of Cape Town, to have a policy on these issues which accommodates the diversity of our country and provides a framework within which changes are made. This

avoids *ad hoc* decisions based on whipped up sentiment.

And yes, we can see the difference in the DA, you can see a visible difference in the DA province when you come to the Western Cape, because people can see what a well run, clean, working province looks like.

It is important to engage however in discussion and debate and to get input from the ground up from all sectors of society on how and where we can make changes and how we should remember our history. This is the only way that we can build an inclusive society. And if we fail to build an inclusive society where every South African is treated fairly and has real freedom and real opportunities, we will have nothing worth commemorating in the near future. To do this requires strong and courageous leadership, something that we have seen far too little of recently.

This Government stands together with the people of the Western Cape and with all South Africans who want to build a province and a country where all of us, regardless of our background, make progress “Better Together”. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The debate on the removal of colonial and apartheid statues and the renaming of towns re-emerged in public domain as a result of then developments at UCT, regarding

the “Rhodes Must Fall” campaign being initiated by Chumani Maxwele.

I must say the MEC Marais must decide if she wants to continue or not to be an MEC in that department in particular, because that department is supposed to lead public dialogue in relation to engagement around these particular statues. I am not sure she can report on what she has done currently in terms of that. This campaign was fundamentally about the lack of transformation in that institution and the fact that that institution was not responding to the upliftment of its immediate communities, as advocated by CHESP which UCT is part of.

This woke up a sleeping lion as many progressive people joined the campaign to voice their concern about the direction the institution was taking since transformation took a U-turn when Premier Zille and her former bestie, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, were at the helm of the administration in that institution.

21 years after democracy the City of Cape Town has, instead of creating a more inclusive reflection of history, decided to rename Table Bay Boulevard to F W De Klerk Boulevard.

F W De Klerk, who was an anchor in fast-tracking the implementation of apartheid responsible for maintaining a system that brutally oppressed the majority since 1972 when he was first illegitimately elected to Parliament. Premier Helen Zille herself was part of only 27 signatories that agreed that

that road must be changed. Where is the inclusivity there, hon member Mr Mackenzie? Where is people-centred approach, MEC? [Interjection.] Those 27 signatories are not even a quarter of the residents in that area. The City of Cape Town alone has about 3,7 million residents in the City.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I disagree.

Mr S G TYATYAM: They were not consulted. There was no public participation.

Just a few months ago the current DA Western Cape leader, Patricia De Lille, wasted funds of taxpayers in a ceremony said to change the name of Vanguard Drive to Jakes Gerwel Drive which remains an empty promise to date. [Interjections.] We still have Jan Smuts Drive. We are still waiting for Jan Smuts Drive to be renamed and we still want the communities to be consulted because consultation has not taken place. That is why the name has not been ... [Interjections.] There, upstairs. We can only hope that the next renaming of one of the streets is not going to be Hendrik Verwoerd, given the DA's recent infatuation with this architect of apartheid.

Instead of erecting statues of struggle heroes for a more balanced and inclusive reflection of our total history, the DA in the City approved the erection of a giant pair of sunglasses on the Sea Point Promenade. Why are you not putting up a statue of Nelson Mandela? If you are so in love with Nelson Mandela, why is it a problem, why are you going ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Hon Minister Winde?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, will the hon member take a question?

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam are you prepared to take a question?

Mr S G TYATYAM: He must come to Nyanga then I will take a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot hear.

Mr S G TYATYAM: He must come to Nyanga then I will take a question from him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I presume the answer is no.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Could I get a time?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no hon Minister Winde.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You can come tonight at 9. [Laughter.] Where are the statues of Dullah Omar, where are the statues of Ruth First and Dulcie September, who contributed just as much to the struggle for a free and democratic South Africa?

As we celebrate youth month this month, we call for a statue to be built of Xolile Mosie who was the first victim of apartheid, who died during the 1976 uprising here in Cape Town.

We have discussed a proposal to rename the towns of George and Swellendam, but the DA is quiet on those proposals. Of the three biggest international airports in the country, Cape Town International Airport is the only one which has not been renamed to reflect the history of this province. All the others have been renamed. What is the DA saying about transformation?

Any debate relating to name changes and the removal of statues must address what constitutes meaningful and sustainable transformation in the context of a post apartheid South Africa, that institutionalised race and class divisions. It is our responsibility as members of this Legislature to spearhead the debate and make sure that through these debates we are able to build a nation, because running away and not responding to this particular issue, which is raised by the EFF, is not addressing nation building. It is going to continue to destroy our communities. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Institutions of higher learning, theatres, museums, statues and the naming of streets and towns should promote unity and build a nation. They must not be used to sideline other people, other groups within the community of the Western Cape. It must be about a broader transformation agenda, that all of us must be able to own. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon Minister Meyer.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you for this opportunity to take part in this very important debate. [Interjection.]
I will come to you hon member Mr Dugmore.

South Africa is a young and fledgling democracy and we are all still building this young democracy. We must go about this topic with care, with dignity and with respect for each other's culture. This debate has a content and we must be honest and agree that we come from a painful past and that we have a lot of healing to do. We must heal South Africa through nation building and reconciliation. There is space and there is hope that we can reconcile the past with the future.

South Africa is a constitutional democracy and as a democratic state, South

Africa is founded on the following principles and values; human dignity, equality, non-racism, non-sexism, the rule of law and accountability.

Hon members and all members of this House were sworn in, in this House and the hon member of the EFF also undertook the oath that we will respect and uphold the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Western Cape Constitution and all other laws of the Republic.

One of the laws of this country is the South African Geographical Names Council Act, Act 118/1998 and in terms of this Act, the South African Names Council must advise the Minister – this is the National Minister of Arts and Culture – on the transformation and the standardisation of proposed new geographical names, the changing, removing or replacing of geographical names and also in consultation with the Provincial Government, this government, identify existing geographical names in need of revision and co-ordinate requests for advice on geographical names and standardisation.

This is the legislative framework and to date, as we are seated now, here in this House, the EFF has not yet submitted any names for changes in terms of these legislative provisions.

The Democratic Alliance has embraced the need for change through a programme called R2D2 (Redress, Reconciliation, Diversity and Development.) As part of this programme, we have already seen many name changes in the Western Cape. We need to do much more. Just yesterday as the hon members have indicated in this debate, the City of Cape Town has

made another commitment to name changes, including acknowledging indigenous names.

Now I have just received a list, hon members of this House, a very extensive list of this commitment that happened in practice and I want to thank the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, hon member Mr Mackenzie.

In the list of names for example: in 2010 the plaza between the Civic Centre and ArtsCape was changed to Albert Luthuli Plaza; in 2011 the Western Boulevard to Helen Suzman; in 2011 Eastern Boulevard to Nelson Mandela Boulevard; in 2011 Oswald Pirow to Christiaan Barnard; in Lansdowne, to Iman Haroun Road; in Lansdowne, the section between Whetton Road to Swartklip was renamed as Govan Mbeki Road; in 2012 Lansdowne Road, the section between Swartklip to Baden Powell was renamed Jeff Masimola Road; Athlone Civic Centre with Dulcie September Civic Centre; Coen Steytler Avenue was changed to... [Interjections.] Please listen.

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am very proud... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am very proud of Walter Sisulu, like you.

The name was also changed. Hendrik... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon member Mr Magaxa.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Hendrik Verwoerd was changed to Uys Krige; Modderdam Road was changed to Robert Sobukwe; N1Y was changed to Steve Biko; Harrier Street to Blue Crane Street and we have many other struggle heroes; the list is endless and very long. We ask you hon member, you swore an oath... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... in this Parliament that you would uphold the laws of this province, the national laws. We ask you to do so as the Democratic Alliance has done so.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is an insult to us.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We are changing the landscape... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: This is not an insult because you had an opportunity to make input. Are you against Walter Sisulu? [Interjection.] So I am going to register that you are against the name change of Walter Sisulu.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Let me continue. I think this member does not know what he is talking about. If the EFF... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... is genuine and honest with this debate, why is it that the EFF has not yet made a written submission to the Western Cape? [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, take your seat please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: This member is irritating.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, is it a point of order?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, I have a reason to be really irritating. I just want the Minister to take a question.

The SPEAKER: Your point of order? Hon Minister will you take a question?
No the Minister will not take a question.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I take advice from my senior counsel and they

say no.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, the Minister will not take a question. Thank you. Proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: If the EFF is genuine and honest with this debate, why is it that the EFF has not yet submitted any name changes to the Western Cape Geographical Names Committee? Because there is a space for you to make such submissions. Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I think the hon Minister Marais is correct, that this DA Government is committed to bring about real transformation. Name changes must come from the local communities and we encourage all communities in the Western Cape who feel offended, to contact the Western Cape Geographical Names Committee and we will certainly listen to such input in that process. We have processes... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We have processes, we have systems and we have guidelines for naming and renaming. You have sworn that you will respect the laws. The laws of this country make provision for guidelines for naming and renaming.

The hon Minister Marais is correct that we must respect the rule of law. The debate must also acknowledge that we must build South Africa and not destroy South Africa. The behaviour of the EFF in the National Assembly does very little to build confidence that they want to build the constitutional democracy. The EFF is known for creating anarchy. The EFF is interested not in building South Africa, but is only interested in destroying South Africa. The EFF is established as a party out of anger and we cannot entrust a party that is full of hatred to lead on this subject matter. You cannot build reconciliation with hatred.

The SPEAKER: Order, order please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The Communists are even worse. Agb Speaker... [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Oral waar daar konflik is in die wêreld, gebeur dit as gevolg van etnosentrisme. Ons kom uit 'n geskiedenis van etnosentrisme. We cannot replace one ethnic nationalism with a new form of ethnic nationalism. Ons moet kulturele diversiteit bevorder.

To the EFF, I have the following advice: We must honour the past but we must not live in the past as Tony Leon reminded us. The EFF lives in the past, the DA lives in the future, that is why we are changing the names within

the framework of the law to reflect the future needs of South Africa. The DA follows ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The DA follows a pragmatic approach, because we, as we are seated here, are legislators and we must give leadership in the debate on transformation. I agree with the hon member Mr Christians that the EFF is not interested in anything but destroying everything.

Madam Speaker, I was informed that the EFF... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I have here with me the Handbook on Geographical Names. I was reliably informed that the EFF does not even know about the existence of this particular Handbook on Geographical Names, so this debate is not even well researched.

This side of the House... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... under the DA, is committed to redress,

reconciliation ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... diversity and development.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Let me now come to the hon member Mr Dugmore. He said, and these are his words, and I quote: "We are saluting the EFF." The ANC has just saluted anarchy, the ANC has now joined the debate of the EFF, it is now on record that they have joined the anarchy of the EFF. The ANC was in this Government and why did you not establish a House of Traditional Leaders?

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You say the DA did not want to establish a House of Traditional Leaders... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You were a member of the Cabinet. Why did you not arrange this particular matter?

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon member Mr Dugmore, is it a point of order?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Yes, it is a point of order, Madam Speaker. I believe that the Rules are very clear in this House that a member may not read his speech and it is clearly what the Minister is doing. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am very happy, now I can speak the truth, in greater truth. Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Is it a point of order hon member Mr Joseph?

Mr B D JOSEPH: Yes, Madam Speaker. Is it parliamentary that a member can use the words that were uttered in this House, that the EFF endorses anarchy?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is not unparliamentary.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, the whole nation has seen the behaviour of the EFF and its public discourse throughout the...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon member Ms Makeleni, is it a point of order?

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes, Madam Speaker. The member has posed a question and I think you should have responded, not the MEC rising before you responded.

The SPEAKER: It is not unparliamentary in that it was a party and not an individual that was mentioned as creating anarchy, so I will ask the Minister to proceed.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Sorry. Madam Speaker, hon member Mr Dugmore was the MEC for Sport and Culture and he was the MEC for Education.

An HON MEMBER: That is right.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: He had all the power to change things. I would like to know, as the MEC for Education, as the MEC for Arts and Culture, what changes did he bring about in this space that he is now talking about?

An HON MEMBER: Nothing!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That is what I want to know. But there is a more serious matter. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The hon member Mr Dugmore made a statement in relation to UCT. The hon member Mr Dugmore should know that the University of Cape Town falls under Higher Education and his Minister, Blade Nzimande, is the National Minister responsible for Higher Education. So he should take out his anger at that particular level, at Blade Nzimande, and not at this side of the House. Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please finish up.,

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I will finish up. I come to a very important matter, and that is that I am very disappointed that the hon member Mr Tyatyam does not know that the struggle hero... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Please finish up Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: There is a street named after Professor Jakes Gerwel. He just mentioned that he does not know it. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: He is ashamed that he does not know about this particular matter.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister, your time is up.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am shocked that he does not know.
[Interjections.] But, Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time is up.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I also reliably learnt... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister your time is up!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... that the ANC... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time is up hon Minister. Sorry. Thank you. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you for the extra time. It was as a result of this situation. Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, your time has expired!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I was... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The EFF also wants to destroy the Union Buildings.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expired. Yes, hon member Ms Makeleni?

Ms P MAKELENI: Madam Speaker, I think it is an obligation for all of us to respect you. The MEC has displayed his disregard of you. You have told him several times to sit down and he has ignored you.

The SPEAKER: Noted, hon member Ms Makeleni.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Members that concludes the debate.

An HON MEMBER: That is how you do it.

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members. That concludes the debate. However, before we conclude there is a matter that was carried over from the

sitting on 21 May during questions to the Premier.

The hon Premier raised a point of order, requesting me to rule on whether it was parliamentary for the honourable the member to call other members Nazis. From the Chair I also heard the hon member Ms Davids use the word “Nazis.” I therefore asked her to withdraw. The hon member responded by saying – and I quote: “I will withdraw the word naartjies. Dankie.” I indicated to the member that I clearly heard her saying the word “Nazis” and the member persistently responded by repeating that she used the word “naartjies.” She eventually said that she would withdraw the words she used, and that was my emphasis. It was clear to me that the hon member Davids was playing games with the Chair and deliberately trying to sidestep the issue by pretending to have used the words “naartjies.”

Given the circumstance, I decided to check the record and to listen to the audio recordings. Having had the opportunity to do so, the hon member Ms Davids in fact used the term “Nazis.” Not only did she try to mislead the Chair as to what she said, but in fact told a deliberate untruth in the House and by doing so, not only showed disrespect to the Chair but also disrespect to her colleagues in the House. I now request the hon member Ms Davids to withdraw the word “Nazis” and also to apologise to the House for repeatedly and deliberately misrepresenting the facts in a manner not becoming of an honourable member of the House. Hon member Ms Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: I withdraw. I know how to handle myself. I am a

Christian.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. And if you can apologise hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I apologise, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon Members, we have come to the end of another session. I would like to wish you well as you go off into the constituency period. Please use the time to energise and come back, because nation building is an on-going exercise. I would like to see you all come back in one piece. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:41.