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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE
PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT**

The House met at 10:00

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Members, the Secretary will read the first Order of the Day. Point of order, please.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would urge you and ask you to now rule on the Premier saying yesterday that the Leader of the Opposition was deliberately telling an untruth and of course also deliberately distorting facts that were said here and I would like you to rule on that, please, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. Those of you who were in Chamber just before we adjourned last night, I did indicate that there are more than one ruling outstanding and it may not be possible to do it this morning and I confirm that, we will give a full reasoned ruling tomorrow morning when we start. We will not do it today. That is one of the rulings, but there were also others.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. Yesterday you did state when we referred to deliberately distorting that you need some research around that, but deliberately telling an untruth is quite clear, it is obvious, it is clear-cut. You have taken decisions like this in the past and I would like you to not delay that decision, but in terms of Rule 41 I think it is for good order of this day and this House that you make a ruling at least on that point today. Now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Chief Whip, before you adjourn, can I just say that there will be a ruling on that very point and it is clear that it is unparliamentary and I will include that ruling when we give all the rulings tomorrow morning. That is the ruling. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, I would like to contribute to this; I would like to agree with hon Chief Whip on the other side. It is in the interests of the good order of this House that all members abide by the rulings of the Chair that has already been given.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker and for the last time, did I understand you correctly that you said it was unparliamentary and you would make a full ruling tomorrow?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct, I confirm that that specific reference is unparliamentary, but I am not giving the ruling now, the ruling will be given tomorrow. Thank you. We will then continue. The Secretary will read the first Order.

1. Debate on Vote 6: Health – *Western Cape Adjustment Appropriation Bill* (B 5 – 2014).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Botha.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. In order to provide for the anticipated financial challenges in 2015/2016, the Department was able to retain R98 million from this financial year and keep on the backburner for the year ahead. We were able to do this through an over-recovery of revenue to the amount of R69 million, and a R29 million saving on expenses in 2013/14.

In 2013/2014 the Department increased the budget by R85,3 million.

The explanation is as follows:

The amounts rolled over from the surplus in 2013/2014:

R81 million for the Health Facilities Revitalisation Grant;

R1 million for the Global Fund;

The remainder of the additional funds were allocated for the improvement of controls in supply chain, in other words to strengthen internal controls within the Supply Chain Management component of the Department.

Various shifts within the department between and within programmes were funded through a saving in “claims against the state”.

These include the R4.5 million allocated to decrease backlogs in assistive devices. Examples of these are wheelchairs, hearing aids.

R20 million were allocated to fund various information technology projects such as:

The replacement of obsolete computer equipment as critically required in the 2014/15 financial year;

To refresh server hardware at sites where the infrastructure is lacking;

The appointment of Enterprise Content Management scans operators for the scanning of patient records;

R3 million was funded for training in frontline active communication and techniques to enhance the change management process;

And lastly R2.5 million to fund various initiatives for the creation of a culture of wellness project.

Due to the delay in the procurement of radiology equipment at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, we funded critical medical equipment backlogs to an amount of R14.4 million.

Through strict financial discipline, and tight control over expenditure, we expect, and are committed, to stay within budget.

Other major developments in the past year has been the budget allocation for the arthroplasty innovation, which will offer patients that have been on the waiting list for joint surgeries for many years, access to an improved quality of life.

The appointment of specialists at rural regional hospitals, is also a move to improve the services to our people in rural areas, despite the tyranny of distance.

The construct of health infrastructure in order to offer our people access to world-class health services remain a priority. Facilities to be commissioned early in 2015 are the Dunoon CHC and the new CDC in Delft, as well as the 72-hour psychiatric ward at Mitchell's Plain Hospital.

In the latter part of this year we opened the new Karl Bremer EC, as well as the Knysna EC. The upgraded Hermanus Hospital is a gem, and competes well with its private sector counterpart.

In closing, the Western Cape Department of Health receives regular accolades for strict management and control systems, and remains a model for the rest of the country.

I want to use this opportunity to thank my senior management in the Department, specifically for the leadership and management of Prof Househam and his senior management team. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Botha. Hon member Marais.

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Dankie mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Die doel van distriksgesondheidsdienste, Program 2 is om diens te lewer by klinieke, gemeenskapsgesondheidsfasiliteite en distrikshospitale en gemeenskapsgebaseerde diens aan die gemeenskap te lewer. Program 8 handel met die daarstelling van nuwe gesondheidsfasiliteite, die opgradering en

instandhouding van bestaande fasiliteite. Dis by bogenoemde twee programme wat die fokusareas is; R85,356 miljoen aansuiwering vir gesondheid en ons waardeer hierdie bedrag. Die Wes-Kaap raak toenemend die voorkeur provinsie vir die verskaffing van gesondheidsorg. Hierdie aanvraag plaas druk op die gesondheidswerkers en diens wat verskaf word. Desnieteenstaande die geweldige druk op personeel en fasiliteite word diens van uitnemendheid gelewer. 88% van die pasiënte wat gebruik maak van die Wes-Kaap fasiliteite is tevrede met diens wat hulle ontvang het. Ons ondersteun die aanpassingsbegroting wat die Departement in staat stel om te bou op die allesomvattende pakket van gesondheidsorg dienslewering aan die mense van die Wes-Kaap. Ek dank u.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agbare lid Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I rise to make a case as to why this adjustment estimate should not be passed by this Parliament. I say so because already I observe in the Standing Committee that these shifting of funds is due to late filling of posts whereas in the Annual Report session many programs suffered as a result of vacant posts. What concerns us, the ANC, is the fact that all what we raised even during the oversight visits to various health facilities in the province has not been prioritised or is not explicitly catered for in the adjustments. For example, the shortage of chronic medication is not addressed here. Firstly, this department had to roll over R82 088 in district health services. A health facility management,

respectively, why was global funds not claimed from City of Cape Town? This is indicative of treating the City of Cape Town with soft gloves.

Secondly, there is shifting of funds for the [Inaudible.] of tenders. This cannot be a justifiable reason. It shows how this government is misusing a provision that is meant for good intervention for non-essential purposes. Thirdly, is it really fair to shift funds to cover over-expenditure in advertising due to web-based job sites implemented later than anticipated. This is not critical if you take into account the motivation. It must be rejected with contempt. It seems that this department had planned poorly and/or managed the implementation very badly. How can money be shifted for machinery and equipment leases? This was supposed to be part of the budget for capital assets. There is no way that this was not anticipated. Fourthly, it is a disgrace to hear of shifting of funds for backlogs. Then this Department wants to hide money for unknown reasons. You hear of funds shifted to fund various initiatives for the creation of cultural or wellness projects that can be anything under the sky. We must question the real reason for shifting of funds. Similarly funds shifts to fund expenditure in the purchase of promotional items in the Nutrition Roads to Health booklets are completely unacceptable and must be rejected. It is not clear why they raise backlogs in the household and were they not budgeted for in the main budget cycle? These are kind of questions that keep on coming and we do not think they should be allowed. Therefore they must be rejected. The amount of R82 295 is shifted to Program 2, 4 and 7, yet only program 2 has activities. There is no amount of activities in Program 4 and 7. Looking at pages 115

and 116, this might be a minimal amount, but then added together it might be a different story. The shifting of funds from Program 2.9 to 2.1 on page 117 is problematic and contradictory in that it says to be savings due to the late filling of posts at Chief Directorate Rural District Health Services, yet it is for the same purpose on subprogram 2.1. These adjustments cannot be supported by the ANC. A home-based care project not budgeted for in the main budget cycle. How can funds be shifted from localisation of agency staff due to slow filling of posts? This amounts to poor planning on the part of HR Department and they lack leadership. How did overspending occur in Malmesbury Community Daycare Centre? What gave rise to over-expenditure to household, leave gratuities? It really does not hold water for shifting of funds for funding of anticipated over-expenditure in the medical services and fleet services kilometres. Expenditure on the infrastructure project - those finished dates had long surpassed - cannot be justifiable reason for shifting of funds. They are listed as follows:

Beaufort-West forensic pathology lab at R50 000;

Delft Symphony Way CBC at R16 135;

Dunoon CHC at R14 601;

Goodwood Ruyterwacht CDC at R71 000;

Heidelberg Ambulance Station at R2 000;

Khayelitsha Hospital at R2 000;

Knysna CDC at R6 000;

Malmesbury West Bank CDC at R3 000;

Mitchells Plain Hospital at R14 000;

Riversdale at R27 481;

FPS at R90 000;

Roseville Clinic R11 488;

Robertson Hospital Station at R119;

Robertson Hospital at R88.

The list is endless, this amounts to more than R78 286 and this total poses a challenge to us. It mirrors poor planning and execution of planning projects. How can funds be shifted to fund illustration of agencies staff due to slow filling of posts, while in other programs savings are due to the late filling of posts? This is hypocrisy at its best. I list all these because I do not believe that shifting of funds should be used for those purposes. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Ms Gopie. The hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Deputy Speaker, with my two minutes, I cannot go into much detail. I just need to emphasise, I see the papers yesterday said that hon member Paulsen was the only person sitting in the Opposition benches, that I was not here. I do not want to be seen siding with the ANC, so I just need to say that [Interjections.]...I just need to say that...[Interjections.]...I hope they are not going to walk out today. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We are here to keep departments and executives accountable. We cannot walk out. [Interjections.] But I need to say the following. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon member Christians, you invited those comments and your time has been wasted now.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: OK. There are only a couple of things that I want to say and that is I think our staff in the health services are overworked and sit with a large workload. We have a concern when it comes to the filling of posts. If the Minister can just tell us that these issues will be addressed when speaking to the staff; you would find that they work hard, but that they can only do that much. I also saw the Minister addressing the medication issue. Some time ago the Minister also mentioned that national has a role to play. How is he going to address that problem when we have no medication at hospitals? The hon member Gopie spoke about wellness programs. I think that is a step in the right direction, because we sometimes sit with the symptoms and we do not tell people the do's and don'ts. That will reduce our budget; I think that is a step in the right direction. Another thing that I need to mention - and we have said it over and over again - is the people waiting in the queues. So yes, we say that people want this kind of good service, but they sit in queues, old people, and we still hear stories of people being turned away, those type of things. If the Minister can give us a plan, I know we are

over-strained and we can only do so much, but if the Minister can give us clear indications how to address that issue.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Christians. Your time has expired now, you are at two and a half minutes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. It is a pity hon member Mr Christians is so scared of the DA. [Laughter]. [Interjections.] What is very disturbing and very disappointing indeed are the following items under sub-program 8.4, saving due to low filling of posts as well as the re-prioritisation of maintenance projects, under sub-program 8.1 and 8.3, saving due to slow filling of posts as well as the re-prioritisation of health technology projects. In the motivation column the word "saving" is used and I ask myself how can a government that claims that it cares, hon member Ms Schäfer, take its time in appointing personnel at our health care facilities and consider this slackness as a saving? Are the Western Cape Health Department employees given incentives to save money in this manner? This is just one program that seems to have its focus mid-directed. If you look at sub-program 7.1, personnel are re-allocated and laundry services out-sourced. As an organisation comprising the working class, we as the Economic Freedom Fighters can never condone the outsourcing of functions which would put

workers at the mercy of contracting companies that are profit driven. This will ultimately lead to worker dissatisfaction and a reduction in the quality of services. Moving to sub-program 6.5, how can a government compromise on the development and training of health care staff? This is against the backdrop of a reduction of personnel being considered as a saving. We have labelled the Department of Health as a band-aid department and surely MEC Botha is contending MEC Fritz for the band-aid award, we will decide at the end of this session who will win it. If we look at who really benefits from the awarding of it; that is the attitude of your government, hon member Mr Fritz, whatever. If we look at who really benefits from the awarding of infrastructure project tenders, which seems to be the major function of this Department, we are justified in labelling this Department as the Band-aid Department.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Finish off, please.

Mr M N PAULSEN: We have no alternative as the vanguard of the poor and working class communities but to vote against this budget appropriation.

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

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. South Africa ranks third in the world in road deaths with 32 deaths per 100 000 of the population. The Department of Transport has estimated the cost of road deaths at R31 billion to the Western Cape and much of this cost is picked up by the Department of Health which treats injured drivers, passengers and pedestrians and which dispatches ambulances, personnel and even airlifts critical passengers. It is well-known that oftentimes the causes of these crashes is the result of driving under the influence of alcohol. If we can curb drunk driving, we can lessen the burden on our health services, so this funding and manpower can instead be used to treat more patients in need. The police are on board. Provincial traffic and municipal law enforcements are on board. Arrests at road blocks happen every weekend to stop the devastating effect of drunken driving or driving under the influence. The National Department of Health, however, is unfortunately not on board. In the course of the Watching Briefs Program it was noted that between January and March of this year, 20 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol were removed from the Bishop Lavis court roll, because blood alcohol reports were not completed by the National Health Department's Forensic Chemistry Laboratories. In many cases, 9 – 12 months later, this number pertains to only one quart in one quarter. One shudders to think what the figure would look like if we were to look across the entire province. The inability to process blood alcohol reports is having a direct negative impact on the functioning of the criminal justice system. Furthermore it nullifies the work that has been done by police officers to detect and arrest those believed to be contravening the law. The Western

Cape Government regards fighting alcohol abuse as one of its most serious objectives from a whole of society and whole of government approach. However, it would be counter-productive to increase efforts in this regard if other government departments were unable to keep pace. The inability of the criminal justice system to prosecute offenders as a result of these delayed reports dents efforts to reduce road deaths resulting from driving while intoxicated. It is a most serious matter and the Health Department continues to pick up a case load with these accidents. We are failing to prevent this behaviour, because there are no consequences for it and the reason why there are no consequences for it is because the chemistry labs cannot process samples within a reasonable amount of time and cases get thrown out. The Western Cape Government is ready and willing to help and assist the National Health Chemistry Labs, but they declined to accept this help. The Western Cape Government can screen blood samples within two days and can test 700 standards compared with the chemistry labs' 150. This means that the Western Cape Government cannot only speed up processing, but also return more accurate results, because they can detect a far wider range of drugs which the chemistry lab may not have found in the samples. In the meantime, cases get struck off the roll and the message goes out that you may be able to get away with it. The Health Department's budget is supported. It must be noted, however, that prevention is so important so that the budget can be stretched further. Those stakeholders from government who can assist in preventing the burden of disease must do so without delay for the sake of being able to provide more health services where they are needed and so that

the Department can continue to provide equitable access to quality health services for the people of the Western Cape. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Botha.

Mr T L BOTHA: Agbare Voorsitter, baie dankie. Baie dankie vir elkeen se bydrae, ek sal kortliks daarop reageer. Firstly hon member Ms Gopie, you mentioned the word "disgrace" in the presentation of this Appropriation Budget. Whether it is parliamentary or not is not my issue. My issue is that, if you look at the content of your contribution here today, I would only say that was actually a disgrace. And I would just leave it at that. You are not supporting this budget and your main reason is the shifting of funds due to the late filling of posts, the shortage of chronic medicine, poor planning and backlogs. Now the shifting of funds due to the late filling of posts: I just want to mention against the background of the fact that we have a less than 5%, somewhere between 4 – 5% vacancy rate on funded posts in the province, which means that we are ten times more efficient than the average in South Africa which is well over 14%. [Interjections.]

The shortage of chronic medication again, a short-term matter which I actually should lay in front of the national Department of Health which is responsible for the tender administration and all the tender processes of medicine. We are obliged to obtain our medicine through the national department and the national Minister has also acknowledged to me personally about fourteen days ago that this is a problem which he will sort out at the

national department. So the shortage of chronic medication or any medication for that matter in the province, is a national problem [Interjections.] and it is something that we cannot do anything about. But what we are doing is to buy out stocks wherever we can obtain them and manage the stock at hand as best as possible to ensure that it is well-spread at all facilities available as best as possible. The backlogs on the orthopaedic operations that we refer to you, you mentioned that there should not have been a backlog. Well, I think you will be glad to know that with this initiative and with this project, all the backlogs that are regarded as serious and necessary immediately, will be eradicated through this process and will be done, so there would not be any backlog of any serious operations that need to be done on hip replacements and knee replacements and such operations. So we have now a provincial centralised list, the first time that the province will have that, it is a remarkable project and it really needs the congratulations of this House to the Department, Professor Househam and his team who made this possible. I am delighted on behalf of all the hundreds of patients who are going to be advantaged by this.

Hon member Mr Christians, you mentioned overworked staff. That is indeed a serious concern. It has to do with the numbers that we are dealing with, it has to do with the burden of disease [Interjections.] and it has to do with the fact that health is on the receiving end of many of societal ills which we cannot address directly in Health. You also mentioned medicine which I am not going to refer to again. You specifically mentioned wellness, which I just want to add to; until now the motto or the main operation of the Department

of Health and all the Departments of Health in South Africa are curative, in other words, to treat disease, so you go to a public health facility when you are ill and then you get treated. Our aim with wellness is to change it to preventative, to try and prevent illness by early detection, by sharing information and by screening our patients on a regular basis and so to invest in the preventative care instead of the curative care. That is a long term strategy and it will hopefully pay off in the next ten to fifteen years.

Waiting queues remain a serious concern for us all in the Department of Health. It is nothing uncommon, it is something common to Health Departments all over the world, but we are busy with very interesting plans and we have already implemented very interesting projects. The project Dispensing of Chronic Medication at decentralised facilities, already theoretically reduced the number of patients in facilities by well over 30%. We have now implemented successfully the appointment system in most of our facilities and we are looking now very seriously at why you wait and how you wait and what your experience is while you wait. So those things are getting our attention currently. Hon member Mr Paulsen, I want to congratulate you actually with the very constructive contribution today. I do not know what happened to you overnight, [Interjections.] [Laughter.] but he stayed behind, so he has the wisdom that the majority [Interjections.] of the opposite side does not have.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So filling of posts again was mentioned by him. Health technology: I think the health technology is the one thing we can pride ourselves on the Department of Health in the Western Cape that we are the frontrunners with health technology. You mentioned a very interesting thing which I am definitely going to take up and that is to incentivise the savings. I think it is a valuable contribution and I thank you for that. I will definitely take that forward. I have not thought of that yet. You are very concerned about partnerships and you are concerned that it would deteriorate services. The fact of the matter is, hon member Mr Paulsen, that the public health care is not only the responsibility of the State, it is the responsibility of society, it is the responsibility of the private sector and they should come on board to assist us in having a healthier society in our country and to address the problems that we are facing. So indeed I think the opposite should apply, that we should have more partnerships, more contracts through arrangements and involve the partnership more in the co-responsibility for health of our people in South Africa.

Thank you for considering me for the band-aid award, it is a very good brand. [Laughter.] Infrastructure contracts, I must just correct you, hon member Mr Paulsen, infrastructure contracts are not the responsibility of Health, it is the responsibility of my esteemed colleague, hon member Mr Donald Grant and we are only the client for that.

Hon member Ms Wenger, crashes as we are nowadays referring to it and specifically due to drunken driving and alcohol, is a serious problem in our

province. I witnessed again in Monday morning a very serious accident at the Sir Lowry's Pass Village crossing and I was there on the scene while they arrested the drunken driver. It was really an eye-opener for me to see the havoc that was caused and fourteen people who were very injured very seriously, I hope no-one died in the meantime in this very serious accident, because the driver was drunk. The backlogs in the cases are a serious problem and I want to go as far as to say that the fact that we have offered assistance to the national department or through the national department to the NHLS - which the National Government have to consent to - and their unwillingness to support us and unwillingness to help us to solve the problem leaves me the only conclusion that it is a deliberate obstruction of preventing us to address the problem and that is a serious issue and maybe we should take this to another level. I think it is quite frankly unconstitutional in the way this is currently handled. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this vote. The Secretary will read the second Order of the Day.

2. Debate on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The SPEAKER: Hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Chair. It is my honour to present to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament the Adjustments

Appropriation for 2014/2015 on behalf of the hon Madam Speaker. The main appropriation for 2014/2015 financial year amounts to R108,971 million. The adjusted or revised appropriation amounts to R111,722 million. The original Statutory Appropriation, which consists of a direct charge of the Provincial Revenue Fund, amounts to R35,546 million and the adjusted or revised appropriation amounts to a total of R39,334 million. This results in an increase of R2,751 million on the Main Appropriation and an increase of R3,788 million on the Statutory Appropriation. Per program the amounts were adjusted as follows: Program 1, Administration, was adjusted from R47,174 million to R49,446 million, representing an increase of R2,272 million. Program 2, Facilities for Members of Political Parties was left unchanged; Program 3, Parliamentary Services, increased from R22,442 million to R22,921 million, an increase of R479 000. That brings us to a total adjustment from the original amount of R108,971 million to R111,722 million, a total increase of R2,75 million. The direct charge, that is the members' remuneration, was increased from R35,546 million, to R39,334 million, representing an increase of R3,788 million. The percentage increase per program is as follows: Administration increased by 4,82%; Facilities and Benefits for Members remained the same; Parliamentary Services increased by 2,13% and Members' Remuneration increased by 10,66%. That is also the program with the biggest increase, Members' Remuneration increased by 10,66%. I will now come to the details of the Adjustments to the Estimates.

Program 1 Administration and the Main Appropriation of R47,174 million and an adjusted appropriation of R49,446 million which results in an increase of R2,2272 million or 4,82%.

First subprogram; the amounts were adjusted as follows: Office of the Speaker decreased from R4,345 million to R4,080 million, that is a decrease of R265 000. Office of the Secretary increased from R10,085 million to R10,256 million which represents an increase of R171 000. Communication and Information increased from R3,689 million to R4,515 million, an increase of R826 000. Library remained unchanged. Finance increased slightly from R2,953 million to R3,031 million, an increase of R78 000. Supply Chain Management increased slightly from R3.635 million to R3.7 million, a R65 000 increase. Internal Control increased from R3,748 million to R4,058 million, an increase of R310 000. Then there is a decrease in Human Resources from R5,690 million to R5,161 million, a decrease of R529 000. Information Technology increased from R6,523 million to R8,142 million, an increase of R1,619 million. A decrease lastly in Security and Facilities from R5,177 million to R5,174 million, a decrease of R3 000. The increase in funds comprise the following: roll-overs of R127 000, an amount of R125 000 was rolled over from the 2013/2014 financial year on capital projects relating to Chamber improvements. To accommodate the Parliamentary Program, an additional R2 000 was allocated to supplement the current overtime at baseline. There were other adjustments at R1,85 million, based on the fact that the new Parliament has been established and new and returning members have assumed duty; new computer equipment and in certain instances office furniture was provided to two members; this resulted in additional funds to the value of just over R1 million and R500 000 respectively.

Additionally an amount of R350 000 was allocated to legal fees relating to committee proceedings. Revenue retention of R636 000; an amount of R472 000 in respect of revenue retention was allocated to fixed term contracts due to specific needs identified within critical areas. As we are in a new parliamentary term, certain programming arrangement with regard to meetings being held after hours had increased which led to additional strain being placed on certain units to have staff available to work overtime. As a result an additional R100 000 was allocated to supplement the current overtime baseline. Furthermore the remainder of the revenue retention, that is an amount of R64 000, has been allocated towards legal fees incurred in committee proceedings. Shifting of funds between Votes amounted to R106 000. R106 000 was shifted from Vote 10, Transport and Public Works, for the procurement of data cabling for the renovations on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of 7 Wale Street Provincial Administrative building. The Environments and Shifts amounting to R447 000; that amount was shifted from Program 1 to Program 3 and comprise of the following: R322 000 from travel savings within the Office of the Speaker, shifted to cover increased Hansard services, including the backlog. R125 000 from Human Resources compensation of employees was shifted to Plenary Support, an amount of R67 000; and to Public Education and Outreach an amount of R58 000 in respect of performance bonuses which are housed within the Human Resources subprogram. Program 2, Facilities for Members and Political Parties, had a main appropriation of R39,355 million and that amount was unrevised and remained the same. Program 3, Parliamentary Services, had a

main appropriation of R22,442 million and an adjusted appropriation of R22,921 million, which resulted in an increase of R479 000 or 2,13%. Per subprogram the amounts were adjusted as follows: for Plenary Support, there was a slight increase from R2,844 million to R2,895 million, an increase of R51 000. There was a decrease in Committees from R9,621 million to R9,599 million and a decrease of R22 000 and there was a decrease for Standing Committees of R2,772 million, decreased to R2,071 million, a decrease of R701 000. Public Education and Outreach, a slight increase from R2,929 million to R2,993 million, an increase of R64 000. And Hansard and Language Services, increased from R4,276 million to R5,36 million, an increase of R1,087 million. The total adjustment therefore was an amount of R22,92 million or an additional increase of R479 000.

The increase in funds comprise the following: roll-overs of R32 000 to accommodate the Parliamentary Programme and an additional R32 000 was allocated to supplement the current overtime baseline. The Environments and Shifts totalling R447 000 and that was shifted from program 1 to program 3 and comprise of the following: R322 000 from travel savings within the Office of the Speaker, shifted to cover increased Hansard services, including the backlog and R125 000 from Human Resources, compensation of employees, shifted to Plenary Service Support and Public Education in respect of performance bonuses. The direct charge members remuneration as I indicated initially had a main appropriation of R35,546 million that was adjusted upwards by R3,788 million to an amount of R39,33 million or 10,6% increase. This amount of R3,788 million was in respect of once off

gratuity payments made to non-returning members. In conclusion I wish to add that the total budget for the Provincial Parliament has always been the smallest of all legislatures and the current budget is no exception. In fact, if I can interrupt myself here, when I first came to this institution in 1997 the total budget excluding members' remuneration, was an amount of R17 million, so we have come a long way to R111 million where we are standing now. We will continue to spend taxpayers' money in a very responsible manner. We will however have to balance that prudence with ever increasing demands on our services to our members and our public. Our facilities for one, will certainly require increased expenditure in future.

Ek wil ter afsluiting my hartlike dank oordra aan die Hoofsekretaris en sy personeel vir die harde werk die afgelope tyd en die feit dat hulle dit reggekry het om weer vir ons 'n skoon oudit op die tafel te sit. Baie dankie.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you Chairperson. As a member of this House I readily follow on from the hon Mr Deputy Speaker in supporting this vote and would also like to add my congratulations to the Administration for achieving a clean audit. Adjustments being made are relevant and in line with the stated aims of improving members' ability to do their work as well as to improve Parliament's facilities and efficiency. In her absence I wish to compliment Madam Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for the good work that has been achieved in the first few months of this fifth Parliament. The open

and pro-active approach to dealing with the business of this institution has been a necessary move to confronting the several matters that have been allowed to drag on for some years now. A welcome change has been an increase in the meetings of the Rules Committee. This critical committee where the members are able to formally articulate their concerns and make suggestions to improve the institution will continue to meet regularly. Significantly the recent forming with the sanction of the Rules Committee of an Internal Arrangement Sub-committee is a first attempt to analyse the full functioning of this Parliament from facilities to secure [Inaudible.] to the government models. The sub-committee comprises of the Deputy Speaker and the Chief Whips of the majorities in the main Opposition parties and will make recommendations to the Rules Committee. It is common cause that there has been since inception in 1994 confusion about the very precinct of this newly constituted institution and in the past this confusion has lead to a blurring of the roles and responsibilities of the service providers and tenants of the old CPA building which fronts onto Wale Street. The urgency for a clear precinct delineation will become greater in the near future when overdue debate is engaged about the expansion of this Parliament both in terms of member numbers and currently overcrowded facilities. These include the Chamber committee rooms, the staff and media facilities. Several items on this bill is allocated to IT and AV matters, however. It is a matter of some concern that there still appears to be software interface issues and other interferences that give members ongoing frustrations getting e-mails and doing research online. One trusts that these teething problems will be resolved, but the Eskom interruptions have not helped matters at all.

Although the looming of security measures will probably exclude any ideas of a new building, there is a strong justification for the services of this province to insist on adequate numbers of public representatives to look after their interests and to have a Parliament adequate to facilitate and capacitate to be both efficient and to be proud of. [Interjections.] These investigations will give clarity to those who provide essential services here such as the South African Police Services. In this regard I would like to compliment the South African Police Services for a noticeably improved access control service and also the Provincial Administration for increased guards at the entrance to the parking garage. Generally improvements on the ground floor are very welcome and provide a public friendly face. They have on the other hand created certain challenges, but I am sure that these will be overcome with a bit of co-operation and foresight by all concerned. In the main, despite several shortcomings relating to physical facilities, this Parliament functions well and I think we can look forward to a positive future. A critical step forward will be the appointment of the new Secretary, and I want to thank Madam Speaker for inviting all the parties to participate in this selection process, something she did not need to do, but has demonstrated her inclusive generosity of spirit. As this may well be the last budget vote the current Secretary Mr Henley, attends as a counting officer, I wish to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedicated service over many years in what is a most challenging task and a balancing act. We wish him well for the future.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

Mr M G E WILEY: The eventual governance of this institution will also come under discussion in the near future to ensure that members are the final arbiters of the Parliament and its affairs. It is with supreme irony that one of the items for consideration of this Appropriation Bill is that of the increased legal fees, much of which will be devoted to protect the reputation of this Parliament against former and current members who wish to do this institution harm. We cannot allow this, and every effort must be made to uphold the integrity of this place and not allow to be bullied by any person or persons who feel that they are above the law and feel that Parliament does not have any jurisdiction. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Another expenditure item worth noting is that of the opening of Parliament and it is interesting that this covers two openings and it is both a fraction of what we now see as routine splurges at other legislatures. This legislature, by the way, is possibly the second smallest in the country in terms of members and probably the smallest in terms of staff, yet we pass more laws than most and are certainly more robust in opening our debates. [Interjections.] But the toll on both our staff and our members is high and not sustainable. Similarly the Executive is not spared here. In availing herself again yesterday to questions without notice, the Premier has appeared more times in this House in the last two months to be interrogated by members than any other Premier. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: And most certainly more than the President who simply ignores his constitutional duty. [Interjections.] I would like it to be noted to this House that when there was a political debate as the Second Reading debate in this House, the Rules state that the Premier does not have to entertain questions without notice. She did so voluntarily and was prepared to do so yesterday. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Unfortunately as you well know ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Her questioners forewent their right to ask questions on behalf of the citizens of this province and left the Chamber. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Personally, I will look forward to the future as I am sure all our challenges are resolvable and I am convinced that this Parliament during this term will grow significantly in stature, availability to its citizens and reputation for excellence. I thank you. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Member! Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Chairperson. Welcome in the chair this morning. When I listen to the Deputy Speaker, I must say I was disappointed. You gave us a lot of numbers, but if I must ask any member here what numbers you gave us, I do not think anybody can recall what happened here. I think what we really looked forward to was looking at a strategy and a vision of how to really enhance and strengthen democracy in this Legislature and build on that and also really be equal and treat all parties in an equal way. After the May 2014 election his department engaged with the Standing Committee to discuss the 2014/2015 budget and APP. When asked when the Legislature will do the same and all 13 votes did this, Madam Speaker said she first want to get a briefing by the Administration and engagement will happen soon after that. But up to today, 3 December, this did not take place. I did not hear that coming from the new MEC's or MEC's declaring portfolio's, they all just had to pick up and get a clear understanding of what was happening. All executive authorities and administrations report quarterly on their financial and performance outcomes. But not this Speaker. No quarterly reports, no meetings on that and no accountability. So what we see on page 26 in the Adjustment Estimates, where there is a reflection on the spending and the percentage of spending, it means nothing to us, because we cannot correlate that with the actual targets that have been set and what targets have been met. The Provincial Legislature under the Speaker think they are above oversight and accountability. The Speaker is also the Chair of the Rules Committee and she will decide when meetings will take place and what will be

discussed. When engaging with this adjusted budget, the Speaker even, and that was in her introductory speech, said that questions the oversight role of the Rules Committee. The running and the shying away for accountability and oversight gives me more reason to welcome the passing of the Financial Management of Parliament Amendment Act. In terms of the legislation the Speaker of the National Assembly and Chairperson of the NCOP will prescribe regulations and policy and issue instructions to the Western Cape Provincial Legislature. By 22 November 2014, past already, the 2015/2016 APP must already have been presented to the Executive Authority by the Accounting Officer. I doubt that actually transpired and happened. And as from 1 April, and I think it is outstanding news for us, especially in the Opposition, an oversight mechanism must be effected and also reports submitted in this regard, something never experienced. It is important to understand that Provincial Legislatures do not have original powers, but derive their powers from the National Parliament. Up to now no progress has been made by the Provincial Legislature or the Treasury for the planning and implementation of this Act, especially for the allocation of an appropriate budget, and we do not see it in these adjusted budgets, and an Act is coming into effect on 1 April 2015.

We do not see the migration to GRAP happening or the creation of systems or building of any human capital within this administration. Apart from the budget allocations for Hansard services, the adjusted budget in the 2013/14 and 14/15 amounted to R2,7 million. This is alarming. It is now necessary to take serious steps to address this upwards spiral of uncontrollable spending

and expenditure happening. Just for this financial year it has been increased from R4,2 million with an additional R1,2 million to R5,4 million.

In the 2014/15 main budget R60 000 - and the Chief Whip of the DA referred to that – was allocated for legal fees. Now in adjustments an additional amount of R507 000, a half a million rand, is allocated for legal fees, taking the total allocation to R567 000. This unacceptable, wasteful increase in legal fees we must say is a direct result of a party political agenda driven by the DA. [Interjections.] The Speaker approved summonses being served on the DA's opposition for narrow DA party political reasons, and you know that. Nobody else. [Interjections.] I want to caution the Speaker against the office being used for party political attacks. This will cost the Legislature dearly. [Interjections.]

Chairperson, on 26 November 2014 – that was last Wednesday – a day before the debate on the 2013/14 Annual Reports, an urgent special SCOPA meeting was called. This was called to discuss the inaccurate numbers – listen to this and it's very serious – of the Auditor-General and the non-compliance with the Public Finance Management Act. In their briefing notes to the SCOPA it was instigated by senior management in this administration of the Provincial Legislature. Briefing notes to SCOPA on the Western Cape Department of Health was used as an example. The Auditor-General had to come of course and explain and defend. The Auditor-General addressed SCOPA and an opinion – he actually had to get a legal opinion on this as well – was handed out. It turned out that the Provincial Legislature administration was wrong

and an uncalled for challenge to the numbers of the AG was set aside. And I must say, what a waste of time; also resources and trust. How can this administration, after we have been through a full process, challenge the Auditor-General? And you know what, they did not even inform the leadership in the organisation that they were doing this.

When asking the question on accommodation, we heard a lot about accommodation for the Provincial Legislature. MEC Grant - and we heard this today from the hon member Mr Wiley - did not reply to what they are going to do in terms of this chaotic situation. We are in here and we discuss the issue that there is not even space for the media in this Legislature and then they say they are open and transparent. No, there was rather reference by MEC Grant to the Constitution and how we must amend the Constitution and how we want more members to be here and to be present here. That was the whole argument from the MEC. But the increase in the number of members of this legislature is not under discussion and I hope it will never come under discussion. We have a budget of R100 million and we are going to increase it at least by R25 million and that is unacceptable, unaffordable and unnecessary to happen. What must be discussed is the unwillingness to address the existing challenge for accommodation as reflected upon in the APP of this Provincial Legislature.

We saw construction of this building taking place without any consultation. There was no consultation of the Provincial Legislature or even of the staff. We have a massive - and we heard the ground floor is great - under-

utilisation. We have an unnecessary, too big, non-functional restaurant on the ground floor and that space could have been utilised more effectively for the staff and members of the Provincial Legislature. But again it was a process of no consultation, no proper planning and that really puts this whole project that started many years ago really under serious suspicion, and this is something the ANC will investigate, especially around the tendering processes that took place here.

In the Adjustments Budget R869 000 of the committee travel was reallocated. This was done after Standing Committees were given the go-ahead to plan for their overseas visits and you know all Standing Committees went ahead and they started to plan for this. But the Deputy Speaker, in the briefing to the Rules Committee, confirmed that he and the Speaker stopped all overseas visits by Standing Committees. He argued that members must first use time and spend time in committee work; once they understand the committee work then maybe it will be considered for them to travel overseas. That was the motivation. But two of the committee Chairs – maybe one, because they say it is people who have been in the system – were proactive, they moved fast and they came up with a proposal for two committees. Then they realised; whoa! Stop! We do not have procedures in place. Those two who were proactive, they did what they were supposed to do; let us just rather stop the whole process because we do not want to advantage one and disadvantage another. When you start with a process you put proper procedures in place. Everybody knows what the rules are and you comply with those rules. And of course that did not happen.

But the Chair at the same time, the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and one official went on a conference from 18 to 22 August in Minnesota - we know it is not in South Africa definitely, that is in the USA - at a cost of R310 000 with no value to this Legislature. But further, [Interjections.] the Speaker informed us on Friday, in a letter dated 28 November, that she will be attending a course in parliamentary affairs from 1 to 5 December 2014. [Interjections.] This course is over a week in London, UK. [Interjections.] Topics include different parliamentary models, role of committees, including financing committees – of course they are taking away finances from the committees – and allocating funds, organising and holding parliamentary inquiries and agreeing and scheduling legislative processes. [Interjections.] This is a function a member of staff can do.

Well, the best is the Whippery, the best is the programming authority, but the Speaker decided she must attend in London for five days while we are busy with important work here. [Interjections.] This is information that management here at the Legislature can help the Speaker with, within one day. [Interjections.] We have highly qualified, experienced, professional staff in the Legislature who can in no time help the Speaker with all her training needs, not to speak of the capacity in other legislatures. This one week course for the Speaker will cost the Legislature and of course the taxpayers, R130 000 [Interjections.] with little or no value that will be added to the functioning of this Legislature. And you know, this course is really designed for staff, it is really for entry level. You do get a qualification when you do

this. Going to the Westminster system; what is that going to help us? Or going to Her Majesty's Speakers Course; what will that help us? What will help us is her getting a proper understanding of the constitutional democracy that the DA talks about all the time here in the Legislature. My big concern that is emerging from this is that we have a Speaker moving away and moving slowly into the field of the administration and management. I can see it happening.

AN HON MEMBER: Yo!

Mr P UYS: This is another ... [Interjections.] ... Esau situation ... [Interjections.] ... taking place in this Legislature. Whether you want to believe it or not, it is happening and I can see it happening and we will have to be very clear on this. We saw the previous Speaker directly interfering in procurement systems here. You know he had to leave and he had to leave for wherever he was posted to. [Interjections.]

I want to conclude that when we discuss issues like this, let us see how we take it forward, let us see how we build democracy and constitutional democracy and get a proper understanding for that, but let us not come here and waste the money of the Legislature and the taxpayers of South Africa. Thank you. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde! Orde! Orde! Agb lid mnr Christians. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Chairperson. I just need to respond on two things that the hon member Mr Uys was mentioning. [Interjections.] The one thing; I am very disappointed in his response ... [Interjections.] ... I am disappointed in his response. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde. Orde!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: He is a seasoned politician ... [Interjections.] ...

Die VOORSITTER: Orde.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS ... and coming to this House ... [Interjections.] ...

Die VOORSITTER: Orde.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS ... to mislead this House by saying why we called a meeting.

Die VOORSITTER: Orde! Orde, agb lid mnr Christians [Onhoorbaar.] Neem u sitplek in.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS No you ... [Interjections.] ...

Mr P UYS: Chairperson, honourable ...

Die VOORSITTER: Agb lid mnr Christians, neem u sitplek in asseblief.

Mnr P UYS: Baie dankie. Ek weet hy is omgekras, ek weet hy voel ongelukkig dat dit die waarheid is - but he must not say that I am misleading this House. I want him to withdraw please. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS : On a point of order, Chairperson, I will give you the reason why I say the hon member Mr Uys was misleading the House.

The CHAIRPERSON: Is it a point of order?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS I will give you the reason! [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Agbare lid me Gillion, is dit 'n punt van orde?

Me M N GILLION: Yes, Chairperson. Kan ons vra dat die agb lid mnr Christians asseblief terugtrek?

Die VOORSITTER: Dankie. Jy kan voortgaan. Dit was nie 'n punt van orde nie.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Chairperson, I just want to brief this House because hon member Mr Uys was not even at that meeting. He is going on hearsay. And I am disappointed in these members of SCOPA if they gave him that

information because all we did was to ask the Committee to tell us, we just gave them an instruction and we wanted to know what the concerns were [Interjections.] and the ANC agreed with us on the way to go. [Interjections.] We even voted on the matter. We have a matter of consensus. [Interjections.] These members ... [Interjections.] That is why the hon member Mr Uys is misleading the House. It was a meeting to clarify figures, that is it and the ANC agreed that we confirm the figures. [Interjections.] So I am going to leave it like that because now I know the value of the ANC members in SCOPA. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde! Orde!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I now know. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Agb lede... [Tussenwerpsels.] Agb lid me Davids. Orde [Tussenwerpsels.] Orde!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Chairperson, now he comes and says legal cost are increasing! Just appear in front of SCOPA and we will not have legal costs! [Interjections.] Why do you not appear? [Interjections.][Applause.] It is because of you and your leader that we have legal costs! So you must appear, appear! You mislead this House!

Die VOORSITTER: Dankie.

Mnr F C CHRISTIANS: Nee, ek raak nie kwaad nie! Ek sê die waarheid man!
 Julle is nie die waarheid nie, lief vir waarheid nie man!

The CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Ms Davids!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Julle is nie lief vir die waarheid nie man!

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mnr F C CHRISTIANS: Julle is nie lief vir die waarheid nie man!
 [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde! Agb Christians neem u plek.

Ms B SCHÄFER: Chairperson, hon member Ms Davids runs her own running commentary. [Interjections.] She thinks that the entire [Inaudible.] belongs to her. I certainly think something has to be done about that. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Dankie ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr P UYS: Hon Chairperson, is a member who has only rated herself one out of ten allowed to speak in this House? [Interjections.]

Ms B SCHÄFER: It belongs to Zuma.

The CHAIRPERSON: It is not a point of order. Order! You can take your seat. Hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Chairperson, I just want to appeal...

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Chair, I just want to appeal to the hon member Mr Christians to just lower the volume because we cannot hear. It is like... [Interjections.] ... we cannot hear.

The CHAIRPERSON: That is not a point of order, thank you. You can continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Chairperson, I must respond to the hon member Paulsen's comment that I am scared of the DA. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde! Order hon member Mr Paulsen. [Interjections.] Thank you. Hon member Mr Christians, your time has expired.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I must just respond to that ... [Interjections.] If I was threatened [Interjections.] to be burnt out in my car then I would be scared. If I was threatened ... [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde! Orde! [Gelag.] Order hon member Mr Christians,

please sit down. Thank you. This is unacceptable. Thank you, Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you Chairperson. The behaviour of the hon member Mr Paulsen from the EFF is totally unacceptable and provocative and I believe that he needs to be [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Mr Paulsen, I am not going to give you any chances anymore. Member, order please. Thank you. Hon member Mr Paulsen, it is your time to speak now.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much. As crazy as he is I am not even scared to stand with my back facing you. [Interjections.] Hon Chairperson, as a working class party, we feel that the administration and the officials of this Legislature deserve the best treatment and from personal experience I must agree that the officials of this Legislature have shown the highest degree of professionalism. While we believe that the adequate staffing of various departments are paramount, we are mindful that job security for employees of any organisation is important. So when we see under sub-programme 1.2.2. - Communication and Information - funding is redirected for two contract positions to assist in the reception area, we immediately feel the heartlessness of this institution which considers staff as disposable. We therefore say that we should rather consider permanent appointments and ensure job security and job satisfaction.

It is very strange that the travel costs of the office of the Speaker is

underspent by almost R1 million. Under sub-programme 3.4, a post had been vacant for six months. So once again someone was rewarded for doing two people's work. This seems to be one of the evils of all profit driven organisations; you reduce staff, you increase the workload of those remaining.

How difficult is it to recruit and appoint a Hansard or language services practitioner? With R409 million being moved out of this Department's budget, it looks like the Department is a parking garage for funds until money is needed elsewhere.

When I enter this building I see a sign of Group Five. I ask myself how can we allow these criminals still to conduct business ...

Die VOORSITTER: Agb lid mnr Paulsen ...

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... in this very Legislature.

Die VOORSITTER: Agb lid mnr Paulsen, u tyd het uitgeloop. Neem u sitplek in.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you, hon Chairperson.

The CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Mr Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Chairperson, thanks very much. The Standing Committee on the Provincial Parliament recommends the approval and acceptance by the House of the Additional Appropriation Budget of the Provincial Parliament. Members are saying that there was a secret meeting that was called, but if people were participating in that secret meeting it is therefore no longer a secret meeting because they were actually participating in that meeting. So I would therefore dispute that there had been any secret meeting because it was inclusive of all political parties.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament stands out as a department in providing quality procedural and administrative support to enable the members of this House to fulfil their constitutional functions and to facilitate their involvement in its activities. One of the responsibilities of this Provincial Government is to allow and create a space to be held accountable. That is why you find that SCOPA is given to the Opposition party, because this department is not scared or afraid to be held accountable because it is part of a democratic process and you only know that democratic processes are in motion ... [Interjections.] ...

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr N E HINANA: ... when there is accountability, and there is no better person to hold one accountable than the Opposition parties, which is why it is the trend and the vision and mission of the DA-led administration that it should be done and conducted by the Opposition party. [Interjections.].

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr N E HINANA: The R159 000 which rolled over from last year on COGTA projects and relating to Chamber improvements and supplement of [Inaudible.] is very much welcome. The House takes note of the [Inaudible.] with regard to travelling costs. The filling of posts are nevertheless a priority in this department. The optimal functionality of this House depends on effective staff. I want to raise as well that the amount of R2,5 million that has become available to the province will be used for the administration in this House.

We acknowledge that certain meetings had to be held after hours. However it is not the first time that a new term of government has come into power and this department should be well acquainted with the takeovers, the cost and the implications thereof. Therefore appropriation action as well as financial allocation should be made timeously.

The [Inaudible.] for the procurement of network cabling for the Provincial Parliament is welcomed. One would however welcome most the procurement of office furniture for members as furniture should be able to stand the test of time and be utilised from one term of office to the next. I am proud to say that in this provincial department we have Ministers and a Premier who are open to be held accountable and to come to this Legislature to answer questions, because one of the main priorities and responsibilities is to allow

the space for the Opposition parties and members of the public to ask serious and tough questions. National is not an example, in particular the President. [Interjections.] If the National Government can be an example by giving SCOPA to the Opposition party [Interjections.] then it is exactly what this administration is doing. [Interjections.] Hence that it is given to the ACDP to hold this [Inaudible.] accountable, including the members of the Opposition. [Interjections.] Let those committees of the Western Cape advance this vision of a ... [Interjections.] ...

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr N E HINANA: ... renewed South Africa. Chairperson, we support the vote of this department to ensure the effective and honest governance of this Parliament.

R2,7 million is really a minimal amount that can ensure that this Parliament functions optimally to the benefit of the communities of the Western Cape and indeed of the members of this House. Thank you.

The CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Hon Mr Pretorius.

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: Thank you, hon Chairperson. Thank you very much for the contributions by members. I must say, Madam Chair, I almost feel like a boxer in the ring with his hands tied behind his back. I am in a very awkward situation when the Speaker on the floor of the House has to respond

to party political criticism and a great Speaker is in the front.

My response will not be on each individual one. I do not intend becoming part of the political fray. There are other avenues and other venues to do that. The Rules Committee, for one, would be one and it was mentioned that the Rules Committee did not meet regularly up to now and there is a commitment from the Speaker and from myself that the Rules Committee will be the political decision making body beyond the House and the Rules Committee will meet regularly.

So thank you for the contributions by the members. As I said, I will respond to some of their comments; others I will not respond to for very clear reasons.

Can I just thank the hon member Mr Uys for his detailed response. Thank you very much for that. I will interact with him on the very interesting and important topics which he mentioned and suggestions he made; we will follow that up.

Let me just untie my one hand slightly and say to him that the oversight mechanism that will be introduced in this Parliament soon is a statutory obligation that we do have to do and we want to do it, and that it will be done very soon. But on the other side, that very same mechanism has been on the statute book for years [Interjections.] and even National Parliament to this day does not have an oversight mechanism in place. So I will tie my hands

again. [Interjections.]

Hon member Mr Wiley, thank you very much for your contributions.

[Interjections.] I did say...

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: ... I did say that the Rules Committee will meet regularly from now onwards and the Rules Committee will become again the serious and important committee which it has been before and which it should be. A very important development that was referred to is the fact that we have now appointed a sub-committee of the Rules Committee called the Internal Arrangements Committee. I will chair that committee together with the two Chief Whips and that Committee will meet regularly. The brief of that committee will be to be responsible for, let us call it the heart services [Interjections.] ...of the institution, including facilities, including Hansard, including catering, including security; those will be the things that will be looked at.

Hon Chief Whip Wiley also referred to a very critical point that needs to be given attention to soon and that is also on the agenda of that committee; that is the whole confusion about the precinct of Parliament. Unfortunately this is a historical thing. We sit in the same building as the Executive, one of the only legislatures in the world probably that shares with the Executive; unhealthy, unsatisfactory. That brings certain problems for us; problems with

safety but also problems with security with the precinct. The Powers and Privileges Law defines our precinct; it simply says the precinct of Parliament are all areas used by Parliament, but the moment you start looking at practicalities you realise that it is difficult to delineate and demarcate a specific area because we share facilities. So that is something that we hope to do very soon.

Mention was made about the membership of the House. I am not going to take any party political view on it, I am just saying simply the historical fact is that we [Interjections.] ... a number of 42 was set in 1994 and that was based on a very particular ... [Interjections.] ...

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, I am finding it very difficult to compete with you and myself. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde.

The number of 42 [Interjections.] ... was set in 1994 when this House started and it was based on a specific formula in the *Electoral Act* [Interjections.] of one seat per 100 000 ... [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: ... population.

The CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: ... one seat per 100 000 population. [Interjections.]

And at the time the population of the Western Cape ... [Interjections.]

The CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Mr Paulsen! Order.

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: At the time the population of the Western Cape was 4,2 million, hence 42 members. The population has grown; in the last census it was 5,8 million. It is probably closer to 6 million at the moment. So simply on that basis I am saying, not on behalf of the party, that we are probably justified in lobbying for an increased House on that basis, but also on the basis of serving our communities better. At the moment we have huge constituencies and we have difficulty in getting to them all. But that is a party political thing because the Constitution requires that there must be a two-thirds majority for that to be carried in the House.

Can I say something about IT issues? IT issues were mentioned, and we all were on the receiving end of IT problems lately but I want to respond to that. There were times over the last while where both the e-mail and internet service were not available, primarily due to the electricity load shedding that has been taking place over the last few weeks. Unfortunately the generator for the Western Cape Provincial Parliament has failed to provide the back-up

power required to keep the ICT structure and other critical systems going during the electrical load shedding. We are currently in consultation with Minister Grant's department to resolve the generator failure. There has also been network slowness due mainly to the aging ICT infrastructure. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: A comprehensive assessment is currently being undertaken to provide a view of the current state as well as providing a plan for the refreshing of the ICT infrastructure over the next three years. Burning issues will be prioritised within the holistic plan. In the meantime we are currently upgrading the internet link to a bigger, 10 megabyte fibre link. This should also improve the stability and speed of the internet connectivity. Some key projects being undertaken: an assessment of ICT infrastructure with a view to providing a holistic refreshment plan for the next three years, including providing a disaster recovery site, replacement of our financial and HR transversal systems with the ERP system that is compliant with GRAP, e-filing implementation and internet link upgrade. That is as far as IT goes.

The hon member Mr Wiley also referred to our staff complement and I extend again my hearty gratitude to them for their support services over the last year. We have always been the smallest staff of all legislatures and to this day we are still the smallest staff of all legislatures. Again if I can refer back to my own history in this place; when I landed here in 1997 on 1 January we

were 28 staff members, only 28. Now there are roughly 100 staff members. So we have grown organically. We do not simply appoint staff for the sake of appointing staff.

Let me make a couple of comments about the facilities in general; that will be one of the topics that our sub-committee will discuss very shortly. There are lots of constraints in our building. We all experience that every day. The press offices for example. We do not have enough offices for the press and we know we all have almost a symbiotic relationship with the press; they cannot go without us and we cannot go without them. We want them here but we want to give them proper facilities. [Interjections.]

Die VOORSITTER: Orde!

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: The fact is that our interpretation booth for this Chamber is not located here in a visible place where the people can see what happens here. They have to sit in some committee room on a different floor and follow the proceedings from there. It is unsatisfactory.

And speaking of committee rooms, we only have two committee rooms and both are small. At the moment we have larger groups of people with media interest and with public interest. We cannot use those committee rooms and the Chambers are being used for them. So one can make out a case for all sorts of things.

Something which I think is of particular importance to all of us is the fact that we have reached the end of the national expansion criteria for our staff. Our staff has grown to about 100 people now and they have reached the limits of the current facilities on the sixth, fifth and fourth floor, and I am talking specifically to my colleague sitting right in front of me. The third floor is the national progression area for Provincial Parliament, so our sub-committee will look at options. We may come with a suggestion that our future needs be covered by the availability of the third floor which is a natural ... [Interjections.]

The CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: ... progression period. Coupled to that [Interjections.] ...

The CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: ... we do not have ample parking spaces, particularly visitors' parking spaces. In fact we do not have any visitors parking spaces at the moment, which is a huge embarrassment for us and we cannot operate as a professional Parliament in that way. We need to get [Interjections.] parking spaces. [Interjections.]

The CHAIRPERSON: Order!

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: Hopefully one of the upshots of the first floor being vacated [Interjections.] is that we will in the process also get extra parking spaces. [Interjections.]

May I also thank the hon member Mr Christians for his very vocal support of [Interjections.] of the Vote. [Interjections.]. Madam Chair, also finally my thanks to the hon member Mr Paulsen and the hon member Mr Hinana for their contributions.

May I in closing just give my personal thanks to the Secretary for his role over the last couple of years as the Acting Secretary. He will not be the new Secretary; he has not applied for the new position. The new position hopefully will be filled soon and the current Secretary will revert to his previous position. Mr Hindley, thank you very much from our side. We have come a long way. We appreciate your support in difficult circumstances. Thank you. [Applause.]

The CHAIRPERSON: That concludes the debate on this Vote. [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Dijana. [Interjections.] That concludes the debate on this Vote [Interjections.] Order! The Secretary will read the third Order of the day.

3. Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works - *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The CHAIRPERSON: We just suspend for a minute. I am going to call on him right now. Honourable ... [Interjections.] I see the hon member, Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, before we start this Vote I would like to just bring a matter to you as a point of order. During the last Vote the hon member Mr Paulsen, it was reported to me, made a crude hand gesture to another member. It is totally unacceptable in this House and I would ... [Interjections.] [Laughter.] I would like to draw your attention to that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, thank you. Hon member Mr Paulsen is that correct? [Interjections.] Was it an obscene gesture? And if it was so I want you to ... [Interjections.] ... just confirm that to me.

Mr M N PAULSEN: That is true and I withdraw and apologise.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, Minister Grant, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, Cabinet colleagues, hon members of the Western Cape Parliament, Director-General and senior departmental officials, guests. It is my privilege to present the Adjusted Estimates for the Department of Transport and Public Works for 2014/15. I do so very conscious of the key role which this department has to play in relation to the objectives set by the Western Cape

Government and as a service provider to its sister departments in this province.

The overall economic climate within which this department has to deliver these services has been clearly set out and we in this House are under no illusion as to the importance of delivering quality under difficult circumstances. This includes the maximal and responsible use of the assets under our management for economic development and the creation of employment.

Ten opsigte hiervan het ons so vinnig as moontlik gewerk om 'n aantal belangrike senior vakante poste te vul wat vakant was toe ek die amp oorgeneem het. Dit sal ongetwyfeld die kapasiteit van die departement versterk om die vlak van diens te lewer wat daarvan verwag word.

The budget of the Department of Transport and Public Works of R5 630 479 000 has been increased by an additional allocation of R319 214 000 to R5 949 000 000. This is an increase of 5.6%. The adjustments are the following:

Increased own revenue collection in 2013/14 of R136 849 000 will be utilised firstly for municipal services in respect of provincial buildings, R31 428 000; road infrastructure investment for upgrading and rehabilitation projects, R101 150 000; training of traffic students, R671 000; design and implementation of a leading practice for vehicle testing operations, inclusive

of a total quality management system for vehicle testing stations and the departmental monitoring unit, R3 600 000.

Secondly, increased own revenue collection received in the 2014/15 of R85 803 000:

Conditional allocation received from Road Traffic Management Corporation for road safety related projects, R21 158 000; conditional allocation received from the Department of Cooperative Governance for immediate disaster relief pertaining to the November 2013 floods in the form of road infrastructure investment, R26 868 000; reallocation of unspent conditional allocation received from the Municipality of George to provide for operational cost in preparation of the rollout of the George integrated public transport network R15 370 000; reallocation of unspent conditional allocation received from the Winelands District to be transferred to the Drakenstein Municipality for the establishment of an impound facility, R2 407 000; provision for increased agency fees payable to municipalities for collection of motor vehicle licence fees, R20 million.

I move on to the shifting of funds between Votes of R24 562 000:

To Vote 1: Department of the Premier - for network cabling to be facilitated by the Centre for E-Innovation related to the modernisation programme and other works, R6 506 000.

To Vote 1: Department of the Premier - for Information Communication Technology Services and goods for the modernisation programme, R3 473 000.

To Vote 2: Provincial Parliament - for network cabling related to the renovations on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of 7 Wale Street, R106 000.

From Vote 5: Education - to provide leased accommodation for the Human Resources directorates for the period of ten months in the Golden Acre Building, R531 000.

From Vote 6: Health; for the purchase of Qdot Pharma Building in George for a nurses' training facility, R34 million.

From Vote 9: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning - for minor work to be carried out on the ground floor board room, Utilitas Building, for use as a video conferencing facility, R116 000.

Those variants amount to R24 562 000 which, compared to a budget of R5 949 000 000 is a shift of 0.4128%. And I would like to congratulate my department on such a minor adjustment.

HON MEMBERS: [Inaudible.] members.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: In proportion it is

miniscule. Then, received from the Provincial Finance Asset Reserve for the acquisition of properties mainly for schools and health facilities, R72 million.

Allow me to expand briefly on a few of the aspects I have referred to in the list of adjustments. The George Integrated Public Transport Network is an important first for South Africa, involving as it does, the George Municipality, the National Department of Transport and my department. The new buses are due to run as from this coming Monday, to test the systems and the official launch has been set for February 2015.

Secondly, for a variety of reasons, the taxi industry has been subjected to all sorts of pressures and disruptions, too often characterised by violence. The Department of Transport and Public Works has worked hard with the various taxi associations in conjunction with the City of Cape Town at improving the regulatory and management framework and at removing points of conflict. I should like to thank the various taxi associations for their co-operation in ensuring that many of our citizens who use this mode of transport, do so safely.

Ons in hierdie provinsie neem die kwessie van padveiligheid baie ernstig op en ons is steeds bekommerd oor die aantal ongelukke op ons paaie, waarvan voetgangers by talle betrokke is. Ons het 'n aansienlike bedrag geld toegewys aan maatreëls en programme om hierdie kritieke situasie te verbeter. Gegewe die lewensverlies en die effek op die ekonomiese prys wat ons as 'n

samelewing betaal, sal ons voortgaan om hierdie saak met die grootste erns te hanteer. Ons skop dus ook so af op die 11de Desember met ons intensiewe vakansieseisoen padveiligheidsprogram. Ek doen 'n beroep op al die mense wat ons paaie gebruik om dit op 'n verantwoordelike wyse te doen en om vooraf alle moontlike voorsorgmaatreëls te tref.

Finally, today is International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The theme for the year is Sustainable Development: The Promise of Technology. It is appropriate that we acknowledge this important day and that I recommit my Department as a custodian of provincial physical assets to be mindful of appropriate access to the buildings under our control. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela.

†UMnu M MNQASELA Enkosi Somlomo. Bendiza kucela ukuba ndizeke mzekweni nam ndibeke umnwe kule ndawo ithi le voti yohlahlo mali yohlahlo mali ye 10 ...

*Thank you, Speaker. I would like to follow suit and put a finger and say this Budget Adjustment Vote 10 ...

Vote number 10 as contained in this Appropriation Bill and obviously in support of the entire Bill as it stands before us, B5 of 2014.

†Ndithi huntshu kurhulmente wethu waseNtshona Koloni ngokugcina engqondweni into yokuba kukho abantu abaziimpula zikaluja, abangathathi ntweni ekufuneka ukuba baxhamle xa kusenziwa olu hlengahlengiso lwemali.

Ithi ke loo nto indibeke ekubeni xa uyiqwalasela le ndlela kwenziwe ngayo olu hlahlo mali, luhlengahlengiso lohlahlo mali. Ithi abantwana abafuna ukuqeqeshwa besebenza kurhulumente makubekho imali. Iyayicacisa loo nto yokuba ukuqeqeshwa besebenza makubekho imali ngakumbi kwezi zakhono zinqabileyo.

Ndingene kwakhona siyabulela ukuba uMphathiswa obekekileyo uDonald Grant ayicacise ukuba le mali ingama R72 ezigidi, besikhe sayibuza loo nto siyikomiti. Umhlekezai obekekileyo uMnu Dugmore angayithetha, angayingqina into yokuba besikhe sayibuza loo nto siyikomiti ukuba le mali ingaka iza kuthini. Yeyiphi le mihlaba? Ngoku ndiyayivuyela into yokuba iSebe licacise into yokuba liza kuyichitha njani na loo mali, Somlomo. Layicacisa loo nto, nefuna ukuba ke ndithi ezi zikolo, nezi kliniki nezithuthi zokuthutha izigulane njalo njalo, siyaluxhasa olu hlahlo mali, Mphathiswa. Ndifuna ukukunika isiqinisekiso sokuba iNtshona Koloni imi emva kwakho, ithi huntshu Mphathiswa. Uqinisekise ukuba abantu bakuthi bayaxhamla, ngakumbi xa kuthethwa ngemisebenzi. Ngoba sithi ebantwini bethu bonke, omhlophe, owebala nomnyama makusetyenzwe. Masiqinisekise ukuba eli phondo liyahluma, liyakhula liqhubela phambili. Xa sithetha thina sithi qho intetho yeNtshona Koloni ithi, “Umanyano Ngamandla”. Kuthetha ukuthi ke

sisonke masixhamle ukuphuhlisa eli phondo. Somlomo, mandiyibeke into yokuba ...

*I say thumbs up to our government in the Western Cape for keeping in mind the people who are extremely poor, who have nothing, who must benefit when this budget adjustment is done.

That brings me to say when one looks at the way this budget adjustment has been done, it is a budget. It says there must be money for children who want to do internships in government. It explains that for them to be interns in government there should be money, especially for scarce skills.

Let me say again, we are thankful to the hon MEC Donald Grant for explaining this R72 million. We did ask about that as the committee. The hon Mr Dugmore can say that, he can confirm that we did ask as the committee what was going to be done with money. Which land is that? Now I am glad that the department has explained how it is going to spend that money, Mr Deputy Speaker. They explained that, which makes me say these schools, these clinics and ambulances and so forth, we support this adjustment budget, MEC. I want to give you the assurance that the Western Cape is behind you, and we say thumbs up, MEC. You must make sure that our people benefit, especially when it comes to jobs. Because we say to all our people, white, brown or black let us work. Let us make sure that this province develops,

grows and progresses. When we talk we always say the slogan of the Western Cape is, “Better Together”. That means all of must benefit and develop this province. Mr Deputy Speaker, let me emphasise that ...

†Our vision is that the government of the Western Cape creates an open opportunity society where all people live to realise their full potential. And we are saying this mindful of the fact that jobs, jobs and jobs must remain in the centre. We are talking now in this period about Sixteen Days of Activism against Women Abuse and Children Abuse and one of the challenges that we are picking up - hence this adjustment budget is important – problems that you find in homes where violence is perpetrated. At times it is because a woman is not working, the mother is not working and the children become victims because the family structure is not conducive. Hence, if you create jobs for youth, you empower them; you create jobs for women, you empower them and we are able to find a better environment.

We want to break the cycle of poverty, we want to educate young people, we want to educate our women, but more so, if you educate one child from a poor home, they will say goodbye to poverty, and we know some of us sitting here, the only time you were able to defeat poverty in your home is when your own life changed. You must be very serious about this because when your conditions change, you are able to then say “my future will never be the same as yesterday” [Interjections.] because you want to change the conditions not only of yourself but the conditions of those [Interjections.] whom you live with and the conditions of your children and their future generations. Let

us break this cycle on poverty. And we can do it now.

The Adjustment Budget is saying to us; this department, if you look at the responsibilities in Schedule 4 and Schedule 5 as contained in Act 108 of 1996, our Constitution [Inaudible.], says to us that [Interjections.] this department among other responsibilities, its key competency is to take a leading role. Hence, even when you look at the hospitals, the schools and all of this, ideally you would say “Health, build your own hospitals, Education build your own schools”, but then this department led by Minister Grant [Interjections.] is driving this programme, because the Constitution says so. [Interjections.]

I also want touch base on our mandate. As we are sitting here, our mandate is derived from the people of the Western Cape and we dare not disappoint them. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: We dare not disappoint them, and the opportunity that we have is within this budget. Last year ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon Minister Grant and hon member Mr Dugmore, please. Also the hon member Mr Paulsen - I know he started it, I saw that – hon member Mr Paulsen the Chair has a very special responsibility to protect the smaller parties and individual members from one

member parties, but then that implies that the member must ...
 [Interjections.] ... try and assist the Chair as well. You are not helping at all.
 [Interjections.]. Please give the Chair ... [Interjections.] please take a seat.
 [Interjections.]. Please continue. Please continue.

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Sekela Somlomo ndiyabulela. Andikhange ndingxole ngokuya bendithetha. Ndiyabulela kakhulu. Ndifuna ukuthi singumbutho olawulayo apha eNtshona Koloni ...

*Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you. I did not make a noise when I spoke. Thank you very much. I want to say as the ruling party here in the Western Cape ...

†Last year we were at a policy conference and our national policy conference made a very, very clear resolution, and that resolution was saying wherever the DA is in power ... [Interjections.] No-no-no, do not make a mistake ... [Interjections.] ... wherever the DA is in power we must ensure that policies that are key to the creation of jobs, policies that are key to driving quality education, policies that are key to growing our economy ... [Interjections.] and over and above – yes, employment equity is one of them - [Interjections.] We need to ensure that we drive them where we govern. And I must say that I am sitting here with a very peaceful mind and heart, that we have done that in this province, that we continue to do it in this province and hon Minister Grant, I must say that you are one of the people who is doing that in this Cabinet, because the Cabinet that the Premier appointed accounts to us as we are sitting here as the Legislature because you have to hold them accountable. [Interjections.]. And now what I am happy about ...

[Interjections.] this Parliament, given the opportunity that we have today, is that we must pass this Budget Vote with the mind that we are going to play a very close oversight because we are going to watch you see, and see whether this money is spent wisely. Are you able to finish the budget by the time of the end of the financial year ... [Interjections.] and you are responding to the National Development Plan Vision 2030, which the ANC forgets about. [Interjections.]. We are responding to that and the medium term strategic framework [Interjections.] and One Cape 2014. [Interjections.]

†Mandiyigqibe ke ndithi ke Sekela Somlomo, ndimi ngxini ndiyixhasa le Voti yohlahlo mali. Ikhona ke ebekhe wayithetha uMphathiswa neSebe, bathi baza kukhe beze novimba weenkcukacha zokujonga ukuba ngaba abaqhubi banazo na ezi zikimu. Banayo imali yomhlalaphantsi, banayo imali yokubalungiselela xa bengasebenzi, bangaxhatshazwa ngabaqeshi babo. Sijonge nakwabaya Mycity nabaya GeorgeCity njalo njalo. Sijonge ukuba abantu bethu abaxhatshazwa na xa besebenza ...

*Let me conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, by saying I stand firm in support of this Budget Vote. There is of course something that the MEC and the Department said; that they will look at the database to see whether drivers do have these schemes: whether they have a pension fund, provident fund and UIF, so that they are not exploited by their employers. We will also look at MyCity and GeorgeCity and so forth. We will see to it that our people are not exploited when they work. [Interjection.]

†Yes, yes, everywhere. †Noonoteksi phaya iiteksi ... *And the taxi owners there at the taxis ... †We need to look at that. †Enkosi Sekela Somlomo.
*Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! Hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is really quite tragic when hon member Mnqasela spoilt a good speech by trying to airbrush history. He for instance claimed that at the DA policy conference certain policy directions were taken to demonstrate, but what he failed to do – and it is also something that the DA has failed to do in oversight – is to actually admit that DA policy actually reversed an attempt from within the party to put employment equity firmly and squarely on the agenda, in fact reversed the motion that some of their members had pushed in regard to employment equity.

The result of that is that since the ANC was governing this province, the figures for senior management in regard to representivity of African, Coloured, White, men and women, those figures have got worse under the DA administration [Interjections.] and that is for the record. [Interjections.]

I was happy that the hon member referred to the issue of artisans, and he is correct; all of us in the committee supported that, but it is a pity that the hon member did not pick up on the point that the hon Leader of the Opposition

had raised yesterday in regard to the value of PDI sub-contractors, because the hon member knows that – we have raised this with the MEC - we have the shocking situation at the moment in this province that the value of PDI contractor expenditure expressed as a percentage of the total contract expenditure on the larger contracts, that is TIDB levels 6 to 9, is only 5%. That is the target for this year, for 2015/2016 and for 2016/2017. And that hon member stands up and tries to portray the DA as leading transformation in a portfolio such as this where we are discussing the Adjustment Appropriation. That indicates that you will not empower black contractors, woman contractors, if you stick to a target of the main work in regard to raising those constructions, which is 5%. I hope that when the MEC responds, he will indicate whether, compared to his predecessor, he is prepared to move that target to something which will at least allow empowerment.

But this debate comes at a time when we clearly do have constrained economic growth. That is a reality that we have to face. It also comes at a time when our country and obviously our province as well, need to avoid risks regarding unnecessary expenditure and it would be interesting as well if maybe the MEC in terms of that expenditure, because it will impact on his department, will indicate whether it is official DA policy or not, to increase the size of this Legislature. I wonder if in terms of the environment the issue of a risk regarding unnecessary expenditure would include this. I think it is an important debate we need to have.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I think that is an important debate we need to have and then clearly we have had fiscal uncertainty extended for almost seven years now since, and that can be traced back to the global recession of 2008. These are realities that inform this Adjustments Appropriation but what concerns us as the ANC is the fact that these constraints and these concerns in the context of an adjustment are interpreted by those members on the other side as a reflection that the wheels of South Africa have come off. On the one hand you will have MEC Grant talking about the investment of the National Department of Roads and Transport into George, to actually make an important town in this province move forward with regards to transport. But members are saying the wheels are falling off, this country is falling apart. The public doesn't take that kind of criticism seriously, because people around South Africa who see real change in their lives continue to support the ANC worth over 60% despite challenges.

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

An HON MEMBER: Is the member willing to take a question about the wheels coming off? [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please, order. Hon member Mr Dugmore please continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Okay, we will take [Interjections.] I am not scared I am taking the question.

An HON MEMBER: The hon member Mr Dugmore has indicated that the wheels are not coming off; I'd like to ask him what's happening with Eskom, the Post Office and SAA?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. It is clear that no one in South Africa can be proud of what is happening with the South African Post Office. It is a disgrace, it is unacceptable and it needs to be sorted out and those managers need to be held to account, but that does not mean that in the country as a whole the wheels have come off. Regarding Eskom, I think we can be proud that as our economy has grown, the demand for electricity has increased and we also know that our country has led the most successful sustainable and renewable energy process, so that our grid is currently leading many countries in the world in terms of solar, in terms of wind. And the reality is that load-shedding is not comfortable, but Eskom does need the support. But let us also acknowledge that the renewables coming on stream as the Minister indicated are going to put us in a much better position. And the reality is our country is growing fast, there is greater need for electricity and it is not a crisis, and that is the point I am trying to make.

But I think the general point when we discuss the environment is that it is to be credible in the critique that we offer because voters are also concerned about many issues, such as corruption, they are concerned about issues of

crime. Yet in 2014 over 60% of voters around the country continued to support the African National Congress because they do not agree with the sentiment on that side, that everything is falling apart. We will be the first to acknowledge those problems but we expect people as well to acknowledge the progress. So just yesterday for instance, the Auditor-General reported that an increased number of national departments have achieved clean audits, and an increased number of departments have achieved unqualified audits without findings. It is not acceptable, but it's an increased number. Why do you not acknowledge that particular process and then we see [Interjections.]. As we talk about the adjustment on this particular vote, it will mean massive investments of infrastructure in schools, in roads, hospitals and clinics, dams, power stations; the creation of four Industrial Development Zones - one in our own province, Kogea, East London and Durban. All of that infrastructure has actually begun to see a greater momentum in the construction sector and creating demand on the supply side. And those are things that we should actually celebrate. Then we can also see in regard to this particular adjustment, the massive injection of funds into Public Works programmes and the creation of employment incentive schemes, aimed at absorbing unemployed workers, especially the youth.

And that's where the so-called "equal opportunity society" falls short. These are interventions by the State to actually acknowledge that we don't have an equal labour market and that we actually have to incentivise young people. And we are not ashamed to say that those Public Works programmes, the incentive schemes, are actually interventions by the State in accordance with

the National Development Plan, to absorb youth workers. But we also see the growing number of artisans, skilled workers from both public and private equity colleges, beginning to produce skills that this economy needs. And it is actually due to the ANC Government that we have the incredible story of Dr Daniel Mtimkulu, a South African, only 34 years old who - MEC Grant - has actually been part of the team to design the new Prasa Locomotive. This is a black South African who has been given the opportunity for study. And it shows that the investment which the ANC has made in education, to support public works and infrastructure, is something all of us should celebrate. But, you [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You would never see members on that side of the House standing up to celebrate the achievements of Dr Daniel Mtimkulu, and this would not have happened if it wasn't for the ANC investing in education and in skills - and that [Interjection.] is why we are actually supporting that.

An HON MEMBER: Viva, Viva.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So it is clear that our country does face these challenges. We are not growing fast enough and that is impacting on this adjustment, we are not having shared growth and there is greater inequality with regard to salaries. When do we hear from that side of the House a condemnation of massive increases of executive salaries in the private

sector? We don't hear it, we only have the DA jumping towards the fence. But from a financing perspective, let's look at where the cash actually comes from. It comes from conditional grant roll-overs for health and education, the balance of provincial roll-overs, and also very importantly, allocated reserves, property purchases - Anwar Kanzela referred to the R70 million.

What I think that this House, and maybe the MEC, can explain to us why we have spent R20 million on a property for Uitsig High School and why we spent R14 million for Uitsig Primary School? And I think we need to ask the MEC today, given that the national legislation of expropriation is awaiting the signature of consent by the President. Surely we had proceeded on expropriating properties for the public good, in this case Education and also Health Facilities which make up the R70 million. Surely we are going to experience savings in this regard. And I want to know, has the Province been short-changed with having to pay R20 million for just a property to build a high school on and R14 million for the property to build a primary school on? These are things that we actually need to look at in this adjustment. And this list should not simply go unquestioned; that is one of the reasons why we as the ANC have not supported this adjustment. Because this kind of detail is a list of figures, but it does not explain to us whether we have achieved the best deal for the province or not.

I want to thank the MEC for having given us a response to our discussions at the Standing Committee, detailed information around the Filcon. He has actually provided that to us before the deadline, but what hon members need

to be aware of is that over R63 million has already been paid out, and who knows where that money has actually gone to. But if you look at the information that the MEC has now provided to us, there is more questions than answers in regard to the issue of the Filcon. We asked the MEC in this House in August 2014 whether a check had been done and directed to Sean Loggenberg (who has been banned from doing business in the UK) and who bought the Filcon company. We asked him whether there was a formal process of checking on all the directors. In all this documentation which he has given us there is no indication which proves that there has been a due diligence on the directors of Filcon. He has claimed it in a response to an oral question but he has not given us any information. And we repeat - MEC Grant tell this House whether Sean Loggenberg donated money to the Democratic Alliance [Interjections.], whether he donated money in the way that Jürgen Harksen did to the DA, either at a national or a provincial level. If you do not know, please say so, but please ask your leader or your treasurer to answer the question: whether Sean Loggenberg has made a donation. Because we have this situation where all the other companies that tendered came in at about R117 million. We have Filcon coming in at R105 million, almost R12 million lower than all the other tenders which are almost R1 million apart. Does that not need to be investigated? Then we find that Filcon had a bank rating of a "C" - the other contractors who tendered, most of them got a bank rating of "A". Can you explain why Filcon, which had a bank rating of "C", was nevertheless hired?

Then if we look at a document where a quantity surveying company indicates in writing, that the reason that they were so competitive in the tender, was that they needed to procure another project for these people to remain employed and further that they had an excellent financial overseas backer. Now this financial overseas backer - if we look at the details he had promised in their letter which they provided, that they were going to provide financial support to Filcon, through the duration of the Asidi School Projects, including but not limited to working capital requirements. So here we have effectively a guarantee, and there is no indication as to whether this company and others are being pursued by the Government of the Western Cape in regard to this Filcon issue. So the answers that have been provided to us actually create more questions and I think that the way that we are going to deal with this, is if the DA comes clean with this House and answers the question about donations to the DA. Because other letters from the architect, which indicate very clearly here that some of the more negative references relate wholly or partly to the old Filcon. They said, and I want to repeat "some of the more negative references relate wholly or partly to the old Filcon." Now, there is a so called new Filcon. Eight liquidation applications in the High Court, yet there is no information and yet the tender is awarded. If you look at your budget book, not only R106 million is allocated to complete these three schools [Interjection.] but in fact R150 million.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order hon member Mr Dugmore. Hon member Mr Paulsen I am really getting annoyed now. I am giving you all the

opportunity to remain quiet here. You will have a speaking turn very soon, reserve your right to speak then. Please continue hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I think in the documents that have been provided to us to the department, it is indicated that Filcon's reference checks are satisfactory. So what I think this House needs is the proof that the department did a check on all of the directors, because the verbal response we had hoped would be backed up by the proof of how that was done and why it did not include a curfew reference to liquidation application. The Construction Development Board that is part of the process for having to do this surely would have been aware of eight liquidation applications in the Cape High Court. So the questions which are being asked in relation to Filcon have not been adequately answered and they impact on this adjustment in a very, very direct way.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore your time has expired. One last sentence if you want to finish off.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So I would like to conclude that this adjustment is an indication of money that is available. It is coming from national and it is an indication that despite constraints we continue to invest in infrastructure to take this country forward. [Time expired]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expired. Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just need to conclude where I ended in my previous speech. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! This is a different topic.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Yes, I know but the hon member Mr Paulsen mentioned “scared” again. Now I just want to say that because in the papers it was said that he will be burnt out in his car, and that they must replace the current leadership. And he was replaced! And he is not doing a good job, I just wanted to conclude that.

But the other thing I want to say is the ANC is very good at just telling half-truths. [Interjections.] They provide certain things to suit themselves. I mean the Auditor-General said that the Western Cape did the best. Better than national and better than Gauteng, but now the hon member Mr Paulsen says national has increased. [Interjections.] Yes, that is a half-truth, but the Western Cape did the best. I want to congratulate Minister Grant and the HOD for a clean audit. [Interjections.] That is why I must say, we must compliment where compliment is due. But what do you support, you support nothing, you stand for nothing and you support nothing. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! [Inaudible.] Hon member Mr , point of order.

Mr Q R DYANTI: Mr Deputy Speaker, could you please the hon member Mr Christians not to speak loudly, not in a [Inaudible.] we are not in a hall [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order!

An HON MEMBER: Mr Deputy Speaker, can you at least protect the speaker who is speaking, from himself [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will try to do that. Hon member Mr Christians [Interjections.] You have another minute left and your volume can be slightly lower [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I will do, Mr Deputy Speaker. Let us get to taxis. I am glad that the hon member mentioned taxis. Taxis are one of our integral parts of getting our people to places of employment. I just want to know from the Minister, what [Inaudible.] are his thoughts, because we hear about the taxi violence and so on. The other important thing is [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: These hon members are interrupting me, I do not want to refer to them again because they are wasting my time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We must admit, the ANC must admit, our roads are in better condition than other parts in this country [Interjections.] They cannot do a job in other provinces [Interjections.] So our roads are better, our infrastructure is better [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen ...

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: They must go and work in the other provinces, then they will see [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I was there just the other day, and you and you cannot even drive. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Christians your time has expired now, you have had more than two minutes. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you.

HON MEMBERS : Applause.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Hon member Mr Paulsen you may start, please continue.

Mr M N PAULSEN: If anyone is interested, hon member Mr Christians spits, he does not swallow. [Interjections.] On the Programme numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 – in the sub-programmes 1.3; 2.1; 3.5; 4.1 and 4.3 – there is a saving due to slower than expected filling of vacancies. In the case of 1.3 alone, the department saved in excess of R10 million. We need to understand the rationale for considering this as a saving. When a post is not filled and somebody is doing the work of two people, and is being exploited. Because even additional monetary reward cannot compensate for this exploitation. The fact that this occurs in five of the six programmes in the Department should be cause for concern. The harshest of this is under sub-programme 6.2 – Innovation and Empowerment. In the Innovation part, the reclassification of learnership stipends you have underspent on what could be a game changer in youth unemployment by R4,7 million. If we look at where this department will spend its money we get to understand where this government's primary focus is.

R100 million per road – the contractors must be very pleased with the agents in this government. R31,2 million for road safety projects. We cannot underestimate the importance of road safety, and if a portion of this allocation is used to educate taxi operators and their drivers, then it will be money well spent. What we do know is that a large part of this allocation will be to harass taxi operators and their drivers, that will eventually put them out of business. The City of Cape Town, also a DA-governed metro, plans on replacing taxis with the MyCiti Bus service. This will lead to

unemployment and worst still the end of the taxi industry, the only industry dominated by blacks. But we know the anti-blackness of the DA dominated Western Cape Government [Interjections.]

This Department is even allocating R2,4 million to the completion of an impounding facility that will mainly impound taxis [Interjections.]. The R34 million spent on the acquisition of a training facility for nurses would have been a good investment but on the 26 November 2014, the MEC for Health told nursing students that there is an over-supply of nurses in the Western Cape [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Time has expired, please finish off, just finish off.

Mr M N PAULSEN: And that he will speak to his counterparts in other provinces about supplying them with nurses. [Time expired]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expired. Hon member Mr Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Thanks, Mr Deputy Speaker. There are two things that I want the Opposition to take note of. One, if there is any dispute about the Auditor's report in terms of the Western Cape performance, they have all the right to challenge the Auditor-General, even if they have to go to court because that is an independent body that has to be respected with its

outcomes. If they challenge that it is not for them to challenge here. They must challenge the Auditor-General who is independent. The second point that I want to highlight is, if the hon member says that the public is continuously supporting the ANC, I do not know what he is basing that on because the statistics show that the ANC is declining. The ANC was ruling the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape and has now lost it. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Hinana. Just one second, hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, when the Adjustments Budget is [Inaudible.] those points, it is political points [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I will listen carefully. Hon member Mr Hinana, please continue.

Mr N E HINANA: That clearly shows that the ANC is losing support. If somebody would come here and say that the public is supporting the ANC, the facts are clear even to anyone including himself or herself. So we are not making up a myth when we say that the ANC has been rejected by the people of South Africa [Interjections.] By the continuous rejection it is the proof that in the Western Cape, the City and the Province as well, the ANC is out of line. [Interjections.]

Mr N E HINANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr N E HINANA: Let me at the outset say that as the Democratic Alliance, we support [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order! Hon member Mr Hinana, Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like hon members Ms Lekker and Ms Dijana to withdraw the statement that they are making in Xhosa to say that hon member Mr Hinana is †Umuncu which means he is stupid. [Interjections.]

Mr N E HINANA: Let me at the outset say that as the Democratic Alliance, we support ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear that. Did the hon members say that? If they did then they must withdraw that. Hon member Ms Lekker, did you say that?

Ms P Z LEKKER: I withdraw Sir.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The other one?

Ms P Z LEKKER: I withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Withdrawn. Please continue.

Mr N E HINANA: As the Democratic Alliance we do support this Adjustments Appropriation Bill. We acknowledge this Department for its excellence. This year commemorates the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works [Inaudible.] as the best performing department in the whole of South Africa. It supports the Democratic Alliance's notion of where we govern, we govern well. [Interjections.]

Go outside, challenge that. [Interjections.] Go outside and convince the people that that is not true. [Interjections.] In the previous term the DA led government, and so the turnaround started with this province and this department. For this we honour the previous MEC Robin Carlisle for his excellent leadership [Interjections.]. The present MEC, hon Donald Grant has proved that he is indeed working to further the excellence of the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape.

However, this House acknowledges the restrictions that the department faces on a daily basis [Interjections.] Vandalism to trains and buses is to be condemned in the strongest possible terms. †Ndandixakekile *I was confused by what happened in Nyanga. That area is one of the terminuses that is providing services to black people in particular, in massive numbers. In

terms of transport, people are relying on this mode of transport from that area. As the responsible government we therefore condemn the burning of buses and we condemn the killing of the drivers. And if you check, the people who are responsible for that vandalism are the people who are being instigated by the Opposition party, because it is part of the programme to hold this province ungovernable.

A senseless person [Interjections.] who would say that we will render the Western Cape ungovernable is a person who wants to subject the whole country, the country that is responsible for providing the service to these people. And it is something that we as the Western Cape and the Democratic Alliance are condemning.

And the victims in those areas, when you talk of violence against the poor people it is perpetrated by the people who are staying and living in those areas, the owners of those taxis are black people. The people who are killing each other in those areas are black people. As a responsible government we need to condemn that. We do not have to take the responsibility of being a government, of a well governed province, and yet we keep quiet. There is a responsibility for the government that we have to intervene because that is not what is supposed to be happening.

Public buses and trains are to provide adequate transport to all the people of this province, as well as visitors to the Western Cape, and therefore one of the main functions of this budget is to provide a good service. Law

enforcement will ensure the operational functionality of this department to support Prasa. We welcome the regulations enforced by this department to ensure safe public bus transport for residents who visit their families in the Eastern Cape and to and from other provinces. We therefore urge the department to ensure that all vehicles using our province's roads are roadworthy, and are licensed accordingly. Approximately R20 million will be used to provide motor licence collection. We acknowledge the urgent need for traffic officers and we welcome the amount appropriated towards law enforcement. That this law enforcement should be ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Mr Hinana, your time has expired but just finish your sentence. Order. Your introduction on a different topic was a little bit too long, so that is why your time is running out so please continue, finish off.

Mr N E HINANA: We do have the capacity for law enforcement agencies to be spread across the province so that they curtail and combat any road accident that may happen. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expired. Hon Minister Grant to reply.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you too, to the hon members for the robust debate this morning. I have certainly taken note of all the comments. I am

not going to reply to all of them – but maybe I will start with the hon member Mr Hinana, and say yes, I concur. I must give credit to Robin Carlisle in absentia who took a particularly dysfunctional department over in 2009, and systematically transformed it to where it has subsequently had two clean audits in a row and that is testimony to his management and his team work with his HOD and our senior management. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER : Brown envelope.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: So thank you for that. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Paulsen, I might as well go in reverse order today. I am delighted that you agree with the importance of road safety because if one looks at the purely economic cost, and I am discounting the human cost, the price to pay of R21 billion in this Western Cape is far too high compared to our mainline budgets for Health and Education. We simply have to find better solutions to those intractable problems which are confronting us, and we are doing so.

Hon member Mr Christians, yes, halftruths, and thank you for your wishes about the clean audit. I can assure you that we are doing our very best to work properly with our limited resources. And it links to the question from hon member Mr Dugmore, related to the value for money for the R72 million for the schedule that he has got. And he mentioned two particular schools, Uitsig High School and Primary of R20 and R12 million.

There are also other acquisitions we have done recently, that we have gone into afterwards in hindsight. And it would be good for the members to remember that approximately 67% of our budget goes through a transparent supply chain process which I may say that, since I have been in government in 2009, the Executive has not interfered in any way with the allocation of tenders. So I am happy to open the books and ask whatever questions need to be asked. And hon member Mr Dugmore; remember after the one Standing Committee meeting, I came to you and said I am prepared to take a bet with you that there is nothing behind the Filcon issue And to take that burr out of your posterior. [Laughter].

But I am happy to sit down with you with a cup of tea because I have looked at that critically myself and I have asked the hard questions of my department; about the accountability. What you failed to tell the House this morning was [Interjections.] the timeline of the various events, which I explained in detail to this House some time ago. Note now, it has got nothing to do with me in terms of donations and I do not know whether they are supporters of the DA, and I do not care because the important thing is for the supply chain process [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... to be transparent and effective.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister, just one second. Is that a question?

Ms M N GILLION: It is a point of order Mr Deputy Speaker. Can you ask the MEC to address you as the Deputy Speaker of the House please.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, I will do so and I apologise to the hon member Ms Gillion for not ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are losing your cool.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No, I am not losing my cool [Interjections.] ... for not following due process. You have seen nothing yet.

I also just want to assure the hon member Mr Mnqasela that we are acutely aware of limited resources and the importance of our department to align themselves with the new five provincial strategic goals. They are not in order of preference. They are all mutually exclusive and integrated in realising the 'open opportunities society' in the Western Cape [Interjections.] Which does include [Interjections.] creating opportunities, learnerships and

empowering people at grass roots level, but the one thing I have learnt in 40 odd years of working in management is that you never delegate capacity if there is not sufficient ability to translate that into delivery.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, Hear!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: So the bottom line is that I have said to my department, that when they specify tender processes etc., they must make sure that things are properly specified so that I can see an additional benefit and that it is value for money. It is an important element which I think government sometimes neglects and that is something under my tenure that I am going to be continuing to ask questions about value for money because at the end of the day I do realise that I am accountable to the taxpayer. [Interjections.]

I will say to the hon member Mr Dugmore, before I close, that we will have a discussion about those CIDB's six to nine's and the 5%. But the bottom line there is that we have to do it in a way that is sustainable, because if one delegates it and raises the bar higher, there are going to be economic consequences in some areas, where the cost of delivery will then increase. But at the same time we will look at it and I will have a discussion with my Head of Department and her senior executive team about how we look at that but it will not be done at the expense of service delivery. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will now suspend business and continue at 14h00. The bell will be rung when we start again.

The House was suspended at 12:33.

The House resumed at 14:00.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the fourth Order of the day.

4. Debate on Vote 1 – Premier- *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker. This year the Department of the Premier will receive substantially more funds than is usually the case. This is because of a shift of approximately R300 million from the Provincial Treasury in the Adjustments Estimate. This R300 million from broadband presents a significant challenge to the Department of the Premier. I draw the hon members' attention to the fact that the majority of these funds will not be spent in the current financial year. This is likely to result in underspending of approximately 20% of the adjusted budget of the department at the end of the 2014/15 financial year.

The reason for this anticipated underspending is as follows:

Firstly, the broadband tender process was delayed by almost a year, when SITA allowed the tender to lapse and we were forced to start the process from scratch.

Secondly, as part of the contract negotiations we secured agreement from our partners that an upfront or mobilisation payment would not be required. This means that the Department would only be paid for services that have been rendered, which constitutes a significant advantage to the Western Cape Government in terms of risk management, and it means that this amount, which has been budgeted for, will not be spent during this financial year.

So it is a saving for us because we expected to have to pay upfront and now we will only have to pay as services are rendered. In the private sector such savings are good news, in the public sector savings are criticised as underspending. That is one of the no-win situations in which I am happy to find myself this year because we secured the benefit for the government.

For the benefit of those members who are not in the Standing Committee the Department of the Premier presented a progress report on broadband to the Standing Committee on 26 August 2014. Mr Joemat and Mr Williams reported that SITA's Board made a recommendation on the tender only on 26 March 2014 on the eve of the new financial year. Shortly after that the

Minister of Finance in the province gave the necessary approval to allow for a long term budget for broadband which extended beyond the three year medium expenditure framework period.

Budget has been secured for the next ten years. Contract negotiation procedures in mid-April and the Master Services Agreement between SITA and Neotel was signed on 20 June while the back-to-back agreement between SITA and the Western Cape Government was signed on 31 July. These contracts have been made available to the Standing Committee. In terms of these contracts, Neotel has commenced with site surveys and the first of the sites (including 350 schools) will be connected by June next year, if all goes according to plan, which I am hoping will happen.

Half of all required sites we hope to have connected by September 2015 and all sites will be connected by December 2016. A total of 1 997 sites will be connected which includes 1 296 schools, 298 healthcare facilities and 413 other government offices.

So, although broadband is on track, (the plans for broadband have been agreed to, the budget and the contracts are in place and implementation is under way) - I make the hon members aware of the fact that the majority of the R300 million that will be transferred to the Department in the adjustments process is likely to be rolled over to the next financial year, beginning in March.

The remaining shifts have a cumulative effect of a R20 million shift towards the Department of the Premier. Most of these shifts relate to the work of the Centre for e-Innovation in its role as IT Service Provider to all the Provincial Departments. A shift of R10 million is being made from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for The Centre for e-Innovation to procure storage space for the MyContent electronic document management system. Funds will also be received from the Department of Transport and Public Works for network cabling and IT Infrastructure. R2 million has been transferred to Education for the acquisition of tablets for the MOD Centres.

The Behavioural Economics Project in the Department will receive R414 000 from the Department of Community Safety for a pilot project. Funding has been made available to the Department of Community Safety to pilot a community safety stabilisation unit which provides work opportunities for youth at risk and ample training for Law Enforcement Auxiliary Officers to prepare them to participate in the School Safety Program.

Now R100 000 is being transferred to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism as the Department of the Premier's contribution towards the "Lab" process on the Province's economic strategy. The "Lab" process was pioneered in Malaysia and it is used to identify key interventions to unblock a challenging policy area.

The Department of the Premier is lending its support to this strategic exercise. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, it affords me great pleasure as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on the Premier to respond to the input by the Premier. Needless to say I am aligning myself and in full agreement with the justification for the Appropriation of the Department of the Premier Budget. Additional funds which have been allocated ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Botha, just one second.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I just want to ask hon member Ms Botha if she is happy that she is only giving R14million and others are giving R20 million. Do they not like ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, that is not a point of order, nor a question. Please continue.

Ms L J BOTHA: Additional funds which have been allocated are earmarked for critical programs, and given the Western Cape Government's meticulous management and spending of money it will be put to good use. As indicated by the Premier, the DA welcomes the most significant amount appropriation being allocated to Program 4, the Centre for e-Innovation. This appropriation will create an open opportunity society for all, and it will be

allocated to the Broadband Transversal Project, to procure storage for the provisional data centre, information/communication technology, for the modernisation program, and tablets for the Maths Opportunity and Access Development and Growth Centre.

I am grateful that this appropriation affords the department greater leeway to attain their predetermined objectives for improved, sustained and quality service for all people in the Western Cape across all departments given the Department's transversal function. I take this opportunity to thank the Premier, the Director-General and the Department for their relentless dedication in the execution of their tasks. All the effort has helped to elevate the Western Cape to the best performing province in the country as the national MPAT proves. A heartfelt thanks to the sustained support, guidance and cooperation of my fellow Standing Committee members as well as the committee coordinator and support staff.

In the light of the aforementioned, I propose that this House adopts the Appropriation Bill Vote 1, which sees an increase of approximately R320 million under discussion. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, if one reflects on what we have just heard from the Premier, where she in fact started with a recognition that

the Department cannot spend the money at this end of this financial year, it is very clear that we do not have an option but to rise to oppose this particular Vote. Regrettably, over the last while, we have seen that there was no attempt to in fact make sure that service delivery programmes benefit not only the modernised world, not only the first world economy but in fact those poorest of the poor.

Amongst others, the budget is too politically inclined and its skewed towards the elite and affluent areas. The Premier's Vote is bloated and has no regard for the current MTF realities. The Premier insists on more funds while service delivery departments like Health and Education are in fact the hardest hit in this particular adjustment. The increase of the Vote from R1 billion to at least R1,3 billion, an increase of R320 million, is close to a one third increase but with a recognition that in the hon Premier's words "we will not be able to spend", and then the hon Premier pretends as if it will be a good saving. It is not a good saving because currently we know the reality is that we must make sure that it goes to the poorest of the poor. The socio-economic reality is big.

The irony in this whole process is that if one looks at the Provincial Treasury's pronouncement in this adjustment and I quote:

"The 2014 Adjustment Estimates comes in a period of constrained economic growth and the requirement for restraining and the consolidation of public expenditure".

But the Head of Department of Treasury continues and says:

“No unnecessary expenditure commitments are incurred that would raise the risk level in the forthcoming years”.

Now the question is; when we look at the R320 million increase, what is the R320 million for? We just heard the hon Premier say we must blame SETA nationally. The hon Premier said we cannot do that because of A, B and C. The truth of the matter is how much would this R300 million have benefited essential services in the Western Cape? This R300 million for ICT that will not be spent in this financial year because of the reasons that the Premier has given i.e. to park that money somewhere, should have been spent to make sure that 10 500 learners come January are in class. It should have been spent to make sure that you can actually build 3 000 houses with R300 million. You can build 10 schools on the Cape Flats in the community with R300 million. That is what you can do. But no, what we have seen is the institutionalisation of racism right through the Premier’s offices and right through this particular Department because they are blinded when it comes to the needs of the poor.

By the Premier’s own admission today but also ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second, hon Leader of the Opposition. Is there a question or a point of order?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, just a point of order. The Western Cape Government spent 78% of the budget on the poor.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. That is an abuse of the privilege of a point of order. That is a question. Please continue.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The hon Premier, by her own admission, not only today but also in the Standing Committee, conceded that more than R200 million will not be spent and then today we hear it is a good saving. A saving on what? A saving on essential needs, why is that so? It is only because we have an uncaring government and an uncaring Premier in the process. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just a minute, hon Leader of the Opposition. Hon Minister Winde, is it a question or what?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to know if the Leader of the Opposition would be prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman are you prepared?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is prepared.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much for taking a question. In your statement where you said the money is being spent in leafy areas; has the Opposition produced an alternative budget where they can actually showcase this and if possible would you be able to put it on the table?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No. I think it is an intelligent question from somebody who does not normally deal with those things. [Laughter.] The issue here is indeed so. What we have said is: go and take this R300 million – hon Premier, you still would not be able to correct it - and spend it in the poor communities where socio-economic issues are a reality. So, yes, we have an alternative perspective on this budget.

Then, on page 1 hon Premier, you have declared that this is the best run regional government but by own admission, the hon Premier had to admit in the Standing Committee that guess what; there are no measures that the hon Premier has put in place, there are no indicators that she has put in place to make it the best run regional government. In fact, what she had to admit in the Standing Committee is that it was an idea. They are planning terms of reference for an institution to put that up. It is the second area where the hon Premier actually had to admit that all that they were doing is political spin in the process.

Let us look at the Department of the Premier in the context of transformation and employment equity. Over the past six months the Western Cape has continued to perpetuate racist and unconstitutional employment practices under the custodianship of the hon Premier Zille. In terms of Employment Equity performance we have seen the trend, we have seen it with a total of 32 promotions of middle to senior management where there is none from the lower levels, predominantly implying that most promotions have gone to mainly white employees.

Now the question is; if you take the adjustments, if you look at the bonuses, if you look at the promotions, hon Premier it cannot be that you proclaim to be a non-racialist and actually oversee a process that Coloured and African people in your own department are not getting real promotions; that, as well as promotions, as well as the bonuses in this process.

Another area of concern for us with regard to this Department is in the discipline of human resource management; the slow rate of filling of posts to be precise, the large amount of R18 million that has been shifted in this Department as a result of slow filling of posts. Now let us assess why the slow filling of posts is happening. Is it because the Premier has decided to push, as we have seen yesterday, Treasury to allocate the money and when the money is there they cannot fill it because there is no proper plan, there is no proper process, there is no proper implementation? The Department in the Standing Committee had to admit there is no implementation plan.

I am not speaking about targets hon Premier. We are not speaking about targets, targets are setting ideas. We are talking about a clear implementation plan and that is why the Standing Committee, under the custodianship of the Chairperson of the Committee, has instructed the department to provide, before the end of this year, that particular implementation plan.

So, that is where we have our problems but what is clear to us; the reasons for the non-filling of the posts; is it because the Premier is using it for cadre deployment, or is it because they cannot find these individuals because they cannot find competent black graduates in the words of the hon Premier, or must I admit and say that the trend of institutionalised racism is in fact continuing?

In fact, we are calling on the hon Premier in this Vote to start trusting the Director-General in her department, to allow the Director-General and the middle-management of the Department to fill those posts, not to keep it back so that from DA political office there is a particular deployment. We continue by saying if we look at the non-filling of posts, why is it so that there is another extension in this financial year as of November on the contract of the FIU?

It is clear that the so-called good governance of the hon Premier is actually bad governance as long as it helps ... the extension of the contract under the FIU - non-transparent. In July, the Standing Committee told us that the

Department will make sure that by November there is no more in-sourcing, outsourcing, goods and services but there is actually a complete in-house FIU. They did not achieve that target, another target under the Department of the Premier that supposedly spent the money, that supposedly has a good governance process, another target just not met. So we have seen that there is definitely incompetence at that particular level. Hon Premier, we are calling on you not to collapse the separation of powers and now we are speaking not of Parliament and government, we are in fact speaking about your modernisation strategy that has led to the oversight function moving from Treasury into the Department of the Premier, that oversight function combined with internal audit, combined with Enterprise Risk Management, combined with FIU under one curtain only accountable to the Premier.

How is it possible that this bloated administration Department of the Premier did not pick that up? How is it possible that they did not pick it up or did they have to cover it up? That is the question to be posed. When we said; look, the Department of the Premier has decided we are not giving the Mitchells Plain Festival R300 000, we are not going to give the West Coast Festival or the Khayelitsha Festival R300 000 but “hala hala” the hon Premier decides to give R900 000 to Bavaria, to the 20 years celebration of the Free State of Bavaria in Germany which is one of the wealthiest provinces of the world. How is that possible? That is clearly an abuse hon Premier of your authority or is the reason the awards that the Premier received in Germany? Is there a relation between an award received and R900 000 for the 20 years celebration of the Free State of Bavaria? What is

damning hon Premier is that you did not put adjustments to the 20 year celebration of South Africa.

That you found in your heart and in your soul to say let them go on, is that a sign that the Provincial Government under the Premier feels herself as separatist in fact to the rest of South Africa but to the inclusion of Germany and in particular, Bavaria? The DA has for the third time, as I said earlier, without transparent bidding - under the Premier who speaks about so called transparency, about how corrupt the ANC is, how corrupt the ANC government is in all of that, all to hide; it is a spin. We have seen through it hon Premier. Dis 'n wolhaarstorie net om seker te maak dat u kan voortgaan om daardie verkeerde dinge te implementeer. Therefore we are saying, hon Premier, keep a halt on this thing. We have looked at the [Inaudible] services, we have looked at the R12 million that goes into the NGO, we have asked these questions, we have made the assessment, we made the assessment of the NGO and the money that flowed from that NGO to which service providers. We have those answers already. We have made the assessments of the so-called broadband.

Now if you look at access on ICT, broadband and WiFi; it is in fact giving accessibility to those already with computers. It does not give accessibility to a person somewhere in Khayelitsha or in Bonteheuwel or in Vredendal sitting without a computer, meaning we are not speaking geographical, we are speaking about the separate development, we are speaking about how the service will benefit first of all those with easier access and therefore ICT in

itself is a challenging reality. Hence, hon Premier, under your custodianship it is very clear that your budget continues on this racist trajectory and on making sure that people ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A point of order hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Is it parliamentary, Mr Deputy Speaker, to call any members of this House racist?

Mr P UYS: That is not what he said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, it is not parliamentary. I did not hear that. Who said that?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: I did not say that. I did not say that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Who are you referring to?

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, he called this a racist government. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, are you referring to specific members of this House?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The Premier knows I do not specifically mention individuals in the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you not referring to members here?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Not individuals in the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, thank you.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So, what we are having in an institutionalised ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Just one second. Hon member Mr Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon member Ms Davids there referred to Germany as Hitler which I believe is completely unacceptable.
[Interjections.] Germany is a democratically elected country and they are not
[Inaudible.][Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. I did not hear anything. I will look at Hansard and if necessary I will rule on that but I did not hear that. Please continue, hon member Mr Fransman. I will give you some time, you are almost done.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So then the hon Premier has instituted what they call a Cultural Behaviour Test in the Human Resource Administration and that cultural behaviour test is in the Department of the Premier. Dit laat 'n mens dink aan die “pencil test”; ons onthou die “pencil test”. What it does is, by implication, is it excludes certain people even if they have got degrees albeit Master’s degrees, other degrees, Honours etcetera, so that is what we are sitting with. What we reflected on over the last while is an agenda here that says; here is the Premier’s Office, it is clean. Let us focus then on what the ANC did five, seven years ago. Let us turn to that story. By the way, the FIU in the province again had their contract extended not in a transparent way, received at least R70 million but five years ago there was five, six million rand. It is obvious that the problem with the FIU is extending the contract without process but get the DG of the Department to consistently take the rap.

We are calling on you, hon Premier, not to put the DG in a situation where he consistently has to provide reasons knowing that it is not good auditing practice. Thank you. [Time expired.]

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports the Adjustments Budget of the Premier [Interjections.] because we believe that when the broadband is rolled out it is going to benefit the poor, the schools

and the clinics. It is going to support the schools. Unlike the Leader of the Official Opposition - hy kom met wolhaarstories. He is talking about stuff that is totally irrelevant. The ANC is here to keep the government accountable but you are not doing that. You are not doing that. You come with “wolhaarstories”, come with an alternative plan then, when you say that money is rolled over for a plan then you must look at the plan and criticise the plan.

The hon Premier has stipulated there is a plan with broadband, but I ask myself this question: if you are the Leader of the Official Opposition, you were Deputy Minister, you were demoted; are you qualified to ask questions? [Laughter.] [Interjections.] Are you qualified? Surely you must go and learn first because your question is off-track. Your ANC has become irrelevant.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: A point of order. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, what is it?

Ms S W DAVIDS: My point of order is: is the ACDP not irrelevant, want hulle is klaar dood, hulle is nog nie begin dan is hulle ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Hon member Ms Davids, that is clearly not a point of order. Hon member Mr Christians you may continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When we stand here we think of how the lives of the people of the Western Cape are going to be improved. We know there are a lot of youngsters out there that go to community buildings but there are no facilities. This will empower them to look at the internet, to stimulate themselves. We are working in an electronic world these days and this will be rolled out. Now you come and you say I do not agree and I have an alternative plan but all you do is criticise, all you do is run the government down and yet this is the best run government in the country. So I am asking questions. You surely do not have a plan and you surely do not have a plan to govern. You surely do not have a plan. Now all you need to do is ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... criticise and then you make media coverage ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order! Hon member Ms Makeleni, please. Hon member Mr Christians, your time has expired. I see the hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. On the sub-programmes 1.6, 4.1, 4.3, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 - all of it have savings due to slower than expected filling of vacancies. This Department saved in excess of

R18 million on jobs. We need to understand the rationale for considering this as a saving. If a post is not filled obviously somebody else has to do the work or maybe there was never an opportunity for a job in the first place. So the savings in sub-programmes 2.2 and 4.3 will be used for the 20th year celebrations of relations with the Free State of Bavaria. How do you justify this and of what benefit is this to the people of the occupied Western Cape? Yes, that is an occupation government. Will this technique be used every year to raise funds for celebrating a relationship with Bavaria?

In sub-programme 5.3 this Department will in-source professional internal audit services. We should at least have this competency within this government. How many times did we not hear this government, and now also the ACDP, award itself with the best run accolade and yet they cannot even timeously appoint people to vacant posts? There are so many unemployed, suitably qualified people out there. What is the reason for the Premier's department being so slack in filling positions? Could it be because this government is caught between a rock and a hard place? Could it be because you have an excess of white staff already and you are reluctant to appoint black people? I do not think any party that represents poor and working class communities can support this budget. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Paulsen. Hon member Mr Kivedo. You have twelve minutes.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek dink my eerste punt wat ek wil maak is aan agb Fransman, die Leier van die Opposisie en sê dat ons hou maar liever ras uit die hele gesprek uit. U weet – I am not scared of race.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Die agb lid mnr Fransman, ons gaan ideologies van mekaar verskil, ons gaan operasioneel, strategies en metodies van mekaar – bly jy stil ...[Tussenwerpsels.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde. Orde, agb lid mnr Paulsen.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: ...ons gaan metodies van mekaar verskil maar as ons praat van institusionele rassisme dan kontamineer ons mekaar ook. Dan wil dit sê die bekleërs van die betrokke poste in die hele party het 'n ras-regering al is dit net by insinuasie. Ek dink ons hou die raskwessie buite die konteks. Ons speel die man en nie die bal nie en ons gaan lekker systap ook daardeur.

Tweedens wil ek ook noem agb lede dat die Wes-Kaap die beste geregeer word in die land, dis 'n empiriese feit wat nie weggewens of weggebied kan word nie en 78% van die begroting word aan die armstes van die armes spandeer, dit 'n feit wat nie weggewens kan word nie. Ek dink wat baie duidelik hier uitkom is die DA se kernbeginsels naamlik die een van 'n oop geleentheid gedrewe samelewing, en dit geld vir u ook, julle is deel van die oop samelewing, waarom sluit julle julle uit die Wes-Kaap uit en uit Suid-

Afrika uit en julle doen dit vrywillig. Julle het gister uit die Huis uitgehardloop, vrywillig.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Dit geld tot selfs vir die EVV ook. Jy is deel van Suid-Afrika en van die provinsie. Die feit van die saak...[Tussenwerpsels.]

Die AJDUNKSPEAKER: Orde. Agb Kivedo, jy moet net die Stoel toespreek van tyd tot tyd ook asseblief.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you. That was my point of order.

Die ADJUNSKPEAKER: Dankie, ons stem saam.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Baie dankie. Die oop gedrewe samelewing waarin ons almal baat kan vind deur ope geleenthede te skep, bemagtigende omstandighede te skep en wat ook bevorderlik is vir groei, vir ontwikkeling van elke individu. En dit is gewaarborg en dit is presies wat die Aansuiweringsbegroting wil doen, dat dit gebruik en aangewend word in kern kritieke sektore waar dit saak maak. As dit gaan oor breëband, amper sê ek admiraal, agb Cameron Dugmore, dan is dit so dat dit aangewend word waar dit mense bemagtig. En wat belangrik is is dat hierdie inisiatiewe, let wel, gaan oor innoverende projekte, ek herhaal, dit gaan oor innoverende projekte.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Mr Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: I would like to ask if the hon member Mr Kivedo is prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. You may ask him if he wants to take a question but it is not a point of order. Agb lid mnr Kivedo, wil u 'n vraag antwoord?

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Ek sal 'n vraag neem. I will take your question.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. I would just like to ask, Mr Deputy Speaker, that in the times when the hon member Mr Kivedo was a member of the African National Congress he would have learnt about an approach to society based on analysing South Africa as a colony of a special type. Can I ask him, in terms of that analysis, does he honestly believe that an open opportunity society exists and is possible without intervention by a national state?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Even in spite of the fact, let's say historical fact, as things change and things move on, we still have the same situation where society is open. The individual can close up a society for him or herself. The individual can squeeze him or herself out of a society. It is being done

voluntarily. But I am of the contention and of the opinion that each and every individual has the right, not a privilege, the right to participate, to engage in a society, to be able to be developed, to be empowered and capacitated to his or her full potential irrespective of colour, creed, race or language or religion of whatever the case may be. [Interjections.] And I think it is also to do with the real deepening, my brother, of a democracy; the real deepening and also the expansion of a democracy where we can enjoy the fruits of our labour, of our participation in the democracy itself.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Mr Kivedo, just one second.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker. Does the hon member Mr Kivedo actually realise that he has now just made an analysis that outside of the open society ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Order! That was not a point of order, nor was it a question to the Chair or the speaker. Hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Dan gaan ek aan.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Address the Chair while you are speaking at the same time, please.

Mnr B KIVEDO: Ek wil ook net noem dat die DA se deursigtigheid en sy verantwoordbaarheid en verantwoordelikheid duidelik gemanifesteer word in hierdie Aansuiweringsbegroting. Dit was deur die Premier genoem dat daar kontrakte gesluit word, memoranda van verstandhouding en dan ook ooreenkomste. So alles is in plek, dit is prosedureel, dit is nie 'n lukrake hersenskim, ons hallusineer nie, soos die ANC ook by die monde van een of ander van hulle woordvoerders verwys het na ons Premier dat sy besig is om te hallusineer nie. Ek dink 'n ander belangrike punt is dat daar ook gekyk word na Risikobestuur, dit is 'n belangrike aspek en sou ons dan hierdie program infaseer - en dit gaan eintlik oor die infasering - dit gaan nie soseer net oor besparing nie maar dit gaan oor planmatigheid. Ons het 'n Premier hier, ons het 'n Kabinet hier, ons het lede hier wat planmatig en sistematies te werk gaan en dit is tekenend van die sisteem van die Demokratiese Alliansie.

Ek dink die kwessie van die ontwikkeling van ons jeug is ook baie belangrik, veral in terme van die MOD-sentra en dan ook ander instellings waar hulle betrokke kan wees. Dit is gelyktydig dan ook 'n bekamping van misdaad. En die feit van die saak is dat dit gaan oor werkskepping, werkskepping wat lei tot groei, werkskepping wat lei tot inkomstegenering en dan uiteindelik die hokslaan ook van misdaad.

Ek dink die dinge is drieledig, en ons moet dit binne konteks sien. Wat ons moet van wegkom - en ek wil nou 'n ernstige beroep op die ANC en op die EVV doen om nie deur 'n tregter te kyk na die samelewing nie. Laat ons 'n wyer perspektief kry en laat ons holisties na die land kyk en vra maar wat is

goed vir die provinsie, wat is goed vir die land, waarom wil ons krap waar dit nie jeuk nie, waarom wil ons krap waar dit nie jeuk nie. As 'n ding werk, werk hy. As 'n ding werk breek jy hom nie af nie. As 'n ding stukkend is maak jy hom reg.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Dit werk vir ons almal. Vir diegene wat dit nie werk nie, dis dié wat julle hier daarvan uitsluit. [Tussenwerpsels.] [Onhoorbaar.] ... jy moet jou kop laat lees.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde, orde [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Ek sê dit weer, ek gaan dit nie terugtrek nie.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde, orde agb lid mnr Kivedo. Dit is nie parlementêr om 'n lid so tereg te wys nie so u moet dit terugtrek asseblief. Ek vra u?

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Goed. Ek vra om verskoning. Ek vra om verskoning. Maar moet my nie verder uittart nie.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: A point of order. In terms of your ruling I clearly heard you say Mr Deputy Speaker, that the hon member should withdraw. What we heard from him was apologising. He did not ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I agree with you, I was wanting to ask him to withdraw.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Ek trek terug.

Die AJDUNKSPEAKER: Dankie.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: Die Demokratiese Alliansie is dan die enigste party tans in die land wat sosiale kohesie ernstig opneem [Tussenwerpsels.] en ook die eenheid in diversiteit ernstig opneem, in terme van saambinding. En is dit nie 'n wonderlike gedagte dat ons kan teruggaan na die nasionale vraagstuk wat uitgekarteer word in 1994 in Kempton Park dat ons nou die stok moet neem en vorentoe moet hardloop nie. Julle kan bykom as julle wil. Julle gaan ver agter raak, ek is bekommerd daaroor. Julle gaan uit die bus val. Ten slotte, ek vra dan dat hierdie Huis hierdie Aansuiweringsbegroting soos pas voorgelê deur die Premier en ook die Voorsitter van die Staande Komitee moet aanvaar want dit lei tot 'n wen-wen situasie al ontken julle dit ook, dit lei tot 'n wen-wen situasie vir almal. Ek sê dit vandag onomwonde dat dit lei tot 'n wen-wen situasie vir almal in hierdie provinsie. Baie dankie.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Premier to reply.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is quite extraordinary to listen to a speech as out of touch as the hon Leader of the Opposition but that is because he seldom comes to any Standing Committees or anything else. He is the absent hon Leader of the Opposition. It is worth noting that all of the resources for broadband have been committed over a period of ten years. They cannot be used for anything else, they must be used for broadband. A lot more of the money would have already been used had it not been for the ANC's national government mess-up.

It happens to be an old story but a true story and a repeated story and a new story because they cannot get anything right. We were about to award the tender and then just as the national Minister of Police did with our Khayelitsha Commission - the National Minister of DPSA was Lindiwe Sisulu at the time - stopped us from awarding that tender, made us reverse and made us work through perhaps the most inefficient state agency of all called SITA and they cost us eighteen months. We had to start again and they added zero value.

But worse than that, despite the fact that we were entirely ready to award a tender, they allowed the tender that they were controlling for a second time to lapse and then for the third time we had to start again. This is the incompetent mess-up of the National Government and all its agencies. It is a

new story, it is the same story, it is the repeated story issue after issue after issue.

But what is worse ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order hon member Ms Davids, we cannot have a running commentary all the time.

The PREMIER: What is worse than this old, new and repeated story of incompetence in anything the ANC touches, when Gauteng wanted to issue a tender for broadband they also ignored SITA and I wrote four or five letters to the national Minister and asked why they were allowed to ignore SITA and we were not allowed to ignore SITA? To this day that efficient government has not replied to my letters. They cannot even reply to a letter. Mr Deputy Speaker, may I have some protection against this running commentary?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, Premier, I am getting annoyed as well. Hon member Ms Davids, ek gaan nie weer praat nie. U lewer deurlopende kommentaar. Maak 'n tussenwerpsel en bly stil vir 'n tydjie.

Me S W DAVIDS: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker dan moet u oor die ...[Tussenwerpsels.] Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, u kyk nie aan daardie kant nie, u kyk net hierdie kant. U moet vir hulle vra om nie opmerkings te maak na ons kant toe nie want ons gaan nie stilbly nie.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid me Davids ek sal kyk ...[Tussenwerpsels.]

Me S W DAVIDS: Ons is nie hulle bediendes nie. Dankie.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Ek sal kyk maar ek vra vir u om diskreet tussenwerpsels te maak. Hon Premier you may continue. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, this response by the hon member Ms Davids is absolutely unacceptable. She is holding the Chair in absolute contempt and by doing so she is bringing the whole dignity of this House to a new low level. By saying that you intimate that she is a “bediende”, a servant, is absolutely unacceptable and is contempt for the robes that you wear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, on that score, please pay attention. I will be giving a ruling tomorrow morning on the allegations of racism across the board so please stay away from comments with racial undertones. That was also uncalled for commentary. Yes, please continue hon Premier.

The PREMIER: So, in summary if it had not been for the complete incompetence of the National Government we would have easily been able to spend all of that money and none of that money can be used for any other purposes because it is earmarked over ten years for broadband that is meant to benefit the poor. That is primarily the purpose of broadband. We do not

need to put broadband in to benefit the rich. They have all of the resources they need. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am sorry, I am being interrupted by the hon member Mr Paulsen. Is that a question or a point of order?

Mr M N PAULSEN: It is a question. Will the Premier take a question?

The PREMIER: I will.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Premier will, you can proceed.

Mr M N PAULSEN: How does the sale of Neotel affect the rollout of broadband now?

The PREMIER: There is a contract to which Neotel and its successors in title are committed. We have such good people who draw up our contracts, despite SITA, that they are committed to ensuring that broadband is delivered and the penalty clauses are all in place. So that is an irrelevant question and is just designed to distract me from the points I am making because it is hurting the other side of the House too hard.

The other amount that we have rolled over from the broadband is because our negotiators were so good, that instead of making us pay up front we only have to pay on delivery and that is another answer to the hon member Mr

Paulsen's question. We do not pay up front, we pay on delivery which means that we can pay the money when we have got the service and not before we get it. This of course is the only card the ANC has to play, the race card and the card about the poor. Now we sit with the problem of learners in poor schools, year after year, not getting anywhere near the benchmarks they should be achieving. We massively redistributed resources to the poorest of the poor in this province, by several factors, redistributed resources and it has made little difference to many, not all but many, of the poorest children in the poorest schools.

Broadband is going to be critical to help resolve that, and when you think of the ANC ally, the South African Democratic Teachers Union and the hundreds of millions of rands we are now pouring into MOD centres because those teachers refuse to do their duty like other teachers in other schools and stay after school to run extramural programmes, you will see how much additional money we are pouring into the poorer schools.

So it is outrageous and a deliberate distortion, Mr Deputy Speaker, to say that this government does not care about the poor, the poorest of the poor. We pour resources into the poorest of the poor and we are so committed to doing that. Despite the fact that the ANC's allies could not care about the people that they are supposed to serve we will continue serving those people.

Now it is frankly outrageous to say that we could build ten schools or whatever he said with R300 million. Do you know what? When we go out to

tender with all the things that happen, a school costs us R70 million today and if we could free the systems from the shackles we could get a totally functional school for R10 million, but the way the tender system is controlled and manipulated by the National Government ...[Interjections.] and all the things that go with it makes it impossible for us to get value for money in the system.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Premier. Hon Leader of the Opposition?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Is the hon Premier prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier are you prepared to take a question from the leader?

The PREMIER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Thank you hon Premier. Mr Deputy Speaker, can the Premier just explain how does the R70 million and the freeing of the tender process, meaning national, affect it because the understanding is that that money is in the Provincial Government fiscus and therefore it is the Departments of Public Works and Transport and Education that give out the

tender, so just explain that technically to us hon Premier because I know it is not so.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: I will explain and very carefully next year how we will free up tender systems to get much, much better value for money from the private sector. That is not relevant to this debate now but I will explain in great detail how we will do it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, there is another question.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Sorry, I would like to ask whether the hon Premier would take a brief question?

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

The PREMIER: I am not prepared – I am trying to reply to a debate here. I have taken enough questions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Premier says not. You may continue.

The PREMIER: Can you please protect me, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am trying to answer a debate.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon Premier, I am ready to do that. You can continue.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. We are getting criticised for our approach to equity and employment equity. I would like to draw the hon member Mr Fransman's - actually I withdraw the word honourable, the member Fransman's ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier I am afraid you will have to use the word honourable. Order, order.

The PREMIER: I do not like being hypocritical but I will use honourable Fransman because you asked me to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, you may proceed.

The PREMIER: The hon member Mr Fransman has made the argument that we are not interested in employment equity. Well, he should go and read the Public Service Commission's analysis of all the departments of the Premier and see that we top every single adjudication measure including employment equity and the one that comes at the very, very bottom is the Eastern Cape and various other ANC run provinces. Because they run the kind of employment equity scheme's that Eskom runs which is costing this economy tens of billions of rands and that is affecting the poor the most.

It is well known that in Eskom the colour of your skin trumps every other consideration. The former Human Resources Director in Eskom gave an interview to the *Financial Mail* where she said that she had to employ two new people every day for the next five years to fill their vacancies of which one had to be a black woman. To do that she went to a Nigerian agency who sourced 300 black Americans to come and meet Eskom's employment equity targets or quotas in South Africa and she registered them, according to a report that I read, as South Africans in order to meet the quotas. That is how the ANC applies affirmative action.

Eskom spent R60 million just on transport costs for the Americans and for fees to the Nigerian agency that sourced them - R60 million. Within a few years only 68 of the 300 were still working for Eskom and shortly after that the lights went out and the poor people suffered the most. We will not apply policies like that. We will ensure that we follow the policies that we are currently doing: open opportunities through all of our bursary systems, through the Pay Project, through the Work and Skills Project, so that people can have an open door, go through it and get the skills they need, study and get the qualifications that they deserve and move up through the ranks. We will then achieve a dual objective; doing our jobs properly and getting a much more diverse profile which is what we want to achieve, in a way that does not destroy the enterprise.

Eskom is the exact model of the ANC's version of affirmative action which has put this country into the crisis and on the edge of a fiscal cliff. It has destroyed public confidence in our economy, destroyed public confidence in our future and destroyed our prospects for growth. Every time there is load shedding we have job shedding. That is the model that the ANC wants us to follow and that is the model they claim to be pro-poor. It is a disaster for South Africa and we will not apply that nonsense in the Western Cape. It is an embarrassment to see the quality of members that the ANC chooses to represent people in Parliament. It is a fundamental embarrassment, and in fact it is an insult to the people of the Western Cape.

I would like to make a few other points that have simply been asserted here but not in any way substantiated. First of all, I have been accused of cadre deployment. The hon Leader of the Opposition does not know what the term means. He does not know what the term means. Let me explain it to him. It involves taking your girlfriends or your alleged girlfriends who do not have the skills and making them Chairmen of Boards of Parastatals [Interjections.] It involves taking people who gave fraudulent qualifications because they are your allies and will protect you and promote you and making them the Chief Executive of the SABC. That is what cadre deployment is and nobody in this government practices it. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Mr Magaxa, question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Is it parliamentary for the Premier to [Inaudible] because she was mentioning all sorts of cadre deployment. Is she parliamentary to leave the two people that could not make [Inaudible] to employ in her department?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, it is a debating point.

The PREMIER: It is an incomprehensible question. I have not a clue what he is talking about, I did not even understand what he said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, it was not a point of order.

The PREMIER: He must have been a deployed cadre because I do not have a clue what he is talking about.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I repeat, Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it a point of order?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A point of order relates to the procedures of the House. Is that what it is? Not to debate but to the House.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No, I am trying to ask her a question. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier are you prepared to take a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: She is. She is.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please take your seat. He wants to ask a question of the hon Premier. Are you prepared?

The PREMIER: His questions are totally incomprehensible and would waste everybody's time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no. Hon Premier, please continue. [Interjections.] Order!

The PREMIER: When I am on selection panels, I have my say like everybody else. When the CV's come to the Cabinet, I read them, and on a very rare occasion I will question them. I will go and look up what documents and publications those people have, and I will make my comments. But I never, ever, interfere in the workings of this administration, in any way that I am not entitled to, by law and by due process.

If I ignored the CV's that came to Cabinet, we would end up with a problem and if there was one, I would be called to account in terms of why I did not

fulfil my duties by looking at the CV's in Cabinet. I have never once undertaken any role, in any appointment, to which I was not entitled by law and by due process, and I never will because we appoint competent people to do their jobs, and then we let them do that. I have never once interfered in the FIU, or the compliance mechanisms. And that is why we have good governance here. [Interjection.]

I find that quite frankly outrageous. This is an assertion backed by absolutely no fact [Interjection.] and he is allowed to say that in the House. He is allowed to say that in the House because we protect the privilege of Parliament and we protect free speech in this Parliament. But people use it to make such dishonourable statements and tell such deliberate distortions and then they still expect to be called honourable members. That really, really is an exercise in hypocrisy which I am undertaking with great reluctance.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You mislead the House.

The PREMIER: Excuse me, Mr Deputy Speaker? Is it parliamentary for the hon member Mr Dugmore to say that I misled the House?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is nothing wrong with it Premier. He may say it, if he said ... [Interjections.] Order! Order! If he had said you are deliberately misleading he should have withdrawn that but he stopped short of doing that. Please continue, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Let me tell you that the ANC is misleading South Africa [Interjections.] I will never, never collapse the separation of powers. I will never interfere with the FIU or in a tender process like the ANC does all the time. Maybe they will one day be forced to answer in a court of law why President Zuma does secret deals for R1 trillion with the poor people's money, that we cannot really afford, to get kick-backs ... [Interjections.] ... for the ANC and himself [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: I have never, ever made any decisions about the Mitchells Plain Festival or the Khayelitsha Festival or the West Coast Festival. These are not political decisions. We have a special committee that weighs up all the requests and makes a decision. Now, our partnership with Bavaria is 20 years old, with five other regions in the world as well. The Bavarians have invested enormous amounts in the Western Cape. They have invested and built a wonderful multi-purpose centre and made a good contribution to it. They have developed and made contributions in education and training, in local government training and in fire and disaster management. They have made absolutely sure that we had a mobile clinic, they have contributed enormous amounts to our development of renewable energy and gave us incredible offsets around the World Cup and the event, including facilities and football fields. They have helped us enormously in agricultural partnerships and a range of other things that I could speak of forever.

Next year the partnership of Bavaria will be 21 years old. I take very seriously the concern that people have expressed around R500,000 being used for a celebration. I have discussed that with the Cabinet. We have discussed it and we have said; if in any event we celebrate 21 years next year, perhaps we should consider that allocation and ensure that it is not spent on a festivity and that it should rather be spent on other needs so that when we have a celebration in Bavaria next year, the next Regional Summit, we can appropriately and modestly celebrate our long term partnership that has produced incredible benefits for the Western Cape. That is not finalised. That is why that budget is still there. But I share the concerns around spending money on festivals when we have to cut budgets as much as we are having to cut.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, just one second. Is that a point of order or question?

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker. I believe that the time has passed for this Vote already.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not aware that there was a time limit to the hon Premier's speech but the hon Premier seems to be finished now. Hon Premier are you done? The hon Premier is not done yet.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, yes there was an agreement and the time of the Premier has lapsed already. There was agreement in the Programming Authority around the time allocated to each MEC and the Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am looking to the Chief Whip of the majority party to assist in this case. The Table is not aware of that.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, the agreement in the Programming Authority was that the debates would last one hour, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Have we exhausted the hour now, Table? I will allow the hon Premier one last minute just to wrap up if that is okay. I was not aware of that so, hon Premier, I will give you some leeway in that respect.

The PREMIER: I would like to register an objection, Mr Deputy Speaker. We come to this House under a set of Rules that has always applied. There has been an agreement where none of us were represented; you were not informed; I was not informed and now my speech is being cut short when I am about a quarter of the way through it. [Interjections.] There has never, ever been a time ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: There has never been a time, Mr Deputy Speaker, where I have condoned let alone instituted a cultural behaviour test. I have never even heard of such a thing. I am known in selection processes to be opposed to all of these psychometric tests but they are done because they are required to be done, not in terms of our rules but in terms of national compliance by National Government.

I have never approved, I do not even know about cultural behaviour tests. Everything that is done, is done according to compliance and whenever these psychometric issues come up, I oppose them as I frankly think they largely amount to ‘gobbledygook.’ [Interjections.]

Now it is quite extraordinary that the hon member Mr Dugmore comes up and says that the notion of an ‘open opportunity society for all’ is a reactionary notion, which needs to be controlled by State intervention. The hon member Mr Magaxa says it is an extremely reactionary notion. May I refer the hon members of the Opposition to a speech made by President Mandela from the dock in 1964 where he spelt out what is meant by the ‘open opportunity society for all’, and he also spelt out the dream that he cherished for the future, in the best quoted phrase of his entire life [Interjections.] and I would like to read it here. He says:

“I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunity. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve, but if need be it is an ideal for which

I am prepared to die.”

The entire speech is about an open opportunity society for all. The entire speech [Interjections.] is about an open opportunity society for all.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Premier. Hon Chief Whip.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. You indicated to the hon Premier that you would give her another minute. There was a very clear agreement. We were very lenient in terms of this and accepted but the Premier must now conclude.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: They are so terrified because I am destroying all of the points they made and they want to stop me speaking. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! The Chair is put in a very difficult position. The Rules make provision for the fact that the hon Premier and the Leader of the Opposition are not limited in their time, unless the time is indicated on the Speakers List. In this case there are no times on the Speakers List, so I must use my discretion to allow the hon Premier to continue slightly longer. I want to ask the indulgence of the House to allow the hon Premier another couple of minutes. [Interjections.] We are in specific circumstances and I want to appeal to the Chief Whips to be lenient

in this case and allow the hon Premier another five minutes.

The PREMIER: I will help you and I will take less than five minutes, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: I will help you and I will take less than five minutes. The idea of the 'open opportunity society for all' [Interjections.] is embedded. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, your time is being wasted by members from your own side.

Mr M MNQASELA: I wish to raise a point of order ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am listening.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... and in fact ask the hon member Mr Paulsen to withdraw that silly statement he is making.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have not heard that. Hon member Mr Paulsen do you want to withdraw?

Mr M MNQASELA: He is saying, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the hon Premier is a girl. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, I do not know what you said but if it was something unparliamentary then please withdraw.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I did not say who I was speaking to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Were you referring to the hon Premier when you said that, if so please withdraw?

Mr M N PAULSEN: No I was not. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, it is not a joke please.

Mr M N PAULSEN: It is funny for me that they say that [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Were you referring to a member of this House when you said that? If so, please withdraw.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Well, I withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier, please continue.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. The vision of the ‘open opportunity society for all’ infuses not only Mandela’s speeches but indeed our very Constitution. It is a fundamental irony that when President Mandela espoused an ‘open opportunity society for all’ he was called a Communist by the National Party government. Today when we espouse the open opportunity society for all, we are called ‘racists’ by people who claim to be the heirs of Mandela. [Interjections.] We reject it with contempt and everything else they say. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. [Applause.] Order, order! [Interjections.] That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the next Order.

5. Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sports - Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Mbombo.

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Enkosi Sekela Somlomo. Ndiphakamela ukuxhasa uhlehlengiso uhlahlo mali lweli Sebe leNkcubeko neMidlalo.

*Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I stand to support this Budget Adjustment for the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

It is not a very big adjustment when I compare it to all the other debates that

have occurred in the House. I am talking about 1% of the total budget. With a department that has various programmes and subprogrammes, the adjustment is mostly from a programme that has less to do with service delivery but related to the governing issues.

In Programme 1, R1,47 (million) was shifted from the Provincial Treasury to strengthen the internal control capacity. This is a transversal project coming from Provincial Treasury. In terms of the Provincial Archives and Records Act 2005 of the province and also that of the National Act, this department is a custodian of the archives and records, hence the implementation of the Enterprise Content Management System, which was placed in my department. For this purpose R972 was shifted to Vote 1 in the Department of the Premier to appoint personnel in order to optimise the functionality of the Enterprise Content Management.

In addition to that, because this department is the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and we are not IT experts, ECM needs to be done by the experts. Also the ECM becomes a transversal where it focuses on all departments. R10 million was shifted to vote 12, the Department of the Premier for the Centre for Innovation in order to procure storage for the Provincial Data Centre.

We are piloting four departments which are: DECAS, Provincial Treasury, Community Safety and Environmental Affairs of which, for example, DECAS has already been rolled out. We went live from 4 November 2014.

Lastly, in terms of the revenue, we have an increase of about R500,000 that is the income that was generated from the Dias Trust from the Museum for operational purposes which was served by Treasury but now goes back to the Museum for their usage. So with that 1% adjustment from the budget, I do not have much to say. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Mbombo. Hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The fiscal envelope remains under pressure. Provincial Government spending is also under pressure at the moment. As you know the economy is growing at a slow pace. It is with this in mind that we support the Adjusted Estimate. Despite this the Department had many successes in the last year and we look forward to them delivering another sterling performance coming up.

The Standing Committee also supported the Adjusted Estimate. The Committee includes all parties who supported that Vote. The concern of the Committee was that the Department is to fill the vacancies timeously, obviously with employees who are fit for purpose. We note the Department encourages excellence and inclusiveness through sport and is effective, efficient and makes use of sustainable resources with other parties.

Today is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the theme is

Sustainability and Technology. We note in the process the transfer of the R10 million that was transferred to the Department of the Premier, as the Minister said, to procure storage for the Provincial Data Centre. We encourage the Centre for Innovation to take into account persons with disabilities when they purchase new technologies.

Last night was also the 32nd Annual Twilight Run and it again shows why the Western Cape Government, including the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, can host major events because the event was a very successful one. We therefore encourage the Department to do the same for this coming year. We also note the Department recently launched the Culture for Respect Campaign and we will encourage all members in this House to also sign this pledge, and show respect for one another. We support this Adjustment, as the Minister indicated, with just 1% and we thank the Minister very much for the work over the last year and her predecessor and the HOD and the staff in the Department for the work they have done in the last year. I thank you.

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

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. These Adjusted Estimates support the ANC's long held view that the DA in this province ignores the plight and potential of our youth and learners by consistently and flagrantly providing them with subservient services.

Funds have been shifted from 32 subprogrammes with the feeble justification that savings are as a result of slow filling of posts.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mackenzie, you have just had your turn to speak. Is it a point of order?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: On a point of order. Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member Ms Makeleni supported the Bill in the Committee, now she is raising matters that she never raised in the Committee.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That is her right to say what she wants to say in her speech. You can continue.

Ms P MAKELENI: Funds have been shifted from 32 subprogrammes with the feeble justification that savings are as a result of slow filling of posts. This discloses a complete blasé attitude towards filling of vacancies resulting in staff fatigue, which inherently is a mitigating factor to the disintegration of family structures. Furthermore these departments are compelled to reduce targets due to inadequate human capacity to carry out duties, exposing poor planning and thus underperformance and incompetence.

The DCAS MOD programme is used as a blanket cure for all social ills yet was initially conceptualised to offer an after-school sport and cultural programme, where learners would be involved in after-school activities, in so doing reducing the risk of environmentally inherent and resultant criminal

behaviour. This failed DA initiative envisaged learners partaking in sports, art, after-school education, dance as well as music, as a means of identifying talent. Alas, they only consistently master sport and fail every other objective. MOD has been reduced to a feeding-scheme gismo and sycophantic reward for DA lackeys, instead of imparting skills and making the meaningful economic contribution that it was initially intended to fulfil.

Under your watch, hon Minister Mbombo, this Department fails to achieve its own objectives. DCAS has least appropriation, yet funds are underspent by over R10 million, shifted around to hide incompetency while claiming to have secured savings. And I am not talking about the R10 million for ICT.

We were informed that the MEC put a moratorium on funding cultural organisations and are astounded that about R1,4 million was shifted from the initial budget programmes to cultural organisations. This does not auger well with the ANC, especially since it is evident that the Cultural Commission is not representative of the demographics of the province. Consideration should henceforth have been given to extend funding to cultural organisations from the regions.

The ANC is crestfallen with the apathetic treatment given to school sport as the majority of schools from poor communities have no access to specialised coaches and therefore are inhibited from excelling in sporting activities. The Top School Project has little benefit for the bulk of previously disadvantaged schools in the province.

Social benefit concerns within the Directorate were not adequately addressed, nevertheless R300,000 is prioritised for this purpose.

Maintenance and repairs of mobile trucks was supposed to be budgeted for in the main budget cycle. Why is it that an amount of R317,000 has been allocated to this project without any justification specified?

Financing of leases and other equipment should have been budgeted for in the main budget cycle as these related to capital projects.

You have further opted to adjust funds to cater for overtime versus filling of posts which results in negative consequences. This is allowed to occur even though usage of contract staff is characterised by job insecurity, fatigue amongst the existing staff due to inevitable burn out, lack of human capacity which compels the Department to reduce annual targets, and most importantly poor delivery of services to our people.

The ANC denounces the DA adjustments that are premised on slow filling of posts.

The Better Together Games are an internal project for employees of government. In the previous financial year the MEC spent R637,000. We have requested information on the budgeted amount for this project in this financial year. The Accounting Officer, under the stewardship of the MEC,

undertook to write back to us in due course. He has failed to do so. We have further noted that their request for an additional R500,000 for games that only benefit their constituency and particularly their deployed cadres.

The ANC clearly contends that this is not a critical component of the Department and that it should be beneficial to citizens of this province. This reveals poor control measures and lack of political oversight by the MEC. These funds ought to have been used for the advantage of historically previously disadvantaged individuals who possess the requisite potential and wisdom to excel in sport.

We had hoped that there would be clarity in the adjustment process about why the former MEC Ivan Meyer, failed to appoint the Board of the Cango Caves Museum and the financial implications of this conduct. The MEC is required in terms of the Museum Ordinance to appoint a board, and he failed to do so. Even today the board has not been appointed. Is this because he is the DA MP deployed to Oudtshoorn and is he playing politics? We need answers, MEC Mbombo, on this one.

The ANC rejects this Budget Vote aimed at further ostracising our people while creating fertile ground for the re-enactment of apartheid. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member, what was that? Point of order?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, can you just give me clarity – they voted in favour of the Budget Vote in the Committee, how can she reject it now? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is possible to do. Hon member Ms Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports aims to encourage excellence and inclusiveness in sports and culture, through effective, efficient and sustainable use of their resources. With this aim in mind, the DA commends the Department for making significant strides in achieving their objectives with such a small allocated budget. This Department certainly punches well above its weight.

The DA supports the Department's reprioritisation of funds.

The shifting of funds will optimise the resources required to move to excellence, to create conditions for access and mass participation, for talent identification and skills development.

The reprioritisation of the budget allocations will supplement funding, amongst others, to Provincial Sports Awards in order to recognise sports people of the province for outstanding achievement in a variety of categories; sports organisations across the Western Cape; cultural organisations such as the Western Cape Provincial Language Forum as well as the training of EPWP beneficiaries at museums; creating job opportunities which range from a variety of work in affiliated museums, from cultural and heritage tourism

projects, educational programmes and maintenance of museum infrastructure as well as sound and lighting in theatres and performance venues.

The Rural Library Internet Connectivity Project is adding new access sites for all. The DA supports this Budget and we wish them continued success in ensuring the Western Cape is socially inclusive, creative and active. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports the Adjustment Budget. I have a problem with what the speaker of the ANC said. She said that MOD Centres have become a feeding scheme. We have been out there, we saw the programmes that are in place and the problem is if the ANC will engage the teachers to do the job, then we do not need MOD Centres, but because the ANC is getting their cadres not to do what they are doing in other schools, that is why we have this problem. That is why money must be spent on MOD Centres [Interjections.] So the problem we have with MOD Centres is because teachers do not want to stay after school. That is the fact.[Interjections.]

Now, our concern is that those youngsters after school have nothing to do. So what must we do? The government must give money for MOD Centres to keep them off the street. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Now, the hon member comes and makes ridiculous claims with no solutions. I want to ask the Chief Whip of the ANC to ask your speakers to contribute to the debate. All you do is reject, reject, reject, with no concrete solutions. Is that what the ANC is all about? [Interjections.] If that is what the ANC is all about, they have no role in this Legislature. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You see, this is a portfolio. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This is a portfolio where we can take hands and help build [Interjections.] we can build with this portfolio but all the ANC wants to do is to break down, to criticise. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Order! The back bench of the ANC is too noisy, please calm down. Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I read in the paper the other day about the sports awards and I complimented the Minister; these people are not recognised and here in the Western Cape we have awards for excellent sports people, men and women, and they were in the paper and they were proud of it. Now we need to compliment and build on that ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...so that our young people can excel ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr FC CHRISTIANS: ... and not break them down as the ANC does. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Christians, your time has expired. Your time has expired [Interjections.] Order. Order, please calm down before I allow the hon member Mr Paulsen to start.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. There is a saving of R9 million and I would suggest that we use this to address the issue of youth unemployment. This seems to be a common thread across the various departments where people are not placed in their positions and this government considers it a saving. This is a party that dominates its government and has promised the people of the Western Cape that it would create jobs but that was during campaigning for elections and we are now dealing with the realities of this government.

This government is not serious about getting our people to work. There is a budget for Social Cohesion Programmes and we believe that this should be increased to address the many challenges we have in this province. Over the past two months there has been an increase in public abuse and attacks, and especially on black women, unfortunately. Cultural Affairs and Sport is more than just sport. We should look at this programme for social cohesion. We have been asking the hon Premier for the past two months to pay attention to this so I am hoping that the MEC will take this up.

We also understand that the MEC is new in her portfolio and we would not want her to be a contender for the Band Aid Award along with hon MEC Fritz and that other little fellow over there. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please. Please refrain from doing that. You will withdraw that.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Yes, I withdraw that remark. We have seen no political will to address the many issues which include social cohesion and unemployment, to name just a few.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second – hon Minister Meyer?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I would like to know where is his Chief Whip? [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue hon member Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I do not pay attention to jokers. So if we can offer some advice in this regard; we suggest that the MEC kills two birds with one stone: creates job opportunities and addresses the issues of social cohesion.

Furthermore it appears that this Department is being used as a parking garage until funds are required elsewhere. No party that is concerned about the poor and working class communities and especially the spate of racial attacks, on especially black women, can vote in favour of this Budget. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Paulsen. The hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to start off by latching on to what the hon member Mr Ricardo Mackenzie said in terms of this Budget being adopted at Committee level and all of a sudden there is a turnaround by the hon member Ms Makeleni.

Although I am suffering from sinus at the moment, I can smell some factionalism amongst you. [Laughter.] I bought some tablets at Clicks now and it seems not to help but I can still smell. Now I just wanted to know, Mr Deputy Speaker, may I ask hon member Ms Makeleni a question before I

... [Interjections.] Yes. To which faction do you belong hon member Ms Makeleni? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: There we go.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Kivedo, I am not going to allow the hon member Ms Makeleni to answer the question.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Okay [Interjections.] but it is food for thought. It is food for thought for her. I find it very strange so I am in agreement with the hon member Mr Mackenzie that this turnaround and u-turn is too quick for my liking. [Interjections.][Laughter.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Then I must say, I must come to the rescue of the hon Minister NomaFrench Mbombo also. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We cannot understand.

Mr B D KIVEDO: If there is one person who is on top of her game - I was overawed in a study meeting, not long ago, when she named all the federations. She even knows how to box and about boxing.

An HON MEMBER: Where is your speech?

Mr B D KIVEDO: If she demonstrates her skills here now, then I do not know. Right. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Back to the basics. [Laughter.] This is one of the departments that really used their limited budget sparingly. I think we all can learn a lesson from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. What is more amazing, in spite of the limited budget and budgetary constraints, there is some equity. There is a good spread. They do not discriminate, they try to rope in all and sundry in terms of development, empowerment and also recognition of excellence.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORTS: Thank you.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you so much. [Laughter.] The inclusiveness of the Department - Hon member Mr Magaxa, I see you look very – yes, you agree with me there? [Interjections.] Thank you, brother. [Laughter.] The inclusiveness of this Department is so important that they also cut along race and gender and colour and creed and faith. Those, to me, are the most important issues. [Interjections] Then they have got it right in drawing all the major events to the Western Cape. People want to come to the Western Cape, they enjoy the culture and the sport in the Western Cape. Hon Minister Mbombo even has me on the list as a possible candidate for the Stormers Super 15 next year.

So it is a Minister with a hands-on handle together with the hon member Mr Mackenzie as the Standing Committee Chair and his team [Interjections.] Then also [Inaudible.] themselves with Mr Brent Walters and his team working in tandem, synergising and seeing how they can navigate even with this Adjustment Budget, that is very limited, to satisfy people in the Western Cape [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORTS: Thank you. I thank you.

Mr B D KIVEDO: They are real talent scouts. I have not seen any Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports who can go to all the outlying places of this province, to discover and explore talent as they do it. They have a special way of doing it. What is most important also is that they approach their sport and culture excursions with the view of combating crime and vice and on the social pathologies. I think that is the most important issue. The MOD centre is not an eat, meet and greet centre. It is really something that is building people. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORTS: It should be.

Mr B D KIVEDO: It is. [[Interjection.] No. It is. And the tenses - it is all about the tenses. It is, it should be. It is *plus quam perfectum* [Laughter.]

Yes. So I ask this House, I move and I propose to accept this Bill as proposed. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon Minister Mbombo to respond.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you to all the speakers. Again I am surprised that the members from the other side of the House are not supporting the Vote but according to the minutes they supported it, but nevertheless. [Interjections.] Nevertheless. I was going to say ‘blow-by-blow’.

Hon member Ms Makeleni spoke about this Department ignoring youth in relation to the Adjustment Budget. The Adjustment Budget is related to mostly the Enterprise Content Management, which is related to the governance.

The service delivery programmes, which probably I need to list – we have got the Cultural and Art; Sports Development, Sports Promotion; we have the Library and Archives; we have Heritage; we have Language Services and we have the Museums. In all of these, the only adjustment we are requesting is the one related to the Archives, which is a sub-programme within the Libraries.

It is related to governance where, according to the Constitution and legislation, we are to keep record of all government records and then archive them but because that has been done manually we are now moving forward with technology, in terms of the innovation. So we are saying that everything is supposed to be related to technology. Instead of waiting 20 years, because that is when we started archiving those and then later thought to introduce technology, we are saying now, let us start now with a pilot in terms of what records are supposed to be digitalised and then put them on record. We have one provincial database where we keep all those records so that 20 years later when my child or your child needs those records, they do not have to wade through paperwork, but it is part of that. So, this is what we do.

So it did not affect any of the service delivery issues in terms of the Budget because for that particular ECM the budget was R30 million. We have used R19,7 million for that and the amount that you are transferring to the DOT P is mainly related to IT and the records in terms of the database. So no programme in terms of service delivery was affected.

In terms of the vacancies, we have a 6,4% vacancy rate that was mentioned in terms of human resources. The only challenge we have is the appointment of experts because we are talking about archives, which means we need someone who has the skills and qualifications around archives and records. We are talking about the libraries; we need a librarian who has expertise around the cataloguing. We have Heritage and we need someone who is skilled in archaeology, to palaeontology or to rock art – we will need a person who

specialises in those. Most of the time those people have Masters or PHD degrees. So it will take long to attract the kind of people of that calibre to come to government. So it will take quite a long time but we are working around that.

The MOD Centres was funded through a conditional grant from the National Department which was meant for sport and that was meant to address the part of the Winning Nation Through Mass Participation. Unfortunately within the Western Cape we have the whole issue of problems with youth that are the challenges related to social ills. We cannot only focus on the Winning Nation because it can take 20 years to get someone to be part of the Commonwealth Games, to get a gold medal or something like that whilst at the moment we have about 99% youth, who might not necessarily be even able to achieve up to that level, of getting the gold medal at the Commonwealth or the Olympics.

What about the whole of the base, the grass roots youth who face such social ills challenges? Are we going to focus on getting those young people, which are probably 2 or 3% of the population, to get these medals? What about the rest? So now that is why within the Provincial Government we are using that opportunity where we say we have the winning nation in terms of addressing that aspect related to national.

At the same time you have to look at addressing those social ills because we see that the reason most of the youth end up misbehaving is the issue of

identity and belonging. So why would you want to focus only on one aspect? We have to address it in terms of personal development and also in terms of community development and also the issue of youth development.

Hence where we provide coaches, who are supposed to be for the winning nation, we also create a condition where those coaches give support to the young people because it is not only about sport but also about being a figure - these kids need an adult persons' shoulder to cry on.

Besides that, not everybody is interested in sport so why do you not give an opportunity for young people to be able to do performance art? Why don't you give an opportunity for the those young people who might be good at singing. That child is there from 14h00–18h00 and that takes me to another debate.

From 14h00–18h00, you are saying that those kids must not get food. That is what you are saying, and we are saying that is where we have to bring in social development in order to provide because those kids have a feeding scheme during the day, during school hours but from 14h00-18h00 there are no meals. So you are arguing that these people must not be provided with food and we are saying that with the assistance we get from Social Development we provide extra food because they are there from 14h00-18h00.

Then in terms of the registration of the organisations, the hon member wanted to say the Cultural Councils, not the Cultural organisations, because for example this year we supported 192 cultural organisations. So there was never a moratorium on that. But the issue you are raising is about the Cultural Councils, and the moratorium imposed was because the three public entities were under review. Unfortunately with the Cultural Commission, which was formed according to the Cultural Council and Commission Act 2005, it means that it will impact on that because it is part of the entity that is being reviewed. So it cannot be registered and the same time you are reviewing the Councils. Now, because the review has been done and completed, that moratorium has been lifted and that was discussed even in the Standing Committee as well. So I am not sure why it is being addressed again because the moratorium was lifted.

Then in terms of the Top School, the sports school; school sport, the inter and intra, is within the Western Cape Education Department and then DCAS is with us, which assists with the coaching and sport equipment but the rest goes with them.

When you come to Top School Sport in preparation for the National Championships, currently the Western Cape have got over 1 450 schools that are registered for Top Schools Sport and they are leaving on 9 December 2014. Out of those about 1 226 are going to participate there.

We have got about 16 priority school sports codes in which these kids are participating in. So I am not sure why there is an issue about school sports, because actually when you compare, for example, in KwaZulu-Natal there are 6 000 schools and the kids who are participating are far less compared to [Inaudible.]. If you compare 1 450 schools versus the 1 250 schools that are participating, we are far more compared to all of those.

Then the issue about the “Better Together Games”. The Eastern Cape hosted the “Better Together Games”, which promotes a healthy workforce. They hosted it this year and then next year it will be hosted by Mpumalanga. This is part of a national initiative so I am not sure why it is being attached to the Western Cape. It is a part of the conditional grant, part of the [Inaudible.] Initiative and within the Western Cape we are doing it transversally.

It is open to all government officials, everybody. It is voluntary. It is not [Inaudible.] There was talk that it was about deployees but these are all government officials and even those who have won now are government officials from all departments and each and every employee looks forward to the next “Better Together Games”. However, just to show that we are very careful and cautious in terms of the budget we do not do a national competition because we are unable to send all these groups and compete with the others. So that is why it ends up within the province, in terms of the competition.

Then the Cango Caves and the Museum; that process, in terms of the appointment of the Board has already taken place. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Mbombo. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the next Order.

5. Debate on Vote 8 – Human Settlements - *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Hon Minister Madikizela.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. First of all, let me take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Standing Committee who supported this Adjustment. It was tabled before the Standing Committee and all the members supported it unless the hon member Mr Magaxa was cornered somewhere to withdraw his support.

We are dealing here with the very minor adjustments of the overall budget of R1,9 billion. The adjustment of just over R16 million which is 0.76% of the overall budget. R14,9 million from revenue retention and the R1,185 million for internal control from the shifting of funds between the votes. Out of that R16,085 million, R8,9 million is for Knysna Municipality for bulk sewerage services.

R6 million is for Mossel Bay for rectification of the so-called bus stops which is a legacy of the ANC government where they built houses that are now falling apart, that we have to assist the municipality to rectify. The second part of that R6 million is going to the relocation of Powertown. I think it is one of the questions that the hon member Mr Uys asked in this House a few days ago; so the Adjustment Budget will deal with the problem of Powertown.

The other notable adjustment was from the R1,385 billion that was earmarked for the City of Cape Town in anticipation of accreditation and we have engaged the City of Cape Town. We got R546 million out of that in order to fund provincial projects and also to fund our business plan outside the City of Cape Town so that we can be in line with all the business plans – the City of Cape Town business plans, our provincial projects and also those municipalities outside the City of Cape Town.

In terms of the performance and in terms of all the problems within the department, we are very much on track. Programme 1, if you look at the six months performance review, we are just under 53.9%, that is almost 54%; Programme 2 - 46.1%; Programme 3 - 42.7% and Programme 4 - 67.4%. You can see the mixture of very good performance and over achievement so we are very much on track in this Department of Human Settlements in terms of all our programmes.

I want to thank the members of the Standing Committee; the Chairperson and the members of the Standing Committee upfront for supporting this Adjustment. Thank you. [Interjections.]

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

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As the Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Human Settlements I would like to thank the Committee members for their monitoring and oversight function throughout the year and for their approval of the *Adjustments Appropriation Bill* Vote 8 [B5-2014].

Guided by the National Development Plan 2030 and Cape Vision 2014... [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Jy gaan nooit [Onhoorbaar.]

Ms L M MASEKO: ...the Department decided to focus on three areas in order to maximise the impact regarding the delivery of human settlements in order to deal with the problems such as an in-migration, bulk infrastructure and limited resources, by upgrading informal settlements in order to provide basic services to all citizens, strengthening partnership with the private sector in order to increase affordable houses for people earning above the free subsidy threshold; paying more attention in the allocation of free subsidised state houses in order to prioritise the most deserving individuals.

And in all that the Minister have said, a further R300 000 became available through the better utilisation of the GD vehicle fleet.

The Department increased its compensation of employee budget by R4,487 million to make provision for the additional internal control staff. This staff were appointed to do inspection at municipalities as agents of the Department regarding their compliance with Section 38 of the PFMA in respect of the funds transfer for human settlements projects. The Department also extended its Stakeholder Relations Unit and employed three additional town and regional planners and a regional director to assist municipalities instead of relying on consultants.

The Department made provisions to refine the Housing Development Agency for the Bucket Eradication Programme. These funds were transferred by the National Department of Human Settlements to the Department in March 2014 but could not be transferred to the Housing Development Agency due to the outstanding business plans and agreements.

The indicative allocations to municipalities for housing projects were amended after the earmarking of the allocation to the City of Cape Town has been lifted, due to assignment of the Metro that was held in abeyance [02:00:17]. These allocations are now in line with the Approved Business Plan and Annual Performance Plan.

The Department has committed itself to actualising the concept of integrated

and sustainable human settlements and to continue on its transversal management approach with limited resources.

The sector Education and Training authority in collaboration with the Department is in the process of endorsing three training programmes to uplift and upskill unemployed youths, thereby empowering the communities to assist themselves in terms of their housing needs.

I am happy to report that the Department aided all 24 municipalities by cleaning up the Housing Demand Database of all duplications and deceased persons, thereby ensuring a true reflection of beneficiaries. Further hereto the Department, in collaboration with the City of Cape Town, should develop their contingency plan to deal with land invasion and evictions. The Committee recommended that in future the Department should include in its Annual Report the financials for the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal as well as the Western Cape Housing Development Fund. Through commitment and hard work the Department was awarded the category Best Integrated Residential Development Project in the 2014 Govan Mbeki Awards in Arniston for the Arniston Project.

Once again I would like to thank all the staff of the Western Cape Human Settlements Department for their professional and dedicated work, often under demanding and rapidly changing conditions. I would like to thank also the Committee members and the support staff for their contributions and I propose that this House adopts the Appropriation Bill voted, of the

Department of Human Settlements. I thank you.

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Actually I am flabbergasted by the total disdain toward all peoples across the nation exhibited by the DA Government under Minister Madikizela, who also hails from an informal settlement in Khayelitsha. We have a background, one background together and... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He is delaying occupation... [Inaudible] He used to be a noble... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...it worries me... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He used to be honourable.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...but I know as a person he does have that interest, but unfortunately he became part of a wrong political collective and I sympathise with his plight on that. [Interjections.]

This Adjustment Estimate reveals that the DA, as a political formation, does not see the provision of free houses as a fundamental issue in transforming the spatial inequalities of our past. Minister Madikizela has prioritised bulk water together with sewerage services and only housing rectification on his

adjustment approximation. The silence of this Adjustment Budget on key housing provision bears testimony to the fact that the Democratic Alliance uses the provision of free houses in the context of what serves their narrow political interest. The elephant in the room is the Oscar Mpetha Development in Nyanga which stands uninhabited five years from its completion due to disputes between this government and the communities allocated to benefit, thus revealing the distance between the administration and our people. Furthermore, the dwellings are about to be demolished as they are disintegrating and vandalised due to lack of occupation by qualifying beneficiaries.

What are the cost implications of this extreme wasteful expenditure? You pride yourself as being champions of accountability, yet not one single person has been taken to task for such bandit wasteful expenditure.

Minister Madikizela, I would always want to make this comparison with the ANC-led government. You and I, we are aware that not a single house was built by the ANC-led government but not occupied at the right time and end up subjected to vandalism. You cannot build... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh come on!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...with the taxpayer's money a house with no beneficiary. That is serious neglect of responsibility. Minister Madikizela will have to grasp the nettle or bring to book those responsible for this act. There has also

been a reported outcry in Manenberg and Uitsig, yet this government has deliberately ignored these residents concerned on the substandard renovation undertaken in these areas. The provision of decent housing is a constitutional requirement that shall take precedence at all times. This Adjusted Estimate discloses that the Western Cape Government is pumping millions of rands into consultants instead of addressing the housing needs of those who live in abject poverty. One would have expected that the Adjustment Estimate will entail key areas of housing development to mitigate illegal land occupation for which the DA consistently apportion blame to the ANC. I think on this issue the DA-led government must learn to take responsibilities of its own weaknesses.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Oh yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You have received a mandate from the citizens of this province.

An HON MEMBER: Overwhelmingly.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Overwhelmingly, yes, of course, but you keep on undermining that responsibility ... [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: So what are we doing wrong?

Mr K E MAGAXA: You keep on insulting the same people who voted for

you.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ag, come on.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Because you think that they just voted for you out of love.

An HON MEMBER: What? [Laughter.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You thought that they have an endless love for you or an unconditional love, you know. [Laughter.] Now I think you are supposed to take that mandate seriously. The fact that you consistently refuse to accept failures where you have failed instead of throwing that failure to the ANC that doesn't have any mandate to govern in this province.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: That is right.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You have to make it a point that people get land.

Mr D JOSEPH: Give more money.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You have to act where it is necessary at the right time.

An HON MEMBER: Will you still love me? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Now one would have expected that these Adjustments Estimates would entail key areas of housing development to mitigate illegal occupation, for which the DA considers apportioning blame to us. We note the cut in the housing budget as something which is highly problematic as this maintains the spatial inequalities for those who cannot afford to build houses themselves and are dependent on government for such provision. This reiterates the ANC's assertion that provision of housing is not and has never been a DA policy. It further unveils their not so hidden belief that our people should build their own houses and their [Inaudible.] is based on the undue apartheid privileges, which guaranteed that they have access to trust funds which our people clearly do not have. The actions of this government seek to sabotage the National Government priorities especially those responsible for issues affecting the marginalised in society as contained in the National Conditional Grant.

An HON MEMBER: Honourable, read the register.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Unlike other provinces such as Gauteng, which is the leading province in terms of provision of free houses... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Really?

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...the budget for housing in this province is limited to what we receive from the national department. In provinces such as Gauteng the house allocation is inclusive of other revenue generation, generated by

the province as well. This is due to the appreciation that the housing challenge is not only the responsibility of the National Government, but the provinces themselves also have a role to play... [Interjection.] ...in ensuring that people are afforded decent and proper housing. This goes to show that the justification imparted by the DA related to housing backlog in this province is not [Inaudible.] of the lack of political will on the part of government even though it gets physical allocation of R2 billion.

In the BM Section of Khayelitsha Site B, Minister Madikizela, residents lost their homes when their houses burnt down at the end of 2012. These people were relocated onto temporary accommodation and almost two years later they still reside in those temporary houses. They are still there.

An HON MEMBER: It is a sad story.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In Thabo Mbeki informal settlement in Philippi the Democratic Alliance misled us that the land which had been occupied by the residents, who had later been accommodated elsewhere, was private, and was not owned by government. I give credit to that Standing Committee including some of your people there. We have a dedicated collective ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, †Amaseko. *The pillars.

Mr K E MAGAXA: They exposed the reality. You know, that actually such land was not private land. It is only 25% of that land which belong to the

private sector. [Interjection.] Actually the big jab of that land belongs to both Province and City of Cape Town. [Interjections.] The residents of Thabo Mbeki informal settlement, who had been living on this property for years, had now been forced to settle elsewhere due to government refusal to address their needs. In fact when the ANC governed the City of Cape Town the then Mayor Nomaindia Mfeketo had plans to develop the area but these plans were held in reserve. When the DA took over - the good DA, the good DA... [Interjections.]

Mr R LENTIT: Go to the [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...reversed those plans... ... [Interjection.] and till today nothing has happened at Thabo Mbeki. You know why, it is because the DA is not committed to improve the quality life of black people in this province.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...and till today nothing has happened at Thabo Mbeki. You know why, it is because the DA is not committed to improve the quality of life of black people in this province.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, so true.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] does not tell Thabo Mbeki [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is not in their interest. They are punishing the same members of theirs who are frustrated including Minister Madikizela.

Ms S W DAVIDS: So true. ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I cannot blame Minister Madikizela for that poor performance. It is not his plight. It is because of the DA itself. The DA is a party that belongs to the rich [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The rich, yes. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I stopped even saying it serves the interest of the white. It does not even serve the interest of the poor white. It is solely responsible for the rich white.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja, right. ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Including its richest Premier, because the richest politician in this province is the Premier.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is Helen, Annemarie.

Mr K E MAGAXA: There is no politician in this province who is as rich as this Premier. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Dis 'n skande. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The ANC knows... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: People are suffering yet she is [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...there is an amount of R14 200 000 shifted for the provision of rates and taxes on vacant plots of lands. The Department could have built a minimum of 160 housing units on these vacant plots. Furthermore the funding allocation by the City of Cape Town for various sub-councils is extremely uneven to the detriment of poor areas. For example hundreds of millions are pumped into areas such as your Blaauwberg, Good Hope, while areas such as Chris Hani and Mitchells Plain are ignored. The core function of the Department of Human Settlements should be ... [Interjection.]

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

Ms B A SCHÄFER: I want to know if the member will take a question Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you prepared to take a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Kindly so.

The PREMIER: Okay, go on.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He will take a question. You may ask.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Has the hon member Mr Magaxa actually read the Budget?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue. The question was whether the member had in fact read the Budget.

Mr M N PAULSEN: That is a silly question.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, I did perfectly. Actually I am literate.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: You must be.

Ms M N GILLION: You are a literate person.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. The core function... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: The member had seen the Budget.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...of the Department of Human Settlements...
[Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Do not underestimate him.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...should be to provide decent housing to the people of this province; these ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They work labour camps.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...principal mandate.

An HON MEMBER: It is labour camps.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is preposterous that adjustments made to this department's Budget do not seek to address the core deliverables of the Department. Instead of building human settlements, Minister Madikizela under the DA umbrella uses the provision of these services as an instrument to obtain access to the black votes. The reason that even the housing in Oscar Mpetha ... [Interjection.]

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande, skande.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...are not occupied is because the DA is using each and every delivery - it is even frustrating the Department actually - as a mechanism to divide the community so that at the end of the day they get a portion of that particular community.

An HON MEMBER: Jo, Jo!

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is what they are doing. They are not having an interest. They undermine the same officials who are working day and night to improve the quality of those poor people. They are frustrating them by using each and every delivery... [Interjections.]

You can see that in PHB. They intervene in PHB in order to force the committees to appoint Chairpersons who will deliver to themselves personally.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, prove that. You must prove that. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: An indisputable fact is that when we governed this province we delivered a thousand more human dwellings per annum than this racist government cannot. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And what happened?

Mr K E MAGAXA: The ANC can never with the clearest of conscience support and gratify the DA's political agenda and consequential divide and rule. That is why we cannot - I like the Minister Madikizela. I know him, he is younger than me and I like the guy – unfortunately support this. I cannot

support this report on the basis that it undermines even himself.

[Interjections.]

It doesn't prioritise even his background where he has come from. I could cry if I can be used that way, if I can be used to such an extent that I undermine myself, my background, my community, my people ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Jo! That is a statement. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No more in Slovo. ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: There is a lot of noise about the housing database that my Chairperson, hon member Ms Maseko, is referring to. That database there they are making a noise about is only known to DA people.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Our people do not know that. [Interjections.] We do not know where it is kept, we do not know who is going to get a house, where,

when. [Interjections.] Instead he has used that information to achieve this particular objective, which is to buy votes in the African communities where they do not have other shares because they know for a fact that there are no African people who can support or vote DA, knowing for a fact that it does not represent their interests.

Mr R B LENTIT: There are many voters [Inaudible.] Many voters.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Also this land audit, our people are frustrated outside that. The reason that there is an occupation of land illegally is precisely because ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: No it is not illegal.

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. The reason that people are occupying is because of that lack of information. The land audit is only known to them. We do not know where is the land that is available to build houses. It is only known to the DA. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Magaxa. Your time has

now expired. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr M N PAULSEN: You are picking the one that says [Inaudible.]

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

An HON MEMBER: The ANC, yes.

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

An HON MEMBER: Of course.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I think the hon member of the ANC can keep that speech for the Budget speech, because he definitely does not know the difference between an appropriation adjustment and a budget speech. We are talking about 0.76% of adjusting the Budget... [Interjections.] ...and if you reject and refuse this Budget you must go and tell the people of Knysna: "I voted against the Budget." Go tell the people of Mossel Bay: "We voted against the Budget as the ANC." [Interjections.]

It is clearly that in your caucus you have decided to vote against everything.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And that is why you can... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Christians.

An HON MEMBER: And in your caucus [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is that a question?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is the hon member Mr Christians allowed to shout at the House here? He is busy shouting. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chair would ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Stop shouting now; you must talk.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The Chair will try... [Interjection.]
Order. The Chair will try and get the hon member Mr Christians to be slightly... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Stop shouting [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...low key; a lower key, but continue please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You can continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we know that housing is a big problem in the Western Cape but this is not the platform.

An HON MEMBER: We know that.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This is not the platform. The platform is here for the hon Minister Madikizela to say: "I want to make a slight adjustment." [Interjections.] The members do not know and I want to hear if the EFF is going to vote against this budget, because then I will tell the people in Knysna and in Mossel Bay that he has voted against the improvement of lives. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: He that says he represents the poor; he does not represent the poor. Minister, I hope, in conclusion I hope you are going to educate these members to tell them what the Adjustment is all about because they clearly do not know. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Chief Whip, you say you... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Makeleni, hon member Ms Dijana at the back there, you cannot make continuous commentary. Please allow him to finish. Hon member Mr Christians, continue.

An HON MEMBER: Your time has expired.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Please understand what this is all about. You have researchers. You have a man that was a Deputy Minister. All this expertise and yet you cannot contribute towards the debate. Shame on you! [Interjections.] Shame on you! [Interjections.] Shame on you! [Interjections.]

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

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I really want to address you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I do not want to [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! There is a point of order being raised and I cannot hear the member, please.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Is it possible that the honourable Speaker's Office can make a recommendation to the Premier that the ACDP member must be taken into the Cabinet because consistently he is speaking as if he is [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Fransman that is a...
[Interjections.] Order! Order! That is not a point of order. Please continue.
Please finish.

'n AGBARE LID: Ja man, moenie skinder nie.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I am looking at the facts. These members are not
looking at the facts. [Interjections.] Moenie vir ons wolhaarstories gee nie.
Gee vir ons die feite. Gee vir ons die feite. [Tussenwerpsels.]

If you read the Adjustment you will know what it is all about but you are
here to play a political game. Shame on you! Thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order, hon! [Applause.] Order! Hon
member Mr Paulsen. [Interjections.] Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: He is going down.

An HON MEMBER: You do not understand the Budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, before the hon member Mr Paulsen starts.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Oh no, not again.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want order in the House. Order! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] a solution. You do not even have a solution here... [Interjection.]

'n AGBARE LID: Uitstekend!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want order before we start. Hon member Mr Paulsen, you may start.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The hon member Mr Christians, his party only got 20 000 votes so he doesn't have a very huge audience out there. [Laughter.] He is not popular with the voters and I do not even think he is even popular with God. [Interjections.]

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

Mr M N PAULSEN: I was told... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Paulsen, I will not allow that. Please withdraw that. Please withdrew immediately.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Okay, I withdraw. Maybe he is popular with God.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I want you to withdraw immediately unconditionally.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I withdraw unconditionally.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not a joke; and then you may continue, please.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much. I was always told that government is like a big ship that takes very long to change its course. When it comes to human settlements it is more like that the Titanic. There is a massive backlog of housing and this government refuses to change course. We are setting the same targets and even if the housing demand stayed static it would take us 50 years to deliver homes to the poor in this province. This is a terrible story to tell, Minister Meyer. You have been doing the same thing year in and year out without any change. Isn't it time you tried something different?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But tell us, tell us what you would do.

Mr M N PAULSEN: We have given you some clues, build our own capacity through a provincial housing construction company, increase... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What? [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...increase the spend on training artisans and alternate construction methods. It is inhumane that poor people have this uncertainty as to whether they will have a home of their own one day.

An HON MEMBER: But you do support it?

Mr M N PAULSEN: You need to invest in a proper housing database that will give us accurate account of what the backlog is, because even there we do not have any confidence in your Department. The lack of delivery of this Department will be a direct cause of protest going into 2015. Be warned!

You must do everything to avoid this because it won't be pretty. We have labelled the Department of Human Settlements as a "Band-aid department" that has got no chance of addressing the dire needs of poorer communities. If we look at who really benefits from the awarding of housing construction project tenders, which seems to be the major function of this Department, we are justified in labelling this Department as a "Band-aid department". I have excluded you from the competition to give hon Minister Fritz and hon Minister Botha an opportunity to win, because you would win hands-down as the "Band-aid department" because your Department is useless when it comes to taking care of delivering housing to the poor.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has expired.
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Mr M N PAULSEN: The last sentence. As the vanguard of the poor and working class communities we have no alternative... [Interjections.] ...but to vote against this Budget. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has really expired now. The hon member Mr Hinana. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He is the Band-aid himself. [Interjections.]

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and I am pleased to say that... [Interjections.] ...the Standing Committee members who contributed to this Adjustment Budget and the MEC of Housing for leading this Department together with the Chairperson that their performance is well reckoned and I wanted to raise before I go to my speech that it should not an acceptable thing that the ANC thinks that it owns black people. Where you do not have the monopoly of other black people... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Only white people and black people [Interjections.]

Mr N E HINANA: ...that by virtue of being black you belong to the ANC and by virtue of being black you do not belong, you will never be a member of any organisation. You do not have the monopoly of any ethnic, racial and any members of the group, because everyone has got the right to belong to whatever political organisation he chooses.

The [Inaudible.] within the ANC of whenever a black person is standing up he is a sell-out and whenever a white person is saying the right thing he is racist, is a hypocrisy that helps to understand the ANC members that you are off the line. I wonder what are they saying - the white people who are in the ANC when such reckless statements are being ushered in, what do the black people say when they are in opposition with whatever the ANC is saying? Are they the sell-out? So the hypocrisy of the ANC is a trademark and it is a trend that is continuous. [Interjections.]

We support the Department's mandate to be effective agents of change in capacitating and supporting municipalities to optimally deliver housing opportunities. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Well we are [Inaudible.] for you too.

Mr N E HINANA: We support the Department's mandate to promote and develop integrated and sustainable settlement. Where we are having the problems in the housing delivery and the land invasion, the culprits would always be the members of African National Congress.

The reference that was made by hon member Mr Magaxa; he knows very well that the Steering Committee and the people who are spearheading that destabilisation in Oscar Mpetha are members of ANC so they will never, whenever they are outside, encourage people to destabilise the programme of the Department... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They are out...

Mr N E HINANA: ...and when they are here they apportion the blame to the MEC or to the Department that it lacks delivery. When we are saying that the elephant is Oscar Mpetha, I am saying that the buffalo is the ANC, because it is the one persuading the people not to occupy the houses. The houses have been there and when the Minister was about to hand over to the beneficiaries, ANC members were the ones who destabilised the whole process, hence we are today having the houses that are standing there unoccupied.

We welcome the appointment of the internal control staff to oversee the project and cash flow for various programmes of the Department, but we do have as well the challenges that are confronting the process that we were all backing. Like the land invasion. If we talk of the area called Isakana, the people who are staying in Isakana are people who have the houses; they were given the houses and because they want to use the housing as a transaction they go and occupy land illegally and today, whenever the rain is falling, they are the ones who stand up, including the ANC members, saying: "Look how the DA is neglecting the people in the informal settlement". But they are [Inaudible.] that they go and occupy land illegally. As in the case of Marikana, you may say here that we are not in association with Ses'khona. It is only a person who does not want to believe a truth, who is also believing a lie; that we are not associated with Ses'khona and Ses'khona is encouraging people to occupy and invade land illegally and tomorrow would come out and

say: 'We need water. We need electricity. We need sanitation.' As much as that is one of the primary mandates that people should be given the standard services, we cannot allow people to jump the queue and make themselves out to be the victims so that they get housing before the people who are already on the database in the queue because of the insistence of saying that we must get all those services. It means that the people who are legally in the queue to benefit from the housing delivery had to stand... [Interjection.] ...should stand at the back, take the back seat. Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] The queue, the queue.

Mr N E HINANA: Last year when the fire destroyed 1 357 homes in Kayamandi Zone 0, and critically one person was killed, if you remember, and the lives of 4 509 people were adversely affected, the quick response of the Department was such that within two weeks the municipality of Stellenbosch provided temporary shelter in two community halls for the affected residents. We commend the Municipality and the Department for their excellent and proactive work within the said two weeks; the devastated and burnt homes were declared and rebuilding of the community started and today whenever there is a fire ravaging an area, the Department provides people with the kit to rebuild their houses, because where we are governing we always say we are governing very well because we are a caring [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!, please finish off your sentence, your time

has expired.

Mr N E HINANA: Yes, thank you, I therefore move that as the Democratic Alliance and the members of the Steering Committee we do support the Appropriation Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member.

An HON MEMBER: Not all the members.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela to reply.

An HON MEMBER: Not all the members [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to start by agreeing 100% with hon member Mr Christians that... [Interjections.] Can he... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Mr Paulsen, please allow the Minister to speak.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I want to start by agreeing 100% with hon member Mr Christians that perhaps the member of the Opposition did not know the difference between the Adjustments and the Main Budget and we are here dealing with adjustments. But let me deal with

some of the things that he raised, because it is quite shocking if you look at the lack of understanding by the member who just spoke of what needs to be done. During my input in terms of the Adjustment I made mention of the fact that we are going to use this money for bulk services and he is complaining that we are not prioritising construction of houses.

The member must understand that you cannot build any houses if there is no bulk infrastructure because before you build houses you must make sure that those people would be able to flush their toilets and they would be able to have services connected to their houses. That is critical. In fact that is a ticking time bomb, not only in this province but in this country. The infrastructure backlog that we need to address in this province alone is more than R30 billion, and it is high time that we start prioritising that particular challenge, because if we do not we will not be able to build any houses anywhere.

An HON MEMBER: Now you know [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But you cannot build houses before bulk. [Interjections.] So that is the first thing that you need to do before you build houses. That is why we prioritise the provision of bulk infrastructure.

Regarding the second point that the member is raising, and again it is very, very important that you do your research before you come here. You speak

about Gauteng being the best province. In fact, if you look at the current performance of all provinces, Gauteng is the worst performing province as we speak together with Free State and Limpopo. Now you must really... [Interjection.] ...get those figures because it clearly shows that you have your facts incorrect. [Interjections.]

Now let me speak broadly about some of... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Well, we do not have this [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: ...some of the assertions that are normally made by the ANC about how well they delivered etcetera, etcetera. Now let me share... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Minister Winde and the hon member Mr Paulsen, please stop the dialogue there.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Let me share with the House and these members the reality of the situation when you look at the legacy and the delivery of the ANC. When I took over this Department there were about 44 projects that were blocked, blocked! Now these are the projects where... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second, is that a point of order or a

question? Do you want to [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: I just want to know if the MEC is prepared to take a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you prepared to take a question Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Thank you, Minister Madikizela. We have heard the issue around the 44 blocked projects. You did say it a month ago, so I think we can park that. Is there any truth in the fact that about R400 million to R600 million is sent back by the City of Cape Town because of non-delivery? Just factually, the issue.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Well it is not true, I think I mentioned that. Let me answer this question specifically. In the City of Cape Town the Treasury earmarked R1,385 billion in anticipation for assignment in terms of Level 3, but that was done after the business plans had been compiled and sent to the national department. Now in terms of the City's

business plan it was equivalent to R783 million. We then negotiated with the City and said out of the earmarked allocation we would want to use some of this money to fund our business plans because that would have meant that if all that R1,385 billion went to the City there was going to be a shortfall to fund other business plans and other municipalities. We then agreed with the City and that is why I mentioned this earlier.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: [Inaudible.] some of it was moved.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no, come again?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The money was brought back.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, brought back to us as the province and we are now funding our business plans that we have already sent to the national Department because when that earmarked allocation came the business plan had already been sent and we are now funding our provincial projects and business plan outside the City of Cape Town. So it was not sent back because of non-delivery.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: That is the [Inaudible.] partners.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No it is a fact and I can provide that information for you. That is a fact. Now let me come to the delivery record of this former government.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I need to mention this because you keep on mentioning this good record and number of houses that you built. Now let me mention this issue of 44 blocked projects. That affected more than 15 000 families. Now in these blocked projects the money had been used and these houses were counted as delivery. They were counted by the ANC as houses that have been delivered, which was not the case. And the reason for that is because at the time we were not required to provide the portfolio of evidence by AG. So what the ANC did was they spent the money willy-nilly and then they thumb-sucked figures and said: “We have delivered so many houses.” And according to the FIU report that delivery could not be verified anyway. That is what they did.

Now we had to spend more than R200 million to unblock those projects so that those 15 000 families could have a roof over their heads.

'n AGBARE LID: Skande!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And that is the reality.

An HON MEMBER: We got to R200 million.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, we spent R200 million

over the last five years to unblock the projects on PHP.

An HON MEMBER: For consultants.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no, not for consultants, for service providers, particularly the emerging contractors. Service delivery in the emerging contractor space in order for them to unblock those projects.

Secondly we have spent more than R42 million over the last five years over and above the blocked projects, rectifying [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: How much did you pay Filcon?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...houses that were built by the ANC that were falling apart over and above the R200 million and mind you, the demand was much more than R42 million but we could not spend more than that. In fact the demand is still there as we speak. Now this is the legacy of this former government that is pretending to be caring for people.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Madikizela, there is - is it a point of order or do you want to ask a question?

Mr M N PAULSEN: It is a question.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no let me finish my

response.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister is not prepared to take a question. Please continue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now that is the legacy of this former government in this province that claims to have delivered, that claims to care for people. Now let me again answer another question, which I think is very, very important for me to answer here, because hon member Mr Dugmore through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, mentioned the fact that the number of houses that we are building are decreasing, and it is quite correct and I will tell him why it is the case. [Interjections.]

In fact it is not only decreasing in the Western Cape. It is a national phenomenon.

An HON MEMBER: It is worse in the Western Cape.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, it is not. It is not. Let me tell you the reason why. If for example you look at 2006/2007 financial year the budget was about a billion rand for human settlements and the subsidy at the time was R47 000 per unit. Now in 2013/2014 you have a budget of about R1,9 billion, which means the budget has grown since then up until now by R900 million, but the subsidy has grown more than three times, because the subsidy now is between R115 000 and R130 000. So you do not need to be a

rocket scientist to understand that the subsidy increase... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But they will not understand.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...in fact the overall budget increase has not kept up with the subsidy increase which means we are now spending more money per unit which affects the number of houses that we are building. Now coming to the honourable member and that is by the way [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: How much have you spent on the flats compared to [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I think you better tell him about it because he cannot [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now that is a very important question.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Explain it.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Again if you look at how we are spending our money; there are 16 programmes within our Housing Code, because I know all these focus on IRDP which is one programme of building

top structures. There are 16 programmes within the Housing Code and one of those programmes is EHP or rectification of houses that are falling apart. I spoke partly about R42 million that we spent to rectify those houses but over and above that we have community residential units or CRU blocks of flats. That leaves much to be desired in terms of the conditions of those flats and the City took a conscious decision to say we are going to put money aside so that we can upgrade [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: How much of the budget?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I am going to answer that.

An HON MEMBER: Who built those houses that are falling apart?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And then the City said we are going to upgrade these CRUs. They put R200 million aside... [Interjections.] [Laughter.] They put R200 million aside... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who built those houses [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I am trying to answer that question. They put R200 million aside per financial year in order to deal with that problem and they have done that in a number of areas, because you have to strike the balance. You cannot have a situation where some members of the communities are living in houses that are falling apart and pretend as if that

is not a problem.

An HON MEMBER: That is why you built few houses.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So that also contributed, yes, because you are using the very same budget to spread it across and use it for different programmes. Now let me say then to hon member Mr Paulsen, because clearly he does not understand... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is the thing [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: He does not understand the principles of budgeting. When you budget, hon member, it is a bottom-up approach. We do not sit in offices and decide we are going to build 10 000 houses this year. No, no. [Interjection.] [Laughter.]

One, we look at the available resources, because you must remember we will never have enough money, as much as we understand the point that you are making that the backlog is huge. Let me tell you, in order for us to deal with the current backlog in the Western Cape alone of just over 500 000 people, we will need no less than R82 billion.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Take that R300 million from the Premier.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now R82 billion rands are

more than two times the budget of this whole government. Now we can never spend all that money in one area, which is human settlements.

An HON MEMBER: President Zuma must [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now secondly, when we budget we look at what is allocated to us and then it becomes a bottom-up approach where business plans from all the municipalities must speak to the budget. You cannot have business plans that are way above the budget that is available to us... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You must ask them what they can give you [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So that is why we are building the number of houses that we are building, that must be understood that it has nothing to do with unwillingness as hon member Mr Magaxa said, but it has everything to do with the available resources that we have. Now... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is your friends.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now I would not want to entertain a number of things, but as I am sitting down I do want to say this to the hon member Mr Magaxa, that we fully understand that we have an obligation as government in terms of the Constitution to provide houses, but

please do not quote Constitution in the way that suits you. If you look at Section 26 of the Constitution... [Interjections.] Yes. [Interjections.] No-no-no, I want to repeat it for you again, if you look... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Because we will leave another one and that [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no-no, if you look in Section 26(2) it is saying: “the State must take legislative responsibility in terms of building houses, but within its available resources; within its available resources...” So the Constitution does not give us a blank cheque and the reality is that if you listen to the Budget speech by the national Minister it will tell you that we do not have luxury of resources to do everything that you dream for us to do.

An HON MEMBER: When can we have the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Madikizela. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the next Order. [Interjections.]

7. Debate on Vote 5 – Health - *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister of Education, Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Madam Premier, members of the House, today I am requesting this House to approve an adjustment in the Education budget to accommodate new funding and for other minor adjustments. I believe likewise the ANC did not oppose this budget in the Standing Committee. Thank you for that.

An HON MEMBER: No! Hey Jo!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In terms of this Vote the Budget of the WCED will increase... [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, can I please be heard?

An HON MEMBER: You provoke the ANC.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I did not provoke anyone. Wait until I really start.

An HON MEMBER: You provoke the ANC.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In terms of this Vote the Budget of the WCED will increase by R601 386 000 to bring the Adjusted Budget for the

year to just over R17 billion. We are very grateful for this especially in the current economic climate. The main highlights of this Adjustment Budget are the following:

Firstly, an amount of R397 676 000 has become available for the education infrastructure grant for the purpose of the Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative, or ASIDI. This initiative has been a wonderful collaborative project between the WCED and DBE which sees the replacement of old school buildings that were built with inappropriate materials during the apartheid era with new modern school structures.

This year alone we have seen eight replacement schools completed with a further 16 ASIDI schools due for completion next year. The Western Cape is the only province that manages the funding of the ASIDI programme. All other provinces ASIDI funding is managed by the DBE on their behalf. I am very pleased to announce that because of the Western Cape's exemplary planning and implementation of this and our own infrastructure projects, Treasury has awarded the WCED after a thorough moderation process, over R117 million additional funding for the 2015/16 financial year for infrastructure. [Interjections.]

This allocation is performance based in other words this additional funding was given to the WCED for its performance and execution in delivering schools. This additional funding will enable us to build a further three schools in the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Is that enough?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, it is never enough.

An HON MEMBER: Why are you closing schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Secondly the Provincial Treasury...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why are you closing schools?

The SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: Build 13 schools!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Secondly the Provincial Treasury has also moved a total of... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not follow Grant and close the schools. He was a joke [Inaudible.] [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Closing schools is National Government's policy.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Please continue Minister Schäfer. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You just want to [Inaudible.] all the time. It is not.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Well, you should talk, hon member Mr Dugmore, you did not consult when you closed schools. Secondly the Provincial Treasury has also moved a total of R57 907 000 to Education of which R4,82 million has been allocated for the expansion of the internal control component. Our Internal Control Unit has done excellent work in overseeing our financial management in particular. The expansion of this component is important as it is there to ensure better internal controls which will assist in ensuring better audit outcomes. While we did receive an unqualified audit this past financial year... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer just one second. Hon member Mr Fransman?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, is the MEC prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer are you prepared to take a question?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not at this stage. Please continue.

An HON MEMBER: Wow! That is terrible. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The expansion of this component is important as it is there to ensure better internal controls which will assist in ensuring better audit outcomes. While we received an unqualified audit this past year there is always room for improvement and there is a huge amount to be controlled in a department such as this.

Thirdly, the Provincial Treasury has also allocated approximately R53 million to Education this year for our Broadband e-Education Project. This money has been allocated to an exciting initiative that is currently in its initial phase of roll-out to schools. Early next year the WCED will be announcing details of our e-learning strategy for Education, which includes the roll-out of broadband to schools and poor schools will be prioritised. This is part of a collaborative project with a number of government departments such as the Department of the Premier.

Fourthly, in preparation for this roll-out the WCED procured tablets for a pilot at two of our MOD Centres as part of the Year Beyond Project. R2 million was allocated from the Department of the Premier towards this.

Fifthly, rollover funds from the 2013/14 financial year include R144 334 000

for committed expenditure in respect of the Technical Secondary Schools Recapitalisation Conditional Grant, Education Infrastructure Grant and HIV/Aids Life Skills and Education Grant. Another adjustment includes R531 000 to the Department of Transport and Public Works for the lease of accommodation for the Human Resources component of the WCED.

This Adjustment Budget does reflect some internal shifts to cover a shortfall of R97 million needed for salaries in the current financial year. The WCED went through extraordinary lengths to meet this shortfall which is needed to cover the higher than anticipated cost of living adjustment for 2014/2015.

The ongoing negotiation of above inflation increases at a national level and expecting provinces to accommodate them in our Budgets is posing extreme challenges in our planning processes. There is no doubt that we face tough financial pressures at the moment. We have to do more with less and I would like to thank the Department for making every effort to effect savings and efficiencies which have enabled us to do extraordinary things with limited resources. Some of these extraordinary things include the paying out of over R44 million to fee paying schools in compensation for fee exemptions granted in 2013.

An HON MEMBER: Pro-poor.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This is over 100% more than the WCED paid out four years ago and is indicative of the tough economic circumstances many of our parents and subsequently our schools also currently find

themselves in. It is also the product of excellent management by our SG Penny Vinjevold and her team, for which I say thank you and well done.

An HON MEMBER: Where are they?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I do not know. In 2014/15... [Interjections.]... They are busy running the Department. They have things to do. [Interjections.] We are actually early for the debate. They are probably running the Department, like they should be.

In 2014/15 our commitment to the poor was evident, again, when all no-fee schools in national quintiles 1, 2, 3 received the same increased amount of R1 059 per learner, which will contribute meaningfully to improving resources critical to the teaching and learning experience of these schools and funding top-ups at over 300 fee-paying schools serving less affluent communities increased to the value of R11 million. A significant and widely supported initiative that was introduced this financial year was the supporting of 216 fee-paying schools serving poor communities to become no-fee schools.

The WCED budgeted R45 million to support these schools. Given the many challenges Education faces every day and that many of our initiatives are aimed at assisting our poorest schools financially it is quite an achievement that this Adjustment Budget is so straightforward. This reflects the commitment and innovation of our financial managers and I would also like

to thank Mr Eli and his team in that regard.

I am also appreciative of Treasury and our colleagues in Provincial Government for working with us to ensure quality education as well as the Standing Committee and hon member Mr Kivedo, their Chairperson. As the post rings tighten I look forward to engaging with these departments further to find innovative and creative solutions to improving education outcomes in this province. Thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Schäfer. The hon member Mr Kivedo.

An HON MEMBER: Let us hear your five minutes sweetheart.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Madam Premier and Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: He is pressing it.

Mr B D KIVEDO: It affords me great pleasure as Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education to respond to the inputs given by Minister Debbie Schäfer on Vote 5 of the Appropriation Bill. The reasons, motivation, rationale and objectives for affecting the Adjustments in this vote are justified. [Interjections.]

Given the transparent and accountable thoughts of the Western Cape Education Department in terms of strategic financial and operational management there is no doubt in my mind that the additional allocations are needs-specific and will address, adjust, improve and redress the prevalent deficiencies and shortcomings within the educational sector. [Interjection.]

Dit vul my met vreugde en genoegdoening dat in terme van die verskuiwings van gelde 'n goeie balans in soverre dit die uitvoering van dienslewering betref, bereik is. Gelde is geallokeer waar die behoefte die grootste is en dit sluit in onder andere skoolinfrastruktuur, herstelwerk, opgradering, die uitwissing van infrastrukturele agterstande, herkapitalisering van tegniese skole, dienste aan gestremdes, breë-band e-onderrig sowel as 'n sterk fokus op vaardigheidsskole en EFF - ek is jammer, FET (VOO). [Gelag.] Jissie, waar is die man? Dis goed hy is nie hier nie. FETs, Verdere Onderwys en Opleiding. Dit op sigself is... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Dit wys hoe mens se kop maar werk, né. Dit opsigself is uitsonderlik aangesien dit aan leerders wat nie akademies binne die konvensionele skoolverband presteer nie, die geleentheid vir die aanleer van beter praktiese vaardighede bied. [Tussenwerpsels.] Sodoende word aan die diesulkes die geleentheid verleen om hul volle potensiaal optimaal te ontwikkel en die beste te word en verdere waarde tot hul eie lewens by te voeg.

Die klem op familiegeletterdheid, ABET, sal regstreeks tot sosiale

ontwikkeling lei, loopbaangerigheid aanwakker, werkskepping en inkomstegenerering aanhelp en sodoende misdaadvlakke verlaag. Dit is verder my diepste wens dat die matriekklas van 2014 ons weereens trots sal maak en ons bid die res van die leerders sterkte met hulle eksamens toe en antisipeer 'n goeie uitkoms.

'n AGBARE LID: Klaar. Gaan sit.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Finally, what is heartening is that emphasis is placed on the training and capacitation of school governing bodies, educators and parents. This is in line with the golden democratic rule of public participation, groundswell and coalface engagement and interaction with one of the most significant rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, namely education.

In conclusion I would love to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Minister of Education, Debbie Schäfer and her team; the Superintendent-General, Ms Penny Vinjevold and all of the officials of the WCED [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And the MEC.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Especially our teaching fraternity, parents, learners, school governing bodies, donors, benefactors of our school, all Standing Committee members, the multi-party Standing Committee members who work in tandem. I appreciate your cooperation, guidance and assistance; Committee

coordinators, the research and media staff; interpreters and the technical staff.

'n AGBARE LID: Dit sal die MEC wees.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Wishing you all a well deserved rest and I think you all deserve it. [Interjections.] Want julle het gister baie gehardloop hoor, julle is moeg. Julle het baie vinnig hier uitgehardloop, mense, teen 'n spoed! [Gelag.] So I wish you a well-deserved rest. If you need some Zam-Buk salb or Kroon salb, I will supply you, Ingram is also alright, hey, ointment. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Jy hardloop onder Zille.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Wishing you a well-deserved rest and may you and your loved ones enjoy a blessed peaceful and joyous festive season. If you need to run, hon member Ms Davids, run to us my dear.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Never!

Mr B D KIVEDO: Aha. [Interjections.] After all [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: After all that has been said and done, I move that this House adopts this Appropriation Bill as it will only be to the benefit of all

the people in the Western Cape. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Kivedo. The hon member Mr Olivier. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Come through to what? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, they chose. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Sekela Somlomo. Mandibulele ngeli thuba. Kudala sililindile eli thuba ngoba besibuzwa ukuba siyalwazi na uhlehlengiso lohlahlo mali. Siza kukhe sizame ke sicalule kolu hlehlengiso lohlahlo mali, sifundise naba balugqugula bebodwa. Okokuqala Somlomo kuthiwa masixhase olu hlehlengiso lohlahlo mali, kodwa ndifuna ukuveza nje izinto zibe ntathu ezibanga ukuba singulo mbutho sibe nexhala, esizibuza ngokwethu ukuba kutheni kusithiwa masixhase kodwa sibe sinezi nkxalabo sinazo.

Okokuqala sisusa imali esingayisebenzisanga kwiNkqubo 2 engange R5 izigidi, asiyisebenzisanga siyisusa ngaphaya siyizise kwesi sabelo. Kuthiwa ziisenti ke ngokutsho kwabo, yinkxalabo yokuqala ke leyo. Eyesibini endiza kuthetha ngayo yinkxalabo xa sibona izikolo zethu, uthi xa ujonga kweliya cala ubone umntwana edlala ngaphaya kwesikolo. Kuthiwa ziingcango,

akukho neengcango, kodwa asikwazi ukusebenzisa imali engange R138 634 lezigidi engasetyenziswanga nayo iye yeqqithiswa. Ukugqithiswa kwale mali kuthetha ukuba ikho into engenziwanga ebifanele ukuba yenziwe. Siza kuhamba ngazo ke nganye nganye ze sithi xa sifika kwisihlomelo sizibonakalise zonke iimpazamo ezibangele ukuba le mali ili R138 lezigidi ingasetyenziswa. Yeyesibini inkxalabo esinayo leyo. Ilapha ke, lolu hlengahlengiso, asikafiki kwisabelo sisajonge uhhlengahlengiso, ingesiso isabelo esikhulu.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. We have long been waiting for this opportunity because we have been asked if we knew anything about the adjustment budget. We will try and analyse this adjustment budget, and even teach those that discuss it alone in their caucus. Firstly, Mr Deputy Speaker, they say we must support this adjustment budget, but I just want to bring to attention three things that make us worry, as this organisation, which we ask ourselves; why they say we must support while we have these concerns.

Firstly, we move money, to the tune of R5 million that we did not use over from Programme 2. We did not use it and we move it over to this appropriation. It is cents, according to them, that is our first concern. The second I am going to talk about is the concern that when we see our schools, when you look that side you see a child playing on the other side of the school. They say there are no doors, but we cannot use money to the tune of

R138 634 million that was not used and we move it over. The moving over of this money means there are things that were supposed to be done that were not done.

We will therefore go through them one by one and when we get to the addendum we will show all the mistakes that caused this amount of R138 634 million not to be used. That is the second concern we have. It is here, in this adjustment, we have not come to the appropriation yet, we are still looking at the adjustment, not the main appropriation.

†I am still dealing with the adjustment, not the main appropriation.

An HON MEMBER: And hon member Mr Christians is taking notes.
[Laughter.]

†Sihambe sibone ukuba phaya kwiishits and variaments, uhambe uhle nazo ke. Ugqithe ke siphinde, enye inkxalabo enkulu esiyifumanayo yeyokuba siphinde sanikwa enye imali nguzwelonke. Usinike ama R397 ezigidi ...(Uphazamiseko.) Yeyabarhafi, kodwa niyini kwa kuvimba olawulwa nguzwelonke. Sininika imali yenu, yamkeleni. Esiqonda ukuba ke anizukukwazi ukuyisebenzisa, isizathu ke siza kulandela kuba i R138 lezigidi anikwazanga kulisebenzisa sele niligqithisile. Ngoku ninikwa ngaphezulu, endingaziyo nokuba niza kukwazi na ukuyisebenzisa, kodwa ngokunokwethu anizukukwazi ukuyisebenzisa, siqinisekile ngaloo nto.

Masigqithe Mphathiswa ekufuneka akhe, izindlu, masigqithe. (Kuyahlekwa).
 Xa sigqitha xa uyijongile iyonke le mali li R144 lezigidi ekufumaniseka ukuba igqithisiwe. Masiyijonge ukuba isuka phi, enye yale mali. I R5 sezigidi
 *sisuka kwi ... ndiza kuyifunda ngesiNgesi ukuze siyibone

*We go on and see that when we look at the shifts and variants, you scroll down them. We move on, and again another big concern to us is that we have been given more money by national. They have given us R397 million ... [Interjection.] It is taxpayers' money, but it is given to you from the coffers of the national government. We are giving you your money, accept it. We understand then that you will not be able to use it. The reason will follow because you have not been able to use R138 634 million and you have already transferred it. Now you are being given more, which I do not know whether you will be able to use, but according to us you will not be able to use it, we are sure of that.

Let us move on, MEC who has to build houses. Let us move on. [Laughter.] When we move on, when you look at this whole amount of R144 million which we found to have been transferred. Let us look where this comes from, some of this money, R5 million comes from I will read this in English so that we can see it.

†Funds have been rolled over from the 2013/14 financial year in respect of technical secondary school recapitalisation conditional grant.

†Kwenzeke ntoni apha? UMphathiswa makasiphendule. Le mali kutheni ingasetyenziswanga kule nto bebethe baza kuyenza ngokunokwabo? Yinkxalabo ke leyo, ngakumbi kule ndima sikuyo ngoku ngoba abantwana bethu sithi sifuna bafunde. Sithi kakade ukubetha indlala, ...nelungu elibekekileyo phaya uMnu Mnqasela ebekhe wayigxininisa into yokuba indlala ibethwa xa abantu befumana imisebenzi befundile. Ngoba ke xa ujonganga ngoku kukho izinto ezingenziwayo ngemali ebezifanele ukuba zenziwe, ikamva labo bantwana ukuba babheke phambili liba mfiliba. Masijonge ngoku ukuba eli R 138 lezigidi, mhlawumbi elibe negalelo nalo kwezi ngxaki sinazo. Ndifuna siyijonge apha kwezi zihlomelo. Ndilunikwe nini olu hlengahlengiso, asilolwam ngoko ndifunda into yenu. Okokuqala xa ujonganga iSikolo saMabanga aPhantsi iTsitsa, eso sikolo kwakuthiwe siza kunikezelwa ngomhla we 16 kuNovemba. Andilwazi ke usuku kodwa xa ujonganga imali esetyenzisiweyo phaya ngama R24 ezigidi kuma R40 ezigidi, yaye isekhona imali ekufuneka isetyenzisiwe, kwaye esiya sikolo asikanikezelwa. Yinto ethetha ukuba ke abaya bantwana bekufanele ukuba bayaqala kwesiya sikolo abazukukwazi ukufunda. Yinto ethetha ukuba ke basahleli kweziya meko sizaziyo eziza kubangela ukuba kuthathwe esiya sigqibo sasithathwe nguMphathiswa uGrant kuvalwe izikolo. Umzekelo eValhalla Park, apho abantwana kuthiwa mabahambe ngeenyawo ukubheka eBishop Lavis bahambe ngokwamaqela abantwana abancinci. Yinto esiyithethayo leyo, esicela ukuba mayiphendulwe. Okwesibini

..(Uphazamiseko. Okwesibini, iSikolo saMabanga aPhantsi iMvumelwano besimelwe ukuba sinikezelwe ngomhla we 10 Juni 2006. Akukho nento ebonisayo ukuba kukho uhlahlo mali. Kuthiwa ke xa siphendulwa loo nto imisiwe, yenziwe ephambili ngokutsha.

Masigiqithe, ndifuna nje silungise. Besifuna ukuyixhasa le nto kodwa xa sibona into enje kufuneka ukuba sibuze imibuzo. Masigqitheni, ngoba kaloku nifuna sinixhase, masimamele. Isikolo iTouwsratten eEden, Karoo, besimele ukuba sinikezelwe ngomhla we 15. Kwimali ebibekiwe ke yi R7 izigidi, kusetyenziswe kuphela i R3 sezigidi. Kusekho i R4 izigidi engekasetyenziswa, asikagqitywa eso sikolo. Bekuthiwe ke siza kunikwa ingxelo, asazi ke asikayinikwa liSebe. Ugqithe ke, iSikolo saMabanga aPhantsi iDelta bekumele ukuba sinikezelwe ngoJulayi 2014, asikagqitywa eso sikolo kusasetyenziswe kuphela i R3 izigidi kuma R33 ezigidi.

Ngoko ke into esiyibuzayo kukuba yintoni kanye le kuthiwa masiyixhase xa kufumaniseka ukuba kugqithiselwa i R138 lezigidi, ninikwa ama R397 ezigidi kwimali yenu enithi yeyenu niyininikwe nguzwelonke? Siyavuma niza kuyisebenzisa njani xa nixakwe yile incinci nithi ngamandonomane xa nithethayo ningakwazi kuyisebenzisa? Ngoko sifuna ukuba uMphathiswa xa ephendula azame ukuphendula nalapho. (Uphazamiseko) Andiyiboni, andiyiboni kakuhle.

Enye into esiyiqaphelayo kwalapha, imali eninzi egqithiswayo yimali ekwimpahla neenkonz, esibona ukuba lo rhulumente yindawo afihla kuyo imali. Siyibonile indawo enifihlakuyo imali kuba zizigidi eziphuma phaya, kuhlawulwe nabasebenzi kwimali ekuthiwa, xa siyifunda ke apha ngesiNgesi kuthiwa yimali engaphezulu kwesibonelelo sobutyebi besizwe. Andazi ke ukuba siza kuyihlawula ngaluphi na uhlobo, kodwa xa sithetha sithi sitshintsha imali ibheka kwelo cala. Ngoko ke Mphathiswa ngaloo mazwi sivile. Besifuna ukuyixhasa into yenu, sohlulakala ngenxa yaloo mibuzo saqonda ukuba asinakuyixhasa into efana nale.

Into enje ayinakuxhaseka, ngakumbi xa ukwindawo yesine ngokwematriki enithethe ngayo. Ngaske sibe kwindawo yokuqala kulo nyaka, benisithembise ngolo hlobo.

Okwesibini ndiyacela kwilungu elilodwa elongezelelweyo kuni uMnu Christians ukuba akhe asinike eyakhe indawo yombutho wakhe. Makayeke ukugxeka iANC kuba asiphethanga kweli phondo, mhlawumbi uyilibele loo nto. Okanye ke mhlawumbi ebecinga ukuba asiwazi uMthetho oYilwayo woLwabiwo , siyawazi. Yimali ehlengahlengiswayo apha phakathi enyakeni ekubonakala ukuba mayisetyenziswe kwezinye iindawo ngokwezinto eziphambili. Ngoko andiboni ke ...(Uphazamiseko) Andiboni ukuba singayixhasa imeko elolu hlobo.

What has happened here? The MEC has to answer us. Why was this money not used for what they said they would use it, according to them? That is a concern, especially in the space we are now in because we say we want our children to be educated. We say to beat poverty ... even the hon member Mr Mnqasela did emphasise that poverty is beaten when people get jobs and they are educated.

Because when you look now there are things that were supposed to be done with the money that are not done, and the future of those children becomes bleak. Let us now look at how this R138 million, perhaps which had a contribution to the problems we are facing worked. I want us to look at that in these annexures. I was given this adjustment by you, it is not mine, I am reading your thing. Firstly when you look at Tsitsa Primary School, it was said that school was going to be handed over on the 16th of November. I do not know the date but when you look, the money spent is R24 million out of R40 million, and there is money still to be used, and that school has not been handed over yet. That means the children who were supposed to have started at that school will not be able to learn. That means they are still in the condition we know, that will lead to the taking of the decision that was taken by MEC Grant to close schools. For example in Valhalla Park, where children are told to walk to Bishop Lavis, for small children to go in groups. That is what we are asking, and we want a response.

Secondly, Mvumelwano Primary School was supposed to be handed over on the 10th June 2006. There is not even a sign of a budget. The response we get is that that process has been suspended, it has been reprioritised.

Let us move on, I just want us to mend things. We were willing to support this, but when we see something like this we must ask questions. Let us move on, because you want us to support, let us listen. Touwsratten School in Eden, Karoo was supposed to be handed over on the 15th. From the money that was set aside, R7 million only R3 million was used. There is still R4 million that is not used, that school is not yet finished. It was said we will be given a report, we do not know, we have not been given one by the department. Move on then; Delta Primary School was supposed to have been handed over in July 21014, that schools has not yet been completed, and only R3 million of R33 million has been used.

So what we are asking is what is it that we are asked to support when you find that R138 million is being moved over. You are given R397 million from your money that you claim to be yours, has been given by national government?, We agree. How are you going to use the money while you had a problem with the small amount you call peanuts that you could not use? Therefore we want that when the MEC responds she must try to answer that as well ...[Interjection.] I do not see it. I do not see it well.

Another thing we have noted here is that a lot of money that is moved over is from goods and services and we note that that is where this governments hides money. We have seen where you hide the money because millions that come from there, and employees are paid, from money that is called, when we read it here in English is above the national resources grant. I do not know how we are going to pay it, but when we speak we say we change money and direct it to that side. Therefore, MEC with those words, we have heard. We were willing to support your thing, we could not because of those questions and saw that we could not support something like this. Something like this cannot be supported, when you are in fourth position with matric ratings that you spoke about. We wish you to be in the first position this year, that is what you promised us.

Secondly, I appeal to the hon lone member who has been added to you, the hon member Mr Christians to give us his own position, of his party. He must stop blaming the ANC because we are not ruling in this province, maybe he has forgotten that. Or perhaps he thought we do not know the Appropriation Bill. We know it. It is money that is adjusted here in the middle of the year that needs to be used in other spaces in terms of priorities. Therefore I do not see ...[Interjection.] I do not see that we can support such a situation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon member Ms Lorraine Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, as noted before... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: This was a deputy [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: ...and to emphasize, the DA supports the Adjustments Appropriation Budget for the Western Cape Education Department. We support overall planning for and management of the education system. We support education in public ordinary schools. We welcome support to independent schools. We support education in public, special schools. We support further education and training at public FET Colleges. We support adult education and training in community learning centres. We support early childhood development in Grade R. We support training opportunities for teachers. We support the targeted food programme and other poverty alleviation and safety measures and we welcome support to teachers... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are taking money from the public school [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms L J BOTHA: ...through provision of basic conditions of service, incentives and an employee wellness programme. The aforementioned characterises what the Western Cape Education Department aims to do with their allocated Budget. Any public representative who does not support this

Adjustment Appropriation most certainly does not support these aims.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Just answer the questions that have been asked.

Ms L J BOTHA: Shame on you, hon member Mr Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Just answer the questions [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are not listening!

Ms L J BOTHA: Our children and adult learners are in dire need...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: ...of quality education, yet you reject the Adjustments Appropriation Budget to the Department which is making significant strides in providing access to this quality education.

Ms M N GILLION: Answer the questions.

Ms L J BOTHA: We commend the efforts and successes attained by this Department.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, the Minister is going to answer them all [Inaudible.]

Ms L J BOTHA: The Department has made a concerted effort to support learners and parents and hence there are parents from neighbouring provinces who seek to enrol their children in our Western Cape schools, member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.] school South Africa, one South Africa.

Ms L J BOTHA: This is a sure indication that the WCED is doing things right. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: For this reason... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! There is too much running commentary from this side. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, I can identify you, but there are also other members whom I cannot see now.

Ms L J BOTHA: Hon member Mr Paulsen in particular.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please contain yourselves.

Ms L J BOTHA: For this reason I thank the Western Cape Education Department and all its officials and staff members... [Interjections.] ...at all

levels of the organisation. I also commend the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, hon member Mr Basil Kivedo, for his passionate leadership and enthusiastic engagement with all stakeholders driven by qualitative delivery of education to all in the Western Cape. Thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi.

An HON MEMBER: You forgot [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Mr Christians. [Interjections.] Order!

An HON MEMBER: Keep your voice down. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before you start, can I please get the House to get to order before you start and then we have the responsibility to try and keep it like that.

An HON MEMBER: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have said that. Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: First of all I just want to thank the hon Leader of the Opposition for placing the confidence in me to be an MEC. I hope he will make the recommendation to the Premier; like he last said. [Laughter.]

I am part of this Education portfolio and the ANC members on this portfolio must agree: this Education Department is a good department. [Interjections.] This Education Department is number one in this country. [Interjections.]

Now hon member Mr Olivier, you said you are worried. You have three worries. [Interjections.] I want to tell you, do not worry, be happy! Be happy that the HOD and the MEC are doing excellent work. [Interjections.] Whenever we called them to the committee they came and they gave us comprehensive answers. I have never seen officials so diligent and so disciplined to come and we went on site visits. Hon member Mr Dugmore was with us, but because you belong to the ANC you must again reject... [Interjections.] ... because you are little puppets. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Jaag hulle. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...stringed by your leader. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Now I want to tell you... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I want to tell you further [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I want to tell you further... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I want to tell you further we have [Interjections.] I have asked the Department, there are 26 000 learners who came to this province and you know what the Department said: “we will accommodate them.” There were 10 500 people not placed. Do you know what the Department said: “We will place them.”

An HON MEMBER: No, no.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: It shows you, I want to teach you something today. You know, South African icon Nelson Mandela said this: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” That is what Mandela said. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member, just one second.

[Interjections.] Is that a question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No. Mr Deputy Speaker, is the member prepared to take a question?

An HON MEMBER: No.

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: Then he must not make statements.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue hon member Mr Christians. You have very few seconds left.

An HON MEMBER: Adjustments.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Okay, Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to say we support the Adjustments Budget...

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...because we believe... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...that the money will be well spent, and I just want to conclude... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This Department is getting millions [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Ms Dijana, you cannot shout at the member if he is trying to speak. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Christians, just finish off your last sentence.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I just want to say this Department is going to receive millions from National Government because of excellent work done. The ANC must respect this. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired. Order! We start. [Interjections.] Order! Before hon member Mr Paulsen starts, let him start on a quiet note as well. Hon member Mr Paulsen, you may continue.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I just want to add onto what hon member Mr Christians said. Education, especially maths and science is very important because if we have more people doing maths and science we will have less politicians, less lawyers and less pastors. [Laughter.] I have a lot of empathy for the task of the MEC. She took over from the Western Cape Government's own wrecking ball. That man destroyed

education. [Interjections.]

In 2002 87 000 enrolled in Grade 1 and only 47 000 make it to matric twelve years later, so we have a huge problem, so when we say that the matriculation pass rate is 87% the real pass rate is substantially less.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M N PAULSEN: We have a high dropout rate.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] number one.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Ja, so although the MOD Centre is a good idea it shouldn't be seen as a replacement for a proper school environment.

An HON MEMBER: It is never [Inaudible.] Never. It is never!

Mr M N PAULSEN: But the MEC should put together a motivation for additional schools and this should be based on the real need that exists and not how much money is available. I see the Department has also moved money from early childhood development to Grade R and that is very disappointing because early childhood development [Interjections.] ...to invest in Grade R, I think early childhood development is very important [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just hear a cow here behind me and a lot of sheep noises. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister, hon Minister, is that a question or a... [Interjection.] Yes.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it parliamentary to call an hon member of the House a clown?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A what?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: A clown. [Interjections.] No-no-no, I heard, I... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I could not hear. Order! I could not hear the Minister. Say again.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Is it parliamentary to call a fellow hon Member of Parliament a clown?

An HON MEMBER: That is not what he said.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no-no, do not talk for him.

[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He said “a cow.”

Mr M N PAULSEN: I heard “cow sounds”. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] or the cows.

An HON MEMBER: Who said that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Did you say? Who said that?

Mr M N PAULSEN: I said I hear cow-sounds behind me, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Cow, not clown. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: By implication you are referring to a member as an animal. That is unparliamentary.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Okay, I withdraw, I hear drunk sounds behind me of a pastor, okay. Early childhood development is best from ages one to three and Grade R or age six is very late. Just imagine the impact we could have on putting through learners, so to solve the problems of very poor matriculation results and high dropout rates we need to go back to that very foundation. You are going to build three additional schools so I take it that

you will not be closing any because you would not be building any if you...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Member, your time has expired, but just finish off.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you. I think with the misdirection of money in this Department there is no way that we could support this particular Appropriation. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired. I see the hon member Mr Mackenzie. Just one second, before you commence with your speech [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, okay.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Is it parliamentary for hon MEC Fritz to point at the hon member Mr Paulsen in a gesture like shooting. He is threatening to kill him. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I did not see that but if he did - Order! If he did do that, that is not the thing to do. Minister Fritz says he did not mean to do that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I said he did not serve the school [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Mackenzie, you may continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As the DA we support this Adjustments Appropriation Budget for the Western Cape Education Department.

An HON MEMBER: Okay, that is enough. You can sit down now. [Laughter.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: We are confident that the Adjustment will assist the Department in fulfilling the critical role in education including amongst others ensuring all pupils will be placed next year. We know that just over a million people have applied to be accepted at schools for 2015. We know that the Department has also introduced the school admission management information programme to track applications and available places. This system is used to track the number of unplaced pupils and to follow up with the district officials to reduce and resolve the number of unplaced pupils.

We also want to say that it is heartening to know that the number of new schools that the Department is currently building and planning - and hon member Mr Paulsen it is not three schools - are currently 38 schools being replaced and 12 new schools being built.

Mr M N PAULSEN: She said three schools. [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon member Mr Paulsen, you must listen and you must read. We also wanted to say we appreciate the work that the Department is doing in the schools with the Safety School Programme, knowing under the difficult conditions that our teachers are working with gangs coming onto school grounds in these times, and having the arrogance to come onto school grounds. The Department is doing very good work around it. It is for this reason that we will continue to support the Department as Portfolio Committee and as a member of that Committee. Hon member Mr Paulsen, I do not think you have been to one meeting. I think you have been to one only, so you speak from an uninformed position because you do not have the necessary information to speak from there, so please in future attend meetings that you can speak from an informed position. In this regard shall I say we support this Appropriation Budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Thank you, hon member Mr Mackenzie, your time has expired also.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you. [Time expired.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The general noise level in the House is too high at the moment.

An HON MEMBER: Mr ACDP.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer, to respond.

An HON MEMBER: Will you please answer hon member Mr Olivier's questions.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Just Olivier, answer his. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Shush! Thank you very much, hon member Mr Kivedo, hon member Ms Botha, hon member Mr Mackenzie and hon member Mr Christians for your positive comments about the Department and the excellent work that they are doing.

Hon member Mr Paulsen, the one sensible comment that I will reply to was [Interjections.] [Laughter.] ...that [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: When you talk to me you can start [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Actually there were two. The first one is that you are quite correct... [Interjections.] Sorry. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! I am not going to allow all the assistance to the Minister. Minister Schäfer, you are on your own.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members must please listen and I am talking to both sides of the House.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: You are quite correct about the number of learners in Grade R and Grade 1 and the number that end up in matric. It is a problem. It is a problem across the country and it is a serious concern of ours and one that we shall be doing all in our power to correct and have been doing for the last five years. [Interjections.] But it doesn't change the fact of how the pass rates are worked out across the country. There are various ways of working that out.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just stay here in the Wes-Kaap, asseblief!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, I have asked for order, please. You cannot comment on each comment from the Minister's side.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As far as three additional schools are concerned, if you had listened to my initial speech you would have heard that the three additional schools were from the extra money that we got from our excellent administration and management of our infrastructure projects. There are in fact far more than that. What connection that has with closing schools is irrelevant for the purposes of this debate.

Hon member Mr Olivier, I think we just need to educate you a little.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Our member was speaking Xhosa.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will translate for you, if you want Xhosa on this. The shifting money for technical recap grants has been dealt with in my initial speech. It was committed funds. It has been rolled over, if it has not already been spent. [03:23:35]

Other money as far as you say, we cannot spend it, we have spent it and we are spending it. You are aware we have already discussed this with the Standing Committee on the Annual Report hearings of some delays in the building of our schools, but they are continuing and they will be built in the next year. If National Treasury had thought we were doing so badly with our spending they would not have allocated us an additional R117 million to build more schools.

An HON MEMBER: Evidently not.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And I will repeat, I will add to the issue of our performance. We were the number one provincial department...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Twenty years ago.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...across the entire country. Now, at the National Treasury hearings about infrastructure planning and spending, the number one department in the country that produces U-AMPS...
[Interjections.] ...that produces U-AMPS.

An HON MEMBER: Number one.

An HON MEMBER: Not according to this.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Alright, if the old Minister of Education can allow the new Minister to respond that will be good. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Delta Primary by the way is finished, if you would bother to go and look. It is finished and handed over already.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis baie seer, nè.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Now as far as the matric pass is concerned... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you going to close roads on Christmas, are you going to close roads?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister, please. There is too much communication going on around the Minister.

An HON MEMBER: The former MEC [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The former Minister does not seem to understand that there is a new Minister now in this portfolio.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As far as us wanting to be number one with matric results, we are number one. We are the number one province. We managed to get an 85% pass rate last year with retaining 65% of our learners in matric, from Grade 10 to matric. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Fourth, you came fourth.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We came fourth in the percentage rankings as you well know, but we do not cull our learners to get to the number one position and nor will we do that.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We will not do that this year. The Free State that supposedly came number one... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We know it came number one.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Well, according to your measurements it came number one. 45% of its learners they retained, 45%. The Western Cape retained 20% more of our learners in... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You will stay number four or change.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...in school, so if we come number four. That is okay. [Interjections.] We are keeping more children in school.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister, address the Chair in the process as well.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes Mr Deputy Speaker. We will keep more children in school and if we go down half a percent more, so be it. Our

goal is to keep children in school... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We have educated kids [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...not to get rid of them so we can improve our percentage pass rate.

An HON MEMBER: They are there in the schools, thousands of them [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I think that is pretty much all. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! Order! Order! That concludes the debate on this Vote. It concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:23