
THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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[Hybrid Sitting held with some members present in the House and some in virtual attendance through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: Order! Before we proceed, I would like to remind hon members about some of the procedural arrangements. As has been our practice to date, hon members will participate in the Sitting of the House both from here in the Chamber with the Presiding Officer and the Table Staff, and via Microsoft Teams. Our Standing Rules have accordingly been amended to accommodate such hybrid Sittings.

Hon members experiencing challenges in connecting to this Sitting are requested to contact the WCPP ICT colleagues who will assist to resolve the connectivity issues.

Hon members, the quorum requirements for this Sitting of the House are provided for in the Constitution of the Western Cape and the Standing Rules. Unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will be confined to members present in the House and on the hybrid system, who are entitled to cast their votes as per the ATC issued on 11 August 2020.

Members present in the Chamber and via Microsoft Teams have all the privileges and immunities imparted by law. Hon members, if you are considered out of order by the Presiding Officer, your microphones will be muted, and you will be called to order.

The Sergeant-at-Arms will record hon members' attendance.

Hon members, the media have also been granted access to this MS Teams meeting as guests of the WCPP. However, members of the press may not use the chat room or speak or activate their cameras while the Sitting is in progress.

I request those here today who are not hon members and guests in the gallery, to please observe the decorum of the House and not participate in the proceedings on the floor.

Hon members, I wish to remind you that no interjections are permitted during these hybrid Sittings and to this end, I wish to draw your attention to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules.

Hon members, we will now proceed to the Business of the Day, and I recognise the Chief Whip.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much †en goeie môre almal, goeie môre agb Speaker. Agb Speaker, ek wil graag aan die jong leerders van Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck en hulle jeugleierskapklub 'n baie hartlike welkom aan die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement gee en ek hoop hulle gaan vandag hulle tyd met ons geniet [and good morning to all, good morning hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I would like to say a very hearty welcome to the young learners of the High School Jan van Riebeeck and their youth leaders club at the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and I hope they are going to enjoy their time with us.] With that being said, hon Speaker, let me get back to my job.

MOTIONS

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): I would like to move a motion without notice:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 14(a), relating to the hours of ???? to determine that the hours of the Sitting for Thursday, 4 December and Thursday, 11 December, shall be from 10:00 until adjournment in accordance with Rule 22. I so move.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved? No objections, agreed to. I recognise the Chief Whip.

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

That, notwithstanding Rule 163, that the House considers the Principle and Finalisation of the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B5–2025] on Thursday, 11 December 2025. I so move.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved?

An HON MEMBER: No!

The SPEAKER: No objections, agreed to. The Secretary will read the Order of the Day.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The SECRETARY: Introduction and First Reading – Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B5–2025] and Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS).

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I now recognise the hon Minister of Finance, hon Minister Baartman.

2025 MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET POLICY STATMENT

Adjustment Estimates 2025/2026:

Scaling for Growth

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Hon Speaker, hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, hon Cabinet colleagues, hon Leader of the Opposition, members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, our youthful guests in the gallery and people of the Western Cape.

In March, I stood before this House and reaffirmed our Premier's vision that the Western Cape Government would 'Step Up.' We promised that even when the national lights flickered and the fiscal cliff loomed, we would not retreat and that we would step up for the residents of our province.

Today, seven months later, the ground beneath us has shifted.

Hon Speaker, looking back, 2025 has been a year that has tested the very definition of the word 'unprecedented.' It has been a year where the unprecedented became routine. We have navigated global economic fragmentation, severe shocks, budget uncertainty, and fiscal volatility that would have broken a lesser administration. Yet, at every single twist and turn, this Government did not stumble. Our foundations held firm and we stepped

up.

Nationally, we have a Government of National Unity (GNU), offering a glimmer of stability. But let us be under no illusions. The global winds are still blowing cold, and the fiscal envelope remains tight.

Thus, the question before us today is no longer whether we are stepping up. We have proven that we can. The question now is, "are we moving forward?"

The 2025 Provincial Economic Review and Outlook (PERO), shows us that while we are growing our economy and creating jobs, our provincial economy and our demographic profile is changing, rapidly. Population growth is outpacing our economic gains; hence the PERO spoke about 'Changing with Growth' as our province is changing, our economy as well as our population.

So, in order to move forward, in order to accelerate the good work our Government is doing, we need to achieve exponential growth. To achieve exponential growth, we need to achieve momentum.

Momentum, hon Speaker, as many would know, can be influenced in a few ways. In physics, the more mass an object has, the more momentum it can carry at a given speed. You could increase or decrease speed, you can change direction, or you can apply a strong external force to accelerate it.

So, Speaker, on which component of momentum should we focus if we want to

achieve accelerated delivery? The truth is: all of them.

For our province, we need to influence momentum at every point in the equation. Increasing mass, increasing speed, having a clear direction and sometimes through key reforms, apply a strong accelerating force.

Hon Speaker, within the context of a government, scaling is how we can increase momentum. It is how we grow our economy faster than our population growth, how we can accelerate infrastructure delivery, how we can expand economic participation, and strengthen our institutional capacity.

We need to generate momentum to help us deliver faster, better, smarter and at the scale that our population demands.

So, hon Speaker, therefore, we need to Scale for Growth.

To understand why we must scale and how we must scale, we must first be honest about the foundation upon which we stand.

Globally, the picture remains one of deep uncertainty. According to the International Monetary Fund, global growth is expected to slow to 3,2 per cent in 2025 and further to 3,1 per cent in 2026. We are navigating a world defined by flux and fragmentation.

While the United States has shown resilience, it faces a cooling labour market.

China is battling deflation and a property slump, while the Eurozone struggles with weak manufacturing output. Protectionism is rising, and new tariffs are fracturing the supply chains we rely on. It is, indeed, a tough neighbourhood to be in.

Closer to home, the national picture tells a story of constraints. While the GNU has brought a welcome renewal of confidence, and our exit from the Financial Action Task Forces (FATF) grey list in October was a crucial milestone. Confidence alone does not pay the bills.

The hard reality is that, through our internal modelling, we expect the South African economy to grow by only 0,7 per cent in 2025. Public debt is projected to stabilise at 77,9 per cent of GDP which is welcomed, but debt-service costs continue to crowd out service delivery and today, consumes 21 cents of every Rand collected.

We also face a new fiscal reality. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) has officially lowered the inflation target to 3 per cent.

This will eventually protect the buying power of the poorest households and reduce borrowing costs. But in the short term, the adjustment period may keep interest rates higher for longer, squeezing our budget and tightening the belts of our residents.

Here in the Western Cape, our data enables us to tell an inspiring story.

While the national economy struggles to find first gear, the Western Cape is projected to grow at 1,2 per cent this year, nearly double the national projection.

This resilience is driven by specific, high-performing sectors. Our Agriculture sector is expected to surge by 6,0 per cent in 2025, hon Speaker, and our Finance sector remains a bedrock of stability, projected to grow at 3,2 per cent.

We are seeing a tourism boom that is reaching far beyond our traditional markets. While the United Kingdom and United States remain key, we are seeing massive growth from markets like Saudi Arabia and Namibia, which are now major contributors to our tourism growth.

Perhaps most tellingly, investors are voting with their feet. In the first nine months of 2025, the nominal value of building plans passed in the Western Cape reached R26,4 billion. This is a remarkable achievement given the relative size of our economy considering that the value of passed plans was 27,9 per cent higher than Gauteng and 143,4 per cent higher than KwaZulu-Natal. Both economies that are supposed to be bigger than ours.

But the true measure of any economy is its ability to put people to work. It is here that we see the clearest divergence between the national outlook and our local momentum. Nationally, the unemployment rate has deteriorated, reaching 31,9 per cent in the Third Quarter of 2025.

As a province, we continue to hold the lowest unemployment rate in the country at 19,7 per cent, a full 12 percentage points lower than the national average.

Hon Speaker, this is our 'Western Cape Advantage.' It is proof that even in a harsh economic climate, when you make the right choices, you can create your own growth.

In a time of scarcity, the easy thing to do is to cut budgets blindly across the board and hope for the best. But that is not the Western Cape way.

We understand that a public budget is a contract with the future. That is why, in this MTBPS, we are making a decisive shift. We are moving away from short-term survivalism to a 5-Year Budget Approach which aligns our fiscal resources directly with the 2025 to 2030 Provincial Strategic Plan, which aligns our fiscal resources. By planning over a five-year horizon, we create stability and predictability for our departments. It allows us to make strategic trade-offs that protect the most vulnerable today while investing in the growth of tomorrow.

Our story begins with a fundamental truth. Without economic growth, we cannot lift our people out of poverty. Growth is the engine that powers everything else we wish to achieve. Therefore, our apex priority remains clear. We are here to create an environment that helps businesses grow and create jobs, and to equip our residents to seize those opportunities. Supporting this

apex priority is our first policy priority, our Growth for Jobs portfolio.

We have set a bold target. To build a R1 trillion economy by 2035. To achieve this, we cannot continue to rely on the tides of global or national markets. We must build our own momentum. We must scale our infrastructure, secure our resources, and aggressively court investment.

We know that an economy cannot grow faster than the infrastructure that supports it. Our infrastructure strategy is already yielding tangible results.

Our Department of Infrastructure (DOI) has established a province-wide infrastructure pipeline, encompassing municipal, provincial, national and private sector projects.

In 2024/2025, DOI completed or made significant progress on several road projects, including the MR533 St Helena Bay to Stompneus Bay upgrade, the Hemel-en-Aarde works, various flood repair projects, and scheduled maintenance activities.

In addition, Phase 1 of the Northern Growth Corridor (the N7 Potsdam to Melkbos upgrade) began, and construction on the George Western Bypass continues. Forward-looking plans include the Malmesbury Bypass, the Cape Town Integrator-Northern Growth Corridor, the R300 extension and other strategic upgrades.

Over the Medium-Term, our Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) will invest in three major catalytic projects, the Tygerberg Central Hospital, Belhar Regional Hospital, and Klipfontein Regional Hospital, and these will serve as anchors for improved health access and local economic development. The new Central Hospital will be delivered through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, ensuring sustainable and efficient infrastructure delivery.

Our Western Cape Education Department (WCED) will support system-wide improvements by delivering new schools, expanding existing facilities, upgrading services, and ensuring the ongoing maintenance of school infrastructure.

Six new schools were completed in 2024/2025, the Blue Ridge Primary Phase 1, Darling High, Vuyiseka High number 2, Leiden Junior High, Blue Downs High, and Happy Valley Primary number 3, along with one replacement school, Waveren Primary. In addition, a total of 504 new classrooms were delivered as part of new schools, additional mobile and expansion classrooms completed earlier than expected.

Commuter rail restoration remains a top focus, with a draft PRASA information-sharing MOU prepared and park-and-ride opportunities identified to shift demand back to rail.

GABS continue to anchor Cape Town's bus network, running approximately 230 000 weekday passenger trips across about 1 618 routes despite cost and

subsidy pressures. GoGeorge marked its 10-year milestone with 6,1 million trips in 2024/2025, while the Phase 4A rollout progressed.

Forward-looking plans include completing the Thembaletu routes, then extending to Victoria Bay, Wilderness, Heroldt's Bay and George Airport, and preparing for a new operator contract by December 2026.

Our Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT) and Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP) facilitated a strategic biodiversity offset initiative for the Aalwyndal development in Mossel Bay, facilitating environmental compliance and streamlining future development approvals while enabling major residential and commercial development pipelines for the region.

Our Ecological Infrastructure projects underway in the province are transforming ecosystems and empowering communities by clearing invasive species, installing fencing, improving stock-water systems, creating firebreaks, and undertaking crucial rehabilitation.

Speaker, this MTBPS showcases how not only has our province built back better after an increasing number of disasters hitting our province, but how our infrastructure pipeline is a global signal that the Western Cape is a province you can invest in.

Hon Speaker, we cannot scale an economy in the dark, nor can we grow without

water. Further, energy resilience is non-negotiable.

We have stepped up our efforts to facilitate an increase in energy generated or wheeled. Since the start of our Energy Resilience Programme (ERP), we have grown from a baseline of 139 megawatts for Small-Scale Embedded Generation in 2022 to 819 megawatts in 2024/2025, and we are on track to increase our energy generated or wheeled into the Western Cape by 1 400 megawatts by 2030. We are reducing our reliance on unstable national grids and accelerating our transition to a low-carbon future.

Through this programme, we have distributed over 91 000 loadshedding packs to schools, DSD facilities, Neighbourhood Watches and Community Policing Forums; provided alternative energy support to 12 trading hubs and 100 SMMEs; secured funding for technical assistance for the development of our Western Cape Integrated Resource Plan; saved 17 per cent in Rand savings with the demand side management at our health facilities. We have installed energy efficient lighting at 110 schools; installed Solar PV at 5 hospitals, 90 schools, and 17 Western Cape Government buildings.

We have installed hybrid inverters at 47 clinics and a forensic laboratory. So, we supported the Hessequa Municipality Solar PV project, which is on track for completion by August 2026. We have supported 19 municipalities through our Green Economy Energy Resilience (GEER) programme; completed our WCG New Energy Vehicle Transition (NEV) strategy, procured 65 hybrid vehicles, and initiated tender for Solar PV, Battery Energy Storage System and

Electrical Vehicle Charging Station.

Hon Speaker, we have supported Stellenbosch Municipality with our Municipal Independent Power Producer Programme, with procurement currently underway. We have supported Knysna and Hessequa Municipalities to developing Cost of Supply Studies, supported Oudtshoorn, Kannaland and Witzenberg Municipalities to develop Electricity Master Plans, and supported Prince Albert Municipality with Independent Power Procurement preparation support; and supported George, Saldanha Bay and Swartland Municipalities with technical, financial and legal services through the Energy Project Preparation Facility.

This is over and above the smart electricity meter grant funding we support municipalities with through our provincial grant funding mechanisms.

Simultaneously, as we are implementing the Western Cape Water Resilience Strategy (2025-2035), a 10-year plan designed to close the provincial water demand-supply gap, we are securing our most precious resource. This is a long-term shield against climate volatility that we are backing this with action. For the 2025/2026 year, we have set a target to clear 30 000 hectares of alien vegetation, reclaiming water for our ecosystem while creating green jobs. Furthermore, we are expanding our oversight of river and estuarine health by increasing our pollution control monitoring from 42 to 52 sites per year over the 2026 MTEF.

And our Energy Council has been reconfigured as the Energy and Water Council, which will now include prioritisation of projects in alignment with our Water Resilience Strategy, which aims to secure an additional 310 million cubic metres of water per year; conserve a further 40 million cubic metres through efficiency measures; and ensure municipalities diversify their water sources.

Speaker, we are now aggressively positioning the Western Cape as a continental investment destination of choice. We stepped up, and we are going out into the world.

The inaugural Western Cape Investment Summit showcased a project pipeline valued at R400 billion. This event alone secured six major investment commitments valued at R50 billion, which is expected to generate 45 000 job opportunities over the next two decades.

Further, supporting the Western Cape's Investment Strategy, we successfully hosted the 12th Regional Leaders' Summit (RLS), with our seven partner regions: Bavaria in Germany, Georgia in the USA, Quebec in Canada, Sao Paulo in Brazil, Shandong in China, Upper Austria in Austria, and ourselves, the Western Cape in South Africa.

We are seeing and feeling the momentum on the ground. In the 2024/2025 financial year alone, we facilitated 14 high-impact investment projects with a combined value of approximately R14 billion, which are expected to generate

more than 11 000 jobs over the next five years.

In 2024/2025 we supported 15 companies with export readiness, packaging and labelling compliance, trademark assistance and alignment with international standards; and provided export training through the Export Training Platform, providing accessible modules on export fundamentals and technical requirements, reaching 163 businesses.

Tourism market growth was supported through the G4J Tourism Challenge Fund, leveraging R5 million in extra-fiscal co-funding through an alternative funding approach.

More than 100 tourism businesses received training on DEDAT's disaster preparedness guide; and our Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) supports 22 major events annually, creating between 60 000 and 90 000 direct and indirect jobs and work opportunities.

Destination marketing, through Wesgro, secured bookings for the Cape Town and Western Cape Convention Bureau valued at more than R700 million; and Cruise Cape Town recorded a historical strong season in 2023/2024, contributing more than R1 billion to regional Gross Domestic Product or GDP, supporting nearly 2 000 jobs.

Air Access development resulted in 27 airlines servicing 31 destinations during the peak season, and our Air Access programme secured three new international

routes in 2024/2025, scaling our global connectivity.

Our Special Economic Zones have served as building blocks for industrialisation. Freeport Saldanha is progressing as a green hydrogen hub, having initiated an infrastructure master plan to support large-scale production. The Atlantis Special Economic Zone continues to deepen its role as a hub for Greentech innovation, having completed civil works in Zone 1 and secured eight site reservations. These zones are clustering critical skills and industries, creating ecosystems that will drive the industries of tomorrow.

Our Western Cape Mobility Department (WCMD) advanced our Western Cape Freight Strategy and the continued development of the Integrated Transport Hub (ITH), the digital backbone linking regulatory, enforcement, fare and freight systems to improve operational efficiency and outcomes.

Hon Speaker, we need to build a competitive technology ecosystem and strengthen innovation. By doing this, we can leapfrog into the future and scale our strengths.

In 2024/2025, DEDAT supported 10 businesses through the Business Technology and Innovation Support Programme, which funded hardware, software and digital innovation upgrades.

A Regulatory sandbox for drones and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) was developed; and the Province will now create a dedicated Sandbox Experimental

Test Flight Authority to oversee testing activities and introduce a structured Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) management framework for sandbox operations.

And because we want to take our people along our digital transformation journey, DEDAT promoted digital skills development through technology career awareness programmes, specialist tech skills pathways and graduate conversion initiatives; and our Digital Economy Unit supported transversal programmes across Government.

Hon Speaker, part of our Growth for Jobs strategy is ensuring people are able to seize economic opportunity and become employable.

Supporting this in 2024/2025, we expanded partnerships between schools, post-school institutions and industry to align curricula with labour market needs, refining six training modalities to new or amended curricula to industry needs; partnered with the, and please excuse me for pronunciation as I am not German, *Bildungswerk der Bayerischen Wirtschaft* (BBW) to support lecturer training in digital literacy and teaching methodologies, securing opportunities for Western Cape graduates to gain work exposure in Germany from 2025; provided more than 2 900 unemployed youth received workplace experience and accredited training in sectors such as Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), hospitality, clothing and textiles, last mile delivery, and technology; expanded work to strengthen entrepreneurship pathways, through our Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMME) Booster Fund which supported seven organisations

assisting entrepreneurship across the province; and partnered with the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) on funding readiness, capital matching, and business acceleration.

Our Department of Infrastructure supported this lever with supplier development interventions in construction and engineering sectors.

Our Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety (DPOCS) equipped young people with life and workplace skills, facilitating their transition into the labour market. The Department, DPOCS, co-leads our 10 000 Basic Skills Opportunities catalytic project with DEDAT to support unemployed youth and reduce gangsterism.

During 2024/2025 the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety further created 837 youth work opportunities, enabled 682 Chrysalis Academy graduates, and trained 186 youth as Peace Officers.

Our Department of Agriculture, (DoA) continues to prioritise youth development and skills advancement through agricultural education and training. During 2024/2025, a total of 213 interns were provided with workplace experience opportunities; and our bursary programme supported 104 youth and employees pursuing studies in agricultural fields in 2024/2025. Further, 137 students graduated from our Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute.

Hon Speaker, our Township Action Plans are designed to unlock economic opportunities and looking forward, our Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning will focus on the full rollout of the pilot.

Our Western Cape Education Department launched Career Clubs, extending it to 133 schools; and 2 765 Grade 12 learners were enrolled in at least one technical or agricultural subject; and our expansion of Schools of Specialisation and Collaboration Schools aims to improve school performance and support quality education and skills pathways.

Finally, our Jobseeker Travel Voucher Programme, via our Western Cape Mobility Department, has already supported over 15 000 beneficiaries, with 49 per cent of voucher users reporting that they found employment.

Hon Speaker, this is how we scale for growth. We build roads, we secure power, we protect our water sources, and we open the doors for investment. We create the certainty that businesses need to hire, to expand, and to thrive.

Hon Speaker, safety remains one of the most important responsibilities entrusted to this Government. It affects how people move, work, learn, worship and raise their families. It shapes economic confidence and determines whether communities can flourish.

The reality for our people on the ground continues to challenge us. Many communities carry the effects of violence, trauma and social fragmentation.

Rapid urbanisation and persistent socio-economic pressures place additional strain on law enforcement and social services.

Yet, we also see progress where the Province, municipalities and communities work in partnership. Improvements in several high-crime precincts during 2025 confirm that targeted interventions can shift conditions in sustainable ways when they are properly resourced and carefully scaled.

But, hon Speaker, I wish to indicate sis complex and one murder is one murder too many.

However, despite not having policing powers, as a province we cannot simply sit by and do nothing.

The Western Cape Safety Plan continues to guide our approach. It draws a clear distinction between immediate violence reduction and long-term prevention.

Scaling for Growth within the context means expanding what we know works across more communities in order to achieve momentum and impact while maintaining reliability of data and evidence.

This is why Western Cape Government has allocated R3,955 billion over three years to the Safety policy priority.

Hon Speaker, a safe province is built long before a crime takes place. Prevention is the most important tool we have to interrupt the cycle of violence and trauma.

So, over the Medium-Term, we will create 5 800 empowerment opportunities to vulnerable youth, that include personal development, behavioural support, mentoring, and structured pathways into work. We will train 1 810 youth through our Chrysalis Academy, followed by structured support into employment; and we will create 2 400 work opportunities for youth through our Expanded Public Works Programme.

Evidence-based programmes are expanding across our province. The Street Mentor Programme, Youth Safety Influencer Programme, and strategic partnerships with the Department of Health and Wellness and the Department of Social Development, all form an interlinked set of preventative tools.

The Department of Health and Wellness has established a Violence Prevention Unit that applies public health models and trauma data to identify patterns and direct interventions more accurately; and through the Planet Youth initiative the Department will utilise findings from surveys, along with the other departments in the social cluster, to inform multisectoral policy and programmatic responses.

Over 26 000 families, hon Speaker, have participated in Department of Social

Development's family preservation and support services programme in 2024/2025, and for the 2026 MTEF the Department aims to support almost 58 000 families through this programme.

The Western Cape Education Department funds 64 School Resource Officers (SROs) in 2024/2025 and 82 in 2025/26 financial years, playing a preventative and protective role by supporting discipline, promoting safety, building relationships with learners, and helping to stabilise the school environment.

Honourable Speaker, prevention is strengthened when enforcement is reliable and informed by accurate information.

This will be achieved through strategic deployment of funding, strengthened municipal capacity, improved intelligence coordination and strong oversight.

Therefore, over the Medium-Term, our Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety will safeguard 850 Law Enforcement Advancement Programme (LEAP) officers, placing them in priority zones experiencing the highest levels of violent crime based on data and evidence.

They will prioritise maintaining municipal law enforcement support in at least 25 municipalities, up from four, expanding reach through the creation of a Rural LEAP Unit for rapid crime response in the West Coast, Overberg, and Garden Route Districts. They will enhance rural safety through support for K-9 Units and strengthen system-wide coordination through the establishment of

the Provincial Safety Coordination Centre, serving as a central hub for monitoring, integration, and reporting safety initiatives across our province.

We will further provide Institutional Care of High-Risk Adolescents, through Department of Social Development, by assessing over 12 000 children in conflict with the law over the Medium-Term, maintaining capacity for 750 children awaiting trial in secure care Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCs), and ensuring 820 children in conflict with the law complete diversion programmes.

This will help strengthen psychosocial support in secure care facilities, improve reunification services, and create clearer reintegration pathways for youth leaving these centres.

Hon Speaker, safety also involves conditions that support community stability such as social cohesion, local leadership and reliable public infrastructure.

The Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety will therefore continue to build community governance structures that improve resilience and strengthen local leadership.

Over the Medium-Term, we will scale our number of accredited Neighbourhood Watches from 470 to 1 000, strengthen Community Policing Forums by assessing 90 forums for functionality, focus on preventing youth involvement in crime by reaching about 60 000 learners through After School Programmes

that address academic risks, absenteeism, anti-social behaviour, parental support, sports and arts activities, conflict and anger management, and safe spaces.

We will provide consistent support for youth agency and preparedness, with 24 000 youth participating in skills development programmes. We will fund 11 Youth Café's and provide substance use disorder (SUD) early intervention services for over 4 000 service users by 2028/2029.

Our Department of Mobility (WCMD) has intensified our 'Safely Home' Campaign and expanded traffic law-enforcement operations in 2024/2025, alongside new Highway Patrol and PTI units with the City of Cape Town and technologies such as Average Speed Over Distance and automated number-plate recognition.

Fatalities, hon Speaker, fell by 15,5 per cent, with pedestrian deaths declining after hotspot interventions by the Department and the Department has also significantly progressed its work on minibus taxi stabilisation and professionalisation through the Shayela Smart programme.

A new forward-looking initiative, hon Speaker, that we will launch is the Community-Level Growth and Resilience Programme pilot in Mitchell's Plain to advance integrated, area-based safety planning, to close the gap in fragmented efforts by co-creating tailored Growth and Resilience plans for each community. And establishing a dedicated representative and accountable

governance structure within that community.

We will partner with all spheres of government, civil society, academia and businesses to drive practical results. The pilot will focus on safe zones, holiday clubs, youth safety influencers, support for community structures, a street-coaching initiative, assistance to police stations, and skills development linked to employment. I see one of their constituency heads of Mitchells Plain is smiling.

Hon Speaker, I will outline the funding for this pilot when I turn to the Adjusted Estimates.

Hon Speaker, economic progress depends on residents being able to live healthy, meaningful and dignified lives.

Our Educated, Healthy and Caring Society priority centres on Early Childhood Development, youth resilience, adult inclusion, mental and physical health, social cohesion, spatial transformation, and disaster readiness. It ensures that people have the support and capabilities to seize opportunities and participate fully in a thriving, inclusive economy.

Despite population growth outpacing our economic gains, we need to become bolder with our intended impact. So, therefore, we want to lower our low birthweight metric, increase Grade 3 reading for meaning, and reduce youth who are 'Not in Employment, Education or Training' (NEET) by 10 per cent by

2030.

We want to increase HIV+ treatment, reduce the percentage of our population living below the poverty line, and reduce households with routinely inadequate food access by 25 per cent by 2030.

These goals might sound ambitious, but by scaling our efforts, we can make a real impact in our people's lives.

Supporting child wellbeing, our Social Work Integrated Management System Application or SWIMS, modernises case management for social workers, reducing administrative time from 15 to 8 minutes per case. Fully utilised, this saves the equivalent of roughly 652 eight-hour workdays per month. SWIMS will be extended to additional Western Cape Government departments and NGOs in the child protection sector.

Child health remains a foundational priority. Our Department of Health and Wellness continues to strengthen early childhood health, focusing on the first 1 000 ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon Nkondlo, is that a point of order?

Ms N D NKONDLO (ANC): Hon Speaker, it is a point of clarity. I just want to check. The last time I thought we were doing a budget adjustment and I am

hearing new announcements made by the hon Minister as if we are dealing with a new budget. So, I am confused if we are still adjusting a budget allocation that she had done or if she is having a new budget today.

The SPEAKER: Alright. Thank you very much, hon Nkondlo. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Hon ...[Interjections.] Order! Hon Nkondlo, the hon Minister did refer, and I quote:

"Hon Speaker, I will outline the funding for this pilot when I turn to the adjustment estimates."

So, the hon Minister is addressing the Adjustment Estimates. I am listening carefully and that is directly quoted from the hon Minister's speech. So, that is not a point of order. Hon Minister, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Given that the Order Paper of the Provincial Parliament of the Western Cape of 4 December 2025 ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please return to your speech. I have already ruled.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: No problem. I will continue with the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement before I turn to the Adjustment Estimates, as indicated previously.

The Department of Health and Wellness continues to strengthen early childhood health, focusing on the first 1 000 days of life, and addressing challenges such as malnutrition, stunting, and vaccine-preventable diseases.

The implementation of an integrated digital health record system will further enable seamless tracking of child health indicators, supporting responsive, data-driven interventions.

Supporting increased youth resilience, civic, educational and economic participation, our education system continues to meet increasing demand, protecting teaching quality despite fiscal pressures.

The universalisation of Grade R provides ECD services, with 79 517 children accessing centre-based and out-of-centre services. The eCares Online Registration System enabled 1 700 facilities to apply, with 370 receiving Bronze Registration in the first month. Over the 2026 MTEF, ECD facility registration will remain a focus.

The WCED will lead the 'Strong Foundations - ECD, Reading and After School Programmes' intervention, emphasising literacy and numeracy. Our Back-on-Track programme, the country's largest learning recovery initiative, will scale over the next three years to reach every child in need.

Our Department of Health and Wellness provides mental health support to at-

risk youth through the Integrated School Health Programme and supports economic participation via First Aid training for unemployed youth.

Our Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport aims to reach 9,5 million learner engagements annually through MOD centres, host youth camps, aimed to reach approximately 60 000 learners through collaboration with schools, clubs, and community partners, and prioritises historically marginalised groups, including rural communities and farm workers.

Supporting increasing the wellbeing and agency of adults and older persons, the Western Cape Government Gender-Based Violence Implementation Plan addresses gender-based violence and femicide, prioritising safe spaces, skills development, and long-term psychosocial care. In 2024/2025, 24 464 victims accessed psychosocial support, and the shelter network expanded to 25 funded shelters, with an additional two more planned over the next two years.

Food security continues through household and school gardens.

In 2024/2025, Department of Agriculture supported 36 school gardens and over 3 000 household producers; over three years, this programme will support more than 6 000 producers; and our Department of Social Development supported more than 22 000 vulnerable persons with subsidised meals through our Community Nutrition and Development Centres (CNDs) and funded feeding sites in 2024/2025, over and above the feeding in our departments of the Department of Health and Wellness, as well as Education.

And our Department of Health and Wellness's Community-Oriented Primary Care will expand home and community-based services, strengthen Primary Health Care, and scale the role of Community Health Workers, addressing HIV, TB, non-communicable diseases, maternal and child mortality, and violence-related injuries.

Supporting improved spatial transformation and social infrastructure, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport will reimagine public libraries as multi-purpose community centres with digital integration, community hubs, and inclusive spaces supporting culture and innovation. The Province maintains over 370 libraries, with plans to expand digital materials, free internet access in rural libraries, and mini libraries for visually impacted users.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning's Regional Socio-Economic Projects (RSEPs) supported 14 municipalities in the 2024/2025 year, with infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects promoting safety, economic well-being, and spatial integration. They further provided Housing Market Studies to assist municipalities in evidence-based planning and affordable housing strategies.

The Western Cape Mobility Department's Universal-access features in GoGeorge and Dial-a-Ride supported around 2 200 passengers monthly, with plans to expand GoGeorge routes.

And in 2024/2025 our DOI delivered 9 353 housing opportunities, began four new social housing projects, and aims, hon Speaker, to deliver 50 000 housing opportunities over the next five years.

Hon Speaker, supporting an effective approach to One Health and Disaster Management, we are strengthening our One Health framework, recognising the interdependence of human, animal, and environmental health, through enhanced early-warning systems, outbreak response, and Antimicrobial Stewardship. And our Sustainable Water Protection Plan will safeguard water resources through ecological infrastructure, water-sensitive design, and pollution reduction.

We will further continue to improve public and environmental health, provide immediate humanitarian and psychosocial support during disasters, and address period poverty via the Sanitary Dignity programme in schools and the Department of Social Development facilities.

By protecting these priorities despite our growing fiscal pressures, we are laying the foundation for a Western Cape where growth is inclusive, and every resident has the opportunity to live a dignified life.

Hon Speaker, to scale for growth, we must build a government that moves with speed, agility, and foresight of the private sector we seek to support.

Our population is growing, with increasingly complex needs, while the national

fiscal envelope tightens. The older ways of doing business are no longer sufficient. We must innovate by stretching our limited resources and delivering services that are faster and smarter.

This is the purpose of the Innovation, Culture, and Governance (ICG) Portfolio to ensure that the Western Cape Government (WCG) remains agile, credible, and capable.

By automating processes, cutting red tape, and rewarding creative problem-solving, we empower officials to deliver real, measurable impact for the residents of our province.

Our Innovation for Impact Strategic Framework acts as our roadmap, helping departments identify problems, co-create solutions, and test them before scaling. To measure progress, we are developing an Innovation Index to track innovations across departments.

Our Digital Government Strategy empowers residents with digital tools, optimising resident-centred services, and promote connected government via broadband and free Wi-Fi. In 2024 alone, we upgraded broadband connectivity at 1 914 WCG sites and activated 1 600 public Wi-Fi hotspots.

In the health sector, the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) uses automation to relieve frontline pressure. Through our Central Dispensing Unit (CDU) and Telehealth services, we completed 25 000 client calls for HIV, TB,

and other conditions in 2024/2025.

In safety, our Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety (DPOCS) deploys technology as a force multiplier. Systems like ShotSpotter and EPIC drive intelligence-led policing while tools like a Complaints Management System, and a Capability Maturity Matrix enhance accountability and continuous improvement in police stations.

To scale for growth, we must increase integration and collaboration.

The Department of the Premier, the Department of Local Government (DLG), and the Provincial Treasury (PT) are leading Collaborative Integrated Planning, aligning provincial and municipal budgets to maximise every rand's impact. We are further developing a Municipal Shared Services Framework through our Department of Local Government, which will allow districts to share resources and expertise, strengthening capability without duplicating costs.

Hon Speaker, municipalities often bear the brunt of rapid population growth, influenced both by semigration and immigration patterns. We must thus support municipalities in scaling their municipal infrastructure investment and deal with the knock-on budgetary effects.

The Department of Local Government, through our Sustainable Infrastructure Development and Finance Facility programme or SIDAFF, received grant

funding from Development Finance Institutions amounting to R71,475 million, so far utilised through SIDAFF-supported initiatives and this is expected to unlock R1,153 billion in infrastructure projects across the participating municipalities.

Further, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning will explore a Biodiversity Credit Scheme, which aims to unlock new streams of alternative and blended financing by monetising conservation outcomes and attracting private-sector investment into nature-based and climate-resilient infrastructure.

The Provincial Treasury has established and will lead the Western Cape Government's Alternative and Blended Finance (ABF) Programme in order to crowd in additional financing over the Medium-Term by leveraging partnerships with private investors, including impact investors, development finance institutions, multilateral development banks, and donor organisations.

We will secure additional capacity to assist with legal, deal-making, risk and compliance, and procurement specialists in order to land on-balance sheet alternative and blended finance deals in our province. And we will continue our collaboration with the National Treasury and the World Bank to establish a Blended Finance Risk Sharing Platform, also considered as a Credit Guarantee Vehicle (CGV), which aims to mobilise private capital by de-risking critical projects in the energy, transport and water sectors, and expanding to areas within the social sector.

Hon Speaker, we have already prepared fertile ground with off-balance sheet instruments.

Our Department of Agriculture leveraged funding through the commodity approach to increase production and commercialisation of land reform farmers; and they partner with industry bodies in research to increase the production of produce with the aim of boosting exports and creating jobs, currently mobilising R71,8 million per annum in off-balance sheet initiatives.

The Western Cape have established two Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) - EdulInvest, a partnership between Western Cape Education Department and Wesgro; and the Cape Care Fund, a partnership between Department of Social Development and the Health Foundation, to attract private and philanthropic funding into education and social development.

Our Department of Infrastructure has developed a R200 billion pipeline of bankable infrastructure projects on an AI enabled digital platform. The Department has already scored 38 projects valued at R115 billion, providing investor-grade materials to crowd in blended and alternative finance, reducing the fiscal burden and mobilising private capital.

Hon Speaker, our people are our greatest asset.

Through our Western Cape Government Culture Journey, we enhance employee

morale, promote ethics, and build a high-performance culture.

Our Frontline Service Enhancement Project aims to improve resident experiences, while our e-Kiosks provide digital access to services, supporting more than 200 000 users concentrated in rural areas.

Reactive governance, hon Speaker, is costly.

So, our Futures of Government initiative uses strategic foresight and scenario planning to anticipate social, economic, and environmental shifts, allowing us to shape our policies proactively.

We have thus developed a Governance Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence, through the Department of the Premier, to harness AI ethically and responsibly; and our Provincial Data Office (PDO) is creating an Interconnected Data Ecosystem with secure, interoperable data flow across departments.

Finally, our Multi-dimensional Tracking centralises performance data, enhancing accountability and ensuring resources target the areas of greatest impact.

The final lever within our ICG toolbox, is the 'Ease of Doing Government'.

Over the Medium-Term, the Provincial Treasury will modernise our

eProcurement Solution or ePS, fully digitising the end-to-end procurement process, from planning to payment.

In 2024/2025, 34,6 per cent of total provincial procurement spend, valued at R6,84 billion, went to women-owned businesses, surpassing the National Treasury 30 per cent benchmark for the first time in Western Cape Government history.

This is testament to this Government's ability of achieving transformation without prescriptive procurement mechanisms, and it can only strengthen our case to have the Public Procurement Act of 2024 declared unconstitutional.

The Department of the Premier will introduce a 'Stupid Rule Button' to encourage our officials to identify outdated policies and cut internal red tape.

The Inventory to Digitisation Project will modernise workflows and transition from paper-based to digital systems and promote user-friendly service delivery.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning will automate Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to improve turnaround times and reduce costs. The Department of Local Government will support municipalities in governance, council functionality, ward committee establishment, and operational readiness via the Provincial Operational and Joint Command Centre.

Hon Speaker, these key interventions demonstrate our commitment to transitioning from laying a strong foundation toward a more innovative, responsive and trusted government, one that scales for growth, delivers measurable results, and serves every resident of the Western Cape.

Hon Speaker, we have now put our policy statement on how we intend to Scale for Growth. Within that context, our Adjustment Budget will now provide the scaffolding required to increase momentum and ensure we scale effectively with a focus on impact.

Given the fiscal constraints, the Adjustment Budget is a key instrument for in-year responsiveness, showing how additional resources, deferrals and reprioritisations help manage emerging pressures and prepare for the 2026 MTEF.

The key purpose of the 2025 Adjusted Estimates, as a first response to the 2026 Budget, is to create fiscal sustainability for the remainder of the 2025/2026 financial year, address in-year fiscal risks, to maintain fiscal discipline, and prepare for the 2026 MTEF Budget taking account of signals from the national 2026 budget process.

This year's National Budget process, hon Speaker, was significantly delayed, with both the 2025 National Budget and MTBPS finalised later than usual. This resulted in delayed transfers to provinces and municipalities, postponing the start of programmes and the procurement of goods and services.

Departments now face an unusually compressed spending window.

By the time the Division of Revenue Adjustment Budget is expected to pass in the National Parliament, which is mid-January 2026, and after the President and Premier sign their respective Adjustment Budget Bills into law, assuming it passes, this will leave us with only February and March 2026 for the Province and municipalities to spend any new allocations they receive.

Hon Speaker, this unprecedented timing requires a prudent and disciplined response, within our uncertain environment and the 2025 Adjusted Estimates was thus compiled taking these factors into account.

Hon Speaker, despite this constraint, the 2025 Adjusted Estimates makes provision for R1,739 billion in additional expenditure in the 2025/26 financial year.

Of this, R1,070 billion will come from the national fiscus, consisting of R496,506 million in National Conditional Grants; and R573,567 million in Provincial Equitable Share (PES) allocations.

Having worked prudently and with discipline since the previous provincial MTBPS, we will be able to bolster the Adjustment Estimates with a R669 million in provincial funding.

The R496,506 million in national conditional grants includes R232,053 million

through the Early Childhood Development Grant for subsidy increases and expanded early learning; R90,922 million through the District Health Programmes Grant (HIV/ AIDS component) to stabilise HIV service delivery after withdrawal of the PEPFAR funding; R53,837 million through the Health Facility Revitalisation Grant (HFRG) for the Budget Facility of Infrastructure (BFI) projects for Klipfontein and Belhar Regional Hospitals; R40 million through the National Tertiary Services Grant (NTSG) to correct an allocation error between provinces; and R79,694 million for Disaster Funding through the Provincial Road Maintenance Grant.

The national funded Provincial Equitable Share additions total R1,005 billion consisting of R292,113 million for our Western Cape Department of Education; and R712,724 million for our Department of Health and Wellness.

These allocations, hon Speaker, made in terms of Section 6 of the National Appropriation Act, 2025, are intended to strengthen service delivery.

For the Department of Health and Wellness, R573,567 million will be utilised in the 2025/2026 financial year, to mitigate in-year pressures on Goods and Services. The remaining R 139,157 million is deferred to 2026/2027, due to the timing of the allocation and the time required to fill posts.

For Education, the full R292,113 million allocation for Education for Compensation of Employees to retain teachers and appoint additional educators will be deferred to the 2026/2027 financial year, due to the time required to

recruit personnel. Because only two spending months remain after the expected signing of the Adjustments Budget, these deferred amounts will be allocated in the 2026 Main Budget.

I now hereby table the provisional allocations, of the deferred portions for each respective department, which the Department of Health and Wellness and Western Cape Education Department will receive as part of the 2026 Main Budget, and in order for them to have a runway to plan for their respective spending.

Responding to the late National Budget process and to protect service delivery, the province will realign R983,384 million from the 2025/2026 financial year to the 2026 MTEF.

Speaker, to be clear, no department's budget will be cut.

As a government, we understand the impact of the National Budget process this past year and we will work with all departments to therefore realign their funding over the 2026 MTEF.

Managing in-year fiscal risks, we will receive R828,191 million in rollover funding for disaster funding, via conditional grants, for the Departments of Infrastructure, CapeNature and Agriculture; and as mentioned earlier, allocate R573,567 million, via the PES allocation, for the Department of Health and Wellness in this financial year.

Through additional provincial funding, for dealing with in-year risks, the Western Cape Government will bring forward R40 million for the Department of the Premier for Broadband 2.0. We will allocate R56,852 million for the Department of Mobility for the George Integrated Public Transport Network (GIPTN). We will allocate R19,228 million for the Department of Mobility for motor vehicle license agency fees. We will allocate R2,191 million for Department of Community Safety for security cameras and Close Circuit Television (CCTV) system upgrades and allocate R2,616 million for the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for library books, IT equipment and development of sport facilities.

Hon Speaker, one of the focus areas related to the Growth for Jobs (G4J) Strategy is ensuring the necessary infrastructure is in place to support economic growth.

The Western Cape Government, through provincial funding, will therefore allocate R295 million to the Department of Infrastructure, consisting of R114 million for roads transport infrastructure, and R181 million to accelerate Human Settlements housing delivery.

In addition, to advance our PSP focusing on Safety, and on an Educated, Healthy and Caring Society (EHaCs), we further allocate provincial funding as follows, and I hope that the constituency head of Mitchells Plain is listening carefully now.

- R9 million to the Department of Community Safety and Police Oversight for the Mitchells Plain Safety and Development Programme, a new pilot initiative to address crime prevention and community safety in high-risk areas.
- R3,5 million to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for sports and cultural initiatives by fostering social cohesion, youth development, and healthy lifestyles through sports and cultural programmes. These initiatives will support reducing vulnerability to crime and substance abuse, aligning with the PSP's focus on building resilient communities.
- R5 million to the Department of the Premier for strategic events and initiatives supporting investment attraction in terms of Growth for Jobs.
- R2,5 million to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for environmental and wildlife management and biodiversity conservation.
- R10 million to the Western Cape Mobility Department for differently abled mobility.
- R21 million to the Department of Social Development which will consist of R2 million for the Social Worker Integrated Management System or the SWIMS app; R2 million for the emotional regulation support for mental health for children and youth, the EASE programme; R2 million for the community-based programme or TIME, for rural regions; R5 million to support older persons' bed spaces; and R10 million to provide care, health and dignity for older persons.

Hon Speaker, I reiterate, through an addition of R1,070 billion in national funding and R669 million in provincial funding, we are therefore adding a total of R1,739 billion in funding during this Adjustment Budget, and provisionally allocating the R431,27 million for the 2026 Budget.

The Adjustment Budget reflects fiscal sustainability, strengthens the implementation of the PSP, and maintains our Province's reputation for prudent decision-making and disciplined financial management amid uncertainty.

Hon Speaker, we are done with merely holding the line. We are moving beyond plans on paper. We are scaling up. Turning fiscal discipline into visible, material change for the people of our province.

From the streets of Khayelitsha to the farms of the Karoo, we are scaling for growth, for jobs, for safety, and for dignity.

Hon Speaker, a budget is the most honest expression of a government's intent. It strips away the rhetoric and lays bare our priorities.

In this era defined by national stagnation, the Western Cape has refused to accept decline as inevitable. We have chosen a different path. We have chosen that the fundamental economic truth that scarcity is not an excuse for inaction, but an instruction to innovate.

Through this budget we have also shifted away from a state that merely spends,

to a state that leverages. We are scaling for growth because we know that growth is the only sustainable pathway to dignity.

Hon Speaker, Luke 14:28 reads, and I quote:

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"

We have counted the cost, hon Speaker. We have laid the foundation and now, we build.

To our Head of Treasury, Ms Julinda Gantana, and our the senior management team, Victor Senna, Isac Smith, Analiese Pick, Taryn van de Rheede, Paul Pienaar, Michelle Nicholas, Ziyaad Majiet, Malcolm Booysen, Steven Kenyon, Isaac Tsie, and Elizabeth Wenn, and the teams you lead, you are the guardians of our fiscus and the custodians of our province's financial stability.

To every single unit within the Provincial Treasury, thank you for managing our cash so prudently, for turning every Rand over again and again through procurement, for ensuring reliable financial systems, for fighting for our fair share through public finance or ensuring trust through the auditing and accounting work we do, for coming up with new and enhanced revenue strategies, and for supporting our municipalities through turbulent times.

Thank you to our Director General, Dr Harry Malila, and our provincial top

management, our HODs, for your leadership and resilience in unprecedented and uncertain times.

To my Ministry team, Dr Grant Caswell, Marshalle Frederiks, and Lenku-Vince Oosthuizen, thank you for the strategic guidance, your rigour, and your vision.

To Sandra Francisco, Xanthia Murphy, Igshaan Davids, Edwina Herman and Gaynor Lucas. You are the engine room that keeps our Ministry running. Thank you.

To the hon Premier and my hon Cabinet colleagues, thank you for the courage to make the hard trade-offs required to govern responsibly, prudently and honourably.

To my family and friends, you remain my foundation and the scaffolding upon which I rely every day.

And most importantly, to the people of the Western Cape. We do not take your trust for granted. Every Rand in this budget belongs to you. We will spend it to build a province that works, a province that grows, and a province that leads.

†Agb Speaker, vir bespreking en beraadslaging vandag, voor die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement, lê ek die volgende ter tafel:

- Die Wes-Kaapse Aansuiwerings Begrotingswetsontwerp 2025;

- Die Medium-Termyn Begrotingsbeleidsverklaring;
- Die 2025 Oorsig van Aansuiwerings van ons Munisipale- en Provinsiale Infrastruktuurbeleggings;
- Ons 2025 Aangesuiwerde Beramings van Provinsiale Inkomste en Uitgawes;
- Die 2025 Provinsiale Staatskoerant vir Munisipale Toekennings wat aangesuiwer is.

Agb Speaker, ek dank u.

[Hon Speaker, for discussion and deliberation today, before the Western Cape Provincial Government, I table the following; Adjustment Budget Bill 2025;

- The Medium Term Budget Policy Statement;
- The 2025 Review of Adjustments of our Municipal and Provincial Infrastructure Investments;
- Our 2025 Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Income and Expenditure; 2025 Provincial Gazette for Municipal Allocations that were adjusted.

Hon Speaker, I thank you.]

†Die SPEAKER: Baie dankie aan die agb Minister. [The SPEAKER: Thank you to the hon Minister.] Thank you very much. The Secretary will read the Bill the first time.

The SECRETARY: Introduction and First Reading – Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5–2025] and

Medium-term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS)

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. The Bill with the Papers tabled will be referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report.

Hon members, before we adjourn, I would like to remind hon members that the Budget Committee will commence 15 minutes after the adjournment of the Sitting.

That concludes the Business for the Day. The Secretary will now close the online meeting, and the House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 11:12.