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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

[Virtual online sitting held through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. I trust that everybody has been connected to participate in this sitting, including myself, who struggled to connect with my voice. I could hear myself, but I could not hear anyone from the House.

In this sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, in terms of Rule 1(a) of the Standing Rules, with all our members in remote attendance by electronic means, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament remains fully operational, with members doing constituency work to assist the general public in whatever way possible, as well as our committees, playing their oversight role in an effective, efficient and transparent manner. Our sitting today will be conducted in terms of the Standing Rules and directives issued

by me on 17 April 2020.

Hon members, please allow me to highlight some of the important directives in this regard:

- The Secretary and his administration will ensure dedicated technical support at all times during the sittings.
- The quorum requirements for sittings of the House as provided for in the Constitution and the Standing Rules.
- Unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will take place by members present and entitled to do so, to cast their votes by clearly identifying themselves to the Presiding Officer, verbally expressing their vote.
- Members who are present have all the privileges and immunities imparted by law.
- Members who are considered to be out of order by the Presiding Officer; their microphones will be muted and called to order.
- Attendance of members will be recorded by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

In instances where these directives do not cover a particular eventuality, the Standing Rules must apply. In instances where the Rules cannot be applied, the ruling by the Presiding Officer is final.

Hon members, all microphones have been muted. You are requested to only unmute your microphone when you need to raise a point of order in terms of

the Standing Rules. You should then first state your name and your surname in order for the Presiding Officer to recognise you. When you speak, please ensure that your mic is unmuted, and when you are done speaking, please mute your microphone.

Hon members, the media have also been granted access to this MS Teams meeting as guests of the WCPP. Members of the press may, however, not use the chatroom, speak or activate their cameras whilst the sitting is in progress. For the purpose of this meeting, and as this is our second sitting of the House via Microsoft Teams, I am requesting that members are sensitive to the language and obviously we understand that we have got three official languages in the Province, but since there is no interpretation services available today for this sitting, the Secretary and the ICT component are continuing to explore options for translation for future sittings of the House.

As ruled by the Presiding Officer in the sitting of the House on 23 April 2020 also here in this platform, you will recall my ruling on that there will be no interjections that will be permitted during the debate. In this regard I also wish to draw your attention, hon members, to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules. And that brings us to the Interpellations; there is one interpellation. Order, hon members. We will now proceed to the interpellation, and I recognise the Minister of Community Safety, hon Albert Fritz.

INTERPELLATIONS:

Western Cape Safety Plan

1. Mr B D Herron asked the Minister of Community Safety:

With reference to the allocation of R130 million in the 2019/20 financial year and R417 million in the current financial year to the City of Cape Town:

What progress has been made with the implementation of the “Western Cape Safety Plan”?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and I also want to say thank you to the hon member Brett Herron for the question.

The Western Cape Government has entered into an agreement with the City of Cape Town to train and employ additional law enforcement officers, which are to be deployed to the high crime police precincts, and I think that is an important to note.

Currently 420 law enforcement officers have been appointed and have received the required training, which includes training in the role and functions of a peace officer and traffic warden; the use of firearms; the stop and approach training; docket and statements; radio procedures; baton use; pepper spray use, etcetera.

Training of further law enforcement officers at the Metro Police Training College has been suspended and will resume post the lockdown, and I am sure all of us and the hon member are aware that we are in a lockdown at the moment.

The law enforcement officers were originally deployed to Delft, which is one of the three high crime areas. The deployment to another two areas was due to begin in March. However, owing to the introduction of the lockdown the law enforcement officers have been deployed to assist the South African Police Services with the enforcement of the lockdown regulations.

Hon Speaker, the LEOs – and those are law enforcement officers – have been deployed throughout the following metropolitan areas, like Milnerton, Delft, Khayelitsha, Wynberg, Bellville, Nyanga, Lentegur, Cape Town, Strandfontein, and safe spaces like Wingfield safe space and [Inaudible.] and their work has resulted in the following, hon Speaker:

- Number of houses searched: 292.
- Number of persons searched: 5,490.
- Number of vehicles stopped: 2,106.
- Number of arrests: 37 – so you see the idea is not always just to arrest people. The idea is to correct people's behaviour, hon Speaker.
- And then number of notices to appear in court: 851.
- And Covid-19-related complaints stand at 515.

As the lockdown restrictions are eased, the LOEs will increasingly be deployed in high crime areas, where they were initially meant to be deployed, and I just want to quickly make a comment: over the lockdown period we have seen a reduction in some of those murder rates. Unfortunately, after the last weekend we have seen again an increase of criminality and murder in many of our high crime areas. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Fritz. I now recognise hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, when the Minister of Community Safety said of the Safety Plan, “That we stand by the noble dictum that you do not play political games with people’s lives,” we agreed. Eradicating crime from our neighbourhoods and making the homes, streets and public spaces in our province safe, is important. In fact, it is critical.

The question is whether the Safety Plan is a serious commitment to eradicate crime, or a dangerous and unscrupulous political game.

I tabled this discussion because having read the real Safety Plan, I see that what is proposed to deliver does not match the promises that have been made. The devil is always in the details, and despite many of us asking for them, we never got those details, until the City of Cape Town had to approve the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan.

We were asked to move hundreds of millions of rands to fund 3,000 new law enforcement officers that would be deployed to crime hotspots to reduce violence.

As recently as 14 November, the Minister said, “3,000 new law enforcement officers deployed where and when crime happens.” Yet three weeks before that, on 23 October, the Cabinet had already considered four deployment scenarios presented by the City and resolved to approve the roll-out of only 1,000 officers. The Cabinet explicitly rejected the 3,000-officers scenario. We were promised 3,000, we are now only getting 1,000.

The Premier promised to halve the murder rate. The plan identifies the top 10 murder police precincts in the Western Cape, and both the Safety Plan and the Minister promised that these new law enforcement officers would be deployed where and when crime happens, but now I see that this is not what is going to happen. The devil again is in the details.

The City’s law enforcement plan does not match the murder hotspots. The new law enforcement will go to Nyanga, Philippi East, Delft and Kraaifontein, but they will not go to the murder hotspots in Harare, Gugulethu, Mfuleni or Bishop Lavis, and what you are doing in Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha is not clear. In one part of the City’s plan Khayelitsha is included, but Mitchells Plain is not; but in the detailed deployment plan there is no Khayelitsha unit, but there is a Mitchells Plain unit.

Either way, out of the 10 murder hotspots you plan to deploy these boots to only five precincts. The other five precincts or units will not be deployed to the remaining top 10 hotspots.

There is no doubt that many other communities are also ravaged by crime, but if you are not prioritising by murder, then how are you prioritising where these new officers will go? How is the Premier planning to halve the murder rate if you are not sending any new law enforcement to half of the murder hotspots? Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Herron. I now recognise hon member Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you also to hon member Herron for raising this topic. As I was listening and recalling that in 2018 the police to population ratio in the Western Cape was on average one-third lower than the rest of the entire country.

I do know that we have an issue with regard to under resourcing, but if I listen to the hon member it appears as if this Safety Plan is the silver bullet. We have never said it is going to be the silver bullet, but it will play a role in order to assist SAPS, and obviously we know that focusing exclusively on law enforcement to reduce crime and make communities safer, is obviously insufficient. It needs that whole society approach, but to get back to the topic.

In 2019 a parliamentary question by the DA revealed that the number of police reservists in the country have declined by 86% since 2010. Reservists have experienced to combat a spate of lawlessness in our communities, and that is obviously an issue that we have been driving in order to address it. Yet, we do know that Minister Fritz has spoken extensively regarding the decline of safety officers in the province and of SAPS members, and the Western Cape Safety Plan, I believe, is an integral part to the strategic plan for the Western Cape Government, and it is worth every penny of it.

Let us not forget that Cape Town is regarded as a city that is facing enormous gangsterism and drug abuse issues, but to say that the Safety Plan is going to, or to make the issue that the Safety Plan is going to fix everything, that is the wrong perception that is being created as we do know that we are in a state where SAPS and the City of Cape Town law enforcement and various stakeholders need to play a role.

So yes, every bit of progress - and like the Minister said the law enforcement officers have already been rolled out - should be welcomed in this regard, because it plays a role in the interest of the safety of every Western Cape citizen. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Allen. I now recognise hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, when this plan was

announced, one of our primary concerns was that it was a Metro-focused and totally ignored other municipalities, especially the small ones.

If we are to use the current dispensation of the lockdown, the outbreak of Covid-19 has exposed the disparities between the rich and poor communities. It is like a survival of the fittest.

While the City of Cape Town has given all the resources for the Western Cape Safety Plan, smaller municipalities do not get any support and as a result they find it extremely difficult to enforce the regulations. It is not surprising that municipalities like Witzenberg are on the rise in terms of their positive cases in a short time. This is not only because of our failure to trace those who have been in contact with the positive cases, but it is also due to their low numbers of law enforcers.

It is also the situation in Cederberg where the Municipality is having difficulties to handle the influx of seasonal workers during this season.

I therefore want to submit, Mr Speaker, that part of the trained law enforcement officers should be immediately dispatched to smaller municipalities to assist in combatting the spread of Covid-19.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, this outbreak presents a moment of reflection, and therefore the Premier needs to rethink his Safety Plan. The priority should be addressing the root causes of crime as well as employing the District Strategy

in its implementation. Is the MEC prepared to demonstrate that a serious consideration is made to address these concerns using the safety plan? Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. I now recognise hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I think it is important that we look at what desperate communities are actually getting by way of crime fighters. One thousand law enforcement officers are being sent out onto the frontline of half of the City's most violent crime precincts. Their task is to halve the murder rate, but these officers are actually only learner law enforcement officers. They will be deployed after having undergone a basic training, which include peace officer training, a traffic warden certificate, and training on the City of Cape Town's bylaws.

Later, in groups of 125, they will undergo a further five weeks of training, and it is only then that they will begin to get basic firearm training.

So your boots on the ground plan is to send 1,000 learner law enforcement officers, initially armed with pepper spray until they get their basic firearm qualification, into half of the City's most violent crime hotspots, and what will these learner law enforcement officers be doing? Five hundred of them will form part of the neighbourhood safety teams in ten policing precincts.

Now according to the City's Annual Police Plan, the neighbourhood safety teams' functions are to build relationships with communities; assist communities with social service interventions; and uplift communities by providing support in reporting matters.

So where is the crime fighting?

So, Mr Speaker, I had been concerned about the glib handling of this plan and the obscurity of the detail, but now I see why that was needed. The detail had to be hidden so that no one would see the level of deception about one of the most critical issues affecting the lives and prosperity of the people who live under threat of death every single day.

I think the final indicator that this is not a real safety plan is the deployment of 100 of these learner law enforcement officers to the Anti-Land Invasion Unit. How will that reduce the murder rate, I am interest to know. The Red Ants of the Anti-Land Invasion Unit have nothing to do with violent crime, or halving the murder rate, and neither apparently does this so-called Safety Plan. This plan is a sham. It is really shameful, it is a cynical hoax, and I think the DA should hang their heads in shame.

People have been desperate for some relief from the relentless killing fields that they live on, but this is nothing more than a cruel and despicable false promise. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Herron. I now recognise the hon the Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Speaker, thank you very much. I just want to start off by saying that I find the comments made by the hon member Herron very-very confusing.

Firstly, no one ever said that we want to immediately get all this in place and that in place. We always said that this Safety Plan and our approach to the Safety Plan, it is a non-static approach plan, it is an incremental plan where we will incrementally introduce step-by-step all our different forces that we want to deploy to the City.

I am amazed that the hon member Herron still has the “*skiet, skop en donner*” approach to any form of crime and violence, and we have learned that that approach just does not work. Let us look at getting our communities back, saving our youth – and that is why our law enforcement – and whatever he calls them, learners – are also trained to be community developers. They must assist youngsters from diverting from crime.

But let me make a very interesting comment, and let me remind the hon member Herron, that the lockdown and the Covid-19 has more than halved, reduced the murder rate. We did not need a Safety Plan. It was reduced by the Covid-19, a more than 60% reduction in murder over the period. So just an interesting comment, and it is kind of a by-the-way side-line comment.

The other interesting point I want to just speak to when the hon member Herron speaks, is that he is the first one to suggest that it should not be a political plan, but he is politicising the plan. Our problem is boots on the ground as the hon member Allen stated, and all we ask, and what the police is welcoming, is our assistance in supplementing those boots on the ground, augmenting those boots on the ground. Those are the points that we are making.

The second point I want to just emphasise is that – and we are also coactively working with the provincial police and our Provincial Police Management Provincial Commissioner - around getting all those other reservists that were lying at home and left at home, get them back, because they are seasoned, trained police officers, and I think it is an important point to just remind you about, hon member Herron.

We want to also say that we will continue, and I really want to say thank you to hon member Kama for having a far more proactive and a far more progressive approach, in that of course we will, the program will always be at this point where more than 70% of murders historically happened, at the moment start in the Metro, and that is to target those areas that we have seen if you deal with crime in those areas, you almost kind of more than halve slash the murder rate.

The other interesting point about what he is saying is that we have engaged all municipalities, all District municipalities and B-municipalities, and gave

them a database as the Department of Community Safety. Of all the trained peace officers, also Chrysalis graduates in those areas, that can be and who are available to serve, to be taken up to assist with the boots on the ground, specifically, hon member Kama, to help with the current lockdown regulations and social distancing, so that less people get infected.

Also, an important point that we want to emphasise, is that we will continue, irrespective of why people and how people want to politicise this, we will continue to get and to train more. Of course, post lockdown more people will be able to, more of our youngsters will be able to, go back to college, to get a training. By the way, all of them that are at the moment on the road, all of them have firearm training and certified firearm training.

So I think we will continue with that and there is a lot of people who always say something. It is easy to be in the Opposition, because they can always say something. Let us go and make a difference and we actually appeal to all our Opposition members and leaders to assist with making and adding to making the Western Cape a safer place in every square where you are, everywhere where you are.

I want to also thank hon member Herron for alerting us to some of the kind of abuses that happened over the past week with relation to Covid regulations being implemented. That has been dealt with and I want to say
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Fritz, thank you hon members. That concludes [Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: ... time for interpellations.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes, thank you, Mr Speaker. Just on a point of order and I am not sure how your ruling would affect this, but in the interpellation MEC Fritz referred to "*skiet en donner*".

Now in regard to parliamentary language, firstly I would like you to please investigate whether that is parliamentary language, and in addition that was really not the point that hon member Herron was raising. He was not talking about "*skop, skiet en donner*", he was actually raising coherent points around the failures in this plan.

So ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Speaker, point of order.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... would you ...

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you, hon member Dugmore, the Leader of the Opposition. That point has been made, so I will have to listen to the next point of order before I make a decision. Who is the next point of order?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: It is from me, Mr Speaker, Ricardo. Mr Speaker, the hon member Dugmore rightly raise his point [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] about the “*skop, skiet en donner*”?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes, but then he made a political point. You cannot make a political point on an interpellation.

The SPEAKER: What is your point there, hon member Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Speaker, what I am saying is that the hon member Dugmore rightfully raised the point about “*skop, skiet en donner*”, and that is fine on the point of order, but then he went on to speak for 45 seconds on a political point on what hon member Herron was intending to say. That is not a point of order.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you, hon member Mackenzie. Hon members, I think the area that has been raised as a point of order by hon member Dugmore, it is a point of order to consider, and the language that was used, if it was used in that way, it is indeed not consistent with the decorum and the convention of the House.

Before I move, before I address hon member Fritz, the Minister Fritz, I would like to request hon member Dugmore, when you raise a point of order to stick to the point that you are raising so that you draw the attention of the Speaker, not to deliberate on the debate that the hon member was making, because that then becomes out of order itself.

Now on your point of order, it is correct and I am now raising it directly with the hon Minister Fritz. Hon Minister Fritz, did you say it in a [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, on a point of order. Hon Speaker, before you make a ruling, if I may?

The SPEAKER: Of course, you are welcome, hon member Mitchell.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Mr Speaker, before you make the ruling, I just want to highlight that in the Afrikaans language “skop, skiet en donner” [“kicking, shooting and beating people up”] is very often referred to as a “gesegde” [“saying”], and you use that as part of an expression, as part of the Afrikaans language, and as we are in the

Western Cape, where three official languages are recognised, I think the hon Minister used that as a line in his speech as part of an expression in the Afrikaans language.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But, hon Speaker
[Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: May I also comment because I am the subject?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: May I ...

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Just before your ruling
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. I am not accepting any point of order, hon member Dugmore, at this stage. I am busy, I am on the floor. Hon Minister Fritz, I take the point raised by hon member Mitchell, but again that is not the language that we use in Parliament, consistent with the decorum and the convention here.

I also have too many words in Xhosa, isiXhosa, that you can throw around,

but I mean we just want to proceed with the meeting, and in the spirit of what we are accustomed to in the House and consistent with the decorum and the convention, I would like to hear from you, hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon Speaker. The term “skop, skiet en donner” [“kicking, shooting and beating people up”] is an absolutely accepted – and hon member Dugmore knows, it is an accepted phrase to display a “kragdadige” [forceful], a police brutality mentality, where people go in with guns and they shoot and they do not – and actually the context was that we want to train our law enforcement officers as community developers, not to go and just shoot people. That “*skiet*” means shoot; “*skop*” means kick; and like “*donner*” also means kick.

So what I mean is ... [Laughs.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Can you please withdraw [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Okay, I withdraw [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: The other part is okay, hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: [Laughs.] Okay.

The SPEAKER: You are correct. But it is just that the discomfort is on the “*donner*” [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Okay. No, I withdraw, I withdraw. I think you must all learn some Afrikaans. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I have got another word in Afrikaans that I love, but I do not use it here in Parliament. [Laughs.] Thank you very much, hon Minister Fritz. Hon members, thank you.

The next matter is the Questions for Oral Reply. There is a question by hon member Botha to hon Minister Bredell. I would like to draw the attention of the hon members to – because there are four follow-up questions. If the hon member wishes to have a follow-up question, I am going to request that you press the mic as you have seen how we have been doing here now with the points of order, and just say your name and surname, then I will acknowledge you.

However, you do not speak immediately because I will simply note you. The first member that I will recognise is the member that raises the question, which is the member that has asked this question; it is hon member Botha in this case, so the first follow-up goes to her if she so wishes to take it, and the rest of the follow-ups will be apportioned as per the indication by [Inaudible.]

I hope hon members are with me in that regard. Are we all happy, hon members?

Ms L J BOTHA: ... Speaker, thanks.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you, Chair. Thank you, hon member Botha. May I now request the hon Minister Bredell.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Cederberg Municipality

1. Ms L J Botha asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Since the ANC took control of the Cederberg Municipality:

- (1) (a) How many senior management officials left their jobs and (b) how many new senior management appointments have been made;
- (2) whether the correct advertising procedure was followed with the advertising of senior management positions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether due process was followed with new appointments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Speaker, thank you to the hon member for the question.

The reply to the question: Since the ANC took control of Cederberg Municipality, two senior managers have vacated their posts, namely the municipal manager and the chief financial officer.

The (b) part: No senior manager appointments have been made by the Council. According to the Municipality, the recruitment and selection process had commenced. However, due to the restrictions imposed during the lockdown, the requirement and selection process could not continue, and continuation thereof will be dependent when it is permissible in terms of the regulations published in relation to Covid-19.

The second part: According to the Municipality it had placed advertisements in national newspapers after receiving approval by Council to fill the vacant post. As to whether the correct advertising procedures were followed, this can only be determined once the Municipality has submitted its report as to the appointment process and the outcome to myself, as MEC of Local Government, in accordance with the Regulations on Appointments and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers, published as GNR 21 in the Government Gazette 37245, dated 17 January 2014.

The third part of the question: As indicated the appointment process to fill the vacant senior municipal manager's appointment has not been finalised

and therefore it is only at the finalisation thereof that determination will be made as to whether due process was followed in any new appointments. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Bredell. I now recognise hon member Botha.

†Me L J BOTHA: Dankie, agb Speaker. Minister, ek het gehoor wat u nou net geantwoord het. Ek wil net weet of die Minister dalk die Huis kan inlig of daar enige aanstellings was van persone wat van onder 'n wolk van of korrupsie, of skuldigbevinding aan ongerymdhede, vanuit ander poste wat hulle bekleed het, of by Cederberg of ander munisipaliteite, en nou weer aangestel is in senior poste by Cederberg Munisipaliteit vandat die ANC die regering daar oorgeneem het?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Speaker. Minister, I hear what you have answered just now. I just want to know if the Minister can perhaps inform the House if there have been any appointments of persons who, from under a cloud of either corruption or conviction of irregularities in other posts they have held, either with Cederberg or other municipalities, have now again been appointed in senior posts at Cederberg Municipality since the ANC has taken over government there?]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Botha, before the Minister responds, I have made a special plea right from the outset so that we deal with the language question. I would very much like all hon members to use their language of choice, but for the statement that you have raised, there are and could be members who are disadvantaged in hearing what you have just said, and for that I would like to request that you, if you do not mind, hon member Botha, repeat what you have just said in English.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Speaker, may I address you on this issue?

The SPEAKER: Of course you may, hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: I have prepared myself in my first language, and now for me to translate it is going to be difficult.

The SPEAKER: I understand, hon member Botha. I will give an exception to that with the approval of the House. I do hope that hon members of the House understand, and please forgive me, hon members, for the purposes that the hon member has just indicated, I would really like to request that we proceed. Hon Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the hon member. I am going to try and respond in English, and I think most people will pick up.

Hon members, if a position was filled it could have been a temporary, in other words a three-month position. That they will also need to send to me and I will deal with that as soon as we get it. We have got a very thorough process to work through the applications. We will rather spend longer time on it, but we will see to it that any appointments will happen within the regulations.

In the past we had I think four court cases on appointments and we have won all four of them, because we are very strict to stick to the rule of law. As long as appointments are made within the rule of law, we have got no problem with that.

I also put it to the municipalities that they can any time invite my Department to come and explain to them the legal framework within which it must happen, and we will work with the municipalities.

So currently I have not received any request yet, but if they make use of the provisions within the law, they will also need to send it to me. I think Covid has delayed some of the processes, but we will keep a close eye on that. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Bredell. Is there any other follow-up, hon members?

Ms L J BOTHA: Member Botha.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Botha, please proceed.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Speaker, I am going to attempt to do this in English. I just want to know from the Minister, he has indicated that two senior officials have left the Municipality. I want to know whether there was a severance package and what was the rand value of it?

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

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, ja, to the hon member, I think that is more a new question, but I do not have that information. We have picked certain things up within the newspapers, but I do not think it is the place for speculation. I will ask her to put that in writing to me and we can request the Municipality to provide the facts around this and then we can debate the facts.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Bredell. Is there any other follow-up, hon members?

Mr D SMITH: Member Smith.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Smith, please take the podium.

Mr D SMITH: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr D SMITH: I would just like to say that yes, indeed two senior management officials did resign in Cederberg Municipality. Can the MEC just indicate to us and confirm if this process was correct that all municipalities should adhere to, and is he not finding the question of the hon member a bit [Inaudible.] in this regard, and then that given that vacancies could not be filled during the Covid-19 regulations and what support did the MEC's office give to this particular municipality to [Inaudible.] functions optimally.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Smith. Hon the Minister.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I struggled to get the question, but briefly I think I have answered most of the question. It is a process that the Municipality is in charge of.

We need to, and I get it more and more, realise we work with government spheres, hon Speaker. The Municipality is a government sphere, and they need to follow their processes. We have got an oversight role on that and a very strict one, and we will follow our process, but we wait for them to follow their process.

We offer to all the municipalities the assistance they need if they want to

make use of it. We cannot enforce it onto them, but we do have a very solid legal team that can support them.

I am comfortable that the Municipality – they must, they do not have a decision on this – after appointment, send me the whole process from scratch, what they follow from the advertisement, and we will go through that like we have done with all other senior appointments, and then it will be the right time to comment on this. For any member of Parliament asking questions like this, it is acceptable for me because you have got an oversight role and if you are worried about things that can happen – but I must put it, hon Speaker, to you that currently our municipalities struggle to get the right information, because everybody is running around because of Covid. We are a bit in the municipal space on the backfoot. The municipalities' first priority now is to see to it that the poor people get services and that poor people get food to eat, etcetera, and they are very busy with those processes, and I want to ask the House also to accept that, and to work with the municipalities and we can have our political spats later on, but we need to support our municipalities in this very difficult time. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Bredell. Hon members, if there is no other follow-up question, that concludes the Questions for Oral Reply, and now we go to the Members' Statements in terms of Rule 145.

I now recognise the DA. Remember Members' Statements are only two minutes. The DA.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): A point of order, Mr Speaker – hon Wenger.

The SPEAKER: Hon the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): I am checking that there is only one oral question and not two?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. The second oral question is withdrawn.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Oh, thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Think it was. Hon Chief Whip, if I may address you and the House? It was a question by hon member America to Minister Bredell, which has subsequently been withdrawn by the hon member America. Thank you. I will now [Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Point of order, Mr Speaker.
Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Who is that? Hon [Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Hon the Leader of the Opposition.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I would just like to ask in terms of our Rules and the conventions that govern the House, we had welcomed the question by hon member America, and we have now been informed that he has withdrawn.

Surely the Speaker owes the House an explanation? Because there is a lot of preparation that is being done by the Opposition to take the question seriously.

So could you just explain to the House on a point of order what was the reason given for the withdrawal, and do you personally, as the Speaker of this House, support that conduct?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Wenger, point of order.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, it is a point of order.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I recognise the point of order by the Chief Whip and then the Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The convention is that members who pose questions may withdraw them at any point, and that is a convention that we have followed certainly for as long as I have been a member, which is six years now, without any explanation required.

So I do not think that this convention should be changed at this stage. Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But is it because [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you [Inaudible.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... the hon member realised that he made a mistake?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): On a point of order.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: That he made a mistake [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... because he knew that he would be exposed?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, order. I have not recognised you now. I have recognised you earlier. Please do not do it that way. May I request the hon the Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Mr Speaker, I refer to Rule 201(4) and it reads:

“A question may be withdrawn by the member who submitted it, at any time before it is answered by a member of the Provincial Cabinet.”

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Mitchell, and in that I then make my ruling as follows: In terms of the convention and of course in terms of Rule 201, as said by hon member Mitchell, sub-section (4), and all the other conventions that we are used to in the House, I think the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, who is the Chief Whip here in this case, of the House, she makes a point. I also can say, hon member Dugmore, the Leader of the Opposition, fortunately both of us, in fact all of us have been here even in the last Parliamentary term. We really do not question members when they withdraw their own question.

In isiXhosa: [Speaking in the vernacular] meaning the one who slaughters his cow does not get to be questioned by those who are not slaughtering.

So I think let us leave it to the hon member to eat his own cow.

May I request therefore we proceed so that we get ahead with our business of

the day. Hon members, I am going to proceed now [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: ... I am going to proceed now, we have got a business before us. I am not taking any point of order on this matter. It is clear, go and read the Rules.

Now Members' Statements, I recognise the Democratic Alliance.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you. [Inaudible.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr D AMERICA: Okay.

The SPEAKER: You are welcome. Who is going first? Hon member Maseko or hon member America?

Mr D AMERICA: Hon member Maseko can go, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: All right, hon member Maseko, please proceed.

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Hon Speaker, we face a pandemic that will go down in history as one of the greatest challenges of our generation. Extraordinary times require extraordinary responses, and the Province go above and beyond its core duties, setting new standards in this period.

The Provincial Health Department has rapidly responded by conducting prioritised effective screening and testing across the province. Further brand new trials and testing facilities [Inaudible.] have been set out and professional volunteers are well received, with at least 1,150 volunteers on record.

Another clear example of the Province ramping up its efforts [Inaudible.] so during lockdown.

Though initially attacked by some in the Opposition for this humanitarian, we have remained steadfast in our commitments. Thousands of children from vulnerable backgrounds are supported by this initiative. Economically Covid-19 will have a long-lasting impact on generations to come, but a healthy state of [Inaudible.] ability to manage funds in emergencies, it is not seen elsewhere in our country, and it will stand us in good ~~state~~ stead.

We are pleased to [Inaudible.] this connects businesses with the resources and support they need. There have already been over 40,000 [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Can you hear me, Mr Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may proceed. I just wanted to draw your attention to that. You can that and just finish your statement, no problem.

Ms L M MASEKO: Okay. Hon Speaker, in Human Settlements we have seen the launch of a mobile application which simultaneously provides a digital platform on which our residents can register for housing application, or update.

There is a background – I do not know if it is you, Mr Speaker, speaking or – it is a lot of noise in my ears. Can I be protected on that one?

The SPEAKER: You also have challenges with time.

Ms L M MASEKO: Okay, let me finish the last sentence.

The SPEAKER: Please do, Ma'am.

Ms L M MASEKO: Okay, it is up to each and every one of us to play our part too. The public sector and private sector must both contribute to meaningful support for a shared future we can look forward to in a very uncertain present time. Ubuntu is needed now more than ever [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon member Maseko. I recognise the African National Congress.

Ms L M MASEKO: [Inaudible]

The SPEAKER: The ANC.

Mr D SMITH: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you

The SPEAKER: May I request before the hon member identifies himself here, colleagues, hon members, the system here is under pressure right now. I am requesting that if you are not speaking you mute your mic, and when you want to speak you then unmute, and when done you mute it again, and before you speak just take your best spot of network at your particular home or office, so that you move to the spot where there is a better reception in order for you to be audible at all times.

I now proceed with the next hon member from the ANC, who is that?

Mr D SMITH: Mr Speaker, I thought I heard hon member Rachel, but I want to – can I proceed? Member Smith speaking.

The SPEAKER: Please proceed, hon member Smith.

Mr D SMITH (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, ever since the first announcement of the City's intent to house the homeless people in Strandfontein Shelter, which later became known as a concentration camp due to its living conditions, the ANC voiced its discontent and suggested a decentralised approach to house the poor in various unused municipal buildings and community halls.

Following the scathing findings by various bodies, including Doctors Without Borders and the Human Rights Commission, the City has taken a decision to close down its concentration camp, or claims that it will be empty by 20 May. The [Inaudible.] cost the taxpayers approximately R32 million per month for food, ablution facilities and [Inaudible.]. We should also add the law enforcement officers stationed at the site.

The City's approach lacks the appreciation of inter-party and inter-governmental coordination in the fight against Covid-19, as we have seen at National Government level. [Inaudible.] millions of taxpayers' money have gone to [Inaudible.] fruitless and irregular expenditure by – the importance of being cost effective and avoiding fruitless and wasteful, unauthorised and irregular expenditure in relation to all types of procurement, has been highlighted in the PMFA and the MFMA.

The Auditor-General and Provincial Government should investigate this procurement. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Smith. I now recognise the Democratic Alliance.

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Hon Speaker, at the Portfolio Committee meeting in Parliament on 30 April, National Treasury revealed that it predicted that between three and 7 million people will lose their jobs due to the lockdown.

Despite this dire prediction the Departments of Small Business and Tourism persist in using race-based policies as criteria in deciding who is eligible for financial relief. It is unconscionable for Government to cherry-pick who is deserving of assistance based on a set of arbitrary criteria. The DA will not stand by while this crisis, which affects all South Africans, be used to divide our nation.

The ANC National Government does not seem to grasp, but there are instances in which a business may be denied emergency relief because the owner is white whilst a significant number of employees are persons of colour. Mr Mboweni prudently stated that he cannot support a policy position that excludes some people based on the colour of their skin. This coming directly from the Government who denies relief based on the owner's pigmentation.

This begs the question, hon Speaker, is the National Government functioning as one to overcome the Covid-19 epidemic, or is it acting separately towards

a political agenda?

We need to be concerning ourselves with the people whose families will be denied an income and who will face incredible hardship and hunger if National Government pursues the race-based agenda resulting in the increase in poverty, which will have a rollover effect such as homelessness and crime.

For the ANC Government to play race politics at a time like this is by its own standards very low. To ask someone's race before deciding whether they are worth rescuing, is something we never thought we will ever see again in South Africa, and it is a sad reflection of the apartheid regime we fought to overcome.

Furthermore, Mr Speaker, it is a terrible indictment on the ruling party that they have to be taken to court to be forced to serve and protect all the citizens of this country.

In conclusion, to paraphrase President Ramaphosa:

“We are a government who puts the life and dignity of our citizens first.”

Mr Speaker, may we all truly uphold this constitutional obligation. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I now recognise the EFF.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA (EFF): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Economic Freedom Fighters calls on the Western Cape Provincial Government to take responsibility and blame for the increase in the domestic spread of the Covid-19 transmission with the Western Cape, especially those that occurred in the shopping malls.

This follows the earlier statement by the Western Cape Minister of Health, Nomafrench Mbombo, that people must not wear facemasks when going to the supermarkets, as they are ineffective, unnecessary and a real cause of the fast spread of the virus. This ill-informed statement was uttered irresponsibly, despite lack of research globally to support its substance and factual basis. In fact, the opposite view was shared by the world at large.

This statement originates from Dr Mike Ryan of the World Health Organisation, who said it is his own opinion and without any proven facts to that regard. When closely scrutinised in substance and form, this statement had nothing to do with the spread of the Covid-19, but was strategy to decrease the demand for medical masks by the public, so that they can be reserved for medical practitioners only. This was then copied by the MEC and spread as a fact.

The result of the statement by the Provincial Health Minister then resulted in

the increase in the local transmission of Covid-19 cases in our supermarkets, where the majority of people interface during the lockdown period.

Had Minister Mbombo been diligent, properly advised and rational under the circumstances, she would have known the cloth masks can be used by the public without putting a strain onto the supply of medical masks, as cloth masks can play an important role in blocking the transmission of fluid from people that are infected with Covid-19, when they are coughing or sneezing around those who are not infected.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, the EFF calls for the conduct of MEC Mbombo to be investigated, and where it is found that her statement was reckless and ill-informed, we call for proper disciplinary action to be taken against her. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Makamba-Botya. I now recognise the DA.

Ms W F PHILANDER: (DA) Hon Speaker, Eddy Grant saying about Jo'anna, how she should have hope in circumstances, hope until the morning comes, and how hope should be kept for the morning that will come.

Mr Speaker, in these unprecedented times hope is all that so many have. [Inaudible.] that during this time – and it should be highlighted – the inequality in our country, especially between the urban and rural divide

certainly deserves much attention, in not just future planning way down the road, but immediately. The health and social impact on rural areas as a result of Covid-19, might be bigger than what is predicted. It is our fellow countrymen and women in these areas that are further from access to healthcare and social relief. We saw exponential growth in Covid-19 cases in recent weeks.

Sincere thanks to the Cabinet and the Western Cape Government for putting together a thorough and comprehensive integrated plan in place, of which every sector was addressed. This pandemic does not distinguish between colour or creed. We see businesses struggle, households struggle, job losses and uncertainty.

†Agb Speaker, dit is nie 'n politieke saak hierdie nie. Hulpverlening mag nooit 'n politieke kleur kry nie, want almal sukkel.

[Hon Speaker, this is not a political matter. The provision of aid should never take on a political colour, because everyone is struggling.]

Thanks to businesses, organisations and sectors who have reached out and to whom our Provincial Government have reached out in this fight against Covid.

†Groot dank en waardering [A big thanks and appreciation] to our NGOs who have provided non-stop support and relief initiatives across, especially in rural areas where options are few. Sincere thanks for soup kitchen initiatives

to every auntie in every street that took it upon herself to ensure that a family will not go hungry.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you hon member.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Speaker, my name might not be Jo'anna, but I have hope, hope in and beyond trying times at current, hope of a nation that will come out stronger, communities that now better understand each other and communities that have proven these past weeks, have indeed made us *Better Together*. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon member Philander. I think what I am going to do now is to look; there are one-two-three-four-five-six-seven that must speak. Thank you, hon member Philander. I am going to request the GOOD to come in, hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the Director-General of the World Health Organisation said: "Political division is fuelling the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. The virus exploits personal differences, especially those between ideologies or political parties. This virus is dangerous and it exploits the cracks between us. A lack of unity can distract leaders and the public, leading to a loss of life.

Our province is the epicentre of the virus. The Premier can deny this and claim that we are better at testing, but the numbers do not lie. We have

tested about half the number of people in Gauteng and have twice the number of infections. Maybe we are testing smarter and finding more positive cases, but this cannot explain why our death rate is nearly five times that of Gauteng.

We have 73 deaths, although I believe it is 76 as of today, while Gauteng has 15. That death rate confirms that this province is the epicentre and that has nothing to do with better testing. Our residents are most at risk and we seem to have a Trumpean government denying that we are the epicentre.

The DA Government is taking every opportunity to challenge the national plan, unable to resist a political opportunity and succumbing to populism. They champion cigarette sales. Their Members of Parliament egg on the surfers who break the rules, describing this as terribly satisfying and the Premier wants to challenge the strict exercise allowance.

Hon Speaker, leadership is not about challenging popular sentiment. Leadership is about making tough decisions and keeping people on board. The DA seems hell-bent on derailing our response to this pandemic because they cannot resist exploiting the cracks between us.

Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Herron. I now recognise the

ACDP, hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I thank you, hon Speaker. Can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Yes sir, hon member Christians, everyone can hear you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Speaker. The ACDP in the Western Cape asks the Premier, Mr Alan Winde, to engage the President of the country, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, and the National Command Council to have the level of lockdown lowered in certain districts within the Western Cape. The lockdown level must be changed because it is absolutely critical for the survival of businesses.

Hon Speaker, certain areas can open for business in a responsible way adhering to all the regulations and conditions stipulated by law. This will reduce the fiscal pressure on National Government but also the cash flow problems for many businesses.

Hon Speaker, it is important to open businesses in certain districts because the unemployment rate is growing. Some businesses will never open again and everyone's livelihood is affected. According to the statistics released by the Western Cape Government certain districts have remained stable.

Hon Speaker, let me give you examples. The Garden Route – sitting with 62 cases; George 14; Bitou five; Knysna 14; Mossel Bay 19, Hessequa

seven, Oudtshoorn three, Kannaland nought. Central Karoo still do not have any cases. Prince Albert, Beaufort West and Laingsburg got nought. The Overberg District Municipality also only have 19 cases, two Cape Agulhas, 13 Overstrand, two Swellendam and two Theewaterskloof.

In conclusion, Hon Speaker, the ACDP in the Western Cape urges the Premier to urgently address this matter because our businesses are suffering and closing down.

I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. I now recognise the ANC.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in late last year and its subsequent spread to various countries across the globe, we have witnessed a series of stigmatisation, racism and xenophobia associated with it.

In certain Asian countries Africans were prohibited from accessing shopping malls and other social amenities. In various parts of the country prison warders are denied entry to shopping malls and supermarkets due to fears that they may be carriers of the virus.

The Western Cape has not been spared from the social stigma associated

with the Covid-19. We experienced this firsthand when the first Khayelitsha patient was allegedly threatened with eviction by the landlord. Her family was also badly treated by the community. This repeated itself in the Boland where the community evicted a suspected Covid-19 patient. Today I rise to call on leaders of various political parties and society at large to speak of the case stigmatisation. We need more voices to bring an end to the social stigma associated with this disease. The Government must also come to the party to protect the people. We need a public awareness campaign to educate the people about the dangers of stigmatisation.

Positive Covid-19 cases from hostile areas should be quarantined in Government facilities and not in their homes as per the current practice. Currently the use of these facilities in the province is below 50%. So there is enough space.

I thank you, Chair, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Windvogel. I now recognise the DA.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon member Van der Westhuizen.

The SPEAKER: Welcome, hon member Van der Westhuizen.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Hon Speaker, I pay tribute to each and every individual providing invaluable support to ensure that the food chain is uninterrupted during the lockdown as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am grateful to the farmers, farmworkers, those working in packing sheds, in transport, in secondary food industries, and staff of wholesale and retail food stores. These brave South Africans put themselves at risk to ensure that the shelves are well stocked and that no South African with the necessary means will go hungry. In this time of lockdown, some even paid with their lives, such as the workers killed while on their way to a farm near De Doorns.

I also wish to pay tribute to the numerous NGOs, community and faith-based organisations, donors, informal relief groups and activists that continuously step in to provide relief. Their contributions played an enormous role to stem a growing number of people going hungry.

How sad then to learn of national state organs slowing down and hampering these initiatives through unnecessary clumsy centralisation. This serves only to increase the amount of time it takes to provide relief to those who need it the most.

How sad then to learn that even some members of this Parliament could not resist the temptation to exploit the situation for misplaced party-political gain! I note this as members appeared on social media with National Minister Creecy, Deputy Minister Skwatsha and others handing out food

arranged by the public service – all this taking place while the offices of SASSA, the main agency for social grants and relief, were closed by National Government.

Nevertheless, the challenges; the Western Cape has previously been described as the bread-basket of South Africa. It continues to be so. I salute those that ensure that our province again lives up to this impeccable standard, even during this pandemic. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Van der Westhuizen. I now recognise the Freedom Front Plus, hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS (FF PLUS): Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you very much. On behalf of the Freedom Front Plus I wish to record and express our great concern at the ever-increasing rise of new Covid-19 infections in the Western Cape.

It has become [Inaudible – mic loses contact 01:09:26] that the Western Cape Government was ill-prepared with no effective plan to stop this trend. This reason caused great fear and panic amongst people especially the poor, the homeless and the unemployed, also noting that our dear member of the House, hon member Bakubaku-Vos, as reported, has been tested positively for the Covid-19. [Mic loses contact.] I wish her a speedy and full recovery as a well-respected competent colleague of ours and a member of this Legislature. My prayers go with her and her family

and other colleagues in this House.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Marais and thank you for the well wishes to hon member Bakubaku-Vos. May I now request the Al Jama-ah, hon Brinkhuis? [No audible reply.] Hon member Brinkhuis, are you not in the House? [No audible reply.]

Alright, let us proceed to the DA. To the DA, are you not taking the opportunity? [No audible reply.]

Okay. Now let us conclude on the Members' Statements. With the provision of Rule 145(6), which makes provision for a member of the Executive to respond, I will give an opportunity to a Minister to respond for no longer than five minutes – members of the Executive.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member, who is that?

Mr G BRINKHUIS: This is hon member Brinkhuis from Al Jama-ah. Sorry for... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Well, your line has not come through.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: I think my intercom was muted.

The SPEAKER: Oh, alright. Order, hon member Brinkhuis. Hon members, I am going to allow hon member Brinkhuis an opportunity and afford him to speak, and then after which then the Executive will respond. Hon member Brinkhuis.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you, hon Speaker. The Premier has estimated the amount of Covid infections to be in August around about 80 000 infections. This will be very devastating to the Western Cape with regard to funerals. The Western Cape need to equip our communities, especially our mosques and our churches with personal protective equipment so that the communities in the mosques and the churches can be complying with the national regulations with regard to funerals.

I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Brinkhuis. I now recognise the members of the Executive. [No audible reply.] No-one to reply from the Cabinet? [No audible reply.] Alright, thank you very much, hon members, and that concludes Members' Statements.

There are motions and there is going to be an opportunity for the notices of motion, the motions where notices have been made, and in that way then I recognise hon, the Chief Whip, hon Mireille Wenger?

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the future of the Western Cape post the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken, thank you hon, the Chief Whip. I recognise the Chief Whip of the Opposition, hon member Lekker. [No audible reply.] I am waiting, hon member Lekker. I hope you are connected. [No audible reply.] Let us proceed to the DA, hon member Baartman. Okay, let us proceed.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Okay, thank you, hon Baartman.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates, at its next sitting, energy security in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): The member is on mute, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Are you talking about hon member Lekker, Chief Whip?
Oh, hon member Baartman, is it muted now?

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Yes, now we can hear you, hon member Baartman.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Okay I will repeat.

The SPEAKER: Please proceed, okay.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates, at its next sitting, energy security in the
Western Cape. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Baartman. I now recognise hon,
the Leader of the Opposition, hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you. Thank you
very much. Sorry, can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Dugmore, everyone can hear you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That this House discusses the upsurge of racism in the Western Cape under the DA and especially during the containment of the Covid-19 pandemic. I so move. [Interjection.]

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Nonsense, M'Lord.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon, the Leader of the Opposition. I now recognise hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the constitutionality, appropriateness and efficacy of the regulations during the State of Disaster and Covid-19 pandemic in South Africa. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mackenzie. I now recognise hon member Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the fact that the Western Cape is the epicentre of the Covid-19 pandemic with the highest infection, people in hospital or ICU and death rate in South Africa.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Windvogel. I now recognise hon member Kama. [No audible reply.] Hon Kama? [No audible reply.] Hon members, I now recognise hon member Lekker.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you hon Speaker. Sorry, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Okay, alright, hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the flaunting of Covid-19 pandemic emergency lockdown rules and laws by prominent DA politicians like the Cape Town councillor, Angus McKenzie, who without a mask talked over open food for distribution and the Stellenbosch Mayor, Wilhelmina Petersen, who operationally meddled into food parcels. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. I now recognise hon member Lekker. [No audible reply.] Hon member Lekker? [No audible reply.] The Chief Whip of the Opposition, I now move to the Leader of the Opposition, hon member Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Speaker. Are we still dealing with motions with notice?

The SPEAKER: We are still busy with the notices of motion, yes.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That this House – on a very serious note – discusses whether the failure by the Western Cape Provincial Administration to set up a Provincial Command Centre for the Western Cape and all the districts within the province, has directly or indirectly affected our ability as a Province to slow the curve and defeat the pandemic. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I object, hon Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: I object.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Objection.

The SPEAKER: These are notices of motion. You cannot object here.

An HON MEMBER: We can, because he just sits and thinks it out.

The SPEAKER: Order, Order hon members!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is not noticed.

[Interjection.]

Mr P J MARAIS: [Inaudible.] ...must learn the Rules.

An HON MEMBER: He did not prepare anything.

The SPEAKER: Order. Order hon members!

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): A point of order – the Chief Whip.

The SPEAKER: The Chief Whip, I recognise you.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I would like to know whether hon member Dugmore's motion with notice has been tabled as required by the Rules.

An HON MEMBER: It has not been.

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip, if I may address you here. It is; his name is on the list of the motions submitted for this purpose, yes.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): However, hon Speaker, it is not just a question of names. We were asked to submit the actual motion in writing like we would do in an ordinary sitting. Once the member has passed the motion they are required to submit it in writing.

An HON MEMBER: This is not a debate between you and the Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): So I would like to ask whether hon member Dugmore has in fact tabled his motion with the institution that we were all asked to do.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible] between you and the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I am being interrupted while raising

a point of order.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, let us please restrain ourselves and allow the hon members who are on the floor to proceed unhindered and motivate so that we are able to allow democracy to take place in the House. So there is a motivation as part of the question, which is fine, the Chief Whip is asking a question, which is correct, and I would like to rightfully ask the hon member who gave the motion to respond to that question. Hon, the Leader of the Opposition, did you submit the motion that you have just read, hon, the Leader of the Opposition?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, thank you Chair. Chair, my understanding is that motions with notice, which is what the House is dealing with at the moment, are submitted by members via their Whips, and I can confirm, and, if necessary, hold up my phone to show you the wording of the motion which I have just read. So I am not sure whether the formal tabling appears on a piece of paper somewhere but I can give this House and yourself, hon Speaker, the assurance, that the motion that I have just moved to the effect that the Western Cape has failed to set up a Provincial and District Command Centre, was submitted.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: And as far as I understand that motion should have been appearing somewhere, but I did

what I was supposed to do, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore. Hon Chief Whip, and the hon members, the matter will be investigated by the Speaker, and I shall come back to the House in the next sitting.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Now let us proceed to hon member Windvogel. We are still on the motions with notice, which is the notices of motion, hon Windvogel. [No audible reply.] Now hon member Windvogel is not taking the opportunity, are you, hon member?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, my phone was on mute. Sorry.

The SPEAKER: No problem.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, is it – I am not sure. Are we on motions without notice?

The SPEAKER: Yes, we are dealing with motions with notice; the notices of motion.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Okay, then... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Do you not have one?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: No, I do have.

The SPEAKER: Okay, please proceed, hon member.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House wishes its ANC member, Ntombezanele Gladys Bakubaku-Vos a speedy and full recovery after she contracted the coronavirus... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a notice of motion.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Without notice, okay no.

The SPEAKER: No, we are going to get there, it is going to be the next one.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Okay.

The SPEAKER: Your name is also there so it is not this one. This one is the motion with notice, which is a notice of a motion.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Okay.

The SPEAKER: So you can leave this for now, then we will come back to later.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Okay. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You are most welcome, hon member. I now recognise hon the Leader of the Opposition, on the notice of a motion or a motion with notice. I am reading from the list that is before me, hon members. You will please, if you please with your indulgence, allow me to read the list as presented before me by the administration based on the list of names submitted. The Leader of the Opposition, are you taking the opportunity?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, could I just address you, so far I have moved a motion with notice concerning the issue of racism in the Western Cape.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Then I have moved another one. Are you saying that my name appears for a third time to do [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, it does.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It does, okay.

The SPEAKER: Ja but you have the right to forfeit the next opportunity, if [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, no hon Speaker. If I could proceed, and also trust that the Chief Whip and others will respect the fact that I have in fact submitted this motion. Can I proceed, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may proceed, hon, the Leader of the Opposition.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you. Hon Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That this House discusses whether the fact that the Premier of the Western Cape took 33 days before responding positively to a request by Opposition leaders in the Western Cape for a meeting to discuss cooperation and partnership to fight the pandemic, has had a negative or a positive effect on the efforts in the Western Cape to combat the pandemic. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon, the Leader of the Opposition. I now move to the next, which is the last [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mitchell, what is your point of order, sir?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I am rising on the same previous point raised by the Chief Whip where there was a rule made or an instruction given that it needs to be tabled to the administration. Based on that can I please ask that you, with your indulgence, consult the Table staff to in fact request if it has been submitted. If it has not yet been submitted, then it cannot be passed as a motion with notice in this sitting. But can I address you on a point of order, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, order. Hon, the Leader of the Opposition, I recognise you. We cannot hear you, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I am unmuting now. I am unmuting. Can you hear me now, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Oh yes, thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: So hon Speaker, as I indicated, the submission of the motions with notice including our concerns about the Provincial Command, Council not being in existence and this one that I have just moved now, those were compiled and presented, as I would normally do, to our Chief Whip. My understanding is

that those would have been communicated. So I am not sure what list you are sitting with, because the Chief Whip seems to be sitting with another list which does not include the fact that I had the racism one. Initially I was under the impression that I only had to move a motion with notice concerning racism in the Western Cape, but then you called on me and I was then under the impression that the motions that I had submitted to our Chief Whip were then now on your order and that is why I then did the motion on the Command Council issue and now this one.

The SPEAKER: Alright, thank you, we have... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: So I am not sure why I am being questioned when – sorry, you are? [Interjection.] [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I am happy in this regard, yes, thank you, hon member Dugmore. I have got a list, hon members. I have a list before me of 12 Notices of Motion and this is the list I have been following. I have got one member that is left and that is hon member Nkondlo, in terms of the list that is before me. If the list is not the same as that that is before you, then that could have been another glitch which I do not think is the case right now. So there is only one list and that is the list that has been shared with all parties. Is that in order, hon members?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Ja, I do not have any problem with that, but I do not have that list in front of me that you have

got. I am just listening to you. You called my name and then I read the motion that I had submitted to our Chief Whip.

The SPEAKER: What I can say to all the honourable members is that there was a list that was forwarded by hon member Lekker, the Chief Whip of the Opposition, and there were a number of motions that were sent with that list and therefore I may not confirm now which one is which because that is not what I am dealing with right now, but in the next sitting, because I do not want to delay the sitting here, who would be able to confirm the issues on the areas that were raised by the hon members with specific reference to specific motions, whether or not they were submitted in the administration for this purpose, and I think in that regard we will deal with it and be able to report back to the House in the next sitting. Are we all on the same page, hon members? Is that in order? Thank you.

Now the last notice of a motion is by hon member Nkondlo and in that regard then I would like to request hon member Nkondlo to take the podium.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House considers with concern the high Covid-19 infection rates in the retail sector in the province, which has resulted in hundreds of retail workers contracting the virus in the line of duty

with some succumbing to untimely deaths; further that the House considers that this exponential rise in cluster transmission is a glaring sign of non-compliance to occupational health and safety as a legal obligation of employers; and request that this House discusses the role of Provincial Government in ensuring that industry adheres during this time in terms of workplace safety protocols, especially in the retail sector. I thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Nkondlo. Hon members, that concludes the Motions of Notice. I now recognise – in fact we are moving to the Motions without Notice and the first hon member on the list is hon member Kama.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr M KAMA: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes, with sadness, that on Freedom Day we learned of the devastating news of the passing on of Minister Fritz's mother, Theodora Fritz at the age 93. Mama Fritz's passing on Freedom Day, on what we have come to know as Heroes Month, correctly bears testimony to her life which was dedicated to the people and defines her as a South African heroine. Mama Fritz was a struggle veteran and

an anti-apartheid activist who worked tirelessly in the dark days of apartheid to nurture and guide our youth in the 1980's; and that the House sends its condolences to MEC Fritz and family and that God continues to protect and comfort them. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. I now recognise hon, the Chief Whip.

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

That the House extends its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the 72 Covid-19 victims in the Western Cape, and further empathises with all residents in the Western Cape experiencing illness, loss, hardship and hunger brought about by this devastating pandemic. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon, the Chief Whip. I now recognise hon, the Leader of the Opposition.

An HON MEMBER: Just ask him.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, my apologies.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes, thank you.

The SPEAKER: As per the Rules I need to ask this question: are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Thank you, hon members. I now recognise hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House commiserates with the family, the friends and the comrades of the iconic struggle veteran and hero, Denis Goldberg, who died during last week, aged 87; and notes that comrade Goldberg was a founder-member of the peoples' army, uMkhonto weSizwe, which had its first camp against the illegitimate apartheid regime on his Western Cape farm and one of the people who were found guilty of high treason together with Nelson Mandela and other high profile leaders at the notorious Rivonia trial. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore, the Leader of the Opposition. I now recognise hon member Mitchell.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates Mr Gideon Erasmus, fondly known as Kallie, an Environmental and Development Attorney from Prince Albert in the Central Karoo and the founding head of the Centre for Development Studies at UNISA, for the award he received as the Environmental Law Lawyer of the Year 2020, presented by the International Publication Finance Monthly; and notes that for his award as the overall winner, Mr Erasmus would appear on the cover of the 2020 Awards Edition; and notes that this prestigious award follows as a result of the successful private prosecution and conviction of BP Southern Africa for historical environmental offences by Uzani Environmental Advocacy. This is believed to be the first successful criminal prosecution of an environmental offender by a member of civil society anywhere in the world and, in conclusion, that the House further notes that this certainly is the first of its kind in South Africa. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mitchell. I now recognise hon Windvogel.

An HON MEMBER: You have to ask the question.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I have to ask the question, I have to put the question, my apologies, hon member Windvogel. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Thank you, hon members. Hon member Windvogel, you may proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Sorry, a point of order, hon Speaker, a point of order.

The SPEAKER: What is the point of order, hon, the Leader of the Opposition?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the motion around comrade Denis Goldberg, I think you also did not ask the House whether there was any objection. If my memory serves me correct, I think that was also not put to the House.

The SPEAKER: Yes, you are correct, hon member Dugmore. Also on the first one by hon Kama I did not put it.

An HON MEMBER: Kama, yes.

The SPEAKER: I assume you cannot object. I hope you are not objecting to that motion yourself. [Laughter.] I dealt with the other motion subsequent to that. Are we all happy, hon members? Thank you, agreed to.

I now recognise hon member Windvogel. I hope you are allowed to speak now. Hon member Windvogel, your motion without notice.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes, Ma'am.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House wishes its ANC member, Ntombezanele Gladys Bakubaku-Vos a speedy and full recovery after she contracted the coronavirus and are now hospitalised. I thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Windvogel. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection? Agreed to. Thank you, hon members, we wish her well. Hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House commends the many NGOs operating in Mitchells Plain. These NGOs have filled the vacuum left by SASSA, the main agency responsible for social support and which is opening

its office only on Monday 11 May, well after the beginning of lockdown and in spite of repeated calls for them to do so. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mackenzie. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Objection, objection, objection!

The SPEAKER: There is an objection.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Objection, objection!

The SPEAKER: The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But, hon Speaker, it was after you said “Agreed to.”

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I tried my best to unmute myself in time [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I take note.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: And the reason, hon Speaker, that it is we all commend... [Interjection.] We all commend Mitchells Plain, but it is not true that it is only SASSA.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is the delays by Social Development.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): A point of order, hon Speaker – hon Wenger.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore. You have recorded your objection, and there is no motivation.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Objection to the NGOs at Mitchells Plain? Well done, hon member Dugmore.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mackenzie, we are trying to help you here. Hon, the Chief Whip, what is your point?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker, you covered me on the no need for motivating the objections.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But then, hon Speaker, why does the Chief Whip not raise an issue with her own member? She is not consistent. That is the problem!

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition is abusing the opportunity here. He is not raising a valid point of order.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, I can see that we miss each other in person. I hope we will see each other soon and I am so looking forward to the world after Covid-19. May I please request that we proceed in the spirit within which we were proceeding right now? We are almost there. We are almost there. The next is hon member Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. [Background noise]

An HON MEMBER: Is somebody under attack?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Windvogel, you are protected, Ma'am. When you are ready, please proceed. I can hear you in the background somewhere there.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Okay, thank you Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates all law-abiding people with the general patience displayed during the levels of lockdown by wearing protective clothing like facemasks and gloves, regular washing of hands, maintaining social distancing and even providing assistance to the vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic, commends all who go the extra mile for their fellow human beings and calls on all to unite behind the internationally accepted restrictions to keep the infections down as we are all together in uncharted waters. Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika!

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Windvogel. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Allen. I recognise you, sir.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House extends our gratitude to every safety officer in the Western Cape for their tireless efforts in keeping our communities safe during these unprecedented times; and further acknowledges and commends the redeployment of the Department of Community Safety's

(DOCS) Private Security and Security Support Team (SST), under the leadership of Minister Fritz, to support the enforcement of lockdown regulations in the province. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Allen. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. I recognise hon member Bans.

Ms A P BANS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the first Western Cape Child Commissioner, Christina Nomdo.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Is that it? Thank you, hon member Bans, that was nice and crisp. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon members, the next motion is by hon member Botha. I recognise you, hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House notes with sadness the passing of the first Western Cape

nurse, due to Covid-19, and extends our sincere condolences to the family of sister Petronella Benjamin. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and colleagues during this time; and that this House further notes with concern and extends gratitude to frontline workers who take courage to face this crisis first-hand, every day. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Botha. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Thank you, hon members. The next motion is by hon member Nkondlo. Are you ready Ma'am? [No audible reply.] Let us move to hon member Maseko.

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

That this House congratulates Mrs Lulu Lena Sykes, a 100-year-old in Villiersdorp – an amazing milestone in itself – but she should be praised for the love, care, and wisdom she has given so generously every day for 100 years. May her 100th birthday bring her more than all the joy, wisdom, hope and love she has always given away so freely. Happy blessed 100th birthday to her! I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Maseko. Hon members, are there

any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections?
Agreed to. Happy birthday to Ugogo.

Hon members, I now recognise hon member Bosman. Hon member Bosman
†is jy gereed? [are you ready?] Alright, now let us move... [Interjection.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Okay, it is your opportunity now, hon member Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: You can skip me, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Oh, thank you, hon member Bosman. Hon member Bans.

Ms A P BANS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes Sunday was the commemoration of World Freedom
Day and the subsequent loss of a large number of print newspaper and
magazine titles that fold under the economic pressure of new electronic
media.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Bans. Hon members, are there any
objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, I need to hear, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon, sir?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I did not hear part of the motion. I do apologise to the member. I honestly did not hear part of the motion. [No audible reply.] Hon Bans, yes, Ma'am?

The SPEAKER: Are you on leave, sir?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: No-no, I was listening, but she went too quick.

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon member Bans, I hope you will forgive us, and the hon member's request is granted. Will you please proceed once again with your motion, hon Bans, yes Ma'am?

Ms A P BANS: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes Sunday was the commemoration of World Freedom Day and the subsequent loss of a large number of print newspaper and magazine titles that fold under the economic pressure of new electronic media.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, I think the last part, hon member Mackenzie
[Interjection.]

Ms A P BANS: A rural area, hon Speaker, rural.

The SPEAKER: Rural, alright.

Mr P J MARAIS: Rural?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Bans. Hon member, order. Hon members, order! I would like to put it to the House, hon members. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes, Ma'am.

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

That the House notes with great sadness the loss of the late, Theodora Fritz, dear mother of Minister Albert Fritz. Her activism as the founding member of the Hanover Park Civic Association and touch as a professional teacher will long be remembered. The death of a dear one has no right time and the sorrow is hard to express. Yet, we extend our

deepest condolences to the Fritz family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Botha. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. I now recognise hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, I will forfeit my next one, please.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mackenzie, forfeited. Hon member Kama and this is the last motion without notice. Hon member Kama, yes, sir?

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon members, thank you very much.

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, I twice put my name down on the side to ask a question or to put a motion without notice.

The SPEAKER: Oh, I am going to respond to you now, hon member Marais. Hon member Marais, and I think it is something that all members will attest to, there was a request for the hon members to submit motions in writing to

indicate that they wish to express their motions and that has not occurred when it comes to the Freedom Front Plus. So I do not have you here on the list. You are not here and I think that is a challenge. The only motion that I missed is hon member Dugmore. Hon member Dugmore was number 3. Did I miss? Let me just check with the Table staff.

The SECRETARY: Number 13, I am told.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes, you did, hon Speaker, a point of order, you did miss me.

The SPEAKER: Number 13, yes. I have just been advised by the Table staff.

An HON MEMBER: Oh no, not again!

The SPEAKER: So I am still responding to hon member Marais. So hon member Marais, there is nothing in this regard that we can do at this point because your motions or the intention to move a motion or deliver a motion without notice, it was not recorded here, not did we receive anything from your side or from your office.

Mr P J MARAIS: I respect your ruling, sir, I respect your ruling. I just did not see that. I will check with my secretary. I did not see that we must submit that we also want to move a motion without notice. I do not know what the “without notice” means in that case. You see, if it is without notice,

it is without notice, but I submit to your ruling. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, sir. It is precisely that, but all the members who spoke they indicated that they will speak. They may not have necessarily submitted a particular motion but they have submitted their names to give a notice of a motion... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon Speaker, can I just... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Let us proceed, because this is not the point where we are going to debate this matter when it was agreed to earlier, and members have been really cooperating in this regard and I will reiterate again in the same form and encourage members to follow the guidelines so that we have a particular decorum in this new platform until we go back to our old system, which we have not arrived at there yet. We are still on Level 4 lockdown. Thank you. Thank you, hon members. Hon, the Leader of the Opposition.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, thank you. I move without notice:

That this House, remembering the legendary Argentinean doctor who helped to liberate and also to guide Cuba – that legendary doctor of course is Che Guevara – that this House welcomes the assistance the medical brigade of Cuba is providing to South Africa in terms of medical support which will also be enjoyed by the people of the Western

Cape, who need, as do many other provinces, additional doctors to assist with the fight of the pandemic... [Interjection.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection, in advance.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon, the Leader of the Opposition. Hon members, may I please get an indication whether the House is in agreement with the motion being submitted without notice? Are there any objections? No objections?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I would like to table my motion. It is on my phone here.

The SPEAKER: No, that is fine, hon member.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, hon Speaker [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: You followed the process. That is perfectly fine.

An HON MEMBER: On the phone?

An HON MEMBER: On the phone, yes.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I am on record that I will investigate these matters and let us allow the Speaker, with the help of the administration, to do just that and I will report in the next sitting. Are there any objections to the motion by hon member Dugmore, being moved without notice?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, can we please hear the first part of that motion?

Mr P MARRAN: No, but you cannot again go back and back and back here, this part and this part.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I am addressing you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You are not hon member Dugmore, hon Marran; you are not hon member Dugmore. I am saying... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Because the last part is about medical health but the first part I think he was a bit political. Can we just hear the first part please?

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Let us not debate the motion. It is not a debate now. Hon member Dugmore, will you please read your motion for the second time?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Okay. I move without notice:

That this House, in memory of the contribution of the legendary Argentinean doctor, Che Guevara, who assisted in the liberation as well as the guidance to the Cuban nation, welcomes the medical brigade from Cuba that is being brought to help fight the Covid-19 pandemic in South Africa and appreciates the contingent that will join the Western Cape's battle against this killer disease. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore, the Leader of the Opposition. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to.

Hon members, this now brings me to the end of our sitting and I really at this point take this opportunity to thank all of you and to once again congratulate the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and all its members and of course the administration and the IT team that has been enabling us to do this and the manner in which we have, and say to the entire Parliament, all of us, let us please continue to use this platform to optimise the role of Parliament to hold the Executive to account, and to ensure that oversight takes place in the spirit of multiparty democracy.

Thank you very much, hon members, the sitting is adjourned. Thank you, have a great evening, thank you.

The House adjourned at 16:15.