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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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

The House met at 14:15.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may be seated. [Interjection.] Order! Hon members, may I please ask that those that are on the virtual platform please mute yourselves.

All right. Good afternoon, hon members and members on the virtual platform. If I can just begin with some logistics. As it has been our practice to date we have been participating as we say both here in the Chamber and on the virtual Teams network. Please once again, hon members, please make sure that your network is working and in good working order for us to be able to hear you.

If you are going to want to do a point of order or speak, please use the hand function. For the purposes of this sitting we know we have translation services. I am sure you are very familiar with those translation services on the second device, and hon members, you are reminded that no interjections are permitted during these hybrid sittings and in this regard, I draw attention of the hon members to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules. Thank you very much.

Order! We will now deal with Questions as printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise – hon Marran, do you have a point of order?

Mr P MARRAN: Speaker, *ja*, I am rising on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P MARRAN: Deputy Speaker, first, greetings to all members present. Deputy Speaker, I am rising on a point of order based on Rule 144 of a matter of urgent public importance. As per Rule 144(2) a letter was submitted to the Speaker's Office this morning at 08:00 from the Leader of the Opposition requesting an urgent debate on a matter of urgent public importance on the implications of the state of dysfunction within the Western Cape Legislature. As a result, Deputy Speaker, of the internal Democratic Alliance divisions currently being witnessed, and the impact these divisions and dysfunctionality within the Western Cape Legislature is having on the service delivery of the Province.

Now in terms of 144, Rule 144(4) I wish to know the Speaker's ruling on this matter, because according to this Rule it is only the Speaker, it is the Speaker's prerogative and only his, to rule on such matter. Thanks. I really want to know what his response was in this regard. Thanks.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Marran. So I was given the copy of the letter sent by hon Cameron Dugmore to the Speaker. The Speaker then did respond to hon Dugmore and stated very clearly that he had not allowed or, let us say, rejected the proposal that this was a matter for public importance in terms of Rule 144, so I trust that you would have received that letter. I then will close the matter. As the Speaker is the Executive Officer of the WCPP, his decision is final. I do not have any power to override that letter that he has sent to the ANC. I trust that is in order. Hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, then on a point of order, I think just given that you have now relayed the decision of the Speaker, also I would just like to know, why is the Speaker not here? We believe that he is not supposed to be going around when there is this cloud over him. That is on another point. I think it is really disappointing that he can go and represent the Legislature in another part of the world. Member Smith is not representing the Legislature anywhere.

Deputy Speaker, just then in terms of Rule 21(1), is it possible then maybe for us to have the House suspended so that we may meet to discuss this

matter because we are not pleased as the African National Congress that the Speaker has declined the debate at this moment in time. It is most certainly unfair. Our debates that we call of public importance are always rejected by the Speaker. I think perhaps for the flow of the last day of the session, when we are going to have a sitting, perhaps you can give us some time to adjourn so that we can have a discussion. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. Hon members, before I proceed, Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I have listened to and obviously I am not privy to these letters that have been going around, but it is almost a debate that is going on here, talking about dysfunctionality in this organisation. Now that would need a different motion coming to this House. I think that if the ANC wanted to call for a matter for urgent discussion one would think that they would call it on perhaps the national shutdown threats or the murder rate in our country going up by 22% or perhaps the energy crisis; perhaps youth unemployment being the highest in the world. What about millions hidden in furniture? [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: What point is the Premier speaking on?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Premier.

The PREMIER: This is not a debate, Speaker, I think... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja.

Ms N D NKONDLO: But what point is the Premier speaking on, Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I am not going to belabour the point. There has been a decision taken by the Speaker firstly in writing to the Leader of the Opposition. Secondly, it is not for me at all at this point to override that decision as the Executive authority. Thirdly, in terms of the Rules, the Rules and the decision are clear, where I no longer have to take any further points of order. We are now moving over to Questions. I now recognise the hon Minister Maynier.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: On a point of order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is a point of order, unfortunately [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, is it on the same point?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Deputy

Speaker. Deputy Speaker, just to inform you that I am not aware of any power that you have to simply say that we cannot have points of order. You do not – you are not even aware... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The same point, hon Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is a different component of the issue, because I want to on a point of order quote Rule 144(5) which actually says very clearly that it is the Speaker's responsibility to consult with the Programming Authority and only to consult on the time allocated, so it is clear on this point of order, number 1, the Speaker has never called the Programming Authority, simply dismissed it. He is supposed to when he receives a matter of urgent public importance convene the Programming. He has not reported to the Programming Committee. That is a breach of the Rules. The prerogative actually belongs to the Speaker and the Rules differentiate between the Presiding Officer and the Speaker to decide whether the request for a debate of this nature is granted or not. We will therefore move that this House be suspended and for the Programming Committee which actually did not meet, to meet, so that in terms of the Rules, specifically 144(5), the Programming Committee can consider this. The Speaker is not allowed to make that decision without reference to the Programming Committee. So I am formally asking that we suspend this House and that the Programming Committee meets.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I am very clear again on my ruling.

Only, and the question really is, only if the Speaker decides on and secondly, the Speaker is out of office. Thirdly, the Programming meeting sat on Tuesday. The Chief Whip can come in here and this was not brought to Programming. You, as a Leader of the Opposition, hon Dugmore, know very clearly that Programming sits every week on a Tuesday. If you wanted to bring a matter of national importance or of provincial importance to the House, you should have brought it to the Programming Authority. Hon members, I would like to start the sitting. I recognise the Chief Whip.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unfortunately I recognised the Chief Whip first and then I will recognise you, Ma'am.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: It is a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is also her point of order.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Oh, sorry.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Okay, do not be sorry, be careful. Deputy Speaker, this had to be brought to the Programming Authority. It has not been brought to the Programming Authority. The Programming Authority is not going to sit

now with this request. Therefore, I urge you, Deputy Speaker, I am of the opinion that the sitting, as programmed for this afternoon, continues.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja. Thank you very much. Hon members, before I carry on... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): My hand is up, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, one minute. One minute, hon Lekker. First of all, I think what is very, very important, hon Dugmore, is that Rule 144(4) is very clear and it states: "If the Speaker grants the request..." and I think that is the important part so that cancels out the fact that the Speaker may not – it is the Speaker's prerogative to grant the request and in terms of Rule 66(3)(d), (c) and (d), I have ruled now that they cannot override the points of order and the decision that I have taken in this House, as I have taken this very instance. I trust that all points of order will no longer be raised. Hon Sayed, is it still on the same point, because I cannot entertain further points of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Well, Deputy Speaker, it is not on exactly the same point, but it is linked to it. Just as a point of correction there, with matters of a snap debate it is very clear it does not need to necessarily go to the Programming Committee. It does not; you can even call on the day of the sitting for such so I just wanted to make that very clear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed, but this is now in opposite to what your Leader of the Opposition is stating. So I am not going to get involved on a difference of opinion within the ANC. Hon members, you may only raise a point of order now, hon Lekker, if your point of order is also on the same point I will not entertain it. So I am trusting that you are producing either a separate point of order otherwise I am going to have to – is it a separate point of order that I am now... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): It is a separate point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, is it a separate point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): It is, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. You may speak.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, a new or a debate for urgent purposes or any other debate is submitted to the Speaker and both yourself and hon Botha said it is submitted to the Programming Committee, and I want to differ with both of you and based on that the decision that you have made is based on what you believe and not what the procedure is supposed to be. Now based on a point of procedure you yourself... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Deputy Speaker, Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No! Deputy Speaker, can I raise an order on you because you made an order, based on an improper information [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I would just like her to finish, thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Lekker. Hon members, I recognise Minister Wenger.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): So what is your ruling based on that before you take another point of order, because you are taking a point of order on another point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I told you my ruling. My ruling is final, unless you are raising something completely different. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No, you are debating.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not actually... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You are debating, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member! [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You are making a decision that is wrong and further dictating what must happen because you are struggling within your own [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: A point of order... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I am well within the Rules to deliver my ruling... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No! We must point it out when you are faltering, Deputy Speaker. If you are incompetent... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, you are now out of order!

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): If you are incompetent you need to excuse yourself.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No, you need to excuse yourself. You are not impartial in this thing... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: A point of order, hon Lekker is out of order, Deputy Speaker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Wenger, you are not the Speaker. You are not the Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker!

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): The Deputy Speaker must make a decision. You cannot tell... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, I am naming you twice.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Deputy Speaker...

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You do not name me twice, you first wait...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, you have been named twice. The next time I will suspend you from the House.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You will please wait. Alright, hon members... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You do not... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Do not intimidate. Do not intimidate certain people in

the House.

Mr M XEGO: That is intimidation. That is intimidation. You are intimidating... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members...

Ms N D NKONDLO: Deputy Speaker...

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, you are not following the [Inaudible, speaking simultaneously.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am busy speaking. [Interjections.]

Mr M XEGO: You cannot intimidate members now from participating in the debate.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, can we please consult Hansard and we will deliver a ruling on hon Lekker's behaviour online... [Interjection.]

Mr M XEGO: No, not on the behaviour.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, may I address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And I will revert back at the next sitting. We will

continue. Hon Lekker... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): May I address you, Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, if you continue, you will be removed from the sitting.

Mr M XEGO: No, honourable, but that is intimidation. That is intimidating a Member of Parliament, members of the Provincial Parliament from participating in the debate.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I have recognised Minister Wenger, so... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So I am going to make a ruling on hon Lekker's behaviour. I think it is totally out of the decorum of this House. [Interjection.]

Mr M XEGO: No-no that is intimidation!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you are raising points of order that you can raise... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): And you do that in consultation with...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker! Alright, hon members, I would like the Serjeant please to remove hon Lekker from the sitting today. Thank you very much. That ruling stands. If anybody else would like to remove themselves they can let me know, but that ruling now stands.

[Ms P Z Lekker, Chief Whip (ANC) removed from the House.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: But you must not threaten and intimidate members in the House, Deputy Speaker.

Mr M XEGO: That is intimidation.

Ms N D NKONDLO: That is not how you utilise your position as the Speaker of the House... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Uh-uh, hon members, hon Sayed... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: We cannot be intimidated and thrown out of the House because of differences of opinion.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: On a point of order!

Ms N D NKONDLO: Is this not a democratic House?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Wenger, will you just please wait. Hon Nkondlo, please, would you like to be named too? Please have some decorum, we are dealing with... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: You are welcome to do it, because you are not practicing... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Sayed, can I ask that you control your team please, and your hon members. They are supposed to act with decorum. If we can have a conversation without people shouting... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: We have raised hands and we are not recognised. We have raised hands! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot address you until you control your members, hon Sayed. You need to stand. Yes.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): If I may address you on this? The House has unfortunately descended into an element of chaos, but... [Interjection.] Hon Deputy Speaker, please protect me. They are heckling.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please, hon members.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): They are not allowed to heckle and speak directly to me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): They must speak through you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But I would like the ANC also not to be heckling online.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Ja, can the Premier do his hand gestures outside please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright, hon Sayed, I am listening to you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Ja, you see, Deputy Speaker, the decorum of the House and order of the House are determined very much by the manner in which the House is chaired. We cannot have a situation where the hon Wenger puts up her hand after the hon Windvogel and then she is recognised before the hon Windvogel. I think in fairness we should allow hon Windvogel after the hon Lekker. I just think if we want matters to happen, yes, we do have a responsibility as leaders in this House to ensure that there is order and that there is decorum, but at the same time, there needs to be fairness and not the closing down of democratic discussion inside of the House. That is the point I wanted to make. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Sayed. The point that I did make and it was not reflected on hon Windvogel, is basically that the Rules and on the rulings that we make, stand. We cannot have a point of order on a point of order, but I will recognise hon Windvogel in the very instance that she had her hand up. However, I will also recognise hon Minister Wenger after hon Windvogel, but hon Windvogel, can I caution you, I have made a ruling and my ruling stands. All right, so I am quite happy to hear you, but it has to be on a different point.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I think you need to become the Speaker of the House and not the Speaker of the DA, but Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege, Rule 52(d). My question is, given the cloud hanging over your head, do you think it is appropriate for you to be presiding over this session?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: On a point of order!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Alright, hon Wenger, Minister Wenger, over to you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I rise on Rule 62. I am most concerned about

some of the comments made by honourable members of the Opposition this afternoon. Rule 62 is very clear that no member may reflect on the honour or competence of the holder of an office whose removal from office is dependent on the decision of the House, except on a substantive motion, and I think that that Rule very well may have been transgressed today, and I would ask that if you could please consult the Hansard.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I am staying now, hon members, I am going to – you know what I think I am going to do, because it is clear not everybody got an answer to this letter. I am going to read the response from the Speaker. I am going to read the response from the Speaker who exercised his Executive authority to answer hon Dugmore within, I would say within an hour; within half an hour he answered the email.

“I acknowledge receipt of your request for a debate in terms of Rule 144 of the Standing Rules received by my office this morning...”

Meaning today.

“When deciding whether I as the Speaker should override the Parliamentary Programme to allow for a debate on a matter of urgent public importance in terms of Rule 144, I take well established guidelines known to members into account. Importantly, the subject matter must, inter alia, deal with the matter for which the Provincial Government can be held responsible. Furthermore, the urgency should be of such a nature that the matter could not be

dealt by some other means in the future. Clearly, the Provincial Government cannot be held responsible for the perceived internal Democratic Alliance divisions causing a “state of dysfunction”, in the Legislature. Furthermore, on the 26th of May 2022, the hon Windvogel gave notice of a motion as follows, and I quote:

‘that the House debates the impact of DA infighting and factionalism on service delivery in the province.’

I am not aware of a request being made to the Programming Authority to have the motion from member Windvogel dealing with this matter, and which is the same in substance as your request debated in the House, but that, as it may, the matter is on the Order Paper and a request could still be made to the Programming Authority to have it debated. Given the above, your request for a debate on this topic does not fall within the purview of Rule 144 and I am not prepared to override the Parliamentary Programme to allow for a debate that would be contrary to what the Rules provide for the Speaker. The hon Masi Mnqasela.”

I trust that that will give clarity to everybody in this House and I think that the motivation is sound and is not biased in any way.

Hon members, I have to move on. I am no longer entertaining anything further. You cannot do a point of order on a point of order, hon Dugmore. You will have to just wait, hon Dugmore, I recognise hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you for the response provided. Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 144(4), as you have indicated, if the Speaker grants the request, it is very clear, Deputy Speaker, the Presiding Officer must announce in the House and the debate on the matter then stands over until the time appointed by the Presiding Officer. The submission, the request was not granted, Deputy Speaker. May I please ask that we proceed with the business of the day? Thank you very much.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, this is a final point, and as I say, if this is not a new point of order, we are unfortunately moving on. It is not going to change the ruling. The ruling stands.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: For the record, the ruling stands.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, hon Windvogel raised a point of privilege, which you have not responded to, number one.

Secondly, I would like to ask you, as the Leader of the Opposition, we want to consult with the other Opposition leaders and we request that this House

be adjourned to provide us with an opportunity to deal with this matter, because what is happening here is essentially a denial of democracy. Not a single, not a single matter of public importance ever since 2019 has been granted to the ANC. The reality is that that letter read out by the Speaker is misleading and false so I want to ask – and this is my point of order - we want to consult on this matter. We want the House to adjourn for 20 minutes so that we can consult on this matter, but democracy is actually being denied to us. Freedom of speech is being denied to us and you are totally compromised, Deputy Speaker, in this matter because it directly affects you. It affects the Premier. It affects the Speaker.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please!

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): The last point raised by the Leader of the Opposition is casting aspersions on the Presiding Officer and I want to allude him to Rule 66(3)(c) and (d) and (5) and I want to reiterate if the Opposition wanted to have debate, they had to bring this to Programming. Programming sat on Tuesday. They were numb in Programming.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, hon members, this is the ruling. I unfortunately will not budge. I am not going to adjourn the House in any way. We will proceed. I will leave the hon members to exercise their democratic right. We will now move on to Questions. I recognise the Minister, Minister Maynier.

Mr M KAMA: A point of order, Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Teacher accused of sexual assault still teaching

1. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:

With reference to a *News 24* article with the title: “A Cape Town teacher sexually assaulted a pupil 5 years ago. He’s still teaching at the same school”, whether the case has been brought to his attention; if so,

- (a) what steps has his Department taken against the teacher and
- (b) what support was provided to the victim?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I would like to confirm that I am audible?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are audible. You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for putting the question.

My response is yes, the matter has been brought to my attention. My Department has informed me of the following: the teacher in question has been suspended and will of course face a disciplinary hearing. He has been instructed not to contact any student, any member of staff or member of the School Governing Body or indeed to enter the school premises at any time, and yes, social / psychosocial support was of course provided to the victim.

I also want to say that I am, of course, concerned about this matter and for that reason I have instructed my Department to undertake a review so that we can be sure that this does not happen again and of course, this review will have to traverse how similar cases are monitored and how information is shared, indeed, between the Department and the National Prosecuting Authority. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. Hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, and thank you, Minister, for that reply. Just, you know, Minister, this case happened in 2017 and this educator was teaching at this school until 2022. The pupil was still at the school. Now, remember that it is only this year, where the Court found this

educator guilty of sexual assault. Now my concern is the trauma that that child had to go through because the case was dismissed in 2017. They said there was not sufficient evidence and the case was dismissed. Now we know in the Criminal Court, it is much higher and difficult to get somebody guilty and yet the Court found him guilty.

So I am glad what the Minister said, one, that they will have to review the process and number two, imagine the pupils – they said the pupils were giving conflicting evidence and so on, but it happened at a sleepover, so there was not enough supervision with that educator in the room. It was a sleepover and now he is found guilty on two sexual assaults. Somehow that child is traumatised, I know there is counselling and all of that but it can never, ever happen to a child again and that is why I am so encouraged that the Minister says that there are certain steps and they are reviewing the policy, but this is a real injustice to this child. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Christians. Are there any further hands, hon Mvimbi, is that related to your... Oh, over to you, hon Sayed. I am not sure that it is hon Mvimbi's response.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Yes, mine is related to the question. Let me thank the hon Minister for the forthright response and also for committing because I was going to – I was interested to see what the level of psychosocial support being provided is, but he has responded. Mine is, if he could possibly – I am not sure if the

Minister has it offhand, but if he could indicate to the House as to what are the number of teachers that are currently facing sexual assault allegations against learners, and what are the number of teachers facing sexual assault allegations against learners who continue to teach at schools in the province; not those for whom there is an allegation, but how many of them are continuing to teach at schools currently, because that is being raised in communities. We have classes and schools that are suspended because learners are protesting because of this very thing and we have been called to intervene at times, before he became the MEC, but I think if he could just maybe speak to that and also indicate why are these teachers not suspended, pending investigations. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Let me try to respond in the first instance to the hon Christians. I, of course, share his concern. I want to re-emphasise that psychosocial support was provided to the victim but it is precisely because of the kinds of concerns he raises, that I have instructed the Department to institute a review.

On the question raised by the hon Sayed, I am not aware of any other cases, but I do not have the data at hand, and again, I would invite the hon member to put a written question so that I can provide him with a comprehensive reply.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Can I just check, I know, I recognise hon Christians, but just if you can – hon Mvimbi, is that your hand for a question or is it hon Kama? Okay, I am going to proceed with you hon Christians.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, my hand was raised a long time ago, but you did not recognise me so I am therefore going to put time to time down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is that for your question, is that for the Minister, hon Mvimbi?

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, that was not on this issue. That was on the previous issue so you did not recognise me. Sorry, I did not see that it was still up so I am going to put it down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. Thank you very much. I recognise hon Christians and then hon Kama.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Just to say that the educator was found guilty and will be sentenced on 20 March so that will be in the Wynberg Court and people are ready standing outside with placards demanding justice and I am thankful for the Minister for reviewing the policy and also thankful that I believe it will not happen again and as member Sayed has said, if there are any such cases, it must be severely investigated and also dealt with so that our children do not live under the

same roof or are taught under the same roof as the same perpetrator. Thank you, Deputy Chair, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians. Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member. I thank you for your response and I obviously look further forward to sort of further engagements on the matter so that we can ensure that this never happens again. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. Hon Kama, over to you; final question.

Mr M KAMA: My hand is not on the question, Deputy Speaker. It is a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not if it is from a previous, the previous points. It can only be on, unless it is relating to that.

Mr M KAMA: But why is it that our points of orders are first censured before you hear the point of order?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is because my ruling stands, hon Kama.

Mr M KAMA: How do you know what I might want to say... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No-no, hon Kama, no. No, hon Kama, we are in Questions. Any further questions on, for Question 1? No? That concludes Question 1. Thank you, Minister.

We now move over to Question 2. I recognise the hon Minister Simmers.

Dunoon and Kosovo: relocation of residents

2. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Infrastructure:

Since 6 April 2020, what are the latest developments regarding the relocation of residents from (a) Dunoon and (b) Kosovo?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, am I audible to the House and to yourself?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are audible.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question. The relocation of residents is dependent on the availability of housing opportunities, including the construction of dignified dwellings. Pre-COVID, my Department had already acquired properties to be developed fully by the Department of Human Settlements. Various pre-planning processes were underway. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the need to de-densify certain areas necessitated

the construction of transitional residential areas or TRAs that would serve as a short and long term solution.

In this regard, my Department undertook the following steps. In terms of Dunoon, two rezoning applications were submitted to the City of Cape Town for the development of two different residential schemes on the properties purchased by the HDA on behalf of my Department. There were objections and appeals against both applications. As a law-abiding Organ of State my Department was able to successfully defend the objections and appeals and the rezoning was duly approved.

It is worth noting, Deputy Speaker, that the delays in approval of the rezoning applications set back the development programme of the project by more than 12 months. The project will thus be rolled out in four stages as follows:

1. The site clearance has already been completed, hon Deputy Speaker.
2. Stage 2, the bulk civils installations on the site: firstly a detailed design has been recently approved. The contractor has been appointed and on site since May 2022.
3. The bulk services in terms of this specific project will be completed, expected around the first quarter of 2023.
4. Stage 4, the final stage, Deputy Speaker, will be the construction of top structures.

Internal administrative procedures are currently underway with an envisaged commencement date of February 2023. Completion of the four phases is expected by the end of June 2024. [Inaudible, audio distorted.] ... will yield 1500 TRA units.

Discussions are underway between my Department and the City of Cape Town in relation to the relocation plan in this regard as well.

In terms of Kosovo, hon Deputy Speaker, my Department owns property in the Weltevreden Wedge, which is in close proximity to the Kosovo Informal Settlement. The plan to erect TRAs as part of the overall development of the Wedge do exist. The development framework is currently being compiled for the overall development of the Wedge based on which detailed land-use applications will be made, and unfortunately the lack of bulk infrastructure throughout the Wedge area, as well as limited budget availability for these bulk services are delaying the implementation of the Wedge Project. The Department is engaging the City of Cape Town to address these needs as well as to explore alternative servicing options. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Minister. I now recognise hon Makamba-Botya as the first respondent.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: [No audible reply.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Makamba-Botya, are you having – no, not

here? All right, then I move straight over to hon Xego.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, the then National Minister of Human Settlements made some comment on 6 April saying residents in those two informal settlements would be relocated three months later, by July 2020, to the Racing Park Industrial area. Now what we want to understand is that was there maybe consultation between the two Ministries in terms of the timeframes and the proper consultation that has happened with the affected settlements, as far as that is concerned, because the response now that is given by the Minister is totally different from what the National Minister has given to us. Thanks, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister, over to you?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, and through you to the hon Xego, first and foremost, the National or the former National Minister of Human Settlements and I have visited the site twice ...
[Interjection.]

Mr M KAMA: A point of order?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Deputy Speaker, there is a point of order?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Okay, I visited the site.

Mr M KAMA: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, if you are online, please mute yourselves so that the Minister can speak. My apologies, Minister.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you.

Mr M KAMA: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama, is that a point of order?

Mr M KAMA: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order? Please take your seat, Minister Simmers.

Mr M KAMA: My point of order, Deputy Speaker, is on Rule 52(d) as it relates to a question of privilege.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] Hon Kama, if it is not related to this question, there is no point. Please proceed, Hon Minister. [Interjection.]

Mr M KAMA: But how are you going to know, Deputy Speaker?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: ...protecting you, Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You cannot start up this conversation again. I have ruled and that is... [Interjection.]

Mr M KAMA: What conversation?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No. Please, I am not going to allow for this. Hon Minister, can you please respond to hon Xego's question. [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: What is your ruling?

Mr M KAMA: Deputy Speaker, I am... [Inaudible, audio distorted]

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Deputy Speaker, hon Deputy Speaker, to respond to member Xego, I can state that the National or the former National Minister of Human Settlements and I visited the site twice and at no stage in my presence did the National Minister or former National Minister make any such commitments. However, what we did commit to, once again in my presence, was where we both stated that we will follow the rule of law in the process in terms as outlined by my response to member Makamba-Botya's question, so we have also been keeping the community abreast at each stage of where we are in terms of the Dunoon site, so as such, unless the member can substantiate what he is alleging, hon Deputy Speaker, that is not actually the reality of what transpired when we engaged these

communities. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. Any further follow-up questions? Hon Sayed, are you talking on that subject?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Not on this, it is on you not ruling on hon Windvogel's interjection. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, we cannot bring this up, hon members, no!

Mr M KAMA: Deputy Speaker, I have a point of order on Rule 52(d).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, first of all, there is no – hon members... [Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA: And you have not given me an opportunity after giving me a chance to state the point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama, I have not recognised you. I have not recognised you. You do not have absolute rights in the House.

Mr M KAMA: But you had recognised me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama, I have not recognised you.

Mr M KAMA: On a point of order. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, there seems to be a concerted effort to create complete chaos in the sitting today.

Mr M KAMA: That is not true, that is not true, Deputy Speaker.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Another Chair, we want another Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: When I focus in terms of the Rules on... [Interjections.] Hon members, hon members... [Interjection.]

Mr M KAMA: This is a democratic institution, Deputy Speaker, I am rising on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And with democracy comes Rules, hon Kama, and what that is... [Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA: There are Rules, there are Rules, allow me, there are Rules... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...that you will not shout out.

Mr M KAMA: No, there are Rules. You are shouting at me, I am not shouting at you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama, I am naming you twice. [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Uh-huh, of course there is an objection... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama... [Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: The hon Premier is filming here. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel!

Ms R WINDVOGEL: What he is doing [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am talking to hon Kama. [Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Number 1, he is filming.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama – I am still busy talking to hon Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Yes, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: You do not want to rule on the Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, can we have some order in the House.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: So you are protecting the Premier now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel, I have not recognised you. There is a Rule in the House. Can you follow this Rulebook?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: You are protecting the Premier. That is what you are doing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama... [Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Why are you protecting him? He is out of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel, please stand up, please.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: It is out of order, why are you protecting him?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel, stand up. Hon Windvogel, will you stand up please?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Another intimidation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The basic Rule in this House, you are not a new member to this Parliament, is if you would like to address the Presiding Officer you rise up on a point of order. That is decorum in the House. Now when I am talking to your colleague, hon Kama, you cannot be shouting about

the Premier. We are all treated equally here, you allow me to finish before I deal with the next point. Now I am still on the point of hon Kama, and when I am finished I will address you so you will please sit down and allow me to finish my point with hon Kama. I trust that is in order. Thank you very much.

Hon Kama, if you shout out one more time I will also have you removed because you are creating complete chaos in this sitting. Now, hon Windvogel, you are raising a point of order. What is your point of order?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Filming in the House, Deputy Speaker.

The PREMIER: I was not ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: You were.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel, just continue to stand please. I am going to address you. If he was, I did not see him because I am dealing with your colleague who was shouting over the microphone. So I will have a look but at the same time I cannot at this point make that ruling. I did not witness the Premier. I was busy looking at the screen. So we will look at Hansard. We will look at the recording and we will come back with a ruling. I trust that is okay. [Interjections.]

No, hon members, you are really now being out of order.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Deputy Speaker, he just admit he did, he stopped, in front of you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He said if he did, okay, but now based on what ruling, hon Windvogel, would you like me to rule? [Interjections.]

Hon members, can we please be adult-like and talk about decorum of the House when we are all responsible for bringing a lack of decorum on the House. Please, hon members, this seems to be a real concerted effort to make this sitting impossible to run today. So I would, hon Sayed, we cannot belabour the points.

We have to operate in the Rules in the essence of democracy. With democracy comes Rules. Let us all obey it within the ambit of democracy. Hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, for giving me the opportunity because I was not being given when I raise my hand. In order for us to have order in the House...

Mr L L MVIMBI: On a point of order, please, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): The removal of hon Lekker needs to be... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): There is no attempt. We do not have any desire for sittings to collapse. We want to hold the Executive accountable, but do not protect the Executive and its head blindly, when the head could not – when he could not protect you as well, Deputy Speaker, by the way. But I have another point, Deputy Speaker. I rise on Rule 60. This is a separate matter, Deputy Speaker. It is a completely separate matter. I rise on Rule 60 of the Standing Rules. Now last week the Speaker ruled, hon member Mnqasela, that it was appropriate for him to be presiding over sittings when I raised an issue about him presiding over sittings, given the cloud.

Now that the Conduct Committee report we have received in our emails, has been ATC'd and it is going to be noted here, it would be appropriate, hon Deputy Speaker, for you because you are currently presiding over the sitting, to rescind that ruling, please, of the Speaker. Can you please rescind that ruling, and I request that the Speaker not be allowed to preside in this House until his matter is cleared. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: First hon member Mackenzie; then the Chief Whip; then hon member Baartman.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I have actually had a few points of order on several rulings that has not been met as it has been

breached ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Point of order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... in terms of the Standing Rules of this House. The one is Rule 59(b), 1(b), where the members ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... cannot reflect on the dignity... Now there have been several jibes thrown at you in the last hour and a half and you have been graceful, I must give you that respect, accepted it, but I really want you to listen to Hansard [Interjections.] and make a ruling on that because it is just unacceptable.

Secondly, I rise on all the Rules relating to number 66(1). I am going to read them in the record, hon Deputy Speaker, for the record.

“When a point of order is raised during a sitting, a member who is speaking must ...”

In terms of what happened earlier on, hon member:

...“stop speaking and resume their seat if the Presiding Officer allows so.”

66(c):

“A point of order must relate to (1) the procedure, the practice or the operation of the House ...”

And you gracefully read letters early on, which had nothing to do with this House frankly, but you did it again gracefully:

...“or a complaint of unparliamentary conduct or behaviour on the part of another member ...” ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order, hon members!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... “... which a member is entitled ...”
...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...

“... during the plenary sitting or committee meeting when seeking guidance.”

Point 66(3)(b):

“Must be pertinent ...” ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... “... to the current proceedings of the House.”

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...“may not be considered if the Presiding Officer has already ruled on the matter in the same sitting, and if ...”

And then the last point 66(5):

“If a member is aggrieved, whether a previous sitting or – may not challenge the ruling in the House. That member must follow the process of writing to the Speaker, who must then convene a Rules Committee within a reasonable time, to address the principle of the ruling. This should be only applied to substantive matters.”

And that has unfortunately been breached by my colleagues several times, and I have said [Inaudible.] about it, but it cannot continue like this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mackenzie. Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: Hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: 62(b) point of order.

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: ... I have been covered. I wanted to ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you so much.

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: ... cite Rule 66(5).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon member Baartman, have you covered, or you want to raise a point?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Chairperson, I rise on Rule 66, but a different point than hon member Mackenzie's point of order.

In terms of parliamentary procedures and practices in the House, the Conduct Committee is a committee of this House. The Conduct Committee has done its job that after a matter has been finalised, it is ATC'd [Interjections.] and any member of this House, in terms of that ATC of a Conduct Committee, has a period in which they are allowed to appeal. The appeal period has not concluded. If the appeal period concludes it will have to go to Programming for it to be programmed for a sitting of this House.

So it is unparliamentary to bring this now in these particular matters while we are dealing with other matters, which you have already ruled on. Thank

you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright, exactly. Hon member Sayed, hon member Sayed, one day it will be you or somebody else and you will be fighting the same instance. We must give everyone everybody's democratic right before we make judgments and final rulings here. We must respect that.

I would like to move on, hon member Dugmore and then hon member Bosman.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

It is a point of order to obtain clarity from you. I notice, or it appears that the Chief Whip of the ANC, hon member Lekker, has been removed.

Now my understanding is that you named her once and then you named her twice, but then I did not recall you naming her for a third time, but she is simply excluded now from the House.

So could you please provide clarity as to your approach and your ruling on this matter?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did, hon member Dugmore. I did say to her if she spoke again and she shouted again over the microphone, and I did ask her to

be removed.

So that unfortunately hon member Lekker has been removed for not obeying the Rules of the House.

Hon member Sayed. Sorry, I had recognised hon member Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, I rise on Rule 40 and I asked that you rule on the behaviour of the Deputy Chief Whip of the Opposition for constantly contravening Rule 40; constantly interrupting members without rising on a point of order, and actually acting like the House is an ANC Youth League meeting. Please do rule on his behaviour.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: All right, thank you, hon member. I trust now we can continue with the question. Hon members, I am not entertaining this anymore. This is really now looking very obvious like a concerted effort, and I would not like to think that hon members ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... of this House are running a strategic chess game. Hon Sayed, you are on a fine line.

An HON MEMBER: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I shall recognise you, on a fine line.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Chair, on the fine line – I will not be intimidated, but, hon Chair, I would like to raise, there is a concern. Many of our members from the ANC are putting up their hands online. They are not being recognised. I can even see from here. There is hon member Nkondlo, there is hon member Kama, there are members there. They are not being recognised. That is not fair.

If you listen to everybody, let everybody engage. If you rule them out of order, that is fine, but let us listen. Let us – that is how we are going to build something constructive. Let us listen to each other. We do not need to shut each other down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members – wait, hon member, please.

The point is that the more we entertain the points of order on the points of order, because there is just a lack of discipline of understanding the Rule itself, that when there is a ruling, which was taken back to a decision made before the questions, we are now are back again and we keep getting told that we are not operating in the best interest of all the members.

Hon members, we know our Rules. This is not the beginning of a new term. I am appealing to you as the Chief Whip of the Opposition, or the Whip of the Opposition, hon member Sayed as the deputy leader of the ANC, please. You

ask us to listen to you, but when the DA speaks you are also shouting. I cannot give anybody the space.

So I now do not want to recognise any further points of order because it belabours the point. We can – and there is a Rule that says points of order on points of order cannot be entertained.

So I am going to state that all these hands that are up on the same point, because everyone has belaboured the same point...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But I have not said anything.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I would not be surprised that it is all a point of order on a point of order. Is it related to the question that hon Minister Simmers has been posed? Because that is where we are. We are there, we are there. All right.

An HON MEMBER: Hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So I said [Inaudible.] Chief Whip is the last stake because the Chief Whip is the Chief Whip. Chief Whip, over to you and move on.

An HON MEMBER: No, but you cannot ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no, no, no, no, no ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Chief Whip is here.

An HON MEMBER: ... we are out of order *mos*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, in future I am going to ask that you maintain the point of order related to the discussion.

So you are going to have to link your point of order. If you cannot do that, I cannot entertain it. Over to you, hon Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

I am rising on Rule 66(4) and (5) ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is right.

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: ... and, hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is allowed.

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: ... if we can continue ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: ... with the sitting of this House ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP [DA]: ... as scheduled for this afternoon.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. We move over to hon Minister Simmers. If you can continue with your response, hon Minister Simmers. No, no. The hand ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... the ruling stands. Hon Minister Simmers.

An HON MEMBER: Hon ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Deputy Speaker, I do believe I have responded to hon member Xego ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... then the circus went wild on your side. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Otherwise I have to name

members to leave the House. We will respect hon Minister Simmers' response. Over to you, hon Minister Simmers.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Deputy Speaker, the last question posed to me was posed by the hon member Xego and I have responded to that accordingly before these various previous points of order.

So I am not aware of any other follow-up question that was posed to me, hon Deputy Speaker, unless you can correct me. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any further questions to the Minister with regards to Question 2? Hon member Dugmore, over to you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to know from MEC Simmers whether the process of relocation of residents from Dunoon to Kosovo, whether he has been able to obtain an accessible land audit from the City of Cape Town in order to identify all possible places where these two particular communities can be relocated to?

That is the question that I would like to ask and I will possibly have a follow-up, depending on the response. Thanks.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon Minister Simmers.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Just a quick one because the people of Dunoon are not moving to Kosovo as the Leader of the Opposition I think erroneously posed the start of his question. However, I will respond because I get the essence of what the hon member is asking me.

Hon Deputy Speaker, in terms Dunoon. As stated in my response to hon member Makamba-Botya's question, the portions of land in terms Dunoon was bought for my Department on behalf of HDA, to ensure that there is land near where they are currently residing. I explained the process of where we are in terms of Dunoon.

In terms of the Kosovo component of the question which the hon member Dugmore also poses, hon Deputy Speaker, once again this is a matter that has been coming on for a number of years. Land near where the people currently reside has been identified, which is called the "Wedge", as I alluded to that and the relevant processes are now in place.

So on both aspects of the hon member Makamba-Botya's question, which the hon Leader of the Opposition is now seeking further clarity on, both [Inaudible.] solutions were what was seen to be in the best interest of both affected communities, and as such the land that has been identified is the most suitable, but also the best place to ensure that we, once the relocation of

these affected communities do commence, it is done with limited impact to their livelihoods. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon member Marran?

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am rising on a point of order. The Minister is responding to questions. You gave the hon member Dugmore an opportunity to ask the questions whilst there were hands up. You do not even know whether those members whose hands are up wanted to ask a question to the Hon Minister, but you assume that they wanted to raise an issue that you have dealt with.

I think it should be fair to give those members an opportunity if they want to ask a question to the Minister, to allow them to ask.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no problem with that. Hon member Dugmore, will you wait to see if those questions are coming from hon member Kama and hon member Mvimbi?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: [No audible response]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It does not seem so.

Hon member Dugmore, would you like to ask the final question?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Deputy Speaker, just linked to this, but a point of order. I can see visibly that hon member Kama has his hand up, and if I am not mistaken hon member ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...Mvimbi.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I just asked them.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Sorry?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have just asked them. They are not answering. So I have just asked them.

Mr M KAMA: Hon Deputy Speaker? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you asking a follow-up question? This is the second time. Are you asking a follow-up question to Minister Simmers?

Mr M KAMA: Hon Deputy Speaker, my hand has been up long before some of the members in the House raised their hands, and then ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you asking a question to Minister Simmers?

Mr M KAMA: ... you gave them, you gave them – no-no, if I may, if you may allow me, hon Deputy Speaker, to express myself without [Inaudible.] from the Chair.

I am saying that I do not know whether you are giving preference to members in the House over members who are online. I would like to know whether we are being treated equally here? If you are online [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kama, I am trying to find out if you are asking a follow-up question to the Minister.

Mr M KAMA: ... those members that [Inaudible.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, hon Deputy Speaker, I am still rising on a point of order ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you [Inaudible.] thank you very much.

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... and waiting for you to ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi ...

Mr L L MVIMBI ... [Inaudible.] my ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi, are you asking a follow-up

question to Minister Simmers?

Mr L L MVIMBI: [No audible response]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There we go. Hon member Dugmore, would you like to do your final question to the Minister?

Mr M KAMA: Hon Deputy Speaker?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I just want to clarify that ...[Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA: Hon Deputy Speaker?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... I was asking about two separate areas: Kosovo and Dunoon.

So it was not as though one was moving to the other. It was the separate ones and the realities which I would like to ask is which other properties did the MEC look at? Because he indicated in his response that they actually paid for the land, which means he paid, the Department paid for private land. He has not answered the question in terms of a land audit because there are different types of public land: national, SOE, provincial, local.

So the issue is why are we spending money buying private land when there is

existing land available?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Simmers, over to you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

To the hon Leader of the Opposition, in terms of Kosovo I am going to repeat my answer that my Department owns property in the Weltevreden wedge, which is in close proximity to the Kosovo informal settlement. I think that answers that question.

In terms of Dunoon. Once again the portion of land that has been identified and purchased by the HDA on behalf of our Department, is in close proximity to where the informal settlement is.

So it ensures it has a limited disruption in terms of once the movement of the identified beneficiaries start commencing, hon Deputy Speaker.

In terms of other land audits. Hon Deputy Speaker, the hon Leader of the Opposition needs to understand that in both instances the planning for both these projects is in our business pipeline. It has committed funding, it has come the full cycle of planning, which means that all variables were looked at prior to confirming and making a decision to what is in the best interest of the surrounding communities, but also how to optimally utilise limited State

resources as we seek to improve the quality of the residents who will be moved, and the quality of their lives. So I do believe that that does respond to the hon member. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I see I had three questions. If there is any last question or last – hon member Kama, is that a question to Minister Simmers?

Mr M KAMA: No, it is a point of order based on Rule 52(d).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point?

Mr M KAMA: The point of order, hon Deputy Speaker, is that – and it is on there because 52(d) speaks on the right to rise on a question of privilege, and I am rising on that question, hon Deputy Speaker. Because here online if we just raise, unlike in the House, we do not have that privilege that is in the House. Members that are in the House, when they raise their hand, you are able to see them immediately and recognise them, and as it has been happening in the House, but us who are online, we raise the hand and we can only get your attention once we use the mic and say “point of order”, and that is what member, and hon member Lekker would have done up until you said, “I am going to name you twice.” You did that even to me to say you are going to name me twice, and you had not named me even in a single instance, and you then said hon member Lekker must leave the House. That is an injustice, hon Deputy Speaker, because as you said that hon member Lekker

replied to say, “But you have not named me to say you are going to name me twice,” but immediately after that you then say hon member Lekker must be ejected, and every time I say here for your attention, hon Deputy Speaker, I unmute and say, “On a point of order.” There is someone who just mutes my mic and that is really a suppression of my right to raise those points of order ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M KAMA: ... as respected by Rule 66 because Rule 66 says when a point of order is raised the member who is speaking must be quiet, and 66(2) it says the Speaker of the House must immediately give a ruling, but what you do, hon Deputy Speaker, to members of the ANC is that when they raise a point of order, immediately after that you give about three members of the DA opportunity to entertain and not immediately rule as the Rules are requiring to do.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you ...[Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA: So the question is how are we supposed to proceed in this fashion if you, as our Deputy Speaker, because you are the Deputy Speaker of the House, you do not protect all of us in this House, but only the members of the Democratic Alliance?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama.

I think what was really very refreshing was that you could speak without people shouting over the microphone. So listening is a skill and being able to hear somebody as clearly as you, without people interjecting over you, I was quite clearly able to hear you and if people conduct themselves like that in the House and online, we are able to hear everybody, but we cannot expect anybody to make sense of somebody shouting.

So, hon member Kama, I really want to thank you for the way you have conducted that, I fully understand, but I have made a ruling on that and unfortunately the question really is not to be answered. It is a question which does not require an answer. I have taken and made my ruling.

The Chief Whip – but I thank you for the way you have posed your issue. Thank you very much.

Hon members, it seems like there are no further questions relating to Minister Simmers' question. That concludes Questions. Outstanding replies will be printed on the Hansard, which we do not have at this moment.

We are moving over to the Questions to the Premier without Notice. Hon member Dugmore, what is your point?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to address you on behalf of the ANC and it is an order point because it affects this particular session.

We started off the session with the fifth successive refusal, since 2019, of any debate on a matter of public importance. That was how we started.

Secondly, we asked for you as the Deputy Speaker, who is implicated in terms of the Code of Conduct Reports, to vacate the seat and to have an independent and a neutral Chair; that was refused. You have not acknowledged our members who are online and you have only recognised certain members in this House, which for us is a proof of the bias that you have displayed, the closing down of the democratic space, and we are convinced that this is because you are compromised because of the fact that the Premier has gone against the Speaker; the Premier is protecting you; you are not allowing us to actually express our views, to debate these matters, and therefore because you, in the way that you have chaired this meeting, hon Deputy Speaker, have closed down the space for all of us.

That we want to give notice [Interjections.] that we will in an orderly fashion leave this House because of the fact ...[Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Deputy Speaker, if the hon members want to leave the House, they are welcome to leave.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... that this Democratic Alliance, that this Democratic Alliance [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Can I ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Sit, hon member Botha!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Windvogel, I do not remember you sitting here in the chair.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: That this Democratic Alliance ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members – hon member Dugmore, if you want to be heard, control your members.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: You are the Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am busy listening to hon member Dugmore [Interjections.] – I have told – they are not shouting. Hon member Windvogel [Interjections.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot listen to hon member Dugmore [Interjections.], who is the Leader of your province, if you do not allow him to speak to me. I am not looking at the DA, I am listening to hon member Dugmore.

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, hon – but, hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon ...[Interjections.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... hon member Mackenzie just shouted ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...[Inaudible.] hon member Mvimbi, are you going to allow your hon Leader to speak, or are you going to interject him?

Mr L L MVIMBI: After I have addressed this issue, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, hon member Mackenzie stood up and shouted, but you did not say anything to him, but when hon member Rachel stood up you were very quick to shut her down.

So this is a very biased way ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi, nobody is – you are not here, nobody is shouting, only – please.

Now can I again, can everybody sit down for a second? Can I just allow the hon member Dugmore to finish and then I will recognise the – and that includes you guys, the ANC, please, hon members. This is not a one-sided debate.

Hon member Dugmore, are you complete? Have you completed your ...[Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No. So just to conclude, hon Deputy Speaker.

We will be leaving this House and we want to put on record that the Democratic Alliance and other parties have been granted repeatedly opportunities for matters of public importance at the National Assembly. We have been refused since 2019. We have not been able to have one.

We think this is because of the fact that the Speaker and yourself, hon Deputy Speaker, are embroiled in internal factional and racist politics which have got personalities involved and that this is affecting not only the decorum, but our right to freedom ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... of speech. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So, hon member Dugmore, please just remember you wrote this letter to the Speaker. You did not write a letter to me.

So you have the full right to exercise your democratic right to leave the House if you so choose; we honour that if that is the choice of the ANC.

[The ANC withdrew from the sitting.]

Hon member Baartman?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Chairperson, I am raising of two points of orders.

The first point of order I am raising is on Rule 62:

“Reflection of holders of an office. You are not allowed to reflect on the honour and the competence of a holder of office, which removal of such office is dependent on the decision of this House.”

And that includes yourself, and further the second point of order I am raising on, and it is a pity that the members of the ANC are leaving, but the hon member Dugmore used the words the “Code of Conduct Reports”. There is only one report that was ATC’d to my knowledge, and that was by the Speaker regarding WCPP matters.

So my question is if there a Code of Conduct Committee Report that hon member Dugmore is aware of, and if such report has not been ATC’d by the Code of Conduct, then I am very concerned about whether the members of the ANC are speaking to one another about what is happening in the Conduct Committee.

So I would like it to be looked at the Hansard as to the exact wording because the words I heard was the words “Code of Conduct Reports”. Those were the

words I heard. So I would like this House to look at what the Hansard said and to investigate this matter because members of the Conduct Committee are not allowed to speak out of the Conduct Committee until a report on a matter is tabled. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Baartman. I certainly will look at the investigation and the wording that has been put out there. It is very concerning, hon members, that we have gone down to such a state of decorum. It really is a concern. Hon member Marais, you are raising on a point of order?

Mr P J MARAIS: Yes, I was going to appeal to the Opposition not to do what they have done and to bring calm to this House, and I would do so, I would have done so in my position as having been given the position of “Father of the House”, but of course you did not recognise my hand, so it is too late now, but I think we must bear in mind what image do we hope to project beyond the walls of this Chamber. I am sorry.

Okay, back to politics [Inaudible.] I am sorry.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marais ...[Interjections.]

Mr P J MARAIS: What has happened today is unacceptable, but I think now we need some strong leadership in this House. Premier, I want to address you through the Chair.

Do what you know is in the best interest of this House, not in the best interest only of one section of the House because if this is going to become repetitive, I do not know whether I still want to be a member of this House. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Marais, for your words. They certainly were very meaningful.

I would like to proceed, hon members, with some decorum. Please, if we can move over to Questions to the Premier without Notice. I recognise the hon member Xego.

Hon member Xego , are you able to pose your question?

QUESTIONS TO PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr M XEGO: Yes, thanks, hon Deputy Speaker.

My question will relate to the recently released crime statistics for the period covering January to March 2022, specifically relating to the Western Cape.

Now when one looks at the carjacking statistics by police stations nationwide, Western Cape features with four police stations, and the majority of these police stations feature in the top five, where the Western Cape is represented by three. These stations are Harare Police Station with 87;

Philippi East Police Station with 64, and Nyanga Police Station with 60.

Now what we would like to understand is that how will the Safety Plan assist the Western Cape not to dominate the top five of the carjacking crime in the country? Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Xego. Over to you Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you very much to the hon member Xego for that question.

Of course, as you know, the Safety Plan is about reducing crime. The apex is about murder, which is sort of like that apex crime that we are focusing on and of course the causalities, and sometimes I do worry because we get asked to say well, let us deviate to other areas like carjacking or even to redeploy across from the focus of the policing component of the Safety Plan.

Of course the violence prevention component is another part of the Safety Plan, but I think what the hon member is asking me is how are we going to effect change there, and I must answer directly that there is not a programme that is running in there that says we are going to focus on reducing carjacking in this province, because that is not what we are doing. We are focusing on reducing murders.

Obviously I really hope we get to that stage where we can say as the Province we have now sorted murders out and we are going to be focusing other issues. The Safety Plan will obviously also have an effect on all crime because that is exactly what it does.

When the LEAP officers are deployed to an area we do notice and we measure the murders, but we also measure the attempted murders. We measure the burglaries; we measure anything that happens around that specific area to do with crime, of which carjackings will form part of it, but I must be honest with him to say that is not a key focus of the plan. It is to reduce murders, and if I have a look at the latest statistics on murders, 22% in South Africa, an increase, which is horrendous. I mean it really is beyond belief, and of course we are quite happy now that we still see a decrease in the LEAP areas where the focus is.

So 22%, actually over a 22% increase nationally, but provincially we are seeing a 2,9% decrease. So that is in itself, I think if you juggle those two numbers with each other, a great achievement, but then you start to look at the other layers. A 27,2% increase in attempted murder.

So you can see even though we are focusing on that apex crime, we are seeing other levels of crime that are reducing and of course that also then goes across the board. So even those hotspots areas, I also am looking at these latest statistics to say that, and we measure like the top 30 hotspots or murder hotspots in the country, and where the LEAP officers are deployed in

12 of those areas, and that is where we are seeing this flattening of the plateauing, but the really interesting thing is that four areas are no longer in the 30 that we focus on.

So where that deployment happens, and they are Gugulethu, Philippi East, Mitchells Plain and Elsies River, and so of course if they are not in the top murder hotspots – and we will not now take those offices away just yet – we will keep focusing because it is also then bringing the violence prevention and the other layers in, which definitely will have a reduction on carjacking, I have got no doubt. Of course carjacking is also got other areas that help us, for example, when we are doing roadworks, which we saw in Philippi, as soon as the roadworks were happening, we saw an increase in carjackings and car hijackings because of the slowness of the vehicles; of stop/start of the vehicles and people were vulnerable in their motor vehicles.

I visited the Philippi Village the other day and the NPO that operates the Philippi Village, one person out of the whole management team has not been hijacked. One person out of the whole management team has not been hijacked. So it is a real critical issue.

So I thank the hon member for raising this question. I know that it is a big problem and of course I think it would also be great when he interacts with the Safety Plan as an hon member in this House, as someone who is playing a role in the Standing Committee, that we actually ask those questions so that we actually have a look, is it something that we should be putting a line

under to say are we going to change focus on the specific issue?

I would say now again, we focus on the murders, but perhaps it is a good question that we say and let us actually have a look at the data, let us have a look at the evidence, and that will also say maybe that is also another lever within the Safety Plan that we should be working on, but I thank the hon member for that question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. I now recognise hon member Mackenzie. [Interjections.] Oh, sorry, my apologies, hon member Xego. Oh, sorry, hon member Xego, over to you. I got mixed. Sorry ...[Interjections.]

Mr M XEGO: All right, okay, thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. Thanks to the hon Premier also for the response. Indeed we note that there were around 166 gang-related matters in the province for the period of January to March 2022, and compared with the 131 for the same period in 2020/2021.

So, then what we want to understand is that, especially when it is gangs, we understand now the mass murders that are taking place, the protection fee or the extortion fee that is taking place. Now on the issue of gangs, how would a Safety Plan be able to drastically reduce the murder rate as far as that is concerned? Because we note the increase.

So is there anything maybe that in terms of the murder rate that the Safety

Plan can advise us? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Again a nice question or follow-up, and thanks to the hon member.

Of course we have been a long proponent of getting the Anti-Gang Unit back in again, and we definitely welcomed the announcement of the Anti-Gang Unit back in the region, and we really do try to overlay or overlap where our Safety Plan activities take place and working with not only SAPS themselves, through our Provincial Commissioner, but also working with the Anti-Gang Unit in those specific focus areas, and of course across the board in other areas too because remember, the policing component of the Safety Plan has got dedicated areas that it focuses on, but there is another side to the Safety Plan and that is the violence prevention, and I think that even goes more to how do we really deal with the gang violence, and how gang violence has grown exponentially.

My last visit when I was in Lavender Hill and I was actually driving around Lavender Hill with the police themselves, and it blew my mind to the last time I was there, and then this time, two weeks ago, how many more gangs there were in the police report, and how many more gangs there were as we were driving around, and you were hearing, “Well, this is the boundary where this gang ends, and this is the boundary where this gang begins, and this gang

do not have shooters, but they rent shooters from that gang.” It is unbelievable the growth in gangsterism, extortion across the board, and of course again these gangs are the ones that are shooting our children. These gangs are the ones that are a key component in playing a part in those murders, but the violence prevention component, which is a much longer-term component, is how do you identify those young boys at risk? Because those young boys are the boys that are going into the gangs, and we have got these programmes through all of our departments on how they identify those boys. How do we ramp up a Chrysalis project so a young boy who is identified at risk of getting into gangs and drugs, that we actually enable that person, give them the wherewithal to remain in our school schooling system, because you want them as the risktaker for the future.

That is the Violence Prevention Programme; that is the data and analysis that actually help us make interventions. It really stands out for me in this Youth Month, this is – I have a look at so many of our gangsters and how they fall exactly in with the youth category. They are our youth, and they are running amok in our streets and scaring our families. I referred the other day to that voice clip and the teachers worried about these kids running into their classrooms because they are just trying to escape the shooting.

That is where the Violence Prevention Programmes, the measurement in the 34 hospitals, how we get to say this is where stabbings are happening, this is where shootings are happening. How do we focus on that street, that suburb, so that we actually try to get ahead of it?

These are complex questions. These are complex matters to deal with and of course as a province we do not have the levers, we have very few levers. Our actual constitutional mandate is oversight and so it becomes difficult, it really does, but I always – maybe I must refer to a point that was raised by the hon member Marais a short while ago. It is about this House and our democracy and how this House and our democracy should be working for the betterment of the citizens in this province, and that is why these kinds of questions are really important, and again to the hon member Xego, let us play our role as elected members here to interrogate that Safety Plan, to come with new ideas, because no one has a monopoly on how to fix this, not anywhere in the world, and we need to be innovative, we need to make sure that we bring change for these citizens, we owe it to our citizens to do that. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Xego. Thank you, over to you, hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Chairperson, and actually thank you for hon member Xego. I am going to keep the question along that line, hon Premier, because I know safety is one of your top priorities.

What impact has the Provincial Safety Plan had on crime in the Western Cape? And further to that, does the Premier believe that Provincial Government should have a greater influence on policing efforts?

The PREMIER: First I will start off by saying absolutely I believe, I still believe it that we should have devolution of powers, and I think just with the small interventions that we have put in place over the last three years, we have shown that those interventions using data, using evidence, using that to make decisions on how deployments happen, we can see the difference, and that I think, if there was ever anything that could show our National Government that devolution would make a difference and bring down crime, there it is. Let alone all of the other stuff around violence prevention.

I am very happy that our safety dashboard now on violence prevention has been recognised by FOSAD, the Director Generals in South Africa, and they all want to come now and have a look at it. So we will have DGS from other provinces and other departments coming to have a look at this specific management tool, but again it is about bringing about change. The Safety Plan is a learning plan, it is an evolving plan, it is something that changes over time, and we need to use this Parliament to measure it. We need to ask these kinds of questions. We need to make sure that we keep on innovating, as I said in the last question because those initial successes which I have just spoken about, we have got to make sure that they are sustained. We cannot be slowing it down over here and then another area becomes a hotspot. We have really got to be watching this thing very, very closely, and again making sure that we continue to play our actual role, which is police oversight, to show the number of police officers to population.

Our population is growing out of all proportion. They expected 1,4 million

more people coming to this province in the next eight years, by 2030. That is putting huge pressure on resources, etcetera, and of course that needs more policing. It needs more resources, it needs more management, and I have not even got to talking about the criminal justice system and how that plays a role as well, also managed by National Government, but let us just focus on the police to start with, and the violence prevention and do whatever we can to make sure that we build a safer, better province for our citizens. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Deputy Chairperson. Hon Premier, we will see this weekend there is a big rugby game taking place, the Stormers, I know all of us want to go, but the restrictions are having an impact on it.

Do you think it is about time to have to lift the restrictions, all the restrictions? And what impact will it have on job creation and the Western Cape economy?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

The hon member is being a bit naughty because he is changing his question from safety to restrictions, but I will say in the interest of safety for the citizens of this province we actually have to move from where we are in COVID-19, and we have to remove these restrictions.

You know, I just think about our stadium being half full or being full. The difference is thousands of people not making money, whether they be taxi drivers, or people supplying pies, or waitrons, or people at our airports, hotels. Just that one action by having a full stadium or a half full stadium, and quite frankly the data and the science show us we can be fully open again. The real data that you have got to put in place is hospitals and deaths.

Our death rate in this fifth wave has not gone above the excess predicted deaths of a normal year, excluding COVID-19. It has not gone above that top prediction and entered into anything in excess deaths above normal predictions. Our hospitals have shown we actually never went higher than 3% of our hospitals' beds being taken up by either COVID-19 or presumed COVID-19 patients. Both of those managed and coped through this fifth wave. In actual fact they coped exactly the same way in the fourth way.

So quite frankly we do need to open up. We need to get our schools back. We need to get our schools back that they do not have to wear masks in schools anymore because you can see it is not necessary, and, hon Deputy Speaker, maybe I should also thank the hon member for that question because it has given me an opportunity to say that I went to two schools this morning, two schools in our province. The only two in South Africa that are recognised on the shortlisting of the best schools in the world award. Out of 3 million schools, two schools, and those two schools, West End in Mitchells Plain, and Pinelands North Primary School. Those two primary schools are recognised out of 3 million schools; in South Africa the only two in the

competition. You could see around the world other schools being recognised. The end results will be in October of this year, but the question is about safety and about removing restrictions and getting our economy going again and giving people opportunities.

I will tell you what really stood out for me in both of those schools, is how are the centre of community. Now that centre of community, do you know that at West End Primary School in Mitchells Plain that they have in 10 years not had one case of vandalism, not one robbery, not one break-in in 10 years in that school? How amazing is that? I mean if ever there was a school that deserves this accolade, and unbelievable feeling when you get to Pinelands North, about how they build community, and building community means creating opportunity, getting our young people of this province, giving them the basis of getting a job into the future. Nothing stops a bullet like a job; nothing puts food on the table like a job; nothing gives you dignity like a job, and these schools are playing their part in the ecosystem of safety, and we need to make sure as Government we remove the restrictions, we need to make sure as Government we create the environment for safety, we put plans in place, we innovate, we really make sure that we are doing our job on building a safer and more prosperous province, and I noticed you have not stopped me for time yet, hon Deputy Speaker, so I have to just say one more thing to the Father of this House, to what he has just said, and I want to say to him thank you for those words because I too sat here today and saw absolutely an orchestrated disruption of this House, and that was unacceptable.

We are hon members elected by the people of this province to make the biggest difference we can for the citizens of this province, and when we create havoc the way that this was created today, it was unacceptable, absolutely unacceptable. We need to understand that people look to this House for their futures. Look to this House for education, for health, for security and safety, for opportunity, for a future, and it is this House that has to oversee the plans of the Executive, it is this Parliament that I have been so proud of so many years myself, and quite frankly what was orchestrated today was unacceptable. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. The time is up and that brings us to the end of Questions to the hon Premier. We will now proceed in terms of Rule 145, to Statements by Members. I recognise and just to remind hon members, it is two minutes each. I now recognise the Democratic Alliance.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, last Friday the 4th quarter crime statistics for the 2021/2022 financial year were released, that painted a worrying picture. Between January and March of this year there was an 11,7% increase in contact crimes, 16,2% increase in sexual offences and 11,4% increase in contact related crimes, in comparison to the same period the previous year.

Whilst there are many factors that lead to crime becoming more prevalent, one of them is that our crime fighting mechanisms are worsening. Whilst the Western Cape's Law Enforcement Advancement Programme has helped to stabilise crime in hotspots, the main issue remains our Police Service is under-capacitated, Crime Intelligence is stretched too thin or non-existent and our Correctional Services are handicapped. As such, rampant crime endemic to South Africa and is sanctioned by our National Government's inability to align our priorities and keeping our residents safe, many residents feel disillusioned in the State apparatus, and they trust that justice will not prevail.

Unfortunately, this feeling has led to people turning to vigilantism and this often leads to innocent people losing their lives and suffering the worst fates. Just last week, residents witnessed an innocent e-hailing driver being burnt alive after being mistaken for a suspect who abducted another individual. This incident is one example of how frustrated people can cause more harm than actual good.

Hon Deputy Speaker, as the DA, we implore everyone in this province not to take the law into their own hands, no matter how frustrated they may be. Let us rather work together through the proper channels to ensure that we can keep our communities safe. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I now recognise the EFF. Are they in the House, Table staff?

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed, sir.

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. The EFF condemns, in the strongest terms, the racist elements which continue to show their ugly head in the application process to former Model C schools in the Western Cape. More particularly, against learners of colour.

A number of black parents have recently raised a concern regarding their children being rejected in all former Model C schools. Their concerns are also shared by the South African Youth Council, which also has received similar complaints from the parents across the province. What is disturbing about all this is the Western Cape Department of Education coming out to defend these schools blindly, through its spokesperson, without even investigating the matter or applying their *audi alteram partem*.

Had it done so, it would not have gone publicly saying things like the online application process has eliminated discriminatory practices, as it is no longer asked about the parents' financial income or status. The fact of the matter is that the application process itself, takes into account racial classifications and there is also an option for selective exemption, which most parents complain that coupled with the racial classification, it might be the reason why their applications are rejected.

If a parent of colour, for example, chose a fee exemption option during the application, it would then be nonsensical for the Department's spokesperson to come and tell us that this does not speak to the issue of parents' financial income or status. These are some of the issues the Department should have investigated before going publicly to speak on behalf of parents, without prior consultation. This level of racism needs to come to a stop, and we hope that the Department of Education in the province will definitely zoom in and arrest that matter. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member, I now recognise the Democratic Alliance.

Ms W F KAIZER-PHILANDER (DA): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, the NHI Bill is currently being reviewed and debated in the National Portfolio Committee of Health. This is where the DA will continue to expose its many shortcomings and failures it will bring about if implemented. Hon Deputy Speaker, as the Democratic Alliance, we will never claim that we do not realise that there are gross inequalities in our health sector. The reality is that as South Africans, we are faced with public healthcare institutions that have suffered from a culture of corruption and incompetence, which in turn has led to poor management, underfunding, understaffing, a loss of skilled staff and deteriorating infrastructure.

We all agree that the low-quality provision of health services is a major issue in South Africa, but the use of the NHI will not resolve this, especially if it

is something that takes away freedom of choice, infringes on the rights of asylum seekers, lacks accountability and proper management structures, and threatens provincial authority.

Hon Deputy Speaker, instead of spending money we do not have, the ANC National Government should start by focusing on fixing governance and preventing over R20 billion being lost to corruption in the health sector every year. It seems like the ANC National Government is certain on delivering a death wish for South Africans. As the representatives of people, we need to be honest and realistic in our approach at all times.

Hon Deputy Speaker, South Africans should, indeed, be very scared of the ANC's intentions. Through you, hon Deputy Speaker, we suggest that the Leader of the Opposition, who is not here anymore, lobbies his national colleagues to see how the Western Cape delivers quality health services before they push our public healthcare off the cliff. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Perfectly timed. Thank you, hon member, I now recognise the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. It is the wish of every parent to have their children enrol at a prestigious school. It is also the wish of parents to provide their children with better opportunities than they had. So, education, we know, is the agent of change and it can lift

learners out of their bondage of subsistence living.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I am bringing this to the House because Ms Una Pietersen applied at three schools in the southern suburbs for admission for her daughter, Hadisha Pietersen. Hadisha turns five on her birthday in September. It has been a dream of the parents to send their child to Wynberg Girls Junior School and this is one of the three schools she applied for, but it was all denied. Ms Pietersen claims that the application for admission was unsuccessful because she is not in the feeder area. The Pietersen family reside in Manenberg and wish for their daughter to be exposed to a different school and a different social environment. I have sent a letter to the hon Minister regarding this matter on Friday, 3 June, and am awaiting a response.

The question, is the Western Cape Education Department's vision to provide quality education to every child, to every learner at every classroom, in every school? The question is: does this also apply to our learners wanting a better future in a prestigious school, does that also apply to them? I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I recognise the Democratic Alliance.

Mr R D MACKENZIE (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The ongoing damage to key railway infrastructure is one of the worst acts of economic sabotage. While PRASA is already having difficult times guaranteeing that our trains are in good functioning order, the South African Police Services,

the National Prosecuting Authority, State Security, should step up and take a stand in tackling the criminal conduct that is hindering the efficient running of trains in the Western Cape.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this week, two contract PRASA employees were shot in broad daylight. These defenceless workers were shot in the arm and both legs respectively. They were on duty, fixing copper cables that were stolen near Bonteheuwel by criminals, who continue to wander freely amongst our communities. There have been no arrests. The DA wishes the affected workers a speedy recovery. This brazen criminality cannot be tolerated anymore.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I urge PRASA to urgently collaborate with SAPS, the National Prosecuting Authority, State Security and the Provincial Department of Community and Safety, to establish an effective railway safety strategy. As long as PRASA, SAPS, State Security and the National Prosecuting Authority do not address the issue on safety and security on our railways, the new plans to re-open the Central Line will not fully be realised any time soon. If proper and efficient measures are not followed, the consequences to commuters will be catastrophic.

The rising fuel prices of petrol is already encouraging more commuters to choose public transportation. If trains are not an option, where will they go? So, I call on PRASA, SAPS, the National Prosecuting Authority, and the State Security to work together with the Western Cape Government to ensure

that the public can rely on safe and efficient trains. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I now recognise the hon Freedom Front Plus.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Hon Deputy Speaker, South Africa has reached an epoch in history where we have become the killing fields of Africa. The time of unstoppable murders and rapes, a time of intense never-ending fears amongst its citizens, a time of hunger, a time of no hope, a time of utter disillusionment. Therefore today, I wish to quote the great leader, Nelson Mandela, to remind hon members of our responsibilities in this House. This is an extract from his speech when receiving the Noble Peace Prize, and I quote:

“Children must, at last, play in the open veld, no longer tortured by the pangs of hunger or ravaged by disease, or threatened with the scourge of ignorance, molestation and abuse, and no longer be required to engage in deeds whose gravity exceeds the demands of their tender years.”

The rewards of which we have spoken will and must also be measured by the happiness and welfare of the mothers and fathers of these children. We must walk the earth without fear of being robbed and killed for political or material profit or spat upon because they are beggars.

What has happened to us South Africans? What has happened? We have

killed the dreams of giants like Martin Luther King Junior. We have killed Nelson Mandela's dream and that of Gandhi, and we did it in a mere 28 years. Cry, South Africa, weep. We have killed and destroyed South Africa. In the name of liberty and equality, we should hang our heads in shame. We have killed Madiba's dream of a no-domination by any majority or minority. Crime has become South Africa's greatest pandemic, more scary, than even COVID-19. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marais. I know recognise Al Jama-Ah. Are they in the House, Table staff? No. Then, I finally recognise the Democratic Alliance.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Yes, thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My sincere apologies. My sincere apologies, over to you.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. It was with much concern that we read about learners not yet placed at schools. This is a very worrying and disturbing phenomenon which has become a norm in the Western Cape Province.

Just two weeks ago, the Western Cape Education Department told the Cape High Court that seven unplaced learners would be starting school. According to media reports, only two of the seven unplaced learners are now attending

school. Even more disturbing is that one of the learners was told that he or she was too old to start the grade and referred to an FET college. Why must learners wait so long for a placement and then, be told they are too old? This is only what we know of. I personally know of someone in Mitchells Plain, also waiting for placement at a school. This is unconstitutional, undemocratic and discriminatory against black learners who want to complete their school career.

Al Jama-Ah repeats its call on the Department to enrol unplaced learners at former Model C schools and pay for it, instead of wasting money on court cases against good and progressive principals, such as Mr Wesley Neumann. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. Over to you, hon Plato.

Mr D PLATO (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, as Child Protection Week concludes, it is important to reflect on the question of whether or not we are doing enough to protect and nurture our children. We know that this country is a hard place to raise a child and an even harder place in which to grow up. Gang involvement, drug abuse and teenage pregnancies are only some of the many social ills which affect the youngest in our communities.

In the Western Cape, we have mobilised a Whole of Society Approach to the

issue, including community-based solutions, such as the Eye-on-the-Child initiative, as well as funding initiatives such as the Child Care and Youth Centres, which provide specialised care for disabled and homeless young people. But we must also look at the many other factors that must be focused on which place our children at risk: poverty alleviation and child protection go hand-in-hand and that is why this Province has placed so much of its energy behind the creation of jobs, but National Government is not playing its part in alleviating the poverty which causes so many social ills.

The already meagre R350 Social Grant has suffered countless setbacks in its implementation, and we now have reports that technical issues have hampered the collection of grants at pay points in grocery stores. And as usual, they struggle to get the technical issues out of the way. This is especially true in the Western Cape, which has the worst ratio of clients to SASSA offices in the country. We have 16 offices to deal with 1,6 million clients, meaning a ratio of over 100,000 clients to each office.

Today, I call on SASSA and National Government to meet us halfway in helping to alleviate the poverty facing our communities and children, and to ensure that all beneficiaries receive their grants on time, every time. The poorest of the poor continue to suffer again and again, as a result of National Government's failure to ensure sound processes are in place to render the necessary services. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. That brings us

to the end of Statements. In terms of Rule 145(6), are there any hon members of the Executive that would like to respond to Members' Statements for not more than 5 minutes collectively? I do not see any hon members. No, thank you very much. There, I see a hand. Hon Minister Maynier, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Can I confirm that I am audible?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are clearly audible.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. Several hon members raised the issue of learner placements and let me say that I understand the frustrations of parents and learners with regards to placements. I would say to hon members that have raised questions in the House that if they have knowledge of specific cases and some hon members did mention specific cases, that they furnish me with the details or alternatively, notify parents that at the appropriate time, admissions or placements can be appealed and of course, those appeals are lodged with myself.

To the hon Christians, who I take note of, of course, that you have furnished me with some details in a letter and of course, I will respond on the matters that you raised in due course. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister for that. That

brings us to the end of Members' Statements and the Minister's response. We now move over the Notices of Motion. In terms of Rule 151, please note that we were required to deliver all Notices of Motions to the Secretary for placing on the Order Paper, and these notices have been duly submitted and published on the Order Paper below the line.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I give notice that I shall move:

That this House debates the pending increase in the bread price as a result of the Russian-Ukraine war.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

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

That the House debates the underlying factors that led to the rise in the murder rate in the province and Provincial Government's response to it.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS:

That the House debates the increase in the sexual offences in the

province and what is to be done to address it.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now move to Motions without Notice. Just a reminder to our hon members that in terms of Standing Rule 150 pertaining to Motions without Notice, condolence and congratulatory were submitted to the Programming Authority prior to this plenary, on 7 June 2022. Hon members are also reminded that Motions without Notice pertaining to congratulatory and condolence will not be allowed in this sitting that have not been processed by the Programming Authority.

I would also, just for noting and for the purpose of the Minutes, call out the hon members whose names have accordingly been submitted and approved of.

The following members' motions have been approved by the Programming Authority as follows: hon Maseko, hon Maseko, hon America, hon Van der Westhuizen, hon Brinkhuis, hon Lekker, hon Sayed, hon Nkondlo, hon Dugmore and hon Windvogel. I now put the motions duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority, to the House.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Ms L M MASEKO: I move without notice:

That the House commends the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport on the handover of a borehole and BMX track to the Drakenstein Municipality; notes that this handover helps to strengthen the people of Drakenstein's right to access clean water; and further notes that the BMX track creates opportunities for the youth to develop their talents.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Ms L M MASEKO: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates winemaker Kiara Scott on her achievements in the wine industry; notes that she became the youngest head female winemaker in South Africa at the age of just 26; and further notes that she serves as an example for young women everywhere on what can be achieved through hard work.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Mr D AMERICA: I move without notice:

That the House commends the City of Cape Town for setting aside R6,4 billion for capital projects over the next three years, with a special focus on road maintenance and new infrastructure for public transportation; and further recognises the jobs that will be created as a result of these

projects.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: I move without notice:

That the House applauds both the City of Cape Town and the National Government's Department of Water and Sanitation for starting a combined campaign on 27 May 2022 to raise public awareness about the impact of water-infrastructure theft and vandalism on community services.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS: I move without notice:

That the House notes that National Child Protection Week started on 29 May and ends on 5 June 2022, and is commemorated in South Africa every year to raise awareness of the rights of children; further notes that these rights of children are entrenched in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and in the Children's Act, 2005 (Act 38 of 2005), which states that every child has the right to basic nutrition, shelter, healthcare and social services, and the right to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation; acknowledges that between 1 April and 31 December 2021, more than 4 800 children were the

victims of abuse or violence in the Western Cape; further acknowledges that children and women daily live in constant fear of violent crime, sexual abuse and kidnappings; concurs that children who are not properly cared for rely on the Government to look out for their wellbeing and to protect them from harm; further concurs with calls from the public to provide more protection services for children; recognises the need to support and equip the Children's Commissioner fully so she can carry out her mandate; further recognises the delay in sentencing thousands of sexual offenders of children, which is causing more harm to their well-being; understands there is an urgent need for socio-economic intervention and programmes to bring about employment, alleviate poverty and eradicate gangsterism and drugs; and notes that the Province should provide efficient security at schools in high risk areas without any delay.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with deep concern and profound sadness the senseless killing of Abongile Mafalala, an Uber driver, who was stoned, beaten, and set alight by a mob that wrongly believed he had abducted a child in Parkwood; condemns the barbaric act by the community; and conveys sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with profound sadness the untimely passing of Mohamed Shukoor Mowzer, founder of Nakhlistan in Rylands, an organisation that feeds thousands of people each year on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr, as well as provides other welfare services, such as funeral logistics; remembers him for his spirit of giving, loving, and caring for the people; and conveys deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates the South African Women Lawyers Association's Western Cape branch on a successful annual general meeting and the election of its new Executive Committee that is led by a veteran and renowned attorney, Seehaam Samaai; further notes that SAWLA was formed in 2006 to advance the national transformation agenda by focusing on women in the legal profession; further notes that in April 2007, a group of committed women lawyers from the Western Cape came together and decided to establish a women lawyers association that culminated in the launch of SAWLA Western Cape on 5

July 2007; and congratulates Seehaam Samaai, her vice-chairperson, Advocate Chandré Brown, secretaries Yasmin Mohamed and Ayanda Stimela, and treasurer, Ayanda Mdanjelwa.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

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

That the House notes with profound sadness the untimely passing of the AmaMpondo King, Zanozuko Tyelovuyo Sigcau, who succumbed after a short illness on Tuesday; and extends condolences to the nation of the amaMpondo, the royal family, including his mother Queen Zuziwe Victoria (Nobandla), siblings and children; and commiserates with the entire nation of the amaMpondo, especially those who are in the Western Cape.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I move without notice:

That the House lauds the firefighters at Vredendal for the swift response to the fire that erupted at the Vredendal Hospital; and commends them for the selfless dedication and hard work to extinguish the fire and save the hospital building from being completely destroyed by the fire.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections, agreed to. The motions will appear in the Minutes of the proceedings and in Hansard, in each individual hon members' name as if the hon member has read them out aloud.

We will now afford the hon members an opportunity to move Motions without Notice as per the Standing Rule of 152(d). This could include Motions without Notice that were not approved of in the Programming Authority meeting. Hon members are reminded that the 30 minutes as per the Standing Rule, will start now. I recognise the hon member Brinkhuis.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House notes the ongoing mass shootings in Khayelitsha; and I note further that these mass shootings are linked to extortions from foreign nationals who have businesses in the townships; further notes the illicit drug trading is also another motive for the mass murders in Khayelitsha; recognises the concerns raised by residents that police are not willing to enter these high risk areas as they fear for their safety; further recognises that the Western Cape Organised Crime Unit is not equipped and lacks the efficiency to stop illicit drug trading, and to protect business people, including legal foreign traders from becoming

victims of extortion. I so move. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections, agreed to. Hon Xego.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the crime involving mass shootings in the Western Cape townships has become nothing short of a norm and everyday culture. This follows the shooting and killing of 4 men in Khayelitsha site B on Tuesday, 7 June 2022 at Madiba Supermarket. This latest shooting comes 4 days after the release of the national crime statistics which saw the Western Cape record increases in the murder rate and gang related crimes. This is very unfortunate because since January this year, it has been clear that mass shootings are a concern in townships, as criminals rule with impunity without any police or law enforcement personnel on site. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

agreed to. Over to you, hon Xego.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House condemns the continued threats by the Drakenstein Municipality to the Minister of COGTA over the intended legal action regarding a municipal manager who should have retired a long time ago, but stayed on with the intention to cash in bigger pension money. This follows the actions of the Municipality in allowing a 65-year-old municipality manager, Johan Leibrandt, to stay on as a manger beyond the six months extension period he was granted by the Minister of COGTA. Now that GOGTA refuses to pay his retirement for the unaccounted years, the Municipality is threatening with an action in order to make sure that their friends cash in with a hefty pay-out. It would be unfortunate if this matter is to go to Court because this would be taxpayers' money that will be used, money which should have been spent on service delivery for the poor and the old. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There are objections, hon Xego. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Xego, I think that is your third one. Over to you.

Mr M XEGO: Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the re-opening of the Koena Art Institute this coming Sunday on 12 June 2022 in Observatory. The Institute is a women-led non-profit company which dedicates its work to the preservation of the Khoi and the San heritage. This year's opening will begin with an exhibition showcasing and celebrating the Khoi and the San heritage through art. As Africans, we should pride ourselves with the work of the Institute as it reminds us of who we are, and where we come from, and not forgetting where we are going. I so move, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections, agreed to. Thank you, hon Xego, we move over to hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House is alarmed at the news of the fire that gutted a classroom of the Blessings Educare Centre in Delft. The fire occurred just after 03:00 on the morning of Tuesday 7 June 2022. (As reported in the *Daily Voice* – Junior Bester – 8 June 2022); The ECD centre that caters for 25

Grade R learners in the classroom, lost everything in the blaze. Mandla Kayishe, who has been working at the crèche since 2015, was first on the scene; commends the community who responded and vainly tried to extinguish the blaze and extends its gratitude to the City Fire and Rescue Service for extinguishing the fire. According to Jermaine Carelse, spokesperson for City Fire and Rescue Service, the fire was extinguished by 06:07. The building was substantially damaged. No injuries were reported, and no lives were lost in the blaze and notes in total the crèche has about 60 learners and is appealing for assistance from the sponsors to rebuild the classroom. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections, agreed to. Hon Van der Westhuizen.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the recently launched CapeNature Conservation club for kids, called the CapeNature Cubs Club, whose goal it is to teach children more about environmental issues and how they can make positive contributions to keeping our planet safe. I further move that the House applauds the staff and pupils of the

Conservation Club of Woodlands Primary in Heideveld, on being the first school to join this initiative; and further commends CapeNature under the leadership of its Chief Executive Officer, Dr Razeena Omar, on the phenomenal work they do in bringing children closer to nature. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections, agreed to. Hon Botha.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): I move without notice:

That the House notes the two recent reports on the Western Cape municipalities from the Auditor-General and Ratings Afrika respectively. In the Western Cape, 22 municipalities received unqualified audits from the Auditor-General, and a further five received qualified audits with findings. Additionally, Ratings Afrika's most recent Municipal Financial Sustainability Index found that the Western Cape's municipalities are generally financially stable, with the province being home to some of the highest ranked municipalities in South Africa. These findings highlight that municipalities in the Western Cape are leading the way and setting an example for clean, efficient, and effective local governance in South Africa. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections, agreed to.

Hon members, that concludes the business for the day. Mr Stemele will now end the meeting and all the hon members will be exited from the sitting. Thank you very much, the House is now adjourned.

The House adjourned at 16:19.