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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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[Virtual online sitting held through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon members, mindful of the rights and values enshrined in our Constitution and our responsibilities as public representatives, to nurture, protect and advance those values, I now call on hon members to join me in observing a moment of silence for all victims and survivors of racism, discrimination and violence in whatever form they manifest themselves. The moment of silence starts now. Will you please join me, hon members.

[Moment of silence observed.]

The SPEAKER: I thank you. Thank you, hon members, for observing this moment of silence. Thank you very much. I now wish to bring to the hon members the very obvious matter, which is not so obvious in many cases, because some members are sitting in vast rural areas in their homes in the far-flung areas, but I trust that you have now joined the sitting in terms of Rule 1(a) of the Standing Rules and doing so remotely by means of the electronic means.

The WCPP remains fully operational as we have been doing since we started off, and we have been doing this in our committees. As you know the *ad-hoc* Committee that we established as this Parliament to look after COVID-19 matters, has been fully operational and also the other Standing Committees have been working since 17 April 2020.

Hon members, please allow me to highlight some of the important directives, which will help this sitting:

- The Secretary and his administration will ensure that there is ongoing support at all times during this sitting. If you have a problem with your devices, there will be technical support to support you.
- The quorum requirements for the sittings, hon members, are as provided for in the Constitution and the Standing Rules.
- Unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will take place by members present and entitled to do so and cast their votes by clearly identifying themselves to the Presiding Officer verbally and

expressing their votes in that way.

- Hon members who are present have all the privileges and immunities imparted to them by law.
- Hon members, who are considered to be out of order by the Presiding Officer, will have their microphones muted and called to order.
- Attendance of members will be recorded by the Serjeant-at-Arms for this sitting.

In instances where these directives do not cover a particular eventuality, the Standing Rules must apply. In instances where the Rules cannot be applied, hon members, what will happen is that the ruling by the Presiding Officer becomes final.

Hon members, all your microphones have now been muted. You are requested to only unmute your microphone when you need to raise a point of order in terms of the Standing Rules. You should then first state your name and surname in order for the Presiding Officer to recognise you. I think now we know how to do it. We have been doing it since, and this is our seventh sitting. That means you have been practicing since, including myself. You should then first state your name and surname in order for the Presiding Officer to recognise you, and when you do speak, hon members, make sure that your mic is unmuted and when you are done speaking, just mute your mic again so that we are able to allow other members to speak and be heard.

Hon members, we have invited the members of the Fourth Estate, the media,

in this meeting. I would like to request the members of the media that you are observers, as you have always done in the House. This is a House of Parliament. Please do not activate your microphone or your camera. Just do as you have always been doing since the first sitting and in doing so it will help us, because we do not have to take you out of the meeting, because that is not what we are here for. We want to participate through democracy. That includes you being part of that.

Hon members, as you would expect that we should have translation and ability for members to speak in their languages, we have not been able to defeat this hurdle, so I would like to request hon members to be sensitive in this regard in the use of language and that we do not in any way create a situation that members will not be able to understand what you are saying, as much as we want to promote all languages in the province. We apologise for this and I do hope that the hon members will be kind enough to accept this and in this regard I also need to request that the hon members respect the ruling that I made as the Speaker on 3 April 2020, that there will be no interjections permitted in this debate in the sitting, and of course that the hon members also read this together with Rule number 40 of our Standing Rules. At this point I would like to thank you, hon members, and wish you well for this sitting and that we can have democracy live in action.

We will now go to the Questions as printed in the Order Paper. Hon members, the first question is by hon member Makamba-Botya to the hon Minister of Community Safety. I recognise the Minister, hon Fritz.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Question standing over from Thursday, 4 June 2020, as agreed to by the House:

Food parcels, distribution of

1. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Community Safety:

Premier Alan Winde's Safety Plan promised to prevent crime "where" and "when" it occurs:

What role has been played by the City of Cape Town's law enforcement officers in the prevention and interception of domestic violence during the lockdown period?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Good afternoon, hon Speaker. Thank you, I want to say thank you to the hon member Makamba-Botya also for allowing me to let her question stand over. She really displayed amazing humanity and I really appreciate that.

I want to start off by saying that the purpose of the Western Cape Safety Plan is to halve the murder rate over the next ten years. However, the Western Cape Government does recognise the importance of the continued fight against the scourge of domestic violence. I was saying to a journalist earlier today that in our application of policing, when we police, when our LEAP

officers, our law enforcement officers together with the South African Police Services, together with the Metro Police, go out and they go police and anywhere while they are busy on patrol, someone alerts them to a domestic violence, they will immediately respond to that, deal with it, arrests who needs to be arrested and assist the woman, the victim in channelling and assist her to firstly lay a complaint, an official criminal charge; but also if needs be and I know hon member Marais is very passionate about this, if needs be to get that lady, that woman to a safe space where she can be accommodated; and if needs be, if the man did anything, maybe committed any crime, to arrest the perpetrator and to deal with him in the criminal way, a criminal justice way; so I think that is an important part.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting National State of Disaster necessitated a shift in the deployment methodology of the LEAP officers. Consequently our officers are moving from a cluster-led deployment model, to a targeted hotspot-led deployment model, which will simultaneously address crime as and when it emerged, and in this regard I want to emphasise, a number of hotspot areas that are gang hotspots are also COVID hotspots and you can see the relationship between that, hon Speaker.

Furthermore, due to the continuing increase in the number of COVID-19 infections in the province, the LEAP officers are being deployed to targeted COVID-19 hotspot areas. Deployed LEAP officers will continue to assist with roadblocks, respond to COVID-19 complaints, issue notices of fines, make arrests, encourage social distancing within the hotspots where they are

deployed, but it must be emphasised that we will not take our foot off the accelerator in terms of the gang hotspots and that will always be data-led. We have seen over the past very, very recent period from 1 to 7 June a spike and quite a big spike in gang violence, and we have seen actually 118 murders committed in that week, which is very different to what happened under lockdown, so our data will force us to re-think all the time, it is a dynamic process to see where deployment is most needed, but not taking our foot off, keeping that balance between COVID and the gang areas. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Fritz. Hon member Makamba-Botya is not in the House. She informed the Speaker in this regard. She has bereavement. We will now proceed. I have got follow-up questions from hon member Kama, hon member Christians and hon member Allen – in that order. I recognise hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. My follow-up question, hon Speaker, I think the MEC spoke now about a data-led policing approach. Now I want to get an understanding as to who is responsible for collection of this data and where is it analysed and how frequently is this done to inform our deployment as per the data that has been collected. Thanks.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: A very good question, hon

member Kama. The data, and all is responsible for analysis and whatever what-what, all in the Department of Community Safety. Thank you, hon Speaker.

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you, Minister, for that answer. All that I want to know is, there are two things: I see now in Lockdown Level 3, there is a surge in the gang violence. We saw the killings all over so there it is again, and I heard the Minister over the radio I think yesterday and the day before, so there is now a surge in gang violence under Lockdown Level 3. Secondly, with families being in the home for such a long time under Lockdown Level 3, domestic violence is really picking up and you refer people to the police, I have been to a case this week. When we refer people to the police station the police say: "Listen, we will write down the charge and then it goes to the courts. It is out of our hands now." So I think with this extended lockdown there is a lot of frustration in families and I just want to know from the Minister, is there something that law enforcement can do because of the long period of extension of the lockdown? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you, hon member Christians. Hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon member Christians. Yes, you are correct, under Level 3 we have seen it, and I think a lot of us have our opinions of it, and we are busy with the research to look at what the contributing factors are in that huge spike in murders. One of the assumptions, I would say it is assumptions, is the allowance to sell alcohol from the 1st again, until the Thursday – Mondays to Thursdays – but that is an assumption. The researchers, the clever people will tell us exactly what is happening, and again I want to say that it is not only the law enforcement but the South African Police Services. I want us – anyone who comes to a police station and people say: “No, we cannot deal with your case, we will do this or that”, to please inform me so that we can immediately bring this to the Provincial Management, and I can tell you they deal with it immediately, because we have cases where policemen are saying: “Oh no, we cannot deal with this or we cannot deal with that.”

The law enforcement officers are from the City, so they used to have a cluster approach with the COVID lockdown. Remember, they were the ones patrolling the streets and roadblocks and made sure that people were not on the road. It is now more liberalised, it is now more open on Level 3, people are now moving so they still move around and whenever they encounter on their rounds while they are busy patrolling, any form of domestic violence or any other crime, they will act and I can tell you there was some very interesting statistics about some of the arrests made by the law enforcement. But I want to again emphasise it is law enforcement together with the South African Police. They fall, if it is under this whole period now, under the

command structure of the South African Police Services.

The City has also decided to take a far stronger COVID approach with the hotspots because they really are serious in getting the hotspots under control and the infections under control, and so many of the law enforcement officers are now also going under their command structure, but anywhere you see crime, you deal with crime. I think that is the point, but please also refer cases where police are reluctant to take your case to us immediately. Thank you, hon member Christians.

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

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I know that the Minister touched on where assistance is uneven from the side of SAPS, hence I want to touch on the fact if the Minister is able to provide further information in terms of where currently the medical hotspots and the crime hotspots are not aligned, if he can share some information in that regard? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, honourable. Oh sorry, sorry, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. Let me Chair, Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Sorry, hon Speaker, sorry.

The SPEAKER: You are welcome. Hon member Allen, thank you. I recognise the Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So the areas where the COVID COVID hotspots at the moment are, are the Tygerberg area, the Khayelitsha area and specifically the Klipfontein area, the bottom part of Klipfontein, and I think the Klipfontein area will include Manenberg, part of Hanover Park, Athlone; so that will coincide with the gang areas. Also, they are not really in the Tygerberg area because it is Elsie's River, but Delft definitely is part of that. They are definitely in it. So, and I also just want to say that outside the response of COVID-19, our LEAP officers have also assisted in numerous other operations, I think that is what the hon member is alluding to.

For instance, they issued 909 notices in terms of Section 131 41 [Inaudible]. They have given for [Inaudible] notices were issued in terms of Section 56 bylaws, and 1267 notices were issued in terms of Section 56 traffic offences.

Arrests made, there were a number of arrests just between 1 and 7 June. Eight arrests made of suspects that had not only a stop, but far more drugs on them. The other was an arrest for a robbery, one arrest also for possession of an illegal firearm. They had an arrest for a double murder of someone, so quite significant arrests during the 1st to the 7th of the month. So I think that is basically some of the kinds of indicators or indications of the LEAP officers

where they are busy and where they sometimes go outside the COVID areas and sometimes into the COVID areas. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I now recognise hon Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you so much, hon Speaker. I want to broach a subject. We are talking here about the City of Cape Town law enforcement. Minister, would you agree there is a total disrespect and disregard for police enforcement in the Western Cape, in particular we have moved from police, from prisoners, a Prison Department, to a Correctional Service Department with the emphasis on rehabilitation and correction. Would you say since this new system crime has decreased or increased and if the lockdown situation has brought down crime so significantly, and under Level 3 there was again an escalation, what have we learnt from this? Have we not learnt that if a man is a criminal he should be removed from society and not left free to roam in society? What have we learnt from this?

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

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you, hon member Marais. *Ja* it is a very philosophical question. I think the point that a lot of us are making, hon member Marais - and let me just say it straight - the murderers, the rapists, the hardcore criminal must be removed and they must go; there is a prison in Kokstad, a maximum super maximum

prison that is underutilised, you will not believe me, it is underutilised. There in that prison you only see yourself for 23 hours and then you go for an hour exercise in the morning, you go for a three-minute shower, you eat in your cell, you do everything in your cell, and then during that hour of exercise you have got no other prisoners; it is alone. So I am saying we have not used it, and I promise you I have seen hardened criminals in that prison who almost want to repent, because they want to get out. When they are in the big prisons, when they are all together, then they can be gangs, they can be numbers. It is great to be a 28-leader. †Daar kan jy nie 'n *leader* wees nie. [There you cannot be a leader.] There you cannot be. You are your own leader. You sit alone. You see no-one. The wardens are the only people you see and you are most of the time alone, 23 hours.

Now if you commit that kind of crime, that means - and the Constitution allows that there are certain conditions when your freedom can be taken away from you - that when you take other people's lives, when you rob people, when you rape women, that must happen to you.

I think we, as public officers, people who are police officers and law enforcement officers and traffic officers, must also start respecting our communities so that they can get respect back. So when you see the young boy who is walking a bit in a way like he wants to walk, take him under your wing and see how you can rescue him, almost before he gets into gangs, before he goes to a prison. Try and see the good in every child and make something of him, if you can. If you can, give him a chance. Do not

always just want to arrest the child for he did something small. There is a very interesting aspect in child justice and the Child Justice Act talks about divergence. Divert the child away from the criminal system and allow him to develop and become an amazing human being, but then the programme must work, but it must start with the public officer; not with the social worker – with the police officer. It will continue and then you identify with the social worker. That child will go back to school eventually and will be a good learner in school and he will finish his schooling and become a great citizen. We must not always want to just throw everyone in prison. The hard criminals – they deserve to be in prison.

I think the lockdown showed us that it was curfew time; it was a state-of-emergency type of time. That is not normal, so I think after that everyone go bonkers again. Let our normal society be one of respect for everyone, deal with the hard criminals, and really, really all citizens to have human dignity and should be treated like people who have human dignity. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister, thank you very much. Hon members, that concludes the follow-ups on this question. I now move to the next question. [Music in background.] There seems to be a party somewhere. So let us stop that. Let us stop that! I know it is Thursday, is it the first Thursday? Not yet, it is the second Thursday.

May I request the hon Minister, this question is asked by hon member Botha, hon members, to the hon Minister of Local Government and Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. I now recognise hon Minister Bredell.

New Questions

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

With reference to his reply to Question 1 of 7 May 2020:

(a) What were the reasons for the resignations of the (i) municipal manager and (ii) chief financial officer and (b) what was the rand value of the packages paid out to them?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for the question. To reply to the question, the reply I received from Cederberg Municipality reports as follows: the municipal manager, Mr Louis Volschenk, resigned from the Municipality and accepted another position at Saldanha Bay Municipality. The second part: the chief financial officer, Mr Enrico Alfred, resigned from the Municipality and no reasons were offered by him upon resignation.

The (b) part of hon Botha's question, no packages were paid out to either Mr Volschenk or Mr Alfred upon their respective resignations. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I see there is a hand from hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, no follow-up question and thank you to the Minister.

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon Dugmore? Is that a mistake?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: [No audible reply.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you, hon members. Now we conclude that question. Thank you, hon member Botha and thank you, hon Minister. I now move to Question number 2 and... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: [inaudible - recording distorted.]

The SPEAKER: We cannot hear you, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker [Inaudible – recording distorted.]

The SPEAKER: Your line, hon Dugmore, is very, very bad, so we cannot hear you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much. [Inaudible – recording distorted.] Hon Speaker, I have a follow-up question.

The SPEAKER: Oh, so that is not a follow-up?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker, is that better, is that better? Hello, is that better?

The SPEAKER: Yes, it is.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, it is a follow-up. [Inaudible – recording distorted.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Maybe if hon member Dugmore switches off his camera it will help.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, it is off. I have switched my camera off.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, now we hear you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Can you hear me, hon Speaker? Can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Yes, I can hear you, hon the Leader of the Opposition. You may proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Okay, thank you. My follow-up question to MEC Bredell is do you think the reason that hon member Botha is asking you this question has anything to do with how painful it must be for the DA and MPL Botha, in particular, having lost... [Interjection.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Please, Speaker!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...both Cederberg Municipality as well as the... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Thank you, hon member Dugmore, but that is a new question.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No-no, no-no, I am asking if it was painful because I am going to the issue of the packages. I am still busy with the question.

The SPEAKER: Oh, alright, you may proceed, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: *Ja*, thank you. Given that the Democratic Alliance gave packages to Director Jan Swartz as well as the UD Mayor, Mr Danie Lubbe, in Matzikama, and also that in regard to this matter of Clanwilliam it is clear that there is a very defined process by the Municipality where the ANC runs, and this is the question: do you think it has more to do with the levels of painful loss of power that a question like this which actually has no substance, is being asked?

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, I try to work with the facts and I think to be honest with you, that if you are a democrat and if you are in the Democratic Alliance you understand the will of the voters and if that is the will of the voters to shift power, it is in a democracy, that will happen. Hon Botha is within her rights to ask the questions because she has got an oversight role and it is in the best interest of all of us that we focus on oversight roles and then we enforce discipline within our municipalities, so I do not have any problem with her asking the questions and I can just call on all councillors to work with taxpayers' money respectfully because we are going to enter into a very difficult phase after COVID. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Bredell. Hon members, will you please, please look after your microphones. I sensed a noise which is not very good for those members who are participating in the questions. Now I move to Question number 2. I recognise... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, hon Wenger.

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, if I may, as per the Minister's request to the member this question will stand over to the next sitting please.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. That is the request, hon members.

[Question 2 standing over.]

The SPEAKER: Now we are moving to Question number 3. The Question number 3 is by hon member Mackenzie to hon Minister Madikizela, the Minister of Transport and Public Works. I recognise the Minister, Minister Madikizela.

Food parcels, distribution of

3. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

With regard to taxi violence on the Cape Flats:

- (1) What is the status of the situation;
- (2) whether crime intelligence has been involved in trying to identify the alleged perpetrators; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Between 1 January and 31 May this year there have been 25 taxi-related murders and 11 cases of attempted murder. These include cases on the Cape Flats, in Delft, Bellville, Bloekombos and Nyanga, but also cases as far as Mbekweni, Ceres and Worcester, with the common thread being that all of the cases involved either CATA (Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association) or CODETA (Cape Organisation for the Democratic Taxi Association) affiliated associations.

The investigation of these crimes has been prioritised by SAPS. Where there is conflict between rival associations my Department has provided independent mediators to diffuse tensions. We have also in the past called on the leadership of the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) and mother bodies CATA and CODETA to intervene when possible to diffuse disputes through mediation before such disputes erupts into violent conflict or criminal acts of murder, and to identify criminal elements who

contribute towards the crimes and violent conflict.

The Department of Transport and Public Works work very closely with the South African Police Service to identify the underlying causes of conflict and those operators who have legitimate rights and valid operating licences to operate at particular ranks and roads. This usually follows appeals by legal taxi operators for assistance from enforcement authorities with regard to infiltration by illegal operators onto their already saturated routes and ranks. The Department also engages the transport planning divisions of municipalities whose responsibility it is to monitor the demand and supply of public transport to routes in their areas.

I also welcome the intervention by the Provincial Commissioner Matakata in assigning a dedicated team of detectives to investigate all the recent and historic taxi-related cases and their commitment to bringing the murders and their enablers to book.

I am informed that the team of detectives, although few in numbers, is making very good progress with current and old cases and have already made a number of arrests.

Hon Speaker, this team of detectives works very closely with the SAPS Crime Intelligence Division as well as other Government entities to identify linkages between all taxi-related crimes, including murders, attempted murders and aspects of organised crime. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Minister. I now have a number of members, in fact I have got hon member Mvimbi and hon member Allen for follow-ups and hon member Marais, in that order, and hon member Kama, so, hon member Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Through you, hon Minister, I just wanted to find out whether you have given a very extensive response in terms of the question. Have you maybe also looked into what is the root cause of this violence that are taking place in these areas as I believe it is not the first time that we are having this kind of violence, but then have you ever taken time to look as to what is the root cause of this problem? Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mvimbi. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much for the question, hon member Mvimbi. What we have managed to pick up, because from the taxi violence in Hout Bay to Paarl to Delft to Bellville we have picked up a common thread, is that the main cause of these conflicts is route-invasion, and this is normally between these two associations that I spoke about, which is CATA and CODETA, where members of a particular association just decide to invade the route that is serviced by a particular organisation and then the violence erupts; and that is the common thread that we are also picking up, but the second element has to do with illegal operators. We have a number of taxis in the Western

Cape that are operating without licences and it is a problem that I am paying very close attention to. I have already had a number of engagements with planning authorities because as hon member Mvimbi would know, that before the Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) issues a licence it is the Planning Authority that must give a go-ahead at municipal level or at local level for us to be able to do so, but I am picking up that the issue of supply and demand is also contributing to these outstanding operating licences and it is something that I am really pushing so that we can really deal with the backlog of operating licences. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

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

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker, through you, thank you to the Minister. He touched on the convictions in terms of taxi-related incidents, but I wanted to check with the Minister if there is a link between the various incidents of violence? Thank you.

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much for that question. Yes, hon member, there is a link and I think as I have alluded to in the response that I have just given to hon member Mvimbi, unfortunately with this link especially in Bellville and in Delft

we also discovered that it is not only the route-invasion that is motivating this violence, but also there is involvement of gangs who are also part of the group of people who want to take over these routes by hook or crook, and we are working very closely with SAPS. We have a very reliable intelligence and also a device, a system that we have now established, to really follow these links, and we are making progress. We have already had success – this past weekend members of SAPS have arrested about five people, which is really, really commendable and all these people are linked to these associations that I spoke about. Hon member Allen. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister and hon member Allen. I now recognise hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I want to put another question. Minister, do we regulate the taxis efficiently enough to prevent them from becoming gangs which even the cops are becoming scared of, because when they are all together they can be thousands. We are creating an army, a taxi army.

Now I have an insurance company. They can track my vehicle wherever I go, wherever I am at any moment, even if I have an accident or a slight bump, they contact me and say: “Are you alright? We notice a bump.”

Our Premier speaks about entering the Fifth Industrial Revolution, the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Are we part of it? If taxi routing is the

problem you tell me why can taxis not be fitted with a device that will show the Traffic Department if he is out of his area if he has gone over the boundaries for which he has been licensed. If he operates within a wrong area he should get a traffic fine. Then we take away the commitment of a crime from taxi owners themselves to correct. We allowed taxi operators to become judges and policemen, maybe a taxi driver... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Marais, you need to end your question. You need to ask the question and not make a statement.

Mr P J MARAIS: No, that is the question, sir. I say, should we not install in these taxis devices that can tell the Traffic Department if they are outside their area of operation?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Marais. I am sure the Minister has had that. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much for the question. Well, the operating licences of all the operators stipulate the area of operation for that particular taxi so it is very easy to pick up if someone is operating in an area that they should not be operating in. I remember, hon member Marais, through you, hon Speaker, that we had a big issue where I had to intervene because a number of taxis were caught on routes where they are not supposed to be and the excuse that they made is that when there is an accident or when there is traffic,

they normally try and avoid the traffic and unfortunately end up on the route that they should not be; they are not supposed to be operating in. But the last point that I want to make in this whole taxi regime to hon member Marais, because he spoke about the importance of regulating it, there are a number of gaps of course that we need to fill here. I think the biggest problem are taxi associations because the reason why we have so many illegal operators is because of how the whole taxi regime is structured. When I buy a taxi, the first call is to go to a taxi association in Delft or Khayelitsha and then register, pay a registration fee for me to operate there, before I actually apply for a licence. Now there this incentive results in the over-flooding of routes where the supply becomes more than the demand because of this incentive that is paid to the taxi associations in the form of a joining fee and this is something that we are now dealing with, because an operator pays up to R200 000 joining fee for one taxi and that puts a lot of pressure on the planning authorities to issue licences and PRE to issue licences when in fact it should not be done in that way. So I agree with you that there are a number of gaps. I have identified those gaps to deal with the whole industry and regime in the taxi space so it is really a space that needs to be revolutionalised, if I can put it that way. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister and hon Marais. I now recognise hon member Kama and this is the last one for this question.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thanks to the

Minister for the responses provided. I want to check, hon Speaker, is there any thinking of forming a dispute resolution process than only jumping when there is violence in the space, because it gets difficult to stop it when people have killed each other already and it gets to have more criminal elements, and I think the Department in one meeting we had in Mbekweni indicated that they have ways to see when there are challenges in their particular route.

Now I want to check if there is any thinking around having a dispute resolution process that even in the eyes of the taxi operators will be seen to be fair and not having any of these associations.

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much to hon member Kama for that question. What we normally do, hon member Kama, in a situation where there is a dispute, we normally get the services of independent mediators and we make sure that those mediators are accepted by all the parties that are in conflict, but I think it is a good point that you are making that perhaps we should consider having a sort of a permanent body that deals with disputes. I think it is a suggestion that I am taking to heart and see whether we cannot have that because as things stand now we normally use the services of independent mediators. They succeed sometimes, but sometimes they do not, because of the nature of

the challenges in the industry. So I have taken note of the suggestion. I will certainly consider it. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. This concludes the Question number 3. We now move to Question number 4 by hon member Maseko to the Minister of Human Settlements, hon Minister Simmers. I now recognise the hon Minister.

Food parcels, distribution of

4. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Social Development:

Why has there been a delay in the commencement of the Rapid Informal Settlement Support and Upgrade Programme (RISSUP) at Dunoon, Greater Kosovo and Ithemba since the national Minister announced in March that reblocking would be occurring in these areas?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you very much to the hon member Maseko for this question, which is quite pertinent at the current moment, and the member has indeed noted correctly that delays have occurred for the specific areas but they are related to administrative processes that my Department needs to adhere to, which are in the hands of the local governments or in this case the City of Cape Town, hon Speaker.

These administrative processes relate to town planning, the urgent application that we have submitted for urgent housing, but also a rezoning application on the specific sites; but also for one of the sites we are still awaiting for the National Department of Public Works to give the power of attorney so that we can commence on that specific site, but through you, hon Speaker, to the member, as much as there has been an administrative delay from a Provincial Department's perspective, we have also made progress in the meantime pertaining to stakeholder engagement in these specific identified areas over the least 11 weeks. We have had more than 18 public engagements, also key stakeholder engagements in these areas, for all these three sites which the hon member is referring to, but we have also commenced the process more so in the area of Dunoon and the greater Kosovo area for identifying the possible beneficiaries that will form part of our programme, but also from the immediate surrounding areas respectively when we talk about Ithemba as well, hon Speaker.

Now the areas of the greater Kosovo and Ithemba will obviously feed into or the beneficiaries will come from the Airport Precinct which entails Lusaka, Tsunami, Vukuzenzele, Kanana and then from the Khayelitsha portion of our programme it will come from Victoria Mxenge, Silvertown, BM Section and Taiwan. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Simmers. I now recognise hon member Maseko, followed by hon member Lekker, in that order.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Minister I just want to find out seeing that we do not have that, we are in the abnormal normal now, are there any systems in place from the Department of Human Settlements to cut the red tape in implementing the projects to make sure that we implement the densification to all the TRAs that are in process?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much.

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

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Apologies, hon Speaker, I nearly jumped you. Apologies for that.

The SPEAKER: It is okay. It is okay, hon Minister, but at least I am still chairing. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon member Maseko, yes, no, indeed from a provincial department's side, since the announcement by our National Minister my team has been practically busy. We have seen from our planning perspective and also from our implementation perspective our various teams together with HJ (?) and the City of Cape Town's administrative team, preparing exactly the layout plans for these projects identifying the type of technology that we are going to use.

Also we have finalised from our perspective a shortened process of identifying the possible procurement processes that are needed to accelerate in all three areas due to the urgent need for the re-densification as announced by our National Minister, hon member Maseko, so from the Provincial Government's side we have done everything humanly possible to reduce red tape from our perspective, but I do believe one will now need to engage the local sphere of Government and not just the City of Cape Town but other B Municipalities as well; perhaps it is time that they also need to identify processes that they can cut and reduce red tape to ensure that we expedite the delivery of human settlements but more so under this difficult period known as COVID-19. Thank you, hon member.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I now recognise the Chief Whip of the Opposition. Hon member Lekker.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Chairperson. On 30 May the Department's spokesperson confirmed in the media that the red tape was holding back decongestion plans and the Department was busy with statutory processes which required approval from the City. Now I therefore want to know to what extent did this red tape contribute to these delays and in a way contribute to widespread infections in the hotspot areas as congestion could not occur, and then secondly, Chair, if I listened to the MEC, he makes mention of the areas that will benefit in that project but I did not hear the MEC touching on people of Woodlands where that particular spot is located, but also I want to get an understanding from the

MEC in that specific space. What consideration are they giving to people who have disabilities in terms of human settlement accommodation? I thank you, Chair.

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

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Speaker, no, thank you to hon member Lekker for indeed – †dit is 'n taamlike mondvul, [it is quite a mouthful,] we would say in Afrikaans. I think they are very relevant questions and I would answer them as thoroughly as possible.

Indeed, hon member Lekker, and I will start with the first portion of your question which relates to a statement which my MLO made on the 30th, and I can confer to you that as a Provincial Department, but also as Provincial Government we respect the different spheres of government and each one's role that they play in the specific processes which are outlined in the National Housing Code, but also all other relevant national legislation in this case. Like I have alluded to, the process of town planning, the application for urgent housing and rezoning, falls within the sphere of Local Government and as such, for instance the town planning application, the urgent housing application that was done on 12 May through the City of Cape Town, obviously comes after we have started a really rigorous and thorough process of stakeholder and public participation to ensure that nobody feels left behind.

We are yet awaiting that process, member, to the best of my knowledge up until 24 hours back the Mayor still needs to sign off approval for the town planning but also the urgent housing application.

The secondary part, member, which is also referred to indirectly by my MLO, refers to the rezoning application of which we have done two on 15 May to the City of Cape Town to rezone portions of a specific site from its current usage to a mixed-usage one. The case number there is 70503552. We are yet to receive a response once again from the City of Cape Town in this regard, but I do have to respect the processes of the City of Cape Town as the relevant sphere of government which needs to approve our requests, member.

Member, then obviously the greater Kosovo, the Kosovo area also entails the area of Woodlands, hence I always talk about the greater Kosovo area and that is also when we started the process of public engagement or stakeholder engagement, we did allude to obviously taking cognisance of the guidance and the input from the Department of Health that the core envisaged beneficiaries or people that we are going to move as part of the re-blocking exercise will be the elderly and the most vulnerable. The most vulnerable obviously include persons with disability, but member, we also need to understand the urgency of this matter and also through the various stakeholder engagements that we have done and we have emphasised this as such, is that there are also community dynamics in some of these areas where more public or leadership engagements are needed because some of

these informal settlement areas are at a very young age, if we look at the overall age of informal settlements.

To your response of the contribution of this delay in the increasing number of infections, I am not a qualified doctor in that regard, but what I can tell you is that my sister department, the Department of Health, together with my Department and the City of Cape Town have jointly gone into these areas, have done rigorous stakeholder engagements. The Department of Health, I am aware, has also done targeted screening in areas like Dunoon and so forth, so they have played their part and from a Human Settlements perspective that is the input that I can give to that portion of your question. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Simmers. There are no further follow-ups. As there is no further follow-up we are now moving to the next question. Thanks to the hon members. The next question is by hon member Nkondlo to the hon Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities. I now recognise the hon Maynier, the Minister.

Food parcels, distribution of

5. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

(a) How much has the Provincial Government spent on the COVID-19 response and (b) what has been the quantitative spread between social and economic relief, expressed both in figures and in percentages?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for putting the question. The actual expenditure on the COVID-19 response by the Province as of 2 June 2020 amounts to R525,7 million with commitments amounting to R905,8 million. The quantitative spread between social and economic relief expressed both in figures and as a percentage as of 2 June 2020 are as follows:

The social relief amounts to R377,3 million or 72% of the total actual COVID-19 expenditure, which comprises of expenditure by the Department of Education at R52,7 million; Health at R288 million; Social Development at R20,4 million as well as Local Government at R16,2 million.

At this stage the indirect economic relief expenditure by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism amounts to R814 000 or 0,2% of the total COVID-19 expenditure.

Hon Speaker, I think it is important to point out that in relation to economic relief measures these are largely the function of National Government, which, as members will be aware, has announced a range of economic relief measures; most recently of course the relief measures for tour guides across

South Africa.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism in partnership, of course, with Wesgro and City of Cape Town, have established a website called the COVID-19 Support Fund, which allows businesses to fill in online forms and proposes a range of relief measures which are applicable to that business, and assists business to access the funds produced, made available by National Government.

Then of course, as I have mentioned in the House before, the Red Tape Reduction Unit is also working to help businesses with individual challenges, accessing funds from National Government, particularly the UIF TERS payouts, which have been made available to businesses in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon member Nkondlo?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the Minister for the response. I must say, hon Speaker, it is quite concerning when one considers the spread, because the intention really is to try and bring to the fore whether we are making efforts regarding this particular pandemic. We are cognisant of the holistic response we always speak about insofar as how we are responding to the challenge, and my follow-up question, hon Speaker, is if then, hon Minister, economic relief speaks about 0.2% versus 72% on social relief, understanding of course the nature of the crisis, how then can

we say we would derive some economic recovery from this kind of an investment because if you consider it, one sees that there is very little that has actually gone into considering the kind of economic impact; that they are scared, or the impact that the pandemic has had on the economy. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Nkondlo. Hon Minister Maynier?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon Speaker. As the hon member is aware and as hon members of the House are aware, my Department together with our partners in Wesgro and the City of Cape Town have worked around the clock to support business, to save jobs and to save the economy in the Western Cape.

We have put in place a number of measures: a COVID-19 contact centre, which main aim is to support business during the crisis; the COVID-19 Support Finder, which I have mentioned, which assists businesses access funding and which has dealt with over 6,000 queries; and then of course we have our Red Tape Reduction Unit assisting businesses not only to navigate the difficult regulations issued by National Government, but also assisting businesses access national relief funds.

So our departments are working around the clock to support business in the Western Cape, and I believe that that will contribute to an economic recovery in the Western Cape.

At the same time, hon Speaker, we are in the process of developing an economic recovery plan and I would expect that as time progresses we will obviously begin to spend more in this environment, particularly in the infrastructure space going forward, and I think that this ultimately will have an effect on the economic recovery in the Western Cape. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon the Minister. I now recognise hon member Baartman. Before hon member Baartman comes in, I just want to bring this to the attention of the hon members – hon member Marais, hon member Mitchell and hon member Nkondlo, I see your hands are up. There is no time left beyond the two speakers, which is hon member Baartman and Minister Maynier. We have exhausted our time. I am just dealing with the last one.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I would like to find out from the Minister, given that many of the functions mentioned are part of the National Government mandate, and rightfully the Western Cape has used large portions of our current funding on the health crisis specifically and that particular Department, has the Minister interacted with the National Minister on funding the province's COVID-19 response, and whether the Western Cape will have sufficient funding to support our COVID-19 response currently in the province? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Baartman. Hon Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, hon member Baartman, for the question.

Yes, I have engaged with the Minister of Finance, Tito Mboweni, regularly, who to his credit during this crisis, has convened regular, almost weekly teleconferences with MECs for Finance, and of course I have interacted with the Minister at Budget Councils as we head to the supplementary budget which will be tabled in the National Assembly on 24 June 2020.

I have to say that tough decisions are going to have to be made, and despite significant efforts at reprioritisation, and despite, I think, committing significant portions of our reserve to the response, I can say that we will require a portion or a share of the R20 billion that National Government plans to make available for the health response to provinces across South Africa.

So I have been in contact with the Minister, specifically seeking urgent clarity on the amount that will be allocated to our province from the R20 billion which National Government plans to make available to provinces, including the Western Cape.

We are of course reassured by the statement made by President Cyril Ramaphosa during his visit to our province last week, where he assured us that cost was not going to be the issue when it comes to our response to COVID-19, not only in the Western Cape, but across South Africa.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Maynier. Hon members, that concludes the oral questions. The remaining questions will be printed in Hansard.

Now we move to the Questions to the Premier, without notice, in terms of Rule 204. I now recognise hon member Herron.

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, yesterday in the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee we received an update from the Department of Health, and that update contained some alarming information about the situation in the Western Cape and what we are facing.

The National COVID-19 Epi Model, which has been calibrated for the Western Cape, shows our reproduction rate, the R-rate, modelled at 3.38. This means that an infected person is expected to infect 3.38 other people under the current modelling for the Western Cape, and this R-rate is a key metric that epidemiologists and governments around the world are using as they lift restrictions. If we are going to contain the spread of this virus, we need an R-rate below one.

So I would like the Premier to advise us, or to inform the people of the Western Cape whether the Western Cape Government intends to work to reduce this R-rate to below one, and if so, how? Thank you.

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

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and thank you very much to the hon member Herron for the question. First of all, the direct answer is yes, and that is our hotspot model that we tabled, and of course within that hotspot model we have got various actions that are taking place to curb the spread, but before I even get to the hotspot model, I also think that the epidemiologists in our province have given us a scenario, and we track that scenario.

If you remember right in the beginning of this pandemic, those very epidemiologists said to us that we will be doubling every eight days. I can tell you I monitor that very, very closely, and we are actually less than eight days, and we have been less than eight days for quite a while now.

To make sure that that R-rate comes down, or the spread comes down, that is why we have developed this model where we bring the whole of the society and the whole of government together. I think if you go and track the numbers specifically in the original hotspot of Witzenberg, you will see that we have been very successful there, and of course we are now applying those exact same models to the other hotspots around the City.

We are also looking at now developing that model across the whole province so that even though we might not be in an area where the rate is growing at all, or fast, we will still start to apply to the same model, so we get the whole

of society and the whole of government to start working alongside to get behavioural change, to make sure that we are managing the new normal, so that we can actually manage that curb as best as possible, because we do not want to go above the scenario that we have sketched, because then we have not provided sufficient medical or health response. So that is why we track that very closely.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon member Herron, you have got two follow-up questions. You want to take up the opportunity?

Mr B N HERRON: Yes, please, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I think first of all the – may I go ahead?

The SPEAKER: Please proceed, hon member Herron, I recognise you.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. The information that we are seeing from other parts of the world, for example in Germany, their R-rate was 0.7 when they started lifting restrictions on movement and economic activity, and after the lift it moved to about one, and their epidemiologists and government were starting to get concerned about an R-rate of one.

I see in the United Kingdom that they are very concerned about a portion in the south-west of the United Kingdom where the R-rate is 1.29, which is regarded by that government as too high, and we are working with an R-rate of 3.38, which seems to suggest that we are going to face a rampant spread of

this virus.

So I did not quite get from the Premier, other than reference to the hotspot model, how we are going to bring this R-rate below one so that we can contain the spread of the virus. I wonder if the Premier could answer that more directly. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Herron. Hon the Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I have given you how we are managing it, because if we have to apply the exact principle that you are speaking about, which would operate or be able to work very nicely in a First World country, one would know that we would have to then just keep our hard lockdown in place, and of course to keep a hard lockdown in place is not a solution for us here in South Africa. It would not work.

We have seen the starvation and the missing middle class that gets so impacted by the hard lockdown, so we have to find a mechanism in-between, and I again say that that's why we have come up with this hotspot model to try and manage that balance. Of course you will also see, even in those countries, the systems that are put under such pressure, where your health system even with trying to maintain that, is not only managing your COVID-19 spread, but also seeing the massive impact it is having on all sorts of other health issues, let alone humanitarian disaster.

Of course, these decisions do not just come easily, it takes a lot of time, a lot of energy, and a lot of really clever people sitting around the table. There is one thing that we have done, we have not just taken our model, we have tested our model over and over again for us to be able to make these decisions of trying to get that balance right.

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

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. So, hon Speaker, I am still struggling to understand from the Premier whether we are going to pursue getting our R-rate below one, and if not, if the Premier is saying that that would involve a continued hard lockdown to achieve it; does that mean that the province is in fact pursuing a herd immunity approach? Because if we are not going to get it below one, then we are not going to contain the spread of the virus.

So are we going to get this R-rate below one? Is that the objective, or are we saying that the hard lockdown is the only way to achieve a reproduction rate of below one, and we are not going to consider going back to a hard lockdown, therefore that the transmission of this virus will continue to spread rampantly throughout the province, and in fact we are accepting that?

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

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon member Herron. Quite easily, yes, we are trying to get that R-rate down. We are trying to stop the spread, and no, we are not pursuing a herd immunity.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier and hon member Herron. Your time has now been concluded. I now recognise hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, let us just bear with hon member Maseko. It seems there are some technological glitches on the other end. Are you back now, hon member Maseko?

Ms L M MASEKO: [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: All right, we will now proceed with hon member America.

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Premier, last week you indicated a testing back ... [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Maseko, you will come immediately after hon member America. We are busy with a question by hon member America. Thank you.

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I will be ... [Interjection.]

Ms M MASEKO: I am sorry about that, I was off.

The SPEAKER: No problem, hon member Maseko. Please proceed, hon member America.

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, hon Speaker. Last week, hon Premier, you indicated a testing backlog at the National Health Laboratory Services, of 27,000 tests. Yesterday Dr Cloete at the Ad Hoc Committee stated that the backlog has now been reduced to 3,727.

The question is what is the latest development in this regard, and how long are patients now waiting for COVID-19 results if they undergo a test? Thank you.

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

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member for the question. Yes, I must say that I am really happy to see these numbers coming down. We

raised this issue three weeks ago already, because every time the backlog started to grow it was not a 24-hour turnaround, it moved to 48 hours and then eventually at sort of seven to 12 days. If you cannot measure, you cannot manage, specifically the approach of hotspot management, we need to be able to know that we are trying these things and they are successful.

In actual fact, post the President's visit, Minister Mkhize said to me that our 28,000 backlog was going to start to come down, and we saw it just over the weekend come down to about 10,000, and as you have said Dr Cloete said, yesterday about 3,700. I presume within the next day or so we will have the backlog out of the way altogether, and that is really good news, because then you can get your 24-hour, maximum 48-hour turnaround, which gives you much better capacity to manage, number one, and number two, also you will see that in discussion with National we are also looking at how we change our approach to quarantine and isolation. You need quick responses to be able to get people into quarantine and isolation so that we can also slow that spread.

Really good news for us in managing this. Of course, we have also changed our regime because of the backlog. We will not just immediately put it back but will discuss it at the extended Cabinet tomorrow as to when we might change that regime. So we might not go back absolutely straight away, we might now start to include maybe other frontline officials, teachers and policemen, etcetera, but obviously it is good news, because it means that we can start to specifically focus again on the hotspots.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon member America, do you have a follow-up question?

Mr D AMERICA: Yes, thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you, hon Premier, for that extensive answer. The question is what other steps, if any, have you as the Premier and your Government taken to prioritise COVID-19 tests? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member America. The hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you again for that follow-up. Obviously for us prioritisation is key, but I must also then say that, in negotiations and discussions that we had on a National Government level, we also got agreement that the prioritisation of the Western Cape became a big thing for us. Then for us getting that prioritisation right, because you have got to make sure that you are getting maximum use out of your capacity.

Obviously if the capacity picks up, we want to prioritise every citizen in this province, but when you have to make tough choices, then you have got to narrow it down. For us, always, the top priority will be in our hospitals and there it is going to be our patients, because we need to determine very quickly and rapidly whether they need to go into the red line, the COVID-19 line, or they can actually go to other care in that facility.

Then of course our frontline workers. We have to prioritise our nurses and

our health professionals. They are at risk and we have got to make sure that they are protected, and early detection, etcetera, need to be part of the regime in protecting them.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon member America, do you have a follow-up?

Mr D AMERICA: Yes, hon Speaker. Hon Premier, last week you engaged with the President on this particular matter. Can you explain to me what the outcome of your engagement and discussion with the President was? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member America. The hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you. I think the whole presentation was televised and we really zoomed into where our biggest risks were. Testing is one of them, but of course staffing is a big issue that we are facing as we are rolling out more and more healthcare capabilities. You have got to really see the staffing needs for the extra field hospitals but also the HOD – and I presume he presented it yesterday as well – said that they are also predicting a percentage of our staff that are going to be exited out of the system if they become positive. We have monitored different parts of the world and what percentage in different parts of the world have been affected. We have also factored that in, and that as also said, we need extra staffing.

Then I think you heard Minister Maynier earlier in some of the questions, it was funding really. What about funding? We have got huge exposure here. We obviously have to find some of that money within our own envelope, but a lot of that money is not going to be able to be found within the province, we have to get national support. I was also glad to hear that the President said let us deal with the pandemic, let us not get bogged down with financial issues.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier.

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, hon Premier and hon member America. That concludes your question time, hon member America. I now recognise hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Premier, social distancing is recognised by the World Health Organisation as one of the most important ways of stopping the spread of COVID-19. This is important to communicate to residents in informal settlements. Can the Premier describe the extent to which this Government is conveying this important message?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Maseko. I recognise the hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and thank you to the hon member for the question. It really is important that we all play our part, and the way to

play our part is to make sure that we all stick to the golden rules and develop a new normal. The hon member is right, it is about getting the communication right.

Now this is not that easy and behavioural change is not that easy to attain, but I must say just at the outset, I see the number of people wearing masks and the application of more social distancing than say a week ago or two weeks ago, are getting better and better.

Now the question was around communication. So obviously we use media and social media, but we have also had a focused campaign through radio adverts, through 29 radio stations across the province in three languages. We have run seven different focus adverts on radio. We have just now changed the radio advert from my voice to the voice of our frontline workers, so you will hear the voice of someone who works in one of our hospitals, someone who has perhaps had the virus and they will talk about it.

We are definitely changing that, but it is continual communication that is going out into communities. We have got partners that we have pulled on board. We have also communicated through billboards. We have communicated – and some if it has been donated, some of it is paid. We have had a great partnership with the cellphone companies. They have generally given free messaging going out to different people, obviously their clientele, even down into focused areas and they have dropped millions of messages so far.

We do loud-hailing in communities, there are poster campaigns, there are pamphlet campaigns.

Lots of communication on trying to get this right, and also learning from the communication all the time. Radio stations reach about 83% of the population. That means you are not reaching everybody, and so really we must develop different ways of getting the message across.

Then my last point around messaging is, specifically in the hotspots, we are trying to engage community, and from Minister Mbombo who starts off with open Zoom public meetings in those hotspots, explaining what it is all about, why we need to be focusing on this area, how we need to slow the spread of the virus in that specific hotspot, right down to the community organisations, who will then get involved.

Then various Ministers joining those organisations in some of their public meetings; making sure that we are all involved in that communication, and I am sure there are many other ways that we are still going to try, and there are many other ways that people will come up with good ideas on how we can get that right, but communication, communication, communication is really key.

I think we still have a way to go. You do see it getting better and better, but there are areas where we are still not following the golden rule. There is still perhaps too much congregation and not enough social distancing, etcetera, but we will continue with all of these and more in the communication space.

Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon members, I have to end it here now and thank the Premier and the hon members who have asked questions.

This concludes the questions without notice to the Premier. Thank you very much, hon Premier. Thank you.

The PREMIER: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I wish to step down at this moment and request the hon Deputy Speaker to take over. DS, are you ready?

[The Deputy Speaker takes the chair.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, I am ready.

We now move over to Statements. Thank you, hon Speaker. There will be an opportunity for Members' Statements. I recognise the DA.

MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. In October 2019, the National Public Works Minister, Patricia de Lille, announced that the Government identified 20 land parcels in the Western

Cape to [Inaudible. – connection lost] for the purposes of human settlements.

What she failed to include in the responsibility of her Department is to enable both provincial and municipal structures to properly access the land. I visited Bredasdorp and the provincial housing development there. 165 units have already been delivered. Minister Simmers, I look forward to returning to see the full 569 units ready for occupation.

However, I was [Inaudible. – connection lost]. The Theewaterskloof's housing project is just not ready. It would meet the needs of so many, but the project is linked to basic services and it is purely because Minister de Lille's Department continues to sit on the land without releasing it to the municipality for the municipality to implement the basic services that go with the project.

The Western Cape is the only province to have accelerated housing [Inaudible. – connection lost] due to COVID-19. On the other hand, Gauteng has underspent its housing budget by R85 million. I am also aware that the City of Johannesburg, under ANC Mayor Makubo, is now giving houses to individuals not on the beneficiary list, including foreign nationals and many more without any proof of [Inaudible. – connection lost].

Yes, ANC colleagues, go speak to your mayor about plot [Inaudible. – connection lost] and also ask Minister Sisulu why she [Inaudible. – connection lost] to pass off very old housing projects as if they were

suddenly devised during the pandemic.

Hon Deputy Speaker, if [Inaudible. – connection lost] achieve so much with limited resources during the pandemic ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time is up.

An HON MEMBER: Okay, let me wrap up. How many people will be able to have dignified homes if Minister De Lille and her ... [Inaudible. – connection lost]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: ... this land so we can build and equip homes. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. We move over to the ANC.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hello?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one minute, please. I see, hon member Marais, your hand is up. What is your point of order?

Mr P J MARAIS: [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Hon member Marais, can you please put your hand down? Moving over to the ANC.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Deputy Speaker, can I go ahead with my statement?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much. The ANC in the Legislature welcomes the intervention and support from President Ramaphosa. What we need now is maximum unity in the fight against COVID-19. Resources, effort and energy must be combined and integrated. The President's intervention will assist in promoting cooperative governance in our province.

This has been sorely missing and lacking in the Zille years, from 2009 to 2019. The DA has cynically resorted to the politics of "blame and complain". These were indeed wasted years when the living conditions of the majority of our citizens worsened; crime and gangsterism increased; education outcomes of the matrics declined; and the abuse of women and children reached shocking levels; the economy remained untransformed and inequality deepened.

We now need to make a decisive break from the destructive politics of the last 10 years. We need to move away from the politics of fear and racial

polarisation.

We have to embrace a new dawn in our province. We are not a separate state. The Western Cape is part of a united South Africa. It is a pity that some leaders in the DA have described the President's intervention as a coup. Our President is also the President of every citizen in the Western Cape. Fortunately, these dissenting voices in the DA are few.

I know that Premier Winde is committed to working with National Government. [Interjection.] The deployment of Ministers ... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... will boost our fight against ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon member. Hon members, can you please mute your microphones? You may proceed hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Sorry. The deployment of Ministers will boost our fight against the pandemic. Such deployment is also happening in other provinces. Have those provinces described this as a coup?

What is behind the anonymous comments is evidence of divisions within the DA. There are people who want to sabotage our Premier and his efforts to work with those who support him, together with our President, and put party politics aside.

Let us welcome our President's intervention. This faction within the DA still find themselves in the Zille Institute of Race Relations cabal, a faction which can only survive through fanning divisions and conflict.

I call on Premier Winde to ignore the noise from the saboteurs within his own party. It is them who want to topple the Premier. I urge the Premier to stay strong ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ... focused and to work with our President.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you very much, hon member Dugmore. Just lower your hand. I recognise the EFF.

Mr M XEGO (EFF): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The EFF welcomes the resignation of the Parklands College School teacher who made learners draft a racist school assignment.

This follows the complaints of parents of the Grade 7 learners at the school, whose children were tasked by the teacher to create an advertisement for a slave trade auction as part of their assignment.

Moreover, the resignation comes after intense calls from some learners'

parents, as well as the broader community, demanding that the teacher vacates his position with immediate effect.

The EFF calls on the Western Cape Education Department MEC, hon member Schäfer, to launch a broad investigation into racism at schools across the province, and that those found to be in the wrong, be fired on the spot.

The effects of racism are deeply entrenched in our communities, both locally and internationally, as it has been noticed in the past few days. In order to win a war against this inhuman, barbaric behaviour, we will need to deal with it head-on, and uproot it viciously and without any compromise. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the DA.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. As the Premier says, we need to measure in order to manage. This is especially true in the case of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this is why the shortage of testing capacity by the National Health Laboratory Service is cause for serious concern.

In a press statement on 25 March 2020, the NHLS said that the testing capacity will:

“Increase to 15,000 in 24 hours in April. At the end of April, the

NHLS will be able to process approximately 36,000 tests in 24 hours.”

However, at the end of April the NHLS only processed 54,000 tests in a full week, which is an average of 7,714 per day, which is only 20% of their stated capacity. Instead of 36,000 tests per day, 7,000 were conducted.

Hon Deputy Speaker, according to the information provided to the National Parliament a few days ago, the first week of June was the first time the NHLS reached 105,000 tests in a week, which is where we were supposed to be in early April.

As we reach the peak of the virus, the testing capacity which were supposed to be available, is not. What is even more concerning is that the number of tests in the second week of June dropped from 105,000 to only 14,000.

The failure of being able to process tests means that the Provincial Government had to make the difficult decision to strategically limit testing to ensure early detection for those at the highest risk of dying and ensure greater protection for healthcare workers.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it is our plea to the National Government that urgent support is provided to the NHLS to ensure that it can increase capacity to meet testing demand, and enable best practice guidelines, so that we can receive test results in 48 to 72 hours.

We also implore all residents who suspect they have contracted the virus, or who are awaiting test results, to self-isolate to stop the spread. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise Good.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, it is shocking that the City of Cape Town's leadership brought a High Court application to interdict the South African Human Rights Commission from conducting its constitutional mandate in respect of the Strandfontein Camp for the Homeless.

The mandate of the Human Rights Commission, as contained in our Constitution, is to promote a respect for human rights, and a culture of human rights; promote the protection, development and attainment of human rights; and monitor and assess the observance of human rights.

The Strandfontein Camp was a predictable and massive disaster from conception to implementation. Many of us warned that the approach of the City to providing support and housing to the homeless people in response to the lockdown, was inhumane and would fail.

Those of us who visited the camp observed that the rights, safety and health of those interred there, were completely disregarded. Despite these observations, our provincial Social Development Department failed in its duty to intervene, and to exercise its social development mandate. It fell to

Opposition members of this House, civic organisations, Doctors Without Borders, and the Human Rights Commission, to champion the rights and safety interests of those dumped in Strandfontein.

This week we learned that the City had brought a High Court interdict application to prevent the Human Rights Commission and others from monitoring the camp for human rights violations.

It is unbelievable how far the City's leadership has strayed from rationality, legality and decency. The DA is in courts ostensibly to champion the protection of our constitutional rights in the face of lockdown regulations. Yet at the same time its flagship municipal government is trampling on the rights of the most vulnerable amongst us and pursuing draconian and wasteful efforts to avoid scrutiny and accountability. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. In recent weeks we have seen an uproar in America and in South Africa over the killing of George Floyd, and rightly so. What happened to Mr Floyd was unacceptable, cruel, and inhumane.

We must remember whether it is black on black violence, white on white, black on white, or white on black, every life matters. In every person, irrespective of colour, there is good and bad. The problem is when a person

gives action and utterance to the bad, the bad will prevail, and likewise the same, when a person gives action and utterance to the good, the good will prevail. Maybe the fight is good against bad.

We must all stand together, irrespective of race. As a country and as a province we must mourn every death that succumbs to violence. When a farmer is killed, we must rise up against it. When a person is killed by crossfire in gang violence, we must rise up against it. When a woman is raped and killed, we must rise up against it.

So, hon Deputy Speaker, we must all stand together irrespective of race, and fight the bad so that the good can prevail.

I just want to quote what is in Scripture, and the Scripture is very clear, and I want to conclude with two passages of Scripture. That is Romans 12:21:

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Then Psalm 34:14 says:

“Turn away from evil and do seek peace and pursue it.”

I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the ANC.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Go ahead, hon member.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS (ANC): This year marks 21 years after the gang rape and gruesome killing of 14-year old Valencia Farmer on 27 June 1999. She was brutally murdered by a teenage gang in Beverley Park, Eerste River. I humbly plead with the Commissioner to name her office in memory and honour of Valencia Farmer.

It is these kind of cruel crimes against children that brought into the spotlight the plight of children in the Western Cape. Such focus culminated into the need for a Commissioner for Children, to champion the needs and interest of children in the Western Cape.

After relentless efforts, for over a decade, by the ANC and other progressive civic organisations for the establishment of the Office of the Commissioner for Children, we are happy that June 2020 marked an important milestone when Professor Nomdo addressed the Legislature for the first time after her appointment as Commissioner for Children.

As she is busy setting up her office, she will have her work cut out to ensure the safety of children, and to champion their interests. As gangs continue to torment communities, children need a champion to fight for an end to gangsterism.

Just last week 15-year old Dwayne Tyman, from Hanover Park, died when gangsters opened fire on a group of children standing around a fire last week.

As she takes up this fight to ensure the safety of children, she must expect resistance from the DA, which wants to reduce her office to a ceremonial position. We know that to them the establishment of this office was just a PR exercise, in the same way as the establishment of the Zille Commission, which wasted millions of taxpayers' money. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

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

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, what is your point of order, Deputy Chief Whip?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. In the statement just delivered by the hon member, she referred to the "Zille Commission". According to my knowledge there is no such thing as the "Zille Commission".

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Deputy Chief Whip.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): That is misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Okay, that is in the statement, and I cannot rule on that here. I will give the Ministers the opportunity, should they so wish, at the end to respond to any of the statements. I now recognise the DA.

Mr A VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic has been the final nail in our economic coffin, to push unemployment to a predicted 50%, the highest in the world. Yet the potential for economic growth in South Africa is immense.

We are blessed with some of the richest mineral deposits in the world; a wonderful climate; a young population, and well-developed financial markets. Even with these positives other developing countries have outperformed us over the last decade in terms of economic growth.

It is clear, the ANC-led Government has lost the plot as they continue to take our country on a downward spiral. Damaging interference in the economy; failed state projects; the deployment of incapable cadres; wasting taxes on State-owned Enterprises; wide state capture; holding onto monopolies; and a lack of electricity planning, all contributed to the sharp downturn in economic growth. We lack investment in the economy.

The Ad Hoc Committee in the National Assembly's call to amend Section 25 of the Constitution was recently disbanded. This is a step in the right direction. If the ANC wants to rebuild the economy post COVID-19, we must immediately stop expropriating assets without compensation.

Agriculture was thankfully allowed to, by and large, continue during the COVID-19 lockdown. In a recent presentation, agriculture in the Western Cape was predicted to even grow this year due to increased exports. Agriculture has shown that it can and will contribute to economic growth, to foreign valuta, and to job creation.

Can you just imagine how agriculture will flourish if this ANC Government would take its knee off the neck of agriculture, by assuring investors that their investments will be safe. I thank you.

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

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus, noting the hard work and tireless efforts of the Premier and members of his Cabinet to combat and halt the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, given limited provincial powers to do so, commit ourselves to supporting and contributing constructively to finding solutions to save the province from economic disaster, and continued escalation in the loss of all lives. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I recognise Al Jama-ah. Are they here? No. Then I recognise the DA.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Hon Deputy Speaker, one thing that the COVID-19

pandemic has exposed is the systemic flaws in South African society. It has exposed crises related not only to health, but inequality in the economy, and existing fractures in our communities across the country.

Hon Deputy Speaker, heroism is defined as bravery and selflessness during these trying times in the face of personal danger and still providing a service to others.

Now why is National Government's failure to adequately plan for the supply of well-trained, cared for and supported doctors and nurses such an issue? It cannot be, hon Deputy Speaker, that South Africa faces a shortage of 50,000 nurses over the next eight years. These are nurses we need right now to support our COVID-19 patients, those with comorbidities, and thousands more suffering from other illnesses.

The South African Hospital Association has continuously lobbied National Government to amend the process of registering nurses. Yet from President Zuma to Ramaphosa, no change has been seen. The red tape still exists, despite a health system in crisis. What kind of a so-called "new dawn" is this then, hon Deputy Speaker?

President Ramaphosa announced in October last year that a staggering R22 billion has been lost due to corruption in the healthcare sector. Again, it cannot be that we enter this historic crisis on the backfoot. The President is quite right, that the loss of these funds do indeed cost lives, but he is entirely

misguided to believe that a flawed National Health Insurance will fix the system, when it costs R230 billion, and will centralise yet another State-owned Enterprise under a National Health Ministry which cannot save itself from corruption.

Hon Deputy Speaker, how will our National Government pay R239 million in salaries to recruit foreign doctors, if the ANC cannot or will not fix our broken system?

Hon Deputy Speaker, I call on President Ramaphosa to make good on his pledge to provide the Western Cape with these funds and the resources we need to supply in the critical care shortage. If there indeed is a new dawn, then, hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Finish off, hon member, your time is up.

An HON MEMBER: ... may it be one where promises are kept, lives and livelihoods upheld, and a broken national health system repaired. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon members, that brings us to the end of statements. In terms of Rule 145.6, I give a Minister an opportunity to speak for no more than five minutes on one of the statements. Is there a Minister that would like to address the House?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Deputy Speaker, if I may

I would like to avail of the opportunity.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may, hon Minister Fernandez.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Deputy Speaker, I have been listening intently and following the debate, and I think from the onset I need to state for the record that the work that happens, especially in the Department of Social Development, must not and should not be politicised.

There are a couple of statements that have been made that, I need to state for the record, are not completely true. We have, as DSD, in the province assisted in all shelters. We have received support from National DSD to support our shelters in five district municipalities. Within the City of Cape Town, the City fed the homeless from their own funds. We have been providing substance abuse treatment, psychosocial support and trauma counselling for victims of gender-based violence.

DSD Mitchells Plain office has been working actively in the Strandfontein Camp, and in other shelters, assisting across the province. I do want to state that.

Then I am equally disturbed around the increase in gender-based violence, and I was in a sitting this week where we welcomed the Children's Commissioner, and I expressed my intention to work very closely with, and collaborate with the Children's Commissioner. I think it is important that we

do not politicise the role of the Children's Commissioner, but what I do want to put a challenge to the Opposition is let us get a Children's Commissioner established in every other province, because murder, child murder and GBV, do not only happen in this province. It is a pandemic; it is something that happens across the country. I am particularly concerned about the impact of drug abuse, teenage pregnancies and how our children are being maimed in the issue of gangsterism.

In Child Protection Week last week, three children were shot at. We must stop politicising, because unfortunately rape, gender-based violence, even COVID-19, do not wear a red, green or blue t-shirt. It can affect anybody.

I would like to appeal to the House, let us work together, and the hon member Bakubaku-Vos, the shadow Minister, she and I enjoy a very good working relationship where we resolve issues, but let us not politicise the lives of our people in this process. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Fernandez. That brings us to the end of our Members' Statements.

We will now in terms of Rule 151 move on to Notices of Motion, and I have a list in front of me. The following members will be presenting their motions, and the first will be hon member Christians.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the increase in the crime rate under lockdown Level 3.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, and just for the record, I mean Notices of Motion, that is correct. Thank you very much. I see the hon member Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi, are you there?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, I hear you.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi ... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... the DA is very ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You said motion without notice. This is notices of motion. Are you ... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: No-no-no-no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it still the same one?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Apologies, my apologies, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sure, but you are on the list as a notice of motion. Do you have a notice of motion?

Mr L L MVIMBI: [No audible response.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mvimbi, shall I come back to you, if you have a notice of motion?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, please come back to me, let me just check ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, I will come back to you. Hon member

Christians, over to you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hon Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the number of COVID-19 cases in our Western Cape schools. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, notice given. Hon member Sayed?

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

That the House debates the growing number of Western Cape schools affected by the rampant spread of the Coronavirus. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken, thank you. Hon member Christians?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hon Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the readiness of the Western Cape Health Department when it comes to the readiness of hospitals when the Western Cape hits its peak with COVID-19. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Before I move on, hon member Sayed, you said without notice? Can you correct yourself for the record?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): With notice, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Nkondlo?

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

That the House notes and calls for the Provincial Department of Economic Development to investigate and report to the Ad-Hoc Committee the impact of COVID-19 on the local and regional economies in the province, and further presents protective measures and economic recovery plans in place to support these economies during and post COVID-19. I so move. Thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon Mvimbi, are you back? Hon Mvimbi? Hon Mvimbi, are you there? Okay. I am not quite sure what has happened with hon Mvimbi. If you can just check, if the Table staff could just check.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, are you there?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, sorry Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr L L MVIMBI: My apologies. Mine was with notice, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. I am listening to you, with notice.

Mr L L MVIMBI: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes that the DA's very pale bosses keep a knee on the neck of the working class with high electricity and water bills and that certain communities are treated badly in the COVID-19 lockdown, and that Oudtshoorn Mayor Colan Sylvester says he can no longer stay under that knee and resigned this week as the DA continues to devour itself. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Thank you. We come to the end of Notices of Motion. We will now move on to Motions without Notice, but hon members, before we begin if I call your name twice in the list it means you have submitted more than one motion without notice. So just be ready to hear your name more than once if you have applied as such. The first person, the hon member Christians, over to you.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

That the House thanks former Springbok, Bryan Habana, Springbok captain, Siya Kolisi, and former international cricketer, Gary Kirsten, for their continued humanitarian work during the COVID-19 epidemic; Springbok legend Bryan Habana donated 400 face masks to the pupils of the Chris Hani Arts and Culture School in Macassar, Khayelitsha; Gary Kirsten, a former Protea cricketer who has a 7-year relationship with the school, has continued with his humanitarian work at the school and Siya Kolisi also donated food parcels to various schools; Deputy Speaker, as the ACDP we want to wish them well – Bryan Habana, Siya Kolisi and Gary Kirsten, and wish them well in their future endeavours, as they help the needy. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you so much. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection? Agreed to. We move over to hon Maseko.

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

That the House extends its condolences to the family and loved ones of the late District Six Working Committee Chairperson, Mr Shahied Ajam; Mr Ajam was known for his love for serving his community and his commitment in uplifting Hanover Park, as well as hope for the restitution of District Six; I further move that this House notes that during the nationwide lockdown Mr Ajam served in a project which fed approximately 9 000 people per day in 10 vulnerable communities. May his soul rest in peace. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Nkondlo?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that on 3 June 2020 COSATU reported to the Department of Employment and Labour a case of non-compliance of Darling Romery (Pty) Ltd, 5 Caledon Street, Darling, where an allegations of two positive COVID-19 cases were spotted and the company continued with business as usual, operating with no sanitisers, no social distancing, no protective masks as basic requirements of Health and Safety in work spaces; notes further that following its investigation on 4 June 2020, the Department of Employment and Labour found non-compliance and served the Darling Romery with

enforcement notices; and calls on the Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism to direct its efforts towards enforcing compliance of Health and Safety including its guidelines for work spaces in its drive of opening the economy, that must include protecting lives of the vulnerable workers from the reckless behaviour of companies and setting clear targets for industry in flattening the curve. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Objection. Please [Inaudible – connection lost] the National Minister.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper and hon member Nkondlo that was a bit long, close to a statement. We move over to hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House extends its deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Naledi Phangindawo and Tshegofatso Pule; Naledi was brutally

murdered on Saturday whilst attending a cultural function near Mossel Bay; Tshegofatso who was pregnant, was stabbed and hung in a field in Gauteng; whilst fighting the pandemic, we are still fighting the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide; can the men of this country please stand up as we women know each other who are raped and attacked; you should know these men that are torturing and killing us; I condemn these acts in the strongest terms and hope that in a time where the nation is facing many adversities we do not have to deal with fearing for our lives and that the law enforcement agencies will swiftly and harshly deal with these perpetrators accordingly; these grave injustices and criminal activities tear apart our communities and families; it simply cannot be the case that we tend to forget until the next time; may the souls of Naledi and Tshegofatso and that of her unborn child rest in peace as our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Motion agreed to. Hon Philander, it is also a bit long. I think we need to work on the difference between statements and motions without being disrespectful to the content of any motion, but we need to keep our motions without notice shorter. Hon Nkondlo, over to you again.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and calls for the Provincial Government to prioritise economic recovery in the declared hotspot areas to include rapid and urgent intervention of the pre-existing socio-economic conditions that subject these communities to poverty, unemployment and deep levels of under-development. I so move.

[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? Motion agreed to. Hon Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House sends its sincerest condolences to the family of the late Nontsikelelo Dyasi, resident and beneficiary of the Boys Town Project; Nontsikelelo was gunned down on 27 May 2020 and it is alleged that her death is linked to her role as Community Liaison Officer in the project; and hereby expresses its condolences and wishes Nontsikelelo's family and friends comfort and strength during this difficult period. I so move.

[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. Hon Nkondlo? Hon Nkondlo, are you there?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House calls on the Premier to attend and engage employers –
Yes, yes, yes. Can you hear me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I can hear you. You may go ahead. I can hear you.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Oh, okay. Okay, thank you Deputy Speaker. I move without notice that ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Go ahead.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Can I proceed?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. I just did not hear you so if you could repeat it.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Okay. Thank you. I move without notice:

That the House calls on the Premier to attend and engage employers both in the public and private sector regarding the concerns of workers across the province where employees are forced to keep quiet about the numbers of positive cases, lack of PPE and adherence to basic health and safety, and general conditions to curb infections of the Coronavirus in work spaces; further notes that this poses a serious threat to the public health system and may bear negative and undesirable effects in the fight to flatten the curve in this province. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection? Agreed to. Hon America?

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House extends its sincerest condolences to the family and loved ones of the late Mr Johannes Willemse; Mr Willemse from Touws River was a valued member of the Western Cape Traffic Law Enforcement Directorate since 1 September 2016; he served with great pride and a strong sense of duty; Mr Willemse passed away on 6 June 2020; our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and four children and all of his other loved ones during this extremely difficult time. I so move. Thank

you, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the Settlers High School Principal, Ms Shireen Gallie, who tested positive for COVID-19 is now treated in ICU, whilst Kasselsvlei High head teacher Mr Ronald Bantom also contracted the dreaded Coronavirus and spent 13 days in ICU and that the House wishes them a speedy and full recovery. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections. Agreed to. Hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the passing of Pastor Thomas Pedro;

that we commemorate the church leader with a heart for the masses of Paarl and Drakenstein; a true inspiration to young and old; Pastor Thom was most loved as the Chairperson of the Reformed Rebirth Church and a guardian of four congregations; the airwaves will be quiet on Judah Sundays, a local radio program on Radio KC; finally, that we convey our prayers to Ms Shirley Pedro, their children, the church community and Drakenstein at large. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commiserates with the family and friends of the District Six Working Committee Chairperson, Mr Shahied Ajam, who died at 62 years of a heart attack and notes that he aided with the restoration of the land to the people who were evicted from this area by the erstwhile apartheid regime. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. 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 ruling by the Western Cape High Court to set aside the Auditor-General's qualification of the Audit Report on the Western Cape Department of Agriculture for the 2017 and 2018 financial cycles; furthermore, that this House recognises and welcomes the Court's confirmation of the excellent financial governance architecture of the Provincial Agriculture Department and that this ruling presents a victory for constitutional democracy and the supremacy of the rule of law. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. I think I missed hon Windvogel there, just after hon Van der Westhuizen. Hon Windvogel? No, I did not. Hon Windvogel. Is hon Windvogel here? Okay, if she comes on we will wait, otherwise we move over to hon Van der Westhuizen. We will come back to hon Windvogel. Over to you again.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move

without notice:

That the House notes the commemoration of World Oceans Day which took place on 8 June 2020; World Oceans Day is a movement which has been created in order to protect at least 30% of all oceans by 2030 through protected conservation areas; furthermore that this House recognises with concern the decline and almost extinction of our great white shark population that has not been spotted on our coasts in a number of years and which has been linked to overfishing of sharks. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Is hon Windvogel online?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Yes, yes. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Over to you.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I move without notice – can you hear me Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I can.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Okay. I move without notice:

That the House notes 2 433 new COVID-19 cases were reported yesterday in South Africa, with 48 more related deaths; 37 in the Western Cape, 9 in the Eastern Cape and 2 from KwaZulu Natal. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I hear you. I did hear you. Hon Lekker, are you there? Hon Lekker? I will move over to the next person and get yourself ready for the next one. I move over to hon Bosman and come back to hon Lekker.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the additional support provided by the Provincial Department of Social Development towards the Western Cape residential facilities for older persons; the elderly deserve our

care, support and attention and more so during this current pandemic; it is therefore appropriate and appreciated that 15 000 masks in excess of R1.7 million has been made available by the Department towards old age homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Lekker, are you there? We will come back to hon Lekker. Hon Windvogel?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes President Cyril Ramaphosa and a senior Cabinet deputation visited the Western Cape last week and that he was concerned with the high number of COVID-19 patients in the Western Cape, namely two-thirds and three-quarters of deaths coming from this province and that it might not have enough beds in emergency hospitals erected, even in the CTICC, to deal with the disease. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Lekker? Okay.

Hon Lekker, I am going to leave you to the end if that is okay. Hon Bosman?

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House extends a warm welcome to Ms Christina Nomdo as she has recently commenced her role as the first Children's Commissioner in South Africa; that this House further notes that the Office of the Children's Commissioner has autonomy to carry out its duties free from any political interference; further, that it is greatly welcomed that Ms Nomdo has prioritised the mental wellbeing of our children as they return to school; and that Ms Nomdo has the full support of the members of this House in the execution of her duties. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Windvogel?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes more than 1 700 youths in the Western Cape under 20 years old have COVID-19 and of the 140 admitted to hospitals, 33 are still treated there as admitted last week by the Provincial Department

Operational Head, Dr Kareem. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection? Agreed to. Hon Philander?

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the opening of the first COVID-19 facility at the CTICC aptly named as the Hospital of Hope; the Hospital of Hope is now the largest COVID-19 field hospital in Africa and has already admitted its first patients; furthermore I move that this House extends its gratitude and best wishes to the doctors, nurses and medical personnel as well as non-clinical staff at the facility, noting the great sacrifices they make to help bring hope during this exceptionally challenging time, and finally, that the House wishes a speedy and full recovery for all COVID-19 patients at the Hospital of Hope, as well as elsewhere. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Lekker, are you online? Can the IT or Table staff just check? Hon Lekker, that is her

second motion without notice. We will come back to her. Hon Baartman.

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that at least 112 000 accommodation sector jobs will be lost in the Western Cape by the end of the year, unless National Government does more to safeguard and stimulate the tourism industry; this industry contributes nearly 9% to the entire country's economy, with many thousands of families depending on tourism; further, this House urges National Government to safely open the tourism industry within a phased approach in time for the beginning of the tourism season and before jobs are lost, in addition to the service providers who are already greatly suffering. I so move. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bans. Hon Bans, are you there? I will move over. We will move on to hon Maseko. I will come back to hon Bans.

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

That the House condemns in the strongest terms the violence, vandalism, intimidation, and any destruction of property at provincial housing projects in Eerste River; that the House denounces any criminal activity which incites violence and threatens construction teams. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections. Agreed to. Hon Mvimbi?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you there?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute. Hon Mvimbi, if you can just wait. Hon Lekker, will you do both your motions but just do the first one and then we will move on. So you catch up to where you are supposed to be.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Okay.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have two outstanding motions.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I actually wanted first to draw your attention to a message that I wrote on the inbox to say there is an apology for member Bans and I will be doing her motions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Noted. Okay. So, if you do your first two, hon Lekker, but first do them one by one so I can ask the question and then you can do hon Bans' two, before we move on to hon Mvimbi.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the heartless DA-run City of Cape Town that has removed two marquee tents that were put up by Observatory resident Terna Gyuse as a heavy rain shelter for homeless people during the present cold and wet storm, and that law enforcement was sent in to take it down. I so move, Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. That motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Over to your second one, hon Lekker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the theme against the pandemic of racism now is called “I cannot breathe”, which is added to the #BlackLivesMatter global campaign, and further notes this theme has also sprung up in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections.

An HON MEMBER: All lies.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Lekker, would you like to do hon Bans' motion?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Just a point of order.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: A point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon Lekker. Hon Fritz, what is your point of order?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Is it allowed for someone who is not there to do someone else's motions? I just want to check.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: She can hand it over, hon Fritz, because we do not normally know who the motions are from.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Oh. Okay, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Hon Lekker, you may proceed.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the Western Cape further increased its lead in South Africa with the highest numbers of COVID-19 infections and patients killed in the pandemic, as this province now has about 80% of the deaths as it stands on the 40 000 infections and 1 000 deaths mark this week. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There are no objections. Agreed to. Thank you, hon Lekker. I move over to hon Mvimbi. Are you there, hon Mvimbi? Hon members, if you can please be ready with your motions. I will move over to hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House implores all residents to safely and responsibly consume alcohol; during the nationwide pandemic our hospitals and medical facilities are pushed to capacity; excessive use of alcohol too often leads to further hospitalisation and exacerbates the strain on our medical system, including the healthcare professionals; I move that all members of the House commit themselves to spreading the message of safe alcohol consumption and responsible behaviour as even more critically

important during the COVID-19 pandemic. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections. Agreed to. Hon Kama?

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

That the House notes that the presentation by the Department of the Premier and Community Safety on the Western Cape Safety Strategy once again exposes that the R1 billion plan is still to be seen; and also notes that of the promised 3 000 Leap enforcement officers only 1 000 will be deployed; and further calls on the Western Cape to stop its obsession with a provincial police force and join hands to develop an integrated safety plan which will give back to a deliberate effort for radical economic transformation and urban redesign than just “boots on the ground”. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the opening of the Groote Schuur testing and triage centre which commenced operations on 9 June 2020; dedicated areas for separate testing, screening, and triage are critical for stopping the spread of COVID-19, whilst also allowing health facilities to continue their support for all patients in the safest way possible; furthermore, that the House eagerly anticipates the additional 14 new testing and triage sites in the City of Cape Town, as well as the extra 20 in non-metro regions. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Kama?

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

That the House notes the Western Cape Safety Plan has yet to deservedly make the fight against gender-based violence a priority in the province;

and calls on this Provincial Government to make serious haste as more killings are recorded almost every day. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Object.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Bosman?

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House urgently requests the National Minister of Social Development, Min Lindiwe Zulu, to allow the safe opening of Early Childhood Development Centres in the Western Cape; both Section 28 of the Constitution of the Republic as well as the National Lockdown Regulations clearly define childcare as an essential service; furthermore, thousands of children rely on ECD Centres for nourishment and care; without this, vulnerable children are exposed to hunger, poverty and potential abuse; may we all, including Minister Zulu, make good on our promise to leave no child behind: †vngasali. [no one left behind.] I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection? Agreed to. Hon Windvogel? Hon Windvogel, are you there? I am moving over to hon Lekker. Hon members, you need to have your motions ready. Hon Bans. Hon Bans, are you there? Oh, sorry.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Apologies. Yes, is that hon Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes, it is me, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, do you have a problem with your microphone?

Ms P Z LEKKER: It looks like it, but I have tried to unmute it. Can you hear me now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. I can hear you. You can move.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commiserates with the family and friends of Sibongiseni Gabada (36) years, of Khayelitsha who was missing for two weeks before her body was discovered, stuffed into a bag, not far from where her friend stays; and calls on the investigators to leave no stone unturned in such a case. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Kama?

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

That the House commends the South African Police for its sterling work which resulted in the seizure of more than 20 illegal firearms and the arrest of more than 35 suspects in the past week and its dedicated officers who put life and limb on the line to save their communities. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections. Agreed to. Hon Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move

without notice:

That the House notes that the Provincial Education Department has acknowledged that 66 staff members were infected by the Coronavirus in the first week since schools reopened and that it affected 32 schools. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Kama?

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

That the House notes the good work of SAPS could be augmented by the better execution of the Premier's Safety Plan; calls for the focus of the Safety Plan to be shifted to address the causative factors of crime in the province and not just training and deploying the so-called "boots on the ground". I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? [Interjections.] Sorry, hon

Fritz is that an objection?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY: No. No, it is okay.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No? Okay. Agreed to. Motion agreed to. We move over to hon Windvogel. This is the second time I am calling hon Windvogel. Is she there? Okay. I note that she is not. And I have got a third one – hon Windvogel, are you online? No. I move over to hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that Fairmont High School in Durbanville is today yet again undergoing decontamination for COVID-19 as a third teacher has been diagnosed with the Coronavirus since the school reopened last week, with a further 6 learners subsequently diagnosed and that the House wishes all a speedy and full recovery. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection? Agreed to. Hon Sayed, over to you again.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without

notice:

That the House notes the Bloekombos High School in Kraaifontein has last night been vandalised by criminals; further notes that this is one of the schools which is regularly plundered as the fence is not up to scratch and calls on the Education Department to act swiftly in updating the safety of poor schools and not to ignore, please, to assist. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? I hear that there are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Sayed, over to you again. Hon Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes Mr Charles Malgas of Masiyile High, Ms Sive Maya of Inkanini Primary, Ms Mkhali of Manyano High and Zola Mtwisha at Chumisa Primary all succumbed to COVID-19 over the weekend as this virus spreads like wild fire; and that we express our

condolences to the family and friends of these staff members during this trying time. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections? Agreed to. Hon Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House sends condolences to the family and friends of Nyanga police officer, constable Asanda Siyoki, who was shot and killed in the line of duty this week. May her soul rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection? Agreed to. Hon Sayed over to you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes concerns by staff and parents that school buildings are merely disinfected and not put under quarantine or lockdown with

COVID-19 outbreaks; also notes that staff feel pressurised to immediately go to work there in the same buildings, even before they are properly cleaned like at various schools in the province such as those in Philippi... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC):

There is one particular school in Philippi, Intsebenziswano High where four teachers and two cleaners tested positive and Vuyiseka High School in Philippi East and calls on the WCED to assist people to understand the process better. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Sayed, over to you again.

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

That the House lauds learners of former Model C schools like Rustenburg High School and Milnerton High School and private schools like Bishops, for speaking out against racism and gender-based violence in Cape Town Schools; and in some instances even implicating principals and school governing bodies as perpetrators; calls for the House to commission an urgent inquiry into racism and gender-based violence in the province's schools to ensure accountability and consequences for perpetrators; the WCED and in particular the Education MEC, the hon Debbie Schäfer for their complicity in this regard. I thank you. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Objection.

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion will be printed on the Order Paper.
Hon Sayed?

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

That the House notes a Florida High School teacher in Ravensmead, Mr Faizel Adam, has lost his life due to COVID-19 and that we express condolences to the family and the school as well, which lost its second teacher to this pandemic. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection. Agreed to. Hon Sayed, I think it is your final one?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, it is my final one. I move without notice:

That the House notes the governing body of Lukela Primary School in Khayelitsha closed the school as key components of the health and safety regulations for reopening were not ensured by the Department; notes that the ANC has long been warning of the failure to fix broken fences, not only placing our schools in poor communities at the mercy of criminals, but now during COVID-19 it compromises the attempts to do proper screening and control of those who enter schools and calls on WCED to without delay fix the broken fences at all schools at risk. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon members, I am going to ask hon Windvogel only because usually in the House you could stand up as and when. Hon Windvogel, this is your last opportunity to deliver your motions without notice, otherwise that will come to the end of that. No? Alright.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon Lekker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Deputy Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hear you [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: I have drawn your attention to the fact that earlier I have written on behalf of member Bans that I will be delivering a motion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms P Z LEKKER: I am not sure, because you did not give me an opportunity ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oh, the second one?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. You may do the second one, hon Lekker.

Ms P Z LEKKER. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Just give me a second. I am trying to look for it now. My apologies for the inconvenience.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No problem.

An HON MEMBER: Deputy Speaker, objection in advance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, did you find it?

Ms P Z LEKKER: I am on it now. Give me one more second.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the deployment of nurses and medical care

professionals from Gauteng to assist the people of the Western Cape during the COVID-19 disaster. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections. Agreed to. Hon members, that concludes Motions without Notice. That also concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned, and the Secretary will now end the meeting.

The House adjourned at 16:56