
THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2013

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The House met at 2:15pm.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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INTERPELLATIONS:

Cycling tourists: Western Cape

1. Mr E J von Brandis asked the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:

How does his department plan to attract 100 000 cycling tourists a year to the Western Cape over the next few years?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and I thank the hon member Mr von Brandis for this question.. What I think he has picked up on is the mention of this specific project in the press. I have asked the department to formulate a strategy on how we can grow some of our events specifically, and we do know that cycling is one of those areas where we have some major global events within this region. So, I have asked them to establish what we need to do to attract 100 000 tourists in the cycling space to this

region per year in ten years time, because cycling is becoming an increasingly popular activity in our province with the number of formal cycling routes and races growing each year. I have, therefore, asked the department to look at this strategy. To reach this goal we are developing an informed cycle tourism strategy which seeks to promote the Western Cape as a cycle friendly destination for casual and competitive cyclists.

This is not only in conjunction with my department, but also links in with Minister Meyer's department and what he is busy doing in introducing his cycle friendly programme for towns and cities in this province. It also links in with what Minister Carlisle is doing specifically in respect of safety, because if we really want to grow and attract 100 000 visitors to this region we have to know that not only the visitors but the locals, who are using cycling as a sport or as a mode of transport, are safe as well.

Just as a benchmark or an example: in the Netherlands they have about 16 million cyclists and they have 1.1 fatality for every 100 million kilometres cycled, which is one of the lowest in the world. Compare this to South Africa where just over a year and a half ago, the last measurement, 252 cyclists were killed on South African roads and 800 injured in one year.

The programme that Minister Carlisle is introducing specifically around this campaign of a passing distance between a motorist passing a cyclist starting at 1.5m is one initiative where he is specifically trying to reduce the number of road deaths. To this end we need to make sure that we effect change behaviour with the motorists in our

region, led of course by the cyclists in our region. That is going to lead into this whole big programme of bringing in more and more tourists and this is just one component of the big economic space in which we operate. I look forward to this interaction, and obviously when this strategy is built it is going to need public comment and of course I hope comments from the members of this House so that we can really develop a good strategy that starts to make this place a destination when it comes to investment and tourism investment around South Africa.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Cape Town has for decades been the proud host of the largest individually timed cycling competition in the world, the Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour. Last year it was estimated that the cycle tour brought in R450 million rand into the local economy, with some 35 000 cyclists taking part in the event. Cycling events like the cycle tour as well as the Absa Cape Epic, which is the largest full service mountain bike staged race in the world, are some of the premier sporting events on the province's annual calendar. A convincing case has been made as to why Cape Town can be a world class cycling destination. There are the excellent roads, the geography, the long summer months, the presence of these world class events and the culture of cycling in the province, but there are challenges.

The 2013 World Economic Forum Travel and Tourism competitiveness report ranked South Africa 117 out of 140 countries in safety and security. Ensuring cyclists' safety is one the most important of these challenges. Earlier this year a series of cycling related accidents and muggings made headlines. Such unfortunate accidents could have a negative effect on the perceived safety of our roads and trails to recreational users. This is great initiative and there will need to be a strong focus on creating a

safer cycling environment.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and thank you to the hon member Mr von Brandis.

I agree absolutely. He mentioned the Argus and the Epic and together those two bring in excess of R700 million into our economy, but further than that, it is also about the other events, and there are so many of them.

Those two events happen at the real height of the season. There are another 42 events that happen in this province between January and April, but the real issue is not the events, but the implication or the result of what happens in respect of those events. Most of them raise money for charity, our charities are benefiting, but the other benefits are there as well, namely the health of our society and the people who partake. It is also very good for our economy. It is very good for a healthy society. If you look at the economy this is also where we need to involve the whole of the economy and not only the people involved directly, like bicycle shops etc. but hotels, airports, taxis, trains, and car hire companies as well. How do they relate to this strategy? Do car hire companies offer a bike rack when you come along? Do you or can you when you exit one of our stations hire a bike, hop on and use that as a mode of sort of last mile transport? There are therefore lots of other components to this strategy that we will have build over time.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. This is another one of those “poo”rly worded sweet-heart questions that is just meant to create an opportunity for the executive to make a statement that could have been accommodated elsewhere.

[Interjections.] The MEC's original response proves exactly that. The Argus, if we can go back to that, brings in thousands of people and so do other events and races. Whilst we do not deny the economic spin-off of such an initiative, charity begins at home. MEC, I would have appreciated if the question was about creating the infrastructure across the province so that 100 000 people of our own could have experienced safe cycling, especially in the "poo"rer areas and encourage this as a sport.

Better still, MEC, to use your contacts at hand to bring in 100 000 bicycles for the "poo"rer children in rural areas who have to walk so far in all sorts of conditions to get to school. Unpack how many jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities could have been created by this initiative to prove that it not only about capital investment but also about looking after our own. Cyclists are generally affluent people so it looks like you are trying to find a purpose for these unused cycling lanes built where those who most need it can not afford to access it.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Speaker, There is nothing stopping the hon member Ms Beerwinkel from asking her own questions so I do not know what her problem is.

[Laughter.]

With September being National Tourism Month it is worth mentioning that in the 2013 World Economic Forum Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report, South Africa ranked 64 out of a 140 countries, up from 66 out of 139 countries in 2011. Despite the global slow-down the tourism industry has remained rather resilient. The Western Cape continues to attract a healthy number of international and local tourists

each year. The province has a diverse range of tourist assets which is why it is important to focus on attracting a diverse range of tourists. Attracting niche or activity based tourists such as cyclists, in addition to traditional visitors, will definitely bolster the province's tourist numbers. If this strategy is to attract cyclist tourists over the next decade proves successful the department could expand it to include the promoting and marketing of other sports or activities.

Capitalising on the diverse offerings of the Western Cape and creating a year round tourist destination will have a positive effect on the economy. Encouraging the development of this industry is all the more important today given its important role in job creation. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I cannot believe the hon member Ms Beerwinkel. You do not as a member of the opposition have to be negative to every single question. I challenge you to come along with me and have a look at where some of these cycle paths are, because you turn it straight into a poverty or racial issue. So come along with me. There is a monthly event that takes place where a train leaves Cape Town and goes into Khayelitsha every single month ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
and the Velokhaya cyclists take tourists on a tour around Khayelitsha on bicycles. They start at the Department of Coffee, and when you arrive there with your bicycle

they encourage you not only to buy one muffin with your coffee, they encourage you to buy two muffins, and that second muffin gets delivered to a local crèche or charity. They do that two to three times on the morning of that event ... [Interjections.]. The kind of investment where we have ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
... taken a young person who is still at school like Nicholas Dlamini, 17 years old, who we sent over to the London to Paris race and who came back with the yellow jersey. He stood on that podium and I guarantee you that once this young person finishes school, because that is one of the prerequisites, once he finishes school you watch this young person out of this city who we are supporting become South Africa's next hero and become an olympic medalist in cycling.

Let us look at the 4 000 people once a month that gather here in the city and ride around the city in the Moonlight Mass. Let us then not turn this into a negative discussion. Let us turn it into a positive and let us see what kind of contribution we can make to grow this industry for everyone that lives in this province ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
... and everyone that visits this province.

Debate concluded.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, hon members, Minister Carlisle, order! That is the end of the first interpellation, we now proceed to the third interpellation. I recognise the hon Minister Grant.

Second interpellation withdrawn

Western Cape Education Department: Financial management in schools

3. Ms C Labuschagne asked the Minister of Education:

What has been the outcome of the Western Cape Education Department's special programme to improve and support financial management in schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Before I look at the specific additional training I think it is important to acquaint the House with what is being done about the training of SGB's in general. SGB elections are held every three years, the most recent were in March 2012. Once the SGB election process has been completed and new SGB's appointed, the department provides extensive training to the new SGB's so that they have the knowledge and skills they need to govern schools successfully. The training took place between April and June 2012. Included in the training was a programme to explain the roles and responsibilities of SGB's in relation to the financial management of schools. If you turn to the South African Schools Act the overall responsibility for controlling school money and property lies with the SGBs. Some of the financial roles of the SGB include keeping the financial

records of the school and preparing an annual budget, drawing up and submitting annual financial statements and, the purchasing of various educational materials such as textbooks or equipment. They are also responsible for the setting and collection of school fees where applicable, and the drawing up of the school budget and financial statements.

Each SGB must elect a treasurer who will oversee the financial matters of the school. The treasurer is required to provide a monthly report to the SGB and monitors on a monthly basis reflecting all income and expenditure. The SGB also establishes finance which supports the treasurer in administering his or her duties such as the drawing up of financial statements and the budget and advising on ways to invest surplus money.

The SGB must also appoint a person registered as an accountant and auditor. Given the requirements of the SGB and financial matters the department devotes significant training time to the financial systems of schools. It is also clear that legislation requires the SGB's to manage school finances in terms of directions issued by the Head of Education. In the Western Cape these directions are contained in the manual 'Basic Financial Systems for Schools'. This manual can be downloaded from the departmental website. The manual clearly sets out the procedures and rules for handling money in the school and provides a clear understanding of the responsibilities of the treasurer, the finance officer, the principal and any other person to whom specific tasks are delegated. The guide explains in detail the budgeting process and the drafting of the budget, the process to be followed when applying for credit facilities ... [Interjections.][Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Hon Minister, your time has expired. Thank you very much. Hon member Ms Labuschagne, over to you.

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, with regard to the role of school governing bodies and managing the finances of schools, Section 42 (a) and (b) of the South African Schools Act of 1996 states, and I quote:

“The governing body of a public school must keep records of funds received and spent by the public school and of its assets, liabilities and financial transactions, and as soon as is practicable, but not later than three months after the end of each financial year, draw up annual financial statements.”

The governing bodies, as stated in section 43(6) of the Schools Act, are lawfully obligated to, upon request by an interested person or persons, present the financial statements. The Act is very specific as to the responsibility of stakeholders in the schools financial management. The Western Cape Education Department has determined that SGB members require further instruction and training so as to fulfill these responsibilities. The SGB's and their composition change over time which could break the continuity of available skills. This should be acknowledged and addressed.

Given that the SGBs are legislated to perform such functions the department should therefore ensure that schools and bodies are in full compliance with the Act at all times. This of course can be achieved through training, the transfer of financial management skills and the understanding of the relevant policy and law. The answer

that the Minister has already given is proof of the fact that the Western Cape Education Department is fulfilling this responsibility at this moment.

†UNKsz M TINGWE: Enkosi Somlomo,ndicinga ukuba uMphathiswa obekekileyo u Grant ebezakulunga ukuba ebenguMphathiswa wezeMfundo yabucala, kuba andiqondi ukuba uthetha ngezinto zokwenene zalapha eNtsona Koloni.

*Ms M TINGWE: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I think hon Minister Grant would be a suitable candidate as a minister of private education, because I do not think he is talking about the realities of the Western Cape.

I also think that if indeed there was sound management and there was an improvement in the support of financial management in schools we would not be having the current problems that we are having in my constituency in Philippi in dealing with ... [Inaudible.] ... funds that are put in these schools.

In principle, it is indeed beneficial to have such programs to improve and support financial management in our schools. The ANC has been calling for this for a long time now. However, we cannot allow the outcomes of these programs when many schools in this province, especially “poo”r black schools, do not have even sufficient funds to manage in the first place. Poor black schools are already discriminated against as far as funding is concerned. [Interjections.] If our “poo”r black schools had sufficient funds to manage, hon Minister Carlisle, then our schools would not be experiencing the resource problems that they currently face. I want you to take a drive with me to Phillipi and see the situation in those schools.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Yes, yes, you are on.

Ms M TINGWE: Come with me on Monday.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister, order!

Ms M TINGWE: If there were funds to manage, then this House would not be hearing reports of children having to learn sitting on the sand and over-crowding of schools for the “poo”rest of the “poo”r. It would have been better addressed if these schools had been resourced and ... [Interjections.]

MR SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister Carlisle.

Ms M TINGWE: [Inaudible.] ... especially those in the rural areas as we have seen in Concordia High School, hon Minister Carlisle. Had there been sufficient funds for quality learner transport to those who cannot afford transport, it would have been improved, especially in those rural areas. Service providers of learner transport would not be complaining that they are not paid on time. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member, Ms Tingwe, your time is over.

Ms M TINGWE: May I say my last sentence?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms M TINGWE: Thank you, Mr Speaker. If our schools were given enough funds to manage, then they would have enough resources to provide for the safety of learners on the Cape Flats. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Ms Tingwe.

Ms M TINGWE: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The handbook also provides clear guidelines on internal controls and fraud prevention, and this is really what this question was all about, viz. the drawing up of financial statements and the legal framework regarding the drawing up of contracts for employment. Other sections explain the procurement processes for schools, bookkeeping and the school's tax obligations. The broad principles of this manual are all covered in the training given to SGB's and form the basis of any other specific training. On the back of the initial across-the-board training provided by the department to all new SGB's after the election, the department also embarked on an exercise aimed at determining how accurately and correctly schools were applying the monetary allocations provided by the department in terms of norms and standards.

One hundred schools were chosen for this project in the 2012/2013 financial year. Schools were assessed in terms of their spending on the basis of eight indicators identified as meeting the requirements of the policies set out in the manual referred to earlier.

On the basis of the information obtained in this assessment, additional training and guidance have been developed at 81 of the schools involved in the original survey. The effectiveness of this training is currently being determined.

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, in a world of scarcity there is little doubt that stakeholders in institutions should ensure the rationale used for capital resources including the proper allocation and utilisation of funds. The misuse and/or mismanagement of public funds directly undercuts the efficiency and the functioning of institutions - maybe hon member Ms Tingwe must listen – which is why we must do whatever we can do to prevent it.

The Western Cape Education Department's program focuses on improving and supporting the financial management of schools, and is therefore a step in the right direction. Sound financial management is important for all individuals involved in a school. Ensuring the proper financial management training is accorded in our school systems will ensure that stakeholders are adequately informed as to just practices.

Not only is the management of finance important, but also the monitoring by school corporate offices in districts. Mr Speaker, this special programme has a lot of potential but what still remains to be answered, and the Minister already referred to that, is whether the department plans on expanding the strengthening of financial management in schools and related training in the future.

Furthermore, what more can the department do to ensure that school governing bodies are equipped to fulfil the role they play in schools' financial management? The

allocation and collection of school funds is one thing, but ensuring that these funds are correctly managed is another. Therefore, the training of SGB's and focus on financial management is commendable and should be sustained in future.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, I am just checking with my colleague here. Over and above the training provided by the department, the South African Schools Act has been amended to allow for provincial departments to reward recognised SGB associations for the training of SGB's. In other words, the department will reimburse the associations for the identified training they delivered. This training will complement the training that has already been delivered by the department ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Tingwe, your conversation is too loud. Can you lower it a bit.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... to the new SGB's ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Tingwe.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... as well as any other specific training which has been offered. The department has been in a process of consultation with SGB associations with a view to finalising the formal arrangements needed to implement the system. There can be no doubt that the specialised nature of the expertise which lies within SGB associations, coupled with their detailed knowledge of the SGB's involved, will enhance the quality of governance in our public schools. Thank you.

Debate concluded.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That was the end of the interpellations. We now proceed to the questions that are printed on the Question Paper. We will start with the first question, that is to Minister Carlisle.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Question standing over from Thursday, 29 August 20013, as agreed to by the House:

Chapman's Peak Toll Plaza: Completion and additional costs

1. Mr E J von Brandis asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) Whether the Chapman's Peak Toll Plaza project has been completed; if not, why not; if so, what (a) was the date of completion and (b) are the further relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether any additional costs have been incurred during the construction phase of the toll plaza; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Speaker, the reply is as follows:

1. (1) Yes, it has been completed.
 - a) The completion date was 31 July 2013.
 - b) It has been in full operation since 1 August 2013.

- (2) Yes, additional costs have been incurred due to the specialised electronic equipment needed for the day pass system to remain in operation. We need a smart camera at the turn-about point and that costs a bit of money, but very little over the period of the contract.

Secondly, the construction of the elevated walkway past the toll plaza as required by Sanparks – I do not know if any of you have been on it, it is very beautiful – cost R560 000. Also, an extension of time cost R1 million as a result of the court action which prevented the contractor proceeding with the construction of the toll plaza. I should like to make it clear to the hon member Mr von Brandis that the walkway and the extension of time cost are not for our account above the R25 million that we made available.

Mnr P UYS: Baie dankie, mnr die Speaker. LUR baie dankie. Waarom is die tolgeld van Chapman's Peak die hoogste in die hele Suid-Afrika?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. That is an excellent question because – and, I will give him an answer – [Interjections.]

Mnr P UYS: It is the ANC again! I am sure he will say that. Take the responsibility.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You see, Mr Speaker, you have a very clever member there. Yes, it is because of the ANC because the ANC spent R290 million on five kilometres of road. That is why.

Mr P UYS: It is your project.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, order!

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Luister na die antwoord man!

An HON MEMBER: It is your project. We had to fix your project!

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The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. We now proceed to the next question, question number three, and that is to Minister Carlisle.

Highway safety and “poo” protesters

3. Mr M Ncedana asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

- (1) (a) With reference to an article appearing on page 7 of the *Cape Argus* of 30 July 2013, what is meant with “to thrash out new ideas to keep the highway safe” and (b) what is his department planning to do about the on-going ““poo” protesters” on the N2;
- (2) whether the plans of his department include addressing the issues that the protesters are raising; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you to hon member Mr Ncedana for the question. The reply is as follows:

3. He refers to a comment of mine to thrash out new ideas to keep the highways safe and he asks what the department is going to do about the on-going “poo” protestors on the N2. I consider it bad manners, Mr Speaker, to interfere with people and their “poo” [Laughter.] so, can I just tell the hon member Mr Ncedana it is not about “poo”, this is about my responsibility to keep the roads of the province open. So, I do not want “poo” or anything else on them.

The thrashing out of new ideas, was to say how can we keep the roads open because they have been closed a number of times. I am not prepared to tolerate that.

He further asks what I am doing about the “poo” protestors. I have to tell him from a political point of view, nothing. Why would I interfere with people who are doing terrible damage to the ANC? I would be stupid.

Then he goes on, Sir, to ask whether the plans of my department include addressing the issues that the protestors are raising, if not, why not, if so what are the relevant details; I have great difficulty in understanding what it is that the protestors are raising. I know very well what they are dumping and I suspect what they are raising is of much the same constituency.

The SPEAKER: Any supplementary questions?

†UMnu M NCEDANA: Enkosi, enkosi kakhulu Mphathiswa. Ndinomdla wokuqonda into yokuba nanjengokuba unguMphathiswa uhlala kwi Khabhinethi yalo rhulumente walapha eNtshona Koloni ingaba ikhona na into ezanywayo ukuhlangabezana nokuba abantu besithi eziya zindlu zangasese bazainikiweyo azifanelanga ukuba zingasetyenziswa ngabantu? likhonana icebo lokuba ningahlangabezana nale ntlungu yabo ngoba ikhona intlungu pha, nokuba ikhona iPolotiki ye ANC othetha ngayo nokuba yeyeDA kodwa inthlungu ikhona pha.... [Uphazamiso]

*Mr M NCEDANA: Thank you, very much, hon Minister. I am interested to know, now that you are a member of the cabinet of the Western Cape government, are there any means in place to meet the statements of demand saying the toilets that the people have been given are not suitable to be used by humans? Is there a plan in place to solving the pain of the people because there certainly is a striking pain there, even if there are political influences of the ANC you are referring to, even if it is that of the DA but there is pain there...[Uphazamiseko.]

†UMnu SOMLOMO: Yibambe, yibambe lungu elibekekileyo... I think the question is clear. Okay. Minister did you follow that question?

*The SPEAKER: Hold it, hold it honourable member...

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I think the hon member Mr Ncedana is asking the question “that even though this is not your responsibility – have you not heard in cabinet for instance, what was being done about this”?

Yes. In fact, even before I was in cabinet – once the hon Premier Zille took over the city – what I saw, was a very specific approach to improving the quality of human settlements including toilets, including running water, including electricity, so that we out-shadow every other metro and province in the country. That is what I saw before I came into the cabinet and while I have been in the cabinet, and is something that I think is very good. It is about time that the hon members on that side who did not do those things, went to the people of Khayelitsha and apologised.

Mr N NCEDANA: Thank you very much, hon Minister. Do I understand you correctly to say that the provision of so-called porta potties is part of the service delivery that the Democratic Alliance claims is a service for people, to reside with a toilet in the house where they sleep? Do you claim that? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order!

Mr M NCEDANA: Do you claim that it is part of that service delivery that you call a ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Ncedana, I think your question is clear to the Minister, okay. Minister?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Speaker, I understand that there are 17 different types of toilet that are in use in South Africa. I have to admit to the hon member Mr Ncedana I am not an expert on each one of them so I am not specifically sure which one he is talking about and which one should be there, but

perhaps afterwards we can have a cup of tea and he can explain to me.

Mr P UYS: That is not an answer.

Extension of R43 as a tourist route

5. Mr M C Walters asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether his department has considered the extension of the R43 (Main Road 28), which is currently abruptly ending at Quoin Point, to Cape Agulhas, thus opening a tourist route of significant economic importance for the Overberg and Southern Cape regions; if not, what are the factors constraining such development; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Speaker and thank you to the hon member Mr Walters. The reply is as follows:

5. Yes, it would be a very, very good tourist route. We have a tarred road which ends just there and literally it is about 11 kilometers from there to Cape Agulhas. Unfortunately, that part of the land was handed over to National Parks and they do not want me to build a road there, otherwise I would.

New questions:

Violence in Manenberg and closure of schools

1. Mr R B Lentit asked the Minister of Education:

With reference to the recent violence in Manenberg which saw the closing of 14

schools in the immediate area, (a) what plan of action is in place to bring learners up to date with their school work and (b) has the department arranged for counselling and or other workshops to educate learners about their safety and the safety of fellow learners and teachers?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you to hon member Mr Lentit for question. The reply is as follows:

1. (a) A plan of action is in place to bring learners up to date with their school work. The district has taken the following steps:
 1. A school catch-up plan was presented to all primary and high school principals.
 2. Schools are given an option to continue with their teaching plan until the end of the term and instead of writing exams, teachers in primary schools were advised to cover selected curriculum skills, especially in language and mathematics.
 3. Grades 1 to 11 will not write any exams in September and high schools can opt to have the third term exams for Grade 12 written in October.
 4. Submission dates for the school based assessments have been extended to allow schools to complete the year work.

5. Subject advisers are assisting teachers and learners to cope with the implementation of CAPS.
 6. A spring school has been arranged for high school learners at central venues outside Manenberg. The district will pay for transport of learners to the venue.
- (1) (b) Counselling was also offered to all the affected schools in Manenberg by the education safety management. The following schools made use of it:

Sonderend Primary, the learners;
 Manenberg Secondary, the learners;
 Edendale Primary, the learners; and
 Edendale Primary, the educators.

In conjunction with the Department of Social Development, Minister Fritz also engaged the services of the trauma centre to provide counselling in all the schools for a specified period. Counselling services were provided to three schools in Manenberg where the gang violence directly affected the schools. Those schools were Sonderend Primary School, Edendale Primary and Silverstream High.

[Inaudible.] ... referrals were made for educators at Sonderend Primary, 24 of them, and at Edendale, one educator.

Prior to the violence in Manenberg, the following schools participated in the safe schools holiday program:

Manenberg Primary;

Red River Primary;

Saambou Primary;

Silverstream Primary;

Rio Grande Primary;

Phoenix High School; and

Silverstream High School.

Aspects covered were bullying, the effects and causes of bullying, what the alternatives are and helpline incentives; gangsterism, what it means to be part of a gang, causes and consequences; peer pressure challenges and alternatives to gangsterism; teenage pregnancy and sexuality; sexual health, abstinence and alternatives; teenage pregnancy consequences for mother and child; self-awareness; image building, understanding your worth, why you are significant; beacons of hope; agents of change; conflict management and peer mediation; anger management; negotiation and mediation stages.

Safety officer training will take place in an after school programme between 18 and 25 October 2013 to capacitate principals and school safety officers to reduce the risk levels at schools and to create a safe

learning environment.

As far as school programs are concerned, learners and parents were addressed to encourage better parent/learner relationships.

Also, there were motivational talks with learners encouraging them to focus on the curriculum and to ask for assistance when they are struggling.

Finally, the NICRO ambassador's program is on-going at Phoenix High School until the end of the year.

Mr Speaker, you can see the department has been pulling out all the stops in this regard.

Mr R B LENTIT: Mr Speaker, I just want to say, excellent hon Minister. Excellent. Well done. Did the Minister receive any feedback from learners that need help or if they need extra contact time after the catch-up?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, we will evaluate the Grade 12 program once the mock matric exams have been completed in order to bridge any particular gaps in the syllabus.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Mooi!

†UNKSZ M TINGWE: Enkosi Somlomo, ndicela ukuqonda ukuba ngaba ezi zikolo zilishumi elinesine (14) ziseManenberg bezi phantsi kwenkqubo yokhuseleko?

*Ms M TINGWE: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to know, the fourteen (14) schools in Manenberg, were they under the safety programme?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, I heard her. I apologise but I did not understand the logic of the rest of what the hon member Ms Tingwe was saying, would she mind repeating it?

†UNKSZ M TINGWE: Enkosi, ndicela uqonda Somlomo phaya kuMphathiswa ukuba ngaba ezi zikolo zilishumi elinesine (14) ziseMabenenberg beziphantsi koluhlu lwezi kolo lwezikolo ezisemngciphekweni?

*Ms M TINGWE: Thank you. I would like to know, Mr Speaker, from the Minister, if these 14 schools were on the list of schools under threat?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, some of them are yes, not all of them are.

†UNKSZ M TINGWE: Enkosi Somlomo ndicela ukuqonda ukuba kwezo zazalathwe lisebe, zeziphi ebizinamacandelo okhuseleko?

*Ms M TINGWE: Thank you. Mr Speaker, I would like to know, of those identified by the department, which ones had safety units?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, in terms of the safety committees and the school governing bodies, every school must have a safety plan. So, all of the 14

schools will be covered by safety committees.

† UNKS M TINGWE: Enkosi, enkosi Somlomo ngoba akawuphendulanga umbuzo, umbuzo wam uthi Somlomo, zeziphi kwezi zili 14 ezalathelwa amaqela amacandelo ezokhuseleko?

*Ms M TINGWE: Thank you. Mr Speaker, because he did not respond to my question, my question is which of the 14 schools were identified for the safety unit teams?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, with the greatest respect to the hon member, I really do not understand what she is driving at.

An HON MEMBER: Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: To the hon member. I do not understand what she is driving at. We are doing our best to contain the situation in Manenberg and providing them with the maximum support. If she wishes to know which of the 14 schools are listed critically in our safe schools program for additional support – the support we have been giving – I will give her a list of those schools.

Tygerberg Hospital's new psychiatric unit:

impact on adolescent and child patients

2. Mr R B Lentit asked the Minister of Health:

Since the launch of the new psychiatric unit which specifically deals with adolescent cases at Tygerberg Hospital, what impact has this had on the treatment of (i) adolescent and child patients and (ii) adult patients?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Speaker, thank you very much and thank you to hon member Mr Lentit for asking the question. The reply is as follows:

2. The new adolescent psychiatry ward at Tygerberg has been a welcome improvement to the service provision to mental health patients in the province. The dedicated unit for adolescent patients has provided a space for teenage patients with serious psychiatric disorders, in which they are safe from the potentially negative influence of adult psychiatric patients, where they can recover in an adolescent friendly environment. It has also provided the opportunity for staff to become specialised in this very important area of mental health care.

The SPEAKER: Any follow-up questions? No follow-up. Hon Chief Whip, I do not see the hon Minister Madikizela in the House?

Ms A ROSSOUW: Mr Speaker, the hon Minister Madikizela is at a Minmec meeting and he has contacted all the members who put questions to him, and the questions will

stand over until the next sitting.

The SPEAKER: Question numbers three and four will then stand over. We will deal with 12 and 15 when we get there. The next question is question number five to Minister Bredell.

Questions three and four stand over.

Municipalities affected by floods: support

5. Mr M Ncedana asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What support does his department offer those municipalities that have been affected by the latest floods?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you to the hon Member Mr Ncedana for the question. The reply is as follows:

5. The department, through the Western Cape Disaster Management Centre, disseminated early warnings relevant to the weather forecast and the status of rivers and dams to the key role-players, which include municipalities, provincial departments, state-owned enterprises, NGO's as well as emergency services.

The Western Cape disaster management centre ensured that stakeholders were

adequately briefed by the South African Weather Service and the Department of Water Affairs prior to the flooding in the quarterly Head of Disaster Management Centre meeting and the Disaster Management Advisory Forum held on 27 and 28 August 2013, respectively.

The flooding was localised and required a local response in terms of evacuation and the provision of flood shelter. The flooding and extreme cold weather conditions resulted in three fatalities. Damages and losses relevant to municipal infrastructure as well as the disruption of basic services were limited and therefore did not necessitate provincial co-ordination.

As a mitigation measure, the Western Cape Disaster Management Centre was partially activated with its own staff to co-ordinate situational reports and communication with the media as well as constant liaison with the South African Weather Service and the Department of Water Affairs. Further to this, the South African Air Force or Defence Force as well as the National Sea Rescue Institute, were placed on alert to assist with any emergency rescue and/or relief operations. Thank you.

EDP: growth potential of Witzenberg

***6. Mr E J von Brandis asked the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:**

What does the Economic Development Partnership (EDP) envisage with a view to improving the growth potential of Witzenberg in order to create job opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and thank you to the hon member Mr von Brandis for the question. The reply is as follows:

6. The EDP believes that one of the best ways to achieve inclusive and resilient economic growth for its local stakeholders within the municipality, the businesses – the people that live in the region – is to organise themselves into local economic development groupings or partnerships. The EDP can advise and support Witzenberg stakeholders in this regard.

The EDP also supports the creation of an economic partnership and network which cuts across local boundaries and links the leading and the lagging areas and would encourage Witzenberg stakeholders to work closely with partners in the Winelands region and beyond. But, I think, as part of this answer, it also goes far further than just the EDP, because it is also about how we bring in the other role players, specifically within government. It is therefore about the LED processes within the local authorities and how that links with the Department of Economic Development.

Then of course there is the competitiveness of towns, which my colleague Anton Bredell's department is busy with, which is an analysis by the University of Stellenbosch which looks at those tools and those levers that each municipality can use, and so, obviously, the municipality of Witzenberg must do the same thing.

Then there is a plan that we are busy working with as per my budget. You will remember that we put some money aside for it, but we need to see plans. Witzenberg is one of those municipalities that can look at how they can replicate a socio-economic project similar to the one that was rolled out by the City of Cape Town known as the “Violence Prevention Urban Upgrade Programme” in Khayeltisha. It is a very similar programme that we are busy working on, and Witzenberg is one of those municipalities where that program can also be rolled out. We expect huge changes within the economy of that municipality.

Beaufort West: Empowerment project

***7. Mr J J Visser asked the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:**

- (1) Whether the Minister has been informed about the latest developments in respect of the empowerment project in Beaufort West where herbs are grown in greenhouse tunnels; (i) if so, will the Minister inform the House about the current state of affairs? (ii) if not, will the Minister find out and inform the House accordingly,
- (2) whether there are any attempts to revive this project?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. The reply is as follows:

7. (1) Yes, I am aware of the recent developments. This project was abandoned by the Beaufort West hydroponics company due to the lack of funding; and (2), the Beaufort West Municipality has indicated that it intends to issue a

tender to call for business proposals for the site within the next few months. This will not be restricted to projects that involve hydroponic cultivation.

An HON MEMBER: Another ANC project bites the dust!

Mnr J J VISSER: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Agb Minister, is dit enigsins moontlik om op so 'n verafgeleë plek 'n ekonomiese projek van daardie aard te hê wat ekonomies haalbaar kan wees?

Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES, EKONOMIESE ONTWIKKELING EN TOERISME: Dankie vir daardie opvolgvraag. Ek dink dit is presies die punt. Om 'n projek soos daai 'hydroponic' projek in plek te sit so ver van die mark af, veroorsaak jy al klaar ekstra kostes in die proses om daardie produkte by die mark te kry. Jy kompeteer met ander areas soos Stellenbosch en Drakenstein en outomaties is jou produk duurder;

I think it was one of the big problem areas as well as obviously management, but you would have noticed in the answer that the municipality is now going to look at other opportunities. I think that is referring back to probably even the previous question where the Competitiveness of Towns looks at what the things are that you can do within a region that are going to be viable, because it is about competitiveness. If you create an economic engine that is already more expensive than your competitors you really are going to battle to remain viable.

Mnr J J VISSER: Dankie mnr die Speaker. Agbare Minister Winde, as u departement genader word om betrokke te raak by so 'n projek sou u dit oorweeg?

Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES, EKONOMIESE ONTWIKKELING EN TOERISME: Dit hang af. Ons was nog nie tot dusver genader nie, maar soos u in die antwoord gehoor het gaan die Beaufort Wes-munisipaliteit iets daaromtrent doen. As hulle vir ons nader, sal ons definitief na hulle luister en uitvind wat aangaan, want soos ek gesê het ...

... they are not looking at restricting it specifically to the hydroponic space and then obviously we will look at it and see how we can help to create an economically viable proposition.

Ms L BROWN: Is the Minister aware of the fact that in Beaufort West more than 75% of the people are on welfare and that the hydroponics plant was set up with welfare money in the first instance? What would the Minister put in place to assist people within the Beaufort West area because there is no opportunity for work?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The answer is yes, I am aware and I must say that I think it was probably one of the first phone calls I got when I got this job, which said: "Please help, we have this business but we cannot pay our salaries at the end of the month". It is very difficult to say: "Well fine, I am going to take my budget and start paying salaries for this business." I cannot do that, but we are involved, and as I have said, through the Competitiveness of Towns study. We are also involved through our LED programmes and interacting

with the municipalities looking at what those levers are. It is difficult and that is why we are specifically looking at areas that are able to grow the economy, looking at expanding the tourism space. We have been working quite hard with the municipality around privatisation. They have privatised their airport and how they use that to link it to some of the game opportunities in the region. Of course, whenever the municipality does approach us we will help as best we can to alleviate specifically the pressure the hon member Ms Brown is talking about, the vast number of people who do not have opportunities because they are unemployed and the opportunities are not there to fill that gap.

Mnr P UYS: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Dankie LUR. Kan u vir ons sê wat u departement oor die afgelope vier jaar vir Beaufort-Wes gedoen het?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: That is quite a new question and obviously I would like to give you a properly informed answer. If you ask me that question properly I will give you every single interaction that we have had every time that we have visited and interacted with that municipality. I personally was with them on Monday last week just talking to them about their governance, and so we do interact all the time, but you need to ask that question properly. I am not exactly sure what you are trying to talk to us about across the floor here, but ask me that question and I will tell you about all the interactions.

Ms L BROWN: In terms of the Minister's comment, has the hydroponics plant worked previously? Has it been active previously?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am not sure. I know I saw it when the ANC set it up prior to me coming to office, but if you have a look at it now my answer is definitely no, the place looks terrible.

An HON MEMBER: The ANC destroyed it.

Mr P UYS: For five years I have ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order! It was the last chance. Order!

Ms L BROWN: [Inaudible.] ... needs to say this outside the House!

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Brown, please take your seat.

School fees: support for schools

8. Ms C Labuschagne asked the Minister of Education:

Whether his department has any form of support for schools where parents, due to socio-economic circumstances, are unable to, in whole or in part, pay for their children's school fees; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you to the hon member Ms Labuschagne for the question. The reply is as follows:

8. The question deals with what support we are giving over and above what we

should to support poor schools. Schools in national quintiles 1, 2 and 3 are classified as “no fee schools”. They do not charge school fees. Schools in national quintiles 4 and 5 are allowed to charge school fees after following specific processes. Parents can apply for exemption or partial exemption from paying school fees if they cannot afford to pay them. Exemptions are based on the parents’ combined gross annual income. Parents of children who benefit from child support grants or who are in foster care are exempt from paying school fees for these children. Parents qualify for exemption if the school fees are more than 10% of the parents combined annual salary. They can apply for partial exemption if the fees represent between two and 10% of their annual salary depending on the number of children they have at a fee-paying public school.

The Western Cape Government has consistently supported initiatives for a system that compensates schools for exempted school fees as we recognise the important role that fee exemptions play in extending school access. Such legal provision became applicable from 2011. In 2011 for the first time the Western Cape Education Department paid out more than R20 million in compensation for fee exemptions in 2010 to our fee paying public schools in quintiles 4 and 5. This assisted poorer schools, in particular, struggling with the burden of learners with fee exemptions, to apply for funding so they could meet their financial challenges.

In 2012 a total of 650 schools applied for fee compensation for the 2011 school year. The department paid out an amount of R30 147 988. This was the highest in the country. Therefore, this fund will benefit schools that are struggling with

the cost of fee exemptions. The department has taken the matter even further and in this financial year the department also increased funding at over 300 fee paying schools serving less affluent communities. Once the department has implemented in 2013/14 the equalisation of the learner subsidies in National quintiles 1 to 3 there will be over 300 fee-paying schools with a total of fees charged, and the 'per-learner norms and standards funding' will still be less than the revised amount of R1 010 per learner allocated to national quintiles 1 to 3 by the department. To narrow the gap between these fee-paying schools I approved to make available, as far as finances allow, additional funds for over 300 fee-paying schools.

In 2013/14 this gap will be reduced by approximately 25% and in 2014/15 by as much as 73%. The cost of these allocations per year will be to the value of R18 million and R53 million respectively. Once again the additional financial support given to these schools can be of the utmost importance in improving resources for learning and teaching at our poorer schools.

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Thank you very much, Minister Grant. I just want to know, the compensation for fee exemption, that programme as well as the equalisation programme, are those programmes that are being done in other provinces to your knowledge as well?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, no, not to my knowledge.

†UNKsz M TINGWE: Enkosi kakhulu Mphathiswa ngengcacaciso yakho. Ndicela ukuqonda kuMphathiswa ukuba izikolo ezingayinikwanga le ngxelo yezaphulelo okanye ukungahlawulisi kubantwana abakwizikolo eziphantsi kuka Q4, 5, no 6 kodwa zifanelekile ngokoluhlu, kwenzeka ntoni?

*Ms M TINGWE: I would like to know from the Minister whether if a school is not granted this rebate or the exemption to school children in Q4, Q5 & Q6, yet they qualify according to the list, what happens then?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, firstly we do not have such a thing as a quintile 6 school. I do not know whether hon member Ms Tingwe spoke about that. The bottom line here is that this is additional support which the department is giving as a lifeboat to ensure that those schools which were classified as quintiles 4 and 5 in line with municipal standards back in the 90's, in the mid-90's, and where socio-economic circumstances have become worse, we as the government are supporting those schools with additional funding.

†UNKsz M TINGWE: Akandiva, mhlawumbi utoliko elusebenzi kakuhle ngoba akawuphenduli umbuzo wam.

*Ms M TINGWE: He cannot hear me. Perhaps the interpreter is not operating efficiently because he is not responding to my question.

The SPEAKER: No, no wait. We cannot give each and every member three questions.

Mr P UYS: That is four in total.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Uys. That is your last chance, hon member Ms Tingwe, over to you.

Mr P UYS: No, that cannot be.

Ms M TINGWE: It is only three.

The SPEAKER: That is the last chance. There was a question raised by you and I cannot give each and every one ... [Interjections.]

†UNKSZ M TINGWE: Ndicela ukubuza kuMphathiwa ukuba ngaba isikolo esingalunikwanga olu lwazi sezaphulelo okanye ukubekelwa bucala kwezikolo ezinabantwana neziku Q4 no 5 babe zifanelekile ngokoluhlu, kwenzeka ntoni ngoko?

*Ms M TINGWE: I would like to know from the Minister; the school did not grant this information of rebate or the exemption to school children Q4 & Q5 yet they qualify according to the list, what happens then?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, I am not sure whether hon member Ms Tingwe listened to my answer, my detailed answer, because what I said in a nutshell is that quintile 1, 2 and 3 are no-fee schools. Therefore we pay a full R1 010 per learner. The other schools, quintiles 4 and 5, are fee-paying schools and therefore if the children rank for socio-economic support as I have said in my answer what we are doing, because we are not collecting the requisite fees which are levied by the school governing bodies on an annual basis, we are supporting those schools so that they can stay solvent during the year.

The SPEAKER: That was the last chance, hon member.

Ms M TINGWE: No!

Mr P UYS: A point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, it seems like there is a major problem with the translations. We will have to address that because the question that is being asked is not going through to the MEC. Secondly, Mr Speaker - still a point of order - in terms of the rules there is four follow-up questions irrespective of the person asking the questions. There is another one question left.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Uys, I do know, but we cannot give each and every member four follow-up questions in the House.

An HON MEMBER: Why not? It is in the rules! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is in the rules!

The SPEAKER: We cannot do that.

An HON MEMBER: Why not? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: It means that we will give the 42 members, each and every one, four follow-up questions. We cannot do that. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. I think what ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: I must help you, Mr Speaker. The rules are very clear.

An HON MEMBER: Ho!

An HON MEMBER: You are patronising ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Four follow-up questions irrespective, not one member. All members four questions. There has been three.

Ms M TINGWE: There has been three only.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! If there is a problem with the translation, I am not sure whether - do you have a problem, Minister Grant, with the translation? [Interjections.]
Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, I am listening to the translation ...
[Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: That is the problem!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...and responding to what is on the translation. I do not know what is in the hon member Ms Tingwe's head, I am afraid.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Not much!

†UNKSZ M TINGWE: Ndicala ukuba undikhusele Somlomo kuMphathiswa uGrant xa eza kuthi akayazi into ehubeka engqondweni yam, kuba umbuzo ebendiwubuza ayinguwo lo awuphendulayo.

*Ms M TINGWE: Mr Speaker, I would like you to protect me from Minister Grant for stating that he does not know what is going on with my head, because the question I asked is not the one he is responding to.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Hon member Ms Tingwe, Hon member Ms Tingwe.

†Nksz Tingwe, nceda uphinde umbuzo wakho okokugqibela kuba ingathi kukho ingxaki kutoliko, wubhekise umbuzo wakho kuMphathiswa.

*Hon member Ms Tingwe, please repeat your question for the last time seeing that there are translation problems. Direct your question to the Minister.

†UNKSZ M TINGWE: Enkosi, umbuzo wam uthi wena Mphathiswa .. nxa...english Somlomo, ngale ngcaciso agqiba kusinika yona yokuba abantwana abanabazali

abangaphumeleliyo ukuhlawula imirhumo yesikolo kwezo zikolo ziphakathi kuka Q4 no Q5 ziza kulinikwa na ithuba lokuba zingayihlawuli imirhumo yesikolo okanye bahlawule inxalenye yemirhumo yesikolo, ngokwale ngcaciso ayinikayo. Kwenzeka ntoni ngezikolo ezingakuthobeliyo oku?

*Ms M TINGWE: Thank you. My question to the Minister is ... Mr Speaker, the explanation he has just given is that those children with parents that cannot afford to pay school fees in school Q4 & Q5 will be granted the opportunity not to pay school fees or partial payment towards school fees, according to the explanation he is giving. What happens to the schools not complying with this?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, I must be honest, I am really struggling with this ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: [Inaudible.] Just answer it!

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, honourable members!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am really struggling with this. [Interjections.] May I ask that the hon member Ms Tingwe please provide her question to me in writing and I will gladly respond to it? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: In Greek please!

An HON MEMBER: No, no, do not be ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Yes, Mr Speaker, this is an oral response. You cannot now ask to get it in writing. The translation must be rectified. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! The Minister is not having a problem with the translation ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: On a point of order!

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. It would be the most basic courtesy for the member to speak at a decent speed so that the person who is doing his best to translate can do so. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Order! [Interjections.] Hon members, order! [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Tingwe, I will give you a last chance and as a ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Just go slow.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, chance not taken. Then we proceed with the next question. That is question number 9. Minister Grant, over to you. [Interjections.]

Text books: compliance with national policy

9. Ms C Labuschagne asked the Minister of Education:

Whether his department complies with the minimum set of textbooks and workbooks required according to national policy, for the foundation phase, Grades 4 to 7, and Grades 8 to 12?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The reply is as follows:

9. The answer to the question is yes, the Western Cape Education Department has made a concerted effort over the last three years to ensure that learners are supplied with the minimum set of textbooks and workbooks in line with the guidelines for the minimum school bag for the foundation phase, Grades 4 to 7 and Grades 8 to 12. Foundation phase learners have all received a workbook or learner book for each of the four compulsory subjects, home language, DBE workbook, mathematics DBE workbook and textbook, life skills DBE workbook, first additional language DBE workbook for English, first additional language and a textbook for Afrikaans, first additional language. A set of first additional language graded readers was supplied to each foundation phase class.

The WCED has planned in the 2014/15 financial year to supplement the workbooks supplied by the DBE with a textbook for each subject. In addition, schools have used their norms and standards learner teacher support material allocations to top-up on graded readers for these learners.

During 2012 all intermediate phase learners were supplied with a textbook for each of the compulsory subjects except for natural sciences and technology, which were not available during 2012; i.e. home language first additional language, mathematics, life skills and social sciences. The department centrally supplied each learner with a core reader for home language and the schools supplied learners with the first additional language reader funded from their norms and standards allocation. During 2013 these intermediate phase learners received natural sciences and technology workbooks from the DBE. The department has budgeted to supply each intermediate phase learner with the natural sciences and technology textbook during 2014. Learners in Grades 10 and 11 were each supplied with a textbook per subject for the seven subjects taken.

By the 31 October 2013 the department will supply each learner in Grades 7 to 9 with a textbook for each of the nine subjects taken and seven textbooks to each Grade 12 learner. For 2014/15 financial year the department has budgeted for the supply of textbook top-ups as a result of learner growth at schools.

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and thank you very much Minister Grant. I just want to know are there any specific factors that are contributing to this good position that the Western Cape Department of Education is in on delivering and supplying of textbooks?

An HON MEMBER: Remember the decent speed, nè? ... [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, the answer to that is what we have been focusing on is a plan, solid data and good budgeting in order to cover those costs and economies of scale so that we can comply and make sure that our schools are text rich in every classroom.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Tingwe. [Interjections.]

†UNKsz M TINGWE: Enkosi Somlomo : ndicela ukuqonda Somlomo le mali ivela phi?

*Ms M TINGWE: Thank you, Speaker. I would like to know where this money comes from.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, the money for these books comes from the taxpayer.

Hydraulic fracturing: rezoning

***10. Mr J J Visser asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

Whether it is true that the Western Cape is the only province where rezoning will have to take place before hydraulic fracturing (fracking) exploration or exploitation can take place; if not:

- (a) What procedures will have to be followed; if so,
- (b) What is the implication for the land owners of the Western Cape; and

(c) What time aspects are of importance in this regard?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Speaker, baie dankie vir die vraag deur die agb lid mnr Visser. Die antwoord is soos volg:

10. Grondgebruikbeplanning in die Wes-Kaap word deur die bepalinge ingevolge die Ordonnansie op Grondgebruikbeplanning, 1985, Ordonnansie 15 van 1985, gereguleer. Hiervolgens is alle grond in die Wes-Kaap onder skemabeheer en moet goedkeuring verkry word vir alle aansoeke wat nie inpas by die toepaslike soneringskema nie; hetsy by wyse van hersonering, vergunningsgebruike en/of afwykings. In die Wes-Kaap is dit 'n funksie van die munisipaliteite. Ten spyte daarvan dat die meeste soneringskemas voorsiening maak vir 'n nywerheidsone 3 waar mynbou 'n primêre grondgebruik is, word die beleid van die provinsie ten opsigte van hierdie aansoeke vir mynbou duidelik in ons departementele omsendskrywe 16 van 2012 uiteengesit.

In die omsendsskrywe word aanbeveel dat aansoeke vir mynbou en eksplorasië-afwykings vir 'n leeftyd van die myn hanteer word ingevolge artikel 15 van die Grond Ordonnansie. Hersonering skep 'n permanente grondgebruiksreg wat in die geval van mynbou tot langtermyn grondgebruiksprobleme aanleiding kan gee.

In baie van die gevalle kan die grond buitendien nog steeds vir landbou benut word ten spyte van die mynbouaktiwiteite. Hoewel dit dus nie altyd nodig is vir die Wes-Kaap om te hersoneer nie, is daar wel 'n vorm van

beplanningsgoedkeuring nodig en die prosedures hiervoor insluitend publieke deelname word in die Ordonnansie uiteengesit. Applikante moet dus by die betrokke munisipaliteite aansoek doen, 'n publieke deelnameproses van 30 dae volg en daarna moet die aansoek aan die betrokke raad vir 'n besluit voorgelê word. Volgens die voorskrifte moet die munisipaliteite binne 'n periode van vier maande nadat al die inligting beskikbaar is 'n besluit neem. Hierdie prosedure is heeltemal in ooreenstemming met die Grondwethof se uitspraak in die welbekende *Mac Sands versus City of Cape Town*-hofsak dat 'n mynbou-gebruik beide 'n omgewing- sowel as 'n grondgebruiksmagtiging nodig het. Dankie.

Mnr J J VISSER: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Agb Minister Bredell, watter ander belangrike wetgewing is ter sprake in hierdie prosesse?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Wel natuurlik is daar streng wetgewing wat belangrik is. Ek dink ons hoor en ons sien baie dat die EIA-proses gekritiseer word ensovoorts. Ek dink dit is omdat baie lede van die publiek soms verward raak tussen NEMA en LUPO, want 'n 'land-use planning' is iets anders as 'n omgewingsimpakstudie. My grootste bekommernis tans is die Mineral and Resource Management Act waarmee die nasionale regering tans besig is. Dit hou redelike gevare in en ons sal daardie proses baie mooi en baie goed moet bestuur.

Mnr J J VISSER: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Is daar 'n spesifieke taakspan wat hierdie hele kwessie van hidrobreking en die wetgewing wat ter sprake is en die impak wat dit sal hê op eienaarskap en so aan, te ondersoek?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons in die provinsie het baie huiswerk gedoen, want s ons glo jy moet gereed wees vir enige gebeurlikheid. Ons het baie huiswerk daaroor gedoen, veral omdat ons redelik gesukkel het met ons kollegas op nasionale vlak, want ons moet onthou dat daar 'n twee jaar lange moratorium was en daar gedurende daardie twee jaar geen kommunikasie was nie. Daar is nou op nasionale vlak 'n taakspan en ons het daarop aangedring dat die taakspan uitgebrei moet word. Dit kan nie net 'n nasionale taakspan wees nie. Dit moet uitgebrei word sodat 'n provinsiale verteenwoordiger deeldaarvan kan wees, maar ons vra ook dat hulle die groen sektor moet betrek want ek dink as ons in belang van die land wil optree dan moet ons al die partye om die tafel kry sodat ons al die voor- sowel as nadele in so 'n ingewikkelde en komplekse omgewing kan oorweeg anders gaan ons mekaar in hofsake besig hou wat nie in belang is van hetsy die Wes-Kaap of die land nie. Dankie.

Mnr J J VISSER: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Minister Bredell, is dit reg dat hierdie taakspan nie verteenwoordigend genoeg is nie? [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ja, dis eintlik wat ek gesê het, naamlik dat die taakspan tans net uit verteenwoordigers op nasionale vlak bestaan. Ek het by verlede week se Minmec met die nasionale minister gekommunikeer en gevra ons moet dit asseblief uitbrei. Ek kan u terugneem, as u die hofuitspraak in Gauteng onthou, die DFU, die bekende een, waar hulle twee jaar gekry het om na vore te kom met 'n nuwe

Land Use Management Act, wat nou bekend staan as PLUMA. Daar het ook vir twee jaar amper niks gebeur nie, en toe skielik ontstaan daar 'n bottelnek en toe skielik toe is daar taakspanne waarby die provinsies ook nie betrek is nie. Dit het daartoe gelei dat ons nou met 'n PLUMA sit wat regulasies moet uitvaardig en ons wil daardie soortgelyke situasie voorkom. Ons moet onthou ons praat hier van die omgewing. Ons kan nie bekostig om dit verkeerd te kry nie, want ons kan dit nie weer regmaak nie. Dankie.

Mnr P UYS: Baie dankie, mnr die Speaker. Dankie LUR. Is dit so dat u en u departement in beginsel nie teen hidrobreking is nie?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: In beginsel het die departement 'n studie onderneem waar ons gesê het ons gaan kyk na die energiesekerheid van die land, want dit is altyd 'n geweldige bate as jy energiesekerheid het. Ons het ook gekyk na werkskepping en dan ook na die omgewing gekyk, want hierdie drie bene loop gelyk. Enig iemand wat in hierdie stadium vir u sê hulle is daarvoor of daarteen het te min inligting. Hulle het nie genoeg inligting nie. Daar word navorsing op 'n gereelde grondslag gedoen, agb lid mnr Uys. Dit is in 'n mate 'n sensitiewe aangeleentheid en daarom rig ek 'n pleidooi tot die Nasionale Minister om die taakspan verteenwoordigend van die groen sektor en alle provinsies te maak. Ons het almal 'n oop agenda. Ons almal wil ekonomiese groei hê. Ons wil altyd werkskepping hê, maar ons wil ook die Karoo bewaar. Dankie.

Municipal council: adjustments appropriations

***11. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:**

When and on how many occasions in a given year may a municipal council consider and agree to an adjustments appropriation?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and to the hon member Mr Uys. The reply is as follows:

11. The timeframe for tabling an adjustments budget are specified within Regulation 20(3) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations, which stipulates that:
 - (1) An adjustments budget referred to in Section 28(2)(b), (d) and (f) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, hereafter referred to as “the Act”, may be tabled in a municipal council at any time after the midyear budget and performance assessment has been tabled, but no later than 28 February of the current year.
 - (2) Only one adjustment budget referred to in Sub-regulation (1) may be tabled in the municipal council during a financial year, except when the additional revenues contemplated in Section 28(2)(b) of the Act are allocated to a municipality in a national or provincial adjustments budget in which Subregulation (3) applies;

- (3) If a national or provincial adjustments budget allocates or transfers additional revenues to a municipality the mayor of the municipality must at the next available council meeting but within sixty days of the approval of the relevant national or provincial adjustments budget referred to in Section 28(2)(b) of the Act, in the municipal council appropriate these additional revenues;
- (4) An adjustments budget referred to in Section 28(2)(c) of the Act must be tabled in the municipal council at the first available opportunity after the unforeseeable and unavoidable expenditure contemplated in that section was incurred and within the time period set in Section 29(3) of the Act;
- (5) The adjustments budget referred to in Section 28(2)(e) of the Act may only be tabled after the end of the financial year to which the rollovers relate and must be approved by the municipal council by 25 August of the financial year following the financial year to which the rollovers relate;
- (6) An adjustments budget contemplated in Section 28(2)(g) of the Act may only authorise unauthorised expenditure as anticipated by Section 32(2)(a)(1) of the Act and must be:
 - (a) Either dealt with as part of the adjustments budget contemplated in Subregulation (1);

- (b) A special adjustments budget tabled in the municipal council when the mayor tables the annual report in terms of Section 127(2) of the Act, which may only deal with the unauthorised expenditure from the previous financial year which the council is being requested to authorise in terms of Section 32(2)(a)(1) of the Act.

Mnr P UYS: Baie dankie, mnr die Speaker. Dankie LUR. Is daar enige verband tussen die aansuiweringsbegroting en die voltooiing van finansiële state voor 31 Augustus van 'n spesifieke jaar?

Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES, EKONOMIESE ONTWIKKELING EN TOERISME: Ek dink definitief so want jy sal dit baie moeilik vind om die volgende jaar se begroting op te trek.

Mnr P UYS: Ek dink u is verkeerd, LUR Minister Winde. Waarom wou die Hessequa-munisipaliteit 'n aansuiweringsbegroting gedurende hierdie finansiële jaar aanvaar vir 2012/2013?

Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES, EKONOMIESE ONTWIKKELING EN TOERISME: Ek sal nie - ek kan nie vir u nou sê nie. U sal vir my daardie vraag moet vra of ek sal gaan uitvind en vir u dan kom sê.

Mnr P UYS: Sal die LUR dan die onwettige optrede van die Hessequa-munisipaliteit ondersoek met betrekking tot die aansuiweringsbegroting?

Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES, EKONOMIESE ONTWIKKELING EN TOERISME: Ek sal eers moet uitvind of dit onwettig is, ja of nee.

'n AGB LID: Ja, dit is onwettig.

Question number 12 stands over.

Health workers in agricultural communities

13. Ms A J Du Toit Marais asked the Minister of Health:

What are the relevant details in respect of health workers in agricultural communities?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Speaker, I have questions number 18 and 19.

The SPEAKER: I have 13 with me and 14 on my ... [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: It is 13.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yes, that is right. Sorry. It is a typing error. No problem, calm down. The reply is as follows:

13. For the past four years each rural district has been having discussions with farmers and farm organisations in their different areas looking at how the health services to farm workers can be improved and also be more accessible. The

current practice is that there are always mobile health services that either visit each farm monthly or six weekly, depending on the numbers of the farms in that particular sub-district. In some areas the department has satellite clinics and the service at these ranges from weekly to two to three days a week depending on the demand of the services.

The discussions with farmers have been about identifying an outpost within each farm so that the clients waiting for the mobile have a place to wait and that the mobile team administration be done from this structure, and if the structure is big enough, that the service be run from there and not in the mobile or even using both. That is a new service that we brought about over the past two years. The farmers are responding very positively to this principle of the patient client centre and promoting farm workers dignity and are providing structures and not having farm workers waiting outside for the mobile kombi.

Health has put in place capacity building for farm workers as part of encouraging community involvement and assisting farm workers in taking responsibility for their health. The focus on farm health workers is new and is especially to address the need of that sector. The department has contracted training providers to do farm health training as part of the EPWP programme or project. This is a health and welfare SETA accredited qualification and it goes up to NQF Level 4. We realise that some of the farm workers would not be able to go past NQF Level 1 and the decision was made that NQF Level 1 is the level that they will be trained on as an entry level. They can go on with further training from that level.

Prior to each training there is a discussion with the farmers in that sub-district. Farmers identify employed farm workers to be trained, and after the training farm workers are given time off by the farmer to do health education promotion. They are retained in employment with the farmers after we have trained them. They deal with chronic medication adherence, support and identify health services defaulters and refer them accordingly to the system or into the primary healthcare system. They are linked with the NPO professional nurse covering that particular area and with the clinic in case they have anything urgent that cannot wait for the mobile or the satellite outreach. On the day of the mobile visit itself farm workers are given time off to be part of the service and ensure that their referrals are attended to and provide feedback to the mobile team on their patients or their clients. There has been training in Cape Winelands, West Coast Eden and this year we are focusing on the Overberg district.

There have also been graduations over the past two years and the feedback from the training providers is that the farm workers struggled but are really dedicated. They try their best and this has made a huge difference in their personal lives. Some have reported having made lifestyle changes in their own lives based on the knowledge they received with this training. During the training itself the farm workers are accommodated at the central guest house for a week within every month. This is also at the same normal guest house costs, but the farmers assist in transporting the workers to the training venue on Mondays and back again on Fridays. The cost of the training per individual for the year is the same as that of a FET College, but it is definitely worth the investment. We have so far trained 119 of these farm health workers and there is currently another 29 in training for this year.

Mnr P UYS: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. LUR Minister Botha, word gesondheidswerkers op die platteland meer betaal om hulle na die landelike gebied te trek en hulle ook te behou in die landelike gebied?

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mnr die Speaker, dit is 'n totale nuwe vraag, mnr die Speaker, maar sekere professies in die gesondheidsorg kry 'n landelike toelaag om hulle daar te probeer hou. Selfs dit is nie altyd suksesvol nie. Ons het so pas met van ons mediese skole in die provinsie 'n ooreenkoms aangegaan in terme waarvan ons minderbevoorregte leerders van skole op die platteland wat grensgevalle was met aansoeke om te studeer as gesondheidswerkers of dokters op te neem in addisionele poste by die mediese skole waar ons dan vir hulle 'n volle beurs vir die hele tydperk gee en hulle terugplaas in die gemeenskap waar hulle vandaan kom, soos byvoorbeeld sê nou maar Beaufort-Wes of Laingsburg of Cederberg of so iets. Ons het ervaar, mnr die Speaker, dat daar leerlinge of leerders op die platteland is wat grensgevalle akademies is. As hulle die geleentheid sou gehad het om na bevoorregte skole toe te gaan in die stad sou hulle waarskynlik gekwalifiseer het. Ons gee daardie leerders dan 'n geleentheid en ons gebruik dit sommer om ons plattelandse dokters aan te vul, en dis ook 'n baie beter program as die ANC se Kubaanse dokters.

Mnr P UYS: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. LUR, watter professies kwalifiseer vir addisionele besoldiging in landelike gebiede?

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mnr die Speaker, ek is nie 100% seker oor watter professies almal daarvoor kwalifiseer nie. Ek sal uitvind. Ek weet spesifiek dat

dokters daarvoor kwalifiseer, en ek dink daar is ook 'n spesiale stelsel vir verpleegsters, maar ek praat onder korreksie.

Me E PRINS: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Agb minister Botha, kan u asseblief - ek weet nie of u in 'n posisie is om te sê nie – vir ons aandui hoeveel van die fasiliteite op die plase beskikbaar is? U onthou die interpellasie van destyds toe u belowe dat u met die 'farmers' gaan praat. Kan u nou vir ons sê hoeveel van daardie fasiliteite nou nog daar is, en kan u departement vir die Huis 'n lys gee om vir ons 'n aanduiding te gee van waar die fasiliteit is en op watter plase dit is? Dankie.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mnr die Speaker, ja ek sal so 'n lys beskikbaar stel. Ek het dit ongelukkig nie nou in my kop nie. Ek kan vir u sê dat ten tye van die interpellasie het ons dit nog net in De Doorns gedoen. Ons het dit intussen baie suksesvol uitgerol in Rawsonville en ons is nou besig daarmee in die Montagu-omgewing. Ongelukkig is dit so dat hierdie stelsel net gebruik kan word in areas waar jy 'n hoë digtheid plaasbevolking het, so dit kan nie werk in die Karoo en sulke plekke nie. Ons het egter weer ander planne daarvoor, maar ek wil dit nie nou meng met hierdie kwessie nie. Ek sal dit aan u beskikbaar stel.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Mnr die Speaker, ek wil die Minister vra, as u sê dat die program nuut is soos u voorheen gesê het, is die program in u termyn geïmplementeer of het u voorganger ook die leemte geïdentifiseer?

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mnr die Speaker, die voorgangers was die leemte self ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Bonnievale: accessible health care

14. Ms A J Du Toit Marais asked the Minister of Health:

What progress, if any, has been made in respect of the processes relating to accessible healthcare in Bonnievale?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Speaker, thank you very much to the hon member Ms Marais for this question. The reply is as follows:

14. At present there is a clinic in Happy Valley which has been extended with a prefab building. We are planning to enlarge the clinic on the current site. It is anticipated that the business case will be finalised this year and subsequent to that a briefing document will be compiled and consultants will be appointed in 2014 to start with the planning and the procurement of the extensions. The primary healthcare service is currently supported with mobile clinics that reach about 570 patients in the surrounding areas, mainly on farms in that district. Patients are referred to the Robertson Hospital and Worcester Hospital and the healthcare transport service is available for them to reach these facilities.

Question 15 stands over.

The SPEAKER: That is the end of question time. The outstanding replies will be printed in Hansard. Hon members, we now proceed to statements by members.

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, you said “outstanding replies”. There are no outstanding replies. Those questions should be on the next Order Paper please. I am just worried that they will not be on the next Order Paper.

The SPEAKER: That is fine.

Mr P UYS: Thank you very much.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Ms J L HARTNICK (DA): Mr Speaker, September marks public service month in South Africa. Public service month serves as a reminder of what it means to serve communities. Mr Speaker, I remind each member here today, and especially the ANC, of their role as public servants. As members of the provincial parliament we ought to also remain cognisant that we are elected to represent the people. It is our duty to serve the people through the legislature. Part of this duty is to consider, deliberate, monitor and discuss issues in the Western Cape. Often this includes the consideration of bills which will benefit the people of this province. This cannot be done if members of this legislature neglect to pitch for important meetings, walk out of constructive debate and use their positions as public servants for personal gain.

On more than one occasion we have seen the ANC walk out of this House when significant votes had to be taken and important debates were scheduled, all of which were in the interest of the people of the Western Cape. [Interjections.] The ANC fails

to attend standing committee meetings where bills are to be discussed. As an example ... You know it is true. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon members, order!

Ms J L HARTNICK: As an example I refer to the Standing Committee on Health meeting which was held on 24 July 2013 to consider and deliberate on the *Mental Healthcare Amendment Bill*. This could not be done because the ANC simply chose not to attend this meeting ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no.

Ms J L HARTNICK: And you know it is true. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Speaker, earlier this year the Finance Standing Committee could not discuss the *Western Cape Transport Infrastructure Bill* because there was no quorum present, as the ANC and Cope neglected to attend the meeting. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms J L HARTNICK: As public servants we should not make excuses for not ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Hartnick, finalise please. You can finalise your sentence. Finalise it. [Interjections.] Order! What is it?

Mr M NCEDANA: On a point of order. Is it parliamentary to say when a member was on duty of this parliament outside the province he or she neglected his work by not being present in the portfolio committee? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: What are you ... [Interjections.]

Mr M NCEDANA: Mr Speaker, I am raising the question because it is said that Cope neglected, so I am asking the question because the member of Cope was busy with parliamentary work. She was at the national conference where she represented this parliament, so it is incorrect to say she neglected. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Ncedana. [Interjections.] Order! Hon members, order! Hon Bevu, hon member Ms Bevu, order. Hon member Ms Hartnick, over to you.

Ms J L HARTNICK: I will proceed with that. As public servants we are not to make excuses ... [Interjections.] [Time expired.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not start with that ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired, hon member Ms Hartnick. Thank

you very much. [Interjections.] ANC, over to you.

Mr Z C STALI (ANC): The DA easily pats itself on the back for various reasons. The one big thing it cannot brag about is the inferior service delivery to poor people in the townships ... [Interjections.] ... temporary relocation areas and informal settlements, like sanitation, storm water drainage and a better fire fighting capacity. [Interjections.]

The test for good service delivery is not how the few in the leafy areas see service delivery, but how the same level and standard of service or better can be delivered to improve poor areas and the lives of the vulnerable people. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Chris, is your GPS working? [Inaudible.] ... [Interjections.]

Mr Z C STALI: Where the DA governs in the province and municipalities we see how happy the rich are. It is clear the DA has a bias for its rich constituency.

Mr P UYS: Yes, always!

Mr Z C STALI: There the province and the City tick all the right boxes. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Yes, it does.

Mr Z C STALI: It does not make sense to say how much is spent on the poor, but

rather how effective that expenditure is to bring equality and parity to all our people. Let us compare schools, roads, and the bus lanes and cycle lanes in the CBD to Blaauwberg, and other infrastructure ... [Interjections.]

The ANC calls on this double-standard DA to first tick the right boxes for the poor, the suffering and the mourning before it merely ticks the usual boxes elsewhere. Why do too many here in the Western Cape still suffer high child abuse, loss of children, violence, foetal alcohol syndrome, TB, murder, drugs, gangs and rape? Treat all people equal and do not discriminate against those the DA terms “refugees”, incomers and people from the Eastern Cape. [Interjections.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Mnr die Speaker, ek weet nie waar lewe die agb ANC-lid nie, maar duidelik nie hier nie. Die Demokratiese Alliansie in regering in die Wes-Kaap se openbare diens- en bestuurspraktyke is die heel beste in Suid-Afrika. Dit is nie die DA wat sy eie beuel blaas nie, maar volgens 'n verslag wat gister deur die nasionale Ministerie van Prestasiemonitering en Evaluering vrygestel is. [Tussenwerpsels.] Dit lyk nou vir my julle glo julle eie verslae nie.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon members, order!

Me A ROSSOUW: Sedert die DA demokraties deur die kiesers in die Wes-Kaap ingestem is, ontvang hierdie regering jaar op jaar erkenning vir die goeie regeringspraktyke van sy onderskeie departemente. Die suksesvolle munisipaliteite het bewys dat streng dissipline, leierskap en funksionele bestuursvermoëns die sleutel tot doeltreffendheid is. Stabiliteit, spanwerk en die wil om verantwoordelike besluite te

neem en dit korrek uit te voer, is waarom dit goed gaan in die Wes-Kaap.
[Tussenwerpsels.]

Nasionale verslae het bewys dat die Wes-Kaap se doeltreffende en doelmatige bestuurspraktyke is wat dienslewering deurgaans verbeter. Die DA kry slegs 10.2% van die land se begroting, maar daarmee bereik ons 100% sukses. Vanjaar weer wys die Wes-Kaap se rapportkaart 'n tien-uit-tien punt ten opsigte van al die vier kategorieë waarin ons gemeet is: regering, strategie, menslike hulpbronne-stelsels en finansies.

Mnr P UYS: Maar nie dienslewering nie.

Me A ROSSOUW: Die provinsie wat tweede is, is Mpumalanga met 'n gemiddeld van 70%. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr P UYS: Nie dienslewering nie ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Sensus 2011 het bewys die Wes-Kaap is eenvoudig leiers op alle gebiede. Die gemiddelde persentasie dienslewering is 95% ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Witbooi, order please.

Me A ROSSOUW: ...die hoogste in Suid-Afrika. Statistieke Suid-Afrika se verslag van twee weke gelede het dieselfde bevestig. Die DA glo dat elke Suid-Afrikaner 'n bevredigende werkgeleentheid, verbeterde dienslewering en effektiewe skoon regering

verdien. Mnr die Speaker, die DA in die Wes-Kaap wil die nasionale regering bedank vir sy eerlikheid om hierdie verslag voor die 2014-verkiesing vry te stel en aan die res van Suid-Afrika te bewys dat daar waar die DA regeer daar sukses is. Baie dankie, mnr die Speaker. [Tyd verstreke.]

Die SPEAKER: Me Rossouw, u tyd is om. Dankie, baie dankie. ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Hoor daar, hoor daar! ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J A VAN ZYL (COPE): Dankie, mnr die Speaker. In die lig van die erns van die situasie het ek op 22 Augustus 2013 die agb minister Botha in kennis gestel dat daar 'n apteek in die noordelike voorstede is wat nie staatsvoorraad van die entstof Prevenar wat onder andere meningitis, longontsteking en middeloor-ontsteking veroorsaak en wat hoogs aansteeklik kan wees, ontvang het nie.

Ek ontvang op 22 en 26 Augustus SMS'e van die departement wat lui:

- (1) Daar was gewysigde administratiewe prosesse maar die voorraad behoort reggestel te word.
- (2) Dat die departement nie bewus is van enige tekort nie, maar sal opvolg en terugvoering gee.

Geen terugvoer is verder ontvang nie. Dit is twee antwoorde op dieselfde vraag. Wat is die waarheid?

Tydens die telefoniese navrae aan verskeie klinieke gister en vanoggend het dit aan die lig gekom dat daar apteke in die noordelike voorstede maar ook klinieke in die informele areas is wat onder andere ook nie die entstof teen Hepatitis B het nie.

[Tussenwerpsels.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: En nog ... [Onduidelik.]

Me J A VAN ZYL: Dankie. Wat nog?

Mnr P UYS: Ja. ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J A VAN ZYL: In artikels in koerante blameer die provinsiale departement die nasionale departement, maar dit blyk dat die nasionale departement nie kennis dra van die tekorte nie. Wat is die waarheid? ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J WITBOOI: Hulle kry tien uit tien!

Me J A VAN ZYL: Melding word ook gemaak van polio en masels-entstof wat ook nie beskikbaar is nie. Ek dink Minister Botha verwys daarna. [Tussenwerpsels.] Hierdie inentings is van kardinale belang vir kinders van geboorte tot twaalf jaar oud en hulle word nou blootgestel aan gevaarlike siektes soos polio, masels, TB en hepatitis B, waarvan die gevolge onomkeerbaar is, soos doofheid, oogsiektes, breinskade of selfs in sekere gevalle kindersterftes.

Mnr die Speaker, die vraag is, het die departement 'n noodplan? Hoe gaan die

departement hierdie tekort aanspreek en hoe gaan daar toegesien word dat kinders wat nie betyds hulle immunisasie ontvang het nie terugkom na klinieke. Die agb minister Botha skuld 'n eerlike verduideliking aan die mense van die Wes-Kaap. Dankie.

Me J WITBOOI: Nou!

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Sommer nou. Kan ek dit nou doen?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL (ANC): The DA, Mr Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order members! Hon member Ms Witbooi.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The DA is hard at work currently with their “know your DA campaign” and purport to be the watchdogs on crime and corruption. However, this only applies when it refers to others. One wonders how they defend or spin the debacle of the irregularities discovered by the Public Protector in the awarding of the contract to the value of R700 million for the architectural design for the extension of the CTICC, while they are now campaigning. As much as the Auditor General and Treasury run workshop after workshop they actually flaunted the laws on supply chain management again. As at the outset and as usual they kicked and screamed and said that they had followed all procedures as stipulated in the MFMA. If the losing bidder did not raise the alarm we would be none the wiser ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: No corruption ... [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Stranger still ... I did not talk about corruption, MEC.

An HON MEMBER: You did. You are dealing with it.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: But stranger still, how could the Convenco board, appointed by the DA and the DA led City of Cape Town, not have recognised the name of the same consultant they had just been working with on the proposed drawings for the design? That is such a glaring unfair disadvantage ... [Interjections.] ... similar to the unfair advantage in the process followed with the communication strategy here, and both had to be stopped and redone. [Interjections.]

We recently had long debates about the appointment of members to the Convenco board, an entity that has to account to this DA government. So there is no way that you can plead innocence or non-involvement. The DA should man up and take responsibility for flouting laws and regulations here in the Western Cape as stipulated and discovered by the Auditor General and the Public Protector. [Interjections.]

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE (DA): Mr Speaker, we often speak about how important it is to invest in our children's future and the importance of their education in that future, but the health of our learners is also very much a part of this future. Health is wealth, which is why it needs to be accorded the necessary care and security.

The integrated schools health programme and the national health insurance pilot project that focused on schools prove that health and education outcomes can be

improved collectively. With input and working closely with the provincial Department of Health, the Western Cape Education Department and other key partners have been able to draw up a health policy and implementation framework.

The programme will be phased in over a five year period with a strong focus on getting the necessary care to disadvantaged schools first. The plan will aim in future to reach all learners. The integrated schools health programme includes assessments for learners in Grade R and Grade 1. This includes hearing tests, eye tests, oral health, weight and height as well as required inoculations. The programme has thus far seen over 12 000 school children in the Eden district, which was demarcated as a pilot site, being screened by school health teams.

Initiatives such as this illustrate that this government is committed to, wherever possible, adopting holistic approaches to improving the future of our learners in body and mind, especially those that are most vulnerable. Thank you.

Mr R B LENTIT (ID): Mr Speaker, job creation starts with education and education is every individual's key to unlocking the door of opportunity. Whilst the education system in eight provinces governed by the ANC is in crisis it is the DA's national education policy implemented in this province that will unlock job opportunities for all the children of the Western Cape. Our children have the right to decent education that will unlock the job opportunities still denied by other provinces. When the DA took over the Western Cape government they inherited a poor management system, particularly time management, with most children receiving far less dedicated teaching and learning time each year than required to complete the syllabus. The DA's

plan for growth and jobs is contained in a number of proposals that gives young people of the Western Cape the educational opportunities and the skills they need to get a job. These policies form the heart of the DA's education policy as implemented, tested and proved as successful in a province that we govern. The DA introduced training workshops for teachers during school holidays to improve their teaching skills in literacy and numeracy. The DA implemented an improved outcome strategy for Grade 12 in underperforming schools. While some of the ANC governed provinces struggle with the delivery of textbooks it is the DA that ensures that each learner has a textbook for each subject. Minister Donald Grant made the unprecedented commitment that over the next two to three years all children from Grade 1 to 12 will receive textbooks in every subject that they are taking, and he gave us positive feedback earlier on in this House in an oral reply on his commitment to this deliverable. The children of the Western Cape enjoy the right of a decent education ...

[Interjections.]

Ms J WITBOOI: Decent? Please! ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Witbooi.

Mr R LENTIT: ...that will unlock job opportunities when they finish their school year in this province. The DA leads and ANC provinces struggle to follow. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: DA over to you. [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Ms Witbooi, order! [Interjections.] DA over to you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Can I carry on, Mr Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, please.

Mr M G E WILEY (DA): For the last year the hon member Mr Ozinsky has been playing a series of confidence tricks with this Parliament and the public. The public may be fooled, but we are not. When the Department of Education tabled its annual report last year there was reference to an internal audit report relating to school transport. The hon member Mr Ozinsky who sits in Scopa immediately demanded to see the report which he was not entitled to, because it was not raised as a matter of financial concern by the Auditor-General but in another point of the report and as an illustration by that department of thorough governance - trick number 1.

The department, eager to be transparent, delivered the report to Scopa, but as the document was an internal management report, asked that it be kept and discussed in committee and gave the cogent reasons why this should be so.

The hon member Mr Ozinsky objected so Scopa got two legal opinions which clearly stated that although parliament should err on the side of transparency it was perfectly acceptable to discuss matters in committee if the document originator so insists. This is standard procedure the world over in parliaments. The hon member Mr Ozinsky, at the last sitting, blatantly omitted this caveat in his statement and carelessly manipulated these opinions to his own ends - trick number 2.

The hon member Mr Ozinsky tried to imply that the transport report had a direct

impact on the Rheenendal bus disaster months later. It does not - trick number 3.

He refuses to discuss in open forum the remedial actions taken stemming from the management report and repeatedly walks out. Talk about a closing down of the democratic space - trick number 4.

The last trick was when the hon member Mr Ozinsky tried to draw ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, this is a substantial motion and cannot be entertained in a statement. I want you to rule on that please.

The SPEAKER: No, but this is a statement by the hon member, Mr Uys. There is nothing wrong with the statement.

Mr P UYS: Well, he gets away every time. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: This is not a substantial motion. You may proceed, hon member Mr Wiley. [Interjections.] Order! Proceed, hon member.

Mr M G E WILEY: Then the hon member Mr Ozinsky tried to draw a parallel between the transport report matter and the request of the provincial police commissioner to give manpower statistics at the station level in committee. The standing committee declined to hear this report as this information is readily available at CPF level, and

members would not be able to do their oversight work if civil society could talk about the matter publicly but the legislators could not. Obviously there is no comparison. We await the next trick.

Mr P UYS (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The DA is really bad for local government. This was again proven on Tuesday when the Western Cape High Court found the DA power grab in Oudtshoorn Municipality to be illegal and nullified various illicit decisions that were taken, like the payment of millions ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order hon members! Order!

Mr P UYS: ... like the payment for the private legal costs of DA councillor Nel, Mr Speaker, Know the DA! Especially MEC Theuns Botha should be ashamed of his fiasco as he orchestrated this coup overnight from a hotel. You know that. MEC Anton Bredell also had a finger in the pie claiming the Oudtshoorn onslaught was legal! Now those councillors have to pay the costs awarded against them. Know the DA!
[Interjections.]

The long list of illegal actions and unconstitutional interference by the DA in municipal business grows. The DA also destabilises and frustrates municipalities. In Oudtshoorn the DA first approved the draft budget and then paralysed the process to block the budget. Know the DA! [Interjections.]

The DA reels under a barrage of corruptive findings and prohibited expenditure like

the almost R40 million paid to councillors, their families and employees revealed in the AG's report on municipalities. Know the DA!

Eden DA mayor Wessie Van Der Westhuizen is still in his position despite damning evidence of fraud, forgery, abuse of power and breaches of the code of conduct. It is swept under the carpet. You know that, hon Minister Botha. Know the DA!
[Interjections.]

Not to speak about the bad problems and corruptive action in DA municipalities in the latest SIU report, like in Midvaal, George, Stellenbosch and Swellendam, Mr Speaker. Know the DA!

The DA has become the party of maladministration, mismanagement and inferior service delivery where it governs. Know the DA! ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr P UYS: That is the DA. That is the true DA.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. ACDP, over to you. Order!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN
ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING : Na die ANC gestem het ...[Onhoorbaar.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister Bredell. [Interjections] Hon members, order!

Hon members, order! [Interjections.] ACDP, chance not taken. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Uys, order, order hon members. DA, over to you. Hon Minister Botha. Order.

Mnr J J VISSER (DA): Dankie, Mnr die Speaker. Innovasie en ontwikkeling gaan hand aan hand. Indien daar nie genoeg innovasie in 'n land plaasvind nie sal so 'n land ook nie sy ekonomie in stand kan hou of sy ekonomie kan ontwikkel nie. Suid-Afrika was eens een van die voorste lande in die wêreld ten opsigte van innovasie. Toe Bloomberg onlangs sy 50 mees innoverende lande vir 2013 aangekondig het wat uit 200 lande geselekteer is, is Suid-Afrika 50ste geplaas. Ons was 39ste in 2012. Ons het dus in een jaar met elf plekke gedaal. In vergelyking met ons BRIC-vennote lyk ons nie goed nie. China lê 29ste en Rusland lê 14de. Daar is 'n direkte verband tussen navorsing en ontwikkeling en innovasie.

In Suid-Afrika behoort meer insentiewe vanaf die Nasionale Regering na besighede en universiteite te gaan om navorsing en die ontwikkeling van nuwe tegnologie te stimuleer. Alhoewel Suid-Afrika steeds die ster van Afrika is met 'n innovasie-indeks van 71% besteding aan ontwikkeling en die navorsing in Afrika, lê Afrika self maar 0,7% op die wêreldindeks en is ons ook hier in Afrika besig om terug te sak ten koste van die Silikon Savanna in Kenia. Ander provinsies sal die voorbeeld van die Wes-Kaap moet volg met intervensies op skoolvlak om wiskunde- en wetenskapgeletterheid te stimuleer en op 'n hoër vlak te plaas.

Die Wes-Kaap se Departement van Onderwys laat doen gereeld sistemiese toetsing deur 'n onafhanklike organisasie met Grade 3, 6 en 9 leerders om hul vlakke van letter-

en numeriese vaardighede te bepaal. Teikens word vir skole gestel vir elke graad om hulle verantwoordelik te hou vir die vlakke van onderrig wat toegepas word. Kinders word geleer om kreatief te kan skryf, wat essensieel is vir kreatiewe en innoverende denke. Die onderwysdepartement in die Wes-Kaap het niteenstaande hierdie drie inisiatiewe nog sewe ander om kinders beter op te voed en hulle so voor te berei om innoverend en kreatief te kan optree. As ons ons ekonomie in hierdie land wil laat groei, mnr die Speaker, sal ons moet begin by ons kinders en ons sal hulle moet opvoed om innoverend te kan dink. Ek dank u.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Visser. That is the end of the statements by members. We now proceed to the motions with notice. Hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That this House discusses the irregularities in the awarding of the Cape Town International Convention Centre construction tender by the City of Cape Town.

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Ms Du Toit Marais.

ME A J MARAIS: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Ek gee kennis dat ek sal voorstel:

Dat die Huis die uitwerking van die toestand van gesondheidsorg in die Oos-Kaap op die Wes-Kaap debatteer.

Ms M TINGWE: Oh please!

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Mr Von Brandis.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the successes of the Western Cape in the latest management performance assessment tool report released by the Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency.

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the Premier's refusal to address the sanitation crisis in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Witbooi.

Ms J WITBOOI: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the failure on the part of the Western Cape Government to provide proper sporting opportunities to young people in poor and working class areas.

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the role and scope of police oversight in the province, together with the obligation of the police to comply with this legal requirement.

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Mr Von Brandis.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That noting the collapse of health services in the Eastern Cape, this House debates the lead time in determining the province's equitable share in the division of revenue and the impact on provincial departments' budgets.

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any further notices? None? We then proceed to motions without notice.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: No, no [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: But I asked if there is a further notice of motion and there was not. We are dealing with "without notice" now. [Interjections.]

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: With notice?

The SPEAKER: I will give you that chance, hon member Mr von Brandis. I will give you that chance.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of red tape on entrepreneurship.

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. [Interjections.] Any further? Thank you hon member Mr von Brandis. Motions without notice.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Ms L BROWN: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that today is the commemoration of the death of Mr Steven Bantu Biko who was killed 36 years ago in 1977 at the age of 31 by the apartheid regime while in prison.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Mnr J J VISSER: Mnr die Speaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis die atlete Zac Visser en Kgotso Mokoena gelukwens met hul onlangse prestasie by 'n Diamantligabyeenkoms Europa waar hul onderskeidelik eerste en tweede gekom het in die verspringitem vir mans.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

The SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? Objection to the motion itself? No.

Agreed to.

Ms V HANI: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that 60 children have gone missing in the Western Cape in 2013 according to statistics supplied by Missing Children South Africa.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?
Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commends the Democratic Alliance government in the Western Cape on the best performing management practices report, namely the State of Management Practices in the Public Service, 2012, released yesterday by the national minister Collins Chabane's department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation, which showed that the Western Cape excelled in all four categories of measurement.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? Objection? If there is an objection the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Ms Labuschagne.

Me C LABUSCHAGNE: Mnr die Speaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis die vier leerders van die Laerskool Zwaanswyk in Retreat, Yusra Mallum, Hlanganisa Tembile, Ashanti Mesias en Jezane September gelukwens met die Growsmart geletterdheidskompetisie wat hulle die naweek gewen het en sodoende hul skoolfonds met R250 000 kon vergroot.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

The SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Ms D GOPIE: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House extends its condolences to the family of four month old baby Fadiel Louw who froze to death in Valhalla Park.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates constable Siphiwo Nteta of Lwandle SAPS

Detectives who received the National Detective of the Year Award for 2013. Constable Nteta has gained the reputation for dedication, professionalism and perseverance in the pursuit of criminals, and we wish him well.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Ms M TINGWE: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that a teacher in Delft recently abused black learners and has been suspended and relocated to another school.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Me C LABUSCHAGNE: Mnr die Speaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis professor Allan Morris, antropoloog aan die Universiteit van Kaapstad gelukwens met die bekroning van sy boek, “*Missing and Murdered: a personal adventure in Forensic Anthropology*” deur die Amerikaanse antropologiese vereniging. Professor Morris ontvang die toekenning in November in Chicago.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Lucas Sithole who became the first African player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair tennis title, as all three world number one ranked players were defeated on their way to the finals, on Sunday, 8 September 2013, in New York.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Mr R B LENTIT: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that September marks Deaf Awareness Month and especially the work and vision of organisations such as SLED, the Western Province Deaf Society, Lewensruimte vir Dowes, the National Institute for the Deaf, Southern Cape Association for the Deaf and Muslim Assembly Welfare Department for the Deaf. The common objective of these organisations is to facilitate to the deaf equal

and democratic rights, especially through literacy and learning.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates one of the province's premier tourist attractions, the Stellenbosch Wine Route, for its nomination as Wine Region of the Year in 2013, for the Wine Star Award.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates provincial traffic officer SPI Kotze who single-handedly effected an arrest of two male suspects on the N2 on Tuesday night, and in the process seized thirty-eight 20 kilogram bags filled with perlemoen at a value of over a million rand;

That the House further notes that the Western Cape continues to be the only

province providing a 24 hours provincial traffic policing service.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that September is Heritage Month and emphasises the tragic events in which seven girls and two women lost their lives in a tragic bus accident on their way back from Enyokeni Palace in KwaZulu Natal where they had been taking part in the heritage celebrations of the reeds dance. A further sixty girls were also injured in this accident. I propose that the House extends its sympathy to the families, friends and the communities of all those involved.

[Notice as given by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Martin Groenewald and Ethan Paulse, both of the Western Cape, who formed part of the South African intellectually impaired

swimming team that took part in the INAS World Swimming Championships last month in Noumea, during which South Africa achieved the third most medals with Groenewald getting two bronze medals and Paulse one bronze medal.

[Notice as given by member.]

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

Objection to the motion itself? No?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, we now proceed to the subject for discussion. The next item on the Order Paper is the subject for discussion in the name of the hon member Ms Brown. I recognise the hon member Ms Brown.

SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

Undermining of women in the Western Cape

Ms L BROWN (ANC): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. We commend the Western Cape government and its efficient officials for again, within 20 years of its existence, bringing us another well performing province distinction in terms of governance and other KPAs. But as much as the Western Cape Government gets credit for good governance, it also is a province that has the highest incidence of foetal alcohol syndrome in the world.

We celebrated World Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day on 9 September, two days ago, and no one in this House has actually passed a motion on it at all. We have this burden and we all have to deal with it. It also has amongst the highest incidence of rape and violence against women. A week does not pass without reading in newspapers that a four month old baby dies in this province because of the cold or like in Rheenendal, is raped and murdered, or an 18 year old body found on a field. So one can go on and in fact multiply that many, many fold.

The Western Cape must become the best performing province for all for these poor woman, children, people living in rural areas, and people living with disabilities. This is the message that many women in leadership and various organisations recently brought to Cape Town for the DA and Helen Zille on 31 August. They came as peers in government, mothers, sisters and daughters, to say to the Western Cape Premier that they are wrong. Women must be treated properly and as equals. Their esteem must be restored and they must have the right to be given a chance in every aspect of life, respected and upheld. The women came to the Premier's office to say that she is wrong to only appoint men as MECs. It does not send a good message to young women who want to proceed into positions of power. They came to say it is wrong to appoint mostly men in management positions such as the heads of department, that all the women who have left the province since the DA came into power have been replaced by men except for one. They came to say it is wrong to disregard national guidelines and legislation and to not implement restorative action to mainstream women in the Western Cape. They came to say it is wrong to hide behind misguided fit for purpose policies to perpetuate male and white domination. These are regressive. They are gendered and race related appointments, practices and reasoning.

Failing the test of responsive leaders she instead chose to hide behind policemen armed to their teeth against these women. The Premier chose to comment on photos taken from behind the curtains in the safety of her office. There was nothing to fear, Madam Premier, and we saw many lies and rumours spread on social networks to discredit the women who had the conviction to tell the Premier she is wrong. This is a misogynistic approach to women and it sends a very wrong message to all those who make the Western Cape their home. Much of this abuse and violence against women happens in the whole country, but at least we know that communities are taking hands, that there is support for NGOs, that people are having a sense that their government cares for them. As members of this legislature we have a responsibility to ensure that there are programmes in our communities that support and protect women and children. It is not a policing matter only. You cannot just call in the army to protect our communities. It requires the work of all the departments to come together and work collaboratively with communities most affected by the scourge of violence to formulate programmes that empower women like teaching them their rights, the ways to access justice and where they can find protection when exercising their rights. It is for example helping with the creation of income generation projects, doing community skills service, followed by programmes that commercialise these specific skills after school and during weekends, and also to 'conscientise' men about their roles.

This province requires a ruling party where the Premier is not deaf to the cries of the poorest and the most vulnerable. The problem is that the DA's priorities are wrong. We spend our taxpayer money on ensuring that the BRT stops in Table View, while the people and women in particular from Atlantis have no safe transport. The DA led government will spend R71 million on the Convention Centre and not spend the

money in our communities on our institutions and rather have NGOs closing down. The DA led government will spend taxpayer money on court cases to fight poor communities and very often women because it is their children that go to schools. The many, many examples of court rulings tell the DA that it is wrong and that spending taxpayers' money on appealing court case after court case against poor communities is frivolous and destructive to this province. We all want to brag about our province.

The SPEAKER: Please finish your sentence, hon member Ms Brown.

Ms L BROWN: But we want to brag about the province that works for all our people.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Ms Hartnick, over to you.

Ms J L HARTNICK(DA): Mr Speaker, I find it strange that the ANC would put forth a debate stating that women are undermined in the Western Cape when it is them that is doing exactly that, undermining women in the Western Cape.

Ms M TINGWE: How?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Tingwe, order please.

Ms J L HARTNICK: Not only women, but the people of the Western Cape in general. But since the ANC feels the need to differentiate on the basis of gender which the DA feels is discriminatory, let us speak about how the ANC has undermined women in the Western Cape. Three of the Premier's five priority projects motivates empowering

women in the Western Cape, one of which is focused on child maintenance. Its desired outcome is or was to create a new child maintenance ethic amongst defaulting parents, which research has shown is mostly fathers. This project had also aimed to incorporate responsible parenting and to afford maintenance beneficiaries access to information. This way poverty amongst people in the Western Cape especially women would be alleviated. While driven by the Premier and Mayor De Lille, maintenance defaulters were traced and beneficiaries could access benefits due to them as part of various road blocks.

Various community information workshops were held, where communities were informed on child maintenance. In 2011 the project was taken over by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development under the leadership of the ANC. Since then the department of the Premier's request for cooperative governance with the Department of Justice has been unsuccessful. The department of the Premier was informed that the go-ahead must come from the national government and that is where the hold-up is. The cooperation from the Departments of Justice and Constitutional Development is essential as they have the list of defaulters and beneficiaries to which the department of the Premier does not have access to without their consent. This is how the ANC undermines women in the Western Cape.

Further undermining women is the leader of the ANC, President Jacob Zuma. In August 2012 President Zuma said on national television, and I quote: "I was also happy because I would not want to stay with daughters who are not getting married, because that in itself is a problem in society. I know that people today think being single is nice. It is actually not right. That is a distortion. You have to have kids. Kids

are important to a woman because they actually give extra training to a woman to be a mother.”

Mr Speaker, is this not a deep patriarchal take on a woman’s role in the domestic sphere? Is this not undermining women?

Another example is when Lindiwe Zulu, President Zuma’s international relations adviser, was silenced by the presidency after President Robert Mugabe called her a “street woman” and referred to her as “stupid”. It is disheartening that the presidency did not react to this deliberate undermining but rather silenced Lindiwe Zulu for voicing her opinions. That again proves how the ANC undermines women.

Lastly, while we are on the gender issues in this House today, I refer to President Zuma’s take on same-sex marriages and homosexuality. I quote: “Same sex marriage is a disgrace to the nation and to God. When I was growing up ‘ungqingili’ - homosexuals in IsiZulu - could not stand in front of me. I would knock them out.” This is the President of our country and the leader of the ANC.

I urge the ANC of this province to cooperate with the DA as we try to empower every individual of the Western Cape. Instead of undermining women the DA promotes the Premier’s priority projects, which includes child maintenance, policy on the prevention of sexual harassment and teenage pregnancy prevention.

We also commend Dr Wilmot James for his Girl Power initiative which affords talented Grade 11 girls from Mitchells Plain the opportunity of an overseas experience, and mentors them through Grade 12 and a three year long university

degree in science and technology. The Girl Power groups will meet up with women employed in the field of science, technology and mathematics in the Netherlands.

This shows how women are empowered in the Western Cape and the DA will continue to monitor and ensure that each person irrespective of gender is empowered and given freedom they can use. I thank you.

†UNKsz T N BEVU (COPE): Enkosi Somlomo, mandiqale ndithi bendingazi ukuba ilungu uHartnick ulilonyolonyo, ngokuba uza nobuxoki apha kule Ndlu ekubeni endazi ukuba kwiveki edlulileyo iveki yonke bendikwiInternational Common Wealth Conference eSandton. [Uphazamiseko.]

*Ms T N BEVU: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Let me start by saying I did not know that the hon member Ms Hartnick is such a hypocrite, because she brings lies to this House while she knows that for the whole of last week I was at the International Commonwealth Conference in Sandton. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms T N BEVU: In assessing gender transformation ... [Interjections.]

†USOMLOMO: Nksz Bevu, bendiza kucela ukuba urhoxise igama lobuxoki ngoba xa uliguqulela esiLungwini lithetha into yokuba ...bendicela nje ulisuse.

*The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Bevu, I would like to ask you to withdraw the word 'lies' because when you translate it to English it means that ... [Interjections]

Please just withdraw it.

†UNksz T N BEVU: Ndiyalirhoxisa ke, ndithi kodwa ulilonyolonyo.

*Ms T N BEVU: I withdraw it, but I am saying she is a hypocrite.

†USOMLOMO: Inyolonyolo andiqinisekanga ukuba lithetha ntoni, ndakulijonga elo gama kodwa ke ndakubuya. [Kuyahlekwa.]

*The SPEAKER: I am not so sure about the word 'hypocrite'. I will go and look that word up, but I will come back. [Laughter.]

Ms T N BEVU: In assessing gender transformation among provincial departments in the Western Cape and the City of Cape Town municipality the Commission for Gender Equity concluded that the Western Cape does not take seriously the Section 9 requirements of the *Employment Equity Act*. The DA government refuses to set concrete targets and to identify accountability for performance, and to track employment and gender equity statistics. They are not observing compliance regarding women and persons with disabilities at the top and senior management levels of government departments. For instance, on average women comprise 35% of senior management appointments in the public sector, and people with disabilities 0% at this level.

Both public and private employers in the Western Cape, according to CGE, disregard a key provision of the *Employment Equity Act* which requires employers to audit policies, practices and procedures to identify employment barriers to people from

designated groups and put measure in place to address these. We have on several occasions raised this question of accountability for compliance with employment equity legislation. The answer we got from the Premier in particular was that the employment equity legislation is unconstitutional.

This arrogant attitude of the DA is extremely regrettable. We see it for instance when any institution of public governance, NGOs and even the courts of law find judgment against the DA, they are accused of being misguided. Everyone is wrong when they disagree with the DA. That is very funny.

There is a serious lack of provincial coordination within the Western Cape government in respect of human rights, inclusive of gender, youth and disability. There are poor monitoring, evaluation and review mechanisms at all levels to monitor gender transformation. Most departments have established a slate of measures to raise gender awareness and accelerate leadership skills and opportunities among women. These include awareness raising interventions, the creation of gender forums and the development of women's empowerment strategies and gender action plans, coaching and mentoring measures, talent and executive management measures, provision of bursaries and learnership and internship opportunities.

What is also apparent is that transversal human resource policies set by the department of the Premier do not adequately address gender equality or target the advancement of women and people with disabilities, yet a lot of money is still wasted on that.

The private sector in the Western Cape requires a serious mindset shift to embed the principle of transformation. It needs to shift from seeking compliance with, as opposed to adopting the spirit of, employment equity, because despite in some instances targets being set for recruitment and appointment, women remain underrepresented in top management, sitting at merely an average of 10 to 20%.

It was encouraging to note that there has been a substantive increase of women representation in senior and middle management in the private sector representing an increase in the talent pool, but there is a clear need to escalate recognition and promotion of women from this tier to top management. Persons with disabilities continue to be grossly under-represented. We get the usual excuses from the Western Cape employers that they are under pressure to fill vacancies, but some are starting to concede that their recruitment processes do not broaden the range of candidates to include designated groups. Why? Lack of political will trickling down from the highest provincial government echelons. The Premier went as far as to mislead the public in saying this province does not have the required qualified personnel in the designated groups. That is what you said, ma'am.

The PREMIER: Stop twisting my words ... [Interjections.]

Ms T N BEVU: It is not all doom and gloom though. Some Western Cape companies are starting to establish high levels of accountability for transformation, including responsibilities for BEE, in their corporate scorecard, linking this to their performance bonus and management processes. In some entities all senior managers have employment equity and transformation as key performance indicators for individual

performance scorecards. This is encouraging. We wish the DA government could take a cue from this.

A major failure we need to accept is that the domestic violence and sexual harassment policy, whatever measures we have undertaken, are clearly inadequate in our province. We seriously need a change of tact and attitude. The Premier likes to pass the buck in saying a lack of substantial progress towards these things ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Bevu.

Ms T N BEVU: ... can be attributed to the deep-rooted patriarchal society we live in. As if we did not know that. As we know women are still faced with injustice, including violence ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Ms Bevu.

Ms T N BEVU: ...including violence, poverty, unemployment, exploitation and human trafficking. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Ms Bevu, order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, over to you.

Mr K E MAGAXA (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The struggle for gender equality is an integral part of the struggle for the emancipation of the poor and the working

class from exploitation and oppression.

The PREMIER: Have you told your President?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Our analysis as the ANC led alliance is based on an understanding that South Africa has experienced colonialism of a special type. We are colonised by ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: By whom? By whom?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Handlers. Central to colonialism of a special type, there are three interrelated phenomena, namely the issue of class, the issue of race and the issue of gender. These cannot be addressed in isolation from each other nor piecemeal. Therefore, the national democratic revolution is about tackling all forms of oppression ... [Interjections.] ... that is race, class and gender, in an interrelated manner. Unfortunately, the DA fence is grumbling. It is a right-wing political party which is conservative, and counter revolutionary in actual fact, that seeks to delay and undermine the struggle to tackle these interrelated challenges imposed by colonialism of a special type. It is incapable of leading or executing that particular programme. [Interjections.] It is because it has never been part of the struggle to emancipate the historically oppressed in South Africa in terms of race, class and gender.

The DA does not believe that the black majority has been oppressed and colonised by British imperialism. They do not believe that the poor majority are a product of that particular colonialism, because they themselves by and large benefited from that

system. You are the beneficiaries of our blood. How then can the DA believe that women and black women in particular suffer from triple oppression?

The DA's undermining of poor black women is clearly manifested by the skewed service delivery in this province. When the DA took over from the ANC in 2009, 80% of citizens already lived in houses in this province. You can look at your facts. The number of houses built has declined since the DA took over when they consistently reduce the targets. As the budget from the national government increases they reduce. Even these modest targets they fail to meet. Still Zille refuses to at least give ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon member Zille.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... hope to our homeless women by removing her failure of an MEC Madikizela. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: While there are capable women among yourselves.

Ms E PRINS: Jenny, yes, Jenny.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Our mothers, daughters, sisters and their children are the ones

who are affected most ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon members, order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, take your seat please. Hon member Mr Magaxa, order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Speaker, it is convention in the House to refer to a member as hon member.

The SPEAKER: It is the hon Premier Zille, please, or hon Zille. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I accept that, Mr Speaker. Our mothers, daughters, sisters and their children are the ones who are affected most by this homelessness. Our women need the home as a base from which to nurture society. Unfortunately this is denied by hon Helen Zille and the DA. Our women are forced to live under bridges with no access to land. Many women and their children die annually due to fires, flooding and exposure to cold in their shacks in the many informal settlements that are growing under the DA.

Mr M G E WILEY: How many people have you ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why does the DA administration continue to carry out illegal evictions of homeless people without any court order at Boys Town informal settlement in Wynberg? After the last illegal raid on 4 June, mothers and babies were left exposed overnight in a winter storm and the City's disaster risk office refused to help them. According to the City of Cape Town's own figures more than 80,000

households have no access to any form of sanitation. Amongst these statistics are the grandmothers, mothers and daughters who are forced to relieve themselves next to the N2. These are the mothers, grandmothers and daughters who have to risk their lives to go out at night and find a place to relieve themselves. They have become the statistics of our women who are abused, raped and murdered. Hon Zille is not at all concerned about these poor people and what is happening to them.

While our women have no access to taps close by to wash their hands, too many babies die of preventable disease every year. While Premier Helen Zille is not sleeping next to a porta-potty every night, our women in informal settlements are expected to put that stinking and despicable chamber pot next to their babies and their food. When the natural time of the month comes to our mothers and sisters and daughters they are forced to use these undignified form of sanitation, exposing them to severe health risks, and the Madam here is smiling. The DA still denies that there is a dire problem and continues to impose these unacceptable camping toilets on our people, an undignified form of sanitation that nobody wants to live with. The Premier herself tells this legislature that the porta-potties are camping toilets. She expects poor black women to live with it on a daily basis and to be satisfied with inferior services. Instead of wasting taxpayers' money on this disingenuous stand to sidetrack us from the real problems of sanitation ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member, your time has expired.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY (ID): Mr Speaker, thank you very much. The Western Cape government has been championing the role of women in this province since its first day in government. The Department of Community Safety has had a major focus on empowering our youth and many of these youth are young women. By providing these young women with opportunities through our Chrysalis academy we are taking these young women out of a negative environment, giving them opportunities and equipping them with the skills to find employment and become active members of their society. We recently celebrated, along with the exceptionally capable and successful female CEO of the academy, an all women intake at the Chrysalis academy.

Through our partnership with FET colleges we have seen hundreds of young unemployed and vulnerable women grabbing the opportunity to get out of a life of poverty and study towards a qualification. They have taken on subjects such as engineering, business, etc. Our traffic services have also championed the role of women by having roadblocks run entirely by women traffic officers.

We also ensure that women are not undermined when it counts most. We need to ensure that the women in this province are protected from violent sexual and domestic crimes which unfortunately are crime categories that most affect women.

I regularly conduct oversight visits to police stations and my department evaluates the implementation of the *Domestic Violence Act* at stations right across this province. We check whether the police are trained properly in the *Domestic Violence Act*, whether protection orders have been correctly issued. We raise any problems found with the provincial commissioner so that these identified issues can be addressed.

Mr Speaker, we also check the victim support rooms at police stations and whether they are properly equipped and have volunteers to assist victims of crime and specifically rape, which are mainly women. These support rooms are vital as they ensure that victims of rape can report crimes and give their statements in a safe and victim friendly environment. The victim support volunteers which have been trained in a joint partnership between this government and SAPS assist the victim through the police reporting process. Women are most definitely not undermined in this province. They are championed. They are supported and they are valued. Thank you.

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS (DA): Thank you, Mr Speaker. When this subject of discussion was brought to my attention I struggled to understand why the ANC, especially the hon member Ms Lynne Brown, persists with this issue.

Today I ask you why judge on face value? Why not evaluate progress or failure if you prefer based on added value for the people we serve and care for? The DA stands for equal opportunity and we strive for just that. [Interjections.] People opportunity [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, I am under no illusion that socio-historical factors have delayed women in the workplace, in society and in education, and I do feel it pivotal to empower individuals and give them the opportunity to enhance their potential, especially women and the girl child, and to afford them the knowledge needed to compete equally in society. With this reasoning, I commend the Premier and the department as well as the other departments on the programmes geared at empowering the girl child and women.

I acknowledge DA Mayor's Patricia De Lille of the City of Cape Town, Mayor Marie

Ferreira of Mossel Bay, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie of the Overstrand Municipality and Mayor Gesie Van Deventer of Drakenstein. All these municipalities have made significant progress since their election and are all women who are value adding leaders. In case the ANC needs a refresher on how services are delivered by competent and caring leaders take these mayors as an example.

On 3 September 2013 the Drakenstein municipal council confirmed its commitment to staff towards being a place of excellence for all its residents as well as surrounding areas by leasing land to add to the economic wellbeing and growth of the Drakenstein area. The well established KFC Franchisee, Ahead Trading, will lease a piece of land for nine years and eleven months, develop a KFC drive-through outlet, a play park and a crèche. This development will bring approximately 40 long term employment opportunities to the Drakenstein area. These employment opportunities will be available for members of the community nearest to the development. They will also be exposed to training. I congratulate mayor Gesie van Deventer.

In collaboration with other stakeholders mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie and her team brought government to the doorsteps of the people of the Overstrand municipality. A Thusong mobile centre visited the area in July 2013 to reach out to people who struggle to access certain services of government in the area. I commend mayor Botha-Guthrie on her efforts to redress service delivery.

Mayor Marie Ferreira has shown that leadership commitment leads to clean audits. The improved audit results that were achieved by the Mossel Bay, Langeberg and George municipalities are the result of leadership commitment. It shows without a

doubt that clean administration is possible when there is leadership commitment towards clean administration. This was said by the Auditor-General Mr Terence Nombembe when he announced his findings on 30 August 2013 on the audits of local government. Mossel Bay is one of the nine of 287 municipalities in South Africa which achieved a clean audit in the 2011/2012 financial year.

Under the leadership of mayor Patricia De Lille who also happens to be a woman, the City of Cape Town is offering residents of Hanover Park employment skills. The job readiness programme running from 9 September to 26 October this year teaches CV development, communication skills and job interview preparation, including mock interviews. This is to better prepare members of the community for the job market and teach them to communicate their skills in a more effective manner. It is clear that an individual should not be undermined on the basis of gender or race, or background and it seems that these are the only issues the ANC feels individuals should be judged on, when in fact it should be on the value they add in the work they do.

The ANC is hypocritical in stating that women are undermined in the Western Cape. A clear fact of this attitude is how the ANC undermines women in the province through the judicial system. Each day the media reports on sexual violence against women, most of which end fatally. Such a case is that of Anene Booysen. We are fully aware of how women are undermined through justice not prevailing as it effectively should. After Dr Klatzow's presentation to the Standing Committee on Community Development in May this year we are fully aware of the inadequacies of the judicial system, the calibre of the South African police service and most significantly the levels of incompetence within the forensic services of South Africa. I ask under whose

leadership are all these institutions? The ANC. Maybe the ANC does not remember this meeting with Dr Klatzow because their two female committee members undermined the people of the Western Cape when they walked out of that very meeting saying it was not important. We all know that not one woman on that side of the House makes a move without the approval of Marius Fransman. I thank you.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, hon member Ms Hartnick, order! Order!

Me J WITBOOI: Nee my suster! Jy lieg!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Speaker. It is always a privilege to take part in a debate that is initiated by the hon member Brown who is leaving now because I am speaking to her.

Ms M TINGWE: Oh, please!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Speaker, it is incredibly interesting for me when the hon member Ms Brown talks about the march. I think all the heavyweights, including the Premier of Gauteng and the National Minister of Education, some of them driving their Mercedes Benzes, marched to our parliament, our provincial parliament, while the poor walked in the rain. The question I want to ask them is, where was the ANC Women's League? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Where was the ANC Women's League when a serial killer and rapist ravaged Lusikisiki in the Eastern Cape, murdering more than twenty women and raping more than five children and women? [Interjections.] Where were they? Did they march to Bhisho? No, they did not march! [Interjections.]

Where were the ANC while the Department of Health in the Eastern Cape was collapsing and babies and the poor were dying, those who cannot afford Medi-Cross like you, because you are from a different class. I want to say, this class issue is another joke and hypocrisy of the ANC and that it illustrates the hypocrisy of the hon members on that side. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That illustrates the hypocrisy.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: What is more ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, take your seat please. Hon member Mr Magaxa, your running commentary is unacceptable. You had your chance and everyone was quiet in this House. Hon Minister Fritz, over to you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: What is more interesting about the whole narrative that they are displaying here this afternoon is that their idea of women empowerment is equal to economic empowerment. Their idea of women empowerment is equal to women getting rich. Their idea of women empowerment is an idea that completely forgets about the poor, and this is the joke.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is shocking!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This is the joke, this is the incredible joke. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister. Order!

Ms L BROWN: You are the joke!

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms J WITBOOI: Mr Speaker, can I ask the hon Minister Mr Fritz to have a decent speed. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please, hon member Ms Witbooi.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are wasting time. They get so angry and the hon member Ms Brown gets so angry because this is the truth. The notion of race, class and gender ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister Fritz.

Ms L BROWN: Mr Speaker, I would like you to rule on something. The hon Minister Fritz says that the reason we put this issue on the agenda is because it is about us wanting to empower ourselves financially and so on. Now that is ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms L BROWN: Does he have proof that that is why I put it on the agenda? That is what I want to know.

The SPEAKER: Order. Order! I think that is freedom of speech. Minister Fritz can express himself. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: Or maybe he is just corrupt in his thoughts.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Ms Brown, please take your seat.

Ms L BROWN: He is corrupt in his thoughts.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will illustrate it.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Brown, order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will illustrate!

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Speaker, this is a point of order.

The SPEAKER: No, no, let me start with this point of order. There is no point of order. I think the hon Minister has freedom of speech to express himself in this House, so there is no point of order at all. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: On a point of order. That is in the rules of the House, but these members are standing up on frivolous points of order.

The SPEAKER: We have already ruled on that one. [Interjections.] We have already ruled on that one. That is no point of order. That is what we have ruled, hon member Mr Wiley. Minister Fritz, please proceed.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Speaker, I am just making a general comment, hon member Ms Brown. Here is the evidence!

HON MEMBERS: Where?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Here is the evidence.

HON MEMBERS: Where?!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You know the hon member talks about class; you have committed class suicide!

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, address the Chair please. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: When big capital in South Africa, and in this instance what is called the gold mining industry, made an offer to the chairperson of the ANC, Ms Mbete, a R25 million carrot for a concession in gold, do you know what happened? They grabbed it, and that is the essence of this narrative in the House and that is the issue. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Ms L BROWN: You are irrelevant. You are irrelevant.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is the issue.

An HON MEMBER: The truth comes out.

Ms L BROWN: Really?

The SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order. Hon member Ms Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, my point is on relevance. The topic is that the House discusses the undermining of women in the Western Cape. That is the topic, so I cannot see the relevance. [Interjections.] Relevance!

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are getting upset!

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon members. Order hon Minister!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Oh, I am doing something right. They get so upset.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, can you please address this Chair and ...
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let me explain the relevance to them.
I will do it very slowly and step by step. The relevance ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Hani, I cannot hear Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The relevance is that when we come in this House we parade the poor. We exploit the poor. We use the poor, but when we go out there, we make our deals with capital and then we forget about our class position. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Our so-called class position. They are exploiting the poor. This is what we do.

The SPEAKER: Order, is it a point of order?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This is what we do, this is what we do.

Ms L BROWN: That is what you do.

The SPEAKER: Is it a point of order hon member Mr Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Can the hon Minister just take a question because I want to assist him ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order! Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, stop. Hon member Mr Magaxa, stop there. Is the Minister willing to take a question? No, take your seat, hon member Mr Magaxa [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: No time?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, take your seat. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes. Mr Speaker, I must actually get extra time. The hon member Mr Magaxa is from the ANC and of a special type so I cannot entertain any questions, but let me tell them what we do.

In this province, we have just spent, in this financial year, R87 million on the prevention of substance abuse to save those young women in Mitchells Plain and in Gugulethu who are on drugs and to give them access to treatment, so that we can save them, firstly, and then empower them. That is what we do! That is what we do!

This morning, together with the City, we opened another treatment centre in the heart of Parkwood so that we can give people access, and specifically young people on drugs and older people abusing substances, on their doorsteps. That is what we do! That is empowerment of women. With the hon Minister Grant, and you can go on with him ... [Interjections.] ... what we insist and what we are trying continually to do is to keep our young children in schools so that they can matriculate, go to university, and to get an education so that they can be empowered to get out of the grant system that hon member Ms Brown was talking about earlier today, because it is disgusting to go beg for a grant all the time. That is empowerment, not a few elite connected; if your surname is something then you get all the contracts, not that! [Interjections.] The point is the masses, the poor, everyone has to get access to empowerment. In this regard when we came into power ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: When we came into power, some of the former ANC's are sitting here, they had spent almost nothing on victim empowerment in this province. We have now from R9 million in the last year increased it by 100% to R18 million, and that is what we do. Of course the budget is so big, the cake is so big, because we will always want more to assist the victims of sexual abuse. Of course it is wrong. It is a criminal offence to assault and to rape women. Of course it is wrong, but the question is how do we continue to make a difference in the lives of those poor people? I want to continue by saying that victim empowerment forums across the province operate in a multi-disciplinary way with justice, with the police, not pointing fingers, working together with Social Development, with Community Safety, trying to sensitise our communities to not only talk about women exploitation, but not to do it.

In this House we just talk and very little is done. There is the hon member Ms Brown and the foetal alcohol syndrome she mentioned, where we work with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, specifically in the rural areas because it is an area that is always related to the foetal alcohol syndrome story.

We have reached 4250 educators and youth per year, hon member Ms Prins, with programmes aimed at preventing foetal alcohol syndrome. Primarily this programme is run in the rural areas and we will continue to work with all departments in a multi-disciplinary fashion to go make that difference in the lives of the poor. But we do not only empower the poor, the rich also get abused so we assist them too, hon member Ms Witbooi. I want to almost conclude by saying, may the services that are offered at these treatment centres, specifically our substance abuse treatment centres, impact hugely on the lives of this community. There is no shame in seeking help and when we

finish that, working together with our NGOs, where the majority of NGOs have women leading those NGOs, we want to continue to work with them to make that difference in the lives of every girl child but also every boy child. There is this misconception that gender equality is only for women and for girls, when it is also to teach our boys that women must be respected and they must be treated equally.

The hon Minister Plato already spoke about the intake of women by Chrysalis. In this House the very people who criticise the role of the government in Chrysalis all the time should know, and I always say that to those hon members ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Witbooi, order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Go to the mothers ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Ms Witbooi, this is the last chance to warn you about this, and if you carry on then really I will request you to leave this House.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... We always say go to the mothers and to the fathers of those girls that we give a second chance to and tell them that we are wasting the taxpayers money. What this ANC opposition must understand ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please finish, hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We are only the managers of the taxpayers' money. It is not our money and it is good to go make the difference, and if

we do not deliver, vote us out. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is the point, vote us out like you voted out the ANC.

The SPEAKER: Order, order, hon Minister, take your seat please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you.

Ms N P MAGWAZA (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Western Cape has registered some of the most violent crimes against women as was seen in the rape and murder of Valencia Farmer of Eersterivier and Anene Booysen of Bredasdorp and recently Annemarie Beukes of Swellendam. According to the Western Cape Department of Health's own statistics nearly 25 000 women were sexually abused in the past year. This translates to 68 women that are sexually violated per day in this province. Clearly this is indicative of a deep seated crisis which requires both urgent government assistance to victims as well as a transformation towards a culture which respects and values women.

Unfortunately we find the direct opposite happening since Premier Helen Zille became Premier. We are yet to see a concrete programme in place that addresses gender based violence. NGOs which are sanctuaries to our vulnerable women are closing down because of the lack of support from MEC Minister Fritz and Premier Helen Zille.

Organisations like Rape Crisis and the Saartjie Baartman Centre ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I just said now ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order Minister. Minister order! You had your chance, Minister, order!

Ms N P MAGWAZA: ...for Abused Women and Children are facing closures. Many NGOs serving vulnerable women are often denied funding because Premier Zille's government deems them to be unable to adhere to the technicalities of financial reporting, whilst the Department of Social Development does not capacitate them to meet the criteria. The ability of the Premier to create a better life for all our women cannot be engaged by management performances, but concrete women's empowerment for the poorest of the poor is the best marker.

Instead of partnering with communities to rescue our vulnerable women this DA Government entrenches and perpetuates a culture of undermining women. It is patriarchal culture which impacts on the way in which women are treated in our communities. When South Africans expressed their shock and outrage over the horrific gang rape, mutilation and murder of 17 year old Anene Booysen, the hon Minister Fritz callously suggested that this young woman was to be blamed for being raped ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I ... [Inaudible.] for you!

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, order.

Ms N P MAGWAZA: The MEC had the following to say and I quote: “We want to call on all our young women and women to please ensure they do not get into situations at three in the morning...” ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But that is good sense.

Ms N P MAGWAZA: “...when they place themselves in danger. We do not mean to say to the people they cannot walk around at three but these are different and difficult times. Please ensure that you are safe and go with people you can trust who will not hurt you.”

Anene knew at least one of her killers, just as most women who are victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Sonke Gender Justice urged him to withdraw the statement, but he failed to do so. It is disgusting that Madam Zille, as a woman Premier, is yet to reprimand her sexist MEC. MEC Fritz and Premier Helen Zille have actually overseen the oppression of an elderly woman, Maureen Johnson, who is now deceased and have done nothing about it. The life of this elderly woman was cheap to them. This pensioner was being kept in the home against her will and denied her pension money. As someone who boldly claimed during this year’s celebrations ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Order. Order hon Magwaza!

What is the point of order, Minister?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The hon member Ms Magwaza is

deliberately misleading the House. That is not the truth. I gave the truth.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Fritz, please take your seat. You cannot say the member is deliberately misleading the House while she is busy with a speech. [Interjections.] Order! Take your seat, hon member.

Mr P UYS: Can I ask the hon Minister to withdraw that, especially the words “deliberately misleading”.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I withdraw.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Magwaza, over to you.

Ms N P MAGWAZA: ... someone who boldly claimed during this year’s Women’s Day celebrations that she is an advocate of gender equity and justice. Premier Helen Zille must tell this House why she did not remove Johnson from her environment and place her under the protection of the High Court [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This is ridiculous.

The SPEAKER: Order, order, hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This is a lie.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Fritz, you had your chance.

Ms N P MAGWAZA: The Premier must tell us what proof she has that the couple allegedly looking after Johnson had legitimate permission to withdraw her pension. After MEC Fritz had interviewed this couple he claimed that there was a legal proxy in place. If this proxy does exist why did Sassa suspend Johnson's pension after Colin Arendse provided certain information to their fraud unit? We need to know why Madam Helen Zille and MEC Fritz allowed Carlo October and his wife, who are not blood relatives of Johnson, to take over the council flat and why has this couple jumped the housing queue? [Interjections.] Madame Zille and MEC Fritz must tell us what they intend doing about Carlo October ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, I just want to warn you, you will leave this House.

Ms N P MAGWAZA: He has refused to move out of the residence in Parkwood. Just as she allowed MEC Fritz to take the side of Carlo October and his wife in oppressing the elderly woman, Maureen Johnson, Premier Helen Zille allows MEC Plato to undermine the mothers in our communities whose sons fall victim to gangs and drug abuse. The mothers of our communities are forced to deal with their sons who are victims ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order hon Magwaza, order, your time has been expired, thank you.

Ms N P MAGWAZA: Okay just one sentence ... who are victims of gang leaders with whom hon Minister Plato wines and dines. [Time expired.]

The PREMIER (DA). Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Let me say with pride that everything that we do in this government disproportionately assists women and children, and that is right. That is what we do and we are very committed to doing that. If you look at any one of the portfolios and the budget allocations you will see economic development, education, housing, health, social services, community safety. I can unpack each and every one.

Let me just look at the statistics from economic development. We have a work and skills programme which is our version of the youth wage subsidy which is ANC policy but which they never implement, and our version is strongly supported by the national government and the national Treasury. Of the 4065 work opportunities we have created for young people, 61% have been for women. That is far exceeding the target.

When you look at our Entrepreneur Enterprise Development Fund you will see that more than half of the businesses it has assisted have been women owned businesses. If you look at the Premier's Advancement of Youth Programme, you will see that of the 700 people on the programme this year 60% are women. We are absolutely committed to employment equity and to affirmative action that broadens opportunity, but not to those that manipulate outcomes for the politically connected like Baleka Mbete to whom I will return in a moment. Let me just respond to two points that were made by the hon members of the opposition during this debate.

The first was about the portable flush toilets that we offer as an option and never force on anybody. It is interesting that the hon member Mr Magaxa brought up the issue of the portable flush toilets, because in fact this city has grown by 30% in 10 years and

that has inevitably resulted in more informal settlements in which there are public toilets serving each one. Because women expressed a fear of going out at night to public toilets, a fear that was expressed here, we looked at the available technologies and the best available option at R3 000 each was the portable flush toilet. The people can have them in their own homes if they want. Many people have built separate toilets attached to their houses. They are only a risk to health if you break their seals and throw around the contents as the ANC keeps on doing, otherwise there is no health risk at all. They are sealed, they are odour free and they are only available to people who want them as an option so that women do not have to be scared at going out at night and being raped. That is one of the options we have offered in sanitation precisely to empower women and to prevent rape and sexual abuse.

Let us look at another example. The MPATS were raised here and the fact is that the Western Cape got the top score out of the national government departments and all the provinces. Out of the six top performing departments in the whole country three are from the Western Cape.

It is though this was a zero sum game. The hon Leader of the Opposition says to us that we should not have put money into the Convention Centre. We should rather have put it into NGOs. Now, the Convention Centre has created thousands of jobs in this city and how many families will be going to bed hungry at night and not being able to put food on the table for their children if it was not for the Convention Centre, so this is not a zero sum game. Growth and investment is good for the poor. In fact, it is essential for the poor and the more people that invest and grow businesses and start businesses here the more people get jobs and the more opportunities people can have

to move out of poverty. People do not invest unless there is good government and that is why getting outstanding management performance assessments, as the MPATs do, is very, very good for the poor because better service delivery results from good management. If you look at the census you will see that on every single yardstick the Western Cape outstrips any other province on basic service delivery to the poor, every single one.

Just to answer another few accusations that are completely baseless. This province funds fifteen organisations that deal with the abuse of women and children and we continue doing that with pride, but because we are using taxpayers money we have to insist on proper financial management, and we continue to do that.

Let me simply say that the story about Ms Maureen Johnson is a massive distortion of the facts that the hon member Magwaza has put here today, which frankly does not even deserve the dignity of a reply.

Ms M TINGWE: Oh please.

The PREMIER: But while you can see what we are doing, Mr Speaker, the question is what is the ANC doing. Whenever they have the chance to do anything they undermine our work. Let me say that when we came to office we realised that one of the major burdens that women have to bear is being single parents, where the father of the child or the children does not maintain the children. It is a very, very serious problem for many thousands of women and so we started a campaign with the South African Police Service and the Department of Justice to track down mostly men who refuse to pay maintenance, a very, very important project. We had some fantastic

successes. In a two week period we found 71 defaulters resulting in 59 arrests. We traced 210 women who had not collected maintenance money that was owed to them, some for many years and it was an enormous success, and you know what happened after the two week period? The ANC at national government level decided that they were not going to give us any more lists of defaulters and beneficiaries from the courts, saying that it would continue the project nationally. What has happened since then? Precisely nothing!

An HON MEMBER: Nothing.

The PREMIER: Precisely nothing. So when we are running really successful programmes for women and children, the only thing that the ANC does nationally is to close them down and not take them up, and that is a complete disgrace. I always think it is extraordinary that when the ANC has failed so profoundly on a topic, they come here and accuse us of failing women in this province and that it is very hypocritical.

The ANC is an organisation that in its 100 years of existence has never had a women leader. It has a leader who actually disparages women at every turn. We heard what the hon member Ms Hartnick had to say quoting our hon President; we heard what he said about his envoy in Zimbabwe, Lindiwe Zulu. Instead of protecting her from the insults of Robert Mugabe, seriously sexist insults, calling her a street woman, amongst other things, while she was representing our interests, and very well too, he did nothing.

An HON MEMBER: It is a disgrace.

The PREMIER: And he is a man, the leader of the ANC, our President who admits to having unprotected sex with the daughters of his friends on more than one occasion. What kind of role model is that for protecting the dignity of women and children?

An HON MEMBER: It is a disgrace.

The PREMIER: It is an absolute disgrace.

An HON MEMBER: That is true.

'n AGB LID: Skande!

The PREMIER: While the ANC could talk about almost any topic and be accused of hypocrisy, this one is the richest indeed.

The SPEAKER: The Premier is on the Floor, hon Minister.

The PREMIER: The ANC does have a woman chairperson though; the ANC does have a woman chairperson though, and let us see what kind of a role model she is. What kind of role model is she for girls, which is what the hon member Ms Brown said? Well we can see exactly what she has done. She is certainly perhaps the best dresser in politics. She certainly is a role model for her wardrobe. I have never seen her with the same outfit twice, and she is certainly a role model on how to abuse your position to enrich yourself, commonly known as bribery. That is what Paul Weiss, the lawyers

in New York found, that in fact the deal with Gold Fields in which she got an additional enrichment of R25 million, amounted to bribery.

That is the chairman of the ANC and if they believe that is the role model for women empowerment it proves precisely the point the hon Minister Fritz, made and it is an absolute disgrace, Mr Speaker. If you see that what happened in this particular case when a man representing her, an advocate Mosehla, threatened to scuttle the deal unless Baleka Mbete was given a bigger stake in it, and they pushed it up by another R25 million, it comes down to elite enrichment for a few cronies that the ANC calls empowerment. It is actually corruption and it is a complete disgrace, but who cares about that. As long as Dimpo Hani and Thandi Shongwe and the other cronies were in on the deal, that is fine, that is what the ANC calls women empowerment.

Then, Mr Speaker, we come to what is commonly known as the department of shambles and uselessness, otherwise called the Department for Women, Children and People with Disabilities. As one journalist and analyst described it recently, they are an expensive joke. If you look at the MPATS, it is shocking to see. I have looked at the MPATS. They are bottom of the log on every single score, Mr Speaker. They are supposed to advance the interest of women, children and people with disabilities, and on every issue they are bottom of the log. The record of this department – it has already used R500 million of taxpayers' money on lavish parties. ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Please finish, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Finish?

The SPEAKER: Yes please. That is what I am told, the time is expired.

The PREMIER: Alright. Now let me simply end by saying that in the year that this department spent R25 million on severance packages and overspent its salary budget they spent a tiny amount on people with disabilities. [Time expired.]

Ms L BROWN (ANC): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. It is a zero sum game, Madam Premier. You should also say you inherited a province that already had more than 80% access to basic services. You should also say that you inherited a province where the Convention Centre was already built and thousands of jobs were already created, but that almost R1 billion was spent by both the DA previously and the ANC in the second round. So why do they not spend the profits they made on the Convention Centre instead of again using taxpayers money to build onto the Convention Centre?

It is a pity that the DA has changed this debate to individuals. The Premier, the President, Lindiwe Zulu, what Baleka Mbete wears every day and so forth, because I think this is actually a very serious debate. It is about the people of the Western Cape, the most vulnerable amongst us. It is about our children and women, and they turn this whole agenda into whether somebody has shares or not. Now the Premier walks out while I am speaking. It is not about that.

At the same time, I want to actually say to the hon member Ms du Toit Marais - I do not want to shock you but all children are not born equal, unfortunately. Apartheid has

made sure that the kid who grows up in Manenberg and the kid under the leafy suburbs in Constantia, start at different ends, and that is why, hon member Ms Hartnick, you cannot pretend there is no division. You cannot pretend that people are not different. Apartheid has done a really, really shameful thing to our people, the black kids, African and coloured kids. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Ms Brown.

Ms L BROWN: Rural kids do not have the same opportunities. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Ms Brown.

Ms L BROWN: And so the girl child will not have the same opportunity. [Interjections.] [Time expired.]

Debate concluded.

The SPEAKER: Order hon members. Thank you very much. That concludes the debate on this subject. I have been informed by the Chief Whip that the Order of the Day will not be dealt with today.

Mr P UYS: Because they lose a vote!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order! Order hon members! Order hon members! Order hon Ms Tingwe, order! Before we adjourn I would like to remind members about the presentation by the Public Protector that will take place after the

adjournment of the House, and that concludes the business for the day.

The House adjourned at 17:35.