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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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

The House met at 14:15.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Good afternoon, everybody, to all the members of this Parliament, to our guests. Before we proceed, I would like to remind members about some of the logistical arrangements. If a member of this Provincial Parliament elects to virtually participate and not from the Chamber, it is the responsibility of the member to ensure that he or she has good quality data connectivity for good quality audio and video and that there are no disturbances. The hybrid system has been functioning well and has been doing so for the past two years and poor audio or video is not

attributed to the system, but rather to the quality of data connectivity.

Members, please note that members considered to be out of order by the Presiding Officer, microphones will be muted and called to order, that hon members participating in this Sitting of the House via Microsoft Teams make use of a second device if they would like to access the language services of Parliament and hon members are reminded that no interjections are permitted during these hybrid sittings and in this regard I draw the attention of hon members to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules.

I will now ask the Secretary to read the first Order of the Day.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The SECRETARY: Introduction and First Reading – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr Secretary. I now recognise the hon, Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.]

Mr M KAMA: On a point...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon members, please before Minister Maynier begins, please do not shout into the microphones. If you have a point of order, you are to put up the raised-hand function in order for me to see. Thank you. You may proceed, Minister.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I do not see a raised hand, who am I actually addressing?

Mr M KAMA: It is member Kama.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kama, do you know the raise-your-hand function, what is your point of order?

Mr M KAMA: I am actually in the Chamber; I do not have a laptop.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My apologies, my apologies, hon Kama. I recognise you.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I would like, Deputy Speaker, in terms of the Rules, to check if you are in a position to rule that hon member Ricardo Mackenzie be brought to the Standing Committee of Community Safety to answer questions on his ... [Interjection.]

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

Mr M KAMA: ... involvement in the Fritz saga, which ... [Interjection.]

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

Mr M KAMA: ... emerged last week.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kama, thank you. I recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. This is highly irregular. We are here for the Budget Speech. There are procedures, if a member has an issue with another one, which is by way of a substantive motion. Hon Kama is very well aware of this, and this is just a stunt to try and derail the Budget Speech and I hope that you will rule accordingly.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. Hon Kama, that was not a point of order. I cannot entertain any such statements. This is not the time for statements and as the Chief Whip has correctly said if you have an issue with a particular member, please put forward a substantive motion. We will now ask the Minister to proceed. Thank you, hon members.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Sayed, have you got a hand, are you in the

House? I recognise you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, I am in the House, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like the Chief Whip of the Ruling Party to indicate on what basis member Kama's intervention is out of order, because I am also rising, Deputy Speaker, on Rule 3(B) pertaining to the current proceedings of the House and ask you to rule on the lack of public participation. That is the one, but more importantly I rise on 3(A) pertaining to the unparliamentary conduct or behaviour on the part of hon Mackenzie. He has been on leave and therefore has not been able to answer questions on his involvement and allegations around the Fritz matter in the Standing Committee. The hon Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party indicated that he is on leave and hence cannot answer, but we are aware that he is back, so can you please rule that because he is available, he must account before the Legislature. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Sayed, thank you for your point of order regarding Rule 3, but this is the Western Cape Appropriation Bill and only the Bill for today. As I say, whatever you want to do, you may bring that up in the next sitting, if you want to, as a substantive motion, that is your right as a member of the Provincial Parliament, but today we are only sitting for the only reason of the Western Cape Appropriate Bill by the Minister, so my ruling is now final, hon members. You have the right to bring a substantive motion forward in the next sitting, whenever that is appropriate then when the next sitting is, but today's sitting is specifically for the Appropriation

Bill. I trust now that this matter is closed. That is my final ruling. Thank you very much, hon members. I am going to ask the Minister to proceed.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: On a point of order, Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not taking any more points of order, hon members. It is my final ruling and as I said, my ruling stands. [Interjection.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Speaker, on a point of order, thank you very much.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: On a point of order, you cannot not take a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, there seems to be a deliberate intervention to try and to stop this Appropriation-reading today. I really would ask that we stop this, and we bring whatever we need to bring into the next sitting. Can I please have – who actually asked for a point of order, apart from hon Dugmore, you did not say a point of order?

Mr G BRINKHUIS: It is member Brinkhuis, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member Brinkhuis, what is your point of order? I please hope it is not on the same subject because I have already ruled on that.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask, through you,

Deputy Speaker, to the House also, Deputy Speaker, on what basis did you declare this Western Cape Government Support for Ukraine in its war with Russia without consulting all political parties? Is this a DA Western Cape?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Brinkhuis, this is not a point of order for today.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: The DA just cannot make decisions; they must consult with other political parties.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Hon Brinkhuis, again this is not a point of order relating to this Sitting. Please bring these issues to the next sitting, as your right as a member of this Provincial Legislature.

Hon members, can I proceed? Hon Minister Maynier. I would like to ask you to proceed, please.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you. Hon Speaker and Deputy Speaker, hon Premier and Cabinet Ministers, the hon Leader of the Opposition, hon leaders of Opposition parties, Executive Mayors and Deputy Mayors, hon members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, members of the Consular Corps, Heads of Departments, Municipal Managers, special guests and, of course, most

important of all, the people of the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, I would like to begin by paying tribute to a special guest who could not join us today and that is Michael Spicer, Chairperson of Wesgro, who passed away suddenly last week.

Michael Spicer led the Wesgro Board for almost a decade with passion, with wisdom, with dedication and with enormous energy. He was a huge champion of keeping things practical and simple and he was a huge champion of the private sector driving economic growth in the Western Cape.

Michael Spicer and I did not always agree, and indeed sometimes we strongly disagreed, which is exactly why he was the perfect chairperson of Wesgro. His last message to me from hospital was, “Our chat will have to wait”.

Well, I am going to miss our chats, which often took place over a glass of wine, looking out over the magnificent vineyards at his home, and, I am going to miss his wisdom, which he so generously shared with me. So, we extend our condolences to his wife and to his family, and we thank him for his service to the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, let me also say that I am proud to be a member of this Provincial Parliament and I am proud to table the Budget in this Provincial Parliament because this is the only Provincial Parliament in our country that has had the courage to take a stand, in the face of a terrible war of



aggression, by swathing itself in blue and yellow, in support of the people of Ukraine. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr G BRINKHUIS: What about Palestine?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Deputy Speaker, as we know a couple of weeks ago, Premier Alan Winde delivered his State of the Province Address in Velddrif, which is the home of *bokkoms*, the home of *rooibos* and the home of the Cederberg here on the West Coast.

He reminded us that while the challenges we face are serious and at times can seem overwhelming, we must have hope, because we must never forget that we live in a special place, with the best healthcare system, the best education system, the best infrastructure, and of course so much natural beauty, and we live with a special people, from all over our country, from all over our continent and indeed from all over the world who come here to find a better life in the Western Cape. But, above all, he reminded us of the terrible damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in which more than 20 000 people have lost their lives and in which more than 200 000 people have lost their jobs. And then, he called on us – he called on us – all of us, to get up, to get out, to push forward and to do even better in the Western Cape.

So, Deputy Speaker, today, we table “A Budget to Push Forward” so that we can get up, so that we can get out, so that we can push forward and so that we can do even better in the Western Cape.

To push forward we must of course sustain the fight against COVID-19, we must support our strategic priorities including jobs, safety and wellbeing, we must protect frontline services, including education, health and social development, we must improve the composition of expenditure by boosting spending on infrastructure, we must support vulnerable municipalities, we must improve the efficiency of expenditure by improving value for money when it comes to procurement. We must mitigate existing risks such as drought, fire and flooding, but we must also mitigate new risks, such as the risk of cyberattacks, and we must ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward we will spend R19,6 billion over the medium term on jobs. Will spend R4,4 billion over the medium term on safety. We will spend R111,3 billion over the medium term on wellbeing, and we will spend R30,3 billion over the medium term on infrastructure in the Western Cape. Deputy Speaker, we have held the fiscal line and so we are now in a position to allocate an additional R10,1 billion over the medium term in the Western Cape.

To push forward, we will spend an additional R6,2 billion over the medium term on education. We will spend an additional R2,4 billion over the medium

term on healthcare and we will spend an additional R136 million over the medium term on social development, and we will spend an additional R2,6 billion over the medium term on infrastructure in the Western Cape.

We do this so that we give hope to people who do not have jobs, and so that we give hope to people who feel unsafe. We do this so that we give hope to people who struggle to reach their full potential, and we do this so that we give hope to people who do not have access to good schools, good clinics and good roads in the Western Cape, but above all we do this so that, in the end, we can get up, so that we can get out, so that we can push forward and so that we can do even better in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward, we will spend R77,3 billion in 2022/23, R75,4 billion in 2023/24 and R76,2 billion in 2024/25 in the Western Cape.

The new Minister of Finance, Enoch Godongwana, was a Provincial Finance Minister and understands the huge pressures on spending, building up in provinces like the Western Cape. So, we are relieved that after being forced to absorb spending pressures, especially spending pressures resulting from the fight against COVID-19, National Government has now stepped up and allocated an additional R6,5 billion in provincial equitable share over the medium term to the Western Cape.

We have held the fiscal line, relentlessly implementing our fiscal strategy, to make sure every cent counts in the Western Cape.

We have implemented expenditure reviews aimed at evaluating the efficiency, the effectiveness and the performance of programmes so that we improve the efficiency of spending, and we have successfully contained spending on compensation of employees by imposing upper limits on spending on compensation and by applying downward pressure on headcount.

We would – get this – we would be spending R6 billion more per year on compensation of employees if we spent 60,8% of our budget on compensation of employees, in the next financial year, like other provinces.

Staggeringly, if we spent 68,7% of our budget on compensation of employees, like the Limpopo Province, we would be spending about R12,1 billion more in the next financial year, on compensation of employees in the Western Cape.

We will also spend about R186 million per year less on ministerial offices than the average amount spent on ministerial offices by other provinces in South Africa.

Staggeringly – staggeringly – we will spend R628 million less than the Gauteng Province, in this financial year, on ministerial offices in the Western Cape, which is why we are now in a position to allocate an additional R10,1 billion over the medium term in the Western Cape, which includes an additional R6,2 billion over the medium term for education, R2,4 billion over the medium term to healthcare, R136 million over the medium term to social

development and R2,6 billion over the medium term to infrastructure in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, we have been locked in a struggle between a virus and a vaccine, but now, finally – now finally – it seems that the vaccine is winning in the Western Cape. We must not, however, give up now that the end of the struggle between the virus and the vaccine is in sight. We must push forward and remain prepared for a resurgence and indeed even a possible fifth wave of COVID-19 in the Western Cape, and so we have allocated R770 million for the health platform, which will be spent on the fight against COVID-19. We have allocated R198 million for the rollout of vaccinations, which will be spent on rolling out more vaccinations in our province.

We have allocated R17 million for communication, which will be spent on our efforts to improve vaccine uptake and we have allocated R200 million to a contingency reserve, which will ensure that we remain flexible in our fight against COVID-19 in the Western Cape.

We know, Deputy Speaker, that the weapon of choice in the struggle against COVID-19 is vaccines and so we encourage people to get vaccinated, and to get vaccinated fast, so that we can get up, so that we can get out, so that we can push forward, and so that we can do even better in the Western Cape. We are of course prepared for a possible resurgence, and we are prepared for a possible fifth wave of the pandemic, and so it is imperative now that the National State of Disaster be allowed to expire in South Africa.

Deputy Speaker, we have been hit hard by the pandemic, but we expect a gradual economic recovery in the Western Cape. Yes, there are significant downside risks, especially with the war in Ukraine, pushing up petrol prices, pushing up food prices, and causing supply chain bottlenecks. There are, however, also “green shoots”, including a huge investment in the expansion of Biovac, which should give us all hope here in the Western Cape, but the fact is that too many people, especially too many young people, do not have jobs, or have given up looking for jobs, in the Western Cape, and so to push forward, we will spend R19,6 billion over the medium term on boosting economic growth and creating jobs in the Western Cape.

We will focus on the ease of doing business, on boosting investment and exports, on supporting small businesses, on scaling up work opportunities and, of course, on energy resilience in the Western Cape. To push forward, we will spend R67,4 million over the medium term on accelerating the ease of doing business so that we make it easier to start a business, or indeed to expand a business. We will spend R387,9 million over the medium term on boosting investment, on boosting trade and on boosting tourism promotion, so that we attract investment, expand trade and scale up our tourism.

We will spend R288,1 million over the medium term on expanding the number of work opportunities so that young people get the work experience they need to get their first job in the Western Cape. We do this because people who have jobs get up, can get out, can push forward and can do even better in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, the fact is that too many people have been victims of crime and do not feel safe in the Western Cape, so to push forward, we will spend R4,4 billion over the medium term on improving safety in the Western Cape.

To push forward, we will spend R1,1 billion over the medium term to support more than 1000 law enforcement officers to fight crime, especially violent crime, in crime hotspots across the province.

We will spend R43 million over the medium term to support violence prevention in the fight against the causes of crime, and we will spend R18 million over the medium term to support area-based teams to fight crime and the causes of crime in crime hotspots across the Western Cape. We do this because people who feel safe can get up. People who feel safe can get out and can push forward and can do even better in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, too many people, especially young people, are not able to reach their full potential in the Western Cape, so, to push forward, we will spend R111,3 billion over the medium term promoting the wellbeing of people in the Western Cape.

We will do this by investing in strong foundations, by promoting emotional and physical wellbeing, by meeting basic needs and promoting social cohesion in communities across the Western Cape. So, to push forward, we will spend R3,2 billion over the medium term on supporting early childhood development and strong foundations.

We will spend R3,6 billion over the medium term on wellbeing by maintaining reasonable teacher/learner ratios and promoting blended learning. We will spend R9,5 billion over the medium term on meeting basic needs by focusing on providing food relief, supporting the homeless, and providing more social housing and more shelters for victims of gender-based violence, and we will spend R2,7 billion over the medium term promoting social cohesion by ensuring access to public libraries, by ensuring access to sports facilities and by ensuring access to arts and culture facilities. We do this because people who reach their full potential can get up, can get out, can push forward and can do even better in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward, we must support new ways of doing things that improve service delivery, and at the same time generate savings in the Western Cape, so we will spend R52,7 million over the medium term, through the Fiscal Transition Support Facility, to support innovation, including developing a Mobile Client Service System for our social workers and digitising the Provincial Archives in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward we must protect spending on education, on health and on social development in the Western Cape. We have allocated R83,8 billion, including an additional allocation of R6,2 billion over the medium term to education in the Western Cape, so that we have more teachers, more teaching assistants and more classrooms to improve education outcomes in the Western Cape.



We have allocated R84 billion, including an additional allocation of R2,4 billion over the medium term to healthcare in the Western Cape, so that we can fight COVID-19, tackle the backlog in surgeries and deal with mental illness in the Western Cape.

We have allocated R6,9 billion, including an additional allocation of R136 million, over the medium term to social development in the Western Cape, so that we respond to homelessness, and respond to gender-based violence, and provide food relief in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward we must invest in infrastructure assets such as schools and clinics and roads in the Western Cape, which is why we will spend R30,3 billion over the medium term on infrastructure and which is why we have mobilised a massive additional R2,6 billion to spend on infrastructure here in the Western Cape.

We will spend an additional R737,8 million over the medium term on education infrastructure so that we can upgrade schools and build new schools in the Western Cape. We will spend an additional R491,5 million over the medium term on health infrastructure, so that we can upgrade health facilities and build new health facilities in the Western Cape.

We will spend an additional – an additional – R870 million over the medium term on roads infrastructure, so that we can upgrade roads and build new roads in the Western Cape. The fact is that we have committed a very

significant additional R870 million to build new roads, to upgrade existing roads and provide long-term certainty on roads infrastructure funding, which of course is so vital for economic growth in the Western Cape.

So, in the end, we will spend a total of R7 billion over the medium term on education infrastructure. We will spend R3,6 billion over the medium term on health infrastructure, and we will spend a massive R11,2 billion over the medium term on roads infrastructure in the Western Cape.

Premier Alan Winde promised a substantial increase in spending on infrastructure, and we have delivered a substantial increase in spending on infrastructure in the Western Cape.

We are now pumping more money, significantly more money, into infrastructure, with spending on infrastructure now increasing, for the first time in a long time, in real terms in the Western Cape.

We expect spending on existing infrastructure assets to increase over the medium term on average by 4,8% per annum. We expect spending on new infrastructure assets to increase over the medium term on average by 54,2% per annum, and we expect spending on infrastructure assets as a whole, to increase over the medium term on average by 6,1% per annum in the Western Cape.

To push forward, Deputy Speaker, we must also invest in the preparation of

infrastructure projects so that we have a pipeline of shovel-ready infrastructure projects in the Western Cape.

We will, therefore, allocate R87,7 million through the Project Preparation Facility, to a number of projects, including providing project preparation funding for integrated social housing projects, including Stikland North, Oude Molen and Leeuloop, and providing project preparation funding for a possible public private partnership for the Cango Caves, which is one of the top tourism destinations in the Western Cape.

To push forward we must also get infrastructure management systems right in the Western Cape, so we are now preparing to withdraw Provincial Treasury Instruction 16B, which will bring much needed competition to the infrastructure space by ensuring that the Department of Transport and Public Works remains the preferred, but not the exclusive implementer, of infrastructure projects for the Department of Education and for the Department of Health in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, we all have a role to play in infrastructure delivery, including most importantly – most importantly – the committees of this Parliament, who are responsible for monitoring infrastructure spending in the Western Cape. So, to support the committees, to monitor infrastructure spending, we will continue of course providing consolidated quarterly reports on infrastructure spending performance to the Budget Committee, but we will begin providing bespoke quarterly reports on infrastructure spending

performance to the Standing Committee on Education, to the Standing Committee on Health, and to the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works.

We hope these reports will support the committees to monitor infrastructure spending, and that the committees do not take the easy road, but instead take the hard road and consider the very considerable challenges we face delivering infrastructure in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward, we must beat loadshedding in the Western Cape. The fact is that loadshedding, which is estimated to cost the provincial economy R75 million per stage per day, is killing our economy in the Western Cape, and so, we are delighted that the Executive Mayor of the City of Cape Town, Geordin Hill-Lewis, is leading a journey by opening the first round of procurement of renewable energy from independent power producers, to ensure that we live in the first loadshedding-free city in South Africa.

Deputy Speaker, we will spend R36 million over the medium term on the municipal energy resilience programme, which aims to support municipalities and the private sector to generate, and to procure and to sell their own power so that we can beat loadshedding in the Western Cape.

We are focusing on supporting foundational energy studies, including electricity master plans and cost of supply studies, aimed at providing a

technical and a financial basis for energy generation, procurement and trading in municipalities. We are focusing on supporting pioneering municipal energy projects by providing transaction advisory support to ensure that projects are financially, technically and legally sound ahead of the procurement process and we are focusing on supporting **wheeling** to enable the private sector to buy and to sell and to trade electricity across municipal grids in the Western Cape.

We know of course that there is no quick fix solution, and it will take time to power up municipalities, but we must do everything we can to beat loadshedding in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, we will spend this budget across five districts and 30 municipalities in the Western Cape. We will spend R8,7 billion in the Cape Winelands District, R3,8 billion in the West Coast District, R6,4 billion in the Garden Route District, R2,8 billion in the Overberg District, R989 million in the Central Karoo District, and R54,2 billion in the City of Cape Town.

To push forward, we must ensure that our municipalities are bright shining lights on the hill, driving economic growth and job creation in the Western Cape, and so to support our municipalities to drive economic growth, we will soon be launching a new Municipal Ease of Doing Business Fund, which will allocate about R10 million to projects which reduce red tape in municipalities in the Western Cape.

To push forward, we must also ensure that our municipalities are bright shining lights on the hill, championing clean government in the Western Cape. We will, of course, not hesitate to take action if there are allegations of corruption in municipalities in the Western Cape, and so we have allocated an additional R30 million over the medium term to strengthen our forensic investigation capability and our legal services capability in the municipal space.

We have also implemented a mandatory intervention in terms of Section 139(5)(c) of the Constitution in the form of a financial recovery plan and will now work to support the Beaufort West Municipality to reach a funded budget position within three years, in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward we must remain the most transparent province when it comes to procurement in South Africa. We are the only province to publish monthly and quarterly and annual procurement disclosure reports on COVID-19 related expenditure in the Western Cape.

We recently published our 20<sup>th</sup> – yes, our 20th Procurement Disclosure Report on COVID-19 related expenditure in the Western Cape. To push forward and remain the most transparent province when it comes to procurement, we will now move towards publishing approved procurement plans to provide potential suppliers with information about the opportunities available to supply goods and services to Provincial Government.

We will move towards publishing detailed information of transactions on more commodities as we build our datasets and information processing capabilities, to expand the scope of our procurement disclosure reports, and we will move towards implementing our own dashboard system for the disclosure of detailed information on procurement, to supplement the system currently utilised by National Treasury.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward we must improve value for money when it comes to procurement, and so we have allocated R1,5 million for a study to evaluate whether we are paying premiums for goods and services, to evaluate why we are paying premiums for goods and services, and to improve ultimately value for money when it comes to procurement in the Western Cape.

We have also allocated R2 million to put systems in place to monitor any premiums paid for commodities, which have been designated for localisation by National Government in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, we live in a world that has been turned upside down and so the only certainty is uncertainty in South Africa. To mitigate existing and new risks in the future, we have provided a provincial reserve in the amounts of R430 million in 2022/23, R550,6 million in 2023/24 and R338,6 million in 2024/25 for unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure in the Western Cape. We have also allocated an additional R6 million over the medium term to strengthen the capacity of our fire and rescue services, and we have allocated

an additional R160 million over the medium term to safeguard our information infrastructure, information systems and data from cyberattacks, in the Western Cape.

We must be prepared for existing risks, such as drought, flooding and fire, but we must also be prepared for new risks, such as the risk of cyberattacks, in the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, we are in a better fiscal position now, but there is a question about how long it will last because there are, of course, very serious downside risks to the economic outlook in South Africa. We have stagnant economic growth, high inflation, huge fiscal deficits, staggering national debt and massive debt service costs in South Africa

To compound the problem, the war in Ukraine will push up inflation, which will put further pressure on households and businesses and governments, which are already under pressure, in South Africa, which means that provincial budgets are not increasing in real terms and are unlikely to increase in real terms, despite the huge spending pressures building in provinces across South Africa, which is why we have allocated R5,4 million to properly understand future fiscal trends so that we can ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Western Cape.

Deputy Speaker, to push forward we will spend R19,6 billion over the medium term on jobs and we will do so to give hope to people who do not



have jobs. We will spend R4,4 billion over the medium term on safety, so that we give hope to people who feel unsafe. We will spend R111,3 billion over the medium term on wellbeing, so that we give hope to people who struggle to reach their full potential, and we will spend R30,3 billion over the medium term on infrastructure so that we give hope to people who do not have access to good schools, to good clinics and to good roads in the Western Cape.

To push forward we will spend an additional R10,1 billion over the medium term. We will spend an additional R6,2 billion over the medium term on education, an additional R2,4 billion over the medium term on healthcare, an additional R136 million over the medium term on social development, and we will spend an additional R2,6 billion over the medium term on infrastructure in the Western Cape. And we will do this so that in the end we can get up, so that in the end we can get out and so that we can push forward and so that we can do even better in the Western Cape.

I would like to thank Premier Alan Winde and my Cabinet colleagues, for their support, David Savage, and Team Finance for all their hard work finalising the budget, the hon Mireille Wenger and the Programming Committee members for accommodating the delay in tabling the budget, and to Cayley Green and the ministerial staff, for their grace under pressure as we finalised the budget. And so it gives me great pleasure to table the 2022 Overview of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, the 2022 Overview of Provincial and Municipal Infrastructure Investment, the 2022 Estimates of

Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, the 2022 Western Cape Appropriation Bill, the 2022 Provincial Gazette of Allocations to Municipalities, and, of course, my speech for discussion and deliberation in the Provincial Parliament here in the Western Cape.

Let me end by saying that today I am also a proud a member of this Provincial Executive because this is also the only Provincial Executive in our country to have the courage to take a stand in the face of a terrible war of aggression in support of the people of Ukraine.

Premier Alan Winde has been clear that we cannot and will not remain silent in the face of an international crisis that threatens the very foundations of our liberal international order. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: He has also been clear that no Russian Federation diplomats will be invited to any events or meetings organised by the Western Cape Government, and he has been clear that no Western Cape Government Ministers or officials will attend any events or meetings with the Russian Federation. The truth is, Deputy Speaker, that this war of aggression has drawn a line down the middle of South Africa, so let us not forget that now, more than ever, our role is to stand up for freedom, when so many stand by in the face of wars of aggression, to stand up for open, diverse and tolerant societies, when so

many stand by in the face of narrow nationalism, populism and xenophobia...

[Interjection.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: ...to stand up for free markets, when so many stand by in the face of development plans, master plans, job reservation and localisation. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, if you could just take your seat. Hon Minister, if you can take your seat, hon Brinkhuis, what is your point of order?

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Deputy Speaker...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am here, I am listening.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Deputy Speaker, this is hypocrisy.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Deputy Speaker, this is hypocrisy because you denied my request to debate on the Palestinian issue last year, stating that international relations is in a national capacity... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright, thank you, hon Brinkhuis. I note that it is not a point of order with regards to the substance of Minister Maynier's speech. His speech is his right to have that speech under the umbrella of the Western Cape Appropriation Bill and I cannot make a ruling on the integrity of his speech or on the information of his speech. Thank you, hon member. Hon Minister, can you conclude, I think you are on your conclusion anyway, as far as I can see.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The truth is that this war of aggression has drawn a line down the middle of South Africa, so let us not forget that now, more than ever, our role is to stand up for freedom when so many simply stand by in the face of wars of aggression, to stand up for open diverse and tolerant societies... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: ...when so many stand by in the face of narrow nationalism, populism and xenophobia, to stand up for free markets when so many stand by in the face of development plans, master plans, job reservation and localisation and to stand up for compassion and tolerance, when so many stand by in the face of intolerance and hate in South Africa.

George Bernard Shaw pointed out, that:

“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress – therefore all progress – depends on the unreasonable man.”

So, let us push forward and be unreasonable by standing up for freedom, by standing up for open, diverse, tolerant societies, by standing up for the free markets and by standing up for compassion and for tolerance in South Africa, because, Deputy Speaker, because if we do not, nobody – nobody else will, in South Africa.

I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. The Secretary will read the Bill a first time.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Secretary, if you can just take your seat. Hon Dugmore, what is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: On a point of order, thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, one could have been tempted to raise the point of relevance in regard to the concluding remarks of the MEC.

I would just like to put it on record that when we speak in this debate and we for instance talk about the absolute double standards of not allowing a debate on Palestine, during this budget vote, that we will not be called on relevance. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Dugmore. Your points are noted. Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Sayed?

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Deputy Speaker, I want to rise as we have just concluded and is about to table the budget or has tabled it, on Rule 3B pertaining to the current proceedings of the House and ask you, Deputy Speaker, to rule on the lack of public participation in this entire budget process. There was an advert out for public participation on Friday and the closing date is today so only one working day was given to members of the public to participate in this budget process. That must be known especially going forward that this is what the DA thinks of the public in terms of input around the budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Sayed, thank you very much. I will certainly check in terms of what you are saying, is that the Western Cape Provincial Parliament only put the ad out on Friday.

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

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

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Just a point of clarity, according to my Rule Book there is no Rule 3B.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Noted, thank you, but in any event the advert that you are talking about, we will certainly investigate that. Thank you very much, hon Sayed. There is no intention to deliberately stop the public from being of the process.

Mr Secretary, will you please read the Bill the first time? Mr Secretary, can you hear me?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Just on another point of order, Deputy Speaker, no, it is a procedural point. Deputy Speaker, could I request that from now on we actually have the Speaker present in the House when we have a session like this, which is a hybrid session, because the Table cannot quite communicate with, for instance, you, Deputy Speaker, when you are virtual, and I would just like to ask the Whips to please look at

this that when we are having a virtual session and in a hybrid form that the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker is actually physically present, because I do not think it adds to the chairing of the session when the Speaker or the Presiding Officer is not physically present. That is a proposal, Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Dugmore. Your point is noted. Can I ask Mr Secretary to please read the Bill a first time?

The SECRETARY: Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr Secretary. In accordance with Rule 188(1) the introductory speech, the Bill and the papers laid upon the table will be referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report. The Secretary will now read the second Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Introduction and First Reading – Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill (2021/22 Financial Year) [B 1–2022]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr Secretary. I now recognise the hon, the Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. It gives me great pleasure to table the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill and, of course, the 2021 Additional Adjustments Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure in



the Provincial Parliament of the Western Cape, which allocates an additional R43,3 million following the reallocation of unspent funds in other provinces to the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant, to be spent this financial year in the Western Cape, which is a credit to the Roads Branch in the Department of the Transport and Public Works who are responsible for maintaining our world-class roads infrastructure network in the Western Cape.

I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. The Secretary will now read the Bill a first time.

The SECRETARY: Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill  
[B 1–2022]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr Secretary. In accordance with Rule 188(1) the introductory speech, the Bill and the papers laid upon the table will be referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report.

Hon members, before we adjourn, I would like to do a ruling on the placards that I note in the House at a future sitting and, once again, please, that we please consider Rule 59. I will also actually do a ruling on the comments by some of the members regarding a member in our House and see whether it actually requires a ruling and not and I will revert back in the next sitting. Before I adjourn, I would also like to remind... [Interjection.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, just one second. Before we adjourn, I would just like to remind members that the Budget Committee will commence at 16:15, fifteen minutes past four PM this afternoon.

Hon Dugmore, what is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, we have just heard the MEC make a speech and say that he is tabling certain documents. We have heard him make another announcement, but we have not received anything. We are sitting here in this House, we have checked our emails, we have not received the budget, we have not received any of the documents that the MEC is referring to, so could you please explain or ask the MEC just to explain to us when will we actually get copies of these because we expected, as you indicated, in the Budget Committee, but absolutely nothing, not even his speech has been tabled before us or is available.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will check with the Table Staff... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: And it happened at SOPA as well.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will check with the Table Staff where the documents are straight after this sitting. Thank you very much, hon Dugmore.

That concludes the business for the House and the House is now adjourned. The Secretary will now cut the meeting and all members will be exited from the sitting.

The House is adjourned. I thank you.

The House adjourned at 15:19.