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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The sign † indicates the original language and [] directly thereafter indicates a translation.

[Hybrid sitting held in Velddrif with parallel event in Cape Town with some members present in the House and some in virtual attendance through Microsoft Teams.]

The House met at 09:30.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may all be seated. Order! A very warm good morning to everybody here in the House, in this auspicious town of Velddrif. I would like to welcome all our esteemed guests to the sitting today, and please note that for the sitting the Standing Rules of the House will apply, further in compliance with the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and the Provincial Legislatures Act of 2004. This entire Hall, including all the visitor seating areas, the passages and

the ablution facilities, will be regarded as the precincts of the Provincial Parliament.

Before we proceed, I would like to make some comments regarding the logistics and its arrangements. So today we will be using the hybrid model for this sitting of the House. We have hon members in this Hall with the Presiding Officer and this Table staff.

We have hon members in our Parliament Chamber in Cape Town as well as hon members participating in the sitting of the House via Microsoft Teams. This Hall and the Chamber have therefore also been connected to Microsoft Teams.

I would also like to highlight that there is technical support, that the quorum requirements for sittings are as provided for in the Constitution, that members both here, present both here in the Hall and the Chamber and Teams have all their privileges and immunities as imparted by the law; that – apologies, members, I am just summarising – that all microphones have been muted and for those hon members who are participating in this sitting, you are requested to please use the raise-hand functionality of the system when you desire to raise a point of order, and you will be recognised by the Presiding Officer. Hon members in the Hall and in the Chamber in Wale Street are requested not to sign into the sitting via Teams, please; otherwise it will create confusion and a disruption during the sitting.

For those of you that are needing to access language facilities, interpreting services, please use a second device such as your cell phone and for the venue in Velddrif earphones will be compulsory for the use of interpreting services to prevent any interruptions or disruptions to the proceedings. Please note that this building is a non-smoking building.

I now recognise the Chief Whip.

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

In accordance with Standing Rule 29(2), leave of absence be granted to R D Mackenzie from 7 February to 3 March 2022.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, we know that hon Mackenzie is the Chairperson of a Portfolio Committee of this House, which is the [Inaudible – poor audio connection.] I think it is common knowledge that if a certain person [Inaudible.] as Chairperson of that Committee has suffered, in other words the Environmental Commissioner remains unimplemented. I request for instance that the Premier is called to that Committee to discuss the Albert Fritz matter, all of those issues, so if we are being asked now to give a leave of absence for this hon member and I

am not here to go into personal matters, but we need to hear from the Chief Whip who is the replacement? Who is the Chairperson so that the important work does not become sacrificed, so can – my point of order is, I do not want to object to that leave of absence but can the Chief Whip tell this House who is now the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee of the Premier, the Department of the Premier, in the Western Cape.

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

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): ...to bring this matter to the House for the House's agreement, but only thereafter can it... [Inaudible – poor audio connection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Chief Whip. The motion and the objection is noted. Well, hon Dugmore did not officially object. He wanted clarification. I take and accept your reasoning, Chief Whip, and we will then proceed. Thank you very much. We now move over to the Order of the Day. The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

†Die SEKRETARIS: Debat oor die Premiersrede.

[The SECRETARY: Debate on the Premier's Address.]

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

Debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. †Goeie môre, dames en here. [Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.] †Molweni. [Greetings.] Hon Premier, hon members of the Legislature and members of the public watching the debate.

†Ek wil net begin om te sê dat my party het definitief vir my gesê van die mosie dat agbare Mackenzie moet nou verlof kry, en ek wil nie nou op die persoonlike redes ingaan nie, maar my party het vir my gesê, maar die probleem is dat daai agbare lid is die voorsitter van 'n komitee en ek wil net vir die mense van die Weskus en die mense wat luister sê dat wanneer die kwessie van agbare Fritz opgekom het, wou ons hê dat die Premier moet geroep word na daai komitee. Nou omdat hy op verlof is kan die Premier dan nie ingeroep word en jy kan nie 'n Wetgewer in sulke manier hanteer as die voorsitter nie eers daar is om oorsig oor die Premier... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[I just want to begin by saying my party definitely told me of the motion dat hon Mackenzie should now get leave, and I don't want to go into the personal reasons, but my party told me, but the problem is that hon member is the chairman of a committee and I just want to say to the people of the West Coast and the people who are listening, when the issue of the

hon Fritz came up, we wanted the Premier to be called up to that committee. Now because he is on leave, can the Premier not then be called upon, and you cannot deal with a Legislature in such a manner if the chairman is not there to exercise oversight over the Premier... [Interjection.]

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

†Die LEIER VAN DIE AMPTELIKE OPPOSISIE: Dit is die feite. Ons moenie van die feite wegstroom nie.

[The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Those are the facts. We should not shy away from the facts.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, please take your seat. There is a point of order from the Chief Whip. Chief Whip, what is your point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): [Inaudible – poor audio connection.]

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

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Chair. We are getting reports from the public they cannot hear the audio, Chair, can that matter be sorted out by the technical team?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If I can ask that the technical team please test the sound and audio clarity and quality for this proceeding. Hon Dugmore, if you have a substantive motion you can bring it to the House but I would request that you tread carefully with regards to the allegations made in your debate, please, I would like as much freedom as possible. This is a debate, a political debate, and I would ask for your assistance on this matter.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, could I just enquire, I am not aware that I have made any allegations against any member, so could you just clarify for me, who? I have not made an allegation against member Mackenzie. I have referred to “personal matters that he is dealing with.” I am not making any allegation. I am simply saying, †ons kan nie ’n situasie hê waar daar geen Voorsitter van ’n Komitee is nie en wanneer ons die Premier wil roep na daai Komitee om oor Albert Fritz te praat, die Voorsitter nêrens is nie, so die DA moet vir ons vandag sê wie is die Voorsitter van daai Komitee. Dit is al! [we cannot have a situation where there is no chairman of a committee and when we want to call the Premier to that committee to talk about Albert Fritz, the chairman is nowhere, so the DA must tell us today who is the chairman of that committee. That is all!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Okay, so I am not casting

aspersions on any member of this House. We respect the fact that the hon member needs leave so that is – I am not casting aspersions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon Dugmore. There is a point of order. Hon Allen?

Mr R I ALLEN: Deputy Speaker, if I can get your guidance regarding member Dugmore, patently got the... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, please may I just hear hon Allen out before you... [Interjections.]

Mr R I ALLEN: [Inaudible, speaking simultaneously] ... that I am the correspondent with member Dugmore in this regard, and already indicated that we are inviting the Premier to the Standing Committee... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen, that is not a point of order. I do not want to debate on the clarification of hon Dugmore's content of his speech. I am not here to judge the contents of his speech, because that is not my job. I am here to preside over the House.

Hon Sayed, what is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Chair, no thank you for that ruling, Chair. I was going to raise as a point of order, [Inaudible] ...what the hon

Reagen Allen was saying. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you very much. May we proceed, hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you. †Ja, ons is hier vandag om oor die Premier se Rede te praat. [We are here today to talk about the Premier's Address.]

Now one of the problems that we have in regard to Albert Fritz, is that despite what member Allen is saying, almost a month has passed since this issue. Now in a normal situation you ask the relevant MEC to come to a committee.

†Ons het gevra dat die ondersoek in terme van mnr Fritz, dat ons moet kyk na wat is die doel daarvan, wanneer begin dit, en so aan. Tot vandag toe het die Premier van die Wes-Kaap nooit vir ons die "terms of reference" gegee vir daai ondersoek nie, so die feit dat mnr Allen nou vir my sê hy is nie veronderstel om vir my te antwoord nie, die Voorsitter van die Komitee is, en as hulle nie eers... so dit is net 'n verdragingstaktiek.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[We asked that the inquiry in terms of Mr Fritz, that we should look at what the purpose was thereof, when does it start, and so on. To this day

the Premier of the Western Cape has not given us the terms of reference for that inquiry, so the fact that Mr Allen now tells me he is not supposed to reply to me, the Chairman of the Committee is, and if they cannot even – so it is merely delaying tactics.]

It is a delay tactic. We need to know what happened to the young DA women who were recruited in Mitchells Plain and were subject to sexual abuse. That is what we need to know and if we do not begin that inquiry and everyone knows these leaders here come and pretend they know nothing. I want to ask MEC Simmers, who is now the Acting Leader of the DA, this Premier, I want to ask MEC Meyer, come true to this House.

†Sê vir ons wanneer het julle eerste gehoor van die probleme? Het dit nie begin in 2012 by die Social Development Department nie?

[Tell us when did you first hear of the problems? Has it not started in 2012 at the Social Development Department?]

Be honest with us! You are not being honest with us and that is the problem, Premier, we expect more from you. We expect more from you. You could give us those terms of reference and the DA itself and you are not the leader of the DA. MEC Simmers is the Acting Leader of the DA. You need to tell us when did the DA leaders know about this? How many young girls, DA members from Mitchells Plain were abused with people like yourselves knowing about it and not saying anything? You should be ashamed of yourselves, and still you come here... †En julle wil net die

hele ding 'n *cover up* maak. [And you just want to make the whole thing a cover up.]

The State of this Province Address took place yesterday, and oh, by the way, members, I just wondered whether any of you – †wanneer julle gekom het na Saldanha en Velddrif. U weet, ek het gehoor dat die voormalige burgemeester van Saldanha het 'n MBA. [When you came to Saldanha and Velddrif. You know, I heard the former Mayor of Saldanha has a MBA.] Now I drove all through Saldanha. I was looking for that MBA of Mr Marius Koen.

†Ek kon dit nie gekry het nie. Ek het gedink miskien is dit die Bergrivier. Miskien het die MBA verlore geraak in Saldanha en miskien is die MBA nou hier in Breë... maar tot nou toe, ons soek nog vir daai MBA maar ons het nie eers die *statue* gesien wat daai Marius Koen vir homself gebou het nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[I could not find it. I thought maybe it is the Berg River. Perhaps the MBA got lost in Saldanha and maybe the MBA is now here in Breë... but up till now, we are still searching for that MBA, but we have not even seen the statue which that Marius Koen had built for himself.]

But this shows again how the DA deals, if you are Madikizela, you must

resign. If you are Marius Koen or JP Smith, if you are a white member of the DA then you get treated in a different way. Why?

†Dit is net rassisme. Ons moet eerlik wees. In die toespraak van die Premier, het hy glad nie een woord gesê oor plaaswerkers nie. Hier in die Weskus weet ons dat die boerdery is belangrik, maar hoe kan jy vir amper twee uur praat en nie eers vir plaaswerkers noem nie? [It is just racism. We have to be honest. In the speech of the Premier he did not say a word about farm workers. Here in the West Coast we know farming is important, but how can you speak for almost two hours and not even mention farm workers?] Because it does not exist in the minds of the DA.

†Ek sê nie daar is baie boere wat vir uitsettings verantwoordelik is nie, maar daar is uitsettings, *but* hulle wil nie daaroor praat nie in 'n rede van twee ure nie. Waar is die grond vir swart- en bruin boere? Niks word daaroor gesê nie, hier in die Weskus nie. Die Premier praat van die bokkoms en die en daai, maar hy praat nie van die lewe van mense nie. Hy praat nie van plaaswerkers en hoe hulle in die streek 'n probleem is nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[I am not saying there are many farmers who are responsible for evictions, but there are evictions, but they do not want to talk about that in an address of two hours. Where is the land for black and brown farmers? Nothing is said about that, here on the West Coast. The Premier speaks of

the *bokkoms* and this and that, but he does not speak about the lives of people. He does not speak about farm workers and how they are a problem in the region.]

And we must build a partnership, we must ask farmers and farmworkers to work together, *maar*, when you do not want to speak about those problems and you pretend they do not exist then you are not being truthful and that is the problem, but if anyone finds that MBA of Marius Koen can you please give me a copy, because he made a video, but *†ons soek nog vir daai* [we are still searching for that] MBA. If someone can help us, please man.

Now we know that this State of the Province which took place yesterday followed a few days after the President delivered his State of the Nation, but Deputy Speaker, and Speaker – in his absence – I believe that as a matter of protocol we should establish a tradition in our Province that the Premier delivers his address after the conclusion of the SONA debate. I do not think we should start a debate when the national debate is not yet over. I think we must conclude the SONA because there are issues that affect our province that are raised there, and then the Premier needs to, and I am hoping that we can establish a new tradition in that regard next year.

We are not an island in the Western Cape. We are part of a united South Africa. Cooperative governance is central to our politics. Voters in the Western Cape have clearly rejected those parties who want an

†onafhanklike Wes-Kaap, amper 'n volkstaat, [independent Western Cape, almost a volkstaat,] and I do not include the Freedom Front in that. I include those Cape Independence Parties. The voters did not support them. So the Western Cape is part of South Africa, †dit is nie 'n eiland nie. Ons is deel van die land. [It is not an island. We are part of the country.] And all of us as members say an oath to uphold the national and the provincial Constitution and to... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, one minute – my apologies. Can you please take your seat? Hon Deputy Chief Whip, what is your point of order? One minute, hon Deputy Chief Whip. I have a roving mic and I think it is in the interest of the public and of our streaming that we actually give the Deputy Chief Whip a mic please. Can we make sure that we slow down the objections so that you are able to speak and be heard across all the levels. Yes. Oh, they are still working on it. My apologies.

Deputy Chief Whip, you may rise. Please just raise your voice.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask the Leader of the Opposition because the reason that he is anti-Western Cape is because he has already been seconded to National Government and there is ... [Interjections.] [Inaudible, speaking simultaneously.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Deputy Chief Whip. That is not a point of order and I was not sure that that is a question either.

[Interjections.] Order! Hon Dugmore, you may proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, could I without losing time just ask the Table to indicate to me, my watch says quarter to. Just tell me how many more minutes... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have eight minutes 14 seconds left. I am monitoring it... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Okay, ja. So no, I think members must not be confused. I was simply asked to make a speech in SONA. It is going to take a lot more for you to get rid of me here, do not worry. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: So we remain committed to unity and we can never allow that the gains we have made to build a non-racial non-sexist democracy to be undermined by corruption, gender-based violence, sexual grooming and predators, state capture and the undermining of the progressive realisation of socio-economic rights.

Now this Premier is supposed to represent us as a province. Now I want to really ask him to please read both his national and his provincial

Constitution again, because even if you look at the Western Cape Constitution - and hon Marais and others would remember that when you go to the end and you look at the Directives of Provincial Policy - and I am saying this because in his speech we heard absolutely nothing of this.

†Ons eie Grondwet in die Wes-Kaap, ons eie Grondwet sê:

[Our own Constitution in the Western Cape, our own Constitution says:]

“...that including policies to achieve the following: the protection or advancement of persons or categories of persons disadvantaged by unfair discrimination.”

†Nou vir die DA is regstellende aksie 'n vloekwoord. Hulle wil nie daaroor praat nie. Hulle wil nie daaroor praat oor die toegang tot grond deur bruin en swart boere nie. Dit is vir hulle vloekwoorde, maar hier in die Grondwet...

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[now for the DA affirmative action is a swear word. They do not want to talk about that. They do not want to talk about the access to land for brown and black farmers. It is swear words to them, but here in the Constitution...]

But if you listen to the Premier's speech, not one mention of empowerment of the situation how race has impacted on the lives of people classified as

coloured and African in this province.

†Nie 'n enkele woord nie! Hy skeep eintlik vir bruin en swart mense af hier in die Wes-Kaap, [Not a single word! He actually neglects brown and black people here in the Western Cape,] and we are saying, and if you look at our National Constitution there are clear provisions on redress when it comes to land for peace, for persons, affected by unfair discrimination.

†Maar hier in die Wes-Kaap is die woorde is vir hulle vloekwoorde, [But here in the Western Cape the words are swear words to them,] because they do not want to face the reality that we talk about, economic growth and you do not actually acknowledge the imbalances which are there. That is why the Premier can come here and not mention farmworkers once in his entire speech.

I am not sure, Deputy Speaker, whether the Premier is aware, but there are officials in your own Government and your MECs who have indicated that you were simply driven by a mentality of something to announce when talking about proposed departmental changes regarding transport and infrastructure and the fact that people in your own Government are saying that no, you came here for the sake of making announcements, means that you have not consulted the workers of the Provincial Government. You have not consulted and actually worked out what, does this departmental restructuring actually work? Because if you want to talk about urban mobility, †hy praat - die Premier praat oor *urban*, dit is nou

dorpsmobiliteit. [he talks – the Premier talks about urban, that is now town mobility.]

How can you not include rural, we are here in the West Coast.

†In die Suid-Kaap is daar nie *public transport* in die landelike gebiede, maar hy praat van *urban mobility*. So hy wil net *mobility* uitsorteer in die stad maar hoekom werk ons nie saam met die Nasionale Regering dat treine byvoorbeeld tussen die Kaap en George kan ry sodat mense na die Universiteit toe kan kom nie, selfs hier in die Weskus, hoekom fokus ons nie op landelike vervoer nie?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[In the Southern Cape there is no public transport in the rural areas, but he speaks of urban mobility. So he just wants to sort out mobility in the city but why do we not cooperate with the National Government so that trains can run between the Cape and George, for example, so that people can come to university, even here in the West Coast, why do we not focus on rural transport?]

Why do we talk, we want to set up a separate department. I think he has not thought – the Premier has not thought this through. He has alienated people in his own departments who just say he came here to say that, †net om 'n aankondiging te maak, [just to make an announcement], because it

has not been thought through, and maybe this is about him having to make space for someone that is not in his own caucus. Hon Dan Plato has returned here. You can see he is still a backbencher, even though J P Smith wants him to become an MEC.

†Ja, dit is wat aangaan in die DA, maar hulle is in die verkeerde faksie. J P Smith en Dan Plato is in die verkeerde faksie, so nou sit hy hier agter as 'n *backbencher*... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Yes, that is what is going on in the DA, but they are in the wrong faction. J P Smith and Dan Plato are in the wrong faction, so now he sits here in the back as a backbencher... [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...backbencher, where he was the Mayor and now he must restructure and he must come with these and these to accommodate people.

†Nee, jy kan nie vir DA-faksies laat besluit oor *departmental issues*. [No, you cannot let DA factions decide on departmental issues.] Do not subject this Government to your own factions like you have with the way you are dealing with MEC, former MEC Fritz. So it was – when you talk about

property, it was an open secret that the Premier was not happy that property management fell under MEC Madikizela. Underhand attempts were being made to bring property management under the control of the Provincial Treasury with MEC Maynier. This House needs to know exactly what your intentions are, Premier. We see this as an opportunity of so-called DA cadre deployment.

†En ek wil net 'n aankondiging hierso maak. Ons het die bewys en agbare Bredell is een van die mense wat op 'n DA- briefhoof geskryf het oor *cadre deployment*, maar dit was eintlik *cadre deployment* om seker te maak dat een van die DA-ondersteuners, wat 'n blanke ondersteuner is, 'n werk kan kry in George terwyl die persoon wat hulle eintlik moes aangestel het, is nie 'n blanke persoon nie. So die DA gebruik *cadre deployment* as ~~bandjies~~ baantjies vir boeties.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[And I want to make an announcement here. We have the proof and hon Bredell is one of the people who wrote about cadre deployment on a letterhead, but it was actually cadre deployment to make sure that one of the DA supporters, who is a white supporter, can get a job in George while the person they should actually have appointed is not a white person. So the DA uses cadre deployment as jobs for pals.]

They just want to put their people in and now we have the next letter from

James Selfe and the DA and I want to say, hon Simmers, you are now the Acting Leader. You have not even bothered to respond to our letter. †Ons vra, dames en here, die DA moet vir ons elke brief, al die notules van 2009 tot nou toe gee, maar hulle antwoord nie. [We ask, ladies and gentlemen, that the DA must give us every letter, all the minutes from 2009 up till now, but they do not respond.] So you must not be surprised that we as the ANC are going to approach the processes required administratively in terms of accessing the Access to Information Act to get that information and we are calling young lawyers from UCT, UWC, Stellenbosch, work with us that we bring an application. Work with us, yes, work with us, work with us... [Interjection.] Ja, and help us... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: And help us to expose the DA because one day when you as a young lawyer help our senior lawyers who will work without money, and we achieve success, you can one day say that we took on the cadre deployment, †baantjies vir boeties [jobs for pals] of the DA and we won, because we are not going to stop until you give us those minutes.

All the letters you wrote, MEC Bredell, all the town clerks you tried to appoint in Theewaterskloof. †Wat jy gedoen het en opgemors het daar in Matzikama, al daai waarhede gaan uitkom. Wat jy gedoen het in Swartland, dit gaan uitkom. Wat jy gedoen het in Bergrivier, dit gaan

uitkom. Wat jy gedoen het in Saldanha, dit gaan uitkom. Dit gaan uitkom en die waarheid gaan uitkom. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[What you did and messed up there in Matzikama, all those truths are going to come out. What you did in Swartland, it will come out. What you did in Bergrivier, it will come out. What you did in Saldanha, it will come out. It will come out and truth will come out. [Applause.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: So we must understand what is going on here. West Coast needs an Environmental Commissioner. We need this because we must balance sustainable development, tourism and the beauty that we have in the West Coast.

†Weet u, dames en here, dat vir 12 jare het die DA geweier om die Environmental Commissioner aan te stel. [Do you know, ladies and gentlemen, that for 12 years the DA has refused to appoint the Environmental Commissioner.] They have delayed. †Ons moes gesukkel het om die Children's Commissioner daar te stel. [We had to struggle to get the Children's Commissioner appointed.] So they must appoint this Commissioner. There is sewerage going out in Cape Town in the water. The quality of water is not what it should be. That Environmental

Commissioner could have helped when the boats off Saldanha here were wanting to dump chemicals. That Commissioner could have helped...
[Interjection.]

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

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But you do not want to do that. So thank you, Speaker, so the rest of my speech, my colleagues will deal with that, but let us face it, this DA is not interested in the poor of the Western Cape. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I now call on hon Minister Meyer.
[Interjection.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor! Gooi kole! [Tussenwerpsel.]

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear! Throw coals! [Interjection.]]

An HON MEMBER: I will send my speech to you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Speaker, Deputy Speaker, hon Premier and Cabinet colleagues, hon Leader of the Official Opposition, leaders of political parties, hon members of the Western Cape Legislature, Mayors here from the West Coast, Speakers from the West Coast as well as the Councillors present here today, our Director-General, Dr Harry Malila, our Heads of Departments, municipal managers and all the staff present

here today, citizens of the West Coast and citizens of the Western Cape.
 Good morning, *goeie môre, molweni*.

†Geagte Adjunkspeaker en agbare burgemeesters hier van die Weskus, die digter Marieta Burger dig soos volg in haar gedig *Weskusvers* wat verskyn het in die *Teater van die Verlore Tyd* van die Breedevallei Digtors daar van die Breedevallei onder redaksie van Floris Brown. Haar gedig lees:

“Ek wil dig van Langebaan en Gonnamanskraal
 van Dwarskersbos tot Velddrif en Tietiesbaai
 my spoor loop met die see se soom
 Stompneusbaai verby al langs die Weskus
 dit is my kammaland
 dit is my troon
 waar sonstrale geel glans
 op God se strand.”

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Hon Deputy Speaker and hon Mayors here from the West Coast, the poet Marieta Burger writes as follows in her poem *Weskusvers* that appeared in the *Teater van die Verlore Tyd* of the Breedevallei Digtors from the Breede Valley under editorship of Floris Brown. Her poem reads:

“Ek wil dig van Langebaan en Gonnamanskraal

van Dwarskersbos tot Velddrif en Tietiesbaai

my spoor loop met die see se soom

Stompneusbaai verby al langs die Weskus

dit is my kammaland

dit is my troon

waar sonstrale geel glans

op God se Strand.”]

†Agbare Adjunkspeaker, die Weskus is my kammaland. Ek eer my moeder en my vader vir my kammaland. Geagte Adjunkspeaker, ek het hierheen gekom om te luister na hulle storie, ’n storie van hoop, ’n storie uit die Weskus, deur die Weskus.

Agbare Adjunkspeaker, die Premier van die Wes-Kaap, Alan Winde, het gister weer hoop gebied in sy toespraak, maar hoop vir Suid-Afrika. In sy toespraak het hy verwys na die sosiale infrastruktuur, behuising en titelaktes en hoe dit mense kan bemagtig.

Agbare Adjunkspeaker, ’n paar uur nadat hy sy toespraak in hierdie Huis gelewer het, het hy daad by sy woorde gevoeg, saam met die Minister van Kultuursake en Sport, Minister Anroux Marais, het hulle die opgradering van die Noordhoek Biblioteek geopen, in samewerking met Bergrivier Munisipaliteit en hulle uitstekende personeel, en die projek voltooi. Baie geluk aan die burgemeester, die *Mayco member* van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, asook die munisipale bestuurder en die projekbestuurder

van hierdie wonderlike projek, en in samewerking met die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Biblioteekdienste. Julle optrede bied hoop.

'n Uur daarna het die Premier en die Wes-Kaapse Minister van Menslike Nedersettings titelaktes oorhandig aan die nuwe huiseienaars waar beide die Premier Winde en Minister Simmers daar daad by die woord gevoeg het.

Twee uur na die Premier se *State of the Province Address* het hy daad by sy woord gevoeg. Dis nie 'n geval van net praat nie. Dit is 'n geval van dinge moet gebeur. Saam met die Bergrivier Munisipaliteit en die Wes-Kaapse Regering en die gemeenskap van Velddrif word menswaardigheid bevorder. Dit is dus gepas want die leuse van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit is om 'n plek te skep van woon, werk en speel, dit te skep waar mense met menswaardigheid kan omgaan. Soos die Premier is ek trots op Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, mnr Ray van Rooy, asook jou munisipale bestuurder, want hulle kry dinge gedoen.

Agbare Adjunkspeaker, ek wil uself asook die Speaker, die lede van die Provinsiale Parlement asook mnr Peter Marais persoonlik bedank vir sy teenwoordigheid gister by die amptelike opening van die opgradering van die Noordhoek Biblioteek asook ander lede wat daar teenwoordig was.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Hon Deputy Speaker, the West Coast is my fantasy land. I honour my mother and father for my fantasy land. Hon Deputy Speaker, I came here to listen to their story, a story of hope, a story from the West Coast, by the West Coast.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, yesterday gave hope again in his speech, but hope for South Africa. In his speech he referred to the social infrastructure, housing and title deeds and how it can empower people.

Hon Deputy Speaker, a few hours after he had delivered his speech in this House, he suited the action to the word along with the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Minister Anroux Marais, they opened the upgrading of the Noordhoek Library, in cooperation with Bergrivier Municipality and their excellent staff, and completed the project. Congratulations to the Mayor, the Mayco member of Bergrivier Municipality, as well as the municipal manager and the project manager of this wonderful project, and in cooperation with the Western Cape Library Services. Your actions offer hope.

An hour later the Premier and the Western Cape Minister of Human Settlements handed over title deeds to the new house owners where both the Premier Winde and Minister Simmers suited the action to the word.

Two hours after the Premier's State of the Province Address he suited the

action to the word. It is not a case of just talking. It is a case of things that have to happen. In cooperation with the Bergrivier Municipality and the Western Cape Government and the community of Velddrif, human dignity is promoted. It is therefore fitting that the motto of Bergrivier Municipality is to create a place of living, working and playing, to create that where people can live in dignity. Like the Premier I am proud of the Bergrivier Municipality, Mr Ray van Rooy, as well as your municipal manager, because you get things done.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank you personally as well as the Speaker, the members of the Provincial Parliament, also Mr Peter Marais for his presence yesterday at the official opening of the Noordhoek Library, as well as other members who were present there.]

†Agbare Marais, [Hon Marais,] the first law of politics is to be present. The second law of politics is to go see for yourself. I thank you. I salute you for going to see for yourself the delivery and the track record of this Government.

Hon Speaker, Deputy Speaker, agriculture and agri-processing contributes 8% of the Western Cape GDP. This sector's contribution to employment in the Western Cape in the third quarter last year is estimated at 197 230 jobs for primary agriculture and for secondary agriculture 118 000 jobs for agri-processing.

†Vir die sekondêre landbou is dit van kritieke belang hier in die Weskus, [For the secondary agriculture it is of critical importance here in the West Coast,] and combined both primary and secondary agriculture we have 9% of all jobs here in the Western Cape.

Hon Deputy Speaker, agriculture in the Western Cape is export-oriented. Eight of the ten most important significant products from the Western Cape have an agricultural foundation.

†Agbare lede van hierdie Huis en lede van die gemeenskap, toe die Premier my aangestel het, het ek 'n teiken gekry van 5% uitvoere van landbouproduksie wat moet verhoog word. Van 45% staan ons vandag hier met 53% van alle landbouprodukte wat in Suid-Afrika uitgevoer word, kom hier uit die Wes-Kaap uit die Weskus, dit is fundamenteel, en die werkers van die Weskus speel 'n kritieke belangrike rol, want die produksie van landbou in 2018 het ons gesien hier in die Weskus het die grootste groei gedemonstreer, en so, agbare Leier van die Amptelike Opposisie, die enigste regering in Suid-Afrika wat 'n agri-werker kompetisie het, is hierdie Wes-Kaapse Regering. Die enigste provinsie met 'n agri-werker kompetisie, 'n agri-werker begroting, 'n agri-werker tydskrif, 'n agri-werker program, 'n agri-werker begroting, en twee jaar gelede het die Agri-werker van die Jaar my vergesel na Nederland in Rotterdam asook na Berlyn om te kyk na die grootste sagtevrugtebedryf se uitvoere daar in Rotterdam asook daar in Berlyn by die *biggest soft fruit industry*, and so we value and appreciate our agri-workers.

Agbare Adjunkspeaker, ons weet hoe belangrik agri-werker en die landbou is en daarom het ek die burgemeester van die Weskus Distriksmunisipaliteit reeds versoek dat alle munisipaliteite moet 'n MayCo-lid hê verantwoordelik vir landbou, sodat landbou ook tot sy reg kan kom op daardie spesifieke vlak.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Hon members of this House and members of the community, when the Premier appointed me I received a target of 5% export of agricultural production that has to increase. From 45% we today stand here with 53% of all agricultural products that are exported in South Africa, come here from the Western Cape from the West Coast, it is fundamental, and the workers of the West Coast play a critically important role, because in the production of agriculture in 2018 we saw here in the West Coast the greatest growth was demonstrated, and so, hon Leader of the Official opposition, the only government in South Africa that has an agri-worker competition is this Western Cape Government. The only government with an agri-worker competition, an agri-worker budget, an agri-worker magazine, an agri-worker programme, and two years ago the Agri-Worker of the Year accompanied me to the Netherlands, to Rotterdam as well as to Berlin, to look at the largest soft fruit industry exports there in Rotterdam and also in Berlin at the biggest soft fruit industry, and so we value and appreciate our agri-workers.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, we know how important the agri-worker and agriculture are and therefore I have already requested the Mayor of the West Coast District Municipality that every municipality should have a MayCo member responsible for agriculture so that agriculture to show a better advantage at that specific level.]

†Agb Speaker, hier in die Weskus in die 2021 se MERO, [Hon Speaker, here in the West Coast in the 2021 MERO], the Municipal Economic Review and Outlook, it finds that in 2019 the GDP, that is the gross domestic per region, contributed here in the West Coast R611,9 billion. Exports originating from this region in the West Coast in 2020 were valued at about R136,7 billion. The West Coast matters. That is why the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the Premier brought this Parliament to the people of the West Coast. It is recognition for the work that is being done in this particular area.

Exports are being driven also from this region. The top exporting products from the Western Cape are citrus, farmed in the Cederberg region. Wine and apples and pears and other products from this region are important. In fact, in 2020 the West Coast District, this region where we are now, exported citrus to the value of R1,9 billion. Citrus made up 31,2% of the total exports. Those are the agri-workers in this region. Those are the producers in this region. Those are the people of the West Coast. †Dit is my kammaland! [That is my *kammaland!*] The top three export markets are the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Hon Deputy Speaker, 25 kilometres from here is my home town, Vredenburg. You will find that when we visited that place, the Genesis Hub, which I had the privilege of visiting a few months ago as the Minister of Agriculture, I was excited about the training provided by the Genesis Hub to the local youth.

The Green Engine is one of the biggest attractions of the Genesis Hub. The Genesis Hug exposes youth to a hydroponics annual plant production, harvesting and packaging and they also produce lettuce, spinach and various other herbs, onions, beetroot, cabbage, pumpkin and edible flowers. They are also now distributing it from the West Coast to the Epping market and they are having sales of between R16 000 and R25 000 per month.

†Agb Speaker, die Wes-Kaap is nie 'n eiland nie. Ons is trots Suid-Afrikaans. Ons is trots patrioties maar die beste patriotte is 'n man en 'n vrou wat opstaan en werk vir hul land en vir sy mense en daardie patriotte kry jy in die Wes-Kaap. Die Wes-Kaap is nie 'n eiland nie, maar ons is wel 'n eiland van suksesvolle regering onder die leierskap van Premier Alan Winde. Ons wil hê Suid-Afrika moet slaag maar as Suid-Afrika nie wil slaag nie sal ons help om Suid-Afrika hier uit die Weskus uit die suidpunt hier in die Wes-Kaap te laat slaag. Ons wil Suid-Afrika laat slaag, maar ons is 'n eiland van hoop. Ons is 'n eiland van waar dinge gebeur. Ons is 'n eiland van sukses. Ons is 'n eiland van uitstekende leierskap en regeerkunde onder Premier Alan Winde.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Hon Speaker, the Western Cape is not an island. We are proudly South African. We are proudly patriotic but the best patriots are a man and a woman who stand up and work for their country and its people and those patriots you find in the Western Cape. The Western Cape is not an island, but we are indeed an island of successful government under the leadership of Premier Alan Winde. We want South Africa to succeed but if South Africa does not want to succeed we will help South Africa to succeed here from the West Coast, from the southern point here in the Western Cape. We want South Africa to succeed, but we are an island of hope. We are an island where things happen. We are an island of success. We are an island of excellent leadership and governance under Premier Alan Winde.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie Minister, u tyd is nou op.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister, your time is now up.]

†Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Ag nee! [Tyd verstreke.]

[The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Ag no! [Time expired.]]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Ek is baie jammer daaroor maar dit is die waarheid!

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I'm very sorry about that but that is the truth!]

†Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Ek is baie hartseer, agbare Speaker.

[Applous.]

[The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I'm very sad, hon Speaker.

[Applause.]]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Baie jammer, Minister. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Very sorry, Minister. [Interjections.]]

†n AGBARE LID: Foeitog! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Shame! [Interjections.]]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Baie dankie.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I now recognise hon Bosman.

[Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Talk about social development and Albert Fritz please. [Interjections.] Tell the truth.

Mr G BOSMAN: I am not a member of the ANC, member Dugmore.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members, order!

An HON MEMBER: Hear–hear!

Mr G BOSMAN: Good morning, hon Deputy Speaker, Premier, members and guests of the Western Cape, thank you for joining us in Velddrif.

Deputy Speaker, as we debate the State of the Province today we take note that the Western Cape has the best standard of living in this entire country. This is not just something that I proclaim but something which President Ramaphosa himself acknowledged this year. In the ANC President's own words:

“There are certain things that do work. We do have a City that works. We do have one province that works.”

And factually President Ramaphosa is a 100% correct. He is correct about the DA-led Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members.

Mr G BOSMAN: He is correct about the DA-led Western Cape and... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, hon, just give one second please. Hon members, it is quite a lot of noise and obviously with the word and it echoes quite a bit, so if you can just keep the interjections down so that I can hear the hon member. You may proceed.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. As I said President Ramaphosa is a 100% correct about the DA-led Western Cape and the DA-led City of Cape Town. This fact is made clear in the results of the

Quarterly Labour Force Survey for the third quarter of 2021. The survey shows us that the number of employed persons decreased by 660 000. That means that 14,3 million more South Africans are unemployed, but in contrast to this dismal picture, between Quarter 3 / 2020 and Quarter 3 / 2021, 9 000 jobs were created in this Western Cape. That is more than any other ANC province. The expanded unemployment rate in the Western Cape is 30,3%. This is the lowest in the country and the nearest lowest unemployment rate in the rest of the country, look at Gauteng, 44,9% – a nearly 15% difference. But we are not an island.

Sadly, Deputy Speaker, in the Eastern Cape, Limpopo and the North–West more than half of their population are without work and without hope. The Western Cape has the lowest poverty headcount at just under 13% according to the latest figures from Stats SA. The Western Cape has a higher annual household income and the highest life expectancy in South Africa because our health platform serves everybody. Our facilities never run out of beds. They never run out of masks and they never run out of any other basic supplies because we did not steal. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr G BOSMAN: Deputy Speaker, this is because the Western Cape Government invests in the dignity of its people. It has a government that is focused on creating jobs and a government that is focused on attracting investment and delivering services through good governance.

Deputy Speaker, employment not only secures dignity through personal pride but more meaningfully through improved access to socio-economic rights, such as electricity, water, sanitation, education, housing and medical care, services that are reliably available in the Western Cape and that members of the Opposition benefit from every day.

In the Western Cape we attempt to support residents from the cradle to the grave through our world-class healthcare system, educational opportunities, we prepare the people of the Western Cape for a better future for this entire country, a future that enables them to thrive and a future that enables them to start businesses and find meaningful work opportunities to ensure that they contribute to the growth.

The people of this province have access to municipal services that work. The people of the Western Cape have their needs met through a government that delivers services and that does not steal and when we deliver services we create the economic environment for the private sector to invest in our province and our people, thus we create more employment. You should take notes, member Dugmore. [Interjection.]

I am very encouraged that the President of the ANC...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please take your seat. Chief Whip of the Opposition, Deputy Chief Whip, my apologies, without any disrespect to hon Lekker. You may proceed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you Chair. I think that it is out of order for the hon Bosman to address the hon Leader of the Opposition directly. Can he speak through you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bosman, you should be familiar with that comment by now, so please address me.

Mr G BOSMAN: My apologies, Deputy Speaker.

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

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Deputy Speaker, on a point of order, I am not wearing my glasses, I just need someone to inspect whether the Chief Whip or the Deputy Chief Whip or the Leader of the Opposition, I do not know what his title is today, whether he is wearing an ANC tie within the House, but I am not wearing my glasses so please can we inspect. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I am wearing no ANC tie.

An HON MEMBER: It is just colours, it is a nice tie. [Interjections.]

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

An HON MEMBER: And the thing is, if we can [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, may I respond, I do not see an ANC emblem on that tie so I will take it that it is in order without having any emblems. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He is an ANC member. [Interjections.]

Mr G BOSMAN: Deputy Speaker, through you, I would like to encourage the members of the Opposition to take notes on our service delivery successes instead of raising frivolous points of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed.

Mr G BOSMAN: Deputy Speaker, we welcome the commitment by the Premier to create a new Department of Infrastructure which will focus solely on investing in the economic infrastructure needed to make the Western Cape the obvious choice for any investors. Deputy Speaker, I was surprised to see that the President and the ANC have finally started to learn from us in the Western Cape. His admission during the State of the Nation that his Government needs to get out of the way and make room for the private sector to create jobs affirms what the DA has been saying all along, that a good government not only creates jobs, but an enabling environment for growth as well. However, unlike President Ramaphosa, we do not need to centralise everything in one single presidency. We work

with our departments. Our Ministers go out and do their jobs. They are not just a dummy Cabinet waiting for advisers from the Presidency. For instance, in this Western Cape the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport has exceeded its targets for job creation and skills development last year. Whilst the economy shrank this Department managed to partner with the sector to create 470 jobs in the Arts Culture and Heritage sector. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members!

Mr G BOSMAN: It also exceeded its targets by creating 1 500 opportunities for first time job seekers through various programmes including in-service training programmes.

The Department of Social Development hosted 29 training initiatives to empower social workers. They have also employed 114 more social workers to serve and protect the people of the Western Cape. We have seen this last week when we were on the West Coast and we have seen the hard work being done by our social workers on the West Coast under very difficult circumstances.

In the Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism more than 7 200 beneficiaries were supported through skills development. This includes funding, innovative tourism projects such as the !Kwa ttu Project on the West Coast. This unique heritage offering was made

possible by seed funding from this Department because in the Western Cape we fund economic growth.

Coupled with this incredible work is the focus on creating economic hubs across this province like the Atlantis Special Economic Zone and the Saldanha Industrial Development Zone. The work by these entities in partnership with DEDAT has seen an investment of more than R790 million and the creation of 2400 jobs. These training programmes and investments into the various sectors, members, are fundamental if we are going to create an open opportunity society in the Western Cape, one where there are dignified work opportunities and a government that serves its people instead of stealing.

With the population of the Western Cape set to grow by 1,4 million in the next eight years, we all need to work towards an all-of-society approach to work together to create safe dignified housing opportunities. We are seeing the first steps in this approach through the Conradie Park. Living in high density allows more people to access work opportunities, education and basic services. The Premier noted the general hesitancy towards the trend of dedensification and the question is how will our Government use the example of Conradie Park as a template for developments to bring residents closer to economic opportunities so we can combat the harmful legacy of apartheid spatial planning.

In his State of the Nation Address after President Ramaphosa offered more

excuses for the failing economy by blaming it on deep structural problems, he finally decided to outsource his Government's failure to create jobs to the private sector. We all know that those deep structural problems are caused by the African National Congress.

Despite this the Western Cape Government has worked hard to grow the economy, and despite its best efforts it remains throttled by a National Government plagued with incompetence, corruption that has resulted in load-shedding, which has cost our provincial economy R75 million per day per stage. Economic growth is further stifled by a deteriorated rail network and inefficient ports after costing the Western Cape opportunities and through you, Deputy Speaker, I encourage the Leader of the Opposition to take a train and to see what the ANC has done to the rail services in this province.

The departments in the Western Cape Government have continued to persevere. We persevere by educating, by training and securing employment for our residents in this province. One of the ways in which the Western Cape empowers its residents is through giving them access to their socio-economic rights to improve their standard of living because we want our people to lead a dignified life to ensure access to economic opportunities. That is why nearly 9 000 jobs were created in this province last year, ensuring our status as the province with the least unemployment and the lowest poverty headcount. An employed population is a safer, happier, healthier population. It is a population in a better position to lead

a meaningful life. I welcome the announcement by the Premier and I hope, Deputy Speaker, through you, that our colleagues in the Opposition are for once going to take proper notes, pass it on to Luthuli House and please help Government save the rest of the country. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I now recognise hon Xego. [Interjections.]

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members.

Mr M XEGO: Without wasting any time, let me shoot straight to the denialists that is leading our province, that indeed we are led by denialists of high note, who fail dismally to deal with issues of social cohesion that are affecting our province.

Recently we have received reports about a white man who is slaughtering and butchering our people in his small town of Klawer and eating them for a meal; a self-confessed white Satanist who is feeding on black people, with a total of seven people that have been missing, whose bones some of them have been discovered from his farm and the Premier failed dismally to address such a sensitive matter.

In Milnerton High School it has been reported that black kids are made to

bow in front of white children and as a father of this province and the number one citizen you have failed dismally to talk about issues that are directly affecting social cohesion in this province. When you talk about the restoration of dignity of our people, you refer to them about the issuing of title deeds and you side-step deliberately the sensitive part of giving land back to the rightful owners of this province, which is the descendants of the Khoi and the San and the black people of the province of the Western Cape.

In terms of dealing with Social Development that has been so much praised here, it has failed to deal with the victims of sexual predators within the Democratic Alliance. We are expecting that we should have received a statement that talks to those who have come forward to expose the sexual harassment that is happening within the Democratic Alliance Government, and that Department failed dismally to talk about that and yet they come here and try to claim easy victories.

In terms of housing, we are challenging the Premier to formalise the informal settlements where our people are living. The women and children are still relieving themselves in the bushes and yet we talk about saving women and children from gender-based violence and yet we subject them to have no access to water and sanitation. We thought that Premier would talk deep about such kind of thing.

The issue of agriculture, you can never have agriculture without land and

food gardens will never replace the expropriation of land without compensation and the return of our land to its rightful owners.

It is very clear in terms of safety that the Department was trying its utmost best, but it has failed because it has been led by somebody who was concentrating on feeding himself on the vulnerable children, particularly the black.

On education we heard here that you will expand the structures, but you are talking about shacks and for sure you are referring to Nomzamo, Khayelitsha, and other areas. You will never deliver family structures for our kids because come July and August they must be blown far away by storms and wind because you care less about them.

In terms of the health system indeed our clinics are still overcrowded and a lot needs to be done and you have piloted the project in Grabouw of a 24-hour service clinic. Why do you not do it in the entire province? Our people are seriously struggling with healthcare because they are understaffed and some are lacking medication. We still have a serious issue because you talk about eradicating homelessness and yet you allow your municipalities to impose bylaws that will harass the very same homeless people and subject them to go to jail – overcrowded jails.

The City of Cape Town, as we speak, is busy with its law enforcement, tracking down the homeless, filling them into police stations and in

prisons as well. How are you dealing with homelessness when you are doing that? You think that subjecting homeless people, in particular black people to prisons, is to eradicate homelessness.

When we deal with the issue of independent power producers it has been an exciting topic for you and for sure the gap has been opened by the National Government through the failure of Eskom, and you are using this opportunity to fulfil the mandate of Stellenbosch, because this is aimed at nothing else but enriching those who are already rich.

These independent power producers are the mandate of Stellenbosch and you are definitely going to see to it that those who are already rich will be super rich. You will never close the gap between the rich, and it is very clear who are the rich, and it is white, and those who are poor, it is black.

On the issue of unemployment and hunger, we appeal to the Government that there are companies in the Western Cape who embarked on thievery, stealing the tax money of our people. We have reported this to different departments including the Department of Economic Development, to be able to see [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Where did you report to?

Mr M XEGO: We have reported them even to the Department of Labour that is investigating and building the proof so that we can go to the police,

but we want them blacklisted, because these thieves, they continue to steal from the poor and we expect you as the Premier of the Western Cape to protect our people from such kinds of thieves, especially those ones that are in the mainstream.

You spoke loudly about the issue of this district of the West Coast about the fishing industry, but we have seen the serious challenges of our people having no licence to the fishing industry, and some of them being robbed by big corporates who are stealing from them, and the failure of this Government to assist them to have access to resources, because some of them lease their permits out because they do not have resources. So what we expect from you, Premier, is to close that gap. Our people have to have a sense of ownership, not to lease them out.

We can never forever refer to challenges facing our people as a national crisis. You are a government of your own. You must be able to account. That is why you are a government. Do not continue blaming and shifting the blame and shifting goalposts.

As far as the issues that were raised here, what we expected from you, hon Premier, is to ensure that the conflicts of the Democratic Alliance factions do not affect this House. We have seen the changes and the interchanges that you are doing. You have fired the hon Success Madikizela and you have rehired him, the very same self-confessed liar that lied about his qualification. He is busy advising you. I wonder what kind of advice is

he giving you in that office?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, finish off. Your time is up.

Mr M XEGO: And now you have got a very challengeable man in terms of integrity because we have just received the reports that in the City of Cape Town there is serious money that has been missing from PPE money. We hope that you are not bringing him here to be able to steal further for the Democratic Alliance. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, thank you very much. I now recognise hon Windvogel.

An HON MEMBER: Malibongwe!

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, hon members, ladies and gentlemen, and the MEC of Social Development, member Bakubaku-Vos. I greet you all this morning. Hon Deputy Speaker, †ek wil saamstem met *member* Bosman, die City werk, maar hy werk net vir die rykes, nie vir die armes nie [I want to agree with member Bosman, the City works, but it only works for the rich, not for the poor.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Dit is so.

[An HON MEMBER: It is so.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Deputy Speaker, we gather here a few days after the world remembered the 32nd anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela from Victor Verster Prison. On 11 February 1990, he stood on the balcony of Cape Town City Hall and told thousands of our people and I quote:

“Today, the majority of South Africans, black and white, recognise that apartheid has no future. It has to be ended by our own decisive mass action in order to build peace and security.”

Hon Deputy Speaker, let this quote be a stern warning to the Premier, his party and Government that the people are growing tired of racism and apartheid inequalities. Our appeal to the Premier is to show his resolve to fight the demon of racism. We call on you to play an active role in enhancing social cohesion and to address apartheid inequalities in the province. Please work with President Ramaphosa to unite South Africa and defend our democracy.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we have a serious challenge of GBV and femicide in this province. Media reported that three lifeless bodies of women were discovered in Langa, Gugulethu and Tulbagh this week. Another woman was shot dead in Langa on Monday evening, while two others were shot dead in Kraaifontein. Last month, Abongile Mabusela was shot dead while coming from church. In all these cases, perpetrators are still at large. We call on the police to speed up investigations to bring the perpetrators to book.

Hon Deputy Speaker, no mention of any of these cases in the SOPA. It is so shocking. Either the Premier does not appreciate the severity of the scourge of GBV and femicide or he simply does not care because some of his Cabinet members are alleged perpetrators. Evidence suggests that latter is the case. Three senior officials in his Government remain in their jobs while facing serious charges of sexual misconduct. The ANC demands are clear. Remove Albert Fritz from your Cabinet and immediately suspend Farrel Payne and Wesley Baatjies, pending outcomes of their sexual misconduct cases. To show that these senior officers are protected, the Watching Brief has not monitored any of these cases. Where are the Watching Briefs?

The hon Premier said boldly in 2020 that he has a Safety Plan and I am wondering why, where was that Safety Plan when all these things happened, but then I realised it was never tabled until today and it was never actually implemented. ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What are you talking about?

An HON MEMBER: Where ... [Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Or, let me think? No, let me think. It is because ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, please do not talk ...

[Interjections.]

†Me R WINDVOGEL: Daar was 'n wolf in skaapklere.

[Ms R WINDVOGEL: There was a wolf in sheep's clothing.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Windvogel, please address ...

[Interjection.] Hon Windvogel?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: It is because you knew there was a †wolf in skaapklere [wolf in sheep's clothing]... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel, just please, if you are going to talk in the House, you talk through me. Thank you very much. Let ...
[Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: [Interjection.] ...Deputy Speaker. †Ons sal hom sê, MEC Fritz was die skaap in wolflere [wolf in skaapklere] en so moontlik is daar baie ander. [We will tell him, MEC Fritz was the sheep in wolf's clothing [wolf in sheep's clothing] and so possibly there are others.] Going forward, here in the West Coast, due to ignorance we only have five GBV social workers in the West Coast and let me also say that of the five social workers, four were sponsored by our caring President Cyril Ramaphosa.

I think the Premier is confused since he is saying that he is moving social prevention plans to Health, unless he thinks the MEC of Social

Development is not doing a good job. There are insufficient resources to fight GBV in the province. The Victim Empowerment programme, the only programme to address GBV, is underfunded. The Shelter for Abused Victims of Violence are not enough, particularly in poor working-class communities. We demand additional funding for this.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the GBV implementation plan and the adopted key interventions across all the departments are nonsense. It is nothing, but just hot air. What we want to hear is how much investment is your Government contributing towards the fight against GBV and femicide? Perhaps in a show of no confidence against the suspended MEC and against his Safety Plan, the Premier announced the Violence Prevention Unit in the Health Department. Why is it not under Community Safety? Because you knew that †die wolf met die skaapklere was daar en is nog steeds daar. Waar is die plan en die begroting om die kernoorsake van misdaad aan te spreek? Jy kan hoeveel aanstellings doen en jy kan *entities* en name verander, maar as jy nie die oorsaak van die misdaad en geweld hanteer nie, soos die Engelsman sal sê,

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[the wolf in sheep's clothing is there and is still there. Where is the plan and budget to address the core causes of crime? You can make as many appointments and you can change entities and names, but if you do not deal with the cause of the crime and violence, as the Englishman will say,]

‘you will be fighting a losing battle’. Get real, my Premier.

Hon Deputy Speaker, yesterday the Premier boldly claimed that his Government wants to achieve quality education for every child in every school in the province. Oh, my goodness! The hypocrisy of the Premier knows no bounds. How can he make such bold claims while neglecting the structural educational challenges of insufficient placement spaces of learners, and overcrowded classrooms in schools in the working community?

Thousands of our learners are out of school as we speak, hon Deputy Speaker, yet no mention of this was made in his SOPA yesterday, but here it is. It is a grave injustice to allow certain schools to have a class size of less than 30 learners, while Enkanini Primary, for instance, has over 70 learners in class.

Many former Model C Schools have a system to keep blacks students out of their schools. It is happening here in the West Coast.

There are complaints of structural racism at Vredenburg Primary and Vredenburg High where black students are asked to provide, to produce proof of address and referred to township schools. The ANC reiterates its call for review of all school codes of conduct and for a uniform admission policy to do away with racism in schools.

Speaker, what is the justification for the MEC of Education, wasting R49 million per year on new offices? New offices, when there are severe shortage of teachers / classrooms in schools. We welcome the SIU finding against the WCED and call on SCOPA to further investigate the Department's PPE expenditure. Premier, you may want to delay changing Department names. The most urgent task is to fire your MEC of Education.

Speaker, the Premier must stop being mischievous about announcing old health infrastructure projects as if they are new. The Klipfontein Regional Hospital to replace G F Jooste Hospital is the case in point. We call on the Premier to attach timeframes to these infrastructure projects. The people of Manenberg want to know when the G F Jooste Hospital will be built. The hospital management and hospital board at Khayelitsha Hospital have told your government about the additional R157 million they need to address this crisis, of patients sleeping on floors, member Bosman sleeping on floors.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, take your seat. I recognise you, hon Baartman.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): I rise on a point of order (inaudible, connectivity) The member debating right now is reflecting upon a member in the House and she may not impute improper motives, reflect on the integrity, dignity or verbally abuse member Bakubaku-Vos who sits on the

Board of the Khayelitsha Hospital. We cannot allow her to ...
[Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: You are misleading, you are misleading the House!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): The ANC women's leader in the
House... [Inaudible, speaking simultaneously] [Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: No, you are misleading the House!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable, hon Windvogel. [Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: You are misleading the House, member.
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Do you have a point of order? Why do you refer to
this [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Windvogel, hon Windvogel, when there is a
point of order we have to hear the point of order. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And these people screaming!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Baartman, I hear you. I am – that is a really
difficult one for me to rule on. Hon Windvogel, actually you will have to

be very careful in the way the interpretation of the speech goes. If somebody is reading it as such then we have to have a consistent approach to Rule 59(1) (b) so please take care as to how you make allegations. Thank you very much, you may proceed. [Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: What was my allegation? I do not understand. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is a point of... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is a point... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The allegations I am talking about, Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are not going to allow a debate on this matter. It is a difficult one for me to rule on, but it is an interpretation.

An HON MEMBER: The point – you are misleading.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, hon member, you may not address me seated. Please rise if you have a point of order. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She is lying!

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

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Chairperson, this is just taking us back. I think we are engaging – this is a political debate. Can the Deputy Chief Whip of the Democratic Alliance please take us seriously here, take the citizens of the West Coast seriously who are seated here? There was no mention of any member and that is completely out of order. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I want to say that, please rule on this matter, it is not a matter of confusion. There is completely no contradiction with Rule 51. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, hon Windvogel, hon member, have you got a point of order? Please rise. Can you please give her the microphone? Thank you. Hon member, please use the microphone.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: I would like to address the hon Deputy Chief Whip.

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

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: My point of order, Deputy Speaker, is that she

is misleading the House and it seems that it is a trend to the DA to lie. You are lying in front of the masses. You are lying in Parliament to say that I am sitting in the Board of Khayelitsha, while I am sitting in the Board of Stellenbosch, and they know that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright, thank you very much.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: You are misleading the House.

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

An HON MEMBER: No, no!

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Ja, ja, withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, hon members, I am going to do this and it will be the final exchange ...(intervenes)

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: She must withdraw, she must withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please take your seat. May I just rule before you have any – before you carry on any further. I am going to accept that in terms of Rule 65(1) as a small explanation but very clearly under that Rule states that you may not be able to introduce any new matter to this and no debate is allowed after that, so I am going to take it

as this, hon Sayed, I am going to accept the hon member's explanation, I am going to ask that the member proceed and that we conclude this matter, hon Sayed. [Interjections.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Uh-uh, uh-uh, no, she must withdraw, Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Sayed? [Interjections.] Please, hon members.

h AGBARE LID: Sy lieg hierso.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Chair, clearly we cannot sit on the fence when an hon member is misleading the House. She must withdraw immediately. We are not going to accept that and the sitting will not continue unless she withdraws this because she is misleading the House.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Yes, yes.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Clearly, no explanation was even needed. She is not speaking the facts. She must withdraw with immediate effect.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, I see your hand is up.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. On a point of clarity, is it even possible to withdraw a point of order? The hon Baartman simply raised a point of order. [Interjection.] She was not making a statement on facts. We are asking for a ruling. [Interjections.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: †Haibo! [No man!] She was lying.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): She was asking for a ruling, which you have given. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I have to be able to hear the Chief Whip. Hon members, I am now making a ruling. Hon Sayed, please it is going to be a ping-pong match and we will not get any further. [Interjections.] So I would like to make a ruling and it will be the final ruling. [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She must withdraw!

An HON MEMBER: No!

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She must withdraw!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, please allow me to make the ruling. Hon Baartman, you have raised a point of order, alright. She raised a point of order, alright. I have accepted the hon member's

explanation. It was not necessary, correct. Alright.

Hon Baartman, please ensure that your information does not mislead the House. Hon member, I would like you to proceed and that is it. [Interjections.] If there is any change – one minute, hon members, I will relook at the Hansard and revert back to you in the next sitting.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, in terms of the Rules my decision is final. Alright?

An HON MEMBER: She must withdraw.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She must withdraw ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If that is the case I will ...[Interjection.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: ... she must withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... relook at the Hansard and ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She must withdraw; she lied!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... and I will then raise that at the next sitting.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She lied! She lied.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, can you proceed, hon member Windvogel? [Interjections.] That is my final ruling. [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I cannot.

An HON MEMBER: That is an abuse of the seat!

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Mmm.

An HON MEMBER: She must withdraw ... [Inaudible.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She must withdraw, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I would like to leave that for further interpretation [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... with my Table staff for the next sitting.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: It is clear! It is clear!

An HON MEMBER: She must withdraw!

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She must.

An HON MEMBER: She is lying! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a fact! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why did ... [Inaudible]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I am going to revert to Hansard and very carefully hear what hon member Baartman did say and then come back to you in the next sitting. [Interjections.]

Hon member Baartman ... [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Why? It is clear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hope you are not now continuing the same explanation.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: She wants to withdraw! She wants to withdraw!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Apologies, hon Deputy Speaker. I will sit down because I was going to read out ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why are you ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... the letter of appointment to the Khayelitsha [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: †Haibo![No man!]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... [Inaudible.] Safety Board from the Minister ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Sjó!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... dated ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: †Haibo! Haibo! [No man! No man!]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... dated and signed ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon Deputy Speaker!

An HON MEMBER: Hon Deputy Speaker! Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Deputy Speaker!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): I will sit down, I will [Interjections.] not read out the appointment letter ...[Interjections.]

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

Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members and hon member Baartman
...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: A point of - hon Deputy Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... that is not for me to actually discuss here.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hey.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am the Presiding Officer [Interjections.]... Hon
members! I am speaking [Interjections.], can you please ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: No, you allow her!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute. [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: You are allowing her to speak! [Interjections.] Why
are you allowing her to speak?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not biased.

An HON MEMBER: You are!

Ms R WINDVOGEL: You are! You are! [Interjections.] Ja! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I understand - allow me to finish!

An HON MEMBER: Why are you allowing her to speak?

An HON MEMBER: It is your party, we know, but you cannot be biased ...
[Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: You said you have made a ruling ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made a ruling.

An HON MEMBER: ... and nobody must speak, but you allow her to speak.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made a ruling.

An HON MEMBER: Why are you allowing her to speak after you ...
[Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct, and I have just said that it is not, it is not [Interjections.] a point for me to discuss where this letter, what information is in the letter. I am not privy to this information, hon members. I cannot tell you ...[Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... whether the information on the left side or the right side is correct. All I can do is preside [Interjections.] on the raised points of order.

An HON MEMBER: Why are you allowing ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please sit down until I am finished.

An HON MEMBER: Why are you ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not recognise you. I will not recognise you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible] Speaker of the House.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct.

An HON MEMBER: But these ... [Inaudible.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And it is a very good [Interjections.] - hon member.

An HON MEMBER: No, no, hon ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hear you, sit down now, please.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What I am trying to say is it is very difficult [Interjections.] to make a ruling on the information [Interjections.] that both members are shouting about. Alright. [Interjections.] It is, that is right.

An HON MEMBER: Do not be unfair ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made a ruling, and the ruling remains. That I will listen to Hansard ... [Interjections.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL: What is the ruling?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] I cannot make a ruling on information that is thrown across both sides of the House. I can only make a ruling that I will relook at the Hansard and proceed with, if there is a new change to the ruling at the next sitting. [Interjections.] Hon members, it is impossible for me to clarify whether somebody is speaking the truth or not, at this point.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, that is your final point, please. Yes?

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

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: A proposal. Can I propose as a way forward and as a middle ground, that before we adjourn the sitting for the day, you rule on the matter ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is fine, I am happy to do that.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... and not wait until the next sitting. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before the Premier's reply ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Replies, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... I will make that final ruling and I will ask the Table staff to please listen [Interjections.] and to be able to advise me later.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, I appreciate that, hon member. May we proceed? Hon member Windvogel [Interjections.] - hon members, please! Remember the decorum of the House is judged by the public that are watching it today. [Interjections.] Can I please ask for some decorum. Hon member Windvogel, may you proceed.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed, yes.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Deputy Speaker, they need to address the crisis of space and sleeping on floors in Khayelitsha. We call on you Premier to make a commitment that your Government will make these additional funds

available.

We met with the board and management on 20 January 2022 and we have a full report on the challenges at the hospital. Your Government is the cause of the poor services at the hospital and you must intervene urgently.

Furthermore, your Government's plan to close down clinics in Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and surrounds will further collapse the health care services. Premier, you mention health infrastructure projects, yet you did not say anything about Hanna Coetzee Clinic here in the West Coast, where the infrastructure is falling apart and there are chronic staff shortages. The people want to hear your plan for improved service at Hanna Coetzee and Saldanha Clinic, and you ignored them yesterday.

†Die mense wil dit onomwonde stel dat die demon van rassisme lewendig is en loop op die Weskus. Hy loop ook sterk in die Wes-Kaap. Hier het die mense ons van die rassistiese insidente ingelig.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The people want to put it unequivocally that the demon of racism is alive and well on the West Coast. It also features strongly in the Western Cape. Here the people have informed us of the racial incidents.]

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

Can you finish your sentence, please?

†Me R WINDVOGEL: Agb Adjunkspeaker, ek wil sê ek praat van, die Premier praat van waardigheid. Mnr die Premier, watter waardigheid is daar in hierdie prentjie van DA-regering? Ek wil myself *repeat* –

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms R WINDVOGEL: Hon Deputy Speaker, I want to say I'm talking about, the Premier speaks of dignity. Mr Premier, what dignity is there in this picture of DA government? I just want to repeat myself] - Premier of the elite, the disadvantaged, marginalised, poor and destitute masses in our province demand that you become the Premier of all people in the Western Cape. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I now recognize hon member Mbombo, who I think is online.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Good afternoon, hon Deputy Speaker.
 †Inkulumbuso ye Ntshona Koloni utata u Allan Winde, u Somlomo, amalungu abekikileyo endlu abemi beNtshona Koloni jikelele ndiyabulisa.
 [Hon Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, Hon Speaker, and the members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, I greet you all.]
 †Goeiemôre, [Good morning,] specifically also for the †Weskus [West Coast.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, so that I do not lose my network whilst I am speaking, can I switch off the camera and then I will come back when I am closing? May I?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may, you may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you very much. Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, let me start by thanking the Premier for giving direction and hope to the people of the Western Cape. Indeed, we must push back against going back to normal and we must push forward so that we can do even better.

The Premier has highlighted many things to demonstrate his Western Cape Government has done a lot. †Senza kwezeke. [We make it happen.] but there is still more to do. We are not that perfect. We strive towards perfection by being a capable government that promises less but delivers more.

As I always say, hon Deputy Speaker, If I see ballot papers can cross rivers and bridges †Inqumla amathafa, [crossing plains], †iwela amaxethuka [crossing bridges] †to reach out to voters as far as Kliprand in the north, the [Indistinct.] the south-east, Maritzburg in the west; Struisbaai on the southern tip; Masiphumelele, Ocean View on the south point. This government's service is actually doing that. It delivers to everyone; we have to deliver to all.

Now, hon Deputy Speaker, let me show you examples, as highlighted by the Premier, in regard to what we as the Department of Health are striving to see to what the Premier has indicated. I want to speak on the Covid response, selected health services, infrastructure and also technical-social determinants of health

Around Covid: we are now 692 days into lockdown, which started actually about two years ago, the longest ever where a country has been placed in a State of Disaster. This is not beneficial actually, hon Deputy Speaker, for Health either, specifically when we are not in a wave. Hint, hint: healthy economy, healthy people.

We do have the National Health Act and regulations on management of notifiable medical conditions, of which Covid is a part. Let us get the ball rolling from personal health perspectives to amend these regulations, specifically for Health, which could take about less than three months. Other sectors must do same to accommodate other interventions that are outside the health space.

Taking note, the World Health Organisation has indicated that the world may pass the acute stage of Covid by 2023 if we could vaccinate at least 70% of the population. Nonetheless, the Western Cape Government will be ready and are prepared for any other wave that may come. All four waves have taught us many lessons. †Kaloku thina singaba bakha isibhedlele esinebhedi ezingamakhulu asibhozo sizakhe ngenyanga enye. [We are the

ones who built a hospital with 800 beds in one month.]

We have developed systems for anyone in science to trigger a response timeously about an anticipated wave. For example, the first warning, a yellow, when the health service demand within the 14-day moving average shows a more than, for example, 50% increase in oxygen use for more than three days, or when there is an increase in the positivity rate for more than a week. There are recommended actions that the health system has to follow.

So there are warning signs: orange, pink and red. For example, the red is when we recommend restrictions. The country is in yellow according to the evidence and there are no restrictions that are recommended besides a constant message link on the MPIs vaccines, etcetera.

Talking about the vaccines, hon Deputy Speaker, we have got a strategic focus and intent which is two-fold: Enlisting [Indistinct.] and promoting equity. We have to ensure that community level interventions are there so that we do not leave the Aunty Sara's behind when it comes to vaccinations; a targeted approach which focuses on geographic areas with low vaccine uptake, where we have popup sites and the mobile services; demand creation efforts where we focus on the vulnerable age groups, specifically those who are above 50, and also now we are focusing on booster doses, social mobilisation and neutralising misinformation. You may recall, hon Deputy Speaker, some of the campaigns that we pursue, for

example, the “Jabs before Jol”, where we are vaccinating at entertainment and leisure platforms, such as the clubs, to target the youth.

We are currently on the “First things First” campaign, where we talk about “a wise student knows their health status.”, focusing on tertiary institutions where we integrate vaccines with other non-COVID health services as a priority to youth in collaboration with higher Health.

We have been to churches as well as †ezintlombeni sihamba namagqirha namaXhwele siqhumise impepho sigonye. [ceremonies of traditional healers, burning incense and vaccinating.] We have been at the forefront of ensuring that the vulnerable groups, such as the homeless, street dwellers, sex workers, farm workers, get the vaccines. Currently we are innovating through our Vaxi Taxi approach. We bring vaccines on wheels wherever you are but making sure we are integrating these with non-Covid health services. We have got this, hon Deputy Speaker, we got this. Geen gemeenskap sal agtergelaat word nie.

Talking about Covid, hon Deputy Speaker, other illnesses and health needs are not on holiday. We must move forward and open up health system. The Vulempilo Campaign, which was initiated after second wave, was to bring back and escalate non-invasive health services, such as ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Indistinct.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I ask the Table staff please mute the other members that are online. Apologies, Minister, there was feedback. You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Okay. So with all these innovative ways, for example, where we are focusing now on making sure that we bring in other services, including surgical operations. In December 2021 we launched “Collect and Go” and “Go Smart” which allow patients to collect their monthly medicines from our new e-locums, making them quick, easy and convenient.

We have mobile dispensaries as well where people can collect their chronic meds in addition to those that are being disseminated by the healthcare workers.

The Province renders as many of the types of the healthcare services from preventive, promotive, acute, rehabilitate, palliative and most importantly, the distinct coterie of health services that are rendered at two of our central hospitals.

The Premier mentioned the new technology that we have acquired, such as the Da Vinci fourth generation robotics at Groote Schuur and Tygerberg Hospitals, for minimally invasive surgery. The other only public health system, not only in South Africa but actually in Southern Africa, I am not sure about the whole of Africa, to be that advanced in the fourth industrial

revolution space in regard to the surgery.

There are many other cutting-edge operations that we have performed in the past. Who could forget the penile transplant where Professor Andre van der Merwe at Tygerberg, Stellenbosch University, managed to put back the penis of a man who lost it during circumcision?

This is the same province that successfully performed the first ever bilateral sequential lung transplant in the public sector nationally. This transplant was done by Doctors Greg Calligaro and Tim Pennel. So we have to recover and open as many of these as possible because the waiting list for many operations is increasing. Some patients come back with complications as Covid has taken transit, whilst other services are in the backseat. †Vula vula, impilo Mzantsi. [Open, open, health in South Africa.] We have to recover from the impact of this pandemic. We have already launched the Surgery Recovery Project at Groote Schuur and also in other health facilities.

Talking about Covid, hon Deputy Speaker, other illnesses are actually not on holiday. We have to make sure that we bring them back, specifically the mental well-being of our society. This is not only about clinical mental illness, but the total mental state of the community.

Our staff, as healthcare workers, are also affected. We have many interventions to ensure that our staff are on a journey to recovery. For

community mental well-being, the Western Cape Government has prioritised this through an interdepartmental approach, and we have developed a framework for this intervention. Poor mental health is not limited to people with a psycho-social disabilities only. Anyone can experience poor mental health when stressors become overwhelming.

Our response needs to shift from pathologizing or over medicalising what we mean by mental health and recognise the need for both mental but also medical and community approaches to protect and nurture our psychosocial wellbeing.

The necessary interventions should not only come from the health system. It needs the whole of the government; it also needs the whole of the society. This calls for an integrated and collaborative whole of society approach, of which I will unpack more during my budget speech.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I turn to the Violence Prevention Unit, because I have to skip the others so that I can respond to some of what other members have indicated.

Yesterday the Premier announced that there will be a dedicated Violence Prevention Unit that will be established in the Western Cape Department of Health. This will be the first Violence Prevention Unit to be established in South Africa, specifically within the health space. I gladly welcome this responsibility.

What lands on our shores is not only health problems, but socio-economic cultural problems. This is what we call the social determinants of health. Through you, hon Deputy Speaker to hon member Windvogel, if you look under the general comments under number 14 of the Treaty of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the United Nations it clearly states that:

“Healthcare services alone cannot achieve and improve health outcomes. We must include the tackling of the upstream factors such as the crime, violence, unemployment, poverty, inequality, including water, sanitation, and all of those, as part of a steppingstone towards tackling the social determinants.”

So this is an exemplar pilot which actually we, in the health system, not only here in South Africa, but across most of the developing world, where we say that we need to tackle these kind of issues as per the treaties.

The World Health Organisation informs us of what the public approach to reduce violence is. This will be through intersectoral collaboration, through the WoSA and WoGA, which is the whole of society and the whole of the government.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this may be insurmountable, but it is achievable. If you look at the Cardiff Model in terms of the countries where they use this kind of approach in regard to violence prevention, it does work. Fortunately, we have a system, emergency centres, an information system,

that is able to track cases within 24 hours.

We will know that the cases that go to Helderberg Hospital are mostly related to blunt instrument injuries; we will know in Delft that the cases that we see there, including deaths, are going to be more gunshot wounds, and so forth.

With regard to forensic pathology, we will be opening a big facility which will replace the Salt River one. We will have a mortuary and information about toxicology and DNA; everything under one roof when it comes to non-natural deaths, mostly through violent injuries.

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

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So, hon Deputy Speaker, lastly, it is about the technology. The Weskus knows very well that when it comes to infrastructure and technology, we have done quite a lot, starting from the Matzikama, leaving no one behind, up to Saldanha, and all of those, where we are actually investing in infrastructure.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Minister. I now recognise

our new addition to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, hon member Shaun August. Please, hon members, this is his maiden speech, and we will grant him the right to speak to the House without interruption. Thank you very much.

Mr S N AUGUST: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Yesterday's State of Province Address paints a theoretical picture of a perfect Western Cape in a perfect world.

We commend the Premier on the optimistic outlook and his success in colouring in or white washing out the grim reality that daily plagues the lives of the people of the Western Cape. We particularly welcome the announcement of 91 infrastructure projects, which will unlock capital investment to boost local economies, create jobs and ultimately allow for our people to raise their standard of living, but if we are honest with ourselves and the people of this province, this is not a perfect world, and what we are currently experiencing are not perfect conditions.

We agree with the Premier, that we cannot return to normal as COVID-19 completely robbed us of any sense of what the word means. Nor should we want to return to the normal of joblessness, exclusion and inequality. COVID took much away but has afforded us a precious opportunity to reset that which was crooked, skewed, unfair and unjust.

With regards to the economy, today we are in Velddrif, Weskus, the

heartland of the bokkoms and Cederbos, but what development has happened to ensure the fisher folk optimise their skills and learn new ones to build resilient businesses. If it was not for SOPA 2022, would the eyes and ears of the Western Cape Legislature ever have reached these people?

Reshaping the Local Government here requires the greatest State support, the leniency of patriotism in the proudly South African brand. It requires listening to and exploring community driven solutions. What measurable steps has the administration taken to achieve this thus far?

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Premier has not mentioned much of farming. He showcased a black lady from Gugulethu that has done wonderful work with regards to soup kitchens and assisting with COVID-19. I would have liked him to showcase a black farmer in Stellenbosch that is emerging, that is being - because we know that our black farmers are struggling to get into Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. I would like him to showcase that and not just soup kitchens, because we are tired of handouts.

Despite all the references made in the past about taking parliament to the people, yesterday showed us something different. Guest seats were again reserved for career politicians who sat here at the expense of already overburdened taxpayers. There were no people of Velddrif present; no civil society organisations; no community structures or representatives of business to have an opportunity to engage with the delegates and provide solutions that could work for them.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this was an opportunity for communities to truly engage with the elected officials, especially in these far regions where citizens do not have access to Wale Street. What should have been an opportunity for people instead was a waste with the DA's cadres and comrades.

Infrastructure dominated the Premier's address as it has before. In 2020 the Premier advocated for the establishment of an infrastructure agency. In 2021 no clear plan existed on just how exactly such an agency would operate. In 2022 we are again promised the establishment of new departments, prioritising infrastructure.

Promises do not lay bricks or install pipes. Take the promise of developing 13,000 low-cost houses that were supposed to be built in the CBD, for example. Two years ago, the Premier made this commitment. Up until today, nothing. Social development, gender-based violence and femicide still dominates our communities. Social intervention programmes are dominant and yet we are reminded of a time where the DPWI handed buildings over to the Provincial Department of Social Development to be used as safe havens, but nothing, no substance on that specific issue.

Are these the only success stories of the department? Young people are left to their own devices and there exists no clear plan for rural youth. You have not spoken much of youth development and the rural youth of the Western Cape.

We are always reminded of young people being the future, but what future is this when the Department of Social Development does not implement programmes to strengthen and harness the power of youth.

How will jobs be created, and businesses established to employ the generation of those to come with so little business support from this administration? We need jobs but more importantly, our people need support to create those jobs. We need to cut the red tape.

The education system is in shambles. Placing a kid behind a desk is simply not enough when our children are in need of special attention, psychosocial visits, psychosocial support and have special needs. Where should kids with physical limitations go when their local schools' facilities cannot accommodate them?

Hon Premier, we cannot go back to normal. We agree we need our game as never before. I believe with constructive criticism we, together, will be able to take the people of the Western Cape to greater heights. Thank you.
[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member August. Thank you. We now move over to hon Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Premier, hon Deputy

Speaker; hon members of the Provincial Parliament; hon D-G, HODs, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

Hon Deputy Speaker, where the DA governs things work. Thank you, Premier, for sharing the Western Cape's Government's achievements and our plans going forward.

Hon Deputy Speaker, there is a difference between implementable plans on the one hand, and dreams on the other hand. Let me explain. The ANC talk about smart cities in the future. This is an example of a dream. It is a dream because the ANC cannot even manage the cities and towns where they govern today. In ANC run councils they cannot keep the lights on; water does not flow through the taps; they cannot keep the roads in good repair; keep rail and public transport services operating. In ANC run municipalities people still do not have basic services.

In the DA, on the other hand, we have plans. Hon Deputy Speaker, these plans are built on the foundation of working and functional towns and cities where we govern. A successful town needs a healthy natural environment. In essence that we find solutions and ways to manage issues such as climate change, and habitat urbanisation.

The Western Cape of our children will look different from the Western Cape we live in today. We hold the keys, hon members, to whether the Western Cape of our children will be a better Western Cape or a worse

Western Cape.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we live in nature, and we are dependent on nature for our survival. Droughts, floods and wildfires are part of nature. Where these natural phenomena intersect with our towns and cities, the potential for human disaster is huge. Our Climate Change Directorate of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is working on the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy, with the aim of achieving strategic outcomes by 2050.

We need to identify the risks, but also the opportunities related to climate change. This year will see us consulting with a broad range of stakeholders, and we plead with the public to participate, or any interest groups to take part.

Hon Deputy Speaker, in Velddrift we have the Berg River estuary which has recently been declared a Ramsar site under the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance. We must balance the protection of the natural ecosystem on the one hand, with the economic potential we can derive from this area on the other hand.

Climate change is predicted to make the Western Cape hotter and drier. This creates real conditions for runaway wildfires. That is why we have started with the Rapid-Fire Attack programme in 2012. We increased our aerial capacity and our specialised ground fire teams to fight fires when

and where they occur. We have achieved a 90% success rate in managing wildfires within the first hour after they have been reported. We have since 2012 spent more than R120 million on this project.

The Western Cape Government has purchased 60 firefighting vehicles since 2014, which we have provided to our municipalities across this province. This is another example of the Western Cape Government spending taxpayers' money for the greater benefit of its citizens. This spending is matched by the firefighting units, and it has over the past decade prevented the potential and destruction of billions of rand of infrastructure and even worse, the loss of lives of our citizens.

Our Disaster Management Centre has also played a pivotal role in the Provincial COVID-19 Response Initiative since 2020. While on the topic of COVID, this pandemic destroyed the livelihoods of many of our people, and we saw the suffering first-hand. That is why the Department of Local Government is rolling out a R50 million project where we augment EPWP projects in our provinces, in our municipalities throughout the province.

In this manner we are putting food on the table of those who need it most, but we are also stimulating intrapreneurship and skills development in the process. The EPWP projects such as cleaning up of our public spaces and alien clearing of our river courses, contributes towards a healthy environment. This in turn makes our towns more attractive for investment and further job creation. All 30 municipalities have submitted business

plans and the Department will transfer the funds in March 2022. A total of 3,247 short-term jobs will be created in this process.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this R50 million is another good example of a DA-run Government that spends its money to the benefit of its citizens. This is in stark contrast to the ANC Government that donates R50 million to Cuba for reasons no sane person can comprehend.

Hon Deputy Speaker, if the ANC is not making global donations with taxpayers' money, they are simply stealing it through a well-established network of corruption and cadre deployment. †Julle party steel van die armstes van die armes. [Your party steals from the poorest of the poor.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, it is time to revisit our current financial model of South African's Government. Currently our National Government which collects almost all taxes, distributes funds to provinces and municipalities via the equitable share model, but herein lies the problem. National Government first funds itself and only distributes what is left to the provinces and municipalities.

Our National Government is bloated, ineffective and too expensive to run. National Government has no incentive to save or to delegate functions. While provinces and local governments are instructed to cut budgets and implement austerity measures, nobody is doing the same on a national level.

We all know from the Zondo Commission that billions of taxpayers' money was stolen. †Geld wat bedoel was vir arm mense, om mense uit armoede uit te kry, is gesteel deur Nasionale ANC-regering. [Money destined for poor people, to free people from poverty, was stolen by the National ANC Government.] But we have to pay for it at a local level. Do not for one minute think that the theft and looting has stopped. The only way to stop the wasting and theft of taxpayers' money is to close the tap at the top.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we want our fair share from the start. Give us our share of the budget before National Government splurges on fancy cars and luxury hotels. Give us our share before they buy trains that do not fit on the rails, or construct power stations that do not generate electricity. Give us our share before you make R50 million donations to Cuba.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we are seeing complete chaos in some of the coalition governments formed after the recent local government elections. Let me remind our councillors that you are public servants, and you are not there to serve yourself. We cannot have councils that decide not to pay Eskom, although they are collecting electricity income from residents.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we are taxing people out of their homes because the National ANC Government cannot work with money and because it has no respect for rate paying citizens.

With respect to population flow, hon Deputy Speaker, maybe our

opposition should stop its focus on underhand deals in councils and start paying attention to where the people they must serve are living and/or more importantly where they are going to. This is important because the municipal equitable share is primarily based on the number of poor people the municipality supports, but the census only counts people every 10 years, and community surveys only count people every seven years.

The result is that we are constantly providing services to more people than what the equitable share allocates to us. People move to where they believe there are opportunities. That is why 110,000 people move to the Western Cape each year. Welcome to all law-abiding citizens who are working to build a better future for themselves and their families.

In the West Coast we expect that the population will grow by 83,000 people: from 470,000 in 2021, to 553,000 in 2031. For this Government to provide the services we believe citizens should have access to we need the budgets to provide for that. We know that the reliable basic services and infrastructure attracts investment, and this creates opportunities for our people.

In the Western Cape we can account for our money, and we report on the spending in an open and transparent manner. The trend where National Government keeps on cutting Local Government's budget without attempting to reign in their own lavish spending, must stop. I want to conclude by thanking the Premier for his leadership and the support of the

Cabinet colleagues.

I also want to end off by thanking the DG and through him all our HOD's and staff in this province. You are the best. You serve the people of this province with honesty, I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. [Applause.]
I now recognise hon member Marran.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, do not start my time yet, I am just sorting out things.

Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, hon members, †dames en here, goeiemôre. Vandag is vir my 'n groot voorreg om 'n toespraak te lewer en lede van die Wes-Kaap se gemeenskap teenwoordig te hê. Gister se teleurstelling, Premier. Toe die agb Premier sy Provinsiale Rede gee het sy kantoor, nog minder die Provinsiale Wetgewer, dit nodig geag om lede aan die ander kant van Velddrif, Laaiplek spesifiek, hier te hê.

Die DA-leiers vanuit verskeie oorde het gister hier opgedaag, kom sit om vir die Premier hande te klap, maar die mense van die Weskus, klein besighede, onderwysers, gemeenskapswerkers, is geensins waardig geag om hier te kom sit om te luister na hulle Premier nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ladies and gentlemen, good morning. Today it is a big privilege for me to deliver a speech and have members of the Western Cape's community present. Yesterday's disappointment, Premier. When the hon Premier delivered his sy Provincial Address, not his office, nor the Provincial Legislature, deemed it necessary to have members from the other side of Velddrif, Laaiplek specifically, here.

The DA leaders from several places came here yesterday, came to sit here and clap hands for the Premier, but the people of the West Coast, small businesses, teachers, community workers, were not at all deemed worthy enough to come and sit and listen here to their Premier.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, last year December, on Reconciliation Day, a Facebook page by the name of "Velddrift Sakekamer", quoted former President Mandela and said:

"True conciliation does not consist in merely forgetting the past."

The ANC agree with the sentiment, especially in towns and rural areas of the West Coast where unfortunately 27 years after the dawn of democracy, racism and class divides continue. Too often in these parts of the province, as we have witnessed over the last two or three weeks, African, coloured and Indian people must know their place.

Hon Deputy Speaker, yesterday the Premier spoke about NIMBY, “not in my backyard”. That is actually what it means, but there is still the attitude of NIMBY here and across the Western Cape. NIMBY, “not in my backyard”. That is what it means. I wish your YIMBI, “yes in my backyard”, we will be successful, especially in the Western Cape.

We need to unite our countries of Africa and defend our democratic gains; we need to unite our province and defend our democratic gains. We must unite our communities in the West Coast and ensure that we defend the democratic gains that our country has achieved, but we can only do so when one of the most productive sectors of our economy, in this region, in our province, is transformed and becomes sustainable.

In the 2021 PERO, a document completely ignored by the Premier in his SOPA yesterday, he indicated there was a smaller contradiction in the economy of the West Coast because of a last vote contribution by the agricultural sector. Yet the same PERO indicates that inequality determined through the Gini coefficient has increased since 2012.

†Die Premier het nie ’n woord genoem oor landbou gister nie, nie ’n woord nie. [The Premier did not say a word about agriculture yesterday, not a word.] He spoke about the river project plans, but our councillors in Cedarberg, in particular, are complaining about how children coming from poor farmworker communities do not have access to swimming pools and are now denied access to rivers because these places along the riverbanks

are being privatised and closed-off by farmers.

Of course, again no mention of black farmers, no mention of farm workers. The Premier calls for jobs, jobs, jobs and more jobs. Of course, we agree, but these must be decent jobs. How can they be decent jobs when the DA wants the minimum wage for farm workers to be the same as the old age pension grant? And MEC Meyer, you are a national leader, you influence the policy of the DA.

In your manifesto in 2019 you proposed that farm workers should be able to opt out from the minimum wage and accept a wage which is equal to the old age pension grant, R1,800.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr P MARRAN: That is what you are proposing when you speak about jobs, but you speak about slave wages.

The DA is quick to mention when President Ramaphosa talks about the policy, yet they do not mention that the President is not talking about what the DA really wants: exploitative jobs and slave wages. The DA wants jobs which are not protected by the Labour Relations Act. You do not want jobs that are being protected by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act; you do not want that.

How sad is it that after 15 years of racist rule in the Western Cape we can count on one hand owners of land in the West Coast? We also have not heard you, MEC Meyer, speak about Ivan Cloete of Colenso Farm. Not a word. Not now. You have not spoken about him here, right?
[Interjections.]

It is your responsibility as MEC of Agriculture. We were there last week ... [Interjections.]. We were there last weekend and you know between myself and Ivan Cloete there was some communication. Not basically assisting the known process, but we were there, and we sorted it out and we say that in the interest of you becoming successful let us leave what happened in the past in the past.

We have dealt with that particular issue. I have not heard you speaking about how you will assist that particular farmer. Maybe what you should do because in that oversight visit your Department spoke in different tongues. I am not sure whether they can assist or not assist that particular farmer. The farmer told us that next month he is going to shear his sheep. He does not have a truck to transport his wool to Malmesbury. Focus on those particular issues and make sure that you assist those black farmers.

†Die LEIER VAN DIE AMPTELIKE OPPOSISIE: Hy fliék te veel.
[Tussenwerpsels.] Die Minister fliék te veel.

[An HON MEMBER: He watches too many movies. [Interjections.] The

Minister watches too many movies.]

Mr P MARRAN: The great Amilcar Cabral spoke and he said once:

“Do not tell lies, do not claim easy victories. Expose them whenever they are told. Expose them whenever they are told.”

The PREMIER: [Inaudible – off mic]

Mr P MARRAN: Let me continue, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] It is obvious the DA will object to the issue of not having the mandate dealing with the issue of land, but at the same time he wants to deal with police which is a national mandate. [Interjection.] Get your issues in order. Yes, deal with the issue of agriculture also.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the extension of the wall at the Clan William Dam [Interjection.] - yes, wall of and water opportunity - at the Clan William Dam. Ja, the Premier spoke extensively about the infrastructure and infrastructure development, but surprisingly he left out the important infrastructure agricultural opportunities brought by the Clan William Dam. He must tell us why.

The extension of the wall and water opportunities must ensure that we ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Mr P MARRAN: ... change the agricultural owners of the landscape of the Western Cape West Coast and projects such as Ebenhaezer and Beeswater CPAs. Those ones must get first assistance.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Premier is in a serious state of denial, denialism about the realities of the communities and where they find themselves. In denial. Our people want title deeds, yes. They also want land. Like agriculture, not a word mentioned by the Premier on the grossly skewed land patterns in the Western Cape. The ANC welcomes the intervention by the National Minister of Human Settlements to hold an auction of public land in the City of Cape Town and the introduction of national policy in this regard.

The ANC in the Western Cape Legislature, led by the hon member Dugmore, will be writing to all municipalities asking for an audit of municipal land, also speaking to Provincial and National Governments so that we can advance integrated human settlements as well as agriculture, including urban agriculture.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we also commend our ANC comrades in Matzikama Municipality for the initiative of abalone farms in Doringbaai. Today we are told that nearly 2,000 jobs are envisaged in the next phase of this project. We commend them like we commend the Theewaterskloof Municipality who awarded a 99-year lease agreement to black farmers and obvious the municipality are led by the ANC, PIE and GOOD coalition.

The OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Yes.

Mr P MARRAN: We must also hope the motion that a DA have tabled against the Deputy Mayor of GOOD, John Michaels, will not succeed. It will fail.

Hon Deputy Speaker, two years after the SOPA in Mitchells Plain, what can the DA administration show for how the lives of the people in Mitchells Plain have changed?

A year after being in Genadendal, what can the DA administration show what has been done for the people of Overberg to empower them? Nothing. These so-called exercises to take SOPA to different communities was a cynical spin doctoring campaign.

We are in Velddrif, Premier, and last week we visited a nature reserve called Rocherpan. Not one single person from Velddrif has been appointed permanently there. On their doorstep. People are from Ceres, from all over, but not from Velddrif. They are good for EPWP posts, but not a single one of them employed permanently.

A year after being in Genadendal, the ANC coalition and its partners can show a 99-year lease to empower our people. [Interjections.]

The OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: In Theewaterskloof.

Mr P MARRAN: In Theewaterskloof. Hon Deputy Speaker, the Premier boasts about the Provincial Safety Plan. The reality is that the Safety Plan failed Jerobejin van Wyk from Klawer. No special Cabinet meeting was called like in the case of the Smit farmer that was killed in Stellenbosch three years ago. You know that you could find R5 million and dispatch a million rand to each district municipality. No cent could be found for the Klawer community that stays on the other side of the railway line. You have failed that boy.

The Safety Plan failed Chatwell Rogers, a food seller in Paarl who was fatally shot three times from behind by two farmers. You have not said anything about that.

The Safety Plan failed the alleged victims of suspended MEC Fritz. Young women were placed in the MEC's care, and it seems they were not safe. You can shift the chairs on the deck and create a new department of mobility, but the reality is that the Safety Plan has not protected the victims of Farrel Payne. Payne continues to occupy his office and thereby his presence alone in that department intimidates witnesses in the department.

The Safety Plan is failing small scale farmers in the West Coast, who suffer from stock theft.

The Safety Plan failed the 3-year-old boy who was brutally assaulted at the

Masiphathisane Primary School in Saldanha Bay. He was assaulted with pangas and sticks because safety in poor communities is not a priority for the Provincial Government, and Provincial Education.

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, lastly ...*[Interjection.]*

The SPEAKER: Your time is up.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, lastly, on 1 March the minimum wage will be implemented and there is absolutely nothing that you can do about it. It is a victory for farm workers. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, †baie dankie, agb lid Marran. *[Thank you very much hon member Marran.]* You must have your own watch there, you see? Because that watch is going to help you. *[Interjections.]* Okay, thank you. Thank you, hon member Marran.

Good morning, hon members. I now recognise the hon Member Botha.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear! *[Interjections.]*

†n AGB LID: Waar is die koshuis in Moorreesburg?

[An HON MEMBER: Where is the boarding house in Moorreesburg?]

†Me L J BOTHA: Agb Speaker, Premier, lede van hierdie Huis, burgemeesters in die Huis, raadslede in die Huis, en veral ons gemeenskap in hierdie Huis, goeiemôre.

Agb Speaker, ek wil net sê deur u aan agb lid Marran, onderwysers kan nie hier in die Huis kom sit nie. Hulle moet in hulle klasse wees. [Tussenwerpsels.] Hulle moet besig wees met onderrig gee. Dit is immers die kontrak wat hulle gesluit het in terme van die Suid-Afrikaanse Skolewet. So hulle moet daar wees, hulle kan nie hier kom sit nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms L J BOTHA: Hon Speaker, Premier, members of this House, Mayors in the House, councillors in the House, and especially our community in this House, good morning.]

Hon Speaker, I just want to say to hon Marran through you, teachers cannot come and sit here. They have to be in their classes. They must be in their classes. [interjections.]. They should be busy with teaching. That is after all the contract they have concluded in terms of the South African Schools Act. So they have to be there, they cannot come and sit here. [Interjections.]

And then, hon Speaker, in regard to the WCED head office. The WCED's

new offices are cheaper than the previous offices. So what is the problem with the ANC complaining about the WCED saving money? Should we not save money? [Interjections.]

Last week, hon Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Let the hon member proceed.

Ms L J BOTHA: Last week, hon Speaker, for the first time in two years ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Will you kindly take your seat? What is your point of order hon Deputy Chief Whip for the majority party?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: Hon Speaker, greetings to you, hon Speaker. Mine is not a point of order. I want to ask whether our hon Chair of Education is willing to take a question ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP [ANC]: ... on the issue of the office, thank

you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Sayed. Order, order, hon members. Maybe the hon member would like to speak for herself. Hon member Botha, would you kindly take a question?

Ms L J BOTHA: Hon Speaker, I will conclude my speech and see whether there is time left.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That is the response. You may proceed, hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Last week, hon Speaker, for the first time in two years, learners in the Western Cape were able to return to school for full-time learning. This signals the beginning of a recovery and albeit later than we had hoped the end of the rotational school schedule and the further loss of valuable contact time.

Still, we congratulate every matric learner on their outstanding results and progress made during the global pandemic. Despite the immense challenges faced by all stakeholders, we commend the resilience of our learners, the support of parents and the agility of the Western Cape Education Department to make sure that the class of 2021 reached new heights.

Hon Speaker, whilst learners here on the West Coast reside far from the

Metro, their brilliance still shines through and exemplifies Western Cape excellence. For example, Hopefield High School obtained a 100% NSC pass rate for the class of 2021; and Lamberts Bay High School, a first-time high school started in 2021, has achieved a more than 72% benchmark pass rate. This all adds to the 233 schools which have improved their pass rate since 2017.

The commitment from the WCED meant that the province received a high bachelor pass rate of over 45%, almost 9% higher than the national average, and the highest retention in the country. This means that learners are better equipped when completing the schooling year and have a greater chance of finding employment.

Hon Speaker, quality education for every learner everywhere has and will remain our top priority. We prioritise this because we care about learners and education outcomes, and so this Government takes a targeted approach that aims to meet each school at the point of its needs. Every community has its very own needs and requires different interventions.

The Western Cape also prioritises partnerships and no single Education Department would be able to fulfil its mandate alone. That is why we have been playing a leading role with the Department of Basic Education to manage the learning losses of the past two years, but some would make you believe otherwise, for short term political gains.

According to the ANC no such plans exist in the Western Cape. Yet here we are working with the ANC National Government to make this happen. To hon member Sayed, through you, hon Speaker. Despite further meaningless critique from the opposition, the Schools Evaluation Authority proves to be a major success and it is welcomed by schools. Its findings are open and transparent, which means that a bridge is built between parents and communities on the one hand, and the school administration on the other hand; †it is demokrasie in aksie. Iets waarvoor jy sou dink die ANC sou voor pleit, agb Speaker. [it is democracy in action. Something one would think the ANC would be pleading for, hon Speaker.]

Looking forward, hon Speaker, we need policy certainty and consistency from the National Government, such that our schools operate at their peak performance. We cannot afford to be subject to late notice, as with the late resumption of normal timetabling.

We also need the continued support of parents and communities. When we have this partnership and communities embrace a school as their very own, we make great strides. For instance, there was a 30% decrease in vandalism in December 2021. We ask that everyone be the eyes and ears, not for the government schools, but community for your schools, and as Chairperson of Education, my committee will continue to hold the province accountable for the subsidisation to 440 schools for higher security.

That is three times more than what Gauteng Government offers to the schools, and we only ensure that our children's safety is further guaranteed through the continued maintenance of our schools' infrastructure.

Hon Speaker, through you to the parents of our province, let us give our children the best and safest start in life. This includes getting our children vaccinated as soon as possible. All the data tells us that this is safe and it is freely available, and literally, lifesaving. For us to get onto a good recovery trajectory we need parents' support. Additionally, the proactivity extends to also ensuring that our children's school applications are done on time to allow for timeous placements.

Quality education requires a collective approach in which both teachers and parents have the responsibility of delivering it. However, we need a far more caring approach from our counterparts in Pretoria. Currently, the funding model from the National Treasury discriminates against special needs learners as the ANC-led administration has not factored special needs schools into the equitable share calculation at all. These are children who require, hon Speaker, two to three times more funding per learner than those who attend conventional schools. Hon Speaker, I repeat: these are children who require two to three times more funding per learner than those who attend conventional schools and I trust through you, hon Speaker, that the Leader of the Opposition will take this forward.

One such example is that of Graafwater Special School. Before 2020, it

previously operated like any other public school, but after extensive public consultation, including meetings with community – yes, I know you would differ, but the minutes would show which are well documented – the WCED made the right call to convert the school to a special needs school. ... [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Daar is nie koshuise nie.

[An HON MEMBER: There are no boarding-houses]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: Now, the school serves ... [Interjection.] 187 learners – hon Speaker, please can you protect me?

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: I did not make any sound when they were speaking.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. You may proceed, hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Now, the school serves 187 learners and is tailored to offer quality education that leads to strong prospects for employment. Notwithstanding the pressures of COVID-19, the school was also able to provide essential extracurricular activities to its learners.

Hon Speaker, I wish to remind members of the House that political opportunism does not constitute oversight. Every year, we witness a sea of inaccurate statements flood in. Allow me to dispel myths and state facts. As we speak, enormous strides are being made with learner placements in the Western Cape. The most recent figures that we have are that 874 Grade 1 and 8s are unplaced, and this must have some – sorry, hon Speaker – and I recognise, as the Chairperson for the Standing Committee of Education, that the catch-up for these learners, hon Premier, is going to be valuable because we are already a month in this new school curriculum year. ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where are the facts?

Ms L J BOTHA: The most recent figures show that Grade 1s and 8s are unplaced, that this must have come down further since then. This is despite receiving almost 6 500 late applications between December and January. We received this by supporting 174 mobile classrooms to be constructed, of which 34 have already been completed. The WCED has also delivered more than 480 000 textbooks to schools, alongside stationery, workbooks and PPE. This is quality education ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: You must wrap up, hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: ... in action. Hon Speaker, to the learners of the Western

Cape I say this: we must remain your number one supporter in realising your potential. While you may be uncertain as a result of many factors at play in your lives and communities, you can also rely on the schools providing you with a safe space to learn and prosper. I thank you.
[Applause]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Botha, †agbare [hon.] Hon members, I now recognise the hon Christians. Hon Sayed, is that a point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No, I just wanted to know whether member Botha's time is up?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Because she said if she has got time, she will take the question.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): And you did not indicate that the time is up. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: She's finished. She finished all her minutes.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Oh, unfortunately.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. No, there was nothing left. ...
 [Interjections.] Hon Christians, you may proceed, sir.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, hon Premier and hon members of the House. †Ja, dit is lekker hier om in die Weskus te wees. Ons het verlede week die skole, polisiestasies, klinieke besoek en daar is nie nou tyd om daaroor te praat nie, maar wat ek wil praat oor is die agbare Premier het lang gepraat oor COVID-19.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Yes, it is good to be here in the West Coast. Last week we visited the schools, police stations, clinics, and there is not time now to talk about it, but what I want to talk about is the hon Premier spoke about COVID-19 for long,] the pandemic we are facing. Now, I have asked some of the people just to send me some questions and Anthony Raai said:

“When is he [meaning the hon Premier] going to come clean about this fake pandemic and stop trying to force our people to be vaccinated because it is killing our people?”

Mr Delman Cookson asked:

“What is the Western Cape Government’s official view on mandatory vaccinations in the public discourse? Why are our

children being coerced and forced to be vaccinated at our schools?”

Hon Speaker, as you know, the ACDP took the National Government to court for the rollout of Ivermectin. We won and we will win again because in April we will be in court again to say: why must children from 12 to 18 be vaccinated? The ACDP will win again. As the ACDP, I want to say again, we are not against vaccination ... [Interjection.], but we are against mandatory vaccination. So, no government will force us to be vaccinated and I am not vaccinated. On Friday, the ACDP lawyer represented three people at the CCMA in Cape Town, workers that were dismissed because of not being vaccinated.

When people say, ‘we will go back to normal’, the ACDP does understand this and we, as the ACDP, want to say it must come to an end of wearing masks. No-one in public or our school children, must be forced to wear masks in schools. Nobody must be forced with job losses if they are not vaccinated and no threats must be put on our people when they say they are not vaccinated. We say no to a *dompas*, we say no to a vaccination passport.

Hon Speaker, on Friday evening I received a call from Pastor Martin Brink ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members. Let us allow hon Christians

to proceed.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The hon Premier mentioned about the Health Department receiving clean audits. Let me tell you, hon Premier, this is what is happening on the ground. This Paster Martin Burke phoned me because – †hy is 'n [he is a] community leader, he is a church leader – and he said to me he phoned the ambulance services, the emergency number he phoned and after two hours, no one, no service has arrived in Wesbank. I tried to call the emergency number. I ended up in Moorreesburg because there was something wrong with the Cape Town numbers and when I spoke to the Head of Department, the ambulance only arrived 4 hours 15 minutes later. This is happening on the ground and there are many, many instances where I can say what is happening on the ground.

Let me say what is happening further. So, that is pandemic number one, the failure of the Health Department. Pandemic number two is the failure of the Education Department. We saw in the paper an outcry now on the outrage over sex education by faith-based bodies opposed to lessons. The ACDP says no to Comprehensive Sexuality Education at our schools. That was reported in the newspaper. Kayamandi schools face overcrowding. Just the other day we were out in Saron, overcrowding, three learners sitting in one bench. That is what is happening in our schools. And let me tell you, on Sunday I was approached by a learner from Heideveld High School to say that they do not have an Afrikaans teacher in Grade 9. She went to the principal. The principal says, 'it is none of my business.' I

tried to phone the principal. I engaged a secretary there. The principal – that was Monday – the principal still has to phone me back. If he has got disrespect for me, imagine how he handles the public. A shame on that principal.

Hon Speaker, an important thing is and I am just jumping now because my time is almost up, the Walking Bus. The Walking Bus is now gone. Under member Mireille Winger, when she was Community Standing Committee Chair, we went to Walking Busses and it worked for our communities. Now, I see the new Mayor from Cape Town says, ‘no Walking Busses.’ It was implemented under the MEC, when he was MEC for Community Safety, Dan Plato, and further rolled out when he was Mayor. More than 5 000 people receiving stipends from the Walking Bus are now put on the hunger list, are now put on the unemployment queue. I am asking, as the ACDP, for the Walking Bus to come back. We want our communities safe. We are asking for the resources of our Neighbourhood Watches and not spend all the money on your LEAP officers. The solution is in our Community Safety Forums, our solution is in our Neighbourhood Watches ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And that is what we are calling. I thank you.

†Die SPEAKER: Baie dankie, agbare.

[The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon.] Hon members, now the opportunity is for the hon Chief Whip of the Majority Party, hon Wenger, to address us. ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you the new MEC?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, from our visits to the Weskus last week, we know that citizens want answers, action and delivery. The announcements made by the hon Premier yesterday, gave us an enormous amount of optimism and hope for the future. It is clear that the Western Cape is a government that gets things done, with the skills delivery team and a clean innovative accessible Government that has the citizen at the heart of everything it does. This Government wants to create a province where every person – you, you, and you – can prosper.

But hon Speaker, how can a government create hope, peace and prosperity? It can be done through two words: good governance. Good governance is something we strive and work towards, and in its absence, the worst of society thrives: corruption, crime, suffering. The United Nations articulates quite aptly what good governance means in practice, its characteristics. It is participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive, and follows the rule of law. Good governance assures that corruption is minimised, the views of the most vulnerable in society are heard in decision making. It is responsive to the present and the future needs of

society. It is the kind of governance that we so desperately need right now in South Africa.

The hon Premier outlined a programme of action that includes every one of these characteristics and why, because good governance is important to us. It is important to us because to ensure good governance is to ensure sustainable human development: hope, peace and prosperity. As the hon Premier pointed out yesterday, the Western Cape has by far the best run and most stable municipalities in the country. It is this kind of good governance that is the launchpad for jobs, investment and sustainability. Good governance is the catalyst that attracts investment, something regrettably, the President only woke up to last week.

But it does not just happen, it is the result of a concerted effort and planning, and this is why the Western Cape achieves top marks when it comes to sound financial governance. Last year, 80 percent – 80 percent of provincial departments and entities – received clean audits, compared with the next best province, Gauteng, which achieved just 30 percent clean audits. In the ANC's last year in government in the Western Cape in 2009, not one, zero of the 13 departments received a clean audit. ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members. Order! Let us allow the Chief Whip to proceed.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): How do we do it? We have a Provincial Forensic Services Unit in the Department of the Premier, which proactively conducts antifraud and corruption awareness sessions, 134 in the last year. It also investigates complaints and allegations of fraud and corruption. We do not hide from mistakes; we tackle them and we fix them. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit ... [Interjection.] the corruption decrease set in very, very quickly thereafter and PPE procurement corruption was prevalent within a few months, but the Western Cape Forensic Unit expedited fraud and corruption assessments in departments. This is accountable governance and to promote accountability and transparency, the Provincial Treasury introduced the Procurement Disclosure Report in June 2020, the first of its kind in the country. The Report provides accurate, relevant, meaningful and credible information which is available to the public. Even the Provincial Parliament submitted PPE Disclosure Reports because transparency is one of our values. It is good governance and it is essential to the open society.

In addition, in the last financial year, the Department of Local Government established the Municipal Forensic Unit. This Unit is responsible for strengthening the internal capacity of municipalities to conduct investigations. More than R8 million has been allocated to this Unit to ensure that municipalities can maximise their anticorruption efforts. Despite 27 out of 30 municipalities receiving unqualified audit opinions, we recognise that improvement is always possible. This is effective and efficient governance.

By contrast, the National Government could do with a little more good governance. State-owned Enterprises have been given a mighty dose of transparency as the Zondo Commission Reports into State Capture have put them into the spotlight. The first part of the Commission Report conveys an overwhelming view that State-owned Enterprises and Public Entities at the heart of the probe, were subject to undue and improper influence ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Collusion, political interference ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Will you please take your seat? Hon Sayed, what is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, is the hon Wenger able to take a question on the ... [Interjection.]

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

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): On the WCED corruption ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): And the fact that the officials are still in the Department?

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat. ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Those implicated are still in the Department.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed, and that question will not be granted. You have just broken the Rule. When I preside, you do not stand up and ask a question when you ask for an opportunity. So, as a Deputy Chief Whip, you must help me. So, that has been dismissed, Chief Whip, please proceed.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much. As I was mentioning, the Zondo Commission which found financial malfeasants which caused institutions significant financial and reputational damage at the expense of South Africans, three deals for locomotives under the leadership of Brian Molefe, have been recommended for investigation for fraud, racketeering and wilful or gross negligence. Transnet is alleged to have irregularly awarded R41 billion of contracts to companies linked to the Guptas and their associates.

Current and former ministers such as Gwede Mantashe, Malusi Gigaba and former ANC Premier of the Western Cape and member of this House,

Lynne Brown, have also been implicated in this report. SAA: R28,5 billion in kickbacks. Eskom: incompetent and unethical management at Eskom have been the epitome of bad governance. Bad governance seeks to enrich itself and disregard the citizen. Millions spent with no benefit to Eskom and by extension, no benefit to South Africans.

Meanwhile, the ANC's investment arm, Chancellor House, bought 25 percent of Hitachi, which conveniently won the contracts to build Eskom's boilers. Reportedly, the ANC's Chancellor House received \$1 million in success fees, but the citizen has not benefitted. Instead, we have expensive electricity that is unreliable and where loadshedding is normal. It should never be normal. The real tragedy is what this disaster means for the people. Wits economics professor, Jannie Rossouw, estimates that the country could be 25 percent larger if it were not for loadshedding. This equates to a cost of R1,2 trillion in lost economic activity, which directly contributes to crippling unemployment. Bad governance at work.

With the ideals of good governance in mind, participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, we need to end the State of Disaster. Democratic societies are founded on a social contract. Restrictions, such as the again extended Disaster Management Regulations, have put rights on hold and despite all the best scientific, medical and financial data pointing against this. The pandemic backsliding project attracts countries' responses to COVID-19 and their potential effect on the overall quality of democracy within the country.

According to this index, South Africa has recorded major violations of democratic standards. This is why the State of Disaster must end. Our democracy asks this of the National Government. We need a clear understanding of the National Government's pandemic strategy and end-goal. National Government will need to take South Africans into its confidence and tell us what is the plan.

A recent Danish study of almost half a million people, found that a key measure of how well citizens adhere to social prevention practices and vaccine uptake is first the level of trust in the government's pandemic strategy and two, the clarity of information regarding the strategy. If we have accountable, transparent and effective plans from Government, citizens will do their part.

At the end of the day, we can debate across the political and philosophical divide. We can fight it out, but we should always be on the same side, the side of the citizen because it is the citizen that matters most: you. In the words of local artist, Armand Barnard:

†“Ek sal jou soek by die Weskus
Waar die son op die wêreld se rand is
Waar almal veg en aan dieselfde kant is.”

Thank you. [Applause]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. Hon members, I am now recognising the hon Marais, †agbare [hon.]

HON MEMBERS: [Interjections.]

†Mnr P J MARAIS: Baie dankie, geagte Speaker.

[Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you, hon Speaker.]

Hon Speaker, hon members, hon Premier, let me today be the voice of reason and unity. We are gathering here today against a backdrop of our country slipping into a black hole of unparalleled corruption, lawlessness, poverty and at national level, political ignorance. †Oud-president Nelson Mandela, wie ek die voorreg gehad het om 'n hele paar keer te ontmoet en gesprek mee te voer, ek wil hom aanhaal, toe hy ingesweer was as President. Dit was sy woorde:

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ex-president Nelson Mandela, whom I had the privilege to meet on quite a few occasions and have conversation with, I want to quote him, when he was sworn in as President. These were his words:]

“The time for healing of the wounds has come. The moment to bridge the chasm that divides us has come. The time to build is upon us.”

Let us stop and ponder the significance of his words. The ANC consists of people, but all people are not guilty of corruption merely because they are members of the ANC. There are good, brilliant men in the ANC, but they have not been given the opportunity to show their worth. Let us face it. Madiba also says, and I quote:

“The families who live in shacks with no running water and electricity and sanitation are a reminder that the past continues to haunt the present.”

Metro Mayor Hill-Lewis, he was here yesterday, I was hoping he would be here to hear me tell this to him, this warning: next time that he cuts the peoples' water to poor households, he must remember Madiba's words that stripping people of their dignity while changing names of Government departments, will not improve their situations, hon Premier.

We need a new mindset. We need a total commitment of the whole Western Cape Cabinet to eradicate poverty. Make poverty eradication an integral part of all Ministries and Government departments, and they must report directly to your Premier who appointed you. Not committees, the Premier must report to us on what his Ministers have done to eradicate poverty.

The Premier, obviously, is very dedicated and hardworking, and I have frequently complimented him, but hon Premier, your success will

ultimately be measured not by how hard you worked, but your success of having eradicated poverty, created jobs and putting the Western Cape on a sound economic footing.

We need a Ministry of law and order, not the Ministry of Community Safety because unless we have law and order in the Western Cape, we can never have a safe community. Even criminals and murderers feel safer than law abiding citizens, but they have ...[Inaudible.] law and order. They like the community safety because even criminals are part of the community and they feel safe. They have guns, so they can feel safe. They have knives, so they can feel safe, but the poor man in the street is never safe. We need law and order.

†Die ...[Onhoorbaar.] en oud-president Zuma het 100 persent *immunity* van ooit tronk toe te gaan. [The [Inaudible.] and ex-president Zuma have 100 percent immunity of ever going to prison.] He's even better than COVID-19 recoveries. He recovered from corruption quicker than a vaccinated man can recover from COVID-19.

Hon Speaker, National Ministers are protected by law, by a system void of law and order. The Prisons Department has been renamed the Department of Correctional Services. Show me the gangsters whose lifestyles have been corrected? They get five to ten years and when they come out of jail, they have a higher diploma in crime. The justice system has been reduced and attacked by a National Minister. They have been ridiculed by a

National Minister and while they are doing this, our President talks about his new suits and where he bought the suit, and he does not give attention to a minister that has actually gone against the very man who appointed her, and she is free.

The SPEAKER: Will you please wrap up, hon Marais?

Mr P J MARAIS: Okay, I will have to skip a lot of pages. We need more authority. We need, in Western Cape, more power than that Premier will deliver, but every decision he makes can be made void by National Government. We do not have autonomous federalism. We need those powers, then you will see results. The Western Cape can be ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...[Inaudible.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Likened to a man whose house is run by his neighbour and even his wife belongs to his neighbour. Thank you very much.
[Laughter]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order. Thank you, †baie dankie, [hon] Marais. Hon members, I now recognise the hon Minister of Social Development, hon Fernandez. She is connected virtually. So, if you could allow the Minister to address the House. Hon Minister, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Speaker and hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues and the Leader of the Official Opposition, hon members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, fellow South Africans, good afternoon. Hon Speaker, may I request: am I audible? Can you hear me clearly?

The SPEAKER: Loud and clear, hon Minister. You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: If at this stage, I would like to save my bandwidth by switching off my camera, if that meets with your approval? Thank you.

Hon Speaker, before I commence my input today, may I request a moment of silence for all the women, children and men who have passed due to gender-based violence? Thank you, hon Speaker

Hon Speaker, the fabric of our society is broken. Communities are soaked in trauma, loss and grief. Poverty, unemployment and mental health are key challenges that have emerged since COVID-19, however, we must recognise that South Africa was in a technical recession and in the grip of State Capture before COVID-19 arrived. Under the capable leadership and guidance of Hon Premier Alan Winde, we have established a Recovery Plan and remain steadfast in addressing the plight of people who remain in poverty, desperate for employment, the vulnerable families and individuals seeking social welfare services and a range of services for women and

children who have become victims of interpersonal violence, especially gender-based violence.

Hon Speaker, the scourge of gender-based violence has, indeed, reached crisis levels not only in the Western Cape, but worldwide. Just recently, one of the members of the Provincial Cabinet was suspended based on allegations of sexual misconduct against young women, which is now the subject of independent external investigation and which has raised much focus in this debate today.

Hon Speaker, I stand as a survivor today. I was molested. I was filled with guilt and shame. I never spoke out. I only spoke out, I only found my voice, when the perpetrator died. It is in this context that I appeal to the House to acknowledge the courage and bravery of all those who have found their voices. It takes courage to find your voice and you require support. And I would want to ask everyone to allow this process to continue, so that the victims, perpetrators, whoever it might be, are not traumatised or even experience secondary trauma, but we must acknowledge the courageous acts of individuals who have found their voices and stepped forward yet, allow the process to continue.

Gender-based violence remains a significant issue in the country and province, as more women were reportedly raped between April and June last year. This was during the hard lockdown when sex related crimes increased by 74 percent. The risk factors, such as interpersonal violence,

limited access to economic opportunities – which I shall come back to – resulting in poverty and unemployment, alcohol abuse and patriarchal gender norms, contribute to gender-based violence and therefore require a whole of government and a whole of society approach to address these drivers of gender-based violence.

Hon Speaker and members of this august House, I wish to reiterate that every woman or child that falls victim to violence is one too many and in this last week, I have been deeply traumatised by the media reports that have come through of violence taking place affecting our women and children. As a Government, the very institution entrusted with the protection of citizens, we need to lead from the front if we are to stand any chance of eliminating the scourge of gender-based violence taking place on our watch.

Hon Speaker, as a caring Government, the Provincial Department of Social Development has made significant strides in its effort to fight gender-based violence. Last year, we became the first and only province to have completed the refurbishment of all six properties transferred by the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, to be used specifically as safe havens for women and children in rural areas. Hon Speaker, just last week I conducted follow-up visits to some of these centres and I can confirm that they are fully operational and providing the much-needed care and support to victims of gender-base violence.

In addition, the Department was tasked to coordinate the development of a Western Cape Government Implementation Plan, based on the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide. We have established a Western Cape Government Transversal Gender-Based Violence Forum, which meets monthly and this has happened for the last 14 months. This forum has contributed to the Western Cape Government GBV Implementation Plan which was adopted by Cabinet on 1 September 2021. We are the only province I know of, to have achieved this milestone.

For the first time, hon Speaker, all Western Cape Government departments have provided details of every gender-based violence activity taking place across this province, from Mitchells Plain to Moorreesburg, from Klaver to Klaarstroom. These activities are happening in communities on an ongoing basis and we are currently analysing the effectiveness and costs of these interventions, to ensure that we reach the most vulnerable in the quickest possible time.

DSD is also in the process – we have just had recent Government elections –of renewing all our Memorandums of Understanding with local municipalities and within those MOUs, we have two clauses. One is regarding the establishment of Local Drug Action Committees, otherwise known as LDACs, and the other one which we are focusing on is Gender-Based Forums within municipalities because gender-based violence happens in homes, on the ground in municipalities.

Hon Speaker, I wish to thank all our stakeholders who assist us in combatting the scourge of GBV in communities. We have hosted webinars with shelter staff and partners. We have met with and maintained close working relationships with the National Women's and Cape Flat Shelter Women's Movement, amongst other. Regarding the recent spate of deaths, I wish to thank the community members and members of Parliament sitting in the forum, who have taken the time to write to me, to alert me of the challenges and not wait for an opportunity of a sitting, to come and do grandstanding and mudslinging. I wish to say thank you to those members. You have assisted us greatly by alerting us to the challenge.

I am also pleased to announce, hon Speaker, that DSD is a partner in the first pilot project – and the pilot is on Interventions on Non-custodial Measures for Women in Conflict with the Law – which takes place in the Athlone Magistrate's District, which records the highest number of offenders. It is the first of its kind on the continent. It is led by the Callas Foundation with a host of other key stakeholders. Should this project succeed, it will then go to the Limpopo Province, after which it will be rolled out to the SADC provinces.

But hon Speaker, gender-based violence is fuelled by many factors, as I said, one of which is unemployment and this brings me to the topic of the ECD Function Shift. Within the ECD Function Shift Schedule for 1 April 2022, I was informed by the Centre for Early Childhood Development last week, that we remain the only provincial government that regularly

communicates with the ECD sector and keeps them abreast on developments regarding the shift. And then, hon Speaker, whilst on the topic of ECD ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...[Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I must inform this House of the delays in paying the much-lauded ECD Stimulus Relief Fund that was promised to many teachers affected during the hard lockdown. The management or lack thereof of the ECD Stimulus Relief Fund by national departments, has been a complete disaster from day one. I have on several occasions written to the National Minister for Social Development, Minister Lindiwe Zulu, to urgently address the various delays surrounding the verification ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Your time is up. You have exhausted your speaking time, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry, hon Speaker, if I may just conclude?

The SPEAKER: Please ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I would like to say now more than ever, we need to ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...[Inaudible]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...despite our political affiliations, unite to forge a shared future ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to eliminate the many social ills that continue to plague our society.

The SPEAKER: Your time is up. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister, thank you. Hon members, I warned the hon Minister 30 seconds before time, so that she can prepare herself because she is not here, she is virtual. Sometimes, there is a delay between what the Presiding Officer says and what the member can hear on the other side because of the virtual platform. So, just bear with the Presiding Officer in this regard. Thank you, hon Minister, and I now

recognise the hon Brinkhuis.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: My apologies to you and the House, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You are most welcome, hon Minister. That is fine.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: †Bismillah hiraghmaan niraheem, [In the name of Allah,] hon Speaker, hon Premier, hon members, residents of the Western Cape. The Al Jama-ah remains very sceptical of the Western Cape Government's grand plans to create jobs, create safety here in the Western Cape and to keep the Western Cape in wellbeing. Quite an interesting plan, considering there is nothing new to it and for the past few years, the Western Cape failed to implement effective methods to eradicate crime, to create jobs and to put the wellbeing of its residents first. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Western Cape failed to generally show concern for the wellbeing of its residents and I will point out three cases in particular.

The inhumane treatment and relocation of the homeless people who were horded as if they are barbarians, to a site in Strandfontein, reminiscent of the Nazi camps in Germany. The objection to the lockdown of liquor sales and the persecution of a people's principal, Mr Wesley Neumann, who the Department subsequently sacked because he kept the school closed in the midst of a hard lockdown, which was in the best interest of the school. So,

hon Premier, all these plans you have for the residents, hon Premier, all these plans that you have for the residents of the Western Cape, particularly the poor, it sounds very, very strange.

If I may add that in April 2019 the Police Minister, Bheki Cele, instructed South African Police Service's officials to shut down all illegal and noncompliance shebeens, to which you reacted and described the Minister as lacking understanding of the problems faced by the Western Cape residents. So nice to be concerned for the wellbeing of citizens in this province by keeping them under the influence of alcohol to forget the real problems they are facing as residents of the Western Cape. Hon Premier, your plans which you describe as great innovation, are outdated. You need to introduce new and effective strategies as the Province is failing its citizens, mainly the poor. Where the Western Cape Government delivers the best services, it is not in areas where it is most needed. We have seen how Khayelitsha residents ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: We have seen how Khayelitsha residents have to live in sewerage for years. The poor gets ripped off by your DA-run municipalities. Thousands of learners on the Cape Flats and in the townships are not yet placed in schools, not forgetting there are schools with 60 learners in the class. Let me remind you, hon Premier, we are still in a pandemic, so where is the concern for the wellbeing ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] ... Hon Brinkhuis.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Of our learners, the learners on the Cape Flats and in the townships?

The SPEAKER: Hon Brinkhuis, in terms of the Standing Rules, you must address the Chair. You may proceed.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you, hon Speaker. The Province needs to build new schools, which should be a priority. Providing mobile schools should not be seen as permanent measures. Children need stability in their education. You are talking about creating safer communities.

Before I forget: please tell the residents of the Western Cape of the province, whether your Community Safety MEC or former MEC, Albert Fritz, has been suspended with pay or without pay? The residents of the Western Cape have the right to know whether he is enjoying a paid holiday.

We call on the Province to fully embrace the fight against gender-based violence. This has also become a pandemic. I thank you, hon Speaker.

[Applause]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Brinkhuis, you were within your time. Hon members, I now recog – order, hon members! I now recognise the hon

Minister of Transport and Public Works, hon Mitchell, who is also joining us virtually. So ... [Interjection.] I am going to request – order, hon members! I am going to request that we pay attention to the system, the virtual platforms ... [Interjection.]. Order, hon members! Okay, then I will let you proceed until you are done. You are doing well, hon Bakubaku-Vos, thank you and hon Minister Bredell, †baie dankie, agbare [thank you, hon.]

What I was saying, hon members, is that the hon Minister is joining us virtually and therefore we must just be circumspect of the Rules of the virtual platform: no heckling and no disruptions or commentary, running commentary to the member in terms of Rule 40. Hon Minister, you may address the House.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker and good afternoon to all the hon members. Hon Speaker, with your permission and indulgence, will it be in order if I switch off my camera?

The SPEAKER: It is in order, hon Minister. You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier and Cabinet colleagues, hon Leader of the Opposition and Leaders of Opposition parties, hon members of the Western Cape Provincial

Parliament, the Director-General and other officials of the Western Cape Government, citizens of the Western Cape and in particular, the citizens of the West Coast, it gives me great pleasure to participate in this debate on my first State of the Province Address since being appointed as the Minister of Transport and Public Works in the Western Cape.

Hon Speaker, I am sure that the hon members will allow me the luxury of commenting briefly on what a challenging, but yet, exciting journey this has been, despite my having previously been the Chair of the Transport and Public Works Standing Committee.

Hon Speaker, in his recent book *Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World*, the visionary global thinker, Fareed Zakaria, in stressing the needs for quality in government, writes the following, almost as if he had the ANC National Government in mind. I quote:

“Simply enlarging the size of government does little to solve societal problems. Good government is about limited power, but clear lines of authority. It is about giving [officials] autonomy, discretion, and the ability to exercise [their] own judgment. It requires recruiting bright, devoted people who are inspired by the chance to serve their country and earn respect for doing it.”

Close quote. Hon Speaker, how different this vision is from our experience of more than a quarter of a century of a ruling party which

rewards ANC loyalty above competence and which, as a result, recycles some ... shady members? And so, it is governments at all levels who limp along, incapable of addressing the needs of their citizens. For example, hon Speaker, no water, no electricity, no jobs, little dignity, but lots of frustration, anger and poverty, and hon Speaker, there is no need for this to happen.

Hon Speaker, in the time left to me, I want to briefly provide this House with just two examples of how different things can and will be done, by a government concerned about the quality of services delivered, the judicious use of the limited funds available, and clear planning and management.

Hon Speaker, just over a week ago, I had the pleasure of hosting the Hon Premier, my Cabinet colleague Minister Simmers, the City of Cape Town and various role players in the Human Settlements field to the handing over of keys to the very first families to move into social housing accommodation at Conradie Park. Hon Speaker, it was, indeed, a special occasion and celebrated a development which took vision, courage, determination and excellent management to bring it to the point where deserving citizens could have access to homes.

Hon Speaker, while the hon Premier highlighted various aspects of the Conradie Park development, I want to stress what the successful rollout of this says about the capacity of a capable government. Hon Speaker, the

Better Living Model with its focus on an integrated space in which people can live, work, play and learn, had to be conceptualised from scratch. This is not a drop-in replica of a development existing elsewhere. New thinking, hon Speaker, about the relationship between Government and the private sector was necessary, as well as new ideas about funding models. Hon Speaker, this took drive, innovation, leadership and required various departments in the Western Cape Government to work together and to cooperate with other spheres of government and State-Owned Entities, believe it or not, such as PRASA.

Hon Speaker, this Government has the capacity and the willpower to make things happen. Hon Speaker, once approval has been given by the National Government for the new standards impacting on financial viability, we can proceed with both the Founders Garden Artscape Precinct and the Leeuloop developments, of great significance for the availability of social housing in the CBD of Cape Town to the Leader of the Opposition.

Hon Speaker, I want to move over or onto the Blue Dot Pilot Project. As mentioned briefly by the hon Premier in his address yesterday, Blue Dot is a landscape changing partnerships between the Western Cape Government and the minibus taxi industry in the province. It is a demonstration of what can be achieved in the service of our customers, the commuters of this province, who have had to suffer substantial transportation challenges in the recent past, as a result of the failure of the nationally owned and run rail service.

Hon Speaker, Blue Dot is unique in providing an incentive to taxi owners and drivers to improve taxi performance. The participating vehicles have trackers installed, and performance is measured and recorded by a system developed by the Department, one that extends the capacity of the Department significantly. Hon Speaker, Blue Dot empowers our taxi users to rate the performance of the driver and the safety of the vehicle, and even puts other road users in a position to rate the performance of that minibus taxi. These ratings, hon Speaker, influence the incentives that drivers and operators receive and place a considerable influence into the hands of our people.

Hon Speaker, in addition, the programme has led to the establishment of nine regional companies, which is a critical step in the formalisation of the minibus taxi industry. Hon Speaker, the programme has trained over 1 500 operators and drivers to date and has received over 26 000 ratings from members of the public. Hon Speaker, despite the pilot having run for a short period only, we have already seen shifts in behaviour, and taxi owners and drivers have improved their performance to earn higher incentives. Hon Speaker, these are profound achievements and point to one clear conclusion: the pilot has been a success. It is also strongly supported by the minibus taxi industry itself.

Hon Speaker, I want to take a brief look at just a few of the achievements of the pilot that will highlight the progress made since May 2021, when the system went live. These highlights include, hon Speaker, that the number

of green status operators currently stands at 500. The number of green status vehicles currently stands at 800; 26 user ratings were received. Hon Speaker, 3 million kilometres per month were monitored. Yes, hon Speaker, 3 million kilometres a month is being monitored, the obvious impact on harsh driving and the reduction by one third since June last year. Hon Speaker, this also brings a significant income industry into the formal economy through the company organisations and the payment of taxes. Hon Speaker, this system in many ways, still in its infancy, is arguably the most innovative and impactful minibus taxi initiative implemented in the entire country. I want to repeat this, hon Speaker: it is arguably the most innovative and impactful minibus taxi initiative implemented in the entire country. It must be seen, hon Speaker, against the backdrop of an industry which in the Western Cape transports almost 1 million commuters a day and which therefore, at the moment, accounts for 75 percent of all public transport journeys.

Hon Speaker, given the collapse or the entire collapse of the nationally owned and run Metro Rail, the people of the Western Cape and much of the economy of the Western Cape, rely on this public mode of transport. Hon Speaker, this is, indeed, a significant achievement which I am extremely proud of and I want to thank all officials, and the minibus taxi industry, and our commuters, for taking part in this pilot project to ensure that we create a functional, reliable and safe public transport system in the Western Cape. I thank you. [Applause]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Minister, you were well within your time. Hon members, I now recognise the hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Speaker, hon Premier, hon members, ladies and gentlemen in the House, a civilisation is measured by how it treats its weakest members. This is an anonymous quote and the question would be how would we measure as this Western Cape Provincial Parliament, the hon Premier and his Cabinet, to a claim of being civilised. If under our watch since around 2019, young women in an EPWP – which is an empowerment programme – are reported to have been sexually abused by the highest member of this House and yet, we keep mum and are only happy of some independent investigation. We must denounce and declare our unequivocal support to the victims at all material times.

The energy at which the SOPA was presented in the House yesterday requires interrogation against the real politic of the Western Cape socio-economic realities. A province that continues to be a ghost of the apartheid past, refusing to die for the new South Africa envisaged by many in 1994 to be born. A continued play of the horror movie and reminder of our past of segregation, and deliberate exclusion that has led to the structural economy of today, an economy well defended by the DA denialism as Denis Diderot asserts that, open quote:

“We swallow greedily any lie that flatters us, but we sip only little by

little. At the truth we find bitter.”

Hon Speaker, the erosion and looking the other way to the class realities of this province is a shame and borders to accomplish to injustice. If we are to see a commitment for growth in this province, the hon Premier has been in the Cabinet, particularly in the economic cluster, presiding over growth that impacts or has no relationship with economic justice. Chapter 10 of the Western Cape Constitution that was referred to here earlier on by the Leader of the Opposition, indicates:

“The protection and advancement of persons or categories of persons disadvantaged by unfair discrimination.”

Close quote. This clause mandates this Government to advance economic justice and equality in this province, but SOPA after SOPA, this part of the responsibility is eroded in your language, let alone in your response to effect unequal distribution of wealth and resources in this province. Even at this point with this SOPA, from your days as Provincial Minister of Economic Development, hon Premier, you have ignored the significant role of the informal economy, even when your PERO 2021 proved your ignorance of this sector wrong, as it registered positive growth and additional jobs from this informal economy.

Even in this region, the Mayor of 2021 asserts that the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector is the largest source of informal employment, with

informal employment accounting for 32,7 percent of the sectors' employment opportunities. The notion of informality continued to show its relevance to the macroeconomic outlook, where only formal and mainstream economics are used as reference for economic theorisation even against a litany of literature on this subject.

It would be expected that an announcement on the work on the informal sector similar to the work on infrastructure, the boost of transport under the new Mobility Department, would also be raised. If you continue to keep disadvantaged communities on the side-lines you must know you are deliberately an accomplice to chaos and instability.

The kind of challenges of the modern societies that we live in presently present themselves as social problems and the elitists are happy to refer to them as such, using the plight of vulnerability to drive state resources to private markets, under the fallacy of solving their problems and exaggerating Government failures. The opposite has been proven to be true, where markets and their failures have demonstrated that unregulated markets are suicidal to human progress and civilisation.

We are not on another planet, where globally our economies experience serious economic meltdowns and private markets are at the centre of such and are bailed out by the same governments and national taxpayers. Our clear understanding of joblessness and importance of a job is far from the lamentations made in this House, and yes, we agree people need jobs. The

difference is decent jobs, as a job, if not decent, is no job and what does that mean? We need this Government in their lobbying for private markets to further engage in the private sector, that a job is part of the production cost of any operation.

That is basic microeconomics class 101. Such is no favour the private entities are doing to the State or those that offer their labour in the job markets, so they need to be remunerated concomitant to their input to the production chain and as such, a job if not decent, is no job.

Such includes reasonable working conditions, not the brutality written about in some sectors of the hospitality, agri-sector and others, where young people in the main and illegal immigrants are used with no basic salary and instead work a full day and even more rely on tips from patrons.

Surely if the Minister of Agriculture in this province, as told from this podium believes a social grant is equivalent, a social grant equivalent is sufficient to be regarded as a job. This drive of job creation remains another shadow of slavery and law before cheap labour for the markets.

Speaker, the food basket price index for November 2021 totalled R4,272.44, and increased by R3.50 by December 2021 totalling to R4,275.94. This compared to the same period in 2020 shows households are now paying R273.52 more, that is 6.8% more than the previous year. The average annual household income of the Western Cape is at R19 340

and in Bergrivier as a municipality, it is at R14,959.

Recent reports told us that the overall cost of living in Cape Town is higher than it is in Johannesburg. So the call for jobs must respond to this dichotomy of the standard of living versus the availability and the creation of jobs, particularly by the private sector. We commend and take our hats off to employers, who even against any enforcement, treat their employees with the dignity they deserve and take them as partners in their wealth creation.

Speaker, what legacy shall we leave for this Bergrivier Municipality and Velddrif, in particular, beyond our scent, as the Western Cape Provincial Parliament that we were here? What is the quantifiable economic benefit of the days we were here for the SOPA including our build-up events? Our MERO tells us that the potential risks which they indicate are that despite the N7 that traverses the Bergrivier Municipality towns such as Wittewater, Goedverwacht and Eendekuil and Redelinghuys are not regionally well connected.

Residents of these towns often need to travel to main economic centres such as Piketberg for goods and services and are reliant on main industry, typically agriculture for employment. This makes these settlements vulnerable to economic downturn. What is your SOPA response to this reality?

We commend the good work done by the Dedat Unit on its Tourism Innovation Fund as we witnessed the contribution the funding made to preserve and retain jobs in !Khwa ttu just a few kilometres from here, a place that hosts the story of the Southern Africa's first people, the San. We are informed that this funding, Premier, has been depleted with no possibility of being reallocated and we are asking that with your Cabinet, you reconsider like you did with the SMME Booster Fund and secure the funds from the Slush Fund in the Provincial Revenue Fund.

This Government, which always brags about being driven by data and an evidence-based approach to governance, has chosen to snub evidence provided by the MERO regarding inequalities in the province. The inequality rate in the West Coast District shows in the social economic profile of Bergrivier Municipality, as highlighted in the 2021 MERO and shows that income inequality between 2014 and 2020 has worsened in the area. The silence of this Government on this matter underscores that even in the interventions to address the second pandemic of joblessness we will see the same pattern of inequalities, where the majority of our people will earn meagre salaries way below the minimum wage.

Henry Giroux states:

“Neoliberalism considers the discourse of equality, justice and democracy quaint ...”

Meaning unusual or old fashioned.

“... if not dangerous and must be either trivialised, turned into its Orwellian opposite, or eviscerated from public life.”

Speaker, yesterday the Premier mentioned his October 2020 address to this House, setting out his governance priorities for recovery. Let us remind ourselves of what the Premier promised on the day he promised to create, and I quote:

“20 000 jobs through rapid interventions including 26 private sector investments currently in the pipeline”.

A mere four months later, in February 2021, reading his SOPA again we heard nothing about the 26 rapid interventions and by then only seven and a half thousand jobs were created, far below the 20 000. Well, yesterday even though prior to his announcement of administration recovery, we heard neither of the 26 rapid intervention nor about how many of the actual 20 000 jobs were eventually created. But one supposes that in October 2020, the Premier believed then that the State does play a role in creating jobs, that is why he made the promise, but today he uses the excuse that the private sector creates jobs to cover his broken promises.

Speaker, I conclude with a quote from Antonio Gramsci. He states ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... “the challenge of modernity is to live without illusions and without becoming disillusioned. I am a pessimist because of intelligence but an optimist because of will”.

I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Enkosi. [Thank you.] Thank you, hon Nkondlo.
Hon members I now recognise hon Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, hon Premier, hon members of the Provincial Cabinet, hon members of this Provincial Parliament, most importantly citizens of the Western Cape. It is amazing to be here, †dit is lekker hier in die Wes-Kaap, die land en die streek van die groot sederboom maar ook die plek van sout [it is *lekker* here in the Western Cape, the land and the region of the great cedar tree but also the place of salt,] and this side of the House appears extremely salty. I am amazed this morning that we are able to, in one body, have so many contradictions all at play. †Maar ek is bly om hier te wees [But I am pleased to be here] and Speaker, it is a great honour for me to be partaking in this ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order hon members.

Mr R I ALLEN: ... particular debate on the State ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Allen, if you please can kindly take your seat. Hon members I have allowed every member to receive the necessary protection from the Presiding Officer and that has been consistent across the board. So I am requesting that we allow the hon Allen to deliver his speech. Members know what they should do if they have a point to raise. There are Standing Rules, and they allow for such points of order to be raised but no heckling will be allowed and that is in terms of Rule 40. Hon member Allen you are protected, please feel free and proceed.

†Mnr R I ALLEN: Baie dankie Speaker. Ek ag dit 'n voorreg om deel te neem aan die debat,

[Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, Speaker. I regard it as a privilege to tyake part in the debate,] but firstly Speaker, through you, I extend my gratitude to the Premier for being South Africa's only Provincial Executive to deliver tangible plans which we as we as a Provincial Parliament can and will continue to monitor in the best interests of residents. And members of this House, especially on this side of the House, we are profoundly aware of the responsibilities to residents that they have conferred on us. We take this duty extremely serious and last week while we were here in the West Coast, †in die Weskus, [in the West Coast], visiting communities and conducting oversight, it reminded us of this significance.

It is further evident that since the DA had taken over this province in

2009, we have put this province firmly on the road to the future. Hon Speaker, the Opposition's comments take the debate to a new low and hypocrisy to a new height. We are not surprised however with the ANC. We knew exactly what we would get; the same old misinformed conclusions, disinformation and their continued playing of politics.

Considering the amount of time that was allocated to the Opposition parties and the amount of words that we speak per minute, it is roughly ten thousand one hundred words that were spoken by the Opposition, all misinformed. †Daarom is dit so bedompig hier. [That is why it is so stuffy in here.] All misinformed. So let me address some of the misconceptions that the Opposition has been spewing here this morning.

Firstly, on the Environmental Commissioner. Speaker, we heard about NIMBY this morning, and this is a classic example of hypocrisy ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Let us allow hon Allen to proceed. Hon Allen will you please take your seat, we are muting the time. Please proceed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Chair ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: What is your ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Chair, can the possible, incoming hon MEC for Community Safety take a question?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you hon Sayed. Thank you, hon members, order. Hon Allen?

Mr R I ALLEN: Yes, I will take a question at lunchtime, that should work for me.

The SPEAKER: That is now clear that you can ask your question during lunchtime, so let us allow hon Allen to proceed.

Mr R I ALLEN: A classic example of hypocrisy: the member mentioned NIMBY “not in my backyard” but where we are now? I wonder why the ANC colleagues did not engage their national counterparts when over 15 000 tons of chemicals, †15 000 ton chemikalieë in die see gestort, 250 meter hiervandaan? [15 000 tons of chemicals dumped in the ocean, 250 metres from here?] “Not in my backyard” but they still gave permission, the National Government still gave permission ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Order hon members. Hon Allen, will you please take your seat. [Interjections.] Hon members, hon members, order. We have a debate today and you had all the time to speak and to address the various aspects of what the Premier had addressed or not addressed in your view, in terms of the SOPA. Now hon Allen is speaking on the same topic,

why is it that you do not want him to speak? So I am asking you to allow him to continue because you are standing between lunch and us. Some of us are hungry, so let us allow hon Allen to proceed.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you so much Speaker, and I trust that the time will still be afforded to me. Speaker, to continue and I will get to the Safety Plan and the misconceptions member Botha already addressed, the fact of the Western Cape Education Department's head office, because here we see you, they even complain about saving money, the contradiction is so amazing.

I will further say, earlier on Ivan Cloete was mentioned and we welcome the interest from the ANC about Ivan Cloete because the ANC are the ones responsible for most of the distress and struggle that he has gone through in recent years.

I welcome the input from the Walking Bus that was indicated earlier on, and I do want to say that the City is professionalising the programme with the inception of Facility Protection Officers. Walking Bus members will be the first to get the opportunity to apply which will allow more skills development and career paths. †Ons kan nie net dat die mense daar bly nie. [We cannot just let the people stay there.] So we are professionalising it.

Further on I would like to say, †dit is nie oor 'n duisend [it is not over a thousand] unplaced learners, the figure is currently at 874 and the member

will be aware that we will continue to conduct oversight in that regard.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Please proceed hon Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Let me continue, Speaker because here in the Western Cape we are not swayed by this, we know that our Government ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Allen, you have 10 minutes 18 seconds, so you may proceed sir.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you so much. For the residents of the Western Province if you are watching, I sincerely hope that there will be, on this side of the House, some maturity and people will act like adults. But, hon Speaker, on all fronts and most metrics, the Western Cape does better than anywhere else in South Africa. We tower head and shoulders above the rest. Even the President has acknowledged it, which was quoted here earlier today; the A-G's report or independent reports from Ratings Africa, which conclude that the Western Cape is the best run province in the entire South Africa. But there appears to be a contradiction between reality and the ANC's so-called facts. But Speaker, just yesterday Premier Alan Winde and Minister Marais opened a new library in Noordhoek, here in the Bergvliet Municipality, and during this opening Minister Marais remarked "Google can bring you back one thousand answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." But even if you Google which is the best run

province in South Africa, the answer is very clear, the Western Cape.

So Speaker, on the one hand we all know that it is an incontestable, irrefutable fact that the Western Cape does way better than any other province in South Africa, but on the other hand, we also know that the bar has been set so low by ANC provinces that the contrast is remarkable. It is not a standard, not even a close competitor. And like the Premier said, Speaker, we cannot be happy with being the best band on the Titanic, we need to do more, and I completely agree.

Hon Speaker, through you to the residents of the Western Cape, I want to assure you that we are making great strides, we remain committed to you and to continue to serve you because I am sure that each one of us in this House, especially those on this side, would agree that the Western Cape has the potential to become a province of truly global renown. This is possible and I wish to remind the Opposition that for any government, at any level, to create conditions for sustained progress towards prosperity for all, three conditions are required: firstly, the rule of law. We play by the book in the Western Cape at any level because we understand to create the conditions for sustained progress, we need the rule of law.

Secondly, a culture of accountability, hence our Legislature actually functions unlike the ANC's wants in most other provinces, which is too often to get a written answer from MECs or have the Premier come to a committee; but also a capable State or a well-functioning State which the

ANC here in this province is privy to. Just as hon Chief Whip pointed out, we see this in the Western Cape where clean audits are achieved, and monies spent where it matters and on most for those are in need. Because here in the Western Cape, under the leadership of Premier Alan Winde, together with his Cabinet, those conditions have been cemented.

It is in the fabric of our Government, and the Premier confirmed yesterday that we have all the ingredients, to make it work and the hypocrisy will not seep in because we will continue in our fight to bring better services and ensure that we make this province truly, globally renowned. We will rethink the Premier, said and we will refocus, and we will innovate.

When the Opposition mentions that we are not innovating it really boggles my mind. †Waar woon hulle? [Where do they live?] Where have they been for these last couple of years? I can understand that the GOOD member is new to this House, and we welcome him, so we are looking forward to showing him what we are doing in committees, and we are looking forward to that engagement. The EFF talks about social cohesion. You do not need to look far to understand that the EFF has been breaking the social cohesion in this province for way too long [Interjection.] ... we have heard when we fight. We love this province, we do not want to be fighters, hon Speaker.

But in the criminal justice system, the people, the residents are represented by a number of role-players: the SAPS, the NPA, the courts, the

Department of Justice, the Department of Correctional Services. Member Marais mentioned Correctional Services, which is a national competency which has been underfunded for the last five years and which is making prisons unbearable. It is creating space for gangs to continue their grip on communities and that is at national level.

But further, we also know that these are all situated at a national level. That which needs to be fixed in this province is a national competency and I will encourage ANC colleagues to call, to WhatsApp their colleagues at national level even if they 'blue tick' you, which we know they do because they do not even take you seriously at a national level because, and I would not support - and I do not think anyone on this side even - a provincial government that is not working for the people. We have remained committed, and we will continue in our efforts.

But time is not on anyone's side. We have seen SAPS leadership engage in petty squabbles. Just today *Times Live* announced again that the Police Commissioner and the National Minister of Police are fighting again. They are fighting whilst the residents are suffering. We have seen that SAPS are under-resourced, under-trained, under-staffed and are facing ever increasing challenges in DNA processing. Just earlier this morning at 09:45 I have received an email from SAPS stating that the current backlog in the DNA samples is currently at 62 848. I remembered because it is so big. Our people are suffering. Secondary victimisation occurs because many of those cases are struck off the court roll, hence we have the

Department of Community Safety implementing the only programme, namely the Court Watching Brief. Also, Speaker, I find it alarming and disrespectful – we have Minister Anroux Marais as the Acting Minister for Community Safety who has been steering the ship; we have Advocate Pillay, the HOD and countless officials that have dedicated their lives to ensure that this province is a safer province and then they are lambasted by †leuens, YoungstaCPT sê yissus. [lies, YoungstaCPT say *yissus*.] [Interjections.]

Hence, I welcome the announcement made by the Western Cape Government that will expand the monitoring of police stations and will rename the Department of Police, Oversight and Community Safety.

Through you Speaker, thank you Premier. This Department is the only one of its kind. Those that attend the committees will know and I will encourage everyone to attend so that you have first-hand knowledge of what we are talking about. It is a two-prong – †ek het opgegroeï, ek het gehakkel, nè. So sou ek *excited* raak en dan ek hakkel nog [I grew up, I stammered, nè. So should I get excited then I still stammer.] Speaker, you can ask my wife to confirm that. [Interjection.]. But this Department is the only one of its kind.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R I ALLEN: Yet again, the Western Cape has gone above and beyond

its mandate as a result of the ANC continuously failing. We have seen great success in the LEAP deployment and over 1 000 LEAP officers add extra boots on the ground. Just last week – and members of the A cluster will know that in Vredendal in the SAPS cluster, those that listened, this station covers parts of the Weskus from Elands Bay to Klawer, was reduced by 88 members on average. That represents the entire personnel of three of the stations within that particular cluster. So there has been a systematic attempt to reduce SAPS at each and every level and we are fighting for that because we do want SAPS to be devolved to a competent and capable government like here in the Western Cape.

But Speaker, communities are still pleading to see effective policing to tackle the scourge of crime and gangsterism. The decentralisation of SAPS would be a step in the right direction and will put the power where it truly belongs. And I trust that the citizens of the Western Cape will see that the ANC has no intention of giving power to the people, because this will ensure that the right equipment and expertise are present where it is needed most.

This approach is of most use to the safety and security. It is just more words, †maak dit net meer bedompig [makes it just more stuffy,] and residents will be able to feel this, even if you are in Mitchells Plain, in Delft, residents of the Western Cape will be able to feel how this entire province has been filled with hypocrisy, but I am looking forward to listening to the Premier later as he continues to clarify the misconceptions.

But Speaker, it is abundantly clear ... [Interjection.]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time, hon member [Interjections.]. You can finish your last sentence please. Hon members. Hon member, you can finish your sentence.

Mr R I ALLEN: That being said ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order members!

Mr R I ALLEN: I still have †drie blaaie maar daar is so baie leuens [three pages but there are so many lies,] but here we go. That being said, we as the DA are cognisant of the fact that there are many problems still facing our communities and that there is a lot more work still to be done ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: ... but the fact remains the DA governs, and we deliver ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr R I ALLEN: ... for all, for you and thank you.

[Debate concluded.]

RULING

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. That concludes the debate, but I wanted to be here prior to the finish of the debate so I could actually deliver my ruling. If I can have order in the House, please.

During the debate on the State of the Province address, the hon Baartman raised a point of order to the effect that hon Windvogel was in breach of Rule 59, in that when she was being critical of the conditions that exist at Khayelitsha Hospital, it reflected on the dignity and integrity of hon Bakubaku-Vos who allegedly serves on the board of the hospital and by association being unfairly criticized. I undertook to listen to Hansard and rule on the matter at a later stage. I have now had an opportunity to scrutinise the Hansard recording of the relevant portion of the speech and wish to rule as follows:

The hon Windvogel in her speech did not refer to a specific member or members of the House when criticising the conditions at the hospital and was within her rights as a member to have made those statements in terms of the Rules debate. My ruling is that the point of order by hon member Baartman cannot be sustained. It then follows – order please – it then

follows that subsequent points of order raised by members in relation to hon Baartman's point of order, are therefore of no consequence or effect. This matter is now considered dispensed of, and no further discussion will be allowed. I so rule.

Hon members, the House is now suspended. Thank you.

[Business of the House was suspended at 13:08 and resumed at 14:00]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. You may be seated.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Deputy ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, I recognise – sorry, I thought you were actually raising a point of order. Hon Dugmore?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes, it is. Hon Speaker, we do not want you to stop the reply ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just if you can put your microphone on?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: We do not want to disrupt or delay the response by the hon Premier and we have obviously taken note of your ruling and we respect the fact that you did come back to the House, but hon Speaker, would it be in order that, given that the letter

read out by hon Baartman was actually used in a way which promoted a lie in this House, can we not, through you, just settle this matter and ask hon Baartman to withdraw her comments or otherwise face a substantive motion in this House. Because what she cynically did was read half of a letter which actually indicates that hon member Bakubaku was never appointed to the Khayelitsha Board and that is cynical.

So we would like to ask you, would you not give hon Baartman an opportunity to withdraw her comment?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unfortunately, hon Dugmore, I made a ruling and the ruling stands. If you feel it necessary to bring a substantive motion at the next sitting, you may do so but I am not going to comment any further on my ruling. It stands as is. Thank you very much.

We will now proceed. The Secretary will read the Second Order of the Day.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Chair, Chair ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please sit, Secretary. Hon Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Chair, as the ANC we do not agree with your ruling. We will be doing a substantive motion and the public must know that the DA is allowed to lie in this House and that they

are protected in order to tell their lies, by the hon Deputy Speaker. This is a breakdown of democracy. You bring democracy to the people but you show the people that you care nothing about democracy.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Deputy Chief Whip, I see you, recognise you, Chief Whip.

THE CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The hon Sayed is in direct contravention of Rule 66(5) which states that a member who is aggrieved may not challenge a ruling in the House and should therefore withdraw those remarks. Thank you. He knows the process ... [Interjections.] He knows the process. He must follow the Rules.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! ... [Interjections.]

THE CHIEF WHIP (DA): He must follow the Rules.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, please can we have ... [Interjections.] Hon members, we are in front of the public eye. I would ask that you practise some decorum. ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I hope – they lie in front of the public ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, if it is deemed necessary we will

adjourn, we will adjourn the sitting ... [Interjections.] because we have the public here.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, let us adjourn ... [Interjections.]
Let us adjourn the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not here to make a decision on the information that was presented and you know that. ... [Interjections.] But I am not here to be the judge. Hon members ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The ruling stands. The ruling stands.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [Inaudible.] She must leave the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I am going to start naming members and then you will have to leave the House.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): That is fine [Inaudible.]. We will do that [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is fine. That is fine. I cannot make a ruling on lies or not. You know that, you are not two years ...

[Interjections.] We will proceed, hon members. For those of you that want to leave, you are welcome to. For those that do not, I ask that you remain in order.

Right, we will now continue. May I ask the Secretary to move to the Second Order of the Day? ... [Interjections.]

Hon members, I am going to start naming names. ... [Interjection.] Hon Bakubaku-Vos, I am telling you now to keep quiet, otherwise you will be named and you will have to leave. That is now the final warning. That is now the final warning. ... [Interjection.] Hon Bakubaku-Vos, please stand. Please stand. You are, firstly, breaking a Rule by sitting and talking to me. Hon Bakubaku-Vos ... [Interjection.]

Right, now I would like to have some mutual respect. If you want me to respect you and what you are saying then I respect that you will follow the Rules, stand, and have a meaningful conversation. But the point is that you are shouting and you are placing the entire House into a decorum ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Because we [Inaudible.] questions. ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not here on those matters. I have made a ruling and I stand by the ruling for now. So hon Bakubaku-Vos, either you

are going to keep quiet or I have to name you to leave.

Ms BAKUBAKU-VOS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, what?

Ms BAKUBAKU-VOS: It is because you ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I can.

Ms BAKUBAKU-VOS: Because you are using your power ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [Inaudible.]

Ms BAKUBAKU-VOS: You are misusing your power [Inaudible.] this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bakubaku-Vos, I would like to end this matter, otherwise you will have to please leave. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): They are people, they are not here to be bullied.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms BAKUBAKU-VOS: We are too quiet in this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made a ruling, the ruling stands. Right, can I proceed? ... [Interjections.] The Secretary will read the Second Order of the Day. ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We are coming with a ...[Inaudible.]

†Die SEKRETARIS: Repliek van die Premier op die debat oor die Premiersrede.

[The SECRETARY: Reply of the Premier to the debate on the Premier's Address.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr Secretary. I will now afford the hon the Premier an opportunity to reply to the debate. The hon Premier Winde. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. †Baie dankie vir die geleentheid om 'n antwoord te gee op die debat vir vandag. [Thank you for the opportunity to give an answer to the debate for today.]

I want to start off by saying, hon Deputy Speaker and hon members of this House - I want to say again, hon members of this House – I truly believe in democracy. I truly believe that we have one of the best constitutions that underpins our democracy, in the world.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But you ignore the [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: I truly believe that a democracy has to be underpinned by rules, which come out of a constitution, which come out of the rules of a House like this, an august parliament.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members.

The PREMIER: I also believe that a government needs a strong opposition if we want to get better, if we want to improve for the lives and the lot of our citizens.

†As ons wil sorg dat ons, die verkose Parlementslede van die mense van hierdie provinsie – [if we want to ensure that we, the chosen members of Parliament of the people of this province] – if we want to earn their trust, if we want to show them that in actual fact they did not waste their vote, we need to make sure that we do things properly, we follow the rules. We need to make sure that we support our Constitution.

You know, hon Deputy Speaker, I have just heard it again, the word “lie”. You know in our Parliament, and a number of our members in this Parliament have been here for many years, you know that in actual fact we do not tolerate the word “lie” directly from one member to another because that is unparliamentary. It is in our Rules.

Hon Deputy Speaker, in a debate like this, which is really, really important, on how we as a government set forward our vision for the next year or two, reflect onto the past, understand what this province went through over the last two years, the people of this province, what they went through over the last two years, we put a vision on the table and then what happens in this debate is we have ideas put on the table. Opposition generally brings new, innovative, prepared, researched ideas on saying: you say this in your policy, what we think is it is not working because of this and this and this and that is why we think you should change because we are going to put our policy on the table. And convince us in a debate that we will try something else, that we will do something differently.

It is not the first time I am saying this, Madam Deputy Speaker. I have said this from the first day after my election. I also said that I wanted to bring a different way of work once I was elected. I wanted to build cooperative governance. I wanted to work with other governments, and I will say a little bit more about that just now.

But hon Deputy Speaker, I really do want to say once again, I believe in democracy and the processes of democracy and this House needs to be used properly in those processes.

I will answer the debate now and those issues that have been raised. I will answer the issue raised by Opposition members but before I do that, I want to honestly say to the members of my political party, of my caucus, of my

Government, Chairpersons of our Committees, those that took part today, thank you very much for your inputs, thank you very much for your support, thank you very much for adding to the substance of what I said yesterday. I get reminded over and over again of the two hours that I spoke yesterday and there is so much that we do that I did not even get to, nowhere near.

If I think of the inputs after the interviews with each of you as Ministers and your Heads of Departments and the issues that you brought to me in preparing for this speech, I want to say to you I apologise that I could not have spent another four or five hours talking about some of those amazing things that you do. I really want to thank you for everything that you do in making sure that we improve things for the citizens of our province.

We are, by far, no ways perfect. We have got so much to do but thank you very much for the role that you play in this democracy of ours. You make me very proud, thank you very much.

Hon Deputy Speaker, getting to the issues that have been raised by the members of the Opposition, and thank you very much to the members that have raised your issues. Again, as I say, that is what a democracy is about. I want to say to the hon Leader of the Opposition, the first thing you said to me is: you just came here to make announcements. I want to say, hon Dugmore, in leadership, in running a government, that is exactly what the State of the Province is about. It is about understanding those pressures

that we face and saying that, as a government, we now start a new year again. We have applied our minds. We know that it is so difficult to really fix those things, what is so broken from before we were a democracy, let alone the things that have not succeeded or we have got right as South Africa since we became a democracy.

There is lots of work to be done, but that is exactly what happens at the State of the Province Address, is you analyse, you reflect, you innovate, you think about new ways of doing things. I said it openly yesterday, in our Government we have challenges and I think of the government that we are at the moment, the structure of that government. That government is structured according to a Constitution. It tells us how we should form our government and that government has income from tax, tax that is claimed from our citizens.

And I have been in Government now for twelve and a half years. When I came into Government, we came into Government after the 2007/8 recession. We came in in 2009. We were in recession. It has been very, very difficult from a financial point of view, from an income, tax income point of view in South Africa ever since then. I always think of our budgets in real terms and in real terms our budgets are cut and it becomes more and more difficult because the income is reduced on this side and the demand is growing every single day on the other side, every single day. Many of you spoke about that demand, the demand for education services and health services, the demand for land and housing, the demand for

opportunities. People coming here because they see more hope here than in other parts of our country but that adds to the demand. We have less income and growing demand. You can only get a different outcome if you start to shake up the middle of it, if you start to innovate, if you start to try to do things differently.

What we have to do in this Government is we have got to test things and I am sorry, some of the things we test and try and we are going to fail, but we need to not be scared of failing, as long as we test things, try them, fail quickly and get back on course and try something else again. But this centre of Government, we have to make announcements of what we are going to change in our Government, of what we are going to do differently, because if we do not do things differently we will get the same downward trend of our outcomes.

As the hon Reagan Allen said, he quoted me in something I say fairly often – we are very proud of this province. You know when I heard someone talking about Google earlier today and referencing, if you Google something you get lots of different answers; if you ask a librarian, you get the right answer. Can I say that sometimes you also get the right answer in one answer when you Google. Just Google “the best-run province in South Africa”, just Google it, I challenge any of you, and see what it says.

But even if you are the best-run province in South Africa, we have huge challenges and we have to come here and we have to make announcements

and we have to say to ourselves: let us do things differently, because we owe it to the citizens of this province; we owe it to those citizens that are coming here to this province for further opportunities. We owe it to 7.1 million citizens of this province to do things differently and in their best interest to make the best difference we can, so that this province gets better and better.

So we will make those announcements; we want you to hold us accountable to those announcements. If we fail we will come back and say we have failed and we will also come back and report on how far we are getting with those announcements and the changes that those announcements are making in relation to the demands and the needs of our citizens.

The hon Leader of the Opposition also spoke about empowerment. It kind of fits in with dignity, it fits in with redress. What does a government do about empowering its citizens? Well, quite frankly, I think that the gist of my speech yesterday was about focusing on pandemic number two. Those citizens that are not empowered; those citizens who do not have dignity; those citizens who are waiting for redress, that is actually the nub and the gist of those announcements and that speech yesterday, was actually all about empowerment.

But the hon Leader of the Opposition, I need to say to you: but that is a difference in philosophy. The philosophy of the ANC is: the ANC will take charge of telling you, as the citizen, how we will empower you and

what we do is we will say: we will put systems in place so that, for example, when it comes to giving someone employment, the private sector will create those jobs.

It is interesting that your President is now beginning to say the same things, but that is going to be a different fight at a national level, how what the President says versus what the rest ... [Interjection.] Yes, our President, my President, my President, what he says compared to what the Cabinet does and says.

Everything I spoke about yesterday was about empowerment. It was about making sure that we change the lives of our citizens for the better, creating opportunity and making sure that we do things differently to create more opportunity and build a better future.

The hon Leader of the Opposition also speaks about an island. He often says that this province does not want to be part of South Africa. I want to say straight out that everything that we do in this province is in the interests of building a better South Africa. That is how democracies work. That is how democracies work.

Do you know that – I said it when I first came into this seat, I said that I want to do things a bit differently. I really want to build partnerships. †Ek het gepraat van ‘n ander idee in hierdie demokratiese stelsel van ons, hoe ek sal optree. [I spoke about another idea in this democratic system of

ours, how I will act.] And I must say to you that I really have worked hard at building relationships with other provinces, other Premiers, meeting with other Premiers - the DG is sitting right here, meeting with DGs in other provinces, inviting those DGs to come to our province. The DG who is now the Director-General in the Presidency used to be the DG of Gauteng Province. Very soon after I came in as the Premier of this province and Dr Malila came in as the DG of this province, he went to visit the DG in Gauteng. Soon after that she came to visit us and she did not just come to a meeting of our Government, she came to a Premiers' Coordinating Council where it was the Cabinet, it was every single Mayor and municipal manager across this province, all of our governments across the province. And here was the DG of Gauteng sitting in our meeting. That is what I believe in, about finding best practice, about engaging on how we can share.

You know, when we started rolling out the vaccine programme in our province, it was unbelievable to see the Limpopo Province and how very quickly they got numbers growing very nicely. The first thing we did, hon Minister Mbombo and her team engaged with Limpopo. We were going to work with them and say: what are you doing because, jeepers, what you are doing is something that we need to learn from, and *vice versa*. That is also how democracy works.

The PCC where I and other Premiers meet with the President in the Coordinating Council - I want to thank the President. Often we will bring

ideas from the Western Cape and they will embrace those ideas and they will become part of what he says, perhaps in a family meeting the next day. Those ideas will be embraced and that will be part of discussions in lekgotlas.

Of course it is not only about how we work together with National Ministers and National Government and find the best way in which we can work together. Sometimes we have serious arguments and disputes. I can think of hon Minister Bheki Cele and policing. We are forever at loggerheads because I believe in a very different Safety Plan, safety idea and safety of our citizens compared to what he believes in. I really believe differently in how our resources should be deployed in our country and in our province. It seems that he and I do not agree in that arena. And, of course, we will disagree and we will even follow processes like formal inter-governmental disputes.

Dr Nkosozana Dlamini-Zuma, there are many things that she does that I absolutely do not agree with. I have just written to the President once again and said: how can we play our part in the province? You now again, in the State of the Nation address, did not end the State of Disaster but you said we will continue working on finding a solution. Yesterday I said I need a date and a time. But I wrote to the President once again and said we are offering our full support, our epidemiologists, our Health Department, whomever, whatever resource in our province can help.

He came back very quickly and said please engage with Dr Nkosozana Dlamini-Zuma, the Minister of CoGTA. I will engage with her once again. I will try again. I will not give up. That is what cooperative governance is about, that is what democracies are about, but if I do not get it right, I will say it as well and declare a dispute and we will argue about the fact because we need to be able to do that. That is how governments work.

I promise you, this province and everything we do is in not only the best interests of the citizens of this province but in the best interests of the citizens of South Africa. We believe in building a better South Africa.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I want to move on to the hon Xego and say to him, I absolutely agree. He mentioned a few names of citizens who have lost their lives. I think about the horrendous – I mean, I say I think about it, I do not think my brain can actually comprehend the murder in Klawer. It is incomprehensible. You cannot believe that a human being can do that to another human being. But you know, hon Xego, more than 3 000 human beings in our province every single year have their flame blown out, have their life ripped away from them, are murdered, in this province. Not one, not five, 3 000. That is what keeps me awake at night. That is why I campaigned on safety, that is why I argue with Bheki Cele, because the safety of our citizens in the Constitution that the hon Leader of the Opposition talks about, says that that is the responsibility of the National Minister and South African Police Services, not the province. We should not be taking that responsibility.

Well, quite frankly, they are failing the citizens of this province. They are failing the citizens of this province. They say that our job is to have only oversight of what happens in our province. Well, I am sick and tired of oversight year after year. We produce the most amazing oversight documents in this province detailing every single police station, what is short, what exists, where the resources are or where the resources are not. And what happens? Nothing. That is why we put a Safety Plan in place. I hear them say again that it is not working. There is only one province with a Safety Plan like we have and there is only one province, as I will say again, which comes out of those 3 000 people who lose their lives in this province every single year and the National Government does not give a damn. ... [Interjection.] It does not give a damn.

We will continue with the Safety Plan. We will make it a passion. Do you know the police oversight of what we are going to expand to now, do you know that in this province we get a history lesson on statistics from the Minister of Police. We get a history lesson. In a world where you are serious about safety for your citizens you do not give statistics six, three months or even a year later – six months, three months or a year later. You have realtime evidence every single day so that you can react to it. †Ons is so blerrie stadig, ons bring die syfers uit ‘n jaar later [We are so bloody slow, we come up with figures a year later] – and then we still do not even redeploy extra resources.

The Minister says very quickly, the highest murder rate per capita in South

Africa is in the Western Cape. He says that, and then what he does is he does nothing! He is supposed to deploy extra resources to the problem. [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: He has done that, I am sure you have evidence... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: He deployed 1 000 extra officers and 2 000 resigned. I do not know how that is deploying and the hon Leader of the Opposition knows that and I will mention it again, why, why do we have more police officers deployed in Claremont than we have deployed in Nyanga. Why? We have actually met personally on this matter. I have met I do not know how many times with the Police Minister on this matter and it does not change. I do not understand it. That power can happen in a day, you can make that resource change, in a day. It does not happen. But do not worry; we will continue with our Safety Plan, we will put a management system in place and a monitoring system in place just like we learnt from COVID-19. That data will be there and we will not give it every three months or six months or every year. We will put it forward to the police every day on what is happening under their noses and we will demand from an oversight point of view, we will still work with the Constitution because I believe in the Constitution. We will up our game on oversight like never before and we will continue at the same time to push for

devolution of power. It is the right thing to do.

I also want to say that the hon Xego raises a very serious issue. He raises an issue of racism. He raises an issue of racism in our schools. I do not care whether we have racism in our schools, in our businesses, across our society. We have to root that out.

When you pick up an issue, lay a charge, let us deal with it decisively, just like we need to deal with GBV decisively, we need to deal with racism decisively. I support you absolutely on it, but it works both ways as well, because we cannot also play the race card in every other move that we make. It works both ways. [Interjection.] I also want to say that... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members!

The PREMIER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I also want to take or speak to the issue of land. Hon member Xego, you raise it all the time, in our House, everywhere, but that is exactly what we were talking about yesterday on the dignity that comes with the title deed on land ownership. Have you been to the Conradie Park site to see the difference that it makes? But I also want to talk about land when it comes to agriculture, I also want to talk about that and what your party is raising around land for agriculture. But remind me, I am going to bring it up when I deal with the issues raised by the hon Marran because they are intertwined. They both

have exactly the same problem. What they are not doing and what you advocate, and neither of those works, because I believe... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It does work.

The PREMIER: ...that black farmers should own land.

Mr M XEGO: Yes.

The PREMIER: No, you do not. I just heard the EFF say yes. They do not. They believe the Government should own the land and they should lease it to the people.

Mr M XEGO: [Inaudible.] [Audio connection lost.]

The PREMIER: There is a policy conflict here, you guys need to speak to each other, but I will raise it just now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: I will tell you what is happening on the ground.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] They would understand.

The PREMIER: Deputy Speaker, I also want to talk about land infrastructure, housing. These are serious issues. That was core in what I spoke about yesterday in my speech. I also, if you remember, said to people that when you get some infrastructure please look after it. It is agreed. We need to look after our infrastructure. So if we build a fence at a school to make it safer we need our learners and our teachers and our citizens to look after that infrastructure, right. That is what we should be doing. The hon Xego is nodding and I like that.

Do you know that in this very town in a place called Noordhoek there was an amazing piece of infrastructure just a few years ago, an amazing piece of infrastructure. This piece of infrastructure housed a crèche where young children in the middle of Noordhoek could go to a crèche. This piece of infrastructure had a mezzanine floor, with computers, where young learners could go safely after school and go and do their homework, research, go online. This piece of infrastructure in the middle of Noordhoek had a soup kitchen. It had an outside area that was fenced off safely with a jungle gym and place for kids to play. Do you know that some citizens in this region got together, marched to this facility, which was actually not a Government facility, it was actually raised by fundraising. People raised money from ordinary citizens to build this infrastructure. They found some international donors and guess what we did? Burnt the thing to the ground! We burnt it down! †Wie was dit? [Tussenwerpsel.] [Who was it? [Interjection.]]

†n AGBARE LID: Ja, wie was dit?

[An HON MEMBER: Yes, who was it?]

†Die PREMIER: Wie was dit?

[The PREMIER: Who was it?] How does that happen?

An HON MEMBER: Did the police... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Do you know that just down the road here in Saldanha Bay Municipality in Diazville another piece of infrastructure was burnt down in protest. It was burnt down in protest. They burnt down the Clinic. †Dit kan nie wees nie. Ek stem saam, dit is nie reg nie. [It cannot be. I agree, it is not right.] †We cannot burn down our infrastructure.

Do you know that I believe in democracy; if we have issues to raise here we do not burn down the infrastructure, we bring the issues here, and we raise the issues here and in our Standing Committees. We go and visit those sites. We do not destroy them and burn them down. I wish we could find those culprits because suddenly when court cases and when charges are laid people said “no, but that is not a card-carrying member of my party” and the case goes away. Unacceptable! This cannot be the politics – this cannot be the politics of this province. This cannot... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Casting aspersions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members.

The PREMIER: I have not cast an aspersion on anybody.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The PREMIER: This cannot be the politics of this province, please! We need to respect democracy. We need to bring those issues to our committees and our debates and we all need to protect our infrastructure. We all need to look after it, please, because we cannot build a better province if we burn stuff. We have to move forward in building a better province.

Then hon Windvogel, thank you very much for your inputs and you spoke about a very serious issue, also an issue that I spoke about yesterday and Minister Mbombo have spoken about it today. You spoke about the pressure on our health system. It is a huge pressure on our system. That is why I spoke about the new hospitals we need to build, because we are playing huge catch-up now with a number of people who could not go for their hip op or their knee op. The number of people who actually were too scared to go to a healthcare facility because they were worried about catching COVID-19 and then when they present to our healthcare facility they are not at stage 1 cancer, they are stage 3 or 4 cancer. These are big

issues in our society. They are major, major problems and that backlog we have to catch up on. Let alone the pressure that is put on our system from mental wellbeing and the mental illness that is actually affecting so many of our citizens. It is just exacerbating the pressure. So I absolutely agree with you, we have to invest in more. We have to create more spaces. We have to run 24 hours. We have to definitely push those boundaries.

I would also like the ANC to please push for more and more budget to come our way because, you know, it is easy in the construction of a new hospital. The construction of the infrastructure that I spoke a lot about yesterday, you put a new hospital in place. When we built the Khayelitsha Hospital, when we built the Khayelitsha Hospital, I will never forget when we tendered for, we put out the request for the jobs that were going to happen in that hospital, 650 odd jobs. 72 000 people applied for those 650 jobs. It just shows you, but the 650 jobs and the equipment and the beds and the latest technology and ongoing costs are also very, very expensive. It is all very well building that, but you have to make sure it is sustainable and we need budget to do that. We have to grow our economy in order to keep this expansion going. But that is what yesterday was about, about making sure we get that infrastructure build in place, making sure that we spend money and not surrender that money, make sure that those plans are in place that we do it more and quicker than ever before.

I want to say that you also spoke about unplaced learners and can I say that here as well, just as we are under super pressure in our health system

we are also under super pressure in our education system, but I do want to commend once again the Education Department on how they are getting better and better in dealing with this pressure, although there as well, there as well. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you happy. They were your children...
[Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: There as well... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members, order! Order, hon Marran.

The PREMIER: There as well, yesterday I mentioned about the extra infrastructure and the extra resources needed and we will make sure that we keep on putting more and more funding to these two main areas of our province, Health and Education. They are a critical component of our Constitution mandate and we will continue to fund them as best we can, but also I would really appreciate the little bit of Opposition support from this province at your national level.

Thank you to the hon Sayed, I saw your head nodding there. I really would like that support. I note that you would make a good Leader of the Opposition and I look forward to that day. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

The PREMIER: Speaker, one of the issues raised in this debate was the Hanna Coetzee Clinic in this region and I am pleased to say I have a note from Minister Mbombo to say, go and look at the budget book. There is a line item there. There is already funding for the upgrade up that clinic. R350 000 is already in the budget for the upgrading, so thank you for raising it here, because that is exactly what we need to do, is raise those issues and make sure that we invest where we need to and make sure we deal with those issues that get raised.

Then the hon August, thank you very much for your contribution, and a warm welcome to this Parliament. I look forward to, as you said, constructive criticism and engagement. The issues you raised about land, I am going to talk about ownership here because it has been raised here, as well as under the hon Marran, and leasing versus ownership is a critical policy position.

In the EFF they say that the Government will own the land and they will lease it to the farmers. The farmers will not be able to own that land. I totally disagree with that. I think black farmers should own the farm that they farm. [Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: I agree.

The PREMIER: Now, now listen to the comment from the hon Marran, because he said: "I agree."

Mr P MARRAN: Yes.

The PREMIER: So let us talk about Ivan Cloete. Let us talk about it, he brought it up. He mentioned the name Ivan Cloete. He also says he agrees that our farmers should own the land.

The first time I met Ivan Cloete was 10 years ago maybe, even 12 years ago. At that stage Ivan Cloete was farming with pigs in the City of Cape Town on an illegally occupied piece of land. He was an unbelievable entrepreneur and an amazing farmer and I actually gave him an Entrepreneurship Award because he was such a good farmer, and what we did was we said, "Let us help Ivan Cloete get a farm because that would be much better, right." You would agree with that, right. So guess what happened? We go off to the Department of Land Reform. This is the Department whose job it is in our country to give land to black farmers, right. Yes, 10 years ago, Ivan goes and gets a piece of land. Do you know how excited Ivan was? He was super excited. For the first time in his life he has a piece of land that he can farm on. Of course, Land Reform did not give it only to him as a pig farmer. They also gave it to another guy as a chicken farmer, so they gave two guys the piece of land, and then what happened is Ivan contacted me to say "I am so excited, last year I got given a piece of land, but I cannot get the municipality to connect the electricity. I cannot get the water connection going because when I go there to say I need to register my water connection and my electricity connection, they say:" "Sure, no problem, where is the lease or your title

deed?” So he says: “No, I do not have a title deed. This is Land Reform and I am waiting for my lease.”

I have just got a message now, 10 years later, and the third farm that Ivan is on, because he has been moved a few times and I will tell you about moving him, he says he still has not got his signed lease. †Kan dit wees? [Tussenwerpsels.] [Can it be? [Interjections.].]

The Department of Land Reform under the ANC where they have said you should have land ownership cannot even give a lease to a farmer on a piece of land. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

The PREMIER: They cannot even give a lease to a farmer on a piece of land and you know, the last... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P MARRAN: He has the lease.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, continuous heckling is not allowed. Hon Marran, no hon Marran, you are not having a personal conversation with the Premier. You may proceed, Premier. [Interjection.]

Hon Nkondlo, not continuous! [Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: They know. All of them know who were there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Marran!

Mr P MARRAN: They were there!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Marran, I am talking to you. [Interjections.] Please, this is the Premier's space now. Thank you. You may proceed, Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. You know the last farm, not the one he is on now, the one he was on previously, he got given the farm, he was still going to get his lease. He got a nice investment on infrastructure and then what happened, he got notice to get off the farm. Why? Because the ANC decided to give it to one of the ANC MPs who was no longer re-elected to Parliament and they wanted to give it to one of their mates and not to Ivan, who is a really good farmer in this province. [Interjection.]

And guess what, and guess what. It is ANC policy not to have black farmers in our province owning land, only leasing land. That is totally unacceptable. So the ANC is delivering on EFF policy and it does not work, EFF, so you should also change your policy because it does not work in the ANC and it is contra, because they say they nod their heads and say we believe in black ownership, but they do not, because it does not exist in

what they do. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Where is this farm, where is this Land Reform Department? It is shocking. We should have title deeds; ownership of land, farmers should get land. They should not be put on land with leases. We need to make sure that the future Ivans of this province get their land quickly, efficiently. They can get a lease in the beginning and then after two years they should get ownership if they can show they can farm they should get ownership. That is what the policy should be – land ownership in this province. No, no the hon Xego, you think the Government should own the land... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: That is the worst thing that should happen. Then of course you raised the issue of the Clanwilliam Dam. As an ANC member in this House saying Clanwilliam Dam is an embarrassment. Even just mentioning the word, it is an embarrassment.

†Vir hoeveel jaar het swart boere in hierdie Weskus gewag vir daai water in daai Clanwilliam Dam, daai 9 000 hektaar. [For how many years have black farmers in this Wes Coast waited for that water in that Clanwilliam Dam, that 9 000 hectares?] And where is it? †Ons wag nog! [We are still

waiting!] How many years have we been waiting for it? Our Government realigned the road, got everything ready years ago. [Interjections.] †En ons wag nog. Ons wag nog. Waar is daai dam? [And we are still waiting. We are still waiting. Where is that dam?]

Let me talk about another dam, but this dam has got a much happier ending. This dam is called the Brandvlei Dam. This is 5 000 hectares that can go to new farmers in our province, 5 000 hectares of agriculture land and the irrigation systems will work once this dam is completed. We do not have to build the dam. The water is in the dam. We have to allocate the water, but to allocate the water you have to make sure it is sustainable and all that has to happen is a piece of wall this big gets built along the side of the canal. †So as dit reën gaan die water in die dam in. [So if it rains the water goes into the dam.] We know. We know. Do you know that Minister Bredell and I had to go and †*soebat* [plead] with the Minister, to say, “Come on, Minister, we have budgeted for it.” Then you said, “Do not budget, we will build it. Year after year after year, but I do want to say after that engagement with the National Minister of Water Affairs, I want to thank him because that is already happening. Minister Meyer sent me a photograph a few days ago, he was on site with the construction guys and they are actually building that little wall now. I am so excited! I am so excited, and National Government, yes. Will the hon Marran please, National Government, come with me to get the allocation of the water licences sorted out. †Want nou gaan ons die dam bou, [Because now we are going to build the dam,] and I promise you I will be here next

year saying: †“Waar is die waterlisensies?” [Where are the water licences?]

†Die President het al klaar gesê dit kan nie 300 dae vat vir 'n waterlisensie. [The President has already said it cannot take 300 days for a water licence.] Where has it changed; he said that three years ago. We need water licences and we need that speedily and the hon Marran, I will take you up on that.

Mr P MARRAN: Ja.

The PREMIER: I will invite you to come along to that meeting with the National Minister because we need to make sure we get these licences efficiently and effectively... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ...to black farmers in this province, to all farmers in this province. Deputy Speaker, I want to say to the hon Marais, once again I absolutely support you about giving more power to provinces on federalism and the Constitution says it. It says that if a government, Local Government, Provincial Government, which is closer to the citizens, has the capacity and the capability give them the power. I absolutely support it, but of course this is where the ANC absolutely fails. I have been saying this about policing. I say it about many, many areas.

You know, I met with PRASA and the first thing they say is “You cannot have our trains.” Now I say, “Okay, well let us park that. Let us just get the trains that we have, working.” We have a constructive meeting, and I walk out of that meeting thinking, “Yes! Maybe we are going to get somewhere now.” And then a week later the CEO gets suspended, †en nou moet ons weer begin [and now we have to start again.]

It is unbelievable how, you know, trains work efficiently in cities around the world. It is not rocket science. It is so easy to get a train to run, †maar nie hier nie, onder PRASA, [but not here, under PRASA,] it is unbelievable. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Speaker, I have used a lot of time and I do not want to take too much more time, because of course there are programmes to attend to later this afternoon. I have already said to you through you to this House that an issue was raised here on the Hanna Coetzee Clinic and there is definitely going to be funding. I also mentioned yesterday the upgrades of the clinics and the hospitals that have already been done †op die Weskus [on the West Coast,] but I also want to say that to those Standing Committees that went out across this province to the citizens who engaged with our Standing Committees, [baie dankie thank you]. I sincerely hope and I did not pick it up enough from the democracy that we have here that the constructive issues put on the table, I hope we get more next year. I

also hope and I have said this for many, many years, what I also hope in growing democracy in our country is that, when our MPLs in other Legislatures speaking in States of the Province Addresses, addressing Premiers in other provinces, they usually are put on the table, policy differences, and actually brag about things that happened in this province, brag about things that happen when you Google “Where is the best province in South Africa” and the answer you get, they brag about that province, and they brag about policies and they brag about delivery. I never hear it here in this province about members bragging about what policy delivers differently in other provinces and how amazing it is. [Interjections.] I am waiting for some of those policy differences because that is how democracy works. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Deputy Speaker, I want to say one other thing and then I will go into my concluding remarks, but I want to say that yesterday I mentioned a timeframe on Local Government going out to tender for the first 300 megawatts. I made a mistake because I welcomed the Mayor of the City of Cape Town here and said it is really great, because within the next couple of weeks Cape Town is going to go out and call for requests for proposals for energy generation in our first municipality to fit within a 100 megawatt allowance. Well, I was wrong, it was not in a few weeks time. Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis today announced that and the request for proposal went out today. [Applause.] The first municipality in South

Africa, 300 megawatts, and that is only the start. Of course, they need 2 000 altogether in the province and then they will be totally self-sufficient.

An HON MEMBER: In the City.

The PREMIER: In the City, 2 000, but it is really great news. Well done, and I thought I better just bring that correction to the House but also the good news to the House.

Deputy Speaker, in conclusion what I want to say is that what I brought to this House was a vision for the next year, the next two years, a disruption, some announcements, some changes, with a real focus and a real moving forward. I said we are not going back to normal. We cannot afford that. †Daai normaal voor COVID-19, ons was al klaar in die moeilikheid. [That normal before COVID-19, we were already in trouble.] We cannot go back to that normal. We have to go forward to a new normal. We have to go forward to a better operation of Government, a better delivery. We have to go forward to innovating and creating new opportunities and advantages. We have to do that with obsession and passion. We have to do that focusing on pandemic number 2. Pandemic number 2 is unemployment, it is hunger, it is poverty. It is people living in shacks, it is people without their title deeds. It is people without opportunity. We have to move forward into making sure we deal with pandemic number 2, with passion, focus and energy.

It was about jobs, more and more jobs enabling the private sector, making sure that from our side we coordinate, we bring together and we learn from the pandemic and our lessons in the pandemic. We enable those innovations. We enable those best practices to take our province to the next level.

It was about making sure that Government infrastructure is aligned and coordinated and enables private infrastructure that at the end of the day enables hope, opportunity and attracts much more investment into our province from other provinces, from Africa and the world.

It was about making sure that we continually focus on safety in our province and make a safer province for the citizens of our province. It was making sure that we continually invest in dignity. Dignity comes from health, dignity comes from education, and opportunity. Dignity comes from a safety net for those vulnerable citizens. That was what I laid on the table. That is going to be our programme of action as a Government as we move forward this year and next. I look forward to announcing successes coming out of these plans. I look forward to announcing how those plans are coming to fruition and I look forward to reporting it back not only to this Parliament, Deputy Speaker, but also to the citizens of this province as we strive to build a better province, as we do not go back to normal, as we go forward to a far better province for you. Thank you.
[Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear–hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. Hon members that concludes the debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address. Members and guests are requested to remain standing in their places while the procession leaves the Chamber. Guests must please remain seated while members leave the Chamber. That concludes the business for the day.

The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 15:00.