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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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[Virtual online sitting held through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: You may all be seated. Welcome, hon members. A blessed afternoon and thank you to the hon Premier and hon Philander for joining me in the House. I would have otherwise been very lonely here without you, and thank you to the hon members that are connected virtually including the Deputy Speaker that is also connected virtually. I would like to request the hon members in terms of the directives that we have been using as the basis for our conducting of hybrid sessions which are now recognised in terms of Rule 1, that we please adhere to the stipulations and the guidelines that if you are not speaking, please do not activate your microphone and also try and keep your video off for the purposes of stability of the network.

We do however wish to request that if there is a point of order please do so by a raise of hand or by indicating in the chat room for which the Presiding Officer will recognise you. I also wish to bring to the attention of the fourth estate, the members of the fourth estate, the media, as tempting as it may be, please do not activate your camera or your microphone, you are guests as you have always been and we appreciate that you continue to attend our sessions and your continuous interest in the work we do as this Provincial Parliament.

At this stage I just want to indicate to the hon members that we understand the impact of load shedding but there is no scheduled load shedding today and there are however some indications from some members. In fact, there is one which I am aware of, hon Minister Fernandez who has indicated that if there is a problem with her connectivity there is maintenance in the system where she is, but she will however be active and if there is a problem, please be mindful of that. It has been raised with the Presiding Officer. I do wish to indicate furthermore that if there is any disturbance that has not been forewarned that will be because you have chosen a different location which we cannot be responsible as Parliament for that connectivity.

At this point hon members, I would like to begin with the Interpellations and there are two interpellations before me. One is by the hon member Bosman to hon Minister Fernandez, notwithstanding the shortcoming that I have just indicated. We will go ahead with the interpellation. I now recognise the hon Minister.

## INTERPELLATIONS

### *ECD Centres*

#### **1. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to ECD centres and their accessibility to special needs children: (a) How many ECD centres that cater for special needs does her Department support and (b) in what ways can the spheres of government responsible for Social Development mitigate ECD funding challenges?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good afternoon, hon Speaker. To the hon members and guests in the House. I wish to check, Speaker, can you hear me audibly?

The SPEAKER: You are loud and clear, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you very much. Hon Speaker, I wish to thank the hon member Gillion for the question which is in the form of an interpellation. The question has two components and it regards accessibility to special needs children.

In terms of part (a), the protection of children with disabilities is of paramount importance to our work as a department and as a government as we believe that every child in society is worthy of being loved, protected and

cared for. Early Childhood Development is regarded as a crucial prevention and early intervention programme that is critical for the social and emotional development of children.

Furthermore, the Department's commitment to providing help and support to persons with disabilities cannot be understated. Presently we are providing funding to 10 ECDs rendering specialised services to children with disabilities that focus on capacity training to practitioners, parents and children using an unbiased approach in the management of children with disabilities. During the initial COVID lockdown, hon Speaker, we continued to provide support to all ECD centres, including special need centres for the disabled despite the fact that they remain closed. We continue to provide them with funding. Funding was used for the salaries of staff and 70% of the ECDs used the funding to feed over 50 000 vulnerable children across the province. The Department continues to work closely with registered ECD programmes for disabled children in terms of ensuring that the necessary measures are in place to help protect both ECD practitioners and children at these respective facilities. The Department has not only established monitoring plans to ensure that ECDs are adhering to COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols but continues to provide additional assistance and support as well as personal protective equipment. We have come a long way in terms of increasing our support to this vulnerable grouping. The total budget for persons with disabilities for the current financial year is R196 million compared to the R45 million allocated in 2009. Despite the increase we still have great strides that we need to make in this regard, regarding special

ECDs for children's special needs.

In terms of the (b) component of the question, by strengthening working relationships and setting clear roles and responsibilities amongst role-players which include the Department of Health, Education and DSD, we can minimise duplication of some of the tasks currently being completed and in doing so ensure that funds are available or are better allocated. It is important to note that the above stated departments all have a specific role to play. Properly supporting ECDs and expanding their availability to disabled children is one way that we can achieve this.

Hon Speaker, later in this year the Government will host a multi-stakeholder forum where the ECD sector specifically will have an opportunity to engage Government and raise and address issues and concerns. The forum will also serve as a platform to get inputs on the proposed migration of the ECD function from the Department of Social Development to the Department of Education, which is earmarked by the National Government for implementation in 2022.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. You will get a second bite.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon members, I now recognise the Chair of the Portfolio Committee, of the Standing Committee, hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Good afternoon, hon Speaker, Minister, members and colleagues. As the Minister outlined the ECD sector has recently come under the spotlight with funding being delayed to provinces to pay out the ECD beneficiaries. We have got a National Government delaying not just funding, but also the verification of beneficiaries for the ECD Stimulus Programme.

It is important to show the difference in how this Province deals with ECD Centres compared to our national colleagues in Pretoria.

In addition to the support provided by the Province we also need to shine the light on how this Province supports all marginalised groups through ECDs because ECDs do not just focus on children. They also focus on ECD practitioners. We cannot continue to allow the failures and inadequacies of Pretoria to drag us down. As I understand the Province is still waiting on the National Government to finalise the list of beneficiaries for the vetting of the ECD stimulus funds and we hope that Minister Zulu will get her act in order, because we need to support those ECDs that specifically deal with vulnerable children such as those with disabilities. The Early Childhood Development Centres that are waiting for the disbursement of this much-needed ECD Stimulus Fund, are really those who work hardest to enable us to support some of our most youngest citizens but the sector is frustrated because DSD nationally has messed up that process and Minister Zulu continues to prance around not assisting the sector, but we are grateful to you Minister Fernandez and the Department for the hard work that you are doing to support ECD Centres and specifically to support ECD Centres that cater for children with special needs. The main question, Minister, and through the Speaker, should

actually be what impact will the shifting of the deckchairs on the Titanic – that is the National DSD – have on the impact or the functioning of this sector. If you are not currently seeing a coordinated and well-resourced plan from Minister Zulu, how can we have any confidence when the ECD function moves from DSD to DBE, especially since this project is being supervised and coordinated by President Ramaphosa?

Why do provinces have to suffer under the lack of planning and vision from Pretoria? Why is it that the National Minister thinks that young people and younger people in our ECD sector and specifically younger people who are physically challenged have to suffer under the inadequacies and the bad decision-making that take place in Pretoria. They should really devolve more of that decision-making to the provinces so that we can show how we direct the appropriate budget and resources to this important sector.

Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bosman. I now recognise hon Bakubaku-Vos.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, can the MEC give more details of the location of these childhood and ECD Centres. I ask because I read somewhere in the media earlier this year that the waiting list of children who are yet to be placed and assessed in specialised schools in the Southern Suburbs alone was 800 minimum. This shows the number could be higher in the previous disadvantaged communities.

Does the MEC have information regarding the children in waiting lists for placement in special need schools? What is being done to force back the replacement?

The parents have been complaining that in private facilities they pay something between R6 000 and R8 000 on monthly fees. This is really high and many parents cannot afford it especially during this COVID-19 pandemic. I want to commend Ms Carey Stephens, and her mother, Karen Frazer, the cofounder of Include, the Early Intervention Centre in Retreat.

The SPEAKER: Only 30 seconds, member Bakubaku-Vos.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Let me continue – the Early Intervention Centre in Retreat, to cater to special needs children who are not yet of schoolgoing age in the area. The MEC and the Department must therefore tell us how are they supporting such efforts from caring parents in the poor working-class community? What plans are there to support their efforts to open similar centres in areas such as Kayamandi Mitchells Plain and the rural region that may be affected by challenges like opportunism and class?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bakubaku-Vos.

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

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Ma'am. Thank you, hon member. Hon members,



I now recognise hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, Speaker. I am grateful that member Bakubaku-Vos has raised the issue of more financial support and it is a pity that member Bakubaku-Vos is reading in the media about the problem when we have been discussing these issues in our Committee. I agree that we need more support for the sector and I hope that we will be able to get the budgetary muscle to continue the work that the Department is doing to expand the programmes running in ECD Centres as well as the Partial Care Service.

I want to commend the Department for the range of programmes that we have in the ECD Centres because in addition to providing physical space we also need to actually make sure that these ECD Centres are supported through programmes such as psychosocial support as well as programmes to support NPO partners because we do know that many of these ECD Centres are started by parents of children with special needs, and I want to also ask that the Department looks at how do we expand the training and support that is provided to NPO partners, specifically on training safety to parents on the Department's database so that more children with disabilities can be accommodated, not just in specific centres but also in other centres. I am grateful for the funding that the Department gives in support to ECD Centres specialising in looking after children with disabilities.

The SPEAKER: Hon Bosman, please take your seat. Hon Bakubaku-Vos,

your microphone is on. Will you please deactivate it. Thank you very much. You may proceed, hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, Speaker. As I was saying, we are grateful for the funding that the Department provides to these ECD Centres specialising in looking after children with disabilities, and this is a sector where we have a growing number of children on the waiting list for these centres and as the Minister outlines and I welcome this in my capacity as Chairperson that more collaboration is taking place between the Department of Social Development and the Western Cape Education Department, because looking after our children is not just a social development response, it needs to be a whole of society response. If our objective is to build an inclusive province we have to make sure that we do not just accommodate people in specialised facilities but that we actually integrate our ECD facilities so that more ECD facilities can accommodate more children, not just those with special needs, but also children who operate in the mainstream ECD sector.

Speaker, I want to also say that National Government really needs to come to the table and make sure that we have an ECD Strategy that enables the work that the Department of Social Development is doing, because our Department of Social Development has shown that they do go above and beyond what is required. As the Minister outlined during the COVID-19 period our ECDs were perhaps the best supported and we have seen in the media how other provinces refuse to pay the ECD sectors and their NPO sectors and they actually had to be compelled to do so by the Courts, so I do hope that the

National Government will come to the party to make sure that the approved portion of applications for ECD funding in the Western Cape increases significantly because we must reward those who provide for the sector. I thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bosman. Hon members, I now recognise the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the hon members for their contribution and the very important questions that they raised. To the hon Gillion, there has been engagement, more at a technical level, regarding the migration of ECDs from Social Development to WCED. Minister Schäfer and I attended a session last year. However, there is a need for clarity on this move because the ECD sector has indicated that they are seemingly in the dark and Partial Care and Children with Disabilities is one of the areas that they would need clarity on so that is a valuable point that you have raised. Regarding the payment of the stimulus fund, in our province we were allocated R53 million. The processing of all applications was done at a national level, so we receive the applications in batches. I have since written to the National Minister asking her to reopen the exercise for the Western Cape if not for the whole country because it is evident that there will be money left if we pay out based on the number of ECDs that had been approved and it will be an absolute disgrace to return money to Treasury that is intended for the ECD sector.

To the honourable Bakubaku-Vos, I indicated that we have ten facilities. In the Metro North area we have Drie Beertjies. In Cape Winelands we have Meerendal Pre-primary. In Paarl we have Thembinkosi Day Care. We have Vrolike Vinkies Day Care. We have Vrolike Vinkies Opleidingsentrum. There is also the Playway Pre-School in Somerset West and then we have facilities that are supported by our disability programme, that is Sobambisana Community Development in Crossroads in Nyanga, Elundini Day Care in Dunoon, not registered as a partial care, but funded for children with disabilities. We have the Chaeli Campaign in Plumstead which is in the process of getting the required documents from the municipality and then we have the Nomaxabiso Day Care in Lower Crossroads in Philippi-East. So whilst we have ten I must reiterate that the need for more specialised facilities is a desperately needed one. However, we all know that there were funding constraints, but I am certain that when National rolls out the migration they will also provide us with clarity on what the intended steps are to deal with ECDs that focus on children with disabilities.

However, hon Speaker, it takes a whole of society and as much as it is DSD we are also going to lean heavily on the Department of Education and also the Department of Health, and in closing I would like to say as Government, to the Local, National and Provincial Level, we must always act with the best interest of our children in mind. When it comes to our young children, who are not yet able to speak for themselves, it is up to Government, civil society and the sector, which has been very vocal, to ensure that the children's safety, wellbeing and dignity are kept intact. I thank you, hon Speaker.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, that concludes the debate on this interpellation. I now go to Interpellation 2 by the hon Christians to the hon Minister Mitchell. I now recognise the hon Minister.

*Road repairs damaged during protest action*

**2. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

Whether the cost to repair roads, which have been damaged during the previous financial year due to protest action, has been assessed; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you to member Christians for the interpellation. The exact cost to repair roads due to protest action has not yet been determined but the work mainly consists of repairing minor damage to the road surface after clearing of rubble and is done as part of the normal routine maintenance action, which happens on a daily basis. A system for separate costing is therefore not in place to determine the exact cost. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That was nice and snippy. I now recognise hon Christians. I know he is going to do the same.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker, thank you for that. Minister, when I read the reports, I saw that SANRAL had their cost of damages and also the previous Mayco member, the City of Cape Town, Felicity Purchase also had their cost determined. When I asked the Province, I am looking at provincial roads, because this is an ongoing thing, Minister. We have the damage of roads and I am just thinking, and you said rightfully so that you cannot determine the cost. The problem that I have is that we have so many broken roads and so on and surely that must put a strain on your Department when it comes to provincial roads in order, because where you can maybe tar one road, you must go back to another road and that is why the question was that I just want to ascertain, is it very costly because it is like going backwards, every time that you think you are going forward you are going backwards. That is why the question, Minister, pertaining to the roads. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Christians. Hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Through you, hon Speaker, I would like to thank the Minister for that clarification and I just want to perhaps build on what he said.

Our transport infrastructure, particularly that of our roads, is the backbone of our daily economic activities. It is how people get to work as well as how our goods and our services are transported to their respective areas. Therefore, hon Christians should also be aware that in this financial year the

Department of Transport and Public Works has allocated more than R2,3 billion for the maintenance programme. This is a staggering 33% increase from last year's Revised Estimates. Even though 2020 saw a great diversion of resources towards the pandemic health response, this DA-led Government still manages to follow through on major construction and maintenance projects throughout the province. For example, the road between Somerset West and Stellenbosch, and on our last oversight visit, hon Christians was also on that trip, we rode beautifully through our roads. This shows that the Western Cape Government continues to do maintenance and repairs on our roads. In addition to our Province's commitments to service delivery we also care about jobs and dignity. In reality where three-quarters of our youth are unemployed this Department will continue with its Graduate Professional Engineering Programme and will retain the current individuals. By doing so we develop the social capital needed to ensure skills development takes place and that it provides our economy with enablers of opportunity in the future. As a public speaker, perhaps through you, Speaker, as a leader, perhaps hon Christians should also assist us and perhaps – did he lay any charges against anyone, and also the hon Christians should perhaps use his voice to quell the process and assist us so the damage on the roads can be stopped instead of committing on people's sexuality and negating the basic human rights to who they are, hon Christians might find some relevance, he speaks on the roads. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mackenzie. Hon members, I now recognise hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Loud and clear, hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I wish to thank the hon member for bringing up this subject and I hope that then by bringing it up the blame is not being put on the protest or the protestors. I hope that the plan should also be put on the non-delivery of services because the reality of the matter is that in almost every part of the province the quality of road infrastructure has deteriorated significantly over the past decade. The biggest challenge has always been insufficient spending on road maintenance in the province and in municipalities. Other causes are due to stormwater drains that have not been working for years, especially in the township causing roads to be flooded for weeks, which causes serious damages to infrastructure.

Such poor services rendered by the Provincial Government of the Western Cape to the disadvantaged community is the same reason that leads to protest action and further damages to infrastructure. The ANC condemns in the strongest possible terms the unwarranted damages to infrastructure and properties during protests, but we need not use that as a fig leaf to hide behind the failure of the Provincial Government of the Democratic Alliance to spend on roads maintenance.

What we need is for the Legislature to subpoena all municipalities especially



the City of Cape Town to come and account about their plans and budget for road maintenance. The township in the Cape Flats community resembled a dumpsite with roads littered with potholes, uncollected refuse and blocked drainage with sewage swimming on the roads for weeks. Surely such cannot be attributed to protest actions. That is what the MEC should tell us about, how is the Department working with municipalities to ensure that there is sufficient budget for road maintenance and stormwater drainage and that potholes are fixed timeously and not only during the election years as has been the case in the province? Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Mvimbi. Hon members, I now invite hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, the reason also for asking the question was there was an article on 10 September 2019 and the article said, "Damage to roads caused by protests costing Western Cape millions." And then it said in terms of the capital expenditure on the roads... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Caused by who? [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Constructions projects undertaken by the Department, a protest may have a larger financial implication in terms of their contractual agreement with civil engineering contractors. It also says because of the

delays and cost due to the strike and protest action are seen as unforeseen which means that the employer, the Provincial Government, can be held liable... [Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Because you start relying on the media. You are only relying on the media.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...to proven standing time and extending time in cost resulting from these delays if the contractor is not at fault, so Speaker, it was a question and this is where I am saying now the Department can even be held responsible because of the delays when it comes to the Department taking action, so I want the Minister maybe... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Christians, will you please take your seat.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Okay, sorry, Speaker, yes.

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order. Hon Chief Whip, I see your hand, what is your point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Unfortunately, the Leader of the Opposition is interjecting and I am finding it very difficult to hear hon Christians.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. I just dealt with that now.

Some members when they join the session they forget to deactivate their microphones and it causes disruption and we will just monitor that, and I want to implore the hon members to really cooperate with the session so that we do not cause unnecessary disturbance in the activities of the session. On that note, hon Christians, please proceed. I was able to mute my watch and therefore your time is not affected. You may proceed.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker. I just want to emphasise, is there going to be the capital expenditure on roads, construction projects, undertaken by the Department, so because there is protest action these works are affected and it means that the work is delayed, so is there with the extension of time resulting from these delays and the contractor not at fault, it means that the Provincial Government will be at fault, meaning that there are delays and even a greater cost to Government. So the question that I have asked, Speaker, was more to do with the damage caused by a protest that cost the Western Cape millions and I thought that the Minister will be able to give us an amount. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians. Thank you very much. Your time was not up. I am seeing a hand by hon Dugmore. Hon Dugmore, is that a point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes, it is a point of order, Speaker. I just want to ask if it is in order for members when they are participating on debates to only rely on media reports for their speeches

because as I am hearing hon Christians, he is just relying on a media report.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Dugmore, the Leader of the Opposition. That is an opinion, it is not a point of order. May I then proceed and the next person on the list is hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker, I spoke already.

The SPEAKER: Oh, thank you, hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I can go again if you give me the time.

The SPEAKER: Yes, it is now the hon, the Minister. I recognise the Minister. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you, Speaker, to the hon members who participated in the interpellation. Let me from the offset say that I welcome the question or the interpellation by hon Christians because it is very important that we look at the damage caused to the roads. The indirect costs of protest actions on the roads, namely the disruption of economic activities, are considered to be bigger than the cost of the damage to the infrastructure itself. Also of bigger concern is the theft and vandalism of public property and the invasion of road reserves. To get to hon Mvimbi; hon Mvimbi, we as the Western Cape Government, road infrastructure and road maintenance are crucial to this

Department. For that reason, I have engaged as my first engagement today with the Central Karoo District Municipality to address exactly that. So it is not just the City of Cape Town. To the Western Cape and the Department, roads and road maintenance are important. I am not going to continue with this line, because I think hon Mackenzie addressed the issues, the other issues raised by hon Mvimbi, but thank you very much for hon Christians for raising this, and yes, it is a great concern, and perhaps going forward that is exactly what I will do.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat. I see the hand from hon Mvimbi. Is that a point of order, hon Mvimbi?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Can the hon Minister take a question?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mvimbi. The hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker, I am responding to the questions that the hon Mvimbi raised, so no, I am not taking another question because I am not doing a dialogue with the hon Mvimbi. He can put in another interpellation. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You may please take your seat, hon Mvimbi. Thank you, hon Minister.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, thank you, hon members. I now want to indicate to the House that is the end of Interpellations. We now move to the Questions for Oral Reply. We will start with the questions that are standing over from the previous sitting of 10 June, Question 3 and 4, from those questions. I now recognise the hon Minister. The question was asked by hon Christians. Hon Minister Fritz, Minister of Community Safety.

### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**

*Questions standing over from Thursday, 10 June 2021, as agreed to by the House:*

*Steenberg, Lavender Hill and Seawinds: violence*

#### **1. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Community Safety:**

With reference to the recent shootings and killings in Steenberg, Lavender Hill and Sea Winds: Whether measures are in place to bring an end the violence of this nature; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will measures be put in place; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Good morning, *As-Salam-U-Alaikum, Molweni*, I want to thank the hon Christians for the question and the answer will have two components. I have received from the South African Police Services a very high-level answer, but it says, 3(a), from

them:

“Yes, there are measures in place to respond to outbreaks of violence as and when... [connection lost] of the national anti-gang strategy and the provincial response to anti-gang strategy. The provincial response has now been formally adopted by the Provincial JOCs and JOINTS and there is a task team that has been assigned to develop a comprehensive implementation plan.”

That is now National. From Province, let us say what our position is: so hon Christians, the (a) part of your question, yes, we have put in place a number of measures under the auspices of the Western Cape Safety Plan to bring an end to violence in the Western Cape. Our (b) part of your question is the objective of the Western Cape Safety Plan is to halve the murder rate in the province over the next ten years, via the integrated law enforcement social cohesion and urban design responses. These responses are at all times based on data and evidence and are designed at addressing the challenges of violence holistically with regard to the deployment of LEAP officers to the communities where there are outbreaks of violence. We use the following formula to determine such deployments, hon Christians. (a) the operational, the operationalisation of the 24-hour seven day shift is about to be implemented on the 1st July. This will increase visibility 24 hours a day, more stable deployment for 24 hours a day, and equal employment figures and that is 90 per area and we are talking specifically in those hotspot areas. We also know that we are also rolling

out a reaction unit of 40 LEAP members to deal specifically with the flare-ups that you referred to in your questions, in areas where violence and murder patterns indicate there is necessity but that is not one of our hotspot areas, like Steenberg, like Lavender Hill, like many times some of the other areas that are not on the hotspot list.

The data used to determine such deployment are based on health, area profile and SAPS data. So it is health data, area profile and SAPS data. The focus for implementation is a priority, in priority areas, using the geographical approach with there being 16 areas of which 11 are in the Metro and one area each in the five district municipalities. The implementation will be led by area-based teams that bring together national, provincial and local government role-players as well as community-based structures, NGOs and experts. The Department will also support safety partners with interventions via the ABTs and therefore and thereby contribute to the efficiency of our safety partners. The Department continues to work closely with all law enforcement agencies, Neighbourhood Watches, CPFs, faith-based organisations and other partners in partnership with the City of Cape Town. The Department also launched the law enforcement advance programme, which is the LEAP programme, which speaks to and which seeks to deploy 1 000 law enforcement officers by October 2021 in the crime hotspots for enhanced enforcement capacity. The Department of Community Safety offers opportunities to youth from communities across the province through various initiatives, and not only our Department but all other departments



within the Western Cape Government have these opportunities for youth. The Chrysalis Academy offers youth a three-month residential training programme to deepen their resilience and unleash their potential through mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and skills development, work placement opportunities are offered where youth are placed with safety partners including municipalities, the Western Cape Government, the South African Police Service, and non-government organisations. The Safety Ambassador Programme is an integrated Youth Development Programme which seeks to create work opportunities for youth, while they develop valuable skills and resilience to enable them to exit into further opportunities. The Safety Ambassadors will work closely with the area-based teams as violence prevention facilitators to enable the implementation of violence prevention interventions in those areas. Furthermore, the Department in partnership with the Western Cape Education Department visits school resource officers at schools with high-risk profiles to ensure the enhancement of safety on school premises happens. So thank you, Mr Speaker, on that note.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, I have the hon member who asked the question, hon Christians, if he has a follow-up, following which I will have hon Allen and hon Kama, in that order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker. I have a follow-up, and thank you Minister Fritz for the comprehensive reply. It is much appreciated. It is very encouraging to see all the interventions. Minister Fritz, the

reason I asked the question is that, in especially in Lavender Hill but most of the areas, killings and shootings are on a daily basis. It happens on a daily occurrence and people are too scared even to come out of their homes, so I am very encouraged with all the measures that are put in place in order to have safer communities, because with all the resources that you deploy and personnel that you deploy in the areas, you want results, and it seems to me, Minister, just a concern that our murder rate, you have a target to halve the murder rate, but it seems to me that it is increasing and that is a concern. So are you sure with all the measures, I am just thinking back, Minister, to Bonteheuwel, when there was a lot of murders there. There were 100 law enforcement officers deployed in that area and that then curbed the visibility; curbed and curbed that killings happening there. So Minister, when you say about the 90 per area, so that will be deployed in the hotspots and it will bring down the murder rate because at the moment it seems like it is escalating at a daily basis so the question is, I am encouraged with the interventions but our communities are not safe and we cannot wait on SAPS with more resources and killings. We cannot depend on them. So that is why I am asking specifically the involvement with the Province, with the Safety Plan. I thank you, Speaker.

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

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Speaker, and thank you to the hon Christians for really asking these questions because it is exactly the questions that make us think also in terms of our approach,

and I think we try to be as scientific as possible. As we indicated earlier that our approach is data-driven and evidence-based and so one of the issues, hon Christians, for that area that you spoke of unfortunately at this point they are not one of the hotspot areas, where the murder rate is exponentially high, but what we have done and what is this decision of us to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, to deploy when there is a flare-up of violence, specifically in the area like Hill View, Steenberg, that area that you specifically mentioned, Lavender Hill, that we will be able to immediately deploy those people for an extensive period of time in that area to really bring down the violence and what we have also done subsequent to that, before this, we have already appointed a couple of safety ambassadors in those areas, so I think the idea is that they always become the first eyes and ears of the Department on the ground within a particular area and I always quote the example of the shootings in Beacon Valley; the first I heard of the shootings was from one of our safety ambassadors, it gave me a bloated blow. At the background you could hear the shooting, what happened, and I could inform the police who at that point did not inform us at all and I think that is the kind of importance of that role, but again, hon Christians, I think you make an important point, because we must never give up, we must never give up on gangsters winning this war. We must, we are going to have downtimes, we are going to have a time where it looks bleak. We must constitute, persevere. We must keep focus and in this Department I am happy that all the kinds of thinking within the Department are now centralised to the implementation of the Safety Plan. All those other alibi stuff they used to do, they are now focusing on the

implementation of the Safety Plan, and I really want to say also thank you to all other departments for supporting that execution of that plan. So thank you, hon Christians. Thank you very much, Speaker.

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

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you so much, Speaker. Speaker, through you to the Minister, I am delighted to hear that LEAP officers will also now be deployed where flare-ups occur, can I just get clarity from the Minister that that is on the 24-hour, 7-day shift system, if the Minister can just elaborate on that in terms of when those deployments will occur and the engagement with SAPS in terms of the flare-ups, what will constitute a deployment in that regard to a non-hotspot at the moment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen. Hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: †Enkosi. [Thank you.] To the hon Allen, yes, you heard correctly that from 1 July we will deploy a squad of 40 LEAP officers who will basically be dealing with flare-ups and as hon Christians indicated, you have these flare-ups sporadic from area to area, not all at the same time. Now it is in one area, then tomorrow it is – today as we speak there were violent flare-ups in Wesbank. Now what happened in Wesbank is that we can immediately deploy our existing LEAP officers of Delft to Wesbank, so that is one example, but the point

is, yes, there will be 24/7 in those areas from 1 July. Remember we are getting our next instalment of trained LEAP officers on 1 July and that will enable us to do a whole lot more than what we are doing currently and on 1 October we are getting the other instalment of trained LEAP officers on that who will then also be deployed and to assist in most of those areas and you are right, I think you and hon Christians raised the issue, where you were pushing the bar right up to 90 officers in particular in the hotspot areas. But as you said that 40 will be a mobile group, highly trained, that will immediately deal with immediate interaction, immediate responses because one of the issues we always find is that you can phone the Ops, the provincial operations room. You can phone all of them. There are two POPs units in the province, completely under-capacitated. We have not got – you know, I do not know where the gang unit is, we have been asking where is the gang unit, but just the POPs-unit, you are so, so stretched and they are all the time stretched in terms of human resources and that is one of the issues that we are having, this permanent fight with the National Department for capacity and I wish our ANC colleagues can beg their Minister, who is their ANC Minister, to give us what we deserve, what are due to us in terms of human resources and in terms of other resources. I am happy to see we have the number of quite a few police vans and vehicles that are brand new vehicles that had been given to the province and that we welcome. Please give us resources so that we can deal with the violence, and not as if this is the provincial responsibility. This is not. We are doing everyone a favour by getting money from other departments, like Education, like Health, and like Social Development and like all our

other departments, taking it away from there to make our communities safer because the National Government is too pathetic, too completely incapacitated to assist and to give us what is just due to us. We are not asking for extras. So yes, thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you, hon Allen.

Mr P MARRAN: And the Premier's Provincial Police Force?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, hon Marran, you may not do that. You continue to do this but it is totally unacceptable, hon Marran. I just want to request that we follow the Rules. If there is a matter that the hon member wants to raise for the attention of the Presiding Officer, just do so by raising your hand which we have been doing in this House or just by indicating in the chat room and you will be recognised for that purpose. Let us proceed and I now recognise hon Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, Speaker. Speaker, I want to check, because I think the Safety Plan promises an integrated approach to fighting crime. Also if we – I think the Minister, there is a response he gave on a question in April which showed the decline in terms of new cases opened and also it showed a decline in convictions and we know that in this, in the Committee of Community Safety, we heard from SAPS the importance of CCTV cameras, how they assist in placing the alleged suspects onto the crime scenes, so I want to check with that in mind whether there is any plan, whether through the Safety Plan or the funding that we have given to

municipalities for the Safety Plan, if there is no plan to install these CCTV cameras that everyone is talking about in these areas, and with that I want to check what does it take to replicate the success enjoyed by LEAP officers in stabilising communities like Bonteheuwel and Hanover Park last year, and why is this not the case in other areas. Thanks, Speaker.

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

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Speaker and thank you to hon Kama. I know he asked me a similar question about cameras. We have members of all our parties in the City of Cape Town and sometimes we must direct some of those questions there because our Safety Plan does not give a cent to cameras. They must go to the City and their budgets that they get for ward allocations, specifically in ANC wards. They must use their money like in other wards where people are using it for cameras and here they want to have parties and lunches and dinners instead of buying cameras to keep people safe, so I really want to make that point.

I also think the hon Kama asked a very interesting question around the approach in Hanover Park and Bonteheuwel and what we have seen and let us be frank about this, unless you have a Peace Commander, Cluster Commander or a Police Station Commander that is passionate, who buys into this programme and I can give you an example, Brigadier Jones in Bishop Lavis – he runs the best area-based team, a multi-disciplinary team.

He knows exactly how many people are on parole in his area and he tracks them. Every single one of them are tracked so that re-offending that we have seen in Bishop Lavis and in that precinct that includes Bonteheuwel, one can see the impact of a pro-active great leader in terms of management in that precinct.

We also have a very active councillor in Bonteheuwel itself, councillor Angus Mackenzie, who really drives a whole lot of the issues, who makes sure he is there on the scene and that is the kind of thing that you need. In Hanover Park, a very similar picture, we have a passionate councillor, Alderman Van Reenen. We have amazing Colonel Fredericks who unfortunately was transferred at the height of his success. He was transferred to Mitchells Plain and we are now starting to see some of that success in Mitchells Plain. But the point I am making, unless you have a pro-active – as in terms of the Area Based Team – a great leadership team at a police station level that deals with the whole precinct of that police station, you are going to struggle to get it on track.

We are moving to all the areas, and I promise you we will get – the man in Nyanga is a great general who is in charge there – we will get it right in Khayelitsha, we will get it right in Kraaifontein. All of those places we will get it right, and I think all we need to do is to keep focusing, use the lessons from the Bishop Lavis cluster which includes Bonteheuwel, use the lessons from Hanover Park, which is Philippi, use those lessons in getting the rest of our police station commanders to understand the whole of



society, the inter-governmental approach.

Just by the way, the LEAP officers are always under the command of the South African Police Services. They do not do their own little thing. They fall in, in an integrated way, under the command of the South African Police Services. So, there are no separate kinds of operations that they just want to do. We go and assist specifically 'boots on the ground' in all those areas.

I think we must say thank you to everyone from the City to the South African Police Services to the Traffic Officers, with Minister Daylin Mitchell's traffic force, to everyone forming part of integrated operations where it is required, but in most cases the LEAP and the police are always integrated, and the other forces always add up.

Hon Speaker, on Friday morning we are launching, in the Overstrand Municipality, a canine unit together with joint operations with the South African Police Services, and again, it just speaks to pushing the boundaries and pushing criminals out of the equation, getting rid of criminals and that is what all our duty is. And yes, hon Marran, we hope that we can get the provincial police force because unfortunately it is not constitutional here. But I tell you we will do ten times better than this lame, defunct, collapsed ANC Government of South Africa. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. May I now request the hon Christians?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker. Hon Speaker, and I hope the Minister notes that I am very concerned, my questioning is to assist and to help. The Minister did answer this before, but I just want to know, the LEAP officers that are going to be deployed – and I heard the Minister say this before – but I just want to make sure they have powers under the Criminal Procedure Act and not powers just to enforce by-laws? So, they have the powers to address the gang violence, it is not just the numbers on the ground, but they have adequate powers, highly trained in order to make a difference on the ground. Thank you, Speaker.

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

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you hon Christians for that question and that is exactly the point I emphasised in my answer just now, around the integrated approach. So just to cover all loopholes, they have all those powers, remember they are also trained Peace Officers, so they have those powers of arrest, but they do not have investigating powers. So, they arrest the person, the police are with them and when the police are not with them, they will immediately take the suspect to a police station where a police officer will open a docket and start with the process of charging the person, then having the person locked up and the person

can go through the court process.

I think it is a very important question you are asking and that is the point we are making around the integration of the LEAP Officers with the South African Police Services all the time. Yes, that is basically the point we are making. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, that concludes the first question we now move to the question by hon Christians to the hon Minister Mitchell. I now recognise the hon Minister.

*Service-delivery protest: blocking of the R300*

**2. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

With reference to the service-delivery protest that blocked the R300 and had a negative impact on the flow of traffic, as well as a similar incident that took place in July 2020: Whether any steps are being taken to prevent an occurrence like this; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Thank you to hon Christians for the question. The South African Police Services has early warning systems which alert them

to the possibility of service delivery protests. Any questions relating to the prevention of unrest related to such service delivery protests is best dealt with by them, as it is not within the mandate of the Department of Transport and Public Works to prevent service delivery protests.

The deployment of our provincial traffic officers to a location where service delivery protest action is reported usually occurs in circumstances where traffic officers are second responders. If provincial traffic services are deployed to a location where there are service delivery protests, we will as part of the provincial traffic safety protocols, assess whether the need exists to cordon off the affected location and redirect motorists.

The South African Police Services and the Public Order Police have specific training and skills and are usually the first responders in matters of crowd unrest. Dealing with crowd unrest falls within the competency of the South African Police Services and in extreme circumstances, the South African National Defence Force. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, I now recognise the hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Speaker. Just to ask the Minister, the Provincial Traffic was first traffic services, they have converted into Highway Patrol. If the Minister can just explain because I remember the Premier said that their powers have increased in order for them to be more

effective on the roads and I know the primary function is with SAPS.

The problem that I have, Speaker, is that people sit for hours on the road when there are protests, people complain: an hour and a half, two hours extra on the road. People say they do not have sanitation, they do not have these services, so the service delivery departments must look at that. That then is my question. I do not think we can continue in this vein where people's lives are in danger and so on. So, if the Minister can just elaborate on the Highway Patrol and the interaction with other law enforcement agencies but also service, you know departments that render services because of the dissatisfaction of people? Thank you, Speaker.

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

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, hon Christians is absolutely correct. The service delivery protests, or the lack of service delivery is best dealt with in the various service delivery departments, and I think Minister Fritz alluded to in the previous question that some of these questions should be directed to the local municipalities. That being said, it is important to understand that some of these actions are criminal actions that cannot be remedied through the regulatory interventions and whilst the Department has a role to play, the South African Police Services must take the lead to ensure that these cases are investigated and that offenders are criminally prosecuted.

So, the Department and SAPS is represented at Transport Priority Committees where all these potential service delivery protests are highlighted and obviously Highway Patrol and Provincial Traffic play a significant role in ensuring that the roads are safe. The objective of the Department is to give effect to ensure that communities and commuters are transported in a safe environment and a dignified environment to economic opportunities or to schools. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, I have the hand of hon Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: That was an old hand, so sorry Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I thought you had a new hand, hon Allen. Hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I just want to find out from the Minister, what is the role of public representatives during this phase of disruptions? We know Government has a role, but would he recommend? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mackenzie [Inaudible.]. Will everybody else please mute your mics. Thank you. I have noted your hand hon Mvimbi, so you can rest assured you will be the next person after the Minister has responded. I recognise you, hon Minister.

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you to hon Mackenzie for that question. Hon Speaker, through you to hon Mackenzie, I think the important part is that as public representatives we are the interface or the front face of our communities that have elected us to serve them. I think many of these service delivery protests are as lack of that interface and communities are disgruntled by the lack of service delivery.

I think the importance of a community's issues and service delivery issues need to be addressed and for that reason, it is important, in particular in local municipalities, that these are addressed because it has got a ripple effect on all communities and in particular, the economy and especially during this time we have an obligation as Government and as public representatives, to ensure that an environment is created that we save jobs and livelihoods. Thank you, Speaker.

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

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thanks very much, hon Speaker. Hon Minister, I just want to check because some of these protesters, hon Minister, they do not just fall from the sky, they are as a result of the non-delivery of services. Is there any engagement that you are actually having with your colleagues in the Cabinet to try and alleviate some of these protests by actually rendering these services that are needed? Maybe at some point you might also be experiencing staff shortages in the Traffic Management Department

and how does that affect the efficiency of the Department in controlling the traffic during service delivery protests? Thanks, hon Minister and hon Speaker.

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

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to hon Mvimbi, I want to give hon Mvimbi the assurance that as the Western Cape Government, all departments recognise that in order to provide dignified lives to the communities that we serve, service delivery is forefront. So, this misperception that the Western Cape Government does not care about service delivery is absolutely wrong.

The reality is that many communities are represented by various different political parties and if those individuals are not delivering to the communities, then it cannot become a Western Cape Government issue. That being said, that as the Western Cape Government it is our responsibility to ensure that we create an environment and a dignified environment for the residents and citizens that we serve.

The other thing with regards to – and I cannot emphasise this enough – the ripple effect that protest actions have on the economy and the lack of jobs that are at stake with that, play a fundamental role in the wellbeing of our communities. Thank you, Speaker.



The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I see hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, hon Mvimbi rightly raised the issue of the unhappiness of our communities, and perhaps the Minister can share with us what is the impact of corruption and in municipalities when there is corruption in these service delivery matters? Thank you.

Mr L L MVIMBI: We are dealing with traffic management here; we are dealing with issues of traffic ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order hon ...

Mr R D MACKENZIE: We talked about the unhappiness of service delivery.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Mackenzie. Order members ... [Inaudible.]. You seem to miss each other here. I am sure you need to arrange a physical meeting. May I request that the hon members exercise some restraint so that we proceed smoothly.

An HON MEMBER: I propose ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Is there another Chairperson?

Mr D SMITH: No, Chair I just wanted to propose a date for a physical meeting.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. We will make sure that is arranged. May I recognise the hon Minister.

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Through you, to hon Mackenzie. The reality is that corruption, in particular where there is highlighted corruption in municipalities, obviously affects service delivery because the less money there is for service delivery, the unhappier the communities are that we are supposed to serve and are elected to serve.

The reality is that if you look at the mismanagement and corruption that has been plaguing communities and municipalities for years, the impact that it has on infrastructure, daily service delivery, what local municipalities are constitutionally mandated for and the impact that it has on the communities. And if you look at the Western Cape, I encourage hon Mvimbi to look at where service delivery actions or protests occur, which political party and public representatives represent those communities. Thank you, Speaker.

Mr L L MVIMBI: I did not ask that question; it was hon Mackenzie ...  
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order. Order, hon Mvimbi. In the question sessions the hon members ask questions and the members in the Executive respond to questions. Now if you do not like the answer, it does not mean it has not been responded to. So that is unfortunately the Rules. It is only when the member does not respond to the question that is before him, which I think in this case, the hon member responded to the question.

I now wish to request that we proceed. There is a hand by hon Minister Fritz. Is that a point of order, hon Fritz?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Yes, thank you, hon Speaker. I really think these members are completely ungovernable and they complain about lawlessness outside with the gangsters, but they are behaving worse than gangsters in the House, and I think you must deal with them, hon Speaker. They cannot just sob and scream and not adhere to the Rules of the House. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I will definitely attend to that. Thank you, hon Minister. The Whippery must please help the Presiding Officer in this case. I would request the Whips of the respective parties to please help me. I see the hand of hon Mvimbi. Is that a point of order, hon Mvimbi?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, hon Speaker. I really want you to assist me on this because what happened is that the question was asked by hon Mackenzie.

Now when the Minister responded, he responded to me. Is that in order, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mvimbi. I have responded to that.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. My response will not be in any way different to the earlier one. Thank you, hon Mvimbi. Hon member, let us proceed to the new questions. Hon Bosman asked a question to the hon Minister of Social Development, Minister Fernandez and I now recognise the hon Minister.

### *New Questions*

#### *SASSA: winter readiness plan*

#### **1. Mr G Bosman asked the Minister of Social Development:**

In the light of the recent statement released by the Minister on 25 May 2021 regarding SASSA's lack of winter readiness: (1) Whether there has been any communication from SASSA outlining clear plans since then; if so, what are the relevant details; (2) what does her Department's winter readiness plan entail?

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

the hon Bosman, thank you for the question. The question relates to SASSA's Winter Readiness Programme, and I was asked whether there has been any communication from SASSA outlining clear plans regarding their winter readiness and I would need to confirm to the House that I have not received any further input regarding the previous meeting which I had with SASSA on Monday, 24 May 2021.

It was at this meeting, hon Speaker that I raised concern regarding the inability to provide a plan ahead of the harsh winter months that threaten the livelihoods and social security of vulnerable citizens living in this province. During the meeting I requested that SASSA apply their minds when outlining their plans for the coming winter, which is now upon us, and as can be seen by simply taking a look outside. Today the weather is really bad.

So, I wish to reiterate the importance of SASSA putting together effective plans to support our most vulnerable citizens, especially the elderly. The impact of winter coupled with the rise of a potential third wave, which is now a realised third wave of Covid-19 infections, are concerning and as such all spheres of government have a role to play.

In terms of Question (2) what the winter readiness plan entails, my response is as follows, hon Speaker. Although the legislative mandate providing social relief of distress resides with SASSA, the Provincial Department of Social Development has been working tirelessly to ensure that winter readiness programmes are operational in each region across the province.

We have six regions, and we require the support of other Government agencies to help ensure that there are appropriate responses to mitigate the impact of disaster situations on vulnerable communities. The Department's major preparations entail the provision of additional bed spaces for homeless adults, social work services aimed at family reunification and social relief of distress.

Unfortunately, in this regard, hon Speaker, SASSA used to provide starter kits and somehow that has been discontinued which is a contentious issue and they have indicated they would need to revisit their policy. So, I am maintaining contact with them regarding the issue of starter kits.

DSD has staff on standby to respond to natural disasters such as flooding or fires by providing support services, trauma counselling when needed and other forms of psychosocial support. The team further facilitates access to humanitarian relief and food relief by means of conducting assessments before referring the cases to SASSA. DSD has staff on standby to respond to natural disasters, such as the counselling mentioned above, however we do form part of a bigger movement, and disaster management is managed by the Disaster Management teams in the Metro and in the district municipalities. So, we are just one chain, one cog in the wheel and we take our cue from Disaster Management when it comes to any disasters.

However, we try to be responsive by being on site on the day of the fire or flood or whatever the disaster might be and unfortunately, we do not have

enough foot soldiers because we only have two and a half thousand staff in this province, and we need to take care of more than six million residents. So, we are strained but we do try our best to provide the necessary support as quickly as possible when and wherever it may be required. I thank you, Speaker.

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

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker and thank you to the Minister for that detailed response. As background to my follow-up question, Speaker, I would also like to inform the Minister that I have written to SASSA asking them this question and I am sad to inform the Minister and this House that the Acting Regional Head of SASSA has confirmed the media reports that SASSA does not have a winter readiness programme in place and that SASSA has never had such a programme. I think Minister, my question to you would be please can you engage SASSA and advise them on how to put a winter readiness plan together, especially for the Western Cape as winter comes every year and our people struggle every year. SASSA also indicated that they do not have the capacity to run such a programme and they rely heavily on the City of Cape Town. So, my question would be, please may you ask SASSA or help SASSA to work with all stakeholders especially smaller municipalities that cannot put such a plan together? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bosman, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: To the hon member, thank you for raising the issue. Yes, indeed it is a challenge. I am engaging with SASSA on a fortnightly basis together with departmental officials, and that was regarding the Disability Grant fiasco. SASSA has unfortunately closed out the Disability Grant for 37 000 and odd so the need to continue the meeting is no longer necessary. In their opinion however, I have appealed to them to continue with the meetings because when we met every second week, we had occasion to touch base on issues in a very collegial manner that encouraged collaboration. My concern was around that of the vaccination drive, registration, knowing that they have an elderly person in the queue coming in, could they assist with registration. Unfortunately, they had not made provision for either winter readiness or vaccinations, so I will be writing to SASSA to ask them to restart our fortnightly meetings so that we can keep our relationship going.

I must add that we have also invited SASSA to sit in on our Wellbeing Workstream meetings where we deal with issues of food aid and homelessness amongst others. So, I am hopeful, and I enjoy a good relationship with Mr Mahlangu, the Acting Regional Manager, so I am hopeful that we can pick that up but as you might have read in the newspapers, SASSA is seized with issues of fraud and maladministration, so I am not holding my breath. I will report to the House if I do get an occasion to get a date and I will certainly follow it up. Thank you, hon Bosman.

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



hon Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you so much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister, during the time when I was Minister for Social Services Western Cape, we paid out our own grants, there was no SASSA involved, and I know that my Chief Director, Virginia Petersen, and Mr Degrawu, subsequently were employed by SASSA. They were my top people in the Western Cape; we paid out our own grants. We even had a Women's League which our beneficiaries of the system which we employed, I think the ANC Women's League and *Vroue Aksie* of the National Party, they were co-partners in this, and it went smoothly.

What happened since then? Why are our pensioners in the Western Cape being paid out by National Government and why do we not pay out our own grants and our own pensions? And why do we leave it to incompetent National Government? Is there any reason for it, Minister?

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: To the hon member Marais, thank you for your input, sir.

It is indeed sad that we are seeing a failure of epic proportions at a national level on the part of SASSA, to take care of not only the elderly, but the

disabled and even those who have to benefit from grants.

I, unfortunately, do not have the power to change the current legislation and at this point in time, SASSA is an entity which reports directly to the National Minister of DSD, Minister Lindiwe Zulu.

What I have done though, is to try and build the relationship with the regional office and the local office. So in working with Mr Mahlangu and Hlanguti, we have seemingly made good progress, and whilst we cannot change the *status quo*, I would rather embrace a collaboration and try to stay as close to them as possible, to ensure that things stay on track, but sadly it is a dismal failure.

I have just seen a Tweet now that said that 32,000 people received the SRD grant of R350, that were not entitled to receive that grant.

So their systems clearly need to be reviewed. I come out of 30 years of banking and I can tell you that there are systems that can be used today. So the entire SASSA platform, and I have raised this with them, I have said they need to revisit their operating model because it does not work in 2021.

So unfortunately we can only keep banging on the door, and I will, in terms of serving the residents of this province, hon member Marais, I do write frequent letters. I must admit I do not very often get responses. Most of my letters fall into a black hole, but my last letter, requesting an ECD, actually

received an acknowledgment of receipt.

So there is dysfunction in the system, but we will continue to hold SASSA accountable, and at the same time work with them to bring the change that our elderly people and that every citizen in this province deserve. Thank you, hon member Marais.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I see the hand of hon member Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. Minister, SASSA Western Cape seems hamstrung by the incompetence of Pretoria and in terms of Section 13 of the Social Assistance Act, the National Minister may provide social relief of distressed, or a person who qualifies and applies for such relief. SASSA is only mandated to provide once a person has applied.

Has Minister Zulu ever engaged the Minmec on any plans to amend the legislation, or to address this growing problem?

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon member Bosman.

We have not had frequent Minmeecs and when we do have Minmeecs, there is generally an agreed agenda, so the matter, if I were to be honest, has not been exhausted.

I would request, or I could request, that for the next Minmec I would want the SASSA plan, as well as the ECD, to be placed on the agenda. However, it depends on the Minister's availability, at what time the meeting starts and at what time the meeting ends.

So it has not been discussed at Minmec as far as I know. Thank you, hon member Gillion.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Are there any further contributions by hon members? There is only one opportunity left. It seems that is the end of it.

Thank you – is that hon member Marais? You want to come again?

Mr P J MARAIS: Yes, hon Speaker. I would urge the Minister to speak to the Premier. He can bring this matter up on the President's Advisory Council.

All Premiers sit with the President, Premiers of the nine provinces, and that is the highest level of cooperative governance ...[Interjects.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Marais, you must ask a question, what is your

question?

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Minister, would you ask the Premier to bring this up at the President's meeting with the Premiers?

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: To the hon member Marais, thank you, the request is noted. I will certainly engage with the Premier as I have regarding ECDs, to highlight the matter at the Premier's coordinating forum. I shall do so. Thank you, hon member Marais.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, that is the end of the follow-ups on this particular question.

I see the hand of the hon the Leader of the Opposition [Inaudible.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Sorry, hon Speaker. Thank ...

The SPEAKER: Okay, thank you, hon member Dugmore.

Hon members, I now go to the next question, which was put by the hon member Makamba-Botya to the hon Minister. The hon member Makamba-

Botya is not in the session, there is an apology. The hon Minister, you may proceed with the question, or you may submit the written question to the Secretary. It is your choice.

*Homeless people*

**1. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to homeless people living on the streets: What has her Department done since the beginning of 2021 to make sure that they receive shelter and other necessary support?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry, can you hear me, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Have you indicated that I have an option to submit my response?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Then I will opt to do that, thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

Also the next one, the hon Minister Simmers, the question was asked by the hon member Xego to the hon Minister Simmers. Hon Minister, you have got an option to proceed or submit the question, the written response.

*Khayelitsha Level Two informal settlement*

**2. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What assistance has his Department provided to the residents of the Level Two informal settlement in Khayelitsha?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Firstly, hon Speaker, can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Well, hon Speaker, I came prepared to answer the hon member, so if it is the fine with you, I will actually give my response to the hon member's question, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members ...[Interjections.]

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

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. The last question, hon members, is by hon member Christians to the hon Minister Schäfer.

*COVID-19: vaccination of primary school teachers*

**3. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Education:**

With reference to primary school learners returning to full-time school attendance on 26 July 2021: Whether her Department has steps in place to vaccinate primary school teachers against the COVID-19 virus; if not, what steps are being taken to ensure that vaccinations will take place before 26 July 2021; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you, hon member Christians.

The answer is as follows: there has been media speculation around the rollout of a vaccine to teachers and staff at schools. Nothing has officially been announced by the Department of Basic Education thus far, and obviously they are leading this process, together with the National Department of Health.



Although we are expecting an announcement hopefully very soon, whilst we have been informed that the National Government has secured the Johnson & Johnson single dose vaccination for the Education sector, which we believe may cover all teaching and non-teaching staff at schools above the age of 40, we have yet to be informed that it has been approved for use.

It should be noted that this will apply to all schools, not just primary schools. In fact, research shows that primary school children are far less likely to acquire or transmit the virus than older children and adults, which is one of the factors considered when the Minister made the announcement about the return of primary schools.

While details of the vaccine have not yet been finalised, the Western Cape Government has nonetheless been making the advanced preparations in the event that the use is approved. Thank you, hon Speaker.

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker, thank you, Minister, for the reply.

I just want to ask the question, I see there was a survey done. Out of 1,523 Western Cape primary schools and special needs schools that were surveyed, 1,195 feel that they are not ready to bring back everyday school from 26 July.

Hon Minister, is this, with reference to the primary school learners returning to fulltime, is that now, as you can hear most of them feel that people interviewed schools, saying that they do not feel ready to be at fulltime school. What is your reply on that, Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes, thank you very much for the question.

The survey that you are referring to was done actually between 18 and 20 May, before the National Minister gazetted the latest directions, and it dealt with a host of issues. It was not simply this particular issue and it was not done with this particular in mind.

Some teachers at schools – sorry, the indication was for teaching and learning with a 100% attendance in total. So a lot of them did indicate that they could not, but they had also not considered various other things, like using other facilities at the school, for example, which is also what has been suggested by the National Minister.

So they now do have a standard template that they have to complete and return before 30 June, indicating whether or not they can return, taking everything into account.

If they cannot implement 100% attendance while maintaining the 1 metre physical distancing requirement, the existing application of the TREPs will

continue, and we will assist schools as far as possible to optimally stick to the curriculum requirements. Obviously we cannot unilaterally overturn the physical distancing requirement and there is engagement on that with the National Minister, but in the meantime also there is a provision in the *Gazette* for differentiated strategy and obviously we will take all those factors into account where particular schools are situated as far as the danger is concerned of COVID infections. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

Alright. Hon ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hello? Hello? [Inaudible.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hello, hon Speaker, I put up my hand.

The SPEAKER: Yes, your microphone, there is a bit of noise. You are number 3 on the list.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Oh, number 3? Okay, I will wait my turn.

The SPEAKER: Yes. So I have got hon member Botha and then I have got the Minister to respond, and then my time is running out.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But what about the number of questions that have been asked? There is a certain number of people who can ask follow-up questions, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: May I recognise hon member Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

Through you, hon Speaker, Minister, you have said that in regard to the media reports today, the WCED is not yet sure of how many of the Johnson & Johnson jobs we are going to get, but while we understand the announcement has not been made yet, I just want to check with you what arrangements has the WCED made in the meantime to ensure that our province's school staff will be able to take up the opportunity when it is confirmed, and is there a different strategy for teaching staff versus non-teaching staff?

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: The hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: The hon Minister was kicked out. She is now coming in

again. Hon Minister, welcome back. There is a question. I am sure you missed that?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Sorry, yes, I lost connectivity.

The SPEAKER: I am going to request the hon member Botha to repeat the question, and then you may then proceed to respond. Hon member Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

I just want to check with the Minister, and she has alluded to the media reports today, of the jobs that are being released, Johnson & Johnson, for teaching staff.

I just want to check with her that although we do not know what is assigned to the Western Cape or to the WCED, I want to know in the meantime has the WCED, what are the WCED arrangements to ensure that our province's school staff will be able to take up this opportunity when it is confirmed, the number of jobs that we get, and is there a different strategy to teaching staff versus non-teaching staff? Thank you, hon Speaker.

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

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

Yes, we are obviously very keen for our staff to get the vaccination as soon as possible, so we have taken the step last week already of informing schools of the possible acquisition of the vaccines, so that we could prepare in advance. Obviously if it is not approved, we can still apply the same processes for future.

Schools received a circular outlining the process to follow, including a consent form for staff that wish to be vaccinated, detailed information pamphlets on the vaccine itself, and what to expect at a vaccination site.

We have asked all school staff, regardless of their age, to submit their details in case surplus stock becomes available after those aged 40 and above, have been vaccinated.

Our districts will then coordinate the venue, date and time with the respective principals, when teachers and support staff have been scheduled for vaccination. The actual vaccination procedures will be administered by the Provincial Department of Health, which has secured two large sites in the Cape Metropole, and 27 smaller sites in the rural areas, and obviously while the approval of these vaccines for use is not within our control, should we get the green light to roll out the programme, we certainly are ready for this initial phase.

The beneficiaries of the rollouts are not only confined to educators, it is governing body and WCED appointed teachers at schools; governing body

and WCED administrative and general workers at schools; also food handlers employed by governing bodies; school transport drivers, as well as governing body and WCED specialised auxiliary services staff at our schools. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon Minister ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: ... I will give an opportunity to the last [Inaudible.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much. Hon Speaker, arising from the replies that the Minister has given, I would like to ask the MEC whether, given the announcement that the Premier made last year and which he repeated in the State of the Province address in Genadendal, that the Western Cape would procure its own vaccines, which obviously in this instance, if that promise had been a serious one, the teachers of the Western Cape could be covered.

So as a member of the Executive Council, does MEC Schäfer believe that this promise of the Premier will ever come true or not?

The SPEAKER: The hon Minister. Thank you, hon member Dugmore.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you, hon member Dugmore. The fact ...[Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): [Inaudible.] Hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): According to Rule 196(3), a question may not ask for an opinion. From what I heard, the hon member is asking the Minister for an opinion.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip. This is during a question, it is a debate on a question and the question is asked on an existing question. This is a new question being posed, it is in the middle of a discussion, of a debate on a question and it becomes difficult, because the question itself is on COVID.

So it is not easy to circumscribe the manner in which members should ask a question in the middle of a question.

May I request the hon Minister to respond?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Certainly, hon Speaker, thank you very



much, and thank you for the question.

The fact of the matter is we should never have been in a position to have to need to procure our own vaccinations as a province, because if it had a competent National Government, we would have had vaccinations long ago. If they had not been sleeping and busy looting the national coffers, we would hopefully have had vaccinations ordered over a year ago, and all our teachers could have been vaccinated by now already.

We have certainly been putting absolutely every effort in to try and ensure that we can get vaccinations for the Western Cape, but as you know the centralised power that the ANC is so fond of, they have been doing absolutely everything in their power to make sure that it has to be done at a national level.

So we certainly will continue to do absolutely everything we can to ensure that we get vaccinations for the Western Cape, but it really is a great pity that we have not yet got them because of the ANC's incompetence. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, this is now the end of questions, and in fact we have concluded all our questions, and well done to the Ministers and to the hon members.

Now we move to Questions to the hon Premier without Notice. The first hon

member is hon member Nkondlo.

## QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, in light, I think, of the current challenge of COVID, which I think many have written, explaining how this COVID has exacerbated pre-existing conditions, especially in developed countries.

I want to ask the Premier, the Western Cape continues to be plagued by the challenge of alcohol-related harms and effects, I think, on the socio-economic realities of many communities, and the Western Cape did well. I think by 2017 there is a *Gazette* White Paper policy on this.

Now the question that one is interested to understand is that with everything that that White Paper had identified, I think actually almost about nine areas which it had identified to sort of deal with this challenge, which now during COVID we see it is even burdening, I mean our healthcare system. We have to look at traumas in hospitals outside of COVID, but those that are related to wounds that are brought about by alcohol-related effects.

Now if one looks at this, one of the things that that policy relates to, it is a fragmented legislation and it speaks to a number of things that could be done and amendments that could be done in this regard, and there is actually a call to consider either the amendment or totally replacing the Liquor Act.

So I am interested for the Premier to just indicate to us what is the holdup? When are we getting progress on the Bill that amends or actually replaces the current Liquor Act?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Nkondlo. The hon Premier is in the House. I recognise you, the hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and also to the hon member Nkondlo for that question.

I think a very pertinent and relevant question right now, as she referenced COVID-19, but even before COVID-19, as she also referenced, we had the Liquor or Alcohol Abuse Game-Changer, really focusing on what alcohol abuse and the effect that it had on GBV and on our crime levels. So absolutely correct in highlighting it here today, and I think specifically I will answer that question in two parts.

The one is interesting that this Province, whenever we meet with National Government around COVID-19, it is always the graphs and the data provided by the Western Cape Health Department on their ability to measure alcohol-related trauma and just general trauma in our hospitals, it is that slide. Even on Tuesday when we had the PCC with the President, it was that slide again from the Western Cape that gets used as the data.

So I think in line with the programmes of this Province, the focus of this

Province, the White Paper, where we can measure and how we can measure across various departments. So it is not only DOCS or Economic Development or Health, all of these departments have a role to play, and of course we, as part of that graph that gets used, that we use in our own Digicons, the graphs that the Department uses come out of our survey in our various health facilities, and it is exciting to see that even now during COVID-19 we have rolled it out from our five big hospitals. We are now rolling it out and we are almost at all of 20 different hospitals and healthcare sites that are taking those measurements and those data, and even if I got to our Mancoms or our Management Committee meetings and we look at some of the data perhaps linked from those systems into crime, and we are saying well, how do we even refine it as we are going towards more and more of our healthcare facilities and maybe even ask more questions.

So it is not necessarily whether alcohol was involved in this trauma, or a vehicle or a sharp object, or a firearm, where did it happen so we can start GIS mapping hotspots. So it is amazing to see how technology and data helps us.

So the first part is, absolutely. We believe in data-led and evidence-led ability to make decisions to manage.

And then the second one goes to the actual relooking at the Act, and I am happy to be able to answer the hon member to say that in actual fact last Wednesday in Cabinet, the Cabinet actually approved the amendments, the

drafting of the amendments to the current Liquor Act, so that approval was given.

Obviously as the hon members knows, there is a first round that happens within the Executive component, within Government, that does some public participation. Of course, as soon as that comes back we will then get that amendment to this Parliament and the Standing Committee as quickly as possible, so that this Parliament can also go through its processes of public participation and having a multi-party analysis of the ideas around what are those amendments that we want to bring, but actually the decision was made by Cabinet last Wednesday. Thank you.

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

Ms N D NKONDLO: Yes, thank you, thank you, Chair, and listening to the Premier I think on the nine areas I can see as he is alluding to, I think, the leadership played by the Western Cape Province in terms of number, I think it is number 7, if not 8, on the information and data collection, to ensure monitoring, which I think is commendable, but I think if one looks at what has been happening, Premier, currently, is that if you already see one of the things mentioned in that policy submission, or that White Paper policy, it speaks about the issue of how you disrupt your illegal supply of liquor, which is some of the challenges that your provincial jocks have been picking up during the lockdowns, and now we are going back on Lockdown 3.

So whilst I appreciate that only last week a decision to move on putting together these amendments, you would recall, Premier, that on 10 June, in your own Standing Committee, you made the commitment there to bring quick fixes to liquor legislation when this particular issue on alcohol and related effects to the health system, and also safety, was brought about.

Again I think even this year, between yourself and hon member Fritz, you have been speaking about these amendments.

So now if you speak about this happening only last week, that there is a move, what confidence can you give us, and by when can we at least expect some kind of expediting of these things, because this policy was already in 2017, and I am sure there is a lot of ground that you could have gained now even by the time that COVID-19 hits in terms of this particular impact.

So I am concerned about timeframes, because I can see that this has been a shifting goalpost from 2020 response in your Committee, to actually the speeches you made during SOPA this year in February, and again, I think, in April in one of your media statements.

So am I worried about the issue of time, because indeed you are very correct, this is one issue that is very important for us to sort of nip in the bud so that we can be able to manage the system.

So if you can at least give us that particular confidence in terms of timing, of

by when can this be expected back into the House. Thanks.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Nkondlo. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you very much to the hon member for that follow-up.

I think first of all, as part of that question, she spoke about illegal activity, and that was one of the issues that I raised specifically at the PCC on Tuesday, saying that obviously you must always understand that when you start to put restrictive and blunt tool measures in place, like we are doing now with restricting alcohol sales over weekends, we are using a blunt tool to deal with a virus, to deal with COVID-19, to make sure we are slowing the spread, because we know that alcohol abuse has got an impact on our hospital systems, on trauma, on people not necessarily following the social distancing rules, but of course when you do use those blunt tools, the risk is that you have illegal activity, and she did mention illegal activity, and of course that is what we really have to watch out for.

So I think specifically now when no liquor trading happens Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we need to make sure – these are off-sales trading – that what is happening is we are not punishing the legal and suddenly the illegal just keeps on doing what they are doing, because you are not going to have any effect then using this as a blunt tool.

But the crux of her question went to, and she says only now approved by Cabinet for the next phase. You must remember that it is not just about making a speech at the beginning of the year around the State of the Province and then waiting all this time, and then giving approval for the drafting of this piece of legislation.

The work has happened, so of course when Minister Fritz and his Department bring the amendment and the idea around the amendment for approval to Cabinet, they have already identified the areas that they want to bring changes to the legislation.

So that work has already happened and of course I also agree with her. You have got to also draw a line in the sand at some stage, because every day you could add something else to that amendment. We need to say, "Let us take it that far, and now we are going to process it," at the same time probably continuing more work, to say what else can we do over and above those proposed legislative changes that are going to come into the amendment.

So of course, it was not as if nothing happened between the State of the Province Address and last week Wednesday. Of course, all of that behind-the-scenes work happens within the working teams. There are committees that are dealing with it. They take in the evidence, they consult within the Department and within Government, and there is a whole range of proposals in that legislative change. Of course, now with the drafting it gets formalised, and she has asked for a timeframe. All I can say is it is probably



going to take a good couple of weeks to get that drafting finalised, but within those good of couple of weeks and hopefully by the time we have seen some decline in the COVID-19 numbers, we will be able to bring that to this Parliament for public participation, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon member Philander. Fortunately, you are also here in the House. I recognise you, ma'am.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, to the Premier.

Premier, COVID-19 infections are accelerating in the Western Cape. We are now also starting to see an increase in COVID-19-related deaths in the Western Cape.

What is the progress at current in rolling out vaccines to current qualifying recipients within the Western Cape? Thank you, hon Speaker.

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

The PREMIER: Thank you very much for that question and of course that is a really pertinent question right now. I mean, the rolling out of vaccines to our citizens.

It kind of links a little bit to a question that was asked in the previous time, about whether we are able to procure our own vaccines and our team is still busy with that, because – ja, quite frankly, and you heard the answer from the Minister of Education, that as a country, I think, we are behind other countries in Africa, let alone the rest of the world. We have got a lot of catch-up, and of course along the way we have also had many, many – I want to say “curve balls” - but failures of getting the numbers of vaccines into our system as possible, and of course we are in that position right now where we were promised within the system of vaccines supplies to use from the National Government procurement processes, to say, “You will receive so many vaccines a week and so many vaccines a week, and it is going to grow, grow, grow,” and of course then we must operate our plans accordingly, and we have started to roll out those vaccine stations.

So, for example, we said we want 70 stations for vaccine rollout in the city itself, and right now we are sitting with 65 of those 70, enabled and ready to roll out. The big problem is that we now have to slow down those machines because we do not have sufficient vaccines in the system.

At the same time we have said 204, and this is public sector, 204 public sector sites in rural areas, and we are sitting now 107 sites already enabled in rural areas, and of course this is also critical and it is even more difficult in rural areas to keep that supply going, because we have got so many more sites, and of course, remember, the cold chain, remember the manpower, and really, it is pretty frustrating at the moment making sure we have got

continuous supply, keep the machine running with what we have got coming in, but at the same time we do not want to close anything down and wait for these promises of more and more vaccines.

In actual fact, and talking to the earlier question that we have heard, the hon Leader of the Opposition asking the Minister of Education – when I got the report on the FDA finding of the destruction of 60 million vaccines across the world, 2 million here in South Africa that we could not use, they were part of that plan.

I immediately over the weekend wrote to the procurement team and the lead in the procurement space, to say our team is in place, I actually received a report on Friday from whom they had contacted, what they got to, and of course we can only procure right now any of those two vaccines that are approved. We are looking now a bit wider, because it looks like there are three more vaccines that could be approved by SAHPRA, but they are in the process, so at least that enables us to look a bit wider, but I said to the team, “Go back, try again.” If a country did not have excess for us, let us ask them again. You know, we really do need to put extra pressure on the system because quite frankly, as was said beforehand, we are playing our part, but the supply is just not constant and stable enough, and it is actually very, very disappointing how our citizens are being let down in that space.

We should have been ahead of where we are now, and we are trailing so many countries in Africa. Thank you.

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Oh, hon – oh, sorry, hon member Christians. I am coming to you shortly, sir. Please hang in there. Hon member Philander, your follow-up, ma'am.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Through you.

Hon Premier, you have made mention of the 205 active sites currently in the Western Cape, you have made mention of those public sites in the Metro, in the rural areas, as well as those private sites.

Hon Premier, it seems like the infrastructure is there, it seems like the trained and the skilled staff are there, the vaccinators are there. How many of those vaccines actually in the next few days will the Western Cape receive ultimately? As well as what other exact challenges is the Western Cape experiencing as a province in receiving those vaccines? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Philander. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. Obviously, I must now just think to

the Digicon from that question.

So we have received 245,000 vaccines in the province thus far. We have already got sort of 200, I think nearly 220,000 of those 245,000 vaccines in arms, and of course these last few that we have still got in stock are being utilised and spread around the province right now.

The scary part is we have to say to some of those stations that I have mentioned, that, “We are not going to have stock for you tomorrow or the next day.” Those citizens that received the SMS are probably receiving an SMS now to say, “Sorry, we are running a bit slow.” You are going to feel frustration.

We have been promised by next Thursday, if I remember correctly, I think another 240,000, I think, for next Thursday. I sincerely hope that those arrive as they are supposed to.

I also hope that those vaccines that we heard earlier in the Education discussion, also arrive. Those are Johnson & Johnson vaccines, extra Johnson & Johnson that are coming in. I think it is 300,000, but on Tuesday again in the PCC meeting, the Acting Minister of Health said that they were supposed to have arrived that day and they have not arrived yet. I think they are still due to arrive tonight or tomorrow. I sincerely hope that they do so that we can actually utilise those into the system as well for the educators, but – ja, we are sitting on the edge at the moment waiting for vaccines to come, to

keep this machine running. It is quite critical that we get that supply.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon members, I will give the hon member Christians the opportunity for the first opportunity, and then the Premier will respond. I will have to unfortunately end it there. I recognise hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker.

Hon Speaker, the question to the Premier is, the Premier and his Government must be extremely concerned about the illegal abalone poaching happening in the Overberg area, and also in the West Coast area.

I know it is not a provincial competency, but they are killing our economy. People go to the beach, their lives are in danger, and these poachers just go in the water, many, many organised, because they are selling it, I believe, to the Chinese market. There is a market for that, and we are losing billions and billions of rands in the black market.

Could the Premier and his Cabinet speak about this? How are we as Province going to protect our coastal areas? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and to the hon

[Inaudible.] and I am sure the hon member Christians would not mind if I just need to correct one thing.

I said I thought around 240,000; it is actually 140,000 vaccines, hon member Philander, that we are getting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. That is the next tranche of vaccines that we should be getting. Sorry, just to correct that last statement.

And then I think the hon member Christians raises a really important question here, and of course the abalone poaching in our system, it is also linked directly to the criminality that happens, the drugs, the gangs. It is a major problem in the crime system of the Western Cape, and of course I listen to many of the members of this House that keep on saying to me we are wasting our money putting it into crime fighting, we should be spending on other things.

I disagree, I think we have got to try to make sure that along with the rest of our constitutional mandates, we have got to also make sure that it is paramount that our citizens are safe, and there is a massive failing on resources, on capabilities to deal with these crime issues that our communities and citizens are facing, and one of those aspects is definitely the abalone poaching.

In the Safety Plan, when we had to make certain decisions, we said let us focus on where the murders are happening, on the murder hotspots, but of course as you cascade down the various activities it links directly to the

gang-related crime, and a lot of murders that happen in our region it is that illegal abalone poaching, and it is really how we also get it right between SAPS, between our coastal management and I think there it is also not just the SAPS shortfall and the deployment, it is also coastal management which is a big issue.

We have got our own marine officers, whether that be at a national level through SANParks, whether they be Marine and Coastal Management, or even with our own CapeNature officials; all of them are put under such huge pressure because as the hon member Christians says, these poachers are armed, they are linked to really terrible crime people, and there is just insufficient resourcing assistance to deal with them.

But what we have done is, that is why we put the extra resourcing to the dog units, those K9 units, and specifically focus the K9 units in the city, on the West and the East Coast.

So you would have seen in the Overstrand the extra K9 units. You would have seen on the West Coast, *die Weskus*, also extra K9 units. The reason there was that this poached abalone has to be transported and so it gets transported in two ways. One is actually out to sea and I am really happy to see that that joint operation brought in so many of the linkages to poached abalone and drugs coming into our system, where we had that major drug bust in Saldanha Bay the other day, also linked to these programmes of dealing with these illegal poachers, but you will see those dog units, you will see



also an earlier question that was being asked around Highway Patrol and that our own traffic officials are actually empowered as Peace Officers, to do more than just checking your vehicle license and your roadworthiness, but also, that we are starting to apprehend the movement of this absolutely illegal fuelling of this criminal economy that we have in the region.

I suppose my last part of this is again, we plead to the members of this House, especially the members of this House as Minister Fritz said, who are connected to the National Government via their political party, to say we need those extra resources. You know, there are 650 000 more residents in this province than five years ago, but where do we see the commensurate increase of policing, of POP units? Currently, we have got POP units spread so thinly. We need more policing; we need more POP units. Where is the Anti-Gang Unit and the work that they are supposed to be doing because it is all interlinked into abalone poaching? We definitely need more resources.

Sometimes, I think it is as if some of these political parties represented here, actually see it as a political advantage to see the citizens of this province put under such immense, criminal pressure and we all need make sure that we, at least, just get our fair share, let alone, I believe, extra because there are higher crime rates here. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier and thanks to the hon members who have put questions to the Premier. Hon members, that concludes the questions to the Premier without notice. We now move to the Member

Statements. I now recognise the DA.

**STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:**

Ms L J BOTHA (DA): Speaker, when schools were shut during 2020, the leadership of the country knew vaccines would be the only effective defence. They were also in full cognisance of the general lack of capacity in terms of infrastructure, teaching and learning materials, as I have quoted from the hon Dugmore in this House, when he spoke 14 years ago of the desperate need for more funding to flow from National to the Western Cape education coffers.

Speaker, education is a basic essential service, it is also a human right, but we still await the arrival of vaccines for teachers and many other residents at the coalface. The National Minister of Basic Education says that the Department of Health must just send the jabs. She even says, and I quote:

“We are ready!”

But Speaker, I say we are running out of time and temporary fixes do not count.

For example, Minister Schäfer shared her reply on the appointment of 19 000 teaching assistants on 3 June, the great help it offered schools in the management of COVID-19, and employment of young people. Unfortunately, these contracts came to an end after six months. This is an initiative

championed by the WCED before it gained traction nationally. This is much like the mobile classrooms, a Western Cape solution, and placing over 20 000 learners per year without any national support at all, another Western Cape solution. Also, the background work done to prepare our vaccination rollout before we even received jobs, another Western Cape solution.

Speaker, the lack of proper planning and strategic management from National Government has delayed the appointment of more teaching staff, amidst an ANC-produced public service wage crisis, rapid infrastructure growth ...  
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA (DA): ... in line with demands, again comes as a dire reminder of National absence. Speaker, we do not need another lockdown, we need the ANC gone.

The SPEAKER: Hon Botha, you have exhausted your time. Thank you, hon Botha. Hon members, I recognise the ANC. The ANC?

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): Thank you, Speaker. Am I audible, Speaker?

The SPEAKER: You are audible. You may proceed, hon member.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): Thank you, Speaker. Hon Speaker, the President

recently announced that we are now at Level 3 in our battle to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we know of the alarming increase of infections and hospitalisations in our province. It is time that we are honest because one of the major contributing factors to the spread of the pandemic in the Western Cape, is the issue of alcohol and in particular, alcohol abuse.

During the first and second wave, we noted a drastic decrease in alcohol-related emergency cases when a curfew and ban on the sale of alcohol were imposed. This reduction freed all the resources to be redirected to the management and control of COVID-19 cases. We know that our youth across all communities, have a youth drinking problem, yet whenever National Government restricts the hours of trading, there is an outcry from certain elements in this province as this Government, led by the Premier, has consistently taken the side of the liquor industry and this puts our lives at risk.

Speaker, we as the ANC, do not suggest going back to the prohibition days, but we are merely saying that there are clear measures that can be put in place to help combat youth alcoholism and other challenges that we are currently facing. In 2017, the Provincial Government passed a White Paper on alcohol harm reduction, which was also gazetted in 2017. It is now 2021. Four years later and absolutely nothing has been done to have a Western Cape Liquor Act. We demand that the White Paper that was adopted in 2017, be immediately implemented.

The Premier owes this province an explanation as to why this matter has not yet been finalised. It is alleged that the former Speaker of the City of Cape Town was closely involved with the liquor industry and what we have, is a unique situation in the Western Cape where the trading hours, which is a municipal function, are the longest compared to other provinces. This is because there is a situation where local municipalities are just allowed to ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): ... just trading for [Inaudible – audio distorted.]  
Nothing is done about this and the City of Cape Town ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I thank you; your time is up. Thank you hon Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): ...is not brought in order. I thank you. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon members, I now recognise the DA.  
[Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It will be the DA and then, my statement. I must just get ready. It will take five minutes. You can stay.

Mr R I ALLEN (DA): Hon Speaker, I trust that I am audible?

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Leader of the Opposition, your mic is active.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: †Ndicela uxolo. [I apologise.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Allen, you are audible. You may proceed, sir.

Mr R I ALLEN (DA): Thank you so much, Speaker. Hon Speaker, this week it was reported how cops splurged R100 million on spy technology they cannot use, and that the equipment is gathering dust, while crime is on a constant rise. Three weeks earlier, reports read that SAPS lost R1,6 billion in irregular purchasing of PPEs. There appears to be more investigation on these two matters than on crime itself, Speaker. I am appalled, angry and upset by this and many residents in the Western Cape share those sentiments because SAPS' inefficiencies further erode public trust in the lead crime-fighting agency, the SAPS. We still desperately need additional policing resources in the province, but all we receive is the mismanagement of finances, blatant corruption and a police service in freefall.

Speaker, we see this in the evident explosion of the DNA backlog which denies justice. Secondly, we have exposed that the conviction rate for the last financial year in the Western Cape for all crimes, stands at a new low of

25% and that we need an additional 500 detectives and that those that we do have, are overburdened and overworked.

Next Speaker, we have hundreds of officers who have been found misusing SAPS vehicles in terms of the policy and, Speaker, the destruction of illegal guns is extremely leaky, inefficient and fuels murders in the Western Cape due to corrupt SAPS officials because it is entirely centralised in Pretoria. But, Speaker, besides the corruption and mismanagement within SAPS, from station level right through the Central Firearm Registry, there appears to be no political will to turn this situation around. This flies in the face of every man and woman in blue who dedicate their lives to the service. The situation is quite close to a potentially great action screenplay without a capable director. And Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen, your time is up.

Mr R I ALLEN (DA): Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen. Hon members, I now recognise the GOOD party.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is GOOD. Let me just switch off my mic.

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, a week ago this

House debated the state of safety and economic security in the Western Cape, and not too long after that, the Cape Flats experienced yet another episode of taxi-related shootings in Delft, Nyanga and Manenberg, but also in Ceres in the Boland region. In reference to last weeks debate, we were challenging the National Government's failure to keep us safe and to keep us in jobs. What an interesting position if we should consider that this Government has, itself, failed the people of the province on exactly that: safety, security, and economic stimulation, paving the way for job creation.

If we should look again at the provincial Safety Plan, which is really nothing more than a non-functional blueprint, this Government finds it fitting to scrutinise the failures of others when they, themselves, are a failure with no feasible alternative to ensure this province is safe and conditions of security enables economic stimulation. This, in its most basic form, is the highest level of cowardice.

It should not be news to a functional Provincial Executive that the mandate of a government is to create policy certainty and trust within various sectors to stimulate economic growth leading to job creation. Safety and security, in addition to social development, are amongst the factors which directly impact this. The latest taxi-related shootings are testament to a non-delivering Safety Plan and makes us question the billions this Government budgeted over a 5-year period, to prioritise safety in the City of Cape Town.

It should be noted the DA has been in government in the Western Cape since



2009 and in a period of almost 12 years, we have seen an increase, not a decrease, in crime in the province, making Cape Town one of the most unsafe cities in the world. Splurging taxpayers hard earned money with no real solutions, has become a norm for the National and DA-led Provincial Governments. The Western Cape Safety Plan is lip service at its best. Speaker, the Western Cape Government's idea of combatting crime ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Herron.

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): ...is to deploy partially trained law enforcement officers ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: You have exhausted your time. Thank you very much. Hon members, I now recognise the ACDP, hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Speaker. Hon Speaker, MyCiTi Bus started operations in May 2010, shortly before the FIFA World Cup kicked off in June. In July 2014, the MyCiTi Bus N2 Express Route was opened for Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain to Cape Town. The number of passengers using the N2 Express showed a steady increase. In July 2015, the passenger numbers on the N2 Express increased to 84 873, an increase of 4% over June 2015. The service showed good growth, month on month. It was becoming an integral part of transport in Cape Town.

The service has proven its value and was particularly embraced by the people

of Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain, as can be seen by the increase in passenger numbers. In November 2015, 111 000 people used this service. In November 2017, the number increased to 219 000. These figures are reflective of a reliable transport service that is run with consistent efficiency.

Speaker, now this service has been suspended now, meaning that there is more strain on Golden Arrow and more strain on the taxi services. Speaker, the ACDP would appreciate it if the Western Cape Government can liaise or have talks with the City of Cape Town to bring back the efficient service, of the MyCiTi N2 Express. Now, with the third wave of COVID-19 pandemic in the Western Cape, where President Cyril Ramaphosa ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): ... has moved the country to Level 3, it is ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: You have exhausted your time.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon members, I now recognise the ANC.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, Speaker, can you hear me?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Leader of the Opposition, you are audible. You may proceed, please.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (ANC): Thank you. Speaker, the ANC notes the adding of JP Smith's name to the long list of DA leaders who have falsified and misrepresented their CVs. While we know the DA for their dishonesty and deflection, we note that unlike the former MEC of Transport and Public Works, MEC Madikizela, JP Smith, Natasha Mazzone, Xanthia Limberg and Marius Koen remain in their jobs. Compare that to what happened to Bonginkosi Madikizela. Unlike the former MEC, they are not suspended, pending the outcome of investigations.

The DA has double standards, once again reaffirming that the DA has one set of policies for white people and another set of policies for their black members. The DA remains blatant in their racism, yet we also know that this racism has been experienced through the denial of race in policy, not supporting Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment or redress in our province. This racism is seen in the skewed way resources are still allocated to former white communities in our cities and towns in the provinces, compared to the historically African and Coloured community.

Going along with this racism in policy and practice, we now see this rising of symptoms of sexism and sexual abuse within the DA as well. The voters of the Western Cape must see this ruling party, the DA, for what it is ...  
[Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Really? Your former leader, Marius Fransman, was fired.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, no, no, that is an interjection. That is an interjection.

The SPEAKER: No, hon member.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: That is an interjection. Sorry Speaker, I would like to finish my last paragraph, please? I was interrupted and that was ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: You may please proceed.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: That was deliberate. They do not want to hear the truth, so they stopped me. Can I just, please Speaker, I want to finish my last sentence? It is one sentence.

The SPEAKER: Please proceed, hon Leader of the Opposition.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: †Ndithi maziqquzelele uyincwaba iDA. [I say let us organise a funeral for the DA.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Leader of the Opposition.

Mr P MARRAN: The Speaker is quick to point me out.

The SPEAKER: Members, hon members, I wish to reiterate my earlier point I have made here in the House. If you so wish to speak on a point of order, please do so by raising your hand and also, use the chatroom for that purpose. We do not allow interjections in terms of Rule 1 and this has been a consistent practice throughout the lockdown period. So, if the hon members want to break that rule, then the Standing Rule shall apply and that is really not something I wish to do here, by trying to limit the democratic capability of this House. The members must just help me so that I am able to have a smoothly run House, with your help. It is your House. So, I am requesting that the hon members exercise some restraint in order to make this possible. I now see the Democratic Alliance.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Hon Speaker, the Western Cape is committed to grow the economy and to address the high unemployment level, particularly, amongst the youth. Regrettably, National Government is not partnering with us in this regard. I am particularly referring to the serious delays with the construction work on the Clanwilliam Dam wall and Brandvlei feeder canal projects. With regard to the Clanwilliam Dam, the National Treasury had, as far back as 2014, set aside R2 billion for the increase in the dam's height by 13 metres. In so doing, the dam's capacity would increase by 2,4 times. This would provide irrigation for an extra 5 500 hectares of land, and this translates to an expected 3 500 sustainable full-time jobs.

Despite the construction project being relaunched in 2018, and R100 million already having been spent at the time, not a single proverbial brick has been laid. The reason for this is that none of the tenders for the subcontractors needed for specialised work, have been finalised. It is reported that a forensic investigation identified irregularities in the bid processes, particularly with bid documentation containing requirements that seemed to irrationally, favour certain contractors. At Brandvlei, a similar situation ensues. By raising the banks of the Holsloot feeder canal, the community would experience a significant increase in job creation, food production and exports. Although all the plans and authorisations have been finalised, construction work has been delayed by more than 2 years. Speaker, agriculture already supports 424 000 primary and secondary jobs in the Western Cape. Imagine how many more jobs would there be if the ANC Government ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): ...allowed the proverbial and actual water to flow? I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Van der Westhuizen. Thank you very much. Hon members, I now recognise the Freedom Front Plus, hon Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Thank you so much, Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus has noted with shock and outrage, the recent revelations that three

senior members of the DA, represented at all three spheres of Government, have falsely claimed to be in possession of tertiary qualifications. This should be condemned in the strongest terms. The Freedom Front Plus therefore wishes to assure the general public that the doctorates held by our leaders and others, are ... [Audio distorted.] genuine and open to any inspection by the public or the media. We hope the voting public will consider these facts before casting their votes in future elections. Falsely claiming to have competencies and qualifications, is robbing voters of their right to consider and vote for the best equipped and qualified representatives. It is simply treachery. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marais. Hon members, I now call upon the hon Brinkhuis, Al Jama-Ah.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you, hon Speaker. Speaker, it is Youth Month, and we all know the tragic events of 16 June 1976 and the 1980s were turning points in the history of South Africa. Forgive me for focusing on youth again, but as the future leaders of this country, the struggles and challenges youth are facing today, they deserve to be addressed and acted on effectively.

Yesterday, I attended Youth Day events in Guguletu and Ravensmead, and the major challenges facing our youth are poverty, unemployment, crime, drugs, and the lack of sporting facilities in communities and at schools. We commend projects like the Youth Safety Ambassador Programme, but more

could be done to help our youth survive in the crime-ridden townships and Cape Flats. We have 21 municipalities with an allocated budget of R20 million each. This is a far cry from serious intervention, given the complexity and scale of the problems in the historically disadvantaged communities throughout the Western Cape.

The Neighbourhood Watches are playing a good role, but ultimately, it is the Province's duty to compliment the safety and security strategy of the National Government. In the middle-class areas, their relative security is not due to the better efforts of the Province, which is controlled by the DA. On the contrary, this is because these communities use after-income tax money to pay for access controls and private armed response teams, and sophisticated alarm systems.

The Western Cape Liquor Act should be even more stringent. We have witnessed during the COVID-19 lockdowns, the visible link on the ban of alcohol sales and the reduction in violent crimes ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Brinkhuis, your time is now concluded.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon member. Hon members, I now recognise the DA.



The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Speaker: Deidré Baartman.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon Baartman.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you. Hon Speaker, fellow South Africans. Recently, South Africa has been plagued with renewed loadshedding, which resulted in blackouts in some areas. Despite this, we have learned that the ANC can switch loadshedding on and off for politicians at National Parliament, as and when they wish.

This luxury, however, is not afforded to laundromats or hairdressers whose businesses depend entirely on electricity. This luxury is not afforded to small and micro enterprises, whose tills have to operate on batteries, but only for as long as the batteries last or when equipment they have saved years for, breaks because of the surge in energy when their power is restored.

This luxury is not afforded to women who bear the brunt of household chores, a burden which has increased during the COVID-19 lockdown. This luxury is not afforded to butchers whose freezers trip when power is restored post-loadshedding. This luxury is not afforded to the tourism industry, who are still slowly recovering from draconian lockdown regulations, who have to close down local restaurants, coffee shops or movie theatres because they cannot afford generators.

Despite these shortcomings, the DA-governed City of Cape Town is able to

generate additional capacity, thanks to the help of the Steenbras pump storage plant, which has an additional reserve capacity in order to assist in averting one stage of loadshedding. This is not possible if you live in an Eskom area within the City. In comparison, recently news headlines regarding the City of Johannesburg read (quote):

“Loadshedding chaos pushes City power grid to the brink.”

which highlighted prolonged blackouts and a long backlog of open workorders on, essentially, a non-existent system. Speaker, Eskom is stripping away the power of the people and the DA urges voters to accordingly vote for an energy-secure Western Cape in 2021 Local Government Elections. Help us keep the lights on! I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Baartman. Hon members, that concludes the Member Statements. I now afford an opportunity, in terms of Rule 145(6), to the Executive for a response, if they so wish. I now recognise the hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank hon Speaker. Firstly, I would like to just react to the statement by the hon Herron (GOOD), who time after time comes to this House and loves to attack the Safety Plan, and specifically, deployment of our LEAP officers. My challenge to him is to stop being a desktop politician and stop behaving as the key ANC-coalition partner that you are, in coalition with the ANC at National level, and start attacking the real issues in our

province: the lack of deployment of SAPS officers to keep our citizens safe.

I also challenge him to get out from behind his desktop and go meet some of these LEAP officers, go walk with some of them and also, talk to the SAPS officers, ask them what value is added when LEAP officers join them in their patrols to make our citizens and the spaces our citizens live in, safer.

[Interjection.]

I just look at the LEAP Management WhatsApp group and I see things like:

“Please help in Khayelitsha Station precinct, especially Site C Bongweni area. Taxi violence flare-up.”

And then, I see a photograph a vehicle number plate. It says at 13:45:

“Law enforcement officers deployed corner of Spine and N2. Vehicle hijacked. 17 School children on the N2, direction Cape Town.”

Then it says:

“Apprehension of one suspect. Rest disappeared into the bush. SAPS on their way to support the LEAP officers.”

Then, you see:

“Shots going off on the sports field, Leiden Delft. Please deploy.”

Then you see – and so you go on – you see:

“Two gangsters killed. Dixies are shooting at taxi rank Wesbank now.”

This was at 13:36 today.

“Chief Smith, Inspector Hamilton: please assist in Wesbank.”

I ask the hon Herron to get out from behind his desk and go do proper oversight. Go and meet those men and women ... [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: How do you know I have not? I have been there.

The PREMIER: ...who keep our citizens safe. [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: Premier, I have been there and I have seen for myself. It is a waste of time.

The SPEAKER: The hon Herron. Hon members, I ... [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: Speaker, it is not possible to allow the Premier to mislead the House.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Point of order, Speaker?

Mr B N HERRON: I have had speech several ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible – speaking simultaneously.]

Mr B N HERRON: ... several weeks ago, Speaker, I did a speech saying ...  
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Herron?

Mr B N HERRON: ... I have been there and seen the LEAP officers.

The SPEAKER: Point of order, hon Herron.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: I am calling again: order! What is the point of order, hon Wenger and Hon Baartman? I start with the hon Baartman, the Deputy Chief Whip of the DA.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Speaker, interjections are not allowed when people are answering questions. Can we please remind members that interjections are not allowed, please?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Baartman. I was dealing with that, yes. Thank you very much for helping me with that. I hope that the hon members respect that.

I have indicated to the House earlier that I am not engaging members because there are no rules to make an effective decision on some of the repeat offenders, but I am doing so because I want us to engage as adults, and also as public representatives because this is our House. But when there is a deliberate undermining of the authority of the Presiding Officer and an attempt to overrule the Presiding Officer, that will be a complete disregard of this House and its Rules and therefore, a contempt of the Chair. I do not want to have a situation where we have to deal with issues on that basis.

I really wish to request the hon members and implore the hon members, to work with me and any Presiding Officer seated here. I would really like us to work as colleagues and work in the best interest of the people of this province, and in the interest of this House.

I am sorry, hon Premier, for that treatment and that is definitely not how we want to receive you in the House. I would like to request hon Minister Bredell, and he will be followed by hon Mitchell. Remember, hon members ... [Interjection.] you have got to ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Sorry hon?

The SPEAKER: You have got to be within your five minutes ...  
[Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: And there are three more minutes. [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: A point of order, Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Is that another point of order?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Was the Premier finished? He was still busy.

The SPEAKER: The hon Premier was done, yes. He thanked me and thanked the House, and he was ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I apologise then to the House, I apologise. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mackenzie. I now recognise hon Minister Bredell. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Am I ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker,

the hon Dugmore likes to play with the truth. He likes to mislead this House. Hon Madikizela resigned after he acknowledged that he has done wrong, and he was willing to pay a very high price for that, setting an example to all politicians in this country. The other DA members are surely entitled to a defence. We believe in the rule of law. I think, it is a really sad day when we start to misuse the freedom of speech of this House, to name people who have already been found innocent, like the hon Mazzone.

Hon Chairperson, but one can expect that from hon Dugmore because he has actually got nothing to offer this country because his party has led us into bankruptcy. Hon Speaker, I will fight for our members, and I will fight for people's rights to be able to defend themselves. I will also fight that people receive just treatment and that their sentence will speak to what they have done wrong.

Hon Speaker, it is also important to touch on what the hon Dugmore mentioned, the ANC BBBEE policy which misled this country. Let us look at Eskom, SAA, Denel. That is what they have gotten for their policy. The DA has put on the table the economic justice policy, a policy that will create opportunities that will get people out of poverty, that will get our youth into jobs. But no, the ANC cannot see that because they must have policies that look after a couple of cadres. Hon Speaker ... [Interjection.] the DA will act ... [Interjection.] in the best interest of this country ... [Interjection – audio distorted.]



The SPEAKER: Hon member?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is the ANC, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member, your microphone.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The ANC is deliberately putting on their mics so that they can distort and run away from the truth. The ANC: let me just give you one example, the step-aside rule of the ANC. The hon member steps aside, runs to the newspapers to get coverage, but ...[audio distortion] he scams for the ANC, and he is getting a full salary, paid to do what? Hon Speaker, the DA is the only party that can govern, the only party that can save South Africa. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Point of order?

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I have hon Mitchell, hon Minister Mitchell, but that is less than a minute. Hon Dugmore, what is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No Speaker, I just wanted to ask in regard to your earlier ruling where you admonished various

members and you mentioned that there are repeat offenders. Now, clearly today, hon Herron was very upset because of what he heard from the Premier, but Hon Mackenzie, in my view, is a repeat offender. Have you made a ruling on who is a repeat offender because I want to ask you on this point of order, that you make a ruling on the conduct of hon Mackenzie who is, indeed, a repeat offender?

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Dugmore. There is only one Presiding Officer and I have not made a ruling on who that offender is. So, I would not like a situation where the rulings are made from the floor. In this case, I have indicated to the House that I need your help, as leaders of political parties, and of course, I would really call upon the Whippery, the Chief Whips and Whips of the various parties, to help me maintain order in the House.

At this stage, I have not mentioned the hon members whom I regard as repeat offenders. I sit on this chair all the time and I know who they are, and I have deliberately not mentioned them. In terms of the Rules, I am empowered to do so and go beyond that, and I have not done so because I wish to engage the hon members. We are all elected representatives and I think our responsibility is bigger than what we are trying to achieve by heckling at each other and breaking the Rules. So, I wish you could help me. At this stage, I have not mentioned anyone. I would like to recognise hon Mitchell and then, I want to close at this point.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Speaker, can you give me an indication of how much time there is left?

The SPEAKER: You have got a minute, hon Mitchel.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Alright, thank you very much. Speaker, whilst my Department clearly has a role to play, the South Africa Police Services must take the lead with regards to the taxi violence, these cases that are being investigated, and that offenders are criminally prosecuted. SAPS is represented, Speaker, on the Transport Priority Committee and an emergency meeting in this instance was called to coordinate our actions and legislation, as required by Section 41 of the South African Constitution, dealing with cooperative governance.

Speaker, but with the decline and this is what we need to understand, with the decline in the rail service, there is increased pressure on a road-based public transport service, and we need a peaceful and united taxi industry in this province. So, the perception that is being created that this Government does not care, is absolutely wrong. I can assure you, Speaker, that my Department has invested a considerable amount of time, funding and resources into mediation efforts to stabilise the mini-bus taxi industry ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... and to prevent a loss of lives.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mitchell. Thank you. Hon members, that concludes the replies by the Executive to the Member Statements and have a great evening further. The Deputy Speaker now takes over. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Speaker. We now move over in terms of Rule 151, to Notices of Motion. In terms of Rule 151, all motions by members are required to be delivered to the Secretary for placing it on the Order Paper. These motions have been duly submitted and published on the Order Paper below the line.

### **MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Ms N D NKONDLO: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the demands by traders that no alcohol restrictions may be imposed under the DA in the Western Cape.

*[Notice of motion printed on Order Paper.]*

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

That the House debates the case of murdered UWC student, 23-year-old Nicole Bester, where charges were provisionally withdrawn against her alleged murderer, Yusrey Oliver Pillay.

*[Notice of motion printed on Order Paper.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates education specialists' warning that schooling under the DA in the Western Cape is heading for disaster with class overcrowding, too few available school buildings, shortage of teachers, the growing number of unplaced learners and that too few schools are built in this province.

*[Notice of motion printed on Order Paper.]*

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

That the House discusses the killings in the province under the DA that has seen many in the taxi industry and passengers losing their lives.

*[Notice of motion printed on Order Paper.]*

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

That the House debates the many problems arising from the theft of batteries and equipment from cell phone pylons under the DA in the Western Cape.

*[Notice of motion printed on Order Paper.]*

The SPEAKER: We now move to these Motions without Notice. If I can just remind the members that in terms of the new Standing Rule of 150 pertaining to Motions without Notice, condolence or congratulatory, which were submitted to the Programming Authority prior to this plenary on 15 June 2021. I have also been informed that in the Programming Authority Meeting, political parties did submit the names of hon members in the desired order of the speaking and those who wish to move a Motion without Notice in this sitting of the House.

I will therefore acknowledge, just for noting and for the purpose of the Minutes, call out the hon members whose names have accordingly been submitted and approved. The following members' motions have been approved by the Programming Authority as follows: hon Allen, hon Christians, hon Allen again, and hon Van der Westhuizen, both once and twice. I now put the motions duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority, to this House.

## **MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Mr R I ALLEN: I move without notice:

That the House conveys its heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of legendary entertainer and South African icon, Ms Shaleen Surtie-Richards, who passed away on Monday 7 June 2021; notes that Ms Surtie-Richards was born in Upington but was raised in Cape Town and contributed immensely to the South African entertainment industry; appreciates with great admiration and fond memories Ms Surtie-Richards's roles in South African all-time favourite shows such as Egoli: Place of Gold, 7de Laan, Suidooster, and her phenomenal performance in the local film Fiela se Kind; recognises Ms Surtie-Richards' exceptional career, as well as the more than 40 awards won by her; and further welcomes the Premier's engagement with Ms Surtie-Richards's family and the decision to request a provincial state funeral for her, which has been agreed to by the President; and notes that Shaleen's legacy will continue to live on in the industry, as well as in the hearts of all South Africans.

*[Motion as printed in Minutes.]*

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Codie Koopman, a grade 2 pupil from Eindhoven Primary school in Delft, notes he is only 7-years old, and that this little hero is seen as a giant in the recycling business in his home

suburb of Delft, through his business, Codie supports his family and employs 10 local youngsters; further notes that Codie received an Environmental Hero Award from Pick ‘n Pay School Club for the recycling business he started and through his enterprising efforts he is playing a big role in cleaning up the community and the environment; also noting Codie says he was inspired by his one-year old brother; and says, “When he found out that collecting these bottles would make me money, he thought about his family; further notes that he gave the money to his parents so they could buy baby milk and kimbies, coffee and bread”, and we salute the entrepreneurial spirit of this young man and wish him well for his future.

*[Motion as printed in Minutes.]*

Mr R I ALLEN: I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport on the establishment of 27 mini-libraries across the province for the visually impaired; notes that these libraries are situated mainly in rural areas of the Western Cape and will continue to have a positive impact on each of these communities; supports the work of partner organisations, non-profit organisations and volunteers from all parts of the province who support the extension of these resources to residents; and further notes that the establishment of these libraries is a step towards further inclusion of differently abled individuals in the



province.

*[Motion as printed in Minutes.]*

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

That the House congratulates the Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape on being appointed the primary host for the International Symposium in Irrigation of Horticultural Crops in January 2023 in Stellenbosch; notes that this will not only allow us to demonstrate the remarkable diversity of horticulture in our province, but will also bring us in contact with international experts in the optimal use of water for the irrigation of crops; and notes that this is also expected to bring much needed tourism and foreign exchange to this province.

*[Motion as printed in Minutes.]*

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

That the House congratulates the Rooibos Council and the Department of Agriculture of the Western Cape on their successful application to have South African rooibos (or red bush tea) included by the European Union in its register of protected designations of origin; notes that rooibos is the first African food to receive this status and the status will protect the product from being misused by others; and notes that this has direct

benefits for all involved in the production and distribution channel of this iconic product from the Cederberg and surrounding areas, considering that the industry already supports 8000 agri employees.

*[Motion as printed in Minutes.]*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No? No objections, agreed to. The motions will appear in the Minutes of the proceedings and the Hansard in each individual member's names, as if those members had read them out loud.

I will now afford the opportunity to members to move Motions without Notice as per Standing Rule 152(d). This could also include Motions without Notice that were not approved in the Programming Authority Meeting. Members are reminded that the 30 minutes, as per Standing Rule 152(d), will start now. If I can ask for my Table Staff to just assist me. I now recognise hon Sayed.

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

I move without notice:

That the Western Cape Education Department and the South African Human Rights Commission are called to investigate the alleged racist and discriminatory remarks made by a Grade 11 teacher against black learners, that led to a protest at the German International School in Cape

Town and that serious consequences should follow. I thank you.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

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

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Yes, it is a private school.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes, where did it ... [Inaudible – speaking simultaneously]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did hear objections. There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): They will object to anything where you are fighting racism because they safeguard racism. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members. [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): And that is what the DA stands for: racism.

An HON MEMBER: No, that is [Inaudible – speaking simultaneously]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I have order please, hon members. I now move

over to hon Brinkhuis.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, I am covered. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I then move over to hon Kama.

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

That the House commends the National Criminal Justice system for the double life sentence imposed by the Western Cape High Court on Steven Fortune for the 2020 rape and murder of Michaela Williams (12). I so move, Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections, agreed to. We then move over to hon Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you so much, Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That this House, in terms of its oversight function, request the Minister

of Local Government in the Western Cape to enter into serious talks with the City Mayor of Cape Town, so as to urgently address the issue of rubbish piling up and the absence of dustbins in the areas of Nooitgedacht, The Hague, Rosendal and Eindhoven in Delft. This constitutes a serious health hazard which is causing much distress amongst the people, and which should be addressed without delay. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

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

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr P J MARAIS: [Inaudible – speaking simultaneously.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Marais, I now recognise hon Windvogel.

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

That the House notes extra COVID-19 vaccine sites are provided in Gauteng and senior citizens may go without an appointment for their jabs and call on the Western Cape to speedily get on with their job. I so move, thank you, Deputy Speaker.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

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

An HON MEMBER: Objection, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Sorry, can you hear me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I can hear you, hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Okay, thank you very much. Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes a further example of serious DA misconduct in George, where DA Ward Councillor, Pastor Melvin Roelfse, insulted Mrs Charleen Titus, a good candidate and a senior citizen, saying that

she does not own the house she is staying in, wears a wig, and other derogatory comments, resulting in Mrs Titus laying a charge of *crimen injuria* against Councillor Roelfse; and therefore, Deputy Speaker, calls on the George Speaker, DA Councillor Gerrit Pretorius, to urgently launch an investigation into what is clearly a breach of the code of conduct and an insult to Mrs Titus and all senior citizens. I so move.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

HON MEMBERS: Object!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are objections, hon Dugmore. ... *[Interjection.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Not surprised, not surprised.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion will be printed ... *[Interjections]* Order Paper. Order! I now recognise finally, hon Sayed. *[Interjections.]*

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without motion:

That the House expresses concern with the fact that the majority of schools in our province, especially in poor and working class communities, will not be ready to welcome back learners on a fulltime

basis whilst still maintaining COVID-19 physical distancing protocols, due to already overcrowded classrooms; that the number of mobile classrooms being provided is not sufficient; and that Western Cape Education Department should engage with Provincial Treasury for additional emergency funding for more classrooms and teaching posts. I thank you.

*[Motion as moved by Member.]*

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

HON MEMBERS: Yes. Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. [Interjection.] The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Order, hon members. That concludes the business for the day. Mr Stemele will now end the meeting and all the members will be exited from the sitting. Thank you very much, the House is adjourned.