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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 14:15

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER: Order, the Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

1. Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*
[B 3 - 2014].

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, colleagues here today; Director General, the officials that are here today; our partners out there in the municipalities, the AG's Office, the residents of this province, I am pleased to present today, the

Western Cape Treasury's budget for 2014/15.

During the five years of this term, team Treasury working very closely with the heads of department, chief financial officers, mayors and municipal managers, have pioneered a turn-around in governance in this province. In the year before we came to power, Mr Speaker, not one of the Western Cape's departments achieved a clean audit; last year, five departments achieved clean audits and all the rest obtained unqualified audits – a remarkable feat. Mr Speaker, likewise in 2008/9, the financial year of the ANC governance in this province; not one municipality received a clean audit.

This year in partnership with local governance across the board, we managed to secure 11 clean audits. We also achieved the best governance and financial management results of any province or national department as highlighted by the monitoring and performance assessment tool, conducted by the Presidency and we were ranked as the best run province by the 2013 Public Sector Reporting Awards hosted by the South African Institute of Government Auditors.

Mr Speaker, there is no doubt that working together, our teams are yielding great results. These achievements also show that where the DA governed, public spending is being pulled right. When we govern, we stand against dubious deals put in place to line the pockets of money-hungry politicians, looking to enrich themselves and their friends. We stand for clean and accountable financial management that roots out corruption and improves service delivery.

Mr Speaker, during the current term of government, the Provincial Treasury has devised several new tools through which we have improved the support we offer to our public sector peers to assist municipalities and departments, to devise annual performance plans that best address the needs of the Western Cape residents. We have supplemented the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook or PERO, with a Municipal Economic Review and Outlook, the MERO. Put together, these documents provide a comprehensive and regularly updated assessment of the socio-economic challenges and opportunities inherent in our communities and what they face.

Through the Corporate Governance Review and Outlook, CEGRO, and the Municipal Governance Review and Outlook, MGRO; through these processes, we now provide the spoke support to our key partners to assist them, to strengthen areas of concern, raised specifically by the Auditor-General. Mr Speaker, more recently we have worked with local municipalities and departments, to put in place a matrix of policies which will help us to simultaneously accelerate economic growth, job creation and improve socio-economic outcomes. In the year ahead, the Provincial Treasury will utilise the Metacog to direct the resources of the government in a manner which manages any risks that emerge, maintain stability and provides the foundation for inclusive economic growth.

Mr Speaker, as defined in the Metacog and in the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement, the Western Cape Government has outlined several key transversal priority projects. These include the green economy, skills development, broadband connectivity, regional socio-economic development and ICT enhancements within the government. In respect of the latter, the following nine strategic initiatives have been

identified which will assist in streamlining our governance, improving our capacity to deliver services and closing loopholes for corruption. These include:

1. An integrated budget management solution;
2. An integrated provincial performance management system;
3. An integrated financial management solution;
4. An enterprise content management system;
5. An improved internal control system;
6. The business intelligence program;
7. A governance review and outlook system;
8. A strategically sourcing system;

And finally, Mr Speaker;

9. A refreshment of the outdated ICT equipment and software of this government.

To best manage the entire suite of transversal projects, a sub-programme has been created within the Provincial Treasury, which houses its allocations. These funds will be shifted to departments in the adjusted estimate – during the adjusted estimates and subject to approval of clear implementable plans. In total, this program accounts for two-thirds of this department's budget. The remainder of the funds are divided as follows:

1. To strategic direction and provide quality financial and other support services,

that is to my own office, to the office of the head of department – that is Programme 1 and they receive R44,886 million;

2. Mr Speaker, Programme 2, Sustainable Resource Management, receives an amount of R90,933 million, excluding the special projects funding which I have spoken to; to ensure the effective and efficient management of provincial and municipal financial resources;
3. An amount of R53,923 million rand has been set aside for Programme 3, Asset Management. This is to provide policy direction and to facilitate the effective management of provincial and municipal financial systems, supply chain management systems and movable asset management systems within this programme. An additional R5 million has been set aside to drive a strategic sourcing project which will help the Western Cape Government achieve better economy of scale on its global goods and services budget;
4. Mr Speaker, and then finally Programme 4, Financial Governance, receives R29,171 million to promote accountability through substantive consideration of financial activities, in both spheres of government and to ensure compliance with financial norms and standards.

Mr Speaker, of the Provincial Treasury's entire allocation of R648,298 million, R146,221 million will be spent on the compensation of its 324 employees. The functions of this department are highly specialised and are directly dependent on the quality of human services it delivers. An amount of R435,358 million will be

provided to the other departments and municipalities as subsidies to assist them in achieving greater governance.

Mr Speaker, in conclusion, I would like to issue my sincere thanks to all of the officials of Provincial Treasury, to the HOD, to the CFO's and the departments that have worked with us and to the mayors and MM's of our municipalities; all of whom have helped us to make the Western Cape the best run province in the country. Together we have laid a solid foundation for good, clean governance. As we move into the next five years, this department will play a leading role in taking us even further towards our goal of becoming the best run regional government in the world.

Mr Speaker, I therefore table this budget for discussion and the annual performance plan and we will now go through a debate on the role the various members have played in this process, and perhaps at the same time to say to them we are looking at this specific budget but understanding that this is also the end of a five-year term. So, thank you very much to them and the role that they have played thus far, but obviously at the end of this debate, I will have the opportunity to reply to any of the questions or policy adjustments that this debate might request. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister Winde. Hon member Mr von Brandis, over to you.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Speaker, I stand in support of the budget of the Provincial Treasury of R648 million for this period 2014/15. Over the MTEF period, the Treasury will be allocated a total of R2,085 billion. A portion of these allocations

will then be relocated to departments within government for strategic projects once those projects have been approved and finalised. As stated in the Treasury budget, the first of this financial year's budget will be to build and maintain on improving operational efficiencies. Mr Speaker, this is very important for it sends a strong message about what is needed in the Treasury.

In the National Budget Speech, hon Minister Gordhan did not mince his words when he said that South Africa needs to cut waste and strengthen the country's financial control environment, not Nkandla's. This is also mentioned in the National Development Plan which stresses the need to build up governance structures, so as to reduce the strain on limited financial resources. In 2013 the Auditor-General reported that R28,7 billion in irregular and unauthorised expenditure has been incurred by provincial and national departments. While the Western Cape recorded the lowest percentage of waste, the province should continue to target reducing such financial waste to get that number even lower. Baie dankie, Dr Stegmann, vir jou en jou department in die verband.

Dedicated financial management of the province's departments' entities and municipalities is a prerequisite for effective and efficient spending by the government to promote economic and social development goals. The point of a budget is to spend it but it must be done correctly and within the scope of what the province has planned for. One of the most important programmes of Treasury's budget is the transversal project sub-programme that was initiated during the 2013 MTEF. This programme will continue over the 2014 MTEF and these transversal projects will give effect to specific government policy priorities.

One of the projects listed is municipal support. Mr Speaker, municipalities in South Africa are often prone to weak administration. Last year, former Auditor-General, Terence Nombembe, stated that there was also a lack of committed leadership behind the deterioration in financial management in municipalities. Local government and finance units will focus on improving the credibility and sustainability of municipal budgets. Likewise, Municipal Governance Review and Outlook has through engagement and discussions with stakeholders established what is needed to achieve clean governance at local government level. Which is why I am pleased to see that over the medium term, R20 million in this financial year, followed by R25 million in 2015/16, increasing to R30 million, will be allocated for municipal governance improvement initiatives, a total of R85 million. Through standards, implementation, knowledge sharing and training, we trust that the municipalities will be able to function diligently and pragmatically.

By 2015, Treasury aims to have full compliance with the Minimum Accounting Standards framework and related financial laws and regulations. In Programme 2, sustainable resource management expenditure over the MTEF will increase. This is due to the increasing requirements of the Municipal Financial Management Act and the provisioning of resources to enhance fiscal prudence. R30,5 million will also be allocated to the improvement of internal controls across departments, including biometric access control as part of the transversal projects. Along with that, some R353 million is also budgeted for broadband.

Mr Speaker, we know the importance that broadband will play in the future and it is

something that needs to be accelerated. The hon Minister has spoken about the success in this initiative and shared his experiences of it in this House. Internet access will play an ever increasing role in this economy.

Having outlined some of the steps Treasury has taken to address the matter of sound financial management and prudence, I am confident that over the MTEF period, the province's performance in this area across the board will improve.

The Gambling and Racing Board is tasked with regulating gambling and related activities in the Western Cape. The board's mission is to ensure that the gambling in the province is both lawful and free of gambling-related corruption. To do this, the board has put into place a reliable system to collect taxes from operators. In the 2013 financial year, the board collected over R382 million in gambling taxes. These gambling taxes and other revenue contribute about 5% to our provincial fiscus. While this amount of provincial revenue may be small, it does contribute to our provincial budget and that is why it is important.

Mr Speaker, considering all statements of fact and recommendations, I support Vote 3 - Provincial Treasury. I once again congratulate the hon Minister, Dr Stegmann and all his staff for their diligence, thank you.

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to speak on the custodian of the fiscal health of this Legislature and that is Provincial Treasury - Vote 3. Treasury

is also responsible for putting out the medium-term expenditure... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Third in the Province.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... projections and they say... [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: You have your own community [Inaudible.] centre.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Nkandla.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: They want to give effective... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.]

Ms L BROWN: Half a million.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, can I please be protected from the hon Minister Carlisle today. Really.

The SPEAKER: Proceed [Inaudible.]

Ms M TINGWE: Yesterday it was the same.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Treasury is also responsible for putting out the medium-term expenditure projections and they say that they want to give effect to promoting economic growth, increasing employment opportunities, reducing crime, poverty and other social ills, improving the quality of education and health, but Mr Speaker, as some of my other colleagues later will unpack their votes, you will hear how the DA has in some of these failed – some of the above. Treasury however, over and above, have their own responsibilities like building on and improving operational efficiencies, to improve financial management in departments and municipalities, to strengthen the ability to deliver on strategic projects by both provincial departments and municipalities and also to strengthen the vision of the national programme of the Auditor-General for Operation Clean Audit.

Mr Speaker, a new focus area is in the institutionalisation of the Infrastructure Delivery Management System. The basis of this also being some of the key changes in the Division of Revenue Act which demands amongst other things, a renewed focus on integration of infrastructure projects, the growing role of indirect grants, the devolution of the housing function to metros, to prioritise the eradication of the bucket system and a more long-term vision of IDP plans and to increase transparency, accountability and ease of administration of allocations. Mr Speaker, because National Government is well aware of the movement of people, the Western Cape was well looked after during the Equitable Share and Conditional Grant division process. Proof of that is contained in the Division of Revenue document from National Treasury. Hence we hope that in the future the Premier and our Cabinet will now stop this refrain of how fellow South Africans who choose to make the Western Cape their home are eroding the Western Cape budget. National Treasury was sensitive to that...

[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We all know.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... because the ANC cares and allocated accordingly.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You agree with the
[Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Treasury allocation in the 2014/15... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... financial year, is R648,2 million, of which R562 million... [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... from equitable share allocation, grew exponentially by 221%, due to the holding of funds for transversal projects, to the tune of R429,3 million. We are told that those funds will be allocated to regional-based socio-economic projects, improvement of internal control and biometric access control, municipal support and broadband alone which will receive R353,8 million. Mr Speaker, I would be failing in my duty if I did not sound the same warning as we as the ANC did last year about this issue of parking funds in Treasury, in the hope that

the departments will honour the commitment of submitting their plans and programmes... [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: It is called research.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: For the roll-out of the different programmes. The memory of what happened to the Treasury budget at the adjustment stage is still very fresh in our memories. The PFMA cannot be blamed again... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... for not making allowance for a decrease in budget... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.] 2006.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... because departments did not do as they were requested. We trust that the last incident was a lesson well learned. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms L BROWN: That is not true.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The department's own reserves are derived from gambling tax increases and that increased by R320,5 million. The horse racing casino taxes

contributed R319,3 million to the income of the Vote. R6 million at this stage, is unallocated but meant to be dispersed for support initiatives to municipalities, if and when it is needed. So we hope that those struggling municipalities are well aware of assistance available and that they will timeously apply for this funding. It is after all in the end about better service delivery. The Contingency Reserve Fund has also increased dramatically by a whopping 267% to R150 million. Now our duty going forward is to monitor what this huge increase will be utilised for in the coming year and what the motivation for that will be.

Mr Speaker, the state of municipalities with regard to audit outcomes remains a matter of concern and while there is appreciation for interventions by Treasury, one wonders why at this stage of the game there are still very basic issues like planning of infrastructure in an integrated manner; why that is not a natural common sense principle that is practiced. These continued service delivery protests where people are clamouring for the very basic and have to resort to drastic measures to get the attention of this Premier and her DA Government, is for exactly that reason, because infrastructure was not put in the correct places at the correct time. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Look at the figures.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Currently infrastructure projects to those communities are most times after the fact projects. MEC Alan Winde has a statutory responsibility to ensure that as many municipalities as possible comply with the MFMA's Supply Chain Management Regulations and the Auditor-General's recommendations, which will ensure sound financial management and good governance. Mr Speaker, far too

often the AG still reports on recurring root causes such as non-compliance with the laws and regulations; 61% of municipalities are still guilty, this resulting in material misstatements which most times are not picked up during internal audit processes. Unauthorised, wasteful and irregular expenditure means accounting officers have not put enough assurances in place to curb those risks; lack of consequences for poor performance and transgressions; key positions that are still vacant or the incumbent lacking the appropriate skills, the quality of submitted reports; procurement management issues where suppliers do not declare their interests, unfair tender processes and contracts that are not managed and the slow response by management to address these very root causes. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, the AG reports that of all the municipalities, only 58% were of the required quality. Turn that around and it means almost half of the 30 municipalities still do not comply. The AG also says that if the drivers of internal control are improved, meaning proper leadership, governance and proper financial performance management are in place, audit outcomes will automatically improve. To be able to achieve all of this, the department has divided its responsibilities into four main programmes, of which Programme 4 is about financial governance; Programme 3 about asset management and supply chain management policy direction and Programme 2 carries the biggest support role to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, budget management support to the Legislature as well as the municipalities. This programme has increased exponentially by 519,6% from R83 million to R520 million because of the transversal projects.

However, a point of concern is the post of Chief Director Local Government Public Finance that has been vacant for almost a year now and also the post of Chief Director Public Policy Service, vacant since December and Director Fiscal Policy.

An HON MEMBER: And the whole municipality [Inaudible.] also.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Without taking away any of the importance of any other programme, I want to repeat; ... [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Programme 2 and 3.2... [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order hon members, order – order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... seem to be the backbone of successful fiscal discipline. It is here where advice on the sustainability of municipal and provincial funding rests; where the socio-economic impact of the budget for province and municipality rests;

where advice is sourced for the sustainable use of funding resources; where guidance on conformity, credibility and successful implementation of budgets is given. And in Programme 3.2, the continued improvement of and eradication of problems regarding Supply Chain Management... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Shhh...

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order please.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... cannot be stressed enough, as these are repeat offenders in the Auditor-General's reports. Finally, Mr Speaker, as this is my last opportunity to address you in this House on Vote 3, I therefore on a personal note want to take this opportunity to thank first of all, today almost tongue-in-cheek † mnr die Voorsitter, agb lid mnr von Brandis op 'n ligter noot. Mnr die Voorsitter, ek hoop dat jy voorstand sal leer om alles 'n bietjie stadiger te doen en empatie sal hê met die wat 'n bietjie stadiger dink as u. Somtyds het ek gedink u gaan 'n hartaanval kry soos u rooi word van vir ons skreeu hier aan hierdie kant, maar snaaks genoeg praat jy nogal vandag 'n bietjie sagter. Ek wonder wat het gister gebeur mnr die Voorsitter, het u te hard êrens anders geskreeu, ek weet nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

AGB LEDE: Lag.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: To Dr Stegmann, Mr Malila in his absence and all of the staff of Treasury, I want to thank you for your prompt response whenever assistance was required. Thank you too in her absence, Annalise, for all those thousand

questions I could ask in those classroom sessions and every other official who contributed to my growth in this discipline of Finance. Finally also Doctor, thank you for the job offer, I might consider it. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And then MEC Alan Winde, for your commitment and responsibility, for your commitment to the responsibilities of this department and as Opposition, in my oversight role, it is my responsibility to often fight across the floor for the right of those who are less privileged. But thank you also for always giving me the opportunity to plead my case afterwards because my requests and agenda were always about the people that I came here to serve. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister, over to you. Hon Minister...

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, thank you to those who took part in this debate and I will go through each of them. To the Chair, hon member Mr von Brandis, your contribution to this debate; I will just highlight one or two areas but specifically you spoke about something that had come from the National Minister and that is our need to cut waste. And of course that is what we have all got to keep our eye on every single day in every space that we operate in, because as soon as waste comes into the system, it means we are going to be delivering less to the people out there who really need it and so I absolutely agree with you.

Perhaps also to use this opportunity to say that I think one of the areas where this government really got it right, was initially coming out with a different handbook, right in the very beginning of its term that started to set the rules from the top on how the executive actually behaves, the kind of actions that we take which actually start to set a tone that runs through the whole organisation. I think that really started to make a difference and the kind of number that we are talking about just in that space, is about R100 million saving over this term and that really makes a difference, but I think even bigger, not only the R100 million, it is about setting that tone. So it actually starts to move through this whole organisation, 80 000 people in this organisation and it starts to set the tone so that everybody thinks that same way. So that we do not waste in this space which makes a very big difference on the ground out there where it really counts.

Perhaps also just now you mentioned broadband and specifically we have over the last day or so had quite a lot to say around broadband, and especially perhaps in the next debate around the economy, broadband – I am very passionate about it in that space and the kind of things we did yesterday. But within this Vote, the role that the Treasury plays and the role that broadband is going play is going to actually be key, as well on delivering effective services over the next couple of years. That is about the systems that we are going to start implementing and the systems that are actually going to operate on top of that freeway, that broadband freeway that is being put in, that is going to operate and make it much easier, more effective and more accountable and make the processes work more efficiently in delivering those services.

You also raised the Gambling Board which I did not talk about initially in my speech

but perhaps also to use this opportunity... Both the hon member Mr von Brandis and the hon member Ms Beerwinkel spoke about the Gambling Board and I want to use this opportunity in the House to thank them, the role that they play and as you have mentioned, both of you, the kind of money that comes into our own revenue generation through this process. We value it, we understand the risks but we also understand the positives and the role that the Gambling Board plays within our economy, and for them, to the Board specifically and the team on that side or up the road, I would like to say thank you very much for what you are doing in this space.

With that, Chair, thank you for the last five years for the role that you have played, the oversight role over the last five years. You know, we are always sitting on this side having the cross-questions, being part of the debate, I thank you very much for your leadership in that space and of course to your full team, your full Committee and the Committee Clerks, etcetera, the role that you have played. I thank you very, very much for that.

Moving to the hon member Ms Beerwinkel, thank you very much for your part in this debate, talking about various things. I think the first thing I would like to highlight is when you started to talk about the Infrastructure Management System and framework and it is key that you have these kind of frameworks in place, these systems in place that actually start to manage how infrastructure is delivered in our province. Infrastructure is key. I will get a little bit more now to some of the infrastructure numbers in reaction to some of the other points you have made, but it is key to have the processes in place and Treasury plays a very important role. Where we do not deliver those services and those facilities - it obviously happens in hon Minister

Carlisle's domain and the two other key areas would be in Health and Education and then of course in Roads.

You spent a bit of time talking about the parking of funds within Treasury and specifically I think that maybe I need to dwell on that for a while. You said, and you did not really elaborate too much, you said "what about the lessons that we have learnt?" I had hoped you would have elaborated a little bit more on those... [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

... because in actual fact I think doing exactly what Treasury does here, in ring-fencing that money and holding it within Treasury, is the responsible thing to do. It is the mechanism that really puts pressure on the departments to say come up with that credible plan. If you deliver on that credible plan, we will then through the adjustments give you that money to spend. And the risks are... [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

And the risks are... and as you say you did not do that. Wherever we did not do it, it means that those processes are still in the pipeline and that plan is not on the table. So perhaps what we should be doing is asking exactly the same question when we get to that relevant Vote, so ask how far is that plan coming along because it is the

responsible thing to do. It is how you control expenditure because we all know that if you give money where there is no plan, that money will end up going to something else. And of course I started off by saying, it is about the people out there, about where the money lands on the ground and that is a specific mechanism, and I think a very good mechanism, that makes sure it ends up in that policy direction that was put forward initially where money was requested. To say 'we would like to put money into this space', like the RSEP or the VPUU type concept, where we are going to look at socio-economic plans, but if you do not have the plan on the table, we are not going to give you the money. So it really puts the pressure on the planning side or the delivery department. They have got to come up with a proper plan.

You mentioned, and I have spoken, about the Gambling Board and the municipalities. You also mentioned the contingency reserve and quite frankly, I think that the reason it is there is for risk but I think the reserve number is also a risk in itself, considering what is happening within our economy. And of course you know, the discussion that we had yesterday, was how much money comes out of the taxpayers' pockets in this province, goes through a process and ends up back within our budgets on delivering services to our people. The big risk that we have in South Africa at the moment is, are we going to have those funds? We have spoken about the three-year budget and we look at the MTEF but are we going to collect that money next year and the year after? There are huge risks in our economy going forward, massive risks, whether that economy is going to deliver that tax return, and of course we need to make sure we have contingency reserves, where we understand those pressures are possible.

So we understand what is happening within our economy, the amount of investment. I

mentioned yesterday that it is quite scary to consider that a country like Mozambique has got a chance of actually getting more foreign direct investment in the next two years than the whole of South Africa. And that is quite scary because that says our economy is not trusted, our economy is under huge pressure. And when those kinds of things happen in conjunction with what is happening with some of our seriously restricted Labour Legislation and other pieces of legislation that are coming through the system... When things happen like Nkandla where - I am not sure if the Public Protector is still busy talking about it [Interjections.] - you see an initial project starting at R27 million, now sitting at R215 million, but she says "it is going to continue to R246 million". That has a huge impact on how the world views us as a country. It has a huge impact on our brand and the ability to attract investment. And so then you look at what is happening within our power supply, our energy supply with Eskom and the kind of risks that are sitting in that system. And again, it puts huge pressure on us, and so the contingency reserve that you were speaking about, in actual fact, one almost thinks that you need to put a bit more money aside for contingency. But I think we will have to just make sure that we manage that risk going forward as best as we can.

You spoke about infrastructure spend, and I said it yesterday and I will say it again. If you have a look at how infrastructure spend has increased, the volume; the spend has increased over the last five years, more than trebled, and really the infrastructure spend is where it really makes a difference. But let us just have a look at where we were five years ago and specifically saying where was that infrastructure spent. I think five years ago we definitely were not, under your political party's rule, spending enough money on infrastructure. If we have a look at water and sanitation alone, both

within the metro and outside in the rural areas, a backlog of R22 billion just in water and sanitation; within the city or the metro, R25 billion backlog. Now we have got to catch up on that backlog. That is water and sanitation – let alone where we play on schools, on hospitals, on clinics, on roads and on housing. It is very difficult to deliver a house or a school or a clinic when there is no underlying infrastructure like water or sanitation, sewage facilities, because those are the basic infrastructure needs before you can invest.

You spoke a bit about the supply chain and I must say that I think that we have come forward in the last five years in supply chain in leaps and bounds. I think from my point of view we have still a long way to go; I see Mr Smith sitting there. He knows that red tape issues are something that always gets to me but I think the supplier open days that Treasury have been very involved in, that Economic Development have been very involved in, Transport and Public Works and the CIDB Programme, SARS – I must thank SARS for being a partner in the process of going to those companies... those businesses who either do business with us or who would like to do business with us, being involved in those processes. I think they have definitely made a huge difference to our SMME space, to those suppliers and of course the work that is being done here on making it easier; the number of forms you have got to fill out, that database that says you do not have to continually supply your tax clearance certificates; you do it once a year, making it easier to do business with us. I think we have come forward a long way. We really are making differences but again I will stress red tape. Hopefully it is going to get easier and easier, as we move forward in the next five years.

You also mentioned vacancies and the filling of posts and I think in the Standing Committee we did address that. It is not always easy to fill these vacant posts, especially when we know that in this department it is about the skills level. It is about that high skills level of people that we have in this department, delivering this great service to all of our customers, being the departments and the municipalities. Sometimes you go out and you do not get the right applicant coming into that post and it is not that easy to fill these posts.

I must also say that we are very active in trying to grow that new timber. I am sorry that I did not see you on Saturday night when we actually had the Nedbank and the Education Department and Treasury partnership, where we are busy with the Schools Programme, where young people are writing those essays. I must say, last year's winner had an opportunity to speak. This year's winner as well but you could see the growth in last year's winner when he stood up there and spoke. Very, very impressive. Where you see a young guy standing there talking about our socio-economic pressures. Where you hear someone talking about this specific space. These are young people that we recognise through this process, that have been in this competition, and it is exciting to see three of them working within the Department of Treasury that have already come through the process. In actual fact, our partners Nedbank were pretty jealous that the Treasury had already attracted the skills of some of these young people who have gone through this programme. I am pretty certain that in time to come, this programme is really going to be delivering the winners within our systems, whether it be in the private sector or the public sector.

And I am pretty certain that in time to come, one day when I am sitting on my stoep

somewhere, watching this specific budget speech on television, perhaps we will see one of those young people who have come through that process, sitting in that very box, being part of the leadership team of Treasury in this province. Another great initiative, and I want to say to Doc and your team, thank you for following through on that initiative and making it the reality that it is, and then the commitment from our partners in making it or taking it further. So we try and get those young people going into the national competition that Nedbank also funds and sponsors in a partnership with National Treasury, because that is how we show confidence in the future and that is how we give opportunity to young people into the future.

But with that Mr Speaker, can I also say to the hon member Ms Beerwinkel, thank you very much for the role that you have played, for the oversight role, for continually asking the questions, checking and making sure during your role in oversight. Thank you for playing that role in the last while and the way in which you have done it. And again, as I said to the Chair, the role that the Standing Committee has played and then perhaps again, just to say thank you to all of those, specifically those senior officials who are sitting here today, but not only to them, to every single one of those 350 odd people who work in this department. To every single one of them, the role that they played, in setting a benchmark as we try to improve and get better and better, to become that department that everybody wants to emulate. The role that they are playing there is not only good for the people, the six million people that live in this province, but for the 50 million people that live in this country, because they really are pushing the benchmark, setting the bar higher and higher, year by year and I thank every single one of them for the role that they played. With that Mr Speaker, thank you very much.

An HON MEMBER: Hear hear!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That concludes the debate on this Vote.

The Secretary will read the second Order of the Day.

2. Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2014].

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] again.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

I seem to be hogging the floor today. [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, to my Cabinet colleagues, to the members of this House, to the DG, the heads of departments, to specifically my department who are going to be filtering into the box at the moment and some of them sitting up there in the gallery; to you, to the residents of this province, to the people who play a role in this economy, I am very pleased today to be presenting the budget of DEDAT, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, for the budget year 2014/15.

Mr Speaker, DEDAT is the lead department in reaching the Western Cape's first strategic objective, that of economic growth and job creation. I can assure you that this department is busy delivering on that very mandate. According to the latest employment figures from STATS South Africa, the Western Cape created the most jobs in South Africa in the last quarter. In the last quarter of 2013, 98 000 jobs were created in the Western Cape. This province showed the highest employment increase in the country towards the end of last year. That was 98 000 jobs. Only another 43 000 jobs were created across the rest of the country. So 98 000 in this province and the other eight provinces together, 43 000 jobs.

Mr Speaker, despite our efforts, we know that one of the critical hindrances in growing the economy is red tape. Nationally, unnecessary regulations cost our economy R79 billion each year. Since establishing our Red Tape Reduction Unit, and I am glad to see some of them here today, since establishing that unit in 2011, we have received 2 338 cases from businesses and people out there in the province. And the resolution rate on those cases and those issues that have been raised by this department is a staggering 87%, and I really must thank them for their dedication. The Red Tape Unit is changing the brand of the Western Cape and sending the message that this province is a good place to do business. Most of the common queries the Red Tape Call Centre has received are from residents wanting to know how they can start their own businesses. This is testament to the fact that the Western Cape is home to a pool of talented and inspired entrepreneurs, who are driving job-creation in our province.

We have invested in several initiatives to assist aspirant business people, to increase

their competitiveness and productivity. These include an Enterprise Development Fund which grants financial support to emerging businesses and a partner network which has provided businesses with advice to just under 30 000 entrepreneurs in Mitchells Plain, Philippi and Khayelitsha amongst others. Mr Speaker, over the medium term, we will open new Partner Network Centres in the Eden and West Coast regions. While we support drivers of economic growth, it is important that businesses trade in a socially responsible environment.

The liquor industry is a lucrative sector in our province. At the same time, alcohol abuse is one of the biggest social ills plaguing the people in this province. To clamp down on irresponsible traders, the Western Cape Liquor Authority has conducted 4 404 inspections at liquor outlets in the past two years. Over the next three years, 6 000 traders will be inspected. Since the year 2012/13 or that financial year, the Western Cape Liquor Authority has reached more than 2 000 people with their Awareness Outreach Workshop Programmes. In actual fact, programmes that interact directly with people in this province, making them aware of exactly the negatives and the positives of alcohol and specifically what alcohol abuse means. We also have a responsibility to protect consumers in the trading space. To add its capacity to the Western Cape Office of the Consumer Protector, we will this year establish a Technical Export Mediation Panel which will be charged with investigating more technical disputes.

Mr Speaker, investment is another driver of growth and jobs and for every R1 million invested, one new job is created in our province. Since coming to power, and I also mentioned it yesterday, we have attracted in excess of 80 investment projects into our

province and into our economy and that to the value of R30,1 billion. In this coming financial year 2014/15, Wesgro will work to secure another R1,8 billion worth of foreign direct investment into the Western Cape. In addition, the agency will focus on providing support to 500 local emerging exporters, so that they are able to reach new international markets and employ more Western Cape residents. We will continue to place strategic focus on our key sectors. These industries are our region's most significant employers and are delivering new jobs to our economy.

One of the most important sectors, Mr Speaker, is tourism. This past December the Tourism Industry experienced its best season yet. In this current financial year, we welcomed 1,3 million international visitors. Over the next three years through an increased focus on international marketing initiatives, the Western Cape aims to attract 3,6 million overseas visitors into our region. Mr Speaker, and perhaps at the same time, we will also continue to focus on domestic tourism, on trying to grow our sustainability across the years so it is not just focused on our high season. We will specifically look at how to make it more and more attractive to specifically domestic tourists and attracting them into our region, through offering great value and service to those visitors who come and are part of this sector.

Mr Speaker, another area of priority is the Business Process Outsourcing Sector which at the moment employs in excess of 40 000 people and hopefully by the end of this year, moving into next year, we will have upped those numbers to 52 000 people. Another area is Agro-processing which is estimated to employ 78 250 people and the ICT sector which currently employs 23 162 people. Perhaps before I go further into the ICT sector, let me continue in the BPO space. It was very interesting last week to

be part of another BPO or Call Centre and Back Office processing investment which opened in the city, which will be employing up to another 1 000 young people and that is specifically where the focus is. You see the people that are moving into this sector are in that band under the age of 34. [Interjection.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Can you answer [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

The very interesting part was that investment, a company called EE or as you might know it as Everything Everywhere, that specific company's CEO who was here to launch it, was a tourist not so long ago, taking part in one of our cycling events that happened around this province and are happening in this very month. He took part in an event last year called the Cape Rouleur and coming to Africa, having a look what it was like and a year later he took part in the same event in the next year but straight after that, there I was opening a Call Centre with him, an investment that he then decided he was going to put his money in. And the interesting thing is that specific company has 28 million customers around the world and it was really an exciting space to be in, and I thank the department very much for the role that they play in making this happen.

Getting back to the ICT sector and the ICT industry in particular, it is poised for major growth as we roll out the R1,3 billion plan to connect all of the Western Cape residents to broadband. Obviously starting with our own government facilities, and as we said in the previous vote in Treasury, the kind of role that we have got to play there in making sure our systems are updated to run on this new highway. Of course

we also move to what happens out there amongst the people of this province; and as I said yesterday, I spoke about it and I will speak about it again. Yesterday we launched the pilot projects of the free Wi-Fi out to certain areas and that was in Delft, Robertson, Atlantis and George, and perhaps I can use this opportunity again to say to the department, well done, thank you very much. Quite amazing the speed in which this initiative happened. Discussions in November, tenders in December, appointments in February and in March, projects are launched and being rolled out. It really is amazing, thank you very much for the way that you have done it and I think we are going to learn so much from this specific pilot project, the difference it makes to young people in the education space and the difference it makes to businesses surrounding those hotspot areas that are going to be rolled out.

Mr Speaker, infrastructure led growth has been a strong point and priority of this administration, our economic infrastructure is grouped under the Cape Catalyst Unit and our signature investments and initiatives are on track. To talk specifically, the designation last year, the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone, the IDZ is off to a very good start. Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company has already signed non-disclosure agreements with 14 companies. As I have said also, we are having a number of debates in this House, but as I have said in February, they were about six and now we are sitting in March and that is up to 14. So, that is really exciting to see the kind of interest and the number of businesses that are interested in that sector that is obviously going to make a big difference, not only to us in Saldanha Bay but to South Africa and to Africa as a whole.

The IDZ is poised to kick-start a boom in our oil and gas industry. To ensure that our

youth are able to take advantage of these benefits, we have established an Artisan Development Programme and in the 2014/15 financial year, 200 young trainee artisans will complete their placement at host companies and early in 2015, a second group of participants will be recruited. The department is aiming to target 1 000 young people in this programme. Like the Artisan Development Programme, the Work and Skills initiative is also aimed at providing opportunities for young people and has been for a number of years and really making a big difference out there, again amongst the young people. Since 2009, 4 065 young people have joined the Work and Skills Programme and a further 1 000 will be placed this year. In addition we will set up a unit to assist local businesses in accessing the Employment Tax Incentive which was finally launched by the National Government last year after lengthy delays.

Mr Speaker, central to our skills development initiatives is addressing the mismatch between our skills supply and demand in critical sectors of our economy. The Provincial Skills Forum is tasked with coordinating these efforts and bringing stakeholders together to ensure our initiatives are aligned. This forum is but one example of how partnerships can make a difference. We have often spoken over the last five years of how partnerships are really starting to make a difference to all of the six million residents of this province. In this regard the Economic Development Partnership has laid the groundwork for effective cohesion amongst economic stakeholders in our region. One of the EDP's achievements in the last year was to establish a regional innovation network. We recognised that we need to embrace innovation to remain globally competitive. The network is mapping our innovation clusters, analysing the demand for innovation and importantly developing mechanisms where role-players can share information on innovation. The EDP is encouraging a

culture of looking at how we can learn from one another, and when we share knowledge we grow together as a competitive region in a competitive world.

Mr Speaker, this year 2013/14, this next financial year, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has been allocated R 498.047 million to put into our action our vision of an open opportunity society for all that achieves inclusive growth and job creation for its residents.

Mr Speaker, we move to Programme 1: Administration. They received R 40.1 million to provide strong innovative leadership and to deliver clean, efficient, cost effective transparent and responsive corporate services to the department.

Mr Speaker, the Programme 2: Integrated Economic Development Services receives R 60.3 million to promote and support an enabling business environment, for the creation of opportunities for growth and jobs.

Programme 3: Trade and Sector Development received R 229.5 million to stimulate economic growth through industry development, trade and investment promotion.

Programme 4: Business Regulation and Governance, receives R 43.8 million to ensure an equitable socially responsible business environment in the Western Cape.

Programme 5: Economic Planning receives R 39.9 million to provide strategic support to the department in undertaking province wide cross-cutting, economic planning processes to give effect to the Strategic Objective 1.

Programme 6: Tourism, Arts and Entertainment receives R 45 million to facilitate opportunities for growth and increased inclusivity in the tourism, arts and entertainment sectors.

Mr Speaker, lastly, Programme 7: Skills Development and Innovation receives R 39.2 million to facilitate the provisioning of human capital, skills and innovation and technology in order to deliver on the economic human resources development needs of the Western Cape.

So, Mr Speaker, before I conclude I want to just say one more thing, namely that the one thing that this department does - and perhaps also linking to the previous debate - what they do very, very well, is to build partnerships. They build partnerships in the private sector. They build partnerships across spheres of government. They build partnerships in spaces where they facilitate extra funding into this process, whether it is through a SETA, wherever that possibility exists to make a difference to the people of this province, and they do that incredibly well and I want to really thank them for that.

In closing I would like to issue my sincere thanks to the entire team at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for the dedication that they have shown in turning around our economy, changing our business brand - and that is very, very important - and in creating opportunities for our residents to become employed. They worked tirelessly over the entirety of my term to meet the vision espoused in Strategic Objective 1. This involved a dramatic change in philosophy in the way they conduct

their business. I am proud of the team for navigating through this period and look forward to an even stronger and more productive five years ahead. I would also like to thank our partners in our municipalities, in other departments and in the private sector for the willingness that they have shown in partnering with us to achieve the greater good. The Economic Development Partnership has played a particularly significant role in this space.

Mr Speaker, I hereby table this budget for discussion and debate and look forward to this and obviously we will answer it at the end of this process. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Von Brandis, over to you.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Speaker, I rise in support of the Department of Finance Economic Development and Tourism's budget of R 498 million for the 2014/15 financial year. [Interjections.] I am sure that we can all support the vision of the department, which is to see a Western Cape that has a vibrant, innovative and sustainable economy.

Mr Speaker, I wish to draw attention to the decisions made in respect of the department's budget for this financial year. The department states, and I quote:

“Management has endorsed the view that the role of the department is to play an overarching economic leadership role and to ensure the attainment of associated provincial goals. The department defines its role as one of both facilitator and advocate ensuring that demand-led private sector driven economic initiatives are

fully supported by the Western Cape Government.”

Mr Speaker, there is no doubt that the Western Cape needs to be economically competitive. Given the current political and economic climate nationally, this could become more challenging, but I am confident we will be successful in achieving this. Between sound management, strong political leadership and a budget that finances solid programmes I am confident that the Western Cape will be able to realise the vision that the department has for the province.

Mr Speaker, unemployment in South Africa, especially amongst those aged between 18 and 35, is unacceptably high. The latest quarterly labour force survey puts the Western Cape's overall unemployment at 21%. This is 3.1% below the national average, placing us third in the country, but 21% is still too high. The department is aware of the urgent need to address joblessness. There are a few ways a government can tackle unemployment. Some work and some do not. We know that providing a favourable environment for business is one such way. This can be done by focusing on propulsive and employment generating sectors. We can start by reducing red tape and simply making it easier for business to get off the ground. This is reinforced by the idea that reducing unemployment will come through development and promotion of business and entrepreneurship. What this means is that we need to promote the idea of people engaging in entrepreneurial ventures, getting them to create jobs within their own businesses. The department will tackle this through an allocation of more funding to red tape reduction over the MTEF from R 7.5 million in 2014/15, increasing to around R 9.9 million in 2016/17. This forms part of the integrated economic development services payments. Red tape reduction is also promoted at national level

through the new growth plan.

Mr Speaker, the provincial government through the department is also committed to skills development in the province and provides opportunities for those to attain needed skills, with an allocation of R 39.3 million in this financial year ...
[Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: It should teach you to be ... [Inaudible.]

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: ... for programmes such as the artisan development programme and the work and skills programme. Over the next three years some 3000 people across the Western Cape will be trained and placed in companies with the express aim of increasing the labour participation rate. The artisan programme will place artisans, skilled people that this country desperately needs, to be economically competitive across occupations in the manufacturing, hospitality and maritime sectors. Trainee artisans are provided with stipends and will help these young workers attain occupationally directed qualifications. Mr Speaker, there are just some - these are just some of the employment and job programmes that fall under the department and are part of the larger provincial government's employment and job programmes.

Mr M OZINSKY: There is no need to mention ... [Inaudible.]

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: In total the department will spend R 39.290 million on skills development and innovation in this financial year. Two key projects are the Saldanha Industrial Development Zone and the broadband initiative. The IDZ will provide

services and products to the offshore oil and gas industry and has generated much investor interest over the last few months. This is a positive outcome of the designation of the IDZ. Mr Speaker, in this financial year R 28.091 million will be allocated to the Saldanha Bay IDZ to support planning and implementation and the roll-out of skills development and infrastructure. As we know, there is a huge potential in this IDZ, whether it be in developing skills capacity and knowledge or providing employment opportunities to the region.

Mr Speaker, the broadband initiative will be allocated R 25.054 million in this financial year. Economic growth will not reach its potential without broadband access. Through this initiative the economy will have a better and more cost effective telecommunications infrastructure and we will see the connecting of broadband to areas such as Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and Saldanha. The department also foresees the reduction in general cost and rest time from such improved internet access.

Wesgro, as a top beneficiary amongst the departmental transfers to public entities, will receive R 70.82 million in this financial year. The agency, Mr Speaker, is instrumental in promoting trade / tourism investment in this province. It plays a vital role in making Cape Town and the Western Cape the best in the world as both a leisure and business destination. I welcome the recognition that the tourism sector contributes to a variety of other economic sectors. If tourism grows, so do its supporting industries. It is also an industry that is fairly labour intensive, which bodes well for increasing employment. In the coming years, as the global tourist market begins to recover, we will also see an increasing number of tourists from emerging market countries. It is projected that there will be sustained growth in the global tourist sector over the next

two decades. As such Wesgro's increased allocation and agency duties will become more and more important as this industry expands. We have already seen much recovery and this will only accelerate this year.

Another opportunity in tourism, which is quite promising, is that of event hosting. Sport events such as the world-famous Cape Epic and Cape Argus bring millions of rands into the Western Cape every year. My-son-in law also took part in the Cape Argus and in the process he bought some part of Minister Carlisle's tar road and then also further supported the medical sector of this province.

Cape Town is also fast becoming an internationally known and trusted destination for business conferences. Conferences such as the recent Mining Indaba are the sort of business conferences that this province attracts.

Mr Speaker, the Western Cape Liquor Authority will see an increase of R 2.4088 million in this financial year. The authority has the task of ensuring that liquor is properly regulated in the province. Their task is quite important, given the widespread abuse of liquor and the social impact of liquor abuse on communities. I support and commend the efforts the authority has taken to tackle illegal liquor vendors and those not abiding by provincial regulations.

Mr Speaker, for all the above reasons I support the budget of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. I want to thank the Minister and Mr Solly Fourie and his department for their dedicated work. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Haskin, over to you.

Mr G C R HASKIN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want to start by asking a question. How is it possible that the Minister tables the budget today for authorisation by this parliament, but refuses to allow this parliament and its standing committees to exercise oversight over how that money is spent?

'n AGB LID: Ja!

Mr G C R HASKIN: It is impossible for that to be the case. [Interjections.] Within Programme 3 of the budget before us, Trade and Sector Development, the department is proposing to spend ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Scopa agreed ... [Inaudible.]

Mr G C R HASKIN: ... R 81.7 million and R 80 million earmarked as strategic initiative for the CTICC expansion. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order hon members!

Mr G C R HASKIN: R 81.7 million this year and R 80 million next year for the strategic initiative of the CTICC expansion. [Interjections.] Yet Scopa has been refused the opportunity to exercise oversight over the financial expenditure ... [Interjections.]

Mnr E J VON BRANDIS: Waar was jy gister?

An HON MEMBER: You do not understand how they ... [Inaudible.]

Mr G C R HASKIN: ... over the financial expenditure that the department has already spent on the expansion. [Interjections.]

Mnr E J VON BRANDIS: Waar was jy gister?

Mnr R B LENTIT: Hulle het mos nou die ander dag 'explain' daai ... [Onhoorbaar.]
[Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr G C R HASKIN: The expansion is planned for Erf 245 and 246. [Interjections.]
The City bought these two from Naspers for around R 113 million, R 113 million.
[Interjections.] The Western Cape Government has a one third interest in the other property. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr G C R HASKIN: If the City consolidates these properties for the sake of the expansion the Western Cape Government's investment stands either to be reduced from 25.1% or it must be paid one third of R 113 million, one of the two. It is not possible to ignore it and to say that neither is factually correct. It is also not possible for us to ignore, Mr Speaker, that the department's annual report last year says that

“it”, the department, “provides considerable coordination support with respect to provincial stakeholders”, in other words other governmental departments “and with the City of Cape Town with regards to the CTICC.” So in fact given this department’s 25.1% shareholding, the department is acknowledging that it coordinates and provides support for the entire process, which means it is working at a level far above its shareholding of 25.1% [Interjections.] Scopa wants to understand that. Scopa wants to be sure that the 25.1% shareholding is not eroded through this expansion which is about to occur.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Haskin [Interjections.]

Mr G C R HASKIN: And yet we are being denied that opportunity, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon ...

Mr G C R HASKIN: It is untenable.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Haskin. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I hope you get the opportunity to explain yourself.

Mr M OZINSKY: Hear, hear! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon, order hon members, order! [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: His senior official is ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Ozinsky, hon members order! Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, over to you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The appropriation for this vote amounts to R 498 million, of which R 442 million is from equitable share and R 30.2 million from financing. The department states that they will attempt to provide qualitative leadership through its ability to understand the economy and identify economic opportunities and potential. Their strategic plan, however, is to create an enabling business environment by making it easier to access business opportunities; to give government support where the demand is; to assist with infrastructure-led economic growth; to develop skills in the workforce and to work in an integrated manner to achieve these goals.

Mr Speaker, as we unpack the work done by this department we will gauge whether they have to date or moving forward, achieved these goals. To attempt to utilise these funds optimally the department has divided their work into seven programmes with specifically Programme 3: Sector Development, being the one receiving the greatest increase of 77% from R 125 million to R 229.5 million.

Surprisingly, Mr Speaker, Programme 6: Tourism, Arts and Entertainment, decreases by 5.3% from R 47 million to R 45 million. What could possibly be the logical motivation to decrease the allocation to this programme that seems to be one of the easiest job creators?

Transfers and subsidies tell a very interesting story. Bearing in mind that as the province and the department responsible for economic growth - and by that one would understand assistance to municipalities as well - that transfer decreases by 90.2% from R 5.1 million to R 500 000. But wait, it gets better or worse depending on which side you are looking at it. The allocation to non-profit institutions increases by a whopping 115.9%. Why? Because of a first allocation to Convenco, the very issue that has been the bone of contention yesterday and again now just raised by the hon member Mr Haskin, to the tune of R 81.7 million. Is that not the same institution, Mr Speaker, that the DA yesterday was trying to prove they had no jurisdiction over? Is this not the same organisation about which there was a long debate about the control of the Minister ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: A minority share.

Mr M OZINSKY: Well, I have never heard of it [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... in appointing a member to the board? [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: We have never heard of it. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So then how do you claim to have no say in the running of such an institution?

Mnr M OZINSKY: [Onhoorbaar.] Sy is bewusteloos!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: A new entrant in this regard and other entities is Innovate Western Cape and incubators and local content funded to the tune of R 500 000 and R 1.15 million respectively. [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, what are these entities, where are these entities based and who do they specifically serve, or is this also funds being hidden in a specific ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No that is in ... [Inaudible.]

Ms L BROWN: Or under a specific heading to be later utilised differently?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: My golden handshake, yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Another project that has seen an increase in allocation is the Green Cape increasing by 39% from R 8 million to R 12.4 million. Parts of this initiative are to introduce better resource efficiency, energy, water and waste economy. Now, Mr Speaker, here is a perfect example of an initiative that should be concentrating on those areas protesting about services, some of which are waste removal, supply of water and the distribution of sustainable energy. How often does this department initiate programmes in these areas to assist communities to understand why their needs are not addressed? I am sure that once they do they can assist, or that if they can be assisted and be employed, their attitude will change. Do they monitor that municipalities include such initiatives when they do public participation or the IDP process? But then again, we are well aware of the fact that the DA is not much

interested in active citizenry, because that means calling in the people who matter the most and asking for their opinion. [Interjections.]

As for entities benefiting from transfers, the allocation to Wesgro increases by 30.9%, from R 54 million to R 70.8 million. The explanation for the increase is not stated, “to assist Wesgro”, but not expounded on, nor why the increase is necessary. This is an entity that is also hugely assisted by the DTI, a national department with their initiatives of bringing investment to the Western Cape but also in assisting business people to travel to other countries to market themselves. Little acknowledgement is ever given to the fact that national assists in this regard. Trying to understand or get the reports about these continuous travels and the benefits thereof has not been the easiest thing to date. [Interjections.] The huge turnover of staff since the hostile takeover of CTRU is a huge matter of great concern. [Interjections.] The noise about how small businesses are assisted ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You sound like Nosey.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... does not gel when you see that the allocation to SEDA ... [Interjections.] ... the Small Enterprise Development Agency, is decreased by 60% from R 5 million to R 2 million [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you scared of us? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who wrote that speech?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, while one is ever conscious of how the world economic affects South Africa and naturally the Western Cape in terms of its export ability of products, the move is obviously to seek other emerging markets, and the go-to continent of choice seems to be the focus on Africa. The major challenge then would be the skills of the employees of the industries of the niche markets identified to fill the gap or enhance our attractiveness to markets in Africa. While the attention may be shifting to enhancing opportunities for internships, skills development and entrepreneurship, the unemployment rate in this province remains alarmingly high. The sectors that show growth in the Western Cape range from construction to transport storage to communication to finance, insurance, real estate and business services, to wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation. Most of these we all know are not long-term and in some cases even seasonal. The largest part of these is the tertiary sector which seems to be growing because of national government's initiative to train more teachers and nurses and even social workers. This initiative obviously opens more doors here in the Western Cape as well. This initiative in its roll-out should therefore benefit communities across the province. However, Mr Speaker, most of the province's core finance, insurance, real estate and business services sector opportunities are in the metro area. Another large contributor to the Western Cape economy is the wholesale catering and accommodation sector, and this can be directly related to the tourism industry. This industry has seen a marked increase of late, but that is attributed to the value that overseas visitors get for the exchange rate of their currency, first, and then the beauty that this country and province has to offer. A matter of concern though is how little visibility there is in townships to benefit the industry in that regard as well.

In the past year the department says it has invested heavily in the oil and gas industry and the green economy, the call centre initiative and the aqua-culture programme with assistance from the Department of Trade and Industry to the amount of R 800 million.

Mr Speaker, the question always is where are these projects? How many people have and still benefit? Others are the broadband initiative. Yesterday MEC Winde carried on about two areas where schools have access to this initiative. My question remains, where in the rest of the province especially in the rural areas are the communities benefiting by this initiative? Others are the Cape Health Technology Park, Cape Town Port Precinct, which aims to amongst other relocate the Cape Royal Yacht Club. Well, good luck with that one.

We have warned repeatedly about claiming the Saldanha IDZ project as a Western Cape initiative, but while you are claiming it also be aware that we are monitoring the allocation of job opportunities in that whole area. [Interjections.] The initial complaints coming through from that community is that the big players again seem to be the main beneficiaries.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: How unfortunate.

An HON MEMBER: They are.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, while this department spells out pages of what it has done and intends to do, the visibility and communication about these projects always remains a problem. Numbers in thousands are thrown about, but it remains a

problem to find or see these, either the youth or the projects who are being employed. As you heard other colleagues yesterday asking the question, where are all these people that have these skills that have been trained in these skills? Which companies have employed them in the skills that they were trained in? How many interns are retained and where? [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, much noise is made about the red tape reduction programme, but on a daily basis you hear and read about businesses, how businesses struggle. A case in point, a recent case in point is that of the young boys who once visited this House from Khayelitsha, who started a coffee business, and their struggle to expand their business.

Mr Speaker, the department shows an increase of ten personnel from 219 to 229, but the cost to the department increases dramatically by 78%. One hopes that such expensive expertise will be put to good use to change the lives of those poor individuals or communities who need the economic boost the most, and the 20 contract workers will soon hear news, good news of permanent employment.

Mr Speaker, I have to say that I often leave a session with this department ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Belated.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, let me repeat.

Mr M OZINSKY: There is something wrong with you. [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Speaker, I often have to say, I have to say that I often leave a session with this department ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Speechless!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... very depressed. [Interjections.] The responses to questions are most times not satisfactory. This province is not in a happy place. There are too many social ills. [Interjections.] Unemployed youth and informal sector - I live here, and you govern here.

'n AGB LID: Hei man!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: There are too many social ills ... [Interjections.]

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Are you going to burst out in tears today?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... unemployed youth and informal sector members of poor communities who still struggle to eke out a living. The divide between rich and poor remains too stark. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: We are going to kill ... [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha and Delft are not the province's ... [Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Praat jy nou van die noorde?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The rest of the province also needs to benefit by initiatives. This department is supposed to be the driver and initiator of creating the environment conducive to business and entrepreneurial growth. In this case the rural areas are seriously lacking. Another problem is that too often people are trained in skills but then employed in completely different aspects. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Like me?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am sure that each one of us in this House has family members and friends who can tell you about their struggles to find employment, and that is right here at home.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The whole front position of the ANC has totally blinded both ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Economic freedom and tourism growth is not felt across the whole of this province yet. I thank you, Mr Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! The hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Thank you very much, and thank you to all of those who took part in the debate. Thank you to hon member Mr Von Brandis, the Chair of the committee, who spoke about economic leadership. That is exactly the role that this department has to play within Strategic Objective 1, that of economic leadership. Perhaps that links to a question that the hon member Ms Beerwinkel asked. [Interjections.] It is about the cost of people, and of course, as we start to play that role across the economy we have to have the right people that play that interactive role, whether it is within departments, whether it is across government spheres or within the business space and those companies that are actually offering or producing the economy out there. That leadership role is the role that this department plays.

Over the next five years, I think also linking it to the previous budget debate on treasury where we spoke about the MGRO process specifically, this department again has now got to play a very strong role over the next five years as to how the LED, the local economic development strategy - and this department couples that with the good governance programme that treasury and local government roll out - should support the next stage of good governance. This department is going to play another leadership role in that space.

The hon member mentioned Wesgro and tourism. The hon member Ms Beerwinkel in that same space also talked about tourism. The hon member Ms Beerwinkel asked about the reduction within the department, but then talked about increasing money in Wesgro, but all of that goes to that specific space of growing tourism, trade and

investment. [Interjections.]

Getting back to the hon member Mr Von Brandis, speaking about our events, we are in event season. We have had a couple of events already that he had spoken about. As for the events coming up, we have the Jazz Festival that is coming up. I know that many of the members of this House, when I mention the word “Jazz Festival”, want to knock on my door. I am pretty certain they will be doing so if they have not yet done so, but it is a major, major event worth huge money to our economy, a really a great event, and I do certainly hope that all of you have bought your tickets to attend.

The Epic, another one that the chairperson of the committee mentioned, is another event that is taking place. This is the Tour de France of mountain bike racing. It really is something that takes us to the world. You will see it from the calibre and quality of global competitiveness in this space, the number of international, top international cyclists taking part in this event, and of course this really is pushing the bar for our own competitors who are also trying to make sure that they hold that title. Other major events are the J&B Met, and we are in the middle of the World Design Capital at the moment. All of these events are really good for our economy and good for the players within our economy, whether they are musicians in the Jazz Festival, whether they are people supplying services to these events, whether they are participating in the World Design Capital, or whether they are the “creatives” in our region. There was the event that was held last week, the carnival in the City. We saw how this melting pot at the southern tip of Africa was being expressed in the carnival, an amazing, amazing event, which really worked very well for our economy. So thank you very much to the chairperson for the role that he has played in the process and over the last five years.

Thank you very much for the role that you have played over the last five years in holding us to account.

I am going to leave the hon member Mr Haskin for last. I am going to now move to the ... [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Klap hom!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am going to now move to the hon member Ms Beerwinkel. Thank you very much for your input into this debate. You spoke about various areas like Green Cape, and you asked what Green Cape means across the board in our population. Perhaps a project that we really need to watch closely is the industrial symbiosis project, which looks at one area of waste and how that adds value to another area, so that you can actually then start generating an income in the space of waste and finding value in it. I think that is going to make a serious difference across our province, but of course it is also about the green economy, about creating jobs in this space. It is a key area that we are focusing on and we will continue to focus on over the next while. You spoke about the IDZ. You also spoke about the increase in money to Wesgro. Part of that increase in money to Wesgro is also about the IDZ and delivery within the IDZ. You mentioned the role that national plays and I can assure you that there is lots of recognition specifically for the role that national plays and the way that we interact, the way that this department - and I said it earlier on - the way this department interacts across the board at local government level and at national government level. So you will see Wesgro, the DTI, this department, along with the local authority – involved in how the

IDZ was delivered. You will see that we have a film plenary coming up and the DTI is there. They are in that film plenary. They are making presentations on the kind of role that they play; the kind of incentives that they are responsible for. We have just had a plenary last week on tourism on the West Coast and the national Department of Tourism is always involved. They are always part of what we do and they made presentations at this plenary. We do it together because we believe in partnerships. Unfortunately it is the end of the term, but I would encourage the member to be a bit more involved in some of these events because you will see that these departments are absolutely there all the time. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We do not know about it. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You mentioned that unemployment was alarmingly high, and you will notice that on every platform that I speak on, I speak about the 540 000 / 550 000 people in this province who do not have a job. It is very high on my agenda. It is something that keeps me awake at night, but specifically at the same time to say that it must be something that just creates absolute sleepless nights for your own political party in the other provinces. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This province has the lowest unemployment rate, and although very, very high, alarmingly slow as you say, we need to make a difference across the board. We really

are looking forward to some great initiatives in the other provinces and we will copy those if we see them making a big difference. You also spoke about national and then about the money going to the SEDA offices, but you do know that the SEDA offices are national.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I know.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
Thank you. I was just checking to see. I was not too sure. The cost of people, I think I also said it earlier, that is the role that this department plays in SO1, the leadership role that they have to play across the board. Of course, we have to make sure that we have the correct organogram, we have the right people in the right place to make a difference to the whole of the economy, to link every single department to all of our municipalities. Of course most importantly, we have to work with the players in the economy, the businesses, the SMMEs, the big businesses, the small businesses. Where we really come in is to help create an environment for specifically those entrepreneurs to take that initiative, take that good idea of theirs and take a chance. And if you have a look at the world norm and emerging markets it stands at about 29%, the general percentage of people who actually do take that chance. We are sitting at about 14% in South Africa. We have lot of work to do in that place. We need to create that confidence in the market. I also think it has something to do with people being scared of failure. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Always, you are right.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We need to get people to understand that if you fail in business it is actually okay. Take responsibility but try and move on and take the next chance. Move forward in the next space.

Mr Speaker, I now want to move to the issue as raised by the hon member Mr Haskin. I am very sorry that he was not here yesterday in the House, because I did deal with it, but for his benefit I will deal with it once again. [Interjections.] He made a couple of statements and let us start off by talking about the ... [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Are you not embarrassed ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No, he is not embarrassed [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, unlike you!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: How was money spent ... [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: No, unlike you! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He talks about the R 81 million and the R 80 million that is going to be spent, so we need a bit of clarity there.

An HON MEMBER: You are talking about ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are talking about both, so obviously the money that is going to be spent, and of course that .. [Interjections.] The plan is there. We know how it is going to be spent and as we have said in the partnership between the City and the province and the CTICC we take up our share of the partnership. He also asked about that shareholding and the partnership. That is why our amount is R 161 million versus the City's amount of R 550 million. If you look at the shares, it will show the particular shares we own as shareholders within the CTICC.

Mr G C R HASKIN: So bring it to Scopa.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But then, but then - so "bring it to Scopa", is what he says. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes, why not? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So let us - maybe there is one other point that he raised. [Interjections.] He raises in this House an issue around the R 113 million which is the sale of a piece of land on the foreshore that has to do with the *Foreshore Act*, which talks about the two thirds / one third split, and to be able to have a look at that. Bring that to any of these standing committees, ask anybody the question. The one third of that sale did come to the

province and the two thirds did go to the City. There it is. There is your answer, but let us get to the issue about “bring it to Scopa”, and what we spoke about yesterday.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Kap, gooi hom, gooi hom! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: And answer whether the ANC is aware ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
Now quite frankly what the hon member Mr Haskin wanted to bring to Scopa, as the chairperson of Scopa ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Yes, of course I was ...
[Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He was Obfuscating the rules of how one - I mean he is the chairperson - obfuscating the rules of how you take something to Scopa ... [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Ja, hy het die ‘rules’ sommer gebreek.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
and wants to talk about an issue that has been brought to Scopa ... [Interjections.]

Mr G C R HASKIN: The Speaker agrees ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
by an individual called Mr Lukey, correct.

Mr G C R HASKIN: The Speaker agrees with me. The Speaker agrees with me.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
That is what you wanted to bring to Scopa. [Interjections.] Let me tell you why it does
not belong in Scopa, which I said yesterday. [Interjections.] First of all, Mr Lukey -
let us talk about Mr Lukey and the role that he plays. [Interjections.] No, no, you
changed the Scopa agenda. Scopa changed from the previous meeting to this meeting.
You changed the agenda item.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And
you changed it because of Mr Lukey. [Interjections.] Now let us talk about Mr Lukey.
I said it yesterday. I will say it again. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ... political ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr
Lukey ... [Interjections.] ... and Mr Lukey has met with myself and other players. But
I will talk about the stuff that he brought to me, which he brought in March last year
as a process ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Lukey ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
Exactly what I mentioned last year. He was initially part of a project of Lochner
Procon Architects in 1992 to 1995 [Interjections.] 1992 to 1995. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Why can we not just get the forensic reports, then it is all resolved?

HON MEMBERS: Yes. Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: As
part of that project it was put in place and that project was terminated in 2003. It was
a Media 24 project and they terminated that LP, the Lochner Procon project, in 2003.
That is eleven years ago that they terminated ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Tell us about the architects.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, come on man!

Mr M OZINSKY: No, tell us who the architects are. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But
then, the next space where Mr Lukey was involved is in 2004 ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Now, now, now last year. Tell us the board ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He started engaging with the province in connection with the project ... [Interjections.]

This is ten years ago. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Has any board member ever objected to this process?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Ten years ago in 2004, for which he was accordingly remunerated ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Careful! [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: That I am aware of.

An HON MEMBER: I am aware of.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Accordingly remunerated, and which terminated in 2005.

Mr G C R HASKIN: He should ... [Inaudible.] ... Scopa.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In 2005, this is exactly the issue ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: The board members ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

This is exactly the issue. His presentation was put in front of Scopa. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: This very issue. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

Then, then ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Not by Lukey.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He

continued to ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Has board members invited this ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He

continued to do work, which he says: "I continued to do work between 2006 and 2009." We are still today in interaction with our legal department, in interaction with the Transport and Public Works Department. We still today do not know about a contract. We have not seen the contract. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Does any of the ... [Inaudible.] ... know about this?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have not seen an invoice. [Interjections.] We have not seen any corruption. I have met with him.

Mr M OZINSKY: There is ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have not seen any corruption. There is no case. There is no case. So now you want to bring a no-case to Scopa and your political party is the only party that is involved in this discussion. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: You say that it is ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The ANC is the only party that is involved in this discussion. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Where is the oversight?

An HON MEMBER: Oversight. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So let us have a look at where this individual has been.

Mr M OZINSKY: Where is the oversight?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He went to Naspers. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But the money you are getting ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He went to Media 24. They each had investigations into his claims and have sent him packing.

Mr M OZINSKY: The board members never ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He then came to the province. He went to the department ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Listen, listen!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...of Minister Carlisle. They sent him packing.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Asking for money.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He came to the legislature. He came to treasury. [Interjections.] Our full legal team met with him twice and asked him for all his publications. Today I actually got the

documents that he tabled. They were this size pile of documents. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: So why do you not subject him to Scopa?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And again we said to him: you have no case, off you go [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Where is the oversight? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I will tell you, I will tell you that answer shortly.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Part of the process. You should know ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We said to him: "You have no chance." [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: You do not actually ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He then went to the City.

Mr H P GEYER: No.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
They said no. He then went to the public protector and again another investigation and they sent him packing.

Mr M OZINSKY: The City covered it up.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He then went to the CTICC who also met with him and they also said “sorry, you have no case”, and sent him packing. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: What about Parliament?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So now what you want to do is bring this case into Scopa.

An HON MEMBER: What about Scopa?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Can you imagine, can you imagine in a province ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Why does Carlisle say ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... in a province where we spend R 47 billion every year, every person ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Why does Carlisle say ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... every person without a process who has some gripe with this province decides that Scopa is the place where it should to be dealt with.

An HON MEMBER: Why not?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: There are processes of how you get things to Scopa. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: That is called oversight. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And there are reasons why certain things are in Scopa and why other things are not. [Interjections.] So, hon member Mr Haskin ... [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: Oversight!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: If you have - well then that is fine then. Nkandla will be the next thing that we want this Scopa to deal with. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: Half a billion rand [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And of course it does not belong in Scopa [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So it cannot belong in Scopa. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Haskin must know where he wants to take things and the procedure of how to get it there. [Interjections.] He needs to understand that.

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.] ... his society [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And then the last point, he says: “Well then why do you not meet with him?” [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Remember ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! There are too many interjections now.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He says again: “Well why do you not meet with him?” Interesting enough this morning I

get an email from Mr Lukey to say: “Please, you know what is - there is all this stuff that is going on there, I need to meet with you again.” Well let us have a look. I will consider meeting with him again.

An HON MEMBER: Sure.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Of course I would.

Mr P UYS: Not on your own [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: No, no. I will meet with him again. I will take legal representation with me ... [Interjections.] ...and I will meet with him again. I will meet with him again. [Interjections.] I have no problem with that.

Mr M OZINSKY: Yes, that is why you said ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But with that, Mr Speaker, ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.] ... with the architects.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

With that Mr Speaker, ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: There is nothing wrong with the architects.

Mr M OZINSKY: There is.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Carlisle, Minister, order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

There is nothing ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! Minister Carlisle, hon member Mr Ozinsky. Please calm down. Minister Winde, please conclude.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

With that, Mr Speaker, the CTICC did produce answers to all of Mr Lukey's complaints ...

Mr M OZINSKY: Those are not the answers. That is not ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...

and they submitted those to the Chair and the committee. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Bring it to Scopa.

Mr M OZINSKY: No, not the answers ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:
They are there, and if the ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: That is a cover-up. Where is the ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
and if Scopa wants to go through the correct procedure ... [Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Jy is 'n sissie.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
of getting issues onto the agenda of Scopa, they must follow the correct procedure and
then they will get it dealt with on Scopa [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Speaker, ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And
with that, Mr Speaker, I want to use this opportunity ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
to once again thank ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
to once again thank the department ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: There is no chance ... [Inaudible.] I would not want ...
[Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: You would not want? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
all of the role players out there in the economy that they interact with ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I really would not.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...
that played their part in making sure that the economy of this province continues to
grow. [Interjections.] I want to thank each and every one of them. I want to say to
those entrepreneurs who have got a good idea and have not yet taken that chance to

encourage them to take that chance, to go to the spaces where we do offer services, to enable them to take it or make it easier to take that decision or make that decision to take the chance. I want to say to them please take the chance. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.] ... Cape Town.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I want to say to the rest of the people of this province that if someone does take a chance, do not ridicule them if they fail. They learn huge lessons. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, they come out bigger.

Mr M OZINSKY: So what?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: As long as they take responsibility for that failure [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Talk about this as a cover-up [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Let them, get them to start again because it is through those kinds of processes that we are going to reduce those 540 000 people who do not have jobs or hope at the moment. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Remember the loan at transport?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are going to reduce that number and so we will not have a scary unemployment rate. We will bring it down to proper standards and it is through the kind of work that this department is doing, changing the brand of this region ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: The ...[Inaudible.] ... is very important. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... making this a region that attracts investments ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.] ... you instructed them to continue with ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... that makes it easy to do business, takes that red tape away, changes that brand. It is this department that is doing this, and with that I want to say to them that for the last five years it has been really great working with you. Thank you very, very much for your dedication, for the role that you play, for the interactive way that we have managed to work together to where we are taking this. I look forward to the next five years and how that is going to really make an even bigger impact on the economy. With that, Mr Speaker, thank you very much. [Interjections.]

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

Mr M OZINSKY: Remember the loan at ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Thank you, Minister Bredell. That concludes the debate on this vote. The Secretary will read the third Order. Order!

3. Debate on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I see the Minister, I will just allow the officials to clear the bays for the next group officials to come in. [Interjections]

An HON MEMBER: The public prosecutors.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Nkandla does not look ...
[Inaudible.]

'n AGB LID: Daar is niks. [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: Nkandla is ... [Inaudible.] ... and still going.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Even Minister Ramatlakane was ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, you may start.

Ms L BROWN: No, you just need a little bit of power. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please continue, Minister.

Ms L BROWN: It is shocking!

An HON MEMBER: Ignore your bodyguard if they do not like you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Speaker, provincial cabinet, colleagues, members of the provincial legislature ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We need to listen now.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... the head of the department, the CEO CapeNature, the head of the ministry, senior managers, colleagues and friends, my department and CapeNature is constitutionally tasked and also through specific legislation, to ensure that our beautiful landscape, seascape and natural environment is preserved for future generations. How we do this depends on how we administer legislation in terms of our decision-making.

My department has the responsibility to administer national and provincial environmental and planning legislation; to make wise judgements and informed decisions; to sustain, to nurture the natural environment, whilst ensuring that we make a contribution to the reduction of poverty through a virtuous cycle of growth and development. CapeNature is tasked to ensure that the biodiversity, which includes the

Cape floral kingdom, the most diverse of the six plant kingdoms of the world that occurs almost entirely within the Western Cape, will continue to receive the highest protection.

Mnr die Speaker, die Suid-Afrikaanse ekonomie staar 'n aantal uitdagings in die gesig vanweë die herstellende en ongelyke globale ekonomie. Ons word almal daardeur beïnvloed. Ons moet as die Wes-Kaapse regering op hierdie oorgang en ekonomiese onsekerheid reageer om te verseker dat ons vir toekomstige geslagte 'n meer volhoubare omgewing daarstel. Ek herbevestig ons steun vir die nasionale ontwikkelingsplan. Die Wes-Kaapse regering is op rekord deur te noem dat die nasionale ontwikkelingsplan die Wes-Kaap se visie van 'n oop geleentheidsgemeenskap vir almal komplementeer.

Mr Speaker, the national development plan speaks of transforming human settlements, the urban space economy and an integrated and inclusive rural economy. We will be aligning to this through the implementation of our reviewed provincial spatial development framework, the implementation of planning law reforms SPLUMA and LUPO, our build the environment support programme and our municipal support programmes. The department and our entity CapeNature will also be aligning to the national development plan around environmental sustainability, with exciting new programmes to be undertaken in terms of environmental impact management, and coastal and estuary management. We will be going into our second year of implementation with our flagship Berg River improvement plan. Furthermore, the integrated catchment management approach adopted by CapeNature will continue to ensure the sustainability of water supply for the Western Cape. The department will

also continue with the development and implementation of the departmental integrated management information system project and the air quality health risk assessment.

The implementation of the national development plan cannot be given effect to without a clear framework of accountability. Working within the framework of my policy priority areas exemplifies this notion. Key to the successful implementation of the national development plan at all levels will be for the different sectors of society and all three spheres of government to answer to the following questions: What will be implemented, by when and by whom?

Key to answering this question will have to be that we work on an integrated basis inter-governmentally and actively pursue to build partnerships with all sectors of society in implementing our programmes and projects. Mr Speaker, my department and CapeNature has worked tirelessly to do the necessary groundwork and forward planning to ensure that we can improve on service delivery. Although planning is an ongoing task, we are now at an implementation phase for most projects, which is critical for service delivery.

Na 'n proses van ongeveer vyf jaar het my departement in Februarie 2014 die tertafellegging van die *Wes-Kaapse Wetsontwerp op Grondgebruikbeplanning*, 2013, gefinaliseer. Hierdie wetsontwerp, sodra dit in werking tree, sal ruimtelike geregtigheid, volhoubaarheid, doelmatigheid, ruimtelike veerkragtigheid en goeie grondgebruikbeplanningsadministrasie in die provinsie bevorder. Hierdie wetsontwerp bevestig ons visie om as 'n doeltreffende en doelmatige provinsiale regering te regeer. Op betekenisvolle wyse sal die grondwetlike skeiding van die mandate van die

munisipale en die provinsiale regeringsfere ten opsigte van ruimtelike beplanning en grondgebruikbestuur deur hierdie nuwe wetgewing vasgelê word. Dit word beplan dat die wetsontwerp voor die einde van hierdie parlementêre termyn deur hierdie Huis goedgekeur sal word.

Terwyl die wetsontwerp ten opsigte van gehalte ruimtelike beplanning in ooreenstemming met die visie van die nasionale ontwikkelingsplan is, het dit 'n maatstaf ten opsigte van provinsiale beplanningsregshervorming daargestel. Ons is in vennootskap met die nasionale Departement van Landelike Ontwikkeling en Grondhervorming, as die verantwoordelike party vir die nasionale *Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur*, 2013, Wet 16 van 2013, om te verseker dat ons wetsontwerp met dié wet ooreenstem. My departement het as deel van die implementering van die nuwe beplanningstelsel in die Wes-Kaap, 'n beplanningsveranderingsbestuurstrategie en 'n munisipale ondersteuningsprogram ontwikkel, wat reeds in die provinsie geïmplementeer word.

Mr Speaker, my department has completed its review of the provincial spatial development framework earlier this month. Provincial Spatial Development Framework 2014 is intended to be a bridge between the national development plan, the provincial transversal management strategies and the municipal spatial development framework, from which planning-led budgeting and collective service delivery will result.

My departement en CapeNature werk saam met die Departement van Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling en Toerisme aan verskeie groen ekonomiese projekte. Die fokus van my

departement sal gerig wees op die verlening van bystand aan 'n aantal dwarsliggende projekte en om die leidende departement ten opsigte van die volgende projekte te wees: R200 000 is toegewys aan die ontwikkeling van 'n Wes-Kaapse volhoubaarheids- en groen ekonomiese verslag vir die 2014/15 periode; R900 000 is toegewys aan die volhoubare nedersetting, landelike en munisipale ondersteuningsprogram oor die MTEF-periode.

Another departmental green economy project is the ecological goods and services investment case. Phase 1, undertaken during 2013/14, points to the value and cost of ecosystem goods and services, biodiversity business tools and opportunities, a decision support matrix, financial instruments that can be used to realise the value of ecosystems and corporate involvement opportunities.

In Phase 2, which will be undertaken in 2014/15, the ecosystems economy market will be supported through building the capacity to understand and implement ecosystem value-add in municipalities, communities and potential investors. There will also be a specific focus to broker the required relationships and partnerships that will lead to improved biodiversity and ecosystems functioning through biodiversity enterprise development, green collar jobs and knowledge transfer. R 6 432 000 has been allocated to the valuation of ecosystem goods and services, Phase 2, over the MTEF period.

My departement het onlangs die oorsig van die Wes-Kaapse klimaatsveranderingresponsstrategie voltooi en sal nou die klimaatsverandering implementeringsraamwerk implementeer. Die raamwerk het ten doel om 'n aantal

openbare beleidsrigtings ten opsigte van klimaatsverandering en die nadelige effek daarvan, beleidsrigtings en optrede wat deur die toepaslike openbare sektor departemente uitgevoer sal word, saam te snoer. R 700 000 is oor die 2014/15 MTEF-periode vir die klimaatsverandering implementeringsraamwerk aan die departement toegewys.

The department is required to provide strategic support and oversight over the performance of CapeNature, our provincial entity. In 2013 we undertook a process of aligning the strategic objectives of the department's biodiversity programme to that of CapeNature through an inter-departmental biodiversity task team. The review resulted in an implementation plan, which has as its basis the objective of "Working better together." The key elements of the implementation plan, for implementation over the next 18 months, are firstly to develop a provincial biodiversity strategy and action plan for the Western Cape; secondly, to undertake legal review and associated reform of the current *Western Cape Nature Conservation Board Act*, 1998, as part of an overarching biodiversity policy and legal reform process; to develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation system for the department to undertake its oversight role over CapeNature; to revise the memorandum of agreement between CapeNature and the department.

Mnr die Speaker, die provinsiale biodiversiteitstrategie en aksieplan is 'n instrument wat die Wes-Kaapse regeringsdepartement, CapeNature, munisipaliteite en plaaslike gemeenskappe moet verenig om saam te werk om te verseker dat die biodiversiteit in die provinsie optimaal deur almal bewaar en volhou, benut en gelykwaardig gedeel sal word. Die provinsiale biodiversiteitstrategie is 'n aksieplan wat ook die mandaat,

funksie, prioriteite en verwante verantwoordelikhede van die betrokke partye en provinsiale biodiversiteit bestuur en definieer.

The Expanded Public Works Programme allocation to CapeNature entails R 64 248 000 over the 2014/15 MTEF period. These allocations are to be utilised by CapeNature to maintain the EPWP service delivery, whilst fulfilling its biodiversity management mandate. Job opportunities to be created in this programme are 1 357 in total, translating into 420 full-time equivalents for 2014/15.

In this regard communities surrounding CapeNature-managed reserves continue to derive socioeconomic benefits through the opportunities of the full-time equivalent, which will carry out critical conservation management activities.

Other important 2014/15 budget allocations that I wish to highlight are the following:

A sustainable feasibility study to investigate the feasibility and implementation of integrated sustainable settlement principles for sites in two municipalities: two municipalities will receive an allocation of R 2 177 000 during the 2014/15 budget year; the Sandveld environmental management framework, with an allocation of R 956 000; coastal setback lines projects in the West Coast, Overberg and Eden districts, with an allocation of R 2 590 000; and the finalisation of the provincial coastal management programme, with an allocation of R 2 515 000 over the MTEF period.

Mr Speaker, my department received a Vote 9 allocation of R 454 348 000 for the 2014/15 financial period, which is an increase of 8.08% on the revised estimates for

2013/14. The total allocation for Vote 9 is shared between CapeNature, R 230 203 000 or 51% and the department's R 224 145 000 or 49%.

Mr Speaker, at the beginning of my five year term of office in the Environmental Affairs and Development Planning part of my portfolio I made a number promises in public and I have delivered on them.

As die Minister verantwoordelik vir omgewingsake en ontwikkelingsbeplanning, is ek net so sterk soos my span wat my ondersteun. Ek wil dus van die geleentheid gebruik maak om die span te bedank vir die harde werk. Laastens wil ek ook erkenning gee aan die groot steun wat ons van die publiek en die privaatsektor ontvang het. Die etos in die Wes-Kaapse regering word duidelik in hierdie verhouding waargeneem. Die Wes-Kaap is 'n unieke bedeelde globale streek wat ons almal uitnooi, as die huidige bewaarders van hierdie streek, om met die oog op 'n volhoubare toekoms vir die huidige inwoners en die geslagte wat na ons volg, met verantwoordelikheid en wysheid op te tree. Ek dank u.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Bredell. The hon member Mr Walters.

Mr M C WALTERS: Mr Speaker, as I move towards the end of my term in the Western Cape parliament, I have been privileged to be the chairperson of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning. This committee was the parliamentary oversight body over the Department of Agriculture and its entity Casidra, and over the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and its entity CapeNature.

My waardering moet ek ook dan in hierdie stadium net uitspreek oor die konstruktiewe benadering van alle lede van hierdie komitee en die kameraadskap waaraan ek ook kon deel hê.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning has had the benefit of a dynamic minister, the hon Anton Bredell, supported by dedicated staff. The present head of department, Mr Piet Van Zyl, succeeded an equally dedicated and competent HOD, Mr Rudie Ellis, who passed away two years ago. It is indeed appropriate that the *Land Use Planning Act*, in which Mr Ellis played an important role during his formative years, is being guided to imminent ratification by his successor as HOD. This will replace the redundant Land Use Planning Ordinance and will be fully compatible with the new SPLUMA legislation at national level.

CapeNature has also continued to be one of the major biodiversity players in South Africa, which as a result of the loss of one CEO, required orientation. It was the retirement of Dr Kas Hamman, a veteran of nature conservation science and acting CEO until recently, which removed a major resource of institutional and professional knowledge from the entity. We wish the new CEO and board every success in the coming year.

It is indeed ironic, while the Western Cape is extolled internationally, not only for its scenic beauty, for its role as a favoured tourism and convention destination and as home to one of the biodiversity hotspots of the world, that this department and its entity CapeNature have to make do with the third lowest allocation of all line

departments. This is exacerbated by the fact that the MTEF allocation of R 454 348 000 is shared with CapeNature, whose allocation of R 280 203 000 represents almost 51% of the budget. The standing committee has remarked on this anomaly in the past, basically year for year, as this department and its entity are major players in ensuring that the environmental integrity and biodiversity of the province are conserved and can continue to underpin the sustainable development of the province and all who reside in it. The inadequacy of funding is reflected in the fact that the departmental establishment designed to achieve desired goals, consists of 520 posts of which 101 are vacant. In CapeNature the vacancy rates are also high due to financial constraints and require addressing, if it is to effectively fulfil the demands which are placed upon it. The new CEO, Dr Razeena Omar, is wished well in addressing the many challenges CapeNature will face over the next three years. I think this is really a message for treasury and the colleagues of the minister. The standing committee had a productive interaction on the budget with the department and CapeNature. It was satisfied that the budget was aligned with provincial, strategic objectives, mainstreaming sustainability and optimising resource use efficiency and National Outcome 10, protected and enhanced environmental assets and natural resources. This broad intention was reflected in the distribution of the budget between different programmes. Although it remains a contention that ensuring that the absolutely unique biodiversity resources within the Western Cape are conserved, it requires far greater investment. The committee was of the opinion that a Western Cape Biodiversity Research Forum should be initiated by the department and CapeNature. All biodiversity research and conservation stakeholders in the province should be recruited into such a forum. This would promote greater collaboration between all, including the pooling of expertise in projects, sharing of scarce and expensive

resources and the greater focus on the huge threat posed to biodiversity by the increasing threat of alien invasive plant species.

This forum will be the equivalent of the already functioning Western Cape Agricultural Research Forum encouraged by the committee. I must impress on this Parliament that EPWP programmes aimed at removing aliens are only temporary measures containing further spread. Relaxation of these measures will result in aliens immediately reoccupying all infested areas as was pointed out to Minister Kader Asmal in 1996. Investment in biological control is the only solution to the long-term preservation of a unique resource. The programmes of the department were interrogated during the budget meeting and the committee was satisfied that the distribution of the budget between programmes was well considered. The *Land Use* referred to earlier represents the major legislative input by the department, possibly over the last two decades. It replaces the redundant Land Use Planning Ordinance promulgated in 1985 and various other redundant pieces of legislation, which will be repealed on approval of Lupa. This Bill thus consolidates legislation in the province pertaining to provincial planning, regional planning and development, urban and rural development and the regulation, support and monitoring of municipal planning. It comprehensively addresses spatial planning needs without compromising the mandates of different spheres of government and provides a matrix of principles to guide land use planning at all levels. A process which started in 1999, accommodated court rulings and changes in national legislation and survived political changes can now come to fruition.

The support given to municipalities across a wide range of environment related issues

has been effective, with issues ranging from spatial development frameworks, climate change strategies, waste management, air quality and riverine rehabilitation has been considerable and these activities are to be continued and expanded. The rehabilitation of the Berg River is one project with profound impacts. It will reduce the vulnerability of agricultural exports to river pollution and reinstate riparian zones. This project is to be extended to other major river areas and should continue to receive funding priority.

The department is also a major player in transverse projects such as a green economy, the enforcement of compliance with environmental legislation, climate change strategisation and others. Its dedication to support municipalities and other departments is conspicuous, and is to play a key role in the continued success of the Western Cape at all levels of government. The standing committee supports the appropriation to the department. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Die agb lid me Prins.

Me E PRINS: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Dit is moeilik om te praat nadat die ...
[Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Die Ministers goed gepraat het.

Me E PRINS: Nee, nadat die agb voorsitter van die komitee gepraat het.
[Tussenwerpsels.] Nietemin, die departement ondervind probleme met sy vermoë weens onbefondse poste en kantoorruimte vir die werkers, insluitend vergrote ondersteuning aan plaaslike regering [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Nee man, moet nou nie - jislaaik! Hoe kan jy dit sê?

Me E PRINS: Om bestendigheid in 'n knypende fiskale omgewing te behou, het die departement voorsien vir 'n algehele tekort aan personeel en om te besuinig op goedere en dienste. Mnr die Speaker, kan 'n mens dit glo? In die begrotingsoorwegings gee hierdie departement toe dat hy inderdaad begroot vir algemene tekorte aan personeel in die geheel. Dit is nou 'n departement wat jaarliks kerm en kla dat hy kritiese tekorte ondervind en talle onge vulde poste het. Hierdie situasie kom nou al vir jare aan en die departement is so tevrede daarmee. Hy maak somer vooruit voorsiening om nie poste te vul nie. Om hierdie departement se voordeur staan geskryf: "Vakatures onbeperk. Moenie aansoek doen nie. Ons stel nie aan nie."

Die algehele traagheid van die departement is duidelik om byvoorbeeld sy verteenwoordiging reg te kry en kundiges te werf om op te lei, asook om sy personeelgetalle reg te kry [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr E J VON BRANDIS: Watse verteenwoordiging?

Me E PRINS: Om die werk te laat vlot om sy mandaat uit te voer. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr E J VON BRANDIS: Is dit jou party se nuwe resitasies of wat?

Me E PRINS: Hy doen dit nie, omdat hy voltyds wil besuinig. Hy bou ook nie ...
[Tussenwerpsels.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Wat pla jou?

Me E PRINS: Hy bou ook nie aan sy begroting om hierdie agterstand uit te wis nie.
[Tussenwerpsels.] Nee, oor die mediumtermyn vir die volgende boekjaar, drie boekjare ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Waar val jy uit? [Onhoorbaar.]

Me E PRINS: ... bly die begroting so ongeveer 'n half miljard rand. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Moenie so seker wees nie, hoor [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me E PRINS: Wat ons nou sien, is verskonings, flou verskonings, terwyl daar belangrike werk is, soos om ons waterbronne te beskerm en ondanks die verslae dat veral ons strandmere en mondings bevuil is met gemors en rioolbesoedeling.
[Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: The pollution! [Interjections.]

Me E PRINS: Om van die haglike en kommerwekkende toestand van die Bergrivier nie eens te praat nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Nee, ek sal hom moet ... [Onhoorbaar.] [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me E PRINS: Die beheer van uitlaatgasse en omgewingsbestuur moet verskerp word. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ons biodiversiteit moet bewaar word. Afvalbestuur het ook meer aandag nodig omdat talle stortingsterreine steeds nie onder beheer of gelisensieer is nie. Besoedeling, ingesluit klank en reuke, moet voorkom word. Ekologiese agteruitgang moet gestop en omgekeer word. Die burokratiese rompslomp moet verminder en uitgeskakel word. Prosesse met beplanningstoestemming moet verhaas word om beleggings en ontwikkelaars aan te help en nie te ontmoedig nie - om maar 'n paar te noem.

Mnr die Speaker, dit lyk asof die departement steeds nie ernstig is om die departement se stiefkinders tot hulle reg te wil laat kom nie. Dit lyk asof die groen en blou polisie wat omgewingsake moet oppas maar so aan die agterspeen bly suig. Ten spyte daarvan word beplan om die groen ekonomie en toerisme met die omgewing te bevorder. Hoe is dit moontlik as die basiese goed nog nie ten volle onder beheer is nie, weens die tekorte met die talle vakatures?

In die vooruitsig vir die nuwe jaar is daar baie vrae, vae verwysings en talle is nie behoorlik omskryf nie. Die departement sal meer moet doen om die wetgewer aan sy kant te hou. Dit val ook baie vreemd op dat baie tyd bestee word om verskonings te soek om nie behuising of menslike nedersettings te verskaf nie. As dit net op die weg van beplanning geval het, kon dit makliker verstaan word, maar hierdie departement maak verskoning namens die Stad Kaapstad. Die provinsie verklaar nou hy kan dit nie bekostig om informele nedersettings in Kaapstad te verbeter nie. Dit sal die Stad glo R 19 miljard kos. Dit lyk asof die bevoegdhede van die twee vlakke van regering hier verweef geraak het. Die provinsie erken nou glo dat beskikbaarheid van grond sy

probleem is, naas die koste van die projek. Dit strook nie met die ander inligting nie, soos dat die Departement van Menslike Nedersettings verklaar het hy koop grond hiervoor op en dan het die provinsie nog nie vir ons vertel presies hoeveel grond en waar deur die provinsie en in die stad die grond beskikbaar is vir mense om te bewoon nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die ANC verwelkom die ondersoek na die neerlegging van gevaarlike vlakke van bakteriese organismes, ander voedingstowwe en landbou chemikalieë middels en aflope van waterweë. Die ANC vra dat meer gemeenskappe betrek en werk geskep word deur indringerplante met inheemse plante te vervang. Hierdie projek kan nie net in een gebied soos Harmon en Kluitjieskraal bestaan nie, maar moet ook na die hele provinsie uitgebrei word. Ons hoop die ingryping wat benodig word in die Bergrivier nie op die lange baan geplaas sal word nie, maar gou sal plaasvind sodat daar ook werkskepping kan wees om daardie belangrike wateraars van die provinsie te rehabiliteer.

Mnr die Speaker, die program van die voorkoming van geweld deur stedelike verbetering betrek net die munisipaliteite van Theewaterskloof, Drakenstein, Saldanhabaai, Swartland en die Breëriviervallei. Dit is nie duidelik hoekom hierdie vyf gekies is nie en hoekom dit nie wyer uitgebrei word nie. Oor die beheer van omgewingsgehalte word daar baie data in die vooruitsig gestel. Die een ding wat in die afgelope vyf jaar in hierdie raad genoem is, maar skynbaar nie behoorlik aandag gekry het nie, is die kwellende van talle inwoners in die provinsie oor slegte reuke soos met visverwerking langs die kuslyn en byvoorbeeld styselverwerking by die fabriek in Bellville. Dit lyk asof die departement nie voldoende tande het om sulke probleme

behoorlik aan te spreek nie.

Mnr die Speaker, die Wes-Kaapse natuurbewaringagentskap CapeNature moet ook weer onder die soeklig geplaas word. Dit sluk meer as die helfte van die departement se begroting in. Daar moet veral gekyk word na die waarde wat CapeNature toevoeg tot die provinsie as 'n geheel en hoe hy die aansienlike stukke grond onder sy beheer benut om ook inkomste te kan genereer in 'n provinsie wat groot baat by toerisme kan vind. Die bykans 30 bewaringsgebiede kan meer inbring om die bedryfskoste van die agentskap te help bestry. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr J J VISSER: Jy kan maar sit. Ons het genoeg gehoor. Jy kan maar sit. Daar gaan hy al weer. Daar gaan hy al weer.

Me E PRINS: Mnr die Speaker, daar is enkele items onder die betaling van die administrasie wat aandag nodig het. Dit is verdag waarom die advertensie-uitgawes skielik in die komende boekjaar meer as verdubbel word. Dit is ook opmerklik dat die begroting vir rekenaars bykans drievoudig gaan toeneem. Vermaak gaan bykans 50% meer kos. Die huur van sale en geriewe gaan met meer as 60% styg. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr J J VISSER: Dis nie Kersfees nie.

Me E PRINS: Meer as... Daar is R 650 miljoen meer begroot vir die betaling van konsultante. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Dis miljard, dis miljard.

Me E PRINS: Mnr die Speaker, daar is 'n slang in die gras. Volgens Tabel A 2.2 ...
[Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr R LENTIT: Vang hom! Vang hom! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me E PRINS: Op bladsy 401 van die begrotingsboek is dit 64.9% ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Die slang is ... [Onhoorbaar.] [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me E PRINS: ... meer as in die vorige boekjaar. Dit is twaalf keer beter, twaalf maal meer as die vorige tydperk. Mnr die Speaker, dit is duidelik dat daar meer aandag gegee moet word deur die LUR aan hierdie departement. Ons weet dat hierdie departement 'n baie komplekse departement is en dit lyk of hy in hierdie stadium afgeskeep word, en ek doen 'n beroep op die LUR om asseblief hierdie departement ernstig op te neem, want dit lyk of sy lojaliteit meer by 'local government' lê as by hierdie departement. Ek dank u.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie, agb lid me Prins. Die agb Minister Bredell.
[Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Is dit nou die slang wat my ... [Onhoorbaar.] [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Dis die slang wat ... [Onhoorbaar.] [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN
ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Speaker, ja. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: So baie slange!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN
ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Moet 'n mens rêrig antwoord?

Me E PRINS: Nee.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN
ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Speaker, ja. [Tussenwerpsels.] Die
Departement Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning doen ongelooflike werk. Ek
as Minister is verantwoordelik vir die span wat hier sit, en ek sit nie net hier omdat
hulle vandag hier sit nie, maar omdat ek geweldig bevoorreg is om met hulle te kan
saamwerk.

'n AGB LID: Ja, 'n goeie span.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: They are highly competent people, intelligent people,
and they have a passion for the environment. They have a passion for the Western
Cape, but they also have a passion for our country.

Almal in hierdie Huis kan dit waardeer. Ons kan daardie deel uit die politiek uithaal
en die amptenare rêrig die erkenning gee vir die werk wat hulle insit om ons

watervoorsiening en lugbesoedeling te beheer. Vullisverwydering was een van die aspekte, dink ek, wat ons as 'n provinsie erken ons so bietjie nagelaat het toe ons weggetrek het. Met die agterstand wat ons gekry het, het ons baie gefokus op die kwaliteit van lug en water, en ons het vir mekaar in die spieël gekyk en gesê, “die vullis gaan ons byt”, maar ons is baie vinnig om met Eddie en sy span te werk om die agterstand en die lisensiëring van ons stortingsterreine in ons munisipaliteite aan te spreek. Ek is verras dat die ANC dit nie opgetel het nie, so Mike, ja, baie dankie kollega, en die voorsitter van die staande komitee die afgelope vyf jaar. Dit was ook 'n voorreg om saam met jou te werk. Ek dink elkeen van jou toesprake het ons so 'n bietjie teruggevat na universiteitdae toe en so 'n les gegee in biodiversiteit. Die helfte van die mense het seker nie aldag verstaan waarvan u praat nie, maar baie dankie vir al u insette. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ek dink aan ons departement. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek dink as departement, mnr die Speaker, verstaan ons dat die ekonomie in die verlede rêrig gegaan het oor grond, mense en kapitaal, about land, people and capital.

For current success it will be all about water, energy and food, and this is the department where that will happen. I think that is why it is so important to build a very competent team, and I can promise the people of the Western Cape and their children that their lives are in safe hands.

Mnr die Speaker, die Grondwet verseker ons inwoners van skoon lug en skoon water en natuurlik is dit eerste prioriteit, maar ek wil tog oorgaan, ek wil oorgaan na die agb lid me Prins en wat sy gesê het en ek wil vir haar verseker dat ons sal alles in ons vermoë doen ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

Mnr E J VON BRANDIS: Luister nou!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons sal alles in ons vermoë doen om skoon lug en skoon water te verseker, maar ons kan nie net soos 'n klomp 'cowboys' inhardloop en fabrieke toemaak nie.

So if there is a transgression we will move in and in that field I think the Department of Environmental Affairs and my ministry - sal getuig daarvan, het ons 'n paar Lukeys, agb Minister. Ons het 'n paar Lukeys wat vir ons redelik besig hou, want dit is mense wat baie kortsigtig kyk en dink jy gaan net toemaak en die probleem moet verdwyn. Daar is mense wat werk vir daardie fabrieke, so jy beweeg in en jy gaan toets, want ons moet ook as 'n departement ons saak in die hof kan verdedig. Jy werk saam met industrie om binne die normale waardes of internasionale standaarde te kom, en daar is daaglikse pogings om dit te doen. Ja, u gebied, Oudtshoorn is een van ons sondebokke. Daar is 'n paar fabrieke. Ons is bewus van hulle, maar ons gaan nie toemaak nie, wat ons kyk ook na die ekonomie van 'n dorp soos Oudtshoorn.

Me E PRINS: Boetes, boetes.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Boetes is nie altyd die oplossing nie. As ek die nasionale tesourie kan oorreed dat ons ons boetes terugsit om reg te maak wat verkeerd is en dat dit nie net in 'n fiskus 'gedump' word nie, sal dit vir my sin maak, maar tans maak dit nie vir my sin nie, want jy beboet iemand maar dit kom nie terug

om die omgewing reg te maak nie.

Ja, ons sal altyd kla oor befondsing, maar ek wil vir u sê omdat ons werk met 'n bekwame span doen hulle die maksimum met die fondse wat ons het, want dit is ook 'n verantwoordelikheid wat ons het. Ons moet dit doen, mnr die Speaker, omdat op die huidige oomblik weet ons almal daar was 'n geweldige agterstand wat ons geërf het - the backlog that we have inherited on education, on health, on safety and obviously we must first build that. We will keep on asking for more and try to do more with less.

Die waterbronne, ons is indringend besig om te kyk na ons waterbronne. Weer eens dink ek dit is een van die suksesverhale in die provinsie, die Bergrivier se rehabilitasieplan, en natuurlik is Dr Leaner en haar span reeds besig om te kyk na die Olifantsrivier, die Breërivier, ander systrome waarna ons na moet kyk, maar net om vir die Huis 'n idee te gee, was die plan wat ons goedgekeur het vir die Bergrivier, mnr die Speaker, 'n plan van R 500 miljoen. Ons het baie innoverende denke van hierdie span sowel as al ons ander departemente wat gevra het, wat die groot besoedelaars is. Dit is rioolwerke wat nie op standaard is nie. Dus het plaaslike regering met sy MIG-program baie vinnig Franschhoek se riool gekanaliseer na Wemmershoek; het baie vinnig gegaan en in Stellenbosch nuwe rioolwerke gebou; is baie vinnig besig om in Wellington een te bou, en net daardie aspek alleen gaan die kwaliteit en die E. coli telling in die rivier baie verbeter. Ek is oortuig daarvan, maar ook daarmee saam het ons met Minister Madikizela - ek wil amper sê, we have partnered with housing to say: "Listen, the informal settlements next to the river that does not have services, that is also a polluter", and they are busy with housing schemes there and trying to uplift the people there. Simultaneously we have worked with a culture to look at the pesticides and the nutrients that are being used by farmers, and they are busy with a

plotting system, a GOS-system; waardeur ons departement dan in staat gestel gaan word om te weet wat die verskillende boerdery-aktiwiteite is en sodoende sal ons departement ook 'n groot bydrae kan lewer. Die waterafvloei na die Bergrivier sal dan ook op standaard kan kom. Deur al hierdie departemente saam te bind en te betrek, mnr die Speaker, is hoe ons dan met min fondse regtig baie doen. Ons besef die besoedeling is krities. Ons besef daar moet 'n geweldige poging aangewend word, want werkskepping hang af van die sukses van hierdie program.

Die beskikbaarheid van grond verstaan ek nie lekker nie. Ek het daar iets gemis, agb lid me Prins. Die beskikbaarheid van grond van ons departement se kant - with our PSDF is never an issue. There is enough land for housing. [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Daar is hy. Daar is hy. Sê dit daar vir jou LUR.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: There is enough land for housing in the Western Cape. It was never my colleague's case that there is not enough land. There will be enough land. We must just utilise the land and we will get it right.

An HON MEMBER: There it is. Do you hear that, hey?

Ms L BROWN: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: En dan, mnr die Speaker ...[Tussenwerpsels.] ...

ons gaan ook van die WPUU 'n sukses maak. CapeNature het 'n passie vir wat hulle doen en is 'n entiteit wat deur diep waters is. Dit is 'n entiteit wat ek dink sy kop gaan optel en onder die leiding van ons nuwe hoof uitvoerende beampte CapeNature tot nuwe hoogtes sal stuur. Ons sal haar ondersteun sover moontlik. Ons het 'n baie lekker span wat ook geïntegreerd saam gaan werk om van CapeNature 'n sukses te maak, want CapeNature se sukses sal die biodiversiteit van die Wes-Kaap vir nageslagte verseker.

Die slang in die gras ... [Tussenwerpsels.] Die slang in die gras weet ek nie van nie. Daar is seker baie in die veld, maar mnr die Speaker, namens myself, namens my - ja, wil ek my Ministerie dankie sê en ook die departement, al die kollegas. Dit was 'n voorreg om saam met julle te werk en ons hoop dat in die volgende termyn ons al ons drome kan waar maak. Baie dankie.

'n AGB LID: Mooi.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this vote. I am looking at the Chief Whip.

Me A ROSSOUW: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek wil voorstel dat Begrotingspos 2 nou voorrang geniet en dat ons dit eers hanteer voordat ons verdaag vir ete.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Daar is 'n voorstel dat ons voorrang verleen aan

Begrotingspos 2, met ander woorde dit is Dagorder nommer 5. Geen beswaar?

Gedgekeur.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before we read the next Order let us allow a little bit of time for the bays to be cleared please. [Interjections.] Okay, Order! Order! The Secretary will read the fifth Order of the Day.

5. Debate on Vote 2 - Provincial Parliament - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Speaker. Speaker, Mr Majola.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce the provincial budget for 2014/2015. As this is the final budget for the current parliamentary term it is important to lay a solid foundation for the new parliamentary term, which will in all probability commence during the latter part of May this year.

I would firstly like to highlight a few achievements over the past five years. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: As the members are aware parliament had some challenges in the filling of vacancies, which led to the underspending in the previous years. The filling of vacancies was accelerated over the last two years. Committees for example are nearly fully capacitated and information technology has for the first time a full

complement of staff. This would definitely translate into a better service delivery for our clients. In collaboration with the legislative support programme and Palama, members of the provincial parliament participated in the capacity building programme. The parliament has migrated from PwC network to our own network, and although this brought some challenges the last few years has seen the network stabilise, which resulted in the improvement of internet and email services, including the WiFi connectivity and access. The parliament even provides members with mobile technology in the form of tablets and computers. The website has proved to be a challenge for the WCPP, but will see a new launch of the website by the end of this financial year.

Corporate governance has always been rated high in the WCPP and we received clean audit reports for all the years except the last financial year. Last year parliament received an unqualified report with one financial and material finding on performance and information. The WCPP have put control measures in place to deal with the financial finding and in respect of the usefulness of performance.

Mr Deputy Speaker, safety at the legislature building is still one of our challenges. It has been given a more accordant approach by all stakeholders, as required. Although certain measures were put in place like the installation of close television cameras and more visible policing on the parameters of the legislature building, it still has serious challenges to access to the building and the security on the various floors and garages.

An HON MEMBER: Have you seen Carlisle.

The SPEAKER: Provincial parliament, in collaboration with all the role-players ...
[Interjections.]

Ms M TINGWE: Access into this building.

The SPEAKER: ... need to address this matter as agents. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: A moral lecture from ...
[Inaudible.] ... the mask of morality.

Mr P UYS: Yes, he is speaking to you, yes.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: By contract.

The SPEAKER: I am committed to ensure that the provincial parliament fulfils its constitutional obligations.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Toilets broken.

The SPEAKER: The following strategic goals will guide us in this process: procedural and related support to the House and its committees.

An HON MEMBER: And that look?

An HON MEMBER: But you must first get people ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Sound administrative support to members and stakeholders; corporate support to members and staff; optimal involvement of stakeholders in our processes. 2014/15 had seen modest increase from the revised estimate across all programmes over the MTEF period as follows: Administration: increase of 5.46%; facilities for members and political parties: increase of 6.2%; parliamentary services: increase by 4.42%; compensation of employees has increased by 6.9 %, R 40 million from the revised 2013/2014 estimate of R 39.939 million. [Interjections.] The reason for the increase is to make provision for improvement of conditions of service as well as the performance notch increase over the MTEF.

Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, provision was made for contract posts in critical operational areas to ensure effective and efficient operations and to improve the overall performance of the WCPP. The goods and services budget has decreased by 6.69 mainly due to the finalisation of once-off expenditure projects for which additional funding was allocated during the 2013/2014 financial year. Transfer and subsidies increased by 4.45%. Departmental agencies and accounts decreased by 88.96% due to the purchasing of the additional pool of vehicles from the government motor transport in the 2013/2014 financial year. Payment to political parties increased by 5.25%. Payments for capital assessed decreased by 33.75% due to the finalisation of once-off expenditure projects for which additional funding was allocated during the 2013/2014 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, you may note that the parliament has not received an additional budget with regards to existing and incoming members after the elections. Furthermore, no additional funding was given for the establishment of the WCPP's own audit function.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is right, yes.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, there is new financial management legislation that will affect the provincial parliament currently before the national parliament. This legislation requires that all legislatures migrate from the accrual account system. Parliament has requested funding for the accrual financial system, but it has not been forthcoming.

'n AGB LID: Sjoe!

The SPEAKER: The provincial treasurer, however, has undertaken to re-look the budget and the adjustment appropriation for 2014. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, a slush fund.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is important that we do not forget the vital importance of this institution. I therefore encourage hon members to support this vote. I thank you.

Ms L BROWN: Hear, hear, Mr Speaker. I will support you on that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Mr Speaker. Die agb lid me Rossouw.

Me A ROSSOUW: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dit is vir my vandag 'n spesiale voorreg dat ek weer vanjaar, maar ook vir die laaste keer, ter ondersteuning van hierdie begrotingspos aan die debat kan deelneem. Hoewel daar slegs 'n inflasieverwante aanpassing gemaak is in die begroting waardeur ons dit dat die fondse verantwoordelik verdeel is en dat spandering daarvan op sodanige wyse geskied dat ons die afgelope aantal jare kan spog met skoon oudits en toekennings as een van die beste departemente.

Ons neem met kommer kennis van die daling in die bedrag wat bewillig is vir veiligheid en sekuriteit. Gedurende die laaste paar aantal Reëlkomiteevergaderings is daar intens besin oor die manier waarop sekuriteit hanteer behoort te word. Omdat ons die gebou met die regering deel, moet 'n toepaslike sekuriteitsplan daargestel word om die buitengewone en uitsonderlike situasie te hanteer. Die aanstel van 'n persoon met die nodige en gespesialiseerde kundigheid om uitsluitlik die veiligheid en sekuriteit van ons parlamentsgebou, lede en personeel te verseker, sal in die nuwe termyn dringend aandag moet geniet.

This parliament is a national security key point, but it is difficult to treat it as such because of our location. The provincial parliament of the Western Cape is most probably the only parliament in the world where parliament and government are accommodated in the same building. To accommodate the legislature and government in the same building influence effective management, safety and responsibility in a

negative way.

Moontlik is die enigste haalbare oplossing dat ons ons gebou sal onderverdeel sodat die regering aan die een kant en die provinsiale parlement in die ander gedeelte van die gebou kan geakkommodeer word. Onderzoek na hierdie voorstel en ander opsies sal so spoedig moontlik in die nuwe termyn dringend ondersoek moet word en aanbevelings sal gedoen moet word. Ons is realisties genoeg om te besef dat 'n nuwe gebou nie noodwendig die oplossing sal wees nie. Die behoefte om meer en groter kantoorruimte moet ernstig aandag geniet en die beplanning daarvoor sal moet geskied. Die vergrote spasie is nodig om die bykomende funksies van die ondersteuningspersoneel vir die parlement en sy lede te akkommodeer, en groter komiteekamers het 'n al groter wordende behoefte geword.

Ons werksaamhede het mettertyd uitgebrei sedert ons werksaamhede twintig jaar gelede hier begin het en dit het tot gevolg dat as gevolg van ons begroting wat nie na wense miskien aangepas is nie, ons kontrakposte moet skep omdat hulle nie op die permanente personeelstaat kan kom nie. Ons waardeer ook die kiesafdelingstoelae en sekretariële begrotings wat aan die onderskeie partye toegeken is. Fondse wat beskikbaar is vir ons oorsigaktiwiteite om die verantwoordelikheid ten opsigte van openbare deelname en die belangrikheid daarvan te hanteer, word met vrug aangewend in ons onderskeie kiesafdelings. Ek dink ons kan met reg sê ons is as Wes-Kaap dankbaar vir hierdie geleentheid om ons provinsiale parlement aan ons kiesers bekend te stel.

Dis verblydend dat die parlementêre dienste die tydige elektroniese weergawe van

Hansard nou gevestig het. Die bewaring van 'n stel harde kopieë netjies gebind sal 'n goeie belegging wees om ook as een bron te dien om ons instelling se geskiedenis op 'n netjiese manier te kan bewaar. Ons sien uit na die aktivering van ons nuwe webwerf soos die Speaker nou net genoem het en vertrou dat dit vir almal toeganklik sal wees. Die daaglikse instandhouding en byhou van data sal egter 'n uiterste belangrike rol speel om hierdie webwerf sinvol te maak. Sedert die eerste demokratiese verkiesing is daar heelwat noemenswaardige stukke wetgewing in hierdie Huis goedgekeur. Die Wes-Kaap was die eerste provinsie wat 'n eie provinsiale taalwet gehad het iets waarop ons tereg baie trots kan wees omdat ons die belangrikheid van die beskerming van ons tale as 'n belangrike item gesien het.

Other noteworthy acts which have been passed during my period here at parliament are our Provincial Schools Education Law in 1994; our Constitution, the Western Cape Constitution in 1997; our Provincial Honours Act in 1999, an act which should again be taken in cognisance of honouring those who have made a worthy contribution to our province and its people.

Ek dink dit is 'n wet wat ons regtigwaar nie ten volle gebruik nie.

The *Western Cape Procurement Act* - wat ons in 2010 aanvaar het - and the *Western Cape Community Safety Act* - is van die wette wat van belang was wat ons in hierdie tydperk hanteer het. Dit is sekerlik die heel besigste tydperk nog wat die hantering van wetgewing betref in ons hele termyn en beslis ook in die 20 jaar wat ek deel is van hierdie instelling. Die komiteeafdeling was puik in die totale hantering van ons besoeke van komitees en komiteevergaderings. Mnr die Speaker, ons is trots op die

hele span wat in die komiteeafdeling is en in die wyse waarop hulle ons ondersteun het en sal jaloers wees, alhoewel ek nie hier sal wees nie, as hierdie komiteepersoneel ander groen weivelde gaan soek. Ek vra vir u kyk asseblief, of vir die nuwe span wat hier gaan oorneem, kyk asseblief na ons komiteeafdeling.

Om die Huis se wetgewende verpligting optimaal te laat funksioneer, is alle politieke partye se goeie samewerking onontbeerlik. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, hierdie parlement is as wetgewer verplig om volgens ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Ja, ons sal mooi na hulle kyk!

Me A ROSSOUW: ... om volgens die Grondwet sinvolle en voorskriftelike aandag te gee aan voorgestelde wetgewing wat deur die Nasionale Raad van Provinsies hierheen verwys word. Nadat wetgewing na 'n komitee verwys is deur die Speaker moet 'n deeglike en wetlike proses gevolg word om te verseker dat al die implikasies van die wetgewing deeglik oorweeg is en dat grondwetlike vereistes ten opsigte van onder andere openbare verhore geskied het.

Helaas is 20 stukke nasionale wetgewing, 20 wetsontwerpe, eers aan die begin van die jaaraan die provinsies voorgelê vir afhandeling. Daar was net eenvoudig nie genoegsame tyd om hierdie voorgeskrewe siklus van ses weke te volg nie. Die manier waarop President Zuma en die ANC poog om wetgewing te stoomroller voor die verkiesing, waarvan sommige drastiese implikasies het vir die betrokke rolspelers wat daardeur geraak gaan word, is nie billik nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Daar is ernstige grondwetlike implikasies met betrekking tot die neiging om alles te wil sentraliseer.

[Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Ek en julle! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Maar nou is dit ek, man ...[Onhoorbaar.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Soos byvoorbeeld die PAN-wet en die Wetsontwerp op dieOntwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleumhulpbronne ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms M TINGWE: Just make it do ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Me A ROSSOUW: ... om maar net twee te noem. [Tussenwerpsels.] Daar word dikwels na ons verwys, na die DA verwys deur ons kollegas aan die oorkant, dat ons - we want to close the democratic space.

'n AGB LID: Dit is absoluut waar.

Me A ROSSOUW: Maar hier is 'n absolute voorbeeld van hoe die ANC die demokratiese spasie ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: You know how. [Interjections.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Wat is die haas dat hierdie wette voor 7 Mei afgehandel moet word? [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms M TINGWE: That is what we hear ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And you know that also.

Me A ROSSOUW: Om net 'n voorbeeld te noem, die wetsontwerp oor petroleumprodukte is op Vrydag, 14 Maart, ter tafel gelê. Dit is ingedien sonder dat ons in kennis gestel is dat daar al Maandag voorleggings moes gewees het. Dit kon nie gereël word nie, want dit was nie so gekommunikeer op die korrekte wyse nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Daar was veronderstel - ja, met die voorligtingssessies. Wie moes hierdie reëlings tref? [Tussenwerpsels.] Die petroleumproduktewetgewing is 'n ongelooflik belangrike stuk wetgewing wat mense raak wat hulle deeglik daarvoor moet voorberei. Daar is nie 'n manier hoe jy ordentlik vir mense kan vra om 'n voorlegging te kom maak by 'n openbare verhoor nie. Twee dae later moet die tussentydse - wat is dit - die 'negotiating mandate' ingedien word en teen 25 Maart moet die finale mandaat reeds ingedien word. Waarmee is ons besig en wat is ons besig om toe te smeer? Deur slegs twaalf dae daarvoor toe te laat in plaas van die voorskriftelike 28 tot 42 dae is nie net onreëlmatig nie ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... maar toon die totale ... [Onhoorbaar.] ...wat die ANC het vir ons Grondwet ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... en die grondwetlike rol van die Nasionale Raad van Provinsies en die verantwoordelikheid wat elke provinsie in hierdie opsig het.

Ms M TINGWE: Amandla!

Me A ROSSOUW: Rolspelers het reeds hulle grondwetlike besware oor sommige van hierdie wetsontwerpe op skrif gestel. Ek haal aan uit 'n skrywe wat ontvang is:

“The NCOP is required to ensure that the potentially affected section of the population was given a reasonable opportunity to have a say. We are instructed to place on record our clients’ objection to the process. The hearings are being held or indeed have been held at extremely short notice. The hearings have not been widely advertised in order to elicit the participation of women ...”

Julle kan aflei watter wetsontwerp hier ter sprake is:

“...and the scheduling of hearings undermines our clients’ constitutional rights to participate in the process of the bill, thus undermining our democracy. The haste at which the hearing has been held, prejudiced our clients in relation to both the quality of the submissions that can be prepared and submitted and the ability to organise women to attend and to participate in the hearings...”

Om die sinvolheid van openbare deelname te verseker, sal daar dus indringend aandag gegee moet word aan wat ons werklikwaar wil bereik met openbare verhore. Wil ons 'n massa mense by hierdie geleentheid hê net om te kan sê ons het 'n verhoor gehad ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... of is die kuns om te bepaal wie ons werklik daar wil hê, want ek kan getuig, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dat ons personeel moeite gedoen het om al die rolspelers in kennis te stel. Ek kan net vir u noem dat met die ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me L BROWN: Die politici moet dit ... [Onhoorbaar.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Met die PAN wet het van die eerste mense wat daar aangekom het, voordat hulle nog gevra het wat is daar en hoe werk die prosedure, gevra wat daar is om te eet, en as die gehoor om daardie rede ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Waar is dit nou?

Me L BROWN: Waar was dit gewees?

'n AGB LID: Waar?

Me A ROSSOUW: Ek was daar.

Me L BROWN: [Onhoorbaar.] Mense moet nie hier eet nie.

'n AGB LID: Nee man! Moenie sulke goed praat nie ...[Onhoorbaar.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Ek was daar. [Tussenwerpsels.] Dus kollegas, ek wil vir u sê as dit die moeite is wat met openbare verhore gedoen word om insette te kry ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Dit is nie vir kos nie, man.

Me A ROSSOUW: Ongelukkig weet ons wie die mense is wat dit gevra het.

Me L BROWN: Maar is dit die probleem ... [Onhoorbaar.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Om 'n saal vol mense ... [Tussenwerpsels.] Moenie 'n klug daarvan maak nie. Moenie 'n grap maak van iets wat werklikwaar ernstig is nie, agb lid me Brown.

Ms L BROWN: It is horrible to say people come to eat and not come for democracy issues. [Interjections.]

Ms A ROSSOUW: But that is what they asked, that is what they asked. [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Dis hoe ... [Onhoorbaar.] [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: That is true.

Ms A ROSSOUW: If you were there, hon member Ms Brown, you would have heard what they were saying.

Ms L BROWN: That is terrible.

Me A ROSSOUW: Nee, nee. Moenie my woorde omdraai nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms L BROWN: No! [Interjections.] That is terrible.

Me A ROSSOUW: Ek doen 'n ernstige beroep daaroor, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ons

het ook in die Reëlskomitee die Estetiese Komitee gehad wie se rol dit was om te kyk of ons nie ons geskiedenis, ten minste van hierdie parlement, op een of ander manier kon uitgestal kry, sodat ons dit kan toon vir die gemeenskappe wanneer hulle hierheen kom en die publiek dit ook kan ervaar nie. Ek is regtig spyt dat ons moet sê ons het eintlik nie ver gevorder daarmee nie. Dit sal vir my belangrik wees as ons die geskiedenis, al is dit dan net die geskiedenis vanaf die begin van 1994 toe ons 'n nuwe bestel begin het ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... in hierdie parlement op die een of ander manier tentoongestel kan word.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, hoe sê mens dankie vir 20 jaar wat jy jou kiesers, ongeag van hulle politieke verbintenis, kon dien met die hoofdoel om van Suid-Afrika 'n voorbeeld van 'n goeie regering te maak? In die 20 jaar van diens aan my mede-Suid-Afrikaners en veral die Wes-Kapenaars was daar partykeer interessante eerstes. Ek herinner my nog - miskien sal agb lid me Brown nog onthou - van die Reëlskomiteevergaderingss wat ons reg aan die begin gehad het. Dit het net gegaan oor wat is die kleredrag wat ons moet aantrek, reëlsvergadering op reëlsvergadering, en dames is nie toegelaat om langbroeke te dra nie. Mans was nie toegelaat om sonder 'n baadjie of das in hierdie Huis in te kom nie. Eintlik was 'n pak die voorkeur, maar soos te verwagte het die drag van ons eerste president, president Nelson Mandela, die Huis uiteindelik laat toegee dat tradisionele drag of minder formele drag ook aanvaar sal word. [Tussenwerpsels.] Maar dit het nie gebeur voordat die eerste persoon wat ooit uit hierdie Huis gestuur is, gevra is om die Huis te verlaat, juis die Huis moes verlaat weens onbehoorlike drag nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Mettertyd, en dit is die ironie ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Stuur hom uit.

Me A ROSSOUW: ... van die geskiedenis van die verlede. Mettertyd het ons ook ander konvensies hier geleer. Dit was nogal iets vir my aan die begin wat ek sal onthou. Tydens begrotingsdebatte het lede dikwels ook sake wat hulle graag uit hulle kiesafdelings wou geopper het, by die begrotingsdebatte inbring ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Mooi, dis reg so.

Me A ROSSOUW: En ek dink ons het daardie tradisie verloor. Dan het ons ook dikwels - ek wys nie die vinger na enige Minister nie ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Wys jy net een, wys sommer almal.

Me A ROSSOUW: Maar ook baie keer is daar vrae in 'n begrotingsdebat gevra en is die gebruik half gevestig, dat wanneer 'n lid - die uitvoerende lid - nie 'n lid ten volle kon antwoord nie, daardie lid op skrif 'n antwoord gekry het, en ek dink dit is 'n goeie gebruik wat 'n mens regtigwaar kan behou. Ek onthou nog soos gister my eerste toespraak hier in die Huis, toe my ouers op die galery gesit het. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Toemaar, ons gaan nog baie skree hier.

Me A ROSSOUW: My pa was self 'n lid in hierdie Huis in die vorige bedeling en van jongs af was hy vir my 'n mentor, nog lank voordat ek - ekskuus tog, dat ek gedroom het dat ek die pad sou loop om eendag in hierdie Huis te kon sit. My pa se belangstelling in die politiek het my bygebly en hy het tot twee jaar gelede toe hy

oorlede is, nog aktief sy deel op sy manier bygedra. Wat ek by hom geleer het, is sy passie, sy toewyding om as verteenwoordiger maar ook as gewone lid van die gemeenskap met waardigheid op te tree. ek wil vandag vir u vra, ons wat hier sit, ongeag watter politieke party ons is, om regtigwaar elke dag daardie voorbeeld as politieke verteenwoordigers vir ons kiesers daar buite te wees. Dit is miskien iets wat ons aan ernstig moet dink omdat ons dikwels in diskrediet gebring word deur ons optrede in die media.

Aan my kollegas aan die oorkant van die Huis, van julle het die pad saam met my geloop van die begin af. Saam met julle, party van julle saam met my in die Nasionale Party en toe met die Demokratiese Alliansie. Daarna het ons hier op 'n dag besluit ons paadjies skei en elkeen het sy keuse uitgebring om te besluit wat is die beste roete vir hom of haar om van Suid-Afrika die beste plek te maak. Menige kere het ek en die agb lid me Witbooi saam die stofpaaie aangedurf om te werk en ons kiesers te bedien. Later het die gee van 'n sakkie skorsies van een van ons kiesers wat ons altwee graag aan ons kant van die draad wou gehad het, tot opslae gemaak hier in die Huis omdat ons hom graag elkeen by ons wou gehad het omdat hy so 'n hardewerkende aktivis was.

Agb lid me Brown, ons is die twee wat die langste oorleef in hierdie parlement. Die passie waarmee jy jou kiesers dien, is vir my bewonderingswaardig. Ek wil vir u sê dankie vir die voorbeeld wat u stel, hoe u u gemeenskap se saak in hierdie Huis kom stel, want dit is hoe ons as politici moet wees. Saam het ons onder verskeie Premiers in hierdie Huis gedien, Hernus Kriel, Gerald Morkel, Pieter Marais, Marthinus Van Schalkwyk, Ebrahim Rassool, Lynne Brown en nou Helen Zille. Elkeen het sy eie styl

gehad en oor elkeen kan ons ons eie storie vertel. Ons huidige Premier het darem nog in hierdie stadium die vloek van Leeuwenhof besweer deur haar termyn hopelik eervol uit te dien. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Dan wil ek graag aan die personeel van die wetgewer, mnr Hindley en al u personeel dankie sê vir die ondersteuning wat julle aan my persoonlik, maar aan ons as lede bied. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Ek sê mos. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me A ROSSOUW: Ek dink ons is dikwels miskien onregverdig, baie krities, spreek ons uit op maniere wat ons nie bedoel nie, maar ek weet elkeen van julle wil vir ons op julle manier ondersteun sodat ons die beste kan gee vir ons gemeenskap. [Tussenwerpsels.] Dan wil ek ons kookus, my kookuspersoneel, dankie sê vir hulle ondersteuning wat hulle aan elkeen van ons gebied het. [Tussenwerpsels.] Om vir 20 jaar te kon oorleef in hierdie instelling moes partye vertrou in jou gehad het. Dankie. Dankie dat ek dit solank hier kon doen. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms M TINGWE: Listen now please!

Me A ROSSOUW: Dat ek so lank die geleentheid gehad het om my gemeenskap te dien. Laastens wil ek graag in sy afwesigheid vir my man Casper dankie sê vir die 20 jaar en dat hy nie een dag in my pad gestaan het nie, maar my eerder aangemoedig het om hierdie taak te doen. Sonder sy volgehoue onderskraging sou ek lankal tou opgegooi het.

Ms M TINGWE: Oh yes.

Me A ROSSOUW: Na 8 Mei sal ek aan hom al my aandag gee en ek wens vir elkeen van julle seënwense toe, vir u wat hier gaan sit op die banke of miskien daar oorkant by die groot parlement. Ek wil vir u sê dat dit wat ons in hierdie vyf jaar van ons termyn hier geleer het, elkeen van ons 'n ander mens gemaak het, en ek hoop 'n beter mens gemaak het. Gaan pas dit toe in julle lewe wat vir julle voorlê.

Ek dank u.

'n AGB LID: Mooi! [Applous]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Baie dankie, agb lid me Rossouw. Die agb lid mnr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. En ek wil ook vir die agb lid me Rossouw dankie sê, maar ons sal dit later doen, vir die rol wat sy gespeel het. Sy het dit van 94 af vir ons gaan haal en deurgetrek, en ek dink sy het wye ondervinding opgedoen van wat hier gebeur en nie gebeur het nie, maar ek wil een ding by sê en dit is oor die rol wat haar pa gespeel het, en daarvan kan ek getuig. Ek dink hy het 'n besondere belangrike rol gespeel, nie net in haar lewe nie maar in ander mense se lewens ook.

Mr Deputy Speaker, at the first Rules Committee meeting after the election of the new Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Speaker proposed and motivated a motion to limit the executive authority of the Speaker by diluting the powers and

functions in a so-called governing board, a board proposed to take over the executive powers of the Speaker. Meeting after meeting, Mr Deputy Speaker, time was wasted on this, discussions not getting to the real important and neglected issues of this legislature. It now seems clear that this was a futile exercise as the Speaker must be the executive authority, also confirmed by the draft legislation that we will consider next week.

Linked to this we had the Deputy Secretary to the parliament appointed and seconded as Secretary, with the position of Deputy Secretary still vacant for years and still up to now. Mr Speaker, you expect the Secretary to be both Secretary and Deputy Secretary or other staff members to stand in while they are overburdened. This is totally wrong, Mr Speaker, towards Mr Hindley and other staff and the legislature as a whole. Mr Deputy Speaker, in 2009 you and your office committed yourself to strategically look at our spaces used and to improve your relationship with Public Works and to protect the space and integrity of the legislature's precinct. To do this you admitted that the only way to keep Public Works Minister Carlisle to joint agreements is by putting a service level agreement in place.

An HON MEMBER: That is true.

Mr P UYS: This did not happen. It is very clear that the Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, Secretary or even the Rules Committee is not acknowledged or in the loop with Public Works on construction on this site. Further to this, the staff complement has grown with no new accommodation space that has become available, but an erosion of the space and precinct of this legislature is taking place daily. Still today, no service level

agreement between the Department of Transport and Public Works and the provincial legislature has been reached. That is saying a lot of the leadership that we have, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Closely linked to the building and accommodation is the ongoing absence of a Western Cape provincial legislature security plan. The situation is more pressing as the legislature precinct is a national key point. People can come and go as they wish in the building with a real risk of security breaches, loss of assets and safety concerns.

Mr Speaker, the provincial legislature has regressed from clean audit to unqualified with findings. Some of the matters that must be attended to include the following: material misstatement in financial statements and incomplete assets registers; management did not fully consider the criteria of good performance indicators and targets; management did not consider implementing the best practice for strategic plans and the APP; goods procured from suppliers who did not have tax clearance from SARS; the absence of a formal monitoring and evaluation framework; inadequate application of the GRAP standards.

The organisational structure, Mr Deputy Speaker, of the staff in the legislature has been changed many a time in a very *ad hoc* way, and you will know that we complained around that process. To amend the organisational structure clear guidelines for organisational development and the process followed must be established. Mr Speaker, what process will be followed to achieve this and by when?

Mr Speaker, this legislature was established as a key arm of democracy and

constitutional obligations to make laws, exercise oversight and ensure the involvement of the citizens in legislative processes. Since 1994 particular emphasis is placed on the oversight role of legislatures. A South African legislative sector oversight model was developed. The aim is to see the model being incorporated in the overall oversight function of South African legislatures, including this provincial legislature. The model is expected to contribute immensely to conducting effective oversight by the legislature over the executive. This will result in enhancement of service delivery and improved quality of life for all South Africans. This legislature is expected to start by implementing a standard model and this should be followed by adjusting the standard rules to support prescripts of the model and to develop oversight legislation, but Mr Deputy Speaker, in the 2010/11 budget of the legislature this House was told by the Speaker and Secretary that the oversight model specific for the legislature will be finalised by March 2011. Year on year no progress has been made and the Rules Committee were informed in 2013 and now this year that the oversight model is still at EXCO - that is the Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, and senior staff - for consideration. It is very unfortunate that the legislature still do not have an approved and implemented oversight model.

Mr Deputy Speaker, closely related to the oversight model is a communication strategy website, public relation strategy, social media plan, public participation strategy and public education and outreach plan. Of importance – to the shame of this legislature under the DA and after many years of promises - that there is still no communication strategy. No website, and I am happy to hear that there will be a website next week, after there will not be any more members in this sitting here, or policy for the website. No public relations strategy, no social media plan, no public

participation strategy, and no annual public education and outreach plan.

Although we have seen the part implementation of the remuneration study, and I welcome that, there is still a challenge attracting and retaining personnel for the legislature. Human resource delegations and the formal performance management framework for legal services must still be put in place. Mr Deputy Speaker, research that provided for the technical and content knowledge requirements of members and committees must be established, and the long outstanding valuation of valuable paintings and an inventory of heritage assets and a heritage strategy must be put in place. That has also been coming for a long time and that is also now been put on hold.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the legislature may and must determine and control its internal arrangements, proceedings and procedures and make rules and orders concerning its business. Mr Speaker, when this House or committee request people to attend meetings, business must be conducted in a credible, dignified manner.

Mr Speaker, on the 28 February 2014 people were invited to attend the meeting of Scopa on Monday, the 17th of March 2014, with a notice requesting their presence at nine o'clock. Mr Speaker, Scopa then proceeded with their meeting at eight o'clock and by 08:30, Mr Deputy Speaker, very strange, already decided that the people that was requested to be at the meeting by nine o'clock be summonsed to Scopa at a later date, and I was one of those members. How can you in writing, signed, invite a person to be present at the meeting at nine o'clock, proceed at eight o'clock, conclude it at half past eight, immediately decide before half past eight to summons members to a next meeting and nine o'clock must still come?

An HON MEMBER: The DA is ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: It is very strange and there must be something wrong, something politically wrong with ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: With Scopa?

Mr P UYS: ... what happened there.

Ms L BROWN: The DA's agenda.

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, is this not directly undermining the integrity of the House and undermining the integrity of Scopa? We had hon member Mr Geyer and the hon member Mr Wiley even going out in press releases in this regard, and I think it is wrong. I will be awaiting, Mr Speaker, your reaction and your response to this and how you are going to rectify this, because it was not only a discussion in this House, Mr Deputy Speaker, it was really taken out right into the public domain. It is, therefore, important that this House must in all ways protect and have fair hearings and be evenhanded to each and every person here. The question is very clearly to ask was this a setup, was it upstaged, what was the issue to falsely implicate a member of this House by trying to say that that person does not want to attend, does not want to really respond, does not want to answer questions in this House?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Talking about you and

Marius?

Mr P UYS: It is very strange that that happened specifically with two specific people of the ANC. Of course, it would not happen with any of the DA people. [Interjections.] The question that I want to put forward, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that this was in bad faith, very clearly. The members knew exactly, or some of the members knew exactly, what they were doing, what they were trying to do. All I can say it was not done in an honest way. It was not really done in a way to promote the credibility and integrity of this legislature. Yes, and there was one person who voted against that and that was the hon member Mr Ozinsky. The rest of the members just steamrolled this. In your life you will never get this again, that there is a meeting that starts at eight, that members are formally invited to attend at nine o'clock and that by half past eight it was concluded to summons those members. Summons where? They should only have been there at nine o'clock according to a letter, a formal letter inviting them, and that is the whole issue. [Interjections.] I know you will argue away, but unfortunately it happened.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Are you talking about you and Fransman? [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Absolutely! Absolutely!

An HON MEMBER: Let us assist you with the ... [Inaudible.]

Ms L BROWN: They are desperate to find ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Ek was daar. Toe ons daar was, toe het jy daar gekom ... [Onhoorbaar.]

Mr P UYS: Absolutely!

Ms L BROWN: You are inefficient. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Absolutely, Mr Deputy Speaker, and it is very clear listening to the members that there was a political agenda to this.

'n AGB LID: Ag, komaan!

Mr P UYS: There was no other reason to do that; you tried to embarrass the ANC. We will not be embarrassed. [Interjections.] The public who are out there know what the real issue is, and the real issue was that we were ready to come here at nine o'clock as we were asked to do, but that the meeting was concluded at half past eight. [Interjections.] This is the legislature. This is the DA and this is why we have all the failures in this House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You have to be summonsed. You have to answer.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You cannot run away!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Die agb lid mnr Lentit. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Julle maak wat julle wil, net wat julle wil. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms L BROWN: You are ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.] He cannot, he will lose his ...
[Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Give the hon member Mr Lentit a chance to speak now.

Mnr R LENTIT: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, as u my net toelaat. Ek wil ook net sê aan die agb lid me Rossouw baie dankie vir haar leiding. Baie dankie vir haar advies in die tydperk as lid van die parlement. Ek het dit baie waardeer. Sy is een van die min mense met 'n baie mooi gees in hierdie parlement. Baie dankie.

'n AGB LID: Ja, hoor, hoor! Mooi!

Mr R LENTIT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I support the R 108 971 million budget for the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for the financial year 2014/15. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament is the institution that enables us to fulfil our oversight mandate over government departments. As elected representatives of the people of the Western Cape, it is the duty of members to ensure that we are responsive to the needs of our

people to improve their living standards, especially the poor. We must be grateful that we have staff and an institution that is doing its utmost to see that we are capacitated to keep government to account. Their contribution capacitates members to intercede on behalf of the poor when challenges are identified in government programmes. Whatever the job description, they are part of the Western Cape service delivery story. Their support strengthens oversight over programmes and policies, so that the executive can create an environment to create jobs and grow the economy.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the 18% of the R 108 million budget allocated against Strategic Objective 4 is a positive commitment. Strong corporate governance can only enhance the output and desired outcomes from a well equipped and capacitated organisation. Mr Deputy Speaker, the provincial parliament promised to develop systems of risk management and internal controls, and they have a good story to tell. I am pleased that risk management and internal control systems are in place and in line with organisational best practices. The provincial parliament consistently complies with legal and financial requirements, and resources are managed in an efficient and cost effective way. This is proof that leadership and management are leading the way in guarding against corrupt practices, unlike other legislatures and governments where politicians participate in it blatantly. We must be grateful for the revived leadership and management approach, and the efforts they make in making this one of the best run legislatures in the country. I thank you.

'n AGB LID: Mooi! Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, the hon Speaker to reply.

The SPEAKER: Thank you , Mr Deputy Speaker. Let me firstly take this opportunity to thank the Chief Whip for the past five years for the contribution she made during our rules meetings and I hope that really you will enjoy your time.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the second issue that I want to address is something the Chief Whip mentioned, namely the separation between the executive and parliament, especially the premises, if I am correct, Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

Yes, I think there was some discussion about the matter, but we cannot at this stage take a resolution that the matter must stand over for the new parliament. That means that after the election they will take the matter forward and discuss it. There was some discussion about that issue, because this is a serious issue that affects everyone.

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.] You will not be there. It will be with the ANC.

The SPEAKER: Come again, yes, come again?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You wish!

Mr M SKWATSHA: We will be in charge as the ANC [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You wish!

The SPEAKER: No, I do not want to - as the Speaker I do not want to politicise this

thing. Who is in charge, you know, that is up to ... [Interjections.] Yes, it is up to the voters who will be in charge. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You will not be in here.

An HON MEMBER: Yssterday you said that Minister Botha will be ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Can we then proceed to Mr Uys.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, we ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That we know.

The SPEAKER: Mr Uys, you made mention of important things; you made mention of the SOM. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon Uys.

Ms M TINGWE: Hon Uys.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, thank you very much. I am used to saying Mr Uys when we are together in the Rules Committee meeting. I forgot that I am in the House. Hon member Mr Uys, you made mention of the sector oversight model. You say you do not know what happened with the sector oversight model. That is not true. If you can recall, all provinces were given an opportunity to go back and customise

their SOM, because in terms of e-budget and finance, we must be able to afford what is in that document. I think it was before the last Rules Committee meeting, where the meeting took a resolution that because we do not have a budget to implement the SOM, it should stand over for the new parliament. Mr Uys was part of that meeting.

An HON MEMBER: There is no budget. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: So that is not true.

An HON MEMBER: There is no budget. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: [Inaudible.] Now the budget is bigger.

An HON MEMBER: No budget, man.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Why are you pulling faces?

An HON MEMBER: Because ...

The SPEAKER: You also mentioned the remuneration study. I think I want to thank the staff. We have done a lot to try to close the gap between those who are earning, you know, starting from those who are earning very little salary to those who are in management positions. At this stage with the SOM or the remuneration study we are in the medium term of the market of the remuneration study, but we cannot proceed

with the remuneration study without getting money anyway. If the provincial Treasury can promise he can give us the money, then we can proceed with the SOM, but without getting money I do not think that we will be able to carry on with that. Also coming to Mr Uys, the ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: What about this?

The SPEAKER: Come again? What have we done to address the AG performance, the AG results, as he said. I think, Mr Uys ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Not Mr Uys, hon Uys.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys. After getting the AG findings about the provincial parliament we firstly spoke to the Secretary and said we need to do something, and what we did, we sent the MMT to management training to Stellenbosch University so that they can get training to be able to deal with the matter. A draft APP was also submitted to the AG with our inputs and recommendations to improve the 2014/2015 budget. So we did take an action to try to deal with the matter. Lastly Mr Uys, you also ... [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: Hon Uys.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, you made mention of the website. I think you were present at the last ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] What website?

The SPEAKER: Come again? [Interjections.] You were present at the last ... [Interjections.] You were present at the last meeting where ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: I said it is coming in next week.

The SPEAKER: Yes, of course yes. [Interjections.] I think the website will be live on the 28th of March, before the end of the financial year. [Interjections.] We will have a live website. Currently we are in the process of loading the website and all those things, and yes, so we are at the final stage of the website. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, in closing let me also thank the hon Mr Lentit ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: What did he say?

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much for your contribution.

Mr M SKWATSHA: What did he say?

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much for your contribution, hon Mr Lentit. In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for their vigorous debates and invaluable contributions ... [Interjections.]

Ms M TINGWE: And throwing me out!

The SPEAKER: ... you have made on behalf of the people of this province. Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: Yes.

The SPEAKER: ...for your support, and the Secretary and his staff for the diligent manner in which they conduct their business. A special word of thanks goes to my office staff for their unwavering support ... [Interjections.]

Ms M TINGWE: Yes.

The SPEAKER: ... on many levels over the past few years. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Ms M TINGWE: And me for throwing me out.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr Speaker. That concludes the debate on this vote. We will now suspend business for dinner and the bells will be rung to indicate the resumption of business afterwards. Business is suspended.

The House was suspended at 17:35.

The House resumed at 18:30

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please be seated. The Secretary will read the fourth Order. –

4. Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2014].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Carlisle.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I rise penultimately as it were and in rising today in support of my budget for Transport and Public Works in the amount of R5,6 billion. I really want to talk about five things, growth, people, investment, excellence and change. This is the most challenging budget, Mr Deputy Speaker, and it will draw the best out of my department. I would like to thank the Cabinet and particularly my colleague hon Minister Winde and the Head of Treasury, Dr Stegmann for the confidence they have shown in us. This budget is approximately 10% greater than it was last year and it is nearly 50% greater than the first budget I dealt with when I came here and the assurance from myself and my department to Treasury is we will not let you down. The vision which informs this budget is that of creating an open opportunity society for all so that people can live lives they value. The departmental mission from which we have never budged is to make the budget an instrument to develop and maintain appropriate infrastructure which will grow people, grow jobs and grow the economy. Thus the budget is worth unpacking for the numbers that tell the story and it is a very good story. The first budget under my watch totalled just under R4 billion. Today the

budget is nearly 50% higher and will grow a further 30% in the two outer years. This does not include education or health infrastructural spend for which my department is responsible which amounts to a further R1,7 billion in this year and R5,3 billion over the MTEF.

Educational spend, in particular, has shown explosive growth. In the last four years of the last administration, spend amounted to R630 million and in the first four years of this administration spending exceeded R2,4 billion, a four-fold increase. By the end of the MTEF the administration would have invested R6 billion in new and mainly replacement schools. These phenomenal increases have been achieved with less than 1% growth in personnel and †niemand sal my kwaalik neem as ek hulde bring aan Liam Thiel en Winton Gibbs en hulle personeel vir hierdie uitstekende prestasies oor die laaste vier jaar. The same people have created four times to five times more schools and other institutions. Under this watch as a percentage of total spend salaries have remained at just under 10%. In my experience in the private sector and in government that is unmatched. Every Rand of salary spent in my department generates R10.00 or R9.00 of service delivery. [Interjection.] By the end of the MTEF this DA administration in these two departments would have delivered R44 billion in goods, maintenance and infrastructure investment. There is no entity, public or private that I am aware of in the built environment sector that can match those figures. These are hard numbers that speak to the exceptional success of the department and I would like to share with you some of those successes in addition to what we have achieved in terms of growth.

We won the Department of Public Services Administration's Batho Pele bronze award

for the best functioning component, that was the PRE; the Department of Transport and Public Works were rated amongst the best six in the country in MPATs by the National Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation; Productivity South Africa gave us the award for the most productive entity, again the PRE; Second Best Annual Report in South Africa awarded by the South African Institute of Government Auditors; the Provincial Star - and this is important - the Provincial Star Enterprise Content Management Trophy was awarded to General Ismay who sits over there, my CFO, my very remarkable CFO for implementation of the Supply Invoice Tracking System; Len Fourie and his guys, the Construction World's Best Project for 2011 and also the Most Outstanding Civil Engineering Project Achievements in 2011/12 awarded by SAICE; and then probably most important of all, an unqualified audit with no findings for the year 2012/13 presented to me, the HOD and the CFO at the Mount Nelson. It was a very good morning breakfast. [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The management and staff have made this the premier department in the Western Cape administration if not in the country as a whole. In my first budget speech in 2010 after reviewing the calamitous state of affairs in Transport and Public Works I said to the Legislature that the department, I quote, "has committed to accept great and difficult challenges which if met will transform the city and the province. I am satisfied I have the staff who will not only take up these challenges but will rejoice in them".

For myself, I am in my last five years of service to my country - I said then, still true

- and to Africa which has given me life, home and so much delight and wonder. In my long stewardship I have always been impelled by the words of Emerson:

‘In the Will work, and thou shalt chain the wheel of Chance.

So has it always been. So it will be here.”

So it was. So it was. For it was those same people then who are the successful people of a very successful department now. In this my last budget speech I need to tell my staff how very proud I am of them and how proud they should be of themselves. They are indeed the A-Team that I always wanted them to be and I leave the Ministry in the knowledge that together we did all that was expected of us and a great deal more. We have saved more lives, built more schools and health facilities, trained more young people, created more jobs and provided more owned accommodation in five years than was done in the previous 15.

I now move, Mr Deputy Speaker, to highlights of the budget. It is a very long budget and I am sure that the patience horizons of the audience are not as long as the budget so I am going to pick up highlights. First of all my Ministry itself, the little team that surrounds me, head of Ministry, Sanele Nyoka, over there; Media Liaison Officer and I have never been able to pronounce his name, Sips Dube, hiding somewhere else. There he is, hiding behind the column. Blesse Smit over there, the inevitable, inimitable and indestructible Blesse Smit [Interjection.] It is not true that he was PA to Prime Minister Malan. [Laughter.] During good times and bad they have been my companions, advisors and critics and together with Zulfha Mohamed, Zubeida Sadan, Nossie and Aunty Yvonne Swartz we have run the most inexpensive and indeed the

most representative Ministry in South Africa.

My protectors who I hope are somewhere here, ‘Captain’ Errol Jobs and Alfonzo with a ‘z’ Ambrose, I hope they are somewhere here or if they are not that they are listening somewhere, they are very special and intimate friends and I will not forget their kindness and help during the difficulties and sadness of the last year.

Leadership; the new head of the department is HOD Jacqueline Gooch over there and she has moved most easily and efficiently into the leadership of Transport and Public Works. I have no doubt she will take the department to new heights but perhaps more importantly, to different heights. The Chief Financial Officer, Cedric Ismay has undoubtedly provided the platform from which this department was able to achieve such success. He continues to refine the administration and will accelerate it to level four as micro structures are populated during this budget year. Supply chain is now of a very high order and Advocate Chantal Smith has become the reference figure in her field.

Strategy; a consistent strategic focus is essential for achieving optimum service delivery. The formulation and integration of strategic goals which were laid down in 2009 are now reaching the end of its planning period and we are already underway with the next five year cycle. The provincial land transport framework which sets, as it were, the transport policy and implementation plans for the province was completed and reviewed again last year.

I want to talk a little bit about training and about the people in training. From the

outset training has been a major imperative, today Transport and Public Works is active at all levels of graduate, technical and artisan training. Graduate and technical training; Masakh' Isizwe is now the finest built environment bursary scheme in the country. Our students out-perform the university average in every way. They have fewer failures, they graduate sooner and with better results than their peers in the same disciplines, in the same universities. An MS is much more than a bursary scheme, it is a joint venture between the department, the private sector and the three universities which ensures that our bursars are prepared in every way for the leadership, skill and responsibilities that lie ahead of them. I would like to say, because some of them are present, some of our university partners, some of our private sector partners, some of our board members; how very much I appreciate not just their involvement but their real passion for ensuring that those who were left behind in the past will gain their important place in the future. There were 63 graduates last year and a total of 224 bursars this year and we have some of them with us. We have Ernest Mahlangu. Where are you? There is he is! Okay. Ernest has completed his B.Sc Architecture. He received an MS bursary to study Honours and Masters at UCT, he has completed both, he worked for the Department in educational facilities for our Public Works branch as well as for the private sector, architecture firm Meyer and Vorster. He is currently under the guidance of the MS Professional Development Programme nearing the completion of a two-year South African Council of Architectural Profession, that is taking up training programme, that will basically see him qualify as a professional. That is of course really what MS is all about; to get people there, and there you are looking at one of the leaders of the future in this department I hope but certainly in South Africa.

Mustafa? There he is, with the little beard, not as big as our cricketers but a little beard. He was a late arrival, a bit like me I believe, a bit earlier than me but I mean we were both late arrivals. He is a husband and father of two. He is a recipient of the bursary, he was able to dedicate all his efforts to the studies, he is currently employed by the department as a candidate technician, I think it is mechanical engineering, is that right? Yes, okay. He is receiving the necessary support of our professional development team, assisting him to professionally register with EXA, that is the Engineering Council and again getting that professional qualification. Also here I hope is Michael Tladi. Is Michael Tladi anywhere here?

An HONMEMBER: Yes, there is Michael.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: There is Michael, over there. Michael is one of our really, one of many very remarkable people. He is an orphan. I do not know how he made it to where he has made it. He is close to his professional qualification now but what is very important in Masakh' Isizwe is that we ask those people who benefit from it, to give back and Michael is very much a symbol of people who have given back. He has ... I do not want to say he has created an orphanage but he has transformed an orphanage and it should be one of the key places that if you come to Cape Town that you should visit. It is in Nyanga and it is very remarkable and it is a reflection of networking of the highest quality ranging from women's choirs in Florida in the United States to the Graduate School of Business in Cape Town. So, those are some of our technical people and in artisan training. In 2009 when I visited the Bellville workshop I found we had a whole set-up for an apprenticeship training but somebody previous had decided we should not do that.

We revived it and since the first new intakes of 2010 the four-year programme has trained 27 apprentices in the trades of diesel mechanics, fitting and turning, plumbing and welding. In the past four years we have only lost one and I tell you that is remarkable. We have only lost one apprentice. Our first two diesel mechanics, and I am so delighted about this, our first two diesel mechanics are with us, Ashwald Joseph and Anrich Waterboer. There they are in the back there. There, I think are the first two diesel mechanics produced in Cape Town since even Pierre Uys was a young man. [Interjection.] [Laughter.] I am so excited that this happened and there is more to come. We have some others who are here with us from our apprenticeship scheme ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.] [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... Aubrey Ruiters, Chad Schroeder and Frans van der Merwe. Where are you hiding? There they are up there, okay, and you guys are all heading for that final thing. Then somebody... Please do not accuse me of being sexist in this regard, but I also want to introduce you to a welding apprentice and that is Kay van Oordt. Where are you hiding? There she is, Kay van Oord. So, we are very representative and I need to say that I also want to thank Ivan Louw, who I think he himself trained at Bellville and under whose leadership the programme will grow from strength to strength. There will be no crisis of technical leadership in this province as our road-makers fade away, as I will fade away, there will be a new generation of representative South Africans to take their place and I am very happy that they will be South Africans and they will be representative.

I come now to Public Works and Property; the first of our two very big departments and to its very special leader Gary Fisher, over there. Regrettably Gary will leave us in April this year after a distinguished and defining three years as head of Public Works. He has transformed this branch, Mr Deputy Speaker, in every sense and brought great knowledge, wisdom, value and professionalism to all its undertakings. I talked earlier about the vast scale of educational and health construction. It was heavy on all of our nerves but here are some of the highlights for year 2014/15.

We will double our spending between 2010 and 2016. To give you some idea of the growth; in Education we will spend R820 million and we will complete 23 schools, commence with 11 replacement schools and deliver 52 grade-R classrooms to existing schools. We will finish the rehabilitation and modernisation of the provincial precinct headquarters here where we are now. I know that some of you are very cross with me because I did not do it even for the Legislature but I felt we had enough space and we are very comfortable here when you think of other people and what they have. [Interjections.] Let me say this and I am sorry that the hon member Mr Ozinsky is not here because this is something for him to get his teeth into. Expressions of interest will be requested next week for the following significant sites; the Helen Bowden Nurses Home at the Somerset Precinct, the former Tafelberg School in Main Road, Sea Point, the soils laboratory site, Albert Road in Prestwich Precinct and the Top Yard/ GMT off Buitenkant Street and below Mill Street. Members will understand that these requests commence a process of taking these sites to market. Secondly, we will during this year commence with the construction of a new 22 000 sq m building for the Western Cape Department of Education as their head office in the provincial precinct on Leeuwen and Loop Street over there. We have already relocated

Government Garage to new consolidated premises already acquired in Rusper Street in Maitland. We will complete during this year the green five star Khayelitsha Shared Services Centre. We will this year commence with the rapid disposal of surplus land, including vacant and vandalised buildings, mainly for the purpose of human settlements. The modernisation of provincial accommodation, and just to say this; our staff occupy twice as much space on average as staff in the private sector. I do not want to say this to the honourable members that they occupy about five times more space than people in the private sector but I am not going to reduce that. We are going to move to open plan and general modernisation [Laughter.] which will double space productivity, [Interjections.] reduce carbon footprint and cut energy and communication costs at a cost of R900 million.

The medium term development of Founders Garden, Artscape and the Cape Town International Convention Centre which has enjoyed such attention, to bring about a sea-facing precinct where people ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.] deserve ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... will gather for the arts and commerce. I will say to my friend the hon member Mr Skwatsha, there is nothing untoward down there.

Ms L BROWN: [Inaudible.] subjective.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: There is nothing

untoward down there and you know that quite well. The long-term development also of the two Rivers Urban Park, the biggest undertaking ever in Cape Town's history characterised by sustainability, live, work and play; plus mixed income and usage.

These policy intentions, Mr Deputy Speaker, are inter-alia to reduce costs, to create new funding streams, to replace rented with owned accommodation and to densify the inner city with populations more representative of our wider urban demographics. Total public work spend over the MTEF will be R5,3 billion with a further R5.4 billion in educational health infrastructure. In other words we will be investing in infrastructure just on R11 billion over those three years.

I am also pleased to report that all land claims affecting provincial property have now been settled. These include the Flandorp family's Milnerton claim, the Solomons family's Sillery claim and most recently the Kherekar family's Constantia claim. I am very pleased. I am told that Mr Rashaad Solomons is with us. Is that correct? Ah, there he is over there. Mr Rashaad Solomons is there and Mr Gammat Kherekar is here. Oh, there you are. I am very very delighted. Am I allowed to address them Mr Deputy Speaker? I am very very delighted to have you here; a lot of my young political life was involved not so much with group areas here in the Western Cape but with the removal of so-called 'black-spots' in the Natal Midlands and Western Natal. I cannot tell you how much gratification it gives me to see restored to you what was yours and what was so wrongfully taken from you.

HON MEMBERS: Hear. Hear.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: In recognising the excellence that Gary and his team have brought to Public Works and Property Management, I will also not forget the early days when Joey Pillay and François Joubert and Shane Hindley ushered me into this complex and controversial field. So I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Mark Swilling, to Charles Arton, to William Dachs and to David Jack and many others who give us their experience at no charge.

Transport infrastructure roads; Mr Len Fourie. 90% of all of our kilometres are travelled on surfaced roads that are in fair to very good condition. That is not as good as Britain but it is better than Australia and the USA and for a country or a province of our sort it is very good indeed. It is very close to optimum ...

An HON MEMBER: And Gauteng.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... It is better than Gauteng, in fact I am not sure that Gauteng has roads. The same is not true of our gravel roads where only 35% are rated fair to very good but as the backlog on surfaced roads is reeled in so will the maintenance of gravel roads be increased and the more important ones be surfaced, as indeed one will be during this year alongside the Olifants River from Cederberg to the Algiers Road. The current budget will see the commencement of the rehabilitation of the last of the really bad surfaced roads including the R399 Piketberg to Velddrif to be followed in the outer years by Piketberg to Porterville.

Some highlights; construction of the Gouda weighbridge at a cost of R94 million to prevent trucks using the R44 and the R46 to escape being weighed; completion of the Hemel-en-Aarde road at R190 million; completion of the Gansbaai to Elim Road at R295 million; and then a whole corridor rehabilitation of Nuwekloof to Wolsely and Worcester to Bainskloof. I think one of our contractors is here with us tonight and that is nice. Another corridor, very important; R311 million will be spent on improving roads in the Stellenbosch catchment area including Baden-Powell, Annandale and Winery Roads. These improvements will include the elimination of 11 level crossings and it was on one those level crossings that there was a fatality last night.

Road development generating economic growth; I am very pleased about these and again my thanks to Treasury for making this kind of money available. We will spend R710 million on roads whose specific intention is to generate economic growth. In the Saldanha, Vredenburg, Langebaan area we will see continued spending on roads infrastructure in support of the evolving Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone including a direct road to the back of port.

The Borchards Quarry intersection on the N2 will be aligned with Eisleben Road to give access to the important economic potential of Philippi and Samora Machel and to link with projects already under way there. Obviously what that has the effect of doing is in a sense of carrying the Airport Industria which is now fully utilised across the N2 and into Philippi. Obviously we have a match there between economic growth and high levels of unemployment particularly in the Philippi area. It is estimated that 23 000 decent jobs could be generated in this area.

In addition a lane in each direction will be added to the N1 at the Durban Road intersection which is currently a bottle-neck. For the next three years a total of R8,2 billion has been allocated. The Western Cape is very fortunate to have Len Fourie, wherever he is. Up there, up there. Len Fourie and his 'padmakers'. They are a very highly professional roads team and they give us the best provincial roads in South Africa.

I also would like to mention Chapman's Peak. Members will be aware that the control tower building has been completed and is fully operational and I am pleased to say that no-one has died of starvation or any other causes as a result thereof. [Laughter.]

The Transport Operations is not quite such a happy story. The largest components of this budget is in respect of the Public Transport Operations Grant which subsidises the contract bus service also represented here tonight. In terms of the National Land Transport Act, transport operations in the Metro region are the responsibility of the City of Cape Town. Accordingly it is envisaged that the subsidisation of public transport operators, the PTOG it is called, and the management of public transport contracts within the Metro region MRE will migrate from this department to the City during this financial year.

As required by our Provincial Land Transport Framework this migration must be subject to various memoranda of understanding between the City, Golden Arrow Bus Services, the Province and the representative body of taxi associations. The first of these is quite far advanced but the complexity of the migration cannot be

underestimated. Public transport in the Metro region is generally in poor shape, with demand far outstripping supply and high levels of dissatisfaction being expressed by the commuting public and rightly so. Metrorail is central to the problem and the entire system requires urgent overhaul and recapitalisation. The existing investment intentions expressed by the National Government and the National Department of Transport are grossly inadequate and the planned improvements will come far too late to meet the expanding needs. Metrorail has less than half the train sets it needs and the rails are completely run down with potentially very serious consequences. I have a horror vision of a 12 coach train coming from Mitchells Plain and meeting where it meets the Khayelitsha line with another 12 coach train and one of them jumping off the rails at the peak. I have to tell you that is a distinct possibility.

There is no possibility that road based operations could replace commuter rail and they in any event are themselves failing to cope including MyCiti. The City is thus faced with very stern challenges. Freight rail has shown some marginal improvement but really it remains a huge unused asset.

On a more positive note, Mr Deputy Speaker, 'Go George'; the George Integrated Public Transport Network is a precedent setting model for the provision of the public transport services in South Africa. It is an affordable emerging city model that fully supports the NLTA aims and it is a replicable approach for non-metros and rural areas. In other words, a lot of them are already coming to have a look and see how it works.

The 'Go George' is the first city outside of the big 12 to be allocated national grant funding for the implementation of an IPTN system and has been adapted as a pilot for

other large cities. We have achieved consensus with all the role players, with all the taxi operators, with the bus company, with George and Eden themselves. We have signed all the contracts and we are underway and with a little bit of luck the first of our routes will kick off in April 2014. Over the last three years the department has allocated R47 million as a direct transfer to the George Municipality and we are earmarking another R105 million over the three year MTEF to cover any operational and capital shortfalls but national funding which was first received last year now amounts to R507 million, and we are deeply grateful for that and I think it is money well invested. Congratulations to Darryl Jacobs and Deidre Ribbonaar who have led this project in the face of considerable challenges, very considerable actually.

Safely Home; whilst the target of halving the death rate by 2014 will not be met, the reduction of 28% in provincial road fatalities within five years is a remarkable achievement and one not equalled elsewhere in the world. Close to 2 000 lives have been saved and road safety enjoys a high profile in the province. The campaign has five legs; anti-drunk driving via frequent road block and other testing, safe public transport via constant checking and fatigue management; safe speeds mainly via 'Average Speed over Distance' monitoring systems now covering most of the N1, the R61 and the R27. This system will be extended to the N2 and the N7 during the budget period at a cost of R7,2 million; safe passengers mainly via 'buckle up, it takes a second to save a life' advertising campaign backed by law enforcement and; safe pedestrians via the 'hazloc' (hazardous locations) campaign targeting 'black spots'.

However whilst we have saved nearly 2 000 lives, 7 000 people have died on the roads while I have been the MEC. So, there are three major challenges to be met if more

lives are to be saved. Firstly, the criminal justice system fails to apprehend most offenders, does not bring to trial many of those who it does apprehend and sentences very lightly when the residue are convicted. Under my watch with all the terrible accidents; very often culpable homicide, negligence, drunkenness, leaving the scene of the accident, leaving your victims to die, only one person has been sent to jail. Only one person has been sent to jail. And most of the serious accidents during my time have not yet been finalised in court. So, there is a major problem which says very clearly to the irresponsible on the roads, do what you like, you will probably get away with it. There are no consequences.

Secondly, the effective withdrawal of the breathalyser and the 'Name and Shame' campaign by the national government for reasons I really do not understand, has effectively given drunken drivers a green light to continue the carnage on the roads and it is happening. For the first time in four years the death rate is starting to climb again.

Finally, most powers of provincial transport ministers were removed and given to the Road Traffic Management Corporation which has been severely dysfunctional for many years, hopefully it will now change. Safely Home will be comprehensively re-strategised during the year under review.

The province has passed a law to give greater protection to cyclists and will shortly table draft legislation to give law enforcers greater powers to impound vehicles. If I cannot lock up the drivers at least I can lock their cars up once that law comes through. Law enforcers will have greater powers to appoint traffic marshals and to

deal more effectively with moving offences.

Safely Home has many heroes, notably Hector Elliott, who is here and Nick Cleland-Stokes. Nick Cleland-Stokes, who is here, kind of took this thing away at the gallop. It is of course enthusiastically led and managed by Yasir Ahmed and Kevin October.

Transport regulation; We are reaching the end.

Migration of provincial traffic; Kenny, Chief Africa, is here somewhere. There he is! In two weeks time the Provincial Traffic Management Chief Directorate will transfer from the Department of Community Safety to the Department of Transport and Public Works thus bringing together transport regulation and transport enforcement in their proper relationship. I extend to Chief Africa a very warm welcome and to the fine men and women who are the protectors of our provincial roads. I have seen them at work in the worst of conditions and in the most harrowing of situations and I know they will meet the challenge. The highly efficient regulation services of the department will now be complimented by a law enforcement component which will greatly enhance the integration of all those operations which seek to achieve an ordered road environment.

Motor vehicle licence fees will be increased by an average of 3,4% this year. It is well below inflation and will position the province competitively against other provinces. Licence revenue will be just over a R1 billion all of which is allocated to roads. Michael Gallant sets extremely high standards. He is truly an example of excellence and his department has coped well in all regards, not least with the huge increase in

abnormal road traffic.

Provincial Regulatory Entity; this has not been an easy time for the taxi industry or for ourselves. There is a very violent power struggle in one of the mother bodies. There have been approximately sixteen murders resulting from that, one of which occurred three nights ago. Nevertheless, the Provisional Regulatory Entity has kept operating licences in the city constant at about 7 200, thus greatly increasing average taxi revenue.

Taxi industry compliance continues to improve and regulating the taxi and public transport environment requires skilled, steady and strong leadership which is well provided at the PRE by Mark Striker who was there for me when I most needed him. That is also true of Bernie McMahon and I am very pleased that General Jacobs, who is here with us tonight, has also been a tower of strength in what is a very difficult thing. Where are you hiding? Oh, there you are General. I see you there.

Provincial Motor Transport Trading Entity; Mr Koegelenberg is here somewhere. There he is in the corner, looking a bit like Paul Kruger up there. [Laughter.] He runs a most significant and complex operation that keeps the provincial administration seamlessly on the move. Whilst it has a budget of R737 million the entity is not a cost centre in that it recovers all of its expenditure. The average age of the more than 4 000 vehicles, and they have all sorts and types, is 6 years and R217 million will be spent on new vehicles during the budget period. Johan Koegelenberg has served this administration for 40 years. He runs a very tight ship and at last he is going to have one place where he can see his whole empire.

Community Based Programmes; during the budget period the province will create 94 425 EPWP job opportunities. This does not include some 30 000 decent jobs that are created through or sustained by infrastructure investment. In all cases it is true and you can take that to Scopa if you want. In all cases we ensure that these jobs are fairly allocated and that they have a meaningful training component. The branch regularly meets its targets in respect of EPWP as well as the empowerment of women and youth in construction. Thanks to Richard Petersen and his team, we are the only province where all municipalities are co-ordinated on EPWP and related matters.

Better together; we are currently completing and will over the MTEF commence projects with a total value of R15 billion which does not include work undertaken on behalf of Education and Health. This could not have happened, Mr Deputy Speaker, without partnership at every level. I would like to thank the Premier and my colleagues for five years of true collegiality and it has been a privilege to serve with you.

To our private sector partners, those in Masakh' Isizwe, the Cape Town Partnership, the Convention Centre, the Universities, the road safety NGO's, the City of Cape Town, other municipalities and many others, together we have, in many fields, created something of value. In the hon member Mr von Brandis behind me there I have been blessed with a hard working knowledgeable no-nonsense Chair and a very good Standing Committee.

An HON MEMBER: Good!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: To Margaret and Erin and to Frith, who is in London, we hope, [Laughter.], thank you for your enduring support over five very difficult years. You cannot know what it means to me to be finally coming home.

Finally to my staff, the hard work and the hard hours at night over weekends, through crises and disasters have all paid off. You have indeed chained the wheel of chance and you have fixed the unfixable. That is why you are the A-Team.

In the saga of 'Star Wars', which my son loved, a small band of brave and skilful Jedi knights saved their empire from the forces of the dark side. That is how I think of my staff, as the Jedi Knights.

May the force be with you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mr von Brandis.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I support the budget for Vote 12. The R5,6 billion that has been budgeted for in the 2014/15 financial year will be spent in line with the vision of the Department which is to create an open opportunity for all in the Western Cape so that the people can live lives they value.

To summarise the core functions of the department and I refer to the opening page of the vote; it stated the department is responsible for transport in the province including the provincial road network, the province's infrastructure, both social and economic

and to make use of the provincial property portfolio. Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the most noticeable aspects of the transformation of South Africa's economic landscape over the last two decades is the increasing urbanisation rate. The challenges posed by urbanisation are well known to government and is addressed in the National Development Plan. The NDP is one of the department's policy mandates. Urbanisation constraints, already limited resources making a provision of housing, general government services, schools, clinics, public transport and commercial development, ever more challenging.

The Province has done well, under the circumstances, to ensure that even for those who flee the ANC provinces to make the Western Cape their home, are adequately provided for. One of the best ways to promote economic activity, especially in this period of economic uncertainty, is to invest in infrastructure. Over the next three years this government will spend R14,48 billion on the maintenance and replacement infrastructure as well new projects. Over the 2014 MTEF, the province will spend some R8,586 billion improving the total distances of good quality roads and to make these roads safer. As part of the Ministerial Priority Programmes the department aims to reduce its backlog in public works and transport infrastructure by 16% in 2014. This is a welcome target as back-log costs valuable time and holds back other projects.

The Masakh' Isizwe Programme is a strategic partnership with higher education institutions, the private sector and local authorities, specifically aimed at addressing the skill shortage in the department but also within the general built environment. This is not a simple funded bursary programme. It seeks to provide its students with a

holistic approach to developing capable and fit graduates. The Minister highlighted the student numbers and their success during his speech. Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the department's greatest contributions to government led job creation is the Expanded Public Works Programme. EPWP work is created in four sectors namely; infrastructure, non-state sector, the environmental and cultural sector and the social sector. EPWP co-ordination and monitoring will receive R14,6 million in this financial year increasing to R18,6 million in 2016/17. Between April and December of last year over 74 000 job opportunities were created in all spheres of government in the Western Cape. In 2014/15 Province estimates that almost 95 000 job opportunities will be created.

With reference to the estimated expenditure of the Department for this financial year, R2,4 billion has been allocated to transport infrastructure, R892 million to transport operations and R550 million for transport regulation. The increases that have been afforded to transport operations are to strengthen the sustainability of the programme and provide funding for a George Integrated Public Transport Network. During this financial year, George will become the first B municipality to implement a full integrated public transport service. This is flagship project that is supported by this department and the National Department of Transport. The 'Go George' project, which has been the result of several years of hard work by many stakeholders, will provide the people of George and surrounding areas with a safe, affordable and reliable transport system. It will transform the nature by which those residing outside of the central business district of George interact with the rest of the region.

On the matter of safer roads, the department has made much progress in reducing the

carnage on provincial roads over the past few years. While these numbers still remain unacceptable we acknowledge the various enforcement and campaign efforts the Department has run over the course of the years to advocate for safer use of our roads. As such the Department will continue to invest in the Safely Home Programme and the Average Speed over Distance Project. This system has been instrumental in reducing the number of fatalities and speeding drivers where it is active.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the most successful and self-funded entities is the government motor transport. 650 replacement vehicles will need to be acquired while 130 are expected to be added to the fleet over this financial year. 120 transport officers will be trained in the operational division and 40 will be trained in fleet management. It is also expected that some 5 200 traffic violations will be processed during this same financial year by this entity. For all the above reasons I support the budget and I wish to thank Jackie Gooch and the Department and Mr Koegelenberg and his entity for their outstanding work and dedication to safe and efficient transportation and for maintaining and accelerating progress in our built environment. Mr Deputy Speaker, I want take this opportunity to wish the Minister well on his retirement. His open, honest and clean administration make my task as Chairperson of this committee easy and an enjoyable experience. His legacy will definitely linger on in the years to come. After 20 years in politics, I am sure that he will in future have more time to pursue his interest in wildlife, fynbos and the Lowveld.

Lastly, I want to thank my committee for five years served with me on the committee that included the hon member Mr Walters, hon member Mr Figlan, hon member Ms Beerwinkel and as well as the hon member Mr Stali. I thank you for this time. Thank

you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Dankie, agb lid mnr von Brandis [Applause.] I see the hon member Ms Tingwe.

Ms M TINGWE: Mr Speaker, for the poor of the Western Cape MEC Carlisle's department most certain does not have a good story to tell. A focus on the cosmetics of government buildings, superior MyCiti bus services for those in the leafy suburbs, glossy reports sent to the media and cheap electioneering is not a good story to tell. Over the past five years, MEC Carlisle's department has been characterised by a lack of capacity building in the taxi industry. Failure to intervene in on-going taxi violence, road accidents, contradictions around e-tolls, favouring of white capital with infrastructure development, political intimidation and excessive use of consultants. It is shocking to note that the Western Cape is the only province that has been experiencing on-going tensions in the taxi industry with MEC Carlisle having failed to mediate impartially in those conflicts. MEC Carlisle's failure to have acted decisively, not only comprised the livelihoods of taxi operators and commuters but has resulted in the squandering of taxpayers' money on industry structures that are dysfunctional in its functional state. [Interjection.] Whilst in the Annual Performance Plan, MEC Carlisle's department speaks of conflict resolution units for the taxi industry and MEC Carlisle boasted in having the taxi industry under control, this government has failed in its duty to resolve disputes within taxi industry bodies. These very bodies receive funding from the taxpayer. Through this inaction MEC Carlisle defended, favoured and legitimised his incompetent and corrupt political agents [Laughter.] in the industry [Laughter.]. This he did [Interjections.] to

undermine those in the industry ...

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] speech!

Ms M TINGWE: ... who held him accountable. As he concludes his political career the majority of taxi associations in the Western Cape still do not have confidence in MEC Carlisle [Interjection.] except a few who benefited from his patronage and selective and deliberate inaction.

Mr H P GEYER: Are you talking about Gauteng?

Ms M TINGWE: Mr Deputy Speaker, [Inaudible.] the Mitchells Plain Taxi Forum's suspension of 12 of its 15 taxi associations by their 10 member board of which only four members were active, has still not been addressed by MEC Carlisle. This speaks directly to this legitimising of incompetence and corruption by MEC Carlisle ...

An HON MEMBER: I knew you would like his words.

Ms M TINGWE: ... the DA's self proclaimed provincial spokesperson on corruption and clean government. Mr Deputy Speaker, taxi drivers and taxi owners have simply not been taken seriously by MEC Carlisle. This year yet again very little has been allocated to capacity building of the taxi industry with no clear programmes in this regard. Instead, the MyCiti roll-out has not only excluded many in the taxi industry but was not even explained to them properly resulting in many fears. Taxi drivers and owners have been treated as non entities hence their fears continue to increase. One

driver said:

“There is a worrying skills problem. I am worried. I have a code 8 driver’s licence and my sister requires Grade 12 and a Code 14 licence, no formal education and there is no ability to be upgraded. I am scared I will end up sweeping streets and I have a big family.”

Another driver said:

“Being left in the dark is a huge issue. The lack of information creates a nagging fear. The morale at the rank is low and it is affecting performance. The city needs to understand the social standing of the drivers and how important they are to their communities and their families. They are paying for their children’s school fees. What will happen to my daughter?”

Mr Deputy Speaker, as we approach the Easter weekend we are reminded that during his tenure, MEC Carlisle is yet to produce a concrete plan to deal with the carnage on our roads. The cause of this carnage has not been taken heed of and may unfortunately recur during the Easter weekend.

Mr H P GEYER: Where is your national plan?

Ms M TINGWE: Mr Deputy Speaker, why has MEC Carlisle still not considered banning buses and taxis from using long roads late at night as it is proven that most of accidents take place at night on long distance roads. Everyone knows that there is no visibility of law enforcement personnel at night on long stretch roads. Overloading of vehicles becomes the norm. People speed as if there is no tomorrow, drunken

driving becomes uninhibited and people tend to take chances of driving without valid driver's licenses and with unregistered vehicles. We know that drunken driving is a major cause of road deaths during the festive season. The majority of accidents occurring on our roads are alcohol related. Unfortunately though, we saw that MEC Carlisle undermined the attempts by the National Government to curb drunken driving with a zero tolerance approach. [Interjections.] In May last year the then National Minister of Transport, Ben Martins, put forward a case for lowering the legal blood alcohol level to zero. MEC Carlisle unfortunately opposed this.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when it comes to building contracts it is under MEC Carlisle's watch that our people have remained subcontractors. It is alleged that the Mitchells Plain Hospital was built without the necessary approvals and rezoning processes being followed. [Interjection.] How, with an MEC who claims to be the spokesperson of anti-corruption, does this happen and who benefited here? White capital again. MEC Carlisle has recently blown lots of hot air around the issue of consultants used by the then ANC led government in the province. Before he leaves office the hon MEC must produce a plan with corrective measures to get better value for taxpayers' money, after a report on the use of consultants in three years to the value of R10,3 billion became known. This follows on the DA run Western Cape Provincial Legislature's petty political decision to now call former ANC MEC, Pierre Uys of Health and Marius Fransman of Transport and Public Works to account for something they were not responsible for ...

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Justice!

Ms M TINGWE: ... but the accounting officers who by law are responsible for all matters financially ... Perhaps the DA fears to hear the truth. MEC Carlisle and the DA's regular running away from its responsibilities of good governance is again evident from its reaction to the January 2014 report of the Auditor-General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants by selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government led by the DA.

An HON MEMBER: Bad.

Ms M TINGWE: Bad, yes. The report came after an independent auditing process to evaluate the measures instituted by management and to ensure that the resources have been procured economically and are used efficiently and effectively. The extensive report states its purpose:

“To optimise the value of its partnership between public and private sectors, this report identifies the areas that need to be managed to get the best value for money. The termination of consultants' services in the public service is not advocated. However, attention is drawn to those areas where the use of consultants duplicates existing costs incurred and where value for money spent on consultants' services was not secured.”

It similarly states that transfer of skills was not effective and projects were not always retrospectively analysed for effectiveness. It also pointed out capacity constraints, high vacancy rates as well as not always doing strategic planning for the use of consultants [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Nowhere did the AG interrogate which party was in government or should be blamed. Instead it recommended that the department's internal capacity to monitor and evaluate service delivery by consultants must be strengthened and in instances where deficits were detected, corrective action must be imposed promptly. The AG found deliverables were sometimes not completed, not satisfactory or late and penalties were not always imposed on incomplete or late delivery. [Interjection.] The AG [Laughter.] concluded that proper systems and controls be established and that officials and accounting officers are held responsible for the economical, efficient and effective use of resources. Nothing is mentioned about politicians.

From the aforementioned and the report itself, it is abundantly crystal clear that the process dealt with operational and systematic matters. Instead of the DA, [Inaudible.] the AG for its work, taking full responsibility or bringing solutions and plans to in future plug the exposed shortcoming, it wants to shift the focus. The DA and MEC Carlisle in particular, as a substitute of dealing with the real substance, has gone out of its way to pass the buck, discredit the AG in a direct attack on the report and its timing, even got into petty nitpicking by questioning official definitions. The AG's review dealt with the R10,3 billion spent by this provincial government on various consultants over three financial years until 2011. The two departments under microscope spent 89% of their total amount on third parties; R9,2 billion - R4,2 billion by Health and R5 billion by Transport and Public Works.

Some of the costs were also incurred for hiring nurses through their agencies, building clinics, hospitals or schools and for some work in the runup to the Soccer World Cup. MEC Carlisle and the DA are either ignorant of the law or it was politically measured

and motivated in ignoring the fact that the Public Finance Management Act prohibits the involvement of politicians [Interjection.] in the procurement process, also in signing agreements [Interjection.] or appointing contractors for that matter [Interjection.].

Instead ... Ha, do not rush for time. I have got 20 minutes. Instead of taking any evidence if [Inaudible.] exists to lay charges at the relevant investigating authority, MEC Carlisle and the DA through inference and manufactured implication, want to point away from themselves [Interjection.] grossly negating their own task of overseeing the process to the end. It is also out of character for the DA to denounce its own party policy of outsourcing. This DA led government was already found guilty of four counts of maladministration including improper DA cadre deployment ...[Laughter.]

Ms M TINGWE: ... by the Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela, for its dealings with the multi-million rand corrupt communication contract entered into with TBWA Hunt Lascaris, the same company or its subsidiaries that is now again embroiled in a scandal with the rebranding of Cape Town's emblem. Their attempt to confuse ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Just one second. Is that a point of order or question?

Mr H P GEYER: A point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. Is what the hon member Ms Tingwe speaking about relevant to the budget?

Ms M TINGWE: Sit down, man.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: She can continue. Please continue.

Ms M TINGWE: Their attempt to confuse people is laid bare. Even the evidence given so far at the provincial Standing Committee on Public Accounts proves accounting officers must take responsibility and tighten the screws in their departments. The DA must now bring strategies to improve the situation. It also has to call previous accounting officers to deal with the report. If it fails to do this it is culpable and its political ulterior motive is exposed as it wants to keep blurring the facts, figures and proof. Finally MEC Carlisle will be remembered for his swan song sms's to unduly bully Scopa and its chairperson to remove from the agenda an item ...

Mr H P GEYER: [Inaudible.] Nkandla.

Ms M TINGWE: ... dealing with irregularities in the expansion of the Cape Town International Convention Centre. This latest [Inaudible.] [Interjection.] is indicative of the hon Minister Carlisle's consistent undermining of the democratic Constitution and intimidation of those with whom he disagrees. Mr Deputy Speaker, I am sure whistle blowing taxi drivers and owners will understand what the hon member Mr Haskin had to contend with. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Minister Carlisle to reply.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I now know what it would be like to visit a dentist and have a tooth drilled for three days with a blunt instrument. [Laughter.] If I can first of all thank my Chairman for his comments, thank you very much and then proceed to what seemed to me like about three and half hours of inspired oratory from the hon member Ms Tingwe. I cannot possibly deal with all these accusations. It is clear that I am a thoroughly bad fellow and I apologise for that. I really am very sorry but I must say to you, if you will allow me to make one criticism, you should not say those horrible things while you smile all the time. [Laughter.]. So let me, so let me deal ...

Ms M TINGWE: Because you are retiring. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You are smiling because I am retiring. Well that makes two of us. I am also smiling because I am retiring [Laughter.] And one of the great benefits of retiring is I am never going to have to listen to three and a half hours of the hon member Ms Tingwe again. But if I can just make a couple of points. First of all, let us talk about these consultants. I think it is important because it was going to form part of my speech tonight, my last little speech. But let us just talk about it. The consultants were all employed under the ANC regime ...

Mr H P GEYER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: All 20 of them in my department, all 20. That is a fact. There is not even question about it, okay? So bad

were some of those consultants that they caused the bravest political thing I have ever seen. They caused the hon member Ms Brown there, the hon member Mr Skwatsha, Whitey Jacobs, Patrick McKenzie, Garth Strachan, Yusuf Gabru, the hon member Ms Magwaza is not here tonight; they caused them to turn against the ANC Premier in public and drive him out of this House.

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And they are all going to pay the price for it, as the hon member Ms Tingwe knows, right now in this election.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Fransman, the close ally of the then Premier, who was chased out of here for good reason ...

Ms L BROWN: That is not true.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... is going to get his revenge okay and none of them will come back, not one. You know that. The hon member Ms Tingwe knows that, including the hon member Mr Ozinsky. So you do not have to tell me about the consultants, you ask them. They know as much if not more than I do. And I just say this, I respect the kind of courage that made them react as they did and a little wisdom for you hon member Ms Tingwe, learn from these good people who offered their lives in the struggle but when the party that they offered their

lives for in this province turned filthy they again took up the struggle. Learn from that hon member and let me tell you a second thing because I really have great respect for them. I am going to part from them with great sadness, but they will always have my respect. Let me tell you a second thing, you talk a lot of, with respect, rubbish. I suppose I am not allowed to say it. Am I allowed to say nonsense?

Ms L BROWN: No, and you have got to put your shirt in.[Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I thought you would like it out for one last time. [Laughter.] Okay. In the erudite speech of the hon member Ms Tingwe a lot of it was about MyCiti. MyCiti is an instrument of the ANC National Government. Is the hon member Ms Tingwe not aware of that? It was their concept arising from the policy of the ANC's national Department of Transport. It is in my opinion a wrong concept for our cities but be that as it may, it is they who went to all the South American cities and took half of South Africa with them to go and have a look at it. They coughed up virtually every cent for MyCiti provided we did it their way and in any event it was the City that did it and not the province. So it is ANC policy that you are attacking and just think about your colleagues in the front bench here, think about the hon member Ms Prins who is about number 27 on the list and that is what happens when you attack ANC policy in public, so beware. [Laughter.][Interjections.]

Finally, let us talk about taxis. Yes, I suppose if I think about it I have a sense of not having achieved what I wanted to achieve. When I first took over this portfolio there was a taxi invasion in Vrygrond and as a result two people died, one of whom I knew

quite well, Leonard Benjamin. They were murdered. I set myself the task, and the hon member Mr Skwatsha knows this very well, I set myself the goal that there would be no further taxi deaths while I was MEC and that lasted I think about two and a half years. We did not have a single death and then an old suppurating wound around a man called Khutuse Mielies broke out again and as a result of that a lot of people have died. It is all within one mother body and it is mainly within one association, Bellville Taxi Association. It is incredibly regrettable and the hon member Ms Tingwe is perfectly entitled to her criticisms of me.

I am not sure what I could have done. What I can assure you and what members on the front bench like the hon member Mr Skwatsha, who is supposed to be involved with the taxi industry will tell you, is that I am very close to the taxi industry, I spend a great deal of time with them and I know most of the leaders in the taxi industry. I am involved in various ventures, including with some people who are here tonight on the peace front of trying to achieve it. I think that we have a very close association but I cannot argue about the deaths.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon Minister Carlisle, while you are looking at the sms, hon member Mr Skwatsha, is there a question?

An HON MEMBER: Well put.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] sms.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question?

Mr M SKWATSHA: I unfortunately have [Interjection.] I am just sitting across from the hon MEC so I think it is not in order for him not to trust properly? I do not want to see

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha, that is not a question. That is a point of order. [Interjection.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Yes. Can you trust properly?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is also a frivolous point of order. Please continue hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Can I just say that one of the enduring memories I will take away from here is the really high level of interest the hon member Mr Skwatsha shows in my flies. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I am not sure, Sir, whether to be flattered or afraid. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Point of order.

Mr M SKWATSHA: The hon Minister Carlisle is insulting me.

An HON MEMBER: He is actually harassing you. [Interjection].

Mr M SKWATSHA: What is he implying? [Interjection]. He is sexually harassing me.
[Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Skwatsha. Hon Minister, please continue.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: So, the hon member Ms Tingwe, yes, clearly those were things that we wished had not been the case but in fact they were. But I am not going to try and answer all of your penetrating criticisms. I will take them away with me and contemplate on them. I hope they do not extend to my staff because they should not, but thank you very much for your contribution.

So I come, Mr Deputy Speaker, to my last speech ...

Ms M TINGWE: Yes.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... in service of politics in South Africa. I made my maiden speech in May 1977 in the Transvaal Provincial Council but then again had to make a maiden speech in the Provincial Council in 1984, a maiden speech in Parliament in 1990 and two maiden speeches here in 2001 and 2002 which, from a point of view of political virginity, I think is stretching it a bit but there we are. [Laughter.]

I served 25 years in representative government, Sir, and in all that time I never supported racists, bullies, fascists or bigots. I served probably all my waking life in politics in one form or another. I was intrigued with comments made by Trevor Manuel when he talked of himself as an activist rather than a politician and when people asked why he was going he said ‘if you stay too long the institutions you are in atrophy and you start defending your own policies.’ I think that is great wisdom from a man who I hugely admire. My activist politics are the politics of individualism and it is an individuality that rejects bigotry, that rejects racism, that believes every individual has the same rights and that those rights come from the hand of God and not from the generosity of the State. I believe individuality must go hand in hand with a belief that hates bullying and bullies and loves fairness and loves all those things that tend to bring people together and not drive them apart. I have no doubt in the long run of South Africa, the collective cannot be the sustainable model on which a South Africa, made up of many peoples and many different groups, can come together in a way that is comfortable but that it will have to be on the basis of individuality.

I want to say this to the hon member Ms Brown who is the only person here still to have thrown me out of this House on a number of occasions, that I have loved this House. [Laughter.]

Ms L BROWN: I have become gentle since then.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You were quite gentle, you threw me out unlike the hon Minister Meyer’s father who was very violent when

he threw me out. [Laughter.] I have to say, it has been ten or twelve years of great fun here. I enjoyed it and I believe that we created a very robust House here. A lot of people who come here from other institutions, the NCOP or Parliament or other are a bit shocked at what goes on here but I believe we are a very South African House ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... that this is South African democracy that you see here and I believe it is very good and I hope it will export and go elsewhere. This is also a very intimate moment where I say goodbye, not yet to my staff but to most of you. We always say we will see each other again. We do not. Politicians like anybody else drift off and are quickly forgotten as they should be. As they should be. So, let me take my leave of the members of the House and first of all to the front bench, the names I mentioned, you are very special to me. Set-backs in politics are not forever, things will change ...

An HON MEMBER: Do not cry.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I do not cry. Do not worry, I do not cry.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] do not cry. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No. Intimidators do not cry either.

So I really hope ... I think you have such importance to bring to South African politics that I hope we will see you in high places again soon. To those who go with the new stream in the House then please God you are able to do better with it than we were able to do, all of us together here because we do not want to see that sort of thing again.

To the hon Minister Alan Winde, who is the last survivor of the little DP group that used to sit up in the corner there [Laughter.] I am not sure if it was the Speaker or whether it was the Chief Whip at the time, I cannot remember but he put me right over there and I had to try and intimidate the House from that corner there. I was very proud that hon Gabru once referred to me as a weapon of mass destruction [Laughter.]

There are many new colleagues who I have known for a long time and ... All of you are like family to me and I shall remember you and I shall remember the occasions in this House and I shall remember virtually everything in here with pleasure, with the one exception of that which I have talked about. I hope that all of us will be Jedi Knights for South Africa and may the force be with us. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Thank you hon Minister Carlisle. From the Chair side can I just add and say that your contribution has enriched us all tonight. Thank you very much. That brings us to end of this debate on this Vote. It brings us to the end of the business of the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 19:45

