
TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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[Virtual sitting held through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 10:00.

The hon Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Good morning, hon members.

Before we proceed, I would like to make some comments about the logistical arrangements. Today's sitting shall be governed by the Standing Rules and, in instances where these Rules cannot be applied, the ruling by the Presiding Officer is final.

Hon members, the quorum requirements for the sitting of the House are as provided for in the Constitution and the Standing Rules. The Sergeant-at-Arms

will be recording members' attendance.

Hon members have all the privileges and immunities imparted by law.

Hon members, unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will be confined to only those members who are logged on to the sitting and may cast their votes in accordance with our Standing Rules.

Hon members who are considered to be out of order by the Presiding Officer will have their microphones muted and will be called to order. When an hon member wishes to raise a point of order, such an hon member may address the Presiding Officer as normal, but must mute his or her microphone when he or she has completed speaking.

Hon members, I wish to inform the House that as this sitting is being conducted fully virtual, hon members who are recognised to speak will be required to switch on their cameras for the duration of their contribution. Hon members, this measure is intended to assist the Chair in the orderly conduct of proceedings and to ensure proper visibility and participation during the sittings. The hon members must ensure that their microphones are unmuted when they are recognised by the Presiding Officer and mute their microphones when they have finished speaking. I kindly request that those who are not members of the House, observe the decorum of the House.

Hon members, you are reminded that no interjections are permitted during this

virtual sitting and, to this end, I wish to draw your attention to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules. The Secretary and her administration will ensure that there is dedicated technical support at all times during the sitting.

Hon members, we will now proceed with the business of the House and I recognise the hon Chief Whip.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

(Motion)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and good morning to you and all hon members.

Hon Speaker, I move in my name:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 18, the hours of sitting on Tuesday, 19 May 2026, shall be from 10:00 till adjournment.

I so move.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved?

No objections, agreed to. Is that an objection?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Agreed to.

The Secretary will now read the Order of the Day.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The SECRETARY: Consideration of the Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 5–2026] (NCOP) dated 15 May 2026 (see Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, no 43, dated 18 May 2026, p 223). (Final Mandate.)

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. The House received the Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, conferring the authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP to support this Bill. I will now afford parties an opportunity to make a declaration, if they so wish, and I recognise the ANC. The ANC? I will then move on to the PA.

Ms D R STEPHENS (PA): Good morning, hon Speaker. As the Western Cape Provincial Parliament considers the Final Mandate on the B 5-2026 Bill, we are dealing with legislation that has a direct impact on how public funds are allocated and how services are ultimately delivered to the people of the Western Cape. The Bill is not simply an administrative process. It speaks to the practical realities faced by our communities, where the municipalities can maintain

infrastructure, where the schools and clinics function properly, and where the provincial departments have the resources to meet the growing needs of our residents.

For the Western Cape, we continue to face serious challenges. Communities are under economic pressure, infrastructure backlogs remain, and the demand for basic services continues to grow. One of the greatest concerns remains healthcare, where many public hospitals are under strain due to overcrowding, staff shortages and delayed service delivery. Our people expect that when this Bill is adopted, funding will lead to real improvements in these critical areas.

The role of the WCPP is therefore vital. It is not enough to pass legislation. We must ensure proper oversight so that every rand allocated under the B 5-2026 Bill is used responsibly, transparently, and in the best interests of the public. As we adopt this Final Mandate, let us ensure that this Bill becomes a tool for real service delivery, and not just another legislative exercise.

The people of the Western Cape deserve budgets that bring visible change, stronger public services and hope for communities who depend on Government every day. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I recognise the EFF.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Good morning. Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the EFF rejects the Bill in its current form. It is imbalanced and

does not address the plight and concerns of the poor. We reject it. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the NCC. I recognise the Freedom Front Plus.

Mr G P MARAIS (FFP): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I am so sorry for the delay. I just had some technical difficulties.

The SPEAKER: No problem.

Mr G P MARAIS (FFP): Hon Speaker, on behalf of the Freedom Front Plus, I rise in support of the Division of Revenue Bill B 5-2026. We note the improvements in the Provincial Equitable Share formula and the increased allocations to municipalities, among other positive measures in relation to the Division of Revenue Bill. However, we remain concerned that these positive measures may ultimately be undermined by poor governance in many of our municipalities. We continue to witness rising levels of unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, which not only erodes public trust, but also diverts scarce resources away from service delivery and our communities that depend on it most.

For this reason, stronger financial oversight, accountability and consequence management must accompany these allocations to ensure that public funds achieve their intended purpose. Professional athletes measure both distance and

time, because falling behind by seconds can cost them the race. Similarly, I am concerned that time is running out for the Western Cape, because we are not keeping pace with the growing demand for housing, school, classrooms and health facilities.

Continued in-migration that is rapidly taking place, climate change related disasters and crime add further distance to the race, yet our delivery is not accelerating fast enough. If we do not increase provincial and municipal capacity and urgency, we risk falling further behind, disappointing the people who depend on us, hon Speaker. The people of the Western Cape, young and old, rich and poor and the middle class, all are the responsibility of this Government.

Unnecessary delays in delivering infrastructure and the affordable basket of services to our residents must be eradicated. Residents must receive services they rightfully deserve and to which they are constitutionally entitled. Let us govern with urgency, fairness and responsibility.

Therefore, we need to ensure stronger guardrails around these allocations, especially in light of the growing influence of construction mafias and other corrupt criminal networks. Our inability to decisively combat crime in South Africa and in this province continues to delay the rights and dignity of our people. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I recognise Al Jama-ah.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AJA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, Al Jama-ah does not support the Bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The ACDP?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, hon Speaker. The ACDP supports the Division of Revenue Bill. With the increased allocation we need to see, if we look at safer communities, better healthcare services and also, sitting on the Education Standing Committee, the motto of the Education Standing Committee is “quality education for every child in every classroom in the province”. So, hon Speaker, I am delighted that the Budget Committee supported the Bill. It means that there is more satisfaction.

I do not know, maybe I have missed it, but in my parliamentary term, I do not know of the committee that supported the Bill. So, something is working. It seems to me that the GNU is working, that we have more money to do more for our people, because that is what it is about. It is not about a lot of fanfare. It is about improving the lives of our people. Safer communities, better schools, better healthcare facilities, that is what it is all about.

So, we cannot vote against this Bill. If we vote against the Bill, it means that we do not support our people out in the streets and do not support improvement in safety and education and healthcare services.

So, hon Speaker, we definitely support this Bill and we trust our job as the

Opposition, and also in committees, is to have proper oversight of how the money is going to be spent. So we have also got a job to do when it comes to allocation of funds. So the buck does not stop with the Western Cape Government. If they spend the money, we must keep them accountable.

So, I am actually delighted that the Budget Committee has supported this Bill and, as the ACDP, we support it. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. Just for the record, I received an apology from GOOD and that apology has been noted on behalf of hon Herron, and I move on to the DA.

Mr L D VAN WYK (DA): Good morning, hon Speaker. I rise today to declare the DA's support for the Division of Revenue Bill B 5-2026 for the 26/27 financial year.

As this House knows all too well, it is rather uncommon for National Treasury to meaningfully consider, let alone integrate, our provincial recommendations. Yet, through relentless advocacy, we have achieved exactly that. National Treasury has finally listened. Our approval of this mandate follows significant victories for our residents. First, by successfully pushing to update the poverty component of the Provincial Equitable Share formula from the outdated 2010/2011 data to 2022/2023 figures, the Western Cape's share of the national budget increases to 10.4%. This translates directly into an additional R1.2 billion flowing to our province over the medium term.

Secondly, we have secured R883 million for critical healthcare infrastructure, specifically funding for the Metro East and Metro West hospitals. Furthermore, National Treasury has formally acknowledged our rapid population growth, committing to a multi-year phasing in of the 2022 Census results. This ensures that future funding will accurately reflect the real number of people relying on our schools and clinics.

Hon Speaker, while we welcome this progress, our oversight remains vigilant. We still hold serious concerns regarding unfunded mandates, like Grade R, cuts to agricultural support, and the slow pace of reforms for public/private partnerships and municipal procurement.

Nevertheless, this Bill represents a monumental shift forward towards fiscal equity. The DA's advocacy has secured a fairer, better-funded budget for the people of the Western Cape.

To this end, the DA supports the Division of Revenue Bill. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. Hon members, I have to announce that there are currently 36 hon members present and entitled to vote, and the House is therefore quorate.

The question put before the House is that the report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape

delegation in the NCOP to support this Bill. All those in favour of the report being adopted, please say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

Mr N P MASIPA (DA): Support.

The SPEAKER: Those not in favour of the report being adopted, please say no.

HON MEMBERS: No.

The SPEAKER: I think the ayes have it, and the question is therefore approved.

The Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill has therefore been adopted.

Hon members, that concludes the business for the day. The Secretary will now end the meeting, and the House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 10:15.