
THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2014

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

1. Debate on Vote 14: Local Government – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2014].

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Speaker, provincial cabinet colleagues, members of the provincial legislature, heads of department, heads of the ministry, senior managers, executive mayors here today, municipal manager, partners in local

government, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen, with everything we do, we should remember one key fact, namely that we have a poverty rate of 35% in the Western Cape. This means that one in every three households earns less than R3500 per month. The aim of the National Development Plan is to eliminate poverty by 2030, that is within 15 and a half years, and therefore our programmes, our budgets, and all our efforts should be directed at meeting this goal.

You may ask what the role of the Department of Local Government is in eliminating poverty. Everything that the department does has a direct or indirect impact on poverty. If a municipality is misusing resources, not prioritising the poor, or not delivering services, it is the poor who suffer the most. When fires break out, it is the people in shack settlements who are left the most destitute. When people have to travel far to access government services, it is the poor who are most likely not to have an ID, and without an ID you cannot get a job.

Mnr die Speaker, my departement verrig in elkeen van hierdie opsigte 'n funksie. Deur munisipaliteite te ondersteun om doelmatige en doeltreffende organisasies te bestuur, word dienslewering verbeter. Deur bewustheid oor korrupsie te verhoog en infrastruktuur tenderprosesse te ondersteun, word hulpbronne nie vermors nie. Deur die strategie vir geïntegreerde ontwikkelingsbeplanning te assesser, kan die prioriteite van die armes geprioritiseer word. Ons moet die toestande skep waarin armoede kan verdwyn.

Mnr die Speaker, ek is trots om te sê dat my departement die afgelope vyf jaar 'n betekenisvolle bydrae in hierdie opsig gelewer het, en dat die programme in ons

jaarlikse prestasieplan vir 2014/2015 hierdie werk sal voortsit.

Ek het in die verlede aan hierdie Huis verslag gelewer dat my departement, saam met ander belanghebbendes, die afgelope vier jaar munisipaliteite ondersteun het om voortdurend 99% van die munisipale infrastruktuurtoelaag te bestuur. Dit is dan ook my voorreg om 100% besteding vir die munisipale verslagperiode eindigende 30 Junie 2013 aan te kondig, met die volgende beste provinsie op 94%. In die praktyk, mnr die Speaker, beteken dit 205 projekte wat plaasgevind het. Rioolwerke, waterwerke en paaie is gebou danksy die hulp en samewerking en die geïntegreerde projek tussen my departement en plaaslike regering.

Dit het 'n verbetering in dienslewering tot gevolg gehad. Die 2013 algemene huishoudingspeiling het aangedui dat tussen 2010 en 2012, die provinsie 'n verbetering in die toegang tot die minimumvlak van basiese dienste getoon het:

99% van Wes-Kaapse inwoners het toegang tot waterdienste;

93.4% het toegang tot elektrisiteit;

91% het toegang tot sanitasie;

91% het toegang tot vullisverwydering.

Daarby het die Nasionale Produktiwiteitsindeks van 2013 aangedui dat sewe van die top tien presterende munisipaliteite in die land in die Wes-Kaap is.

Gemeenskappe se vlak van toegang tot basiese dienste is 'n belangrike aanduiding van die prestasie van munisipaliteite, en speel 'n groot rol in die opheffing van

munisipaliteite uit armoede. Dit is alles te danke aan die werk van my departement in samewerking met die munisipaliteite en vele ander vennote wat hard werk om te verseker dat die toegewese begunstigdes die basiese dienste ontvang.

Mr Speaker, I am, however, concerned about the condition of electricity networks in municipalities. My department has allocated an additional R 1 million to support municipalities with a project which will focus on the preparation of a comprehensive electrical master plan for the medium-voltage networks in municipalities. This will provide municipalities with extensive information about their systems, which will give them the basis for building more houses and applying for electrification funding.

We all know that the province is susceptible to fires. My department invested in proactive measures to ensure timely response. We enhanced our aerial fire fighting capability even more and we managed to extinguish more than 95% of all wild land fires within one hour of the fires being detected. In 2014/15, we have allocated R 5.8 million to aerial fire-fighting. Over the last three years my department has done extensive research to identify the fire risk of the province and is now following a proactive, integrated approach which includes enforcement, education and engineering solutions.

We have established community emergency response teams in the Central Karoo, Eden, Overberg, West Coast and Cape Winelands Districts. These are response teams recruited from the communities and trained and equipped to respond rapidly to informal settlement fires.

In addition, fire awareness programmes are run on a continuous basis, with the most vulnerable communities being targeted. The municipal fire and rescue services and the Disaster Management Centre in the province face major capacity challenges due to a lack of sufficient formal training.

In partnership with the Department of Community Safety, the department will develop part of the Wolwekloof Resort in the Cape Winelands District into a provincial fire and disaster management training facility, and has allocated R 1 million for this purpose.

Mnr die Speaker, die provinsie het die afgelope paar maande twee vloedvoorvalle wat tot provinsiale rampe verklaar is, beleef. Die Wes-Kaapse Rampbestuursentrum het tydens die November 2013-vloede hulp verleen met die suksesvolle ontruiming van die Vergelegen-hospitaal en 'n ouetehuis. Dit was die eerste keer dat 'n hospitaal as gevolg van natuurlike rampe ontruim moes word. Dit het vir ons 'n geweldige uitdaging gebied, maar ek dink dit was ook 'n baie goeie leerskool.

Die Januarie 2014-vloede het ook munisipaliteite beïnvloed, waaronder Laingsburg. Deur die doeltreffende bestuur van die provinsiale en plaaslike belanghebbendes, was ons in staat om die impak van die vloede te minimaliseer sodat geen lewens verloor is nie. Die totale begroting vir rampbestuur is R 25 miljoen vir die 2014/2015-begrotingsjaar.

Mnr die Speaker, oor die afgelope twee jaar het my departement munisipaliteite ondersteun om hulle stelsels, strukture en diensleweringmeganismes te verbeter. Die

departement het spesialiswerk in 'n aantal munisipaliteite gefasiliteer, byvoorbeeld Knysna-, George-, Kannaland-, Breedevallei-, Theewaterskloof-, Swellendam- en Laingsburg-munisipaliteite is met organisatoriese her-ontwerp bygestaan, terwyl ander munisipaliteite ondersteun is om die TASK-stelsel te implementeer, produktiwiteitsassessering in te stel en prestasiebestuurstelsels te verbeter.

The organisational re-design project involved a review of the existing structures of a municipality and the re-design of it to reflect local conditions, operational requirements and service delivery demands. Structures were also aligned with municipal IDPs and budgets. This will lead to improved productivity and financial sustainability over the medium and long term. As a result of the success of these initiatives, a number of municipalities came forward to request further targeted support from the department. Together with the provincial Treasury, we are identifying initiatives that will address the challenges in specific municipalities.

An amount of R 20 million has been set aside for this purpose for the provincial Treasury and the Department of Local Government. I believe that this differentiated approach is critical in strengthening the capacity of municipalities to fulfil their constitutional responsibilities.

Mnr die Speaker, ons ondersteun ook munisipaliteite om goeie administrasie in stand te hou. Die afgelope jaar het ons 'n nakomingsmodel aan elf munisipaliteite bekendgestel, wat voorsiening maak vir beide finansiële en nie-finansiële nakoming van wetgewing. Hierdie model is ontwerp om munisipaliteite op hoogte te hou van die jongste veranderings ten opsigte van wetgewing.

Munisipaliteite wat die afgelope jaar van die nakomingsmodel gebruik gemaak het, het dit verwelkom. Ek glo dat hierdie nakomingsmodel munisipaliteite bemagtig en die werk van munisipaliteite sal vergemaklik, want dit verminder die koste van verslagdoening. My departement sal R 400 000 benut om nog ses munisipaliteite te ondersteun om die nakomingsmodel in die komende jaar in werking te stel.

We have also compiled Municipal Codes for 26 municipalities. A Municipal Code is a collection of all the by-laws in a municipality going back to the 1912's. The final four codes will be provided in the 2014/15 financial year and will assist municipalities to consistently enforce their by-laws.

Mr Speaker, sound administration is the backbone of effective service delivery, which is why we have focused so many of our efforts on it. One indication of good governance and sound administration is the audit outcome of a municipality. For the 2012/13 financial year, there were 11 clean audits and 17 unqualified audits, which is a significant improvement on previous years. Mr Speaker, it is the job of government to provide the tools and an enabling environment to address poverty and it is the job of citizens to make use of these opportunities, which is the essence of Better Together. Two key resources that people can use to move out of poverty are information and access to government services. Our community development workers and the Thusong programme provide both.

In the past year, 18 national and provincial departments participated in our Thusong programme, and we have also seen the private sector and non-governmental

organisations all working under one roof to bring services and information to people where they live.

In the past 12 months, we have reached 72 341 people through Thusong outreaches and have provided services to a further 1.2 million through our Thusong Centres. We will continue with this successful programme by training Thusong personnel and drawing up Thusong plans together with municipalities. A Thusong plan is a geographical plan that shows where various Thusong services will be delivered throughout the year. Through these plans, we have been able to ensure that over 90% of the Western Cape residents have access to Thusong services at least once a year within 25 kilometres of where they live.

This work will continue in the coming year, with an amount of R 11 million being allocated to the service delivery integrated programme. Linked to the Thusong programme is the Community Development Workers programme, which has in the past year conducted 457 informal sessions in communities and facilitated over 20 107 case referrals on various issues such as applying for social grants and dealing with domestic violence. This programme will continue to give people the services and information with which they can improve their own lives.

Mnr die Speaker, die mense van die Wes-Kaap wil konkrete vooruitgang in die gemeenskappe sien en hulle speel 'n sentrale rol in die verwesenliking daarvan. Deur hulle te vra om hulle mees kritieke behoeftes te identifiseer en om oplossings daarvoor voor te stel, kan ons saam werk om 'n verskil in hulle lewens te maak.

Die afgelope boekjaar het my departement die Bergrivier-, George-, Langeberg-, Hessekwa-, Stellenbosch-, Breedevallei- en Laingsburg-munisipaliteite ondersteun om gebiedsgebaseerde ontwikkelingsplanne op te stel. Hierdie planne voorsien praktiese projekte vir implementering in ondervoorsiene gemeenskappe. My departement sal voortgaan om hierdie beplanningsbenadering te inisieer, en dit sal geïntegreerde ontwikkeling meer verteenwoordigend van gemeenskapsbehoeftes maak.

Mnr die Speaker, die Premier het in haar Provinsiale Rede aangedui dat geen regering op sy eie 'n beter lewe kan waarborg nie en dat vooruitgang die produk van vennootskappe is. Ons ontwikkelingsvennootskapvennote is onder andere wykskomitees. Daarom het my departement die afgelope jaar munisipaliteite ondersteun om funksionele en doeltreffende wykskomiteestelsels, asook doeltreffende kommunikasie met gemeenskappe, te verseker. In die komende jaar sal ons wykskomitees in agt munisipaliteite oor gemeenskapsgebaseerde beplanning oplei en die agt munisipaliteite help om bedryfsplanne vir die wykskomitees te ontwikkel. Ons verskaf ook meer opleiding aan munisipale beamptes oor kommunikasie en sal ook munisipaliteite ondersteun om hulle webwerwe te verbeter. 'n Totaal van R 6.2 miljoen is toegewys aan munisipale kommunikasie-steun en R 7.2 miljoen aan die Openbare Deelname Direkoraat vir volgende jaar.

Mr Speaker, I believe that one of the reasons that poverty is still so widespread is because of weak horizontal and vertical cooperation amongst spheres of government. We need to work together to achieve a greater impact.

My department leads the provincial strategic objective 10, which is integrated service

delivery for maximum impact. We have recognised the need to strengthen collaboration and strategic coordination across the board. To this end, the department introduced the Intergovernmental Planning and Budgeting Framework. This framework is aimed to ensure that municipalities and provincial and national departments participate in a coherent planning and budgetary process that will fast-track implementation of government projects.

As part of the Intergovernmental Planning and Budgeting Framework, the department is using the IDP Indaba to ensure that municipal IDPs informs provincial and national planning and vice versa. The recent IDP Indaba saw over a 1 000 government officials within the province and across all districts meeting to discuss ways to improve service delivery in our communities.

Due to the great interest expressed in the IDP Indaba process in the province, my department is entering the next phase, which is to move toward joint planning, and my department will be bringing departments together in a few municipalities this year to draw up joint long-term plans.

Given the central role that the IDP team is playing in coordinating the plans of the three spheres of government, we are allocating an additional R 1 300 000 to fill new posts in the IDP directorate, with the entire programme receiving R 7 700 000. We will also continue to monitor the performance of municipalities.

This coming year my department will undertake an assessment of performance agreements of Section 57 appointees - senior managers within municipalities - against

service delivery and budget implementation plans.

By doing this we will be able to promote alignment between the IDP and the performance agreements of senior managers and thereby take accountability to the next level. We are allocating R 5 million to the local government monitoring team for 2014/15.

Mnr die Speaker, ons kan nie ons mense dien indien ons bestuurstelsels nie betroubaar is nie, en ek kan nie munisipaliteite bystaan indien ek nie die vermoë het om spesifieke situasies te assesser nie. Ons is nou in 'n finale stadium van promulgering van die *Wetsontwerp op die Wes-Kaapse Monitering en Ondersteuning van Munisipaliteite*. Die openbare verhore en komiteeprosesse is voltooi en die wetsontwerp is deur die wetgewer bekragtig. Sodra dit gepromulgeer is, sal hierdie wet dit makliker maak vir die departement om hulle moniteringsrol te vervul in gevalle van nie-uitvoering van statutêre verpligtinge, wanadministrasie, bedrog of korrupsie.

Mr Speaker, when I look back on the last five years, I am proud to say that my department has put many programmes in place that enable people to move out of poverty. In disaster management, we have shifted our focus to risk reduction, as we understand that the poor suffers the most when disasters occur. We have also ensured quick and effective response to disasters by upgrading our provincial centre and building the disaster management capability of our municipalities.

We have provided many support programmes to municipalities that have resulted in

improved governance and administration, as evidenced by municipal audit outcomes. We have expanded our services to the public through the community development workers and Thusong programme, giving people the information and services that they need. The annual performance plan for 2014/15 solidifies and expands this work.

I know that the journey to eliminate poverty may be a long one, but I commit the resources of my department to reaching it. Thank you.

'n AGB LID: Hoor, hoor!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Bredell. I recognise the hon member Mr Visser.

Mnr J J VISSER: Mnr die Speaker, dit is vir my 'n voorreg om te kan praat oor hierdie begroting. As die voorsitter van die staande komitee het ek die voorreg gehad om vir vyf jaar saam te leef met die agb Minister Anton Bredell en die departement onder sy leiding, onder die leiding van die HOD, dr Hildegard Fast.

Die visie van hierdie departement spel allereers die doelgerigtheid uit waarmee hulle hul verantwoordelikheid en taak benader het. Ek wil graag hierdie visie vir u aanhaal:

“Developmental and well-governed municipalities with integrated, sustainable and empowered communities.”

Dis 'n mondvul en die agb Minister Bredell het vir u verduidelik hoe hulle dit gedoen

het. Die moeilike saak hier is dat 'n mens eintlik 'n visie steel waaroor 'n mens weinig beheer kan uitoefen, in die sin dat 'n mens aangewese is op mense wat nie direk onder jou bevelstruktuur geplaas is en vir wie 'n mens nie opdragte kan gee of waar jy nie kan moniteer en beheer wat mense doen nie. Om hierdie visie wel te kan bereik, is dus 'n uitdaging.

Hoe behaal 'n departement dan nou sukses met so 'n beperking? Eerstens sorg jy dat jy 'n HOD soos dr Fast in plek het. Tweedens stel jy kundige en doelgerigte personeel aan wat baie toegewyd is aan die departement, soos hulle wel het. Derdens moet 'n mens 'n ongelooflike vlak van vertrouwe kan skep by jou kliënt, die munisipaliteit.

As jy 'n Minister hier byvoeg wat plaaslike regering in sy slaap ken, entoesiasies is omtrent sy werk en oor baie sterk dryfkrag beskik, dan het 'n mens 'n resep vir sukses. Dit het my altyd opgeval, mnr die Speaker, dat wanneer die departementshoof, die hoofdirekteure, direkteure en ander personeel voor die komitee verskyn, met hoeveel entoesiasme hulle hul saak stel, selfs al is hul besig met moeilike of moeisame sake, en glo vir my, oor hierdie afgelope vyf jaar het van die munisipaliteite gesorg dat daar moeilike en moeisame sake was wat hanteer moes word.

Mnr H P GEYER: Hoor, hoor!

Mnr J J VISSER: Om hul visie te bereik moes die departement uitgaan en munisipaliteite bemagtig. Deur die verloop van vyf jaar het ek gesien hoe die departement dit doen. Ek wil vir u voorbeelde stel en as ek herhaal wat die agb Minister gesê het, vergewe my.

Die eerste een is hierdie geweldige inset rondom opleiding en motivering van amptenare, dis nou munisipale amptenare. Die beskikbaarmaking van kundigheid deur die instelling van die hulplennaar is een voorbeeld. Ek weet dat van die amptenary partykeer tye lank, selfs maande lank by munisipaliteite moes deurbring om daarmee te help.

Die skep van beste praktyke modelle soos die wyke-samestellings en bestuursmodel, die voldoeningsmodel-sagtewareprogram; die GOP-model; die assessering van die organisatoriese strukture van munisipaliteite en die gepaardgaande sinvolle organisasie-ontwikkeling deur aanpassings aan die strukture van munisipaliteite te maak, wat vir die munisipaliteite geld gespaar het op die langtermyn en ook die funksionering van hierdie munisipaliteite vergemaklik het, is nog voorbeelde wat genoem kan word.

Verslagdoening wat onder andere insluit die MGRO - the municipal governance review and outlook - om die prestasie van munisipaliteite te meet sodat die departement daarop kan reageer en insette lewer, is 'n verdere voorbeeld.

Dan is daar die skep van strukture soos die Thusong-sentrum. Die agb Minister Bredell het daaroor gepraat, om baie belangrike dienste wat deur ander Staatsdepartemente gelewer moet word nader na gewone mense toe te bring.

Daar is die uitbouing van inter-regeringsverhoudings tussen munisipaliteite, tussen verskillende sferes van regering en ook tussen departemente gemoeid met plaaslike

regering. Ons moet eerlik wees met mekaar, dis nie altyd so lekker wanneer die verskillende sfere van regering nie wil saamwerk nie.

Dan is daar die rampbestuursentrum wat oral opgerig word en ondersteun word, veral die een by die Tygerberg-hospitaal en die innovasie wat met lugbeheer gedoen is om groot vure aan bande te lê.

Daar is vele meer, en die Minister het hulle opgenoem, wat 'n mens nou kan noem, maar ek wou eintlik net die omvang van hierdie departement se taak aan u voorhou, mnr die Speaker, om te demonstreer dat hierdie departement die volgende begrotingsjaar sal moet voortgaan van hierdie basis af wat hulle self geskep het, en hulle moet 30 munisipaliteite in die Wes-Kaap diens met slegs 'n begroting van R 188 miljoen en 'n personeelkomponent van slegs 342 lede. Dis een van die kleinste departemente met van die kleinste begrotings en hulle het 'n enorme taak wat hulle moet doen.

Ek het egter goeie vertroue, mnr die Speaker, dat hierdie departement steeds sal kan aanhou om die wonderlike werk te doen wat hulle reeds doen, al is hulle dan nou ernstig geknou en onder druk met hierdie beperkte begroting en die personeelkomponent. Ek hoop ook van harte dat hierdie goeie kombinasie van Minister en departement sal voortgaan en nie opgebreek sal word nie. My pa het altyd gesê mens karring nie met dit wat werk nie, en in hierdie geval werk dit goed. Los dit so. Die wonderlike beloning vir hierdie departement is dan nou die getal munisipaliteite, soos die agb Minister Bredell gesê het, wat skoon oudits en ongekwalifiseerde oudits gekry het, 28 uit 30. Dit is baie goed. Veels geluk. Julle

verdien dit.

Laat my ook toe, mnr die Speaker, om dankie te sê aan my komitee wat ek glo 'n baie groot rol gespeel het as deel van hierdie suksesstorie, vir hulle bydrae en ondersteuning. 'n Mens kan kwalik vir 'n beter span gevra het. Ek wil spesifiek die agb lid mnr Uys bedank vir die manier hoe hy sy kennis en ervaring beskikbaar gemaak het om die komitee by te staan, en as ek nou vir u sê dat ons in vyf jaar se tyd seker drie keer moes stem oor iets, dan is dit 'n aanduiding van hoeveel konsensus daar binne hierdie komitee was, en anderster as ander voorsitters wat dink hulle kan regeer binne hulle komitees, was dit nie die geval by ons nie. Ek hoop die volgende komitee sal kan voortbou waar hierdie span los.

My wenslys vir hierdie departement is dat hulle die MPAC sal propageer, vestig, oplei en ondersteun sodat oorsig by die plaaslike regering sterk en sonder vrees kan plaasvind, dat alle Thusong-sentrums optimaal sal funksioneer, dat gemeenskapsontwikkelingswerkers nie-polities en doelgerig aangewend sal word, dat die paar swartskaaap munisipaliteite ook aan boord sal kom en effektief sal begin funksioneer. Dit sal darem wonderlik wees om 'n 100%-syfer te toon van munisipaliteite wat ongekwalifiseerde oudits het. My wens is ook dat effektiewe aandag aan dienslewering vir plaaswerkers gegee sal word. Die inisiatief is nou aan die gang. Daar is vyf jaar in die volgende termyn, bou dit uit en werk daaraan.

Mnr die Speaker, ek gee graag erkenning aan die agb Minister Bredell en die departement en wens hulle voorspoed en sterke toe vir die 2014/2015-begrotingsjaar en die volgende termyn van regering. "Doet zo voort!"

Hiermee gee ek my steun aan hierdie begroting en ek dank u.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Uys, over to you.

Mr P UYS: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Good morning to all the guests that are here this morning, and also to our MEC and our chairperson of the standing committee. The input that we receive today here, although they will be very short speeches and input, it is really work over a five year and even longer period, and as we heard here today the work will never stop. With local government and services to the community it will always continue.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the consistent demand for basic service delivery in the Western Cape underpins most service delivery responses, and it is necessary that poverty and inequality are tackled rather than the protests dismissed as political motivated. People in the Western Cape are becoming more and more disillusioned with the DA as a result of its inability to deliver services. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Where? You live in which world?

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, the South African Human Rights Commission - where were you yesterday, Wiley? The South African Human Rights Commission ...
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hon member.

[Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: ... has found that toilets in informal settlements in the City are a health risk ... [Interjections.] ... and that the crisis needs urgent attention. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, MEC, what did you do, and will you do? What is your budget to address this specific issue? Did you and your department even take the time to read the report of the South African Human Rights Commission?

Mr Speaker, a High Court judge on the 13th of March this year, ruled that with the DA's handling of the Marikana informal settlement in the City of Cape Town, the residents were treated the same as did the apartheid government. [Interjections.] Yes, the judge said that.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You would know!

Mr P UYS: The judge said that and the conduct of the City was declared unconstitutional and unlawful.

Mr H P GEYER: Let us rather talk about Nkandla.

An HON MEMBER: And the ANC.

Mr P UYS: MEC Bredell, you must speak and listen to communities. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: This was the National Party ... [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: We will get to that and communities ... [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: You cannot even spell that.

Mr P UYS: ... and address their problems.

An HON MEMBER: Shame!

Mr P UYS: You and your department have been very absent and quiet in facilitating any discussion and bringing municipalities, provincial government and communities to the table and finding solutions to the challenge, because it is easy, they just march to the MEC of Housing, with the Premier / local government completely absent in the process. When will the DA provincial government start showing that they care, not only care for themselves? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh, come on!

Mr P UYS: Lock themselves away, but get out there ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Never!

Mr P UYS: ... and face the community? Mr Speaker, it was very interesting right in the beginning of the five years of term of this government that the first thing that was

deleted from the APPs was the Imbizos with the community, and that is the result that we see today; no interaction and no ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The ANC rallies.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, come on.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The ANC rallies. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Much of the unhappiness, Mr Deputy Speaker and protest could have been laid before the door of this department and government. The department's response is unfortunately non-existent, ...

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: [Inaudible.] talk about Nkandla, now you get ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: ... with no practical projects that were implemented in informal and under-serviced areas. I would like to hear if there is any.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: There are now five pools in those areas.

Mr P UYS: I will get to that. How is the department monitoring, Mr Speaker ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr P UYS: How is the department monitoring and supporting local government to strengthen their interaction with communities? They are not. Mr Speaker, to rely on CDWs and Thusong Centres alone is creating a false sense of help and outreach to communities, especially the poor communities. It is clear that one of the biggest challenges facing this provincial government, the Department of Local Government and municipalities in the Western Cape, is communication with communities, but not one-way communication like we see, but providing information resources to communities to empower them.

In the 2014/15 financial year, three municipalities will be supported with communication strategies and six municipalities supported with communication training initiatives. The MEC admitted that you do not really know what is happening with regard to effective communication between municipalities and their communities. It was said clearly you are now going to attend committees of municipalities to try and understand what is happening there. I do not know what you are going to tell them to do, because there is no communication between yourself and communities. Why is the department not supporting municipalities to make informed information available? If you have any intention, how does the budget reflect that. Please tell us that.

'n AGB LID: Die ANC-beheerde ... [Onhoorbaar.]

Mr P UYS: And here, Mr Speaker, I am not referring, and we have seen this lately ...

Mr M G E WILEY: The ANC appointed managers on the same ... [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: I am referring to the taxpayers' money being used for DA propaganda. [Interjections.] It is very strange that over the last two, three months we heard these MECs over the radio. It started with ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Visser, you had your chance. Can you please allow hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. It first started with: "Ek is Gerrit Van Rensburg". Do you remember that advertising propaganda from the DA? Then it started with: "I am Alan Winde..." I am sure it will very soon start with: "Ek is Anton Bredell en dit is wat ek gaan doen vir julle as die DA..." using government money of course. Look at this propaganda ... [Interjections.] And we heard that ... [Interjections.]

Me L BROWN: Hulle is skynheilig.

Mr P UYS: But the community knows ... [Interjections.] To come in the last month with your propaganda is not going to work. [Interjections.]

Me L BROWN: Julle is skynheilig. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, to strengthen relationship between local government and the community, community participation must be encouraged ... [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Kyk net hoe lank word sy neus.

Mr P UYS: But for public participation to become a reality, properly funded and community-based public participation must be in place and functional in each municipality. If we look at the status of public participation policies and implementation that is in place, we see that the City of Cape Town has some sort of policy. What they say is: “We fall back on LUPO.” That is their policy.

It was further revealed that in respect of those municipalities that have some guidelines they were deemed ineffective in enhancing participative democracy and community empowerment. That is coming from your department of course. The department must invest in strengthening public participation through effective communication between municipalities and communities. Although you now for the first time indicated, and there is always a first time, that only 11% of fire service personnel have received training above the basic levels and that you will focus on developing part of the Wolwekloof resort into a provincial fire and disaster management training facility, you and your department have still not addressed the shortages. In some areas we see the total absence of any fire-fighting equipment.

Mr M G E WILEY: You have to be joking!

Mr P UYS: Now you want to again duplicate, Mr Speaker, training above the basic level and start your own facility at growing and escalating cost while the basic levels of training is not in place across the province and without equipment being available,

especially in our rural and informal areas.

Again, Mr Speaker, a case of misplaced priorities, but while the department with the Department of Community Safety - well, what a partner - developed their own resort facilities at Wolwekloof, the MEC must tell us when there was an opportunity to do this. What did he do when the DA City of Cape Town took out the allowances and benefits of female fire-fighters that fall pregnant? Female fire-fighters lose as much as 22.8% of their allowances when they fall pregnant, if they are working for the City of Cape Town. [Interjections.]

It is evident from the APP and the interaction that the standing committee had with the MEC, Mr Speaker, and department, that the code of conduct for councillors and the implementation thereof is done only along party-political lines. This was said clearly in our standing committee, and I am questioning the impartiality of municipal speakers and the department of local government and the MEC. This confirmed the ANC's complaint, and the ANC lodged a complaint with the public protector that the DA-led City apply double standards in punishing councillors found guilty of misconduct. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, while the ANC councillors were fired from the council DA councillors who were found guilty on similar offences were given a slap on the wrist.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Take us to court!

Mr P UYS: But let me give you one example. I hear the hon Minister Botha has now

joined us, a bit late. Let me give you one or two perspectives on that code of conduct.

[Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: [Onhoorbaar.] ... nagenoeg, jy sal kan hoor.

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, I want to refer to the Eden district municipality. It is a very recent example that we can use and I am going to quote certain sections from a press statement from the from the speaker of the Eden district municipality. The speaker is a DA speaker, as you of course know.

'n AGB LID: Natuurlik!

Mr P UYS: What the speaker said here is: “During December 2012 I have requested the municipal manager to appoint a firm of investigators to conduct an investigation into alleged transgressions of the code of conduct. The investigation took five weeks and the final report was delivered on the 31st of January 2013. This report has revealed serious transgressions by the DA executive mayor...”. Let me read to you some of these transgressions that came out, and this is not coming from me or the ANC, it is coming from the DA itself. It is says: “Van Der Westhuizen”, and that is the executive mayor of the DA, ...

Ms L BROWN: Wessie.

Mr P UYS: “Van Der Westhuizen committed fraud, forgery, breached the MFMA, exceeded his authority...” [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who is that?

An HON MEMBER: Wessie.

Mr P UYS: "...abused his position, breached policies and procedures, failed to act..."

[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ... on the charges.

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, we will get to that. "... failed to act in the best interest of the municipality; acted dishonestly, interfered in the administration of the municipality and breached the code of conduct for councillors..." But I want to continue to refer to the speaker of the district municipality, and that is councillor Nayler. Then she continues and says: "We consequently appointed a disciplinary committee..." and of course you know how the DA and their municipalities are loaded with DA people ...

[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Let us talk about ...

[Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: And what is the outcome of that? [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, the disciplinary committee presented its findings.

'n AGB LID: Maar, mnr die Speaker, daar stel hulle nie eers een aan nie.

Mr P UYS: It has presented its findings to council during a special council meeting on the 26th of September 2013 ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is why the Speaker is ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr P UYS: ... which entailed the following: the executive mayor was found guilty. I gave you the charges that he was found guilty on, but what is the recommendation of this DA council to that MEC? [Interjections.]

“The council resolved on Thursday, the 26th of September 2013, as follows: that the MEC for Local Government suspends”, meaning immediately, “... suspends councillor Van Der Westhuizen with immediate effect...” - not wait for anything else, immediate effect, a major crisis. [Interjections.]

Secondly, Mr Speaker,” that the MEC for Local Government removes councillor Van Der Westhuizen as councillor at the Eden District Municipality and Oudtshoorn Municipality.” Then she continues Mr Speaker: “The MEC for Local Government has now been requested to act.” That is the DA, Mr Speaker, saying that. I think you can all think what happened there. It is now March. They submitted at the end of September; October, November, December, January, February, March. Nothing happened from that MEC because it is a DA councillor and a DA mayor. [Interjections.] Do you find it in any other place? Chris Taute the other day, chop-

chop, big trouble, but here ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You have a big ... [Inaudible.]

Mr H P GEYER: Let us talk about ... [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: But here, here his own council asked for suspension.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ... Nkandla. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: His own council will ask for dismissal. The DA will ask it, but he will not comply with that, not doing his job. [Interjections.] Very clear, biased party-political line; he was told not to do it. "Leave him. It is sensitive before the elections. We do not want disruptions in Oudtshoorn and in the Eden District Municipality." Mr Speaker, municipalities in the Western Cape has regressed under this government.

An HON MEMBER: OH, come on!

Mr P UYS: Whatever they say, they know what is happening. Let us look at the audit outcomes that was submitted on the 19th of February. Maybe they are quoting a year ago. This year, 19th February 2014, revealed that 61% of municipalities is in non-compliance with legislation. That is bad.

An HON MEMBER: Oh no!

Mr P UYS: Only 58% of annual performance reports were of the required quality.

Mr H P GEYER: Is that Northwest? [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: The quality of submitted financial statements and information technology controls are at risk. This is what is happening, very clearly a regression.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Oh, come on man! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, regression. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: So what does the auditor say? [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: But Mr Speaker, I want to get to the statistics that the MEC also gave us here. For the MEC now to ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

An HON MEMBER: That is your nature.

Ms L BROWN: Sit down. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members! [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: He is wasting my time now. Do not waste my time now. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Brown, order! [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Kyk hoe lank is sy neus!

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

An HON MEMBER: Mr Speaker, will the hon member Mr Uys take a question?
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, are you going to take a question?
[Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: No. [Interjections.] Lynne, wag nou eers. Lynne wag nou eers man. Mr
Speaker ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, for the MEC to continue to claim that basic service delivery
... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: They do not want to support you.

The SPEAKER: Minister Botha, slow down a little bit. [Interjections.]

Ms M TINGWE: Aha! Rejection ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Okay Millicent, thank you as well. Mr Speaker, for the MEC to continue to claim that basic service delivery in the Western Cape is 90%, is wrong.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Nonsense!

Mr P UYS: Maybe in his Western Cape, in is wealthy Western Cape yes, but not in the real Western Cape. He must just get out of his office and see what is happening in the communities [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, start with ... [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: But you do not do this and you have not been doing this over the last five years.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The ANC ... [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, let us look at Saldanha, and I am quoting his own statistics now, not mine, his own statistics. Saldanha, basic services and water, 63%; electricity, 56%; sanitation, 79%; refuse removal, 72%. Swellendam, water, 69%; electricity, 48%; sanitation, 77% and refuse, 69%. Langeberg, water, you see there, 58%;

electricity, 62%; sanitation, 59%; refuse, 58%.

An HON MEMBER: And Kannaland?

The SPEAKER: Coincidentally, Mr Speaker, quoting from the MEC's own statistics, they are all DA run governed municipalities. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Has Kannaland paid their electricity bill?

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, I want to call, and I think it is time that we call, for an independent audit ... [Interjection.] ... on all basic services to be done. [Interjections.]

Mr J J VISSER: Limpopo!

Mr P UYS: How can the MEC say 90%, while we know it is not true and we see every day how people suffer in the communities? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is because of your legacy ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, six months, halfway into the financial year of municipalities, we can see why our communities still do not have proper basic services.

An HON MEMBER: Free for all ... [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: In the City of Cape Town with a capital budget, and it is a massive one of R 5.6 billion, they have only spent R 1.6 billion, 28% of their budget, an under-spending in just six months of R 1.1 billion. Clearly they do not want to spend the money on the poor to address the basic needs of the community. But further we see tenders given to relatives of employees totalling an amount of R 55 million.

Mr H P GEYER: Quote ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Speaker, a question I want to ask the MEC - and I hope he will respond to that - is, what is the upper limit for personal security for mayors and executive mayors that we have in this province, because there is an important decision that was taken by a DA governed and run municipality, and that is the Drakenstein Municipality. On the 11th of December 2013 they decided of course with the ANC not supporting it, that the provision of security services to the executive mayor be approved. Council carried the cost of security services. Council reimbursed - now this is a good one - reimbursed the mayor for security costs already incurred, and that the approval of the MEC for Local Government be obtained. But very interestingly here, Mr Speaker, and that is a question that must be answered, there is no cost attached to the council decision. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Nkandla!

Mr P UYS: So there must be a decision taken, a blank cheque given to an upgrading to that facility. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What about Nkandla? [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Nobody knows what it is. [Interjections.] Nobody knows what they are going to buy for that, and that is what the issue is. But we must go further there, Mr Speaker, and maybe just refer to the facility of this executive mayor. I see the executive mayor is number 22 on the list of the DA. She is maybe security-wise preparing coming here to the legislature. [Interjections.] These premises, Mr Speaker, these premises are Domaine Brahms, and I quote here: “is an undiscovered gem in the heart of Paarl and Wellington Winelands. The beautiful venue caters for weddings, functions, conferences, with spectacular surroundings and friendly personnel. It is a venue for events of any shape and any size...” [Interjections.] “...in an absolute stunning setting of vineyards, olive trees, and combined with international award-winning wines, one cannot help to have the time of your life every moment...”

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Is jy jaloers? [Onhoorbaar.] [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr P UYS: Reading this it sounds like a perfect ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sit down!

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr P UYS: ... like a perfect, secure place for people to go to.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Is it a point of order, hon member Mr Geyer?

Mr H P GEYER: Mr Speaker, is the hon member allowed to do promotion of places in the House?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Geyer, that is not a point of order. You may proceed, hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Speaker, these premises the hon member Mr Geyer knows very well. I am sure he has tasted the wines there already.

Mr H P GEYER: Yes, yes.

Mr P UYS: And I have no problem with the facility at all; whether it is weddings, whether it is functions, whether it is conferences. It is beautiful, it is great. [Interjections.] But, Mr Speaker ... [Interjections.]

Mr H P GEYER Stick to the budget; stick to the budget. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: But, Mr Speaker, to use government taxpayers' money to secure that property, that is wrong, and that is the problem that I have with that and what the DA will have to express themselves on. [Interjections.] MEC, we would like to hear how you are going to look at this, whether you may have taken a decision, whether there is

approval already or not, but I know it is on your table. I know you are considering it, and hopefully you hope that the MEC, whoever that is after the election, will finalise that. [Interjections.] Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, to the staff. I want to say thank you very much. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Sit, sit.

Mr P UYS: They have been hardworking people. I know most of them coming from the time that I also served in local government, and for that I think ... [Interjections.]

Ms M TINGWE: Yes. We love the ANC! [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: I think there is much to be said about them. I think MEC Bredell inherited a good team, and it is good that you build on that and it is good that we care for them. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Uys. Your time has expired.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms M TINGWE: They have no service delivery without the ANC.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Order, hon members. Minister Bredell, over to you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Speaker, thank you. First of all allow me to thank Dr Fast and her very professional team; a professional team that has got a passion for the Western Cape, the people of the Western Cape, a passionate team that is highly qualified and work with dedication to eliminate poverty and to serve the people of this province. For me as the Minister responsible it is really a privilege and an honour to work with you.

We have this notion, we have the system that when you work for the department you are allowed to differ from your Minister. You keep me on the straight and narrow and I thank you for that. I really appreciate that because you are professional people and you are competent people and that is what the people of the Western Cape need. Their lives are in good hands. Ek is baie geseënd om met julle te werk.

Aan die agb lid mnr Visser wil ek sê dat ek die hoogste waardering vir hom en sy komitee het vir die werk wat hulle gedoen het. Baie dankie. Ek was altyd 'n groot voorstaander gewees dat daar goeie oorsig moet wees. Daarom van myself en my departement, ons probeer altyd ons verslagdoening so goed moontlik aan die komitee doen. Ons is altyd gewillig om te kom verduidelik, want ons het niks om weg te steek nie. U rol as voorsitter en die Scolgo-komitee sal ek altyd onthou en sal my altyd bybly, en ek hoop werklik dat ons in ons volgende termyn daarop kan voortbou, ongeag wie in beheer van die portefeulje sal wees. So baie, baie dankie daarvoor. Aan die agb lid mnr Uys ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: As jy moet!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek het nou vanoggend as Christen gevra vir geduld en genade, maar jy dryf my rêrig baie, baie ver. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek moet werklik, ek moet werklik baie diep delf om nie my geardheid te verloor nie. Ek weet nie wie jou toespraak geskryf het nie, maar jy kan baie beter doen, rêrig waar. [Tussenwerpsels.] You can do much better.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Marius Fransman!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb lid mnr Uys, kom ons kyk na 'n paar items. Ek verstaan u frustrasie. Ek verstaan dat u behoort aan die ANC wat staan vir die African National Crisis Party, because everywhere you govern is a crisis.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: African National Corruption.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: National government, there is a crisis. All your provinces, there are crises. Oudtshoorn, there is a crisis.

An HON MEMBER: Kannaland. [Inaudible.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN

ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons gaan dus nie eers verder as Kannaland na al die ander toe nie. Ek wil tog vir jou sê, miskien moet jy luister voordat 'n ou so oor die draad kyk en vinger wys. Daar is 'n paar goed wat sommer vandag in die koerant was. “Administrasie was toksies en 'n toksiese brousel.” Dit is wat vandag in die koerant staan. [Tussenwerpsels.] “Dit was 'n lisensie om te plunder. Persoonlike argitek, ‘cadre deployment’.” Dit is die goed in vandag se koerant, mnr die Speaker, so ek verstaan jou frustrasie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

“Beyond what was reasonable; spending amounts to maladministration. Railway disaster waiting to happen; Eskom in a crisis; unlawful and improper...” Dis die goed wat jou regering gee vir die land. Dis wat hulle dink van ons mense.

Mnr H P GEYER: En jy is deel daarvan.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek het spesifiek gehandel met 'n tema, “to eliminate poverty”, want in my hart glo ek dit is wat elkeen van ons, die sogenaamde leiers, vir die publiek daar buite skuld. I am a public servant. I serve the people. I do not serve for myself, and we owe that to the people. Hierdie tipe debatte doen afbreuk daaraan. Ek het rêrig gehoop dat ons die vlak van debat vandag kan lig, so u stel my eintlik so 'n bietjie teleur.

'n AGB LID: Baie.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN

ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: U praat van apartheid. Ek wil u vra om te kyk na die munisipale infrastruktuurspandering wat ons gedoen het, met 'n baie hoogs gekwalifiseerde span - die dank kom hulle toe – en met 'n stelsel wat hulle ontwerp het om met munisipaliteite te sit om die agterstande en die blokkasies uit die weg te ruim, to unblock the blockages, to put municipalities in the space to spend the money. By doing that they have accomplished to build 205 projects, 42 sanitation projects, 44 water projects. Can you imagine, if the ANC government, when they were in government ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Limpopo?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... when they were in power, since you were the Minister of Local Government since 2000, did the same? Kan jy dink waar die Wes-Kaap vandag sou gestaan het? [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr die Speaker, die imbizos, “the eat, meet and greet meetings” van die ANC, dis hoekom ons dit gestop het. Dit was 'n totale klug. U weet dit. U weet dit, agb lid mnr Uys, behalwe dat u altyd twee ure laat opgedaag het vir daardie vergaderings ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... het daar werklik niks ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms J WITBOOI: You know.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... betreffende dienslewering daaruit gekom nie.

So we have not just stopped it. We have not stopped that. We have replaced that with a better system.

Ms L BROWN: But that is ... [Inaudible.] ... not listen.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: To build on ... Of course we listen. What do we do through our Thusong programme? We listen to people. We put people in a position to get an ID. Without that simple document you cannot apply for a job. Yes, we listen. [Interjections.] We have the CDW programme. We work with our CDWs ... [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: You can do better than that. We know that.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and we are going to keep on building on that programme.

Ms L BROWN: You can do better than that.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon member Ms Brown, you must remember that I sit in a lot of meetings with other national colleagues and they actually want to get rid of the CDW programme in other ANC provinces. It cannot be wrong to develop your community and we will build on that programme.

Ms L BROWN: Yes, we started that. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Okay, and we are busy making it work. [Interjections.]

'n AGB LID: Marius Fransman ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms L BROWN: You know that.

Ms M TINGWE: Yes, ... [Inaudible.] ... you do not want to. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members!

An HON MEMBER: You plan, but you cannot implement.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die Wolwekloof 'issue' ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Do you know why it was started?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die Wolwekloof 'issue' agb lid mnr Uys ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: Not for Fransman, I wish.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die Wolwekloof 'issue' is iets waar ons basiese opleiding gaan gee. Ons skuld dit vir ons mense in rampbestuur. [Interjections.] We owe it to our people ... [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: You know nothing.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... to give them proper training. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: You do not.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We owe it to them, and the right equipment, and obviously I will want, as the Minister responsible, to give them even more, but money is a problem. [Interjections.] Currently my budget is R 174 million for local government. The other day I was privileged to present to the national Minister our budgets. The Eastern Cape budget on local government is R 819 million. They have 971 personnel members. Our budget is R 174 million and we have 380 personnel members. KZN budget on local government is R 1.2 billion. Northern Cape

R 430 million, but I can promise you, this competent team's output is triple the other provinces.

Mr H P GEYER Hear, hear!

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, Mr Speaker, I am very proud as the Minister responsible for local government for our role in eliminating poverty, and we will make Wolwekloof a success. What you have not touched on is what you have left us with in Wolwekloof.

Ms M TINGWE: What did we leave you?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: 'n Kompleet vervalde ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Die bobbejane bly daar. Die ANC ... [Onhoorbaar.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Donors' money.

An HON MEMBER: Phew! Quit! Weg gewas.

An HON MEMBER: Now you are going to ... [Inaudible.]

Ms L BROWN: Even the donors there ... [Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Speaker, ek was altyd en ek is 'n groot voorstaander vir dissipline, want dit is deur dissipline wat ons die mense van die Wes-Kaap dien, en hier is vandag 'n paar burgemeesters wat daarvan sal getuig. Ons moet en ons sal nooit ophou om dissipline toe te pas nie, maar dit gaan regverdige dissipline wees, mnr die Speaker, en ek weet regtig nie wat om te doen om dit in die agb lid mnr Uys se kop te kry nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Dat ons regeer - that we govern, en ons regeer anders as die ANC. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek het nog nooit op 'n raadslid, op 'n mens se lewe getrap omdat die agb lid mnr Uys wil hê ek moet dit doen nie of omdat die Demokratiese Alliansie wil hê ek moet dit doen nie, of omdat enigiemand in hierdie vertrek wil hê ek moet dit doen nie.

Mnr die Speaker, die dissipline onder raadslede in ons rade sal die agb lid mnr Uys afmaak as skokkend. Ek gaan vir u sê dat as ek kyk na ons raadslede dan is dit nie 2-3% wat skokkend is nie. Ons moenie hierdie goed veralgemeen nie, want daar is raadslede wat skitterende werk doen, wat hulle gemeenskap met 'n passie dien, iets wat ons van hulle verwag. Ons sal optree teen diegene wat oortree, maar daar is 'n regverdige wetgewende proses waardeur ons sal gaan, ongeag watter politieke party die aangeklaagde is of die speaker is. Ek voel vir hulle soos 'n moeder met 'n hout hart, want hulle moet binne die proses bly, mnr die Speaker, en as dit 'n DA-speaker is, sal ek die eerste een wees wat dit vir daardie DA-speaker gaan sê. Mnr die Speaker, Andile Lili is hanteer soos Wessie Van Der Westhuizen hanteer sal word, en die agb

lid mnr Uys en sy party moet dit vir eens en vir altyd in hul kop kry.

Mnr P UYS: Maar wanneer?

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek sal dit hanteer binne die tydraamwerk soos wat die wet my toelaat, en as die burgemeester my vra vir uitstel en daar is 'n redelikheid in die versoek sal hy die uitstel kry. Ek sal nie gedruk raak deur die ANC of deur enigiemand anders nie.

Mnr H P GEYER: Hoor, hoor! Hoor, hoor!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Speaker, ons moet een ding in die Huis nie vergeet nie. Ek sal baie graag vir die agb lid mnr Uys wil vra, toe hy nou in beheer was van plaaslike regering, hoeveel skoon oudits het daardie lid toe gehad?

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Hy was nie in beheer nie.

'n AGB LID: Niks!

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Hy het daar gewerk.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons los dit daar, maar u sien, mnr die Speaker,

vir my gaan dit nie net oor 'n moddergooiery hier nie, want hy noem een of twee van die DA-burgemeesters. Ek kan vir hom tien van die ANC s'n noem. Ons kan gaan na Vimbe toe. Ons kan gaan na al - lekker, hang al die vuil wasgoed uit. Wat beteken dit vir dienslewering? Wat beteken dit "to serve the people of the Western Cape." Dit is waaroor die debat moet gaan, want ek gaan vir u sê hier is nie 'n enkele siel in hierdie Huis wat die alleenreg of die oplossing het om armoede aan te spreek nie.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Speaker, Kannaland, wanneer betaal die ANC Eskom?

'n AGB LID: Eina!

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Wat gaan ons maak as Eskom op 'n dag daardie munisipaliteit se krag afsny, maar die ANC wil nie help nie?

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Hulle steel 'wholesale' daar. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: U sien, mnr die Speaker, die oplossing is nie om die krag af te sny nie. Die oplossing gaan ons net vind as ons saamwerk en ons raadslede tot verantwoording roep.

Vir die raadslede wat hulle werk met 'n passie doen, baie, baie dankie. Vir my ministerie, ek dink vir almal se families, baie dankie. Ek dank u.

'n AGB LID: Mooi! Mooi! [Applous] [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Ek volstaan met Oudtshoorn.

'n AGB LID: Ek was reg vir Oudtshoorn. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this vote. Before we start with another vote can we then allow you to just get a smooth flow out? Thank you. [Interjections.]

[Background discussion in House while bays are cleared 1:05-1:07]

Order! Thank you, hon members, can we then start. The Secretary will read the second Order of the Day.

2. Debate on Vote 5: Education – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2014].

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister Grant.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Hoor, hoor!

An HON MEMBER: Amandla!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, fellow members of cabinet, hon Leader of the Opposition in absentia, hon members of the provincial parliament, special guests, Superintendent General of Education and all senior officials from the Western Cape Education Department, invited guests from the education community, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for giving me the opportunity to present the 2014/15 budget for education in the Western Cape.

It is customary for Ministers to be allowed to have a number of special guests on the occasion of their budget speech. When I look back over this period in office, I am painfully aware of the many days and weeks spent away from my immediate and my wider family. For this reason I am delighted to welcome here today a number of my family members, as follows: Firstly my wife, Cheryl [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Secondly my sister, Helen.

Ms L BROWN: Hi, Helen.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And thirdly my brother-in-law, Gary Kirsten. [Interjections.] I want them all to know how pleased I am that they are here today ... [Interjections.] ... and how much ... [Laughter] ... and how much I value their support over my years in this position.

For another equally important reason I am thrilled to welcome Ms Wendy Horn from

the Settlers High School here as a very special guest. Wendy was recently recognised as the leading teacher of Physical Science in South Africa at a prestigious gathering ... [Applause] ... of the education family hosted by the National Minister of Basic Education. Mr Speaker, teachers of the calibre of Wendy Horn is a precious asset to this province. I am sure that I speak on behalf of all the people in this House today when I congratulate her and thank her for what she does every day of her working life to improve the life chances of young people.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

An HON MEMBER: Yes! We salute you!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Two other Western Cape teachers, Ingrid Leukes of St Raphael's Primary School and Junain Adonis of Pieter Langeveldt Primary School, were also prize winners at the function in Pretoria. They are unable to be here today, but our sincere congratulations have been conveyed to them.

The nature of the budget which I present is such that the focus is traditionally on the more obvious profile of schooling, from Grade R to Grade 12. However, as I have travelled further along the education road I have come to understand the importance to learners of all ages of three other components of education – adult education and training, further education and training colleges and early childhood development. All three are vital cogs in the education wheel. For that reason we invited senior officials from these sections to be our guests here today. While time constraints have prevented Danita Welgemoed from FET Colleges and Sandra Fortuin from the ECD from being

here, I should like to welcome Andre Damon from Adult Education and Training as a guest as well. Our recent AET awards event is testimony to the excellent work being done by the department in support of our adult students.

Over the last five years it has been my privilege to work with the Western Cape Education Department in improving education outcomes in this province. I am proud of what we have together achieved. Over this period we have improved upon all four of our strategic goals, namely the improvement in language and mathematics in primary schools; improvement in the number and quality of passes in the National Senior Certificate; reduction in the number of under-performing schools; and an increase in the retention rate at schools. [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Closure of schools.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Given the progress in these areas, I can state categorically that the system is in better shape than it was five years ago. This is as a result of a team effort by WCED officials, SGBs, parents and educators as well as partnerships with other provincial departments and education agencies. We have, for instance, worked closely with the Department of Health to introduce the mobile clinics which will visit primary schools to monitor basic health signs amongst our young learners.

As Premier Zille mentioned in her State of the Province Address, “progress is the product of partnerships”, and that is certainly the case in education. Together we have contributed towards what the hon Minister Winde referred to in his budget speech as

“the building of a sustainable home in which all our people can live.”

Die provinsiale Departement van Onderwys is ’n belangrike kontrakteur in die bou van daardie huis. As ons jongmense deel wil wees van ekonomiese groei en werkskepping, ’n integrale deel van hierdie regering se hoofdoel in die skep van ’n oop geleentheids-samelewing vir almal, en toegang wil verkry tot die menseregte wat ons môre vier, moet onderwys dit regkry. In finansiële terme is dit hoekom oor die R 16.4 miljard van die provinsiale begroting in 2014/15 aan onderwys toegeken is.

Within the last five years, brick by brick, we have laid the foundation for solid improvements in learner performance. But, Mr Speaker, I am the first to admit that there is still much more that needs to be done before we can be satisfied with the quality of education our children receive in this home we are constructing.

That is why this budget is so important. It reflects five years of careful planning, research, systems change and some hard lessons. I have visited nearly 1 000 schools in my time as Minister. I have seen many examples of outstanding teaching and all-encompassing care of children in our schools serving the full range of communities. This experience coupled with the department’s data and professional expertise shaped this budget to reflect the needs of schools and their learners. Safety is undoubtedly one of these needs. The department will continue to work closely with its relevant sister departments of Social Development, Community Safety and Cultural Affairs and Sport, to improve the security conditions at our schools.

For budgetary purposes the department operates nine programmes that, taken together,

contribute towards further progress in education within our province. Each of these programmes, I believe, is integral to ensuring the stability of the structure of the Western Cape home.

Programme 1: Administration. In this area I am proud to say that over the last five years, this government has made a range of systems improvements to ensure better quality service, administration and communications.

A number of business processes have been automated by providing schools, district offices and head office units with access to online reporting and monitoring systems such as the School Improvement Plan, which monitors and assesses the resources, needs and targets of schools, as well as the District Management Information System, which allows district offices to capture, plan and report on all school visits. These have facilitated problem-solving and service delivery.

In 2014/15, Mr Speaker, over R 660 million has been allocated to this programme, the focus of which will be on improving administrative services. This includes strengthening the application of accounting practices and disciplines so as to further improve on the audit assessment of the Auditor-General, as well as general procurement. The department will also focus on providing needs-based support for schools, specifically in financial management, and will continue to facilitate the training of school governing bodies.

Programme 2: Public Ordinary Schools. This receives our largest budget allocation. Public ordinary school education makes up 75% of the overall education budget, or

R12 billion. Most of this item consists of educator salaries for our 33 000 hardworking educators. In this regard, I am delighted to confirm that we have through savings and efficient management been able to fund an additional 100 foundation phase posts to alleviate the pressure of very high late Grade 1 enrolments in 2014. The focus in 2014 in this programme will be on the systems needed to enhance further the school experience of our learners and to provide support for educators.

Doelwitstelling en -monitering sal deur die skoolverbeteringsprogram versterk word met 'n fokus op kwaliteitsonderrig, tyd, die bestuur van hulpbronne en 'n afname in onderwyser- en leerderafwesigheid.

In keeping with the theme, “progress is the product of partnerships”, WCED officials, principals, heads of departments, lead teachers and school based curriculum coordinators will all be required to work together with a view to improving quality as well as eliminating uneven standards and bridging existing gaps.

There will be a focus on decreasing repeater rates in all grades, and there will be support for the strategies to improve performance in languages and mathematics in primary schools and for mathematics and physical sciences in secondary schools. I am particularly excited about a new programme that will see 100 tutor graduates in mathematics and science helping learners in our schools. However, while our improvements are gratifying we need to expand and strengthen achievements in mathematics primarily and in the sciences. I have during the last few days requested the department to review and sharpen our strategies in this area.

Conditional grant funding will continue to be dedicated to support our poorer learners, and broadening access and excellence such as the Dinaledi programme, the HIV and AIDS programme and the National School Nutrition Programme. In the 2014/2015 financial year, over R 280 million will be made available for the feeding scheme which provides for two meals a day for 450 000 learners in over 1 000 schools in the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Well done!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The department will continue to support schools that serve poor communities. In 2014/2015 no-fee schools in national Quintiles 1 to 3 will receive the same increased amount of R 1 059 per learner, which will contribute meaningfully to improving resources critical to the teaching and learning experience at these schools.

In addition, the Western Cape Education Department will increase funding at over 300 fee-paying schools serving less affluent communities. These fee-paying schools currently receive less than R 1 059 per learner. Therefore the department will reduce this gap in 2014/15 financial year by 100%. The cost of these allocations per year will be to the value of R 11 million.

Die WKOD sal ook skole help deur sommige uitdagings wat hulle in die gesig staar weens die nie-betaling van skoolgelde te verlig. In die 2014/15-boekjaar sal R44 miljoen beskikbaar gestel word vir die verskaffing van fooi-vergoeding.

As many of you are aware, last year 216 fee-paying schools serving poor communities accepted my invitation to become no-fee schools. The WCED has budgeted R45 million to support these schools. I know that this initiative has been welcomed by many schools and their parents and, as more funds become available, we hope to expand the invitation even further.

Programme 3: Independent School Subsidies. The Western Cape government acknowledges the important role independent schools play in the education system. Our relationship with this sector is a partnership that is aimed at progress as we both have the same shared vision - the provision of quality education. I am therefore pleased that we are able to support these schools, particularly the poorer independent schools, in delivering a better quality education. R90 million has been allocated to this programme in the next financial year. The bulk of this budget will contribute towards the subsidisation of schools that serve poorer learners.

2014 will see the creation of an exclusive sub-directorate for independent schools to ensure improved and focused attention to this sector. Our aim is to improve the monitoring of registration compliance for independent schools, the conditions under which registration could be withdrawn, and the registration of learners for examinations.

Verder sal ons ook die onafhanklike skole aanmoedig om deel te neem aan die jaarlikse nasionale assesserings en Graad 3, 6 en 9 toetsprogramme, en onderwysers by onafhanklike skole nooi om WKOD-opleidingskursusse by te woon.

Programme 4: Public Special School Education. Mr Speaker, an essential part of our vision of an open opportunity society for all is allowing greater access to educational opportunities for children with special needs. Our commitment to these learners is reflected in the R1 billion allocation to this programme in 2014, increasing by R354 million over the last four years. The officials, educators and support staff that serve our special needs schools are truly partners in progress. I am also grateful for the support we receive from other provincial departments such as Health and Social Development in supporting our learners with special needs.

In 2014/15, the WCED will continue to assist special needs and inclusive schools in developing their capacity to provide for a variety of needs through early identification and preventative interventions, as well as the screening, identification, assessment and support process. Included in this programme are our schools of skills.

Schools of skills are extremely valuable to this government as they provide important educational opportunities for those learners whose educational needs cannot be met in mainstream schools. These learners are offered a vocational, practical or technical curriculum in study fields such as automotive services, building and construction, manufacturing, hospitality, administration and personal care, which are valuable skills in the growth of any economy. We currently have over 8 000 learners enrolled at seventeen schools of skills in the Western Cape.

The importance attached to these institutions by this government is evident through the number of new schools of skills that have opened up in this province in recent years. This increased growth in schools of skills, will, we believe, translate into

further job creation in this province. R14 million will be allocated to this sector in 2014/15.

Programme 5: Further Education and Training. Mr Speaker, another area in which this government is making a significant contribution to education and skills development is within our FET colleges. In the Western Cape we have a mixed economy, focussing on areas such as agriculture, tourism, construction and light industry. However, there are other areas which we are beginning to prioritise and strengthen such as ICT, BPO engineering and business studies. These are key skills needed in the Western Cape and require an articulated system to meet these needs.

Our partners in this sector consist of a staff complement of over 2 700 office based staff and lecturers who offer learners opportunities to learn valuable skills, as well as various mechanisms to place learners in a working environment while studying. For example, there are over 11 000 learnership students currently in workshops for experiential training.

In the Western Cape there are six FET colleges made up of 40 campuses. We will continue to work with the Department of Higher Education and Training to expand and improve on the successes of these institutions. The budget allocation for this sector in 2014/15 is R377 million.

Ons fokus in hierdie sektor vir 2014 is om toegang tot hierdie inrigtings te laat toeneem en beter werkseleenthede vir hierdie leerders te bied. Ons sal ook daarop fokus om deur transformering en aanpassing aan die veranderende

vaardigheidsbeloftes van die mark te voldoen, met 'n spesifieke klem op vakmanopleiding.

I am delighted to announce that this year's education budget supports the continuation of the Youth Focus Project. The YFP was successfully piloted in 2013, and is designed specifically for learners who have repeatedly failed Grades 9 and 10 and who are three to four years older than other learners in Grade 9.

The project aims to provide a 12-month funded bridging programme which culminates in an occupation oriented qualification at FET colleges or a skills programme for learners wanting to take this option. In 2014 the department has matched 617 Grade 9 learners to FET colleges across the province.

In addition, 244 of the learners from the pilot group in 2013 will be funded to continue another year of study at our FET colleges. The benefits to the colleges, the learners involved and to our schools are mutual and obvious.

Programme 6: Adult Education and Training. In my welcome today I made specific reference to the AET programme as one of the "unsung heroes" of education in South Africa. I strongly believe that learning is a lifelong commitment, and we are proud of our adult learners who have made use of the opportunities that are on offer by the WCED through our adult education and training centres.

For many adult learners, the 114 adult learning centres we have in this province have become an integral part of their communities. Here adults can obtain their GET

certificate; AET qualification, which allows adult learners the opportunity to access further education and training, career development as well as employment opportunities.

This enables our adult learners to contribute positively to the development of their community and the Western Cape economy. It also allows our adult learners to live fuller, richer and more engaged lives in their communities. I am appreciative of all the hard work and effort by our officials and centre staff that goes into making these centres a beacon of hope and opportunity for many of our adult learners.

In 2014, the department has allocated over R 39 million towards this programme. This next year the department will focus on expanding access to these institutions and improving the quality of the qualifications obtained.

The department will also be providing adult education and training programmes to 500 employees of ten provincial and national government departments as well as business and industry. As in the case of FET colleges, we will continue to support the technical process to transfer Adult Education and Training from the province to the Department of Higher Education and Training.

Programme 7: Early Childhood Development: Our seventh programme is for early childhood development. This programme is vital for having children enter the school system that have been stimulated and developed to age-appropriate levels in their early years. This has an impact on how they react and develop when they enter the school system.

There are many partners in progress in the Western Cape that are responsible for early childhood development. While the government, both local and national, has a big role to play – for instance in the provincial government, the Departments of Social Development, Health and Education all together play a role – it is important that we work with NGOs, corporates and communities. Without their collaboration, we will not be able to ensure that our children are given the very best chances in life to develop their full potential.

In 2014 sal die WKOD R 522 miljoen aan hierdie program toeken, wat op die toenemende voorsiening van kwaliteitsonderrig by Graad R gewone openbare skole en onafhanklike terreine sal fokus en verseker dat diegene wat Graad 1 betree goed voorbereid is vir skool.

For example, we will be strengthening the implementation of the CAPS for Grade R. We will be providing additional training to Grade R teachers, effectively monitor classroom practice, and build 81 new Grade R classrooms in areas of greatest need. In addition, 130 schools will receive ECD kits.

Programme 8: Infrastructure Development. Mr Speaker, a large proportion of our budget will be spent on infrastructure and maintenance, as alluded to by Minister Carlisle last night. We have already been successful in the planning and building of 70 schools in the last five years, almost double that of the previous ANC administration.
[Interjections.]

Ms E PRINS: Where is the money coming from? [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In the coming years, we are determined to ensure ... [Interjections.]

Mr R LENTIT: The taxpayers, taxpayers. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We are determined to ensure that more children will experience improved infrastructure and facilities at their schools. [Interjections.]

Mr R LENTIT: The taxpayers. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The successful and structured roll-out of textbooks to all schools over the last three years has pointed the way to a similar approach, which will be taken in terms of infrastructure and maintenance. [Interjections.]

In the next financial year, R 856 million will be allocated towards this programme, which will contribute towards the building of new schools, the replacement of inappropriate structures and maintenance projects.

Ms M TINGWE: When the ANC is in ruling, yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The WCED ... In your dreams.

'n AGB LID: Ja. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The WCED will continue to improve ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... and refine how we will address future infrastructure developments and needs. The shape and size of the education system is dynamic and needs to adapt to the constantly evolving environment within which our schools operate. In the Western Cape we face a number of developmental challenges simultaneously, including but not limited to population shifts from other provinces - there have, for instance, been over 22 000 new enrolments from the Eastern Cape alone this year - improved learner retention and a greater demand for skills development.

As some communities expand and others contract in size and density in the province, as more learners are retained throughout the system and as the need for upskilling our learners intensifies, we need to be prepared to adapt the shape and size of the education system and apply our resources effectively and efficiently to accommodate the many realities that exist in the Western Cape. Therefore, we will continue to take into account the changing circumstances in which our schools operate.

In terms of existing schools, the replacement of schools with inappropriate structures will continue, and we will promote an even greater focus on ensuring that our schools are kept in a suitable condition. While the replacement of so-called “mud schools” in

some provinces deservedly are receiving much attention, we have children who attend schools in inappropriate structures from a previous age. These have also to be replaced as quickly as possible.

While we have increased the school maintenance budget significantly in the last three years by more than 50%, the department plans to direct more expenditure towards maintenance projects.

The major focus on maintenance in this plan is not only about increasing the portion of the budget available for improving the maintenance of our schools; it is also about fundamentally changing the way maintenance is conceived and executed, as well as engaging with schools and communities so that they too can play a role in making our school structures conducive to positive learning environments.

In 2014/2015, Mr Speaker, R 196 million will be spent on maintenance projects.

Programme 9: Auxiliary and Associated Services. Mr Speaker, this is the final programme. This programme is important as it includes all major assessments and examinations such as the National Senior Certificate, the AET exams, the Senior Certificate and supplementary examinations.

Dit is vir die Wes-Kaapse Onderwysdepartement van kardinale belang om die integriteit van daardie eksamens te verseker. Ouers en die breë gemeenskap moet vertrou in die kwaliteit en geloofwaardigheid van die kwalifikasies hê waarmee ons leerders die skoolstelsel verlaat.

Public examinations and systemic assessments are huge logistical exercises that require careful planning and tight management, and we are grateful to have such a dedicated and experienced team working hard to ensure that strict security measures are in place to prevent any irregularities in this regard. Mr Speaker, R 750 million is allocated to this important programme.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, I have learnt a great deal about education over the last five years, and I am particularly proud of what this department has achieved. The success and progress of education in the Western Cape is not in dispute here today. I believe education adds a crucial dimension to the home we are building in the Western Cape. The focus on quality, retention and skills development will all contribute positively to economic growth and a reduction in unemployment, our strategic objective number 1.

I would like to thank each of our “partners in progress” who have made this success possible over the last five years. We have certainly and will continue to make education in the Western Cape, Better Together. I thank you.

'n AGB LID: Mooi!

'n AGB LID: Hoor, hoor! [Applous]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Grant. I recognise the hon member Ms Labuschagne.

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, I rise to support the R 16.4 billion that has been budgeted for Vote 5: Education. This is the second largest allocation in the provincial budget. Mr Speaker, before I speak on the budget I would first like to address a few matters related to the current state of education in South Africa. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She has such a lovely manner, you know. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sure.

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, yes, budgets are political and part of the political process and as such are open to debate and questions. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That cannot come from her ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, order!

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: But, Mr Speaker, to say that education in South Africa ... [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Why do you think that ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: ...has been politicised, would be an understatement. The

reality is we cannot divorce education from politics. [Interjections.] You may ask then what the relevance of this is, and Mr Speaker, the answer is quite simple. Education is too important to be left to politics alone.

Mr Speaker, Matthew Lester, a Professor at Rhodes, wrote an interesting piece in the *Sunday Times* this past weekend on how “Education is not only for children.”

Lester’s article made a clear case for the strong socio-economic sphere in which education exists and the role of parents in their child’s socialisation - ‘socialising’, and education. [Interjections.]

Ms M TINGWE: Yes, Amandla, socialisation!

Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: In his anecdote he questions how a child from a poor background can be expected to perform relative to that of a privileged child. [Interjections.] More so, Lester questions how a technologically illiterate child would be able to compete against more technologically sophisticated children. [Interjections.]

Lester concludes by saying that “the national department cannot turn out graduates without an effort by parents and employers.” It will take collective effort, Mr Speaker. Why I have decided to mention this is because we are - if we are to truly tackle the challenges in education we all, as a government, as members of our committees and so forth, need to ensure that we fight to create opportunities for all, that extend to all, so that this province can create an environment that unifies all of us towards achieving

success in education. This will take considerable effort and some time to get to the point where the number of impoverished people in this country noticeably declines, but as Minister Winde has said in his budget speech, nothing can substitute for a quality education and an education in which the learner, parent, teacher and principal are fully invested in the one thing that can change a whole family's destiny in one generation.

Mr Speaker, this view of the transformative power of education cuts to the very core of what I am speaking about. The next government of this province will need to strengthen and accelerate its focus on forging this holistic approach. If this is achieved I believe we can get education to the level it needs to be, but the path to that level has already begun. The path to this level has already begun. The Western Cape Education Department has already begun to shape this holistic approach to education. I will expand on this a little later when I address the programmes.

As chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education I have critically engaged the Western Cape Education Department on a variety of topics, and in the process developed a working relationship with many of the officials. I am pleased that we were able to establish a clear and open dialogue between the committee and the department. I believe that our work in the standing committee contributed to creating a more effective and accountable department. While I do not deny that there is room for improvement, I believe we all can, even the opposition, truly and without politicking, agree that the Western Cape Education Department is performing far better than in the previous decade. [Interjections.] Do not say anything! [Laughter.]

Mr Speaker, reading from the education budget under ‘Outlook for the financial year’, it is important to note that the Western Cape Education Department has prioritised redress as part of the department’s strategic plan. In the performance plan, Category 1 of strategic intervention specifically refers to what it calls “pro-poor policies”. I quote, Mr Speaker: “Redress will see the Western Cape Education Department direct its human and financial resources to those districts and schools that have historically experienced underinvestment.”

Mr Speaker, this goes hand in hand with the central focus of the Western Cape Department of Education for this financial year, and that is to improve the quality of learning outcomes for all children in this province. With the financial burden already huge amongst some of the poorest South Africans, no-fee schools are essential to redressing exclusionary practices of the past. In 2014 over half a million scholars will benefit from no-fee schools. In 2013 over 90 000 benefited from fee exemption. Of the total number of schools in the province the majority are no-fee; at 887 out of a total of 1 457. Similarly the nutrition programme in Quintiles 1 to 3 is a critical part of ensuring our scholars are well looked after. Children who are not adequately fed cannot be expected to be attentive and productive in the classroom. An estimated 440 000 learners will be provided with meals.

In addition, this year the Department of Health will pilot five mobile clinics to test scholars hearing, eyesight, speech and developmental milestones. This speaks to the need to ensure that our learners are healthy and will be yet another part of this holistic approach to education.

Mr Speaker, all too often we hear of the ghastly state of some schools across South Africa. Poor school infrastructure in some provinces has resulted in the tragic deaths of scholars. All too often we hear about the risks South Africans and their children face every day to get to school. To have them further at risk when they get to school is simply unacceptable, which is why the Western Cape Education Department has outlined over the MTEF period additions to schools infrastructure.

The opening and closing of schools across the country, not only in this province, is always a topic of contention, but Mr Speaker, you cannot simply measure education by looking at how many schools have been built or closed or replaced. It is a one-dimensional view of delivering quality education and administrative performance. While this administration has done better to deliver new schools than the previous, we do not benchmark an entire system only against that. However, I am quite pleased to hear that on the infrastructure front the Western Cape Education Department will by the 2016/17 financial year complete 29 new schools, 44 replacement schools and complete maintenance on 418 schools, almost a third of all schools currently. The total allocation for new schools in this financial year will be R 325 million, which is 38% of the total infrastructure budget of R 855 million. This will make maintenance ever more important in the future for new and established schools, thus the Western Cape Education Department's new direction on school maintenance as clearly outlined by the Minister in his speech.

Mr Speaker, school infrastructure will face new strains as the need to keep pace with the changing demographics of this province gets greater. This government can only plan so far in predicting how many more scholars / learners this province will absorb

over the MTEF. It is not a precise science. The Minister and the Western Cape Education Department have addressed the problem directly, and the need to harness existing infrastructure in the House and in the standing committee. Mr Speaker, I spoke of how education can change the destiny of a generation. I cannot stress enough how important this is. This country has already lost too much to exclusionary schooling.

Mr Speaker, the following initiatives outline the hand-in-hand approach the Western Cape Education Department has for strengthening the number of graduates from Matric. Curriculum and assessment policy statements or CAPS as we know it, will be introduced in Grades 7 to 9 and Grade 12 in 2014. As part of CAPS the Western Cape Education Department will also continue to implement the strategy for mathematics and physical science, as the Minister also mentioned. Through the systemic testing of language and mathematics the department is able to gauge learner's academic performance relative to required performance in each grade. The standard in these grades is still below par. By focussing on these grades as well as the foundation phase the department aims to lay a solid base upon which to build for National Senior Certificate.

Mr Speaker, one of the key education outcomes outlined in the division of the budget is to improve language and mathematics in primary schools, improve the number of graduate exemptions in the National Certificate, and to reduce the number of underperforming schools. Through this three-pronged approach, including ensuring learners complete all years of their education, I believe that we will grow the graduate numbers with passes in the coming years. Last year 40.9% of our matriculants

obtained a Bachelors, an improvement of 3.4%. In 2009 the graduate passes sat at 32%. The number of underperforming schools also declined to 23 in 2013.

Internet access is key to economic development and has considerable potential in education. Last year the matric support material that that were put online assisted with matriculants as they prepared for the exams. The broadband initiative that this administration has launched will contribute to the connectivity shortfalls in the province and help our scholars in their day-to-day education. Mr Speaker, school readiness is being ramped-up and in 2014 the Western Cape Education Department will start with its early enrolment programme earlier than last year. We hope that parents will act in the best interest of their children and enrol their children as soon as possible.

Mr Speaker, these as well as those that the Minister mentioned in this speech, are just some of the many initiatives, programmes and plans that the Western Cape Education Department has implemented over the course of this political term. There is still much work to be done and while the political term may change, the department will continue their work, ensuring that our learners are given what they require. My hope for this year is that we see more learners pass matric and enter university. The more graduates and passes this province attains the better chance we have of seeing generational change. I believe education is the key to our development and this government can achieve its goal if it continues along this very path.

Ten laaste wil ek van die geleentheid gebruik maak om aan die lede van die staande komitee te sê baie dankie vir julle bydrae en julle ondersteuning oor die afgelope vyf

jaar. 'n Baie besondere dank aan die Minister en die kantoorpersoneel van die Minister vir hulle openlikheid, hulle samewerking. Baie dankie aan die SG ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... Me Vinjevold en al u personeel vir julle samewerking, die manier waarop ons kon debatteer en vrae vra in die staande komitee. Baie dankie ook aan elke personeellid van die departement wat ons ontmoet het van distriksvlak tot op skoolhoofvlak.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

Me C LABUSCHAGNE: Baie dankie vir elke onderwyser in hierdie provinsie wat dit moontlik maak om kinders tot hulle volle potensiaal te onderrig. Dan laastens ook baie dankie aan die komiteepersoneel. Ek weet dit was nie altyd maklik nie, maar alles wat julle gedoen het, word waardeer. Dan kan ek ook nie nalaat om dankie te sê aan die navorsingspersoneel en die media-personeel op die vyfde vloer nie. Dit was vir my 'n voorreg om in die provinsiale parlement te dien. Baie dankie. [Applous.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Van Zyl, over to you.

Me J A VAN ZYL: Dankie, mnr die Speaker. Die ongeveer R 16.5 miljard - onder andere belastingbetalersgeld en nie ANC-geld nie - vir onderwys in die provinsie word verwelkom, maar die volgende kommerwekkende waarnemings moet onmiddellik aangespreek word.

Die uitslae van die jaarlikse ANAs en die Wes-Kaapse sistemiese toetsing is kommerwekkend en daar is baie ruimte vir verbetering, gesien in die lig van die uiters

swak prestasies van veral Graad 9-leerders. 'n Daadwerklike noodaksieplan moet in plek gesit word om sodanige leerders met 'n baie swak punt van ekstra klasse en hulp te voorsien. Die geskiedenis het bewys dat dit is juis daardie leerders wat tot die statistiek gevoeg kan word in die kategorie van 'drop-outs' uit skole.

Mnr die Speaker, ek was as deel van oorsig sekerlik een van LUR Grant se grootste nagmerries oor die afgelope vyf jaar. [Tussenwerpsels.] Maar dit is tyd om te reflekteer oor die afgelope vyf jaar. Het hierdie departement genoeg gedoen om die retensie van leerders te verhoog? [Tussenwerpsels.]

Op enige gegewe tyd van die dag, mnr die Speaker, gedurende skoolure, vind jy kinders van skoolgaande ouderdom op straat, en dan sê die agb Minister Dan Plato dit bekommer hom om te sien dat kinders van so jonk as 9/10-jaar aan bendebedrywighede deelneem, 'drugs' verkoop of dit self gebruik. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr die Speaker, het die agb Minister Dan Plato of die agb Minister Fritz al gevra aan hulle kollega die agb LUR Grant hoekom kinders gedurende skoolure op straat is, en wat daaraan gedoen kan word?

Mnr die Speaker, ons kan ook hierdie oorsaak grootliks lê voor die deur van die Onderwysdepartement, maar soos hulle sê "the buck stops with the Minister." [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Where are your parents?

Me J A VAN ZYL: En kinders tussen 15 ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Where are your parents?

Me J A VAN ZYL: ...en 17 jaar moet op skool wees. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J WITBOOI: Moenie 'n koroner bars nie! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J A VAN ZYL: Die vraag moet eerder gevra word of hierdie departement of die DA-regering genoeg gedoen het?

'n AGB LID: O ja!

Me J A VAN ZYL: En die antwoord is onomwonde nee!

Mnr H P GEYER: Ja. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J A VAN ZYL: In retrospek dra hierdie departement by tot die groeiende werkloosheidsyfer onder die jeug, want soos die 'spoliat'-woord sê: "Kennis is mag."

'n AGB LID: Daar is hy! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J A VAN ZYL: UOWP-programme kan nie die volhoubaarheid van brood en botter op die tafel hou nie. Dit kan nooit as werkskepping gesien word nie.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Lower your voice!

Me J A VAN ZYL: Die nasionale Departement van Onderwys verlaag eerder die slaagsyfer om eweneens die onbevoegdheid van die nasionale departement te verbloem en skep daardeur 'n vals illusie by die jeug ten opsigte van verdere suksesvolle studies.

An HON MEMBER: Good!

Me J A VAN ZYL: 'n Veilige omgewing is van uiterse belang, wat op sigself 'n groot hap uit die begroting kan neem. Meer volhoubare aksies soos privaat en publieke vennootskappe moet gevolg word om die misdaadelement hok te slaan. Vandalisme en die gevolglike skade neem 'n groot hap uit die begroting, wat andersins beter aangewend kon word, maar mnr die Speaker, die DA doen nie alles net verkeerd nie. Wat egter prysenswaardig is, is dat daar geld opsygesit is waar 216 skole waar R 400.00 en minder rand skoolgeld per jaar van toepassing is, met 172 541 leerders in Kwintale 4 en 5, die uitnodiging aanvaar het om 'n geen-fooi skool te word.

Die program vir vroeë kind-ontwikkeling kan ook bydra, bydraend wees tot die verbetering van taal- en wiskundige vaardighede – en dit is verblydend om te sien dat daar reeds op 'n baie vroeë ouderdom 'n goeie grondslag gelê word.

Mnr die Speaker, die agb LUR Grant moet net nie aan die einde van hierdie debat weer bevestig of herhaal dat hy ook hieroor sy eie bekommernisse het nie. Sy uurglas vir hierdie vyf jaar het leeggeloo. Beste wense aan die departement ...

[Tussenwerpsels.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: COPE se uurglas het ook leeggeloop.

[Tussenwerpsels.]

Me J A VAN ZYL: Dankie, agb Minister Botha. Ons wonder wanneer loop die DA s'n leeg. [Tussenwerpsels.] Beste wense vir ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me L BROWN: Baie, baie vinnig!

Me J A VAN ZYL: Beste wense vir alle amptenare, die departementshoof van die Departement van Onderwys. Gaan voort om die jeug in die Wes-Kaap te slyp vir 'n beter toekoms. Gegewe die bekommernisse van COPE steun COPE die begroting en vertrou dat die nuwe regering na 7 Mei 2014... [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: 'n Nuwe!

Me J A VAN ZYL: ... meer sal fokus op hierdie brandpunte met daadwerklike optrede. Dankie. mnr die Speaker. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Tingwe.

Ms M TINGWE: Enkosi Somlomo ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Is it a point of order?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Speaker, is it appropriate for a member of a standing committee who attends so few meetings to speak on an important debate like the budget?

Ms M TINGWE: No, no, sit down! [Interjections.] Can I say something important? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms M TINGWE: Thank you, ... [Inaudible.] Hon Mr Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members!

Ms M TINGWE: Mr Deputy Speaker, Premier in absentia, the cabinet, the Chief Whip of the leading party, the Leader of the Official Opposition, hon members, departmental officials and distinguished guests ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And member Mr Skwatsha, and member Mr Skwatsha.

Ms M TINGWE: This vote takes place on the eve of the Human Rights Day celebration, a very significant time to remember the struggles of who were there before us in 1960 and paved the way so we may enjoy the fruits of democracy responsibly. 21st March marks the day of our forefathers, when they were brutally handled and injured for fighting for a right cause of elimination of racial

discrimination that was forced on them, to carry a dompas by the apartheid regime.

The right to education, hon member Ms Hartnick, cannot be overemphasised, as the Freedom Charter articulates that:

“The doors of learning and culture shall be opened and education shall be free, compulsory, universal and equal for all children. Adult illiteracy shall be ended by a mass state education plan. Teachers shall have all the rights of other citizens. The colour bar in cultural life, sport and education shall be abolished.”

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms M TINGWE: The great icon and father of our struggle, the late Tata Madiba that the DA likes to claim, once said: “Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become a head of a mine, that the child of a farmworker can become a president of the nation.”

Mr M SKWATSHA: Yes, yes.

Ms M TINGWE: The DA government must be under no illusion ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you talking about Nkandla?

Ms M TINGWE: And think they are doing a favour... [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: You do not understand that.

Ms M TINGWE: ... us a favour, to the African child, blacks in particular with education, as education is a constitutional right, a basic human right and a vehicle to empower the young kids.

Mr R LENTIT: Black in particular.

Ms M TINGWE: It is under this administration, hon member Mr Lentit, led by the DA, we have seen ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms M TINGWE: ... learners lying on their stomachs in order for them to be able to write because there were no desks for them to sit on and be able to decently write. That reminded me of apartheid years under the Department of Education and Training, where we sat in fours and shared one desk and where every January we had to march to Fortress Building for desks and books. It is a shame to still find our kids ... [Interjections.] ...brothers and sisters also experiencing the same when they are supposed to be enjoying the much talked about “open opportunity and better life and better society; the Better Together society.” [Interjections.]

It is in this province, hon member Mr Walters, under the DA we have seen 327 higher grade business economics exam papers go missing out of 88 different centres, before

the relevant marks could be checked and captured. No officials were held responsible for the missing scripts, as per your written response, Minister, on 9th November 2012, to me.

We need to invest more on special schools. It is also under this DA administration, hon member Ms Brown, under MEC Grant, where we have seen closure and attempts to close no-fee schools in the areas of disadvantaged communities and rural areas ... [Interjections.] ... without any consultation ...

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: The ANC ... [Inaudible.]

Ms M TINGWE: Hon member Mr Von Brandis ... with the consent stakeholders. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Ms M TINGWE: We have experienced under the DA's rule... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members!

Ms M TINGWE: ...governing boards... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Witbooi, order!

Ms M TINGWE: ... GBs that are micromanaged by school principals, especially in

our local and rural areas, GBs who are not properly taught and trained in their fundamental responsibilities ... [Interjections.]

Mr H P GEYER: Do you read the newspaper?

Ms M TINGWE: ... and rights. Principals want to be the referee and player and marginalise GBs who do not agree with them, so they can declare them as ineffective and inefficient. I am talking about realities, not what is written in the newspapers.

An HON MEMBER: Have you ever heard of the *Labour Relations Act*?

Ms M TINGWE: Even after 20 years of democracy we have SGBs who have no clue of their financial responsibilities, but just sign blank cheques.

Mr M G E WILEY: Whose fault is that?

Ms M TINGWE: Go to Philippi. You will see what I am talking about, hon member Mr Wiley. So that the principals, that he or she may complete the incomplete blank cheque and still get away with corruption and still be protected by some district managers. [Interjections.] It is under the DA's - come to my constituency ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.] It is under the DA's rule where some contract educators are forced to pay R 1 000 every month to school principals

Mr H P GEYER: Did you read my name in the paper? [Inaudible.]

Ms M TINGWE: ... in order for them to keep their contract posts. These monies are shared amongst some district officials and the principal, and the department turns a blind eye. Those poor educators fear to come out, because they will lose their contract posts, and they are threatened by those corrupt principals and district officials.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: The ANC ... [Inaudible.]

Ms M TINGWE: Their last words end with them. [Interjections.] It is under the DA, hon member Mr Von Brandis, where we no longer have effective RCLs, and learner voices are nowhere to be heard in decision making and strategic meetings, hence the principals willy-nilly abuse the old illiterate parents as their voices are missing. I thank the ANC and progressive educators for giving the learners a platform to express their views [Interjections.]

Mr R LENTIT: What about Nkandla?

Ms M TINGWE: Through the then vibrant ... [Inaudible.] ... which have been ... [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: Yes.

Ms M TINGWE: ...which have been an active member and a leader in my high school, in my high school years at Langa High School. [Interjections.] Learner safety cannot be negotiable ... [Interjections.] It is a fundamental right for learners and educators to feel safe in schools. MEC Grant and MEC Plato, in your absentia, the chaos and

disruptions, gang wars, rape, etc on school grounds can never be acceptable. Today they have become a norm in this province. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You see, but that is not ... [Inaudible.]

Ms M TINGWE: Educators work in fear, hon Minister Fritz. Parents always hold their fingers with prayers, without amen, fearing for the safety of their kids. For how long will this situation be without ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Bring the army.

Ms M TINGWE: Without cheap politicking and the blame game... [Interjections.]
...but be the accountable government that you claim to be, while some Bambanani officials are reduced in some schools. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: How do you know?

Ms M TINGWE: I am still interested in your explanation, MEC Grant, about the recent ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: With the police ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members, order!

Ms M TINGWE: ... about the recent rape incident of a Grade R learner that happened

in Mitchells Plain. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister Fritz.

Ms M TINGWE: How did it happen? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister Fritz, order. [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Please, take him out.

Ms M TINGWE: How did it happen that a Grade R learner is mixed with an upper-grade learner? According to the presentation that was given in one of our meetings to the standing committee, Grade R facilities have to be fenced, with their own toilets and all other requirements that were explained to us. This is done in order to protect the young ones from being bullied by the older ones, and other activities by the older learners. So how come in this school in Mitchells Plain Grade R had to mix with Grade 2's? Did the school meet all the requirements in order for them to have the Grade R in their yard? The department must be involved. The departments involved have a responsibility to ensure it does all in its power to master safety in schools. If you cannot, step out. If you cannot, step out, so the ANC may show you how it is done. [Interjections.]

Minister Carlisle, in your absentia - Jo! - and Minister Grant, we cannot here underemphasise the importance of infrastructure in our schools. The recent piping incident at Intsebenziswano School in Philippi, which has been long reported and not

attended to for the past six years, is not acceptable and cannot be correct. It needs your urgent attention. I demand that MEC Grant ensure that all the public schools have active school libraries and not utilise the libraries facilities as store rooms. There is also a high cry, hon member Mr Visser, of inactive science and computer laboratories, and this is now old news. Since my high school years we used to go to Pinelands High whilst we had a white elephant science lab at Langa High School. How are the learners supposed to master their physical science if certain parts of the syllabus cannot be carried in full, and still expect those schools to perform at the same level with Westerford High, Pinelands High, which are highly resourced?

The learner transport plan needs to be mastered, as you are still failing dismally in this regard. Cutting down of routes does not bring solutions, but more frustrations to parents and learners. You also need not to only depend on the ... [Inaudible.] ... managers, but also to do your own research and not all the time ... [Inaudible.] the managers' recommendations are right and not consult with the important stakeholders.

Mr H P GEYER: Do you understand?

Ms M TINGWE: One thing, public participation, we understand it very well as the ANC. You also need to check and evaluate all the bus contracts, and Public Works and Transport need to check the roadworthiness of the learner transport. Access to Western Cape schools is still a nightmare and a major challenge that the DA has failed to master, but plays a blame game on refugees that has been transported by the ANC from KZN in order for the ANC to gain more votes.

Let me bring you to the realities, MEC Grant. Through my own experience, and I am no refugee, I am born and bred, but not in this province. [Interjections.]

For my brother to be accepted in a school in Pinelands I had to fight and remind the principal of the municipal boundaries and their own school admission policy and the fact that my brother was in a neighbouring school during his primary years. The principal had the audacity to ask me what line of job I am doing, instead of answering to the matter under cause, and thanks to Mr Lance Abrahams, because I have left both of them there saying I have applied on time, so they must ensure my brother's right is not undermined because of nonsensical issues. Again MEC Grant, I am no refugee.

My daughter's previous school in Pinelands - I had to fight my lungs out for her to be accepted in that school; told all sorts of stories. It is only when I brought to their attention that they cannot tell me about readiness and prioritising learners in the Xhosa Pinelands area, whilst they have learners from Mitchells Plain in their classes. I brought them that class list as evidence. After I have elevated the matter to your office, only then was my daughter accepted in Pinelands. Again MEC Grant, I am no refugee. I had to wait three solid years for Rondebosch School to accept my daughter, after many paper trail exchanges and fights with the concerned schools, and only after I again elevated the matter to your office were my calls seriously attended to. How many other parents are experiencing the same without the knowledge and access I have that their kids are banned from attending their schools of choice? It is a reality. Black kids from previously disadvantaged backgrounds are discriminated against in these schools. It is worse. One parent brought a letter to me that stated that because she is listed on ITC they cannot accept her child at one of these former Model C

schools. One school in Pinelands, MEC, the secretary told me this January - not any other January, when the schools were opening, before the schools opened when the ... [Inaudible.] ... that they have reserved some spaces for children who stay closer who might apply late, who stays in the neighbourhood, at the expense of those who applied on time and which also stay within the municipal boundaries, and those are not refugees. It is a nightmare in some districts, SG, and I think I want to take this up, SG. Yes, I am right.

The SPEAKER: Address the Chair, please.

Ms M TINGWE: Chairperson, or through you Mr Speaker, the manner parents are handled in some district offices should be mentioned. I am saying this, Minister, out of my experience in January 2014 in Parow North, where we were ignored for more than an hour as if we were not there, but officials continued their conversations and telephone conversations, and attended to us in Afrikaans whilst we could not understand a word. I had to pull a rank and tell them who I work for and only then I was served with the dignity I deserved ... [Interjections.] ... but to date that parent has received no joy from that office, even after I have sent some SMSes to the director.

Again, Mr Speaker, I appeal to the director, to the department, to take into cognisance our sisters and brothers living with disability into senior positions in the department. There can be no Better Together and open opportunity society for all whilst we leave out an important sector of our society.

I want to take this opportunity, Mr Speaker, and thank the departmental officials ...

[Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: Hear, hear!

Ms M TINGWE: ...who are committed to the cause as not all of them are rotten potatoes, but SG, you need to clean your House, especially in districts, because that is where the problem lies. This is the direct link and the face of the department with ordinary people. I personally thank Mada who is in the Maitland office responsible for schools in the CBD, Mr Mfuku who is responsible for schools in Pinelands, Marcia Parker for all your assistance and John Linus for your consistent and friendly and efficient service, who never failed to respond to my SMSes even at ungodly hours. That really shows commitment. I am really honoured by your level of assistance. I hope you do the same to all other Western Cape citizens with education queries.

To the MEC, you never cease to amaze me with your commitment to attend almost all of our standing committees. We might not have seen eye to eye ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: How many did you attend?

Ms M TINGWE: ... but to your commitment and presence did play a role to ensure that your staff does not play “manga-manga” business with us. Yes, the chairperson and the members of the committee, thanks for the robust debates, the great times we shared, especially the ladies. To Xolani Sakasa, you were great, until you had to move to greener pastures. Wasima, keep up! Keep the light burning with your soft voice and attending to me at ungodly hours. I am really grateful to have worked with you.

To my ANC caucus, you have been my strength in my weak times. Thanks to the team for the experience and knowledge you have invested in me. That indeed has made me a better person. Caucus staff, you are the best. To all the members in the House, we had our differences in an attempt to have a better and greater Western Cape. Nothing was personal. Mr Speaker, I will never forget you chased me out of the House. I thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Ms Tingwe. Minister Grant, over to you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off by thanking all the hon members who participated in this debate. As regards the sequence, I am just going to firstly deal with the hon member Ms Labuschagne and thank you for your leadership and clear focus in the standing committee, always being frank with us and forcing us to look where we need to pay attention. I would also like to thank the hon member Ms Hartnick for the time when she was chairing the standing committee. Both of you together with the other members, including hon member Mr Wiley and Alta and the hon member Ms Tingwe when she was there ...[Laughter.] ... it was great to see you.

Ms M TINGWE: Thank you very much.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, the hon member Ms Labuschagne spoke about the holistic and transforming process. Little did I realise when I was appointed five years ago the privilege that is bestowed on one where one has assets, to

make a difference in people's lives. Nowhere is that more apparent than in education. I would like to thank my colleague, Minister Winde, as well as Dr J C Stegman in absentia for the resources that they continue to give education as we strive to improve education outcomes.

Hon member Ms Van Zyl, yes, you have been our conscience in the standing committee and I am surprised at one or two subjects you left alone during your response to this budget, but I will not go there. What I will talk about is ...
[Interjections.]

Ms J A VAN ZYL: I spared you on that.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you for doing so. What I do want to say is that we do have a comprehensive strategy to address and improve particularly language. Mathematics is in terms of our systemic tests improving, but in languages we do have a mountain to climb and to improve the results in ANAs and the systemic tests. We are not resting on our laurels. I can assure you. We agree that the results in some areas, particularly Grade 9, are not acceptable and ,Mr Speaker, I did not use the analogy of the House which Minister Winde spoke about in his budget debate by accident, because hon member Ms Van Zyl in order to get to Grade 9, if you take systems improvement, it takes more than five years in one term in office, and I just want you to be aware of that. We will continue to work hard for improvements systemically in the next five years.

Learner absenteeism is an issue for us, but I can tell you that there are systems in

place now in the schools where in our CEMIS, our central education management information system, and in the district systems, we monitor the attendance of learners every day at school. There are processes in place if children are absent for more than two or three days at a time, where we go back to the families to find out why that learner is not at school. I want to reflect on what Minister Fritz interjected about at the time and ask the question: where are the parents? [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We have to, we need that partnership with the parents, and let me tell you we move heaven and earth in order to engage with our parents, and we will continue to do so.

I would also like to say to you that believe it or not, you were never part of me not sleeping at night. What did keep me awake was the safety of our learners at school. That still wakes me up in the morning. Much is said about how we do not care for our children, but much is done behind the scenes working with security agents like the Manenberg police to ensure the safety of our children.

The quick response by the department last year in August to close down the space, the fourteen schools, and the allocation of budget by the Superintendent General which ensured that on 26 March those schools in Manenberg all had brand new security fencing around their schools, meant that ten out of those fourteen schools, as of yesterday, were complete. So we are taking the interests and welfare of our children in the high risk areas extremely seriously. But we have also a mountain to climb and we have to take into account increased investment in new housing projects, increased

investment in new economic developments and ensure that schools are properly situated in the right places in future. Somehow we have to destroy the old apartheid school planning system, and therefore there is a need to change the entire shape and structure of the school system, but with our limited budget that can only be done over time, and we will address it.

I would also like to thank Cope for their support of our budget. It is sincerely appreciated.

Mr Speaker, I want to move on to the hon member Ms Tingwe. Let me start off by saying that I am inclined to be charitable this morning having listened to the hon Minister Carlisle last night, as well as the hon Minister Bredell. I will be charitable because if I look where the hon member Ms Tingwe is on the ANC lists, she may not be back next term. [Interjections.] So, I am going to be very charitable this morning. But a lot of what she said, Mr Speaker, I am afraid is nonsense because primarily it is because her many absences from the standing committee. If she had spent as much time at the standing committee as she had in wheeling and dealing to get her own child and friends' children into specific schools, she may have made a better contribution to education in the Western Cape during her term of office. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The issue I want to raise about the Grade R and ...

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, I want to also say ...

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... that as far as the issue that the hon member raised about the rape of the five year old Grade R girl in Mitchells Plain, that that matter has been fully investigated and that the rape happened after school. It is still not acceptable, but that matter will be thoroughly investigated and I am not going to comment further on that matter. It would be inappropriate to do so.

Mr Speaker, I am sorry. I am taking time just to look to see what one can talk about in terms of what the hon member Ms Tingwe said, but let me just say to her that we do our best in terms of accommodating access to schools. If one looks at the numbers of learners who are coming late into the system, and let me tell that you that the latest statistics I asked for earlier in the week show that there are still learners accessing Western Cape schools and it is already past the middle of March. That puts huge pressure on our districts to accommodate late arrivals. So, my appeal is that we are going to work with the department to ensure that we work even harder from the beginning of the second term to ensure that our admission processes are dealt with more effectively. But last year, let me say, we were successful in registering 99% of the learners before schools closed at the end of the fourth term.

Mr Speaker, in concluding the presentation of this education budget, I once again would like to thank all the participants in the debate, and while I may not agree with

everything that some of them may have said, if any questions remain unanswered I will ensure that the hon members receive appropriate responses. I would also like to thank the hon members of this House for their contributions to education over the last five years. To the chairperson and members of the standing committee, thank you for your critical examination of what we do. This has been very helpful. I would also like to thank the SG, her staff and the officials of the department for their unstinting support of my endeavours as Minister.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As valuable officials should be, she and her staff have been constructively critical in pursuit of our common goal of providing the best education we can for the learners and students in educational institutions in the Western Cape. My thanks also go to my staff in the Ministry and to the first members of the Western Cape Education Council who are helping us to shape the way forward.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Finally, to all teachers, lecturers and support staff in our institutions and to members of the various governing bodies and councils, my grateful thanks for your on-going contributions in the best interests of our learners and students. I thank you, Mr Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Grant. Proceedings will now be suspended and we will resume at 13:30. Thank you very much.

The House resumed at 13:30.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the third order.

3. Debate on Vote 6 – Health *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister of Health, Minister Botha.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Deputy Speaker; the hon Premier, Helen Zille; Cabinet colleagues and Members of the Provincial Parliament; the Leader of the Official Opposition; the Chairperson of the Standing Committee; Head of Department and management of the Department of Health; our partners at the academic institutions, civil society and in the health sector; media and invited special guests, specifically Mr Leonard Mashilla and his team from Drakenstein; citizens of the Western Cape.

There are two significant challenges confronting health services all over the world, South Africa and the Western Cape. On the one hand the quality of healthcare provided to people is improved and on the other hand that health services must become increasingly efficient to achieve greater value from every health rand. It is also true the world over that the social determinants of disease have a major impact on the health status of the population. For this reason it is essential that the causes of the rising burden of disease are addressed through a whole of government approach.

It is for this reason that our government adopted this strategic objective of creating wellness. This is a new policy direction to create opportunities for citizens and partners to take co-responsibility for health outcomes. One of the key ways in which the Western Cape has tried to improve healthcare quality across the province is through innovative partnerships that leverage the talents of the private sector for the benefit of the public sector patients. It is based on a win-win philosophy that improves the physical health of patients and the financial health of the economy. The objective is that all parties - Western Cape Government, health consumers and service providers can participate in the improvement of the total health service outcome.

The result of these efforts over the political term speak for themselves. The Western Cape has the best outcomes in the country. At this point I would like to introduce and pay tribute to my special guests in the House, Mr Leonard Mashilla and his team from Drakenstein, Mrs Rebecca Cloete, Mr James Kruger, Ms Tina Lewis, Mr William Johnstone, Ms Tersia Conradie and Ms Sandra Theron.

Mr Mashilla is a nurse by profession with further training in HIV and TB prevention and treatment. In the past year he has positioned himself as the champion to promote Medical Male Circumcision and his extraordinary efforts has produced significant results. The Drakenstein area showed the best medical male circumcision coverage rates in the province. Congratulations with that and thank you very much. Whilst on this topic, Mr Deputy Speaker, according to the latest Institute of Race Relations study, the Western Cape has the highest male condom distribution rate in South Africa for 2013 and 14. Our male condom distribution coverage increased from 38,8% in the 2009 year to 54% in 2013.

Other health outcomes that stand testimony to the best in the country; the transmission rate of HIV from mother to child has decreased or reduced from 3,6% in 2009/10 to 1% in 2012/13, which is the lowest in the country. The total clients on Anti-retroviral therapy were over 134 000 in 2013 compared to around 75 000 in 2009. The Western Cape has the highest TB cure rate in the country at almost 82%. Response times for life threatening priority 1 calls of less than 15 minutes in urban areas have improved from 28% to 74% of cases over the past five years.

Maternal deaths in facilities have decreased from 107 per 100 000 live births in 2009/10 to 60 per 100 000 live births in 2012/13. The under 5 mortality rate in the Western Cape is 29, compared to a national average of 53 in 2010 and the infant mortality rate is 23 compared to a national average of 37% in 2010. The Western Cape has the highest life expectancy in the country.

These achievements, Mr Deputy Speaker, would not have been possible without the hard working and dedicated staff of this department. Some of my special guests are here today in the Chamber. They truly go beyond the call of duty to render a service to patients despite often working in stressful and very difficult environments. I have heeded the call from the staff for better communication, less bureaucracy, greater recognition and acknowledgement. An innovate change management project has been launched at 38 of our facilities within the district health service in both the metro and the rural areas to strengthen local management, to provide support to front line-staff and to promote innovation and positive behaviour in keeping with the departmental values.

I would like also to acknowledge the management at all levels of the department, many of them who are here today. The role of leadership and strong management is often taken for granted but sadly we have seen examples in recent years, in other provinces, on how easy it is for even well developed health services to deteriorate when this good management is absent.

Health receives 36,2% of the entire provincial budget in this coming financial year. This is the highest departmental allocation in the province, signalling the importance that the Western Cape Government places on the provision of health services in this province. My sincere appreciation to the Premier, to my colleague Minister Alan Winde, my cabinet colleagues and the provincial treasury officials for the manner in which they have deliberated the Health Budget.

The Department of Health is allocated R17,338 billion in 2014/15 and a total of R54,730 billion over the 20/14 MTEF. The 2014/15 budget allocations to health increases by 8,51% or R1,360 billion in nominal terms in nominal terms from the revised estimate for 2013/14.

In 2014/15 the provincial equitable share amounts to R12 081 billion and the national conditional grants to R4 720 billion. The income from Departmental own receipts in 2014/15 increased by R16,594 million to just over R500 million. However, there is a decrease in the outer years of the MTEF, period due to the Global Fund exit strategy.

The health budget is divided between the eight departmental budget programmes;

Programmes 2,3,4 and 5 funding the direct operational cost of providing health services amounting to over 80% of the total allocation to the Department.

Compensation of employees or salaries amounts to R10,335 billion or 59,6% of the total budget. The department has allocated R5,310 billion or 30,6% of the budget to the procurement of goods and services.

The broad priorities of the Department are:

1. To address the specific service pressures.
2. To improve the quality of care and the patient experience;
3. To focus on the prevention and treatment of priority conditions, such as mental health, child health, women's and maternal health and chronic diseases.
4. Increase the wellness of the population and increase efficiencies.
5. To advance strategic partnerships.

Our drive to partner with the private sector since 2009 is reaping fruit. Our estimation is that during the past five years R500 million has been generated through contributions by the private sector and The Health Foundation will continue to expand this potential.

I would also like to mention two key projects that although receiving limited funding in this budget, signal an intent of this government going forward with regard to groups of patients, often small in number, who in the past have not been prioritised but have conditions through no fault of their own that require expensive medical procedures or

interventions.

For this reason R13,7 million has been allocated for screening infants shortly after birth as a priority, assistance devices such as hearing aids and cochlear implants when these are indicated as necessary by specialists and with parental consent. A further R2 million has been allocated to provide support for people living with intellectual disability and challenging behaviour and Mr Deputy Speaker, in our next term in office we will increase this allocation towards non-preventable diseases.

Programme 1: Administration:

In the past 5 years staffing levels across the service delivery component in particular, have been augmented and the department has a historically low vacancy rate of funded posts for doctors and nurses of less than 4%.

The department has maintained an unqualified audit for the last ten years and has consistently spent over 99% of the allocated budget in recent years.

In continuation of the successes achieved in Programme 1, which is responsible for the strategic management and overall administration of the department, receives R631 million or R3,6% of the vote in 2014/15. The increase in the budget in Programme 1 is for additional funding allocated to the development of information technology including the continued roll-out of the Primary Healthcare Information System and the replacement of computers older than five years. There is also an increased allocation for forensic investigation capacity and the provision of medico-

legal claims. The Chronic Dispensing Unit will be fully rolled-out across the province to its full capacity of 350 000 prescriptions. We already delivery to 56 000 patients at alternative sites convenient for those patients. This project has greatly reduced the numbers of people waiting at primary healthcare facilities and shortening waiting times and by doing so improving the patient experience.

The Independent Health Complaints Committee Bill was passed in the House this week. The Committee, flagged by the Health hot-line will bring about a fresh approach to address public complaints.

Programme 2 : District Health Services

The Western Cape Government has developed a bold vision for healthcare in this province expressed in the Healthcare 2030 strategy that has been endorsed by Cabinet and will be distributed in the next few weeks.

The implementation of Healthcare 2030 is not a luxury but indeed a necessity. The escalating burden of disease in this province demands action. Healthcare 2030 calls for a fundamental shift from illness to wellness and every citizen taking responsibility for their health and wellness. Wellness is thus everyone's business. The Premier launched this initiative two years ago at the Wellness Summit which resulted in the Cape Town declaration on Wellness collectively endorsed by a wide range of stakeholders.

A step in this direction is that every possible opportunity must be utilised to screen

and detect risk factors early and where disease is present to commence with treatment. The recent launch of Wellness Centres in partnership with private sector retail pharmacies provides just such an opportunity. It is heartening that the private sector has responded so positively to this initiative. Together with the initiative for state-of-the-art mobile units that will travel to schools to screen learners, the “Creating Wellness” policy is now really coming into fruition. The Health Foundation is lobbying the private sector for sponsorships for Wellness Mobiles that will reach citizens who are not able to travel long distances to shopping centres for screenings. The screening package is for hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, body mass index and HIV testing. This initiative builds on the current model of supplying family planning and vaccines through private partners for which 200 contracts are in place.

Healthcare 2030 also recognises the need for an effective health service and the strengthening of the entire health system as an urgent priority. The vision of Healthcare 2030 is access to person-centred quality healthcare which applies equally to patients and staff. Healthcare 2030 will be prioritised and sequenced in the five years and annual plans with indicators and targets to give effect to its strategic direction and vision.

Western Cape Health has a strong foundation with a strengthened district health system as the base supported by other levels of care and the specialised services.

We will continue in this financial year to build on the successes achieved. For this reason Programme 2 is allocated R6,7 billion which is 39% of the Vote in 2014/15 and which is an increase of R706 million or 11,6%.

There are 34 district hospitals and 453 primary healthcare facilities, including City of Cape Town clinics in our province. Almost 90% of the patient contacts in the department occur within the district health service.

Community based services reduce pressure on health facilities by providing healthcare to the community at or near their homes and empowering the community to increase wellness. The strengthening of these services which include home-based care, intermediate care and mental health services is vital to the provision of affordable patient-centred quality healthcare.

The focus on the programme is to strengthen basic services such as immunisation and antenatal care as well improve the patient experience. One of the commonest concerns of patients is waiting times. A systematic process to address waiting times will be undertaken and be driven at the highest level.

36% of the Programme 2 funds are allocated to district hospitals. The recent opening of the Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain Hospitals is a major milestone in the improvement of health services in the Cape Town Metro. The commissioning of these hospitals within a tight financial envelope is challenging and required reprioritisation within the existing budget as well an increased allocation for which we are very thankful.

The commissioning of a new 30 bed, 72 hour observation facility for psychiatric patients at Mitchells Plain Hospital will further alleviate some of the pressure on

mental health services in that area.

R7 million has been allocated to Programme 2 in respect of the National Health Insurance Grant and will fund NHI projects in the Eden district. It should be noted that the Western Cape government does not support the NHI in its current format but we do support in participating in the pilot.

Programme 3: Emergency Medical Services

The department made sizable investments in staff of Emergency Medical Services as well as the fleet, by procuring 18 additional ambulances, all of which were built and converted locally and replaced 393 old ambulances with newer vehicles. The staffing levels were increased during the FIFA World Cup in 2010 and maintained with the appointment of an additional 516 Basic Life Support, 87 Intermediate Life Support and 45 Advanced Life Support providers. An EMS Internship program produced 60 highly trained personnel.

In continuation of the successful strengthening of the EMS, this programme is allocated R870 million which is 5% of the vote in 2014/15. Improving the Emergency Medical Services to improve response times remains a priority.

The Western Cape Ambulance Service Act, 3 of 2010 has been promulgated. The service has successfully applied for licensing as an ambulance service in 2013. The challenge will be to maintain the equipment and staffing standards in an effort to retain this accreditation.

The implementation of the contract over the next 5 years valued at over R250 million awarded to provide the most modern computer-aided call taking and despatch system at the EMS Communication Centre will significantly improve the quality of care, responsiveness and efficiency of this service.

Programme 4: Provincial Hospital Services

This programme is responsible for the delivery of general specialist hospital services and specialised hospitals which include tuberculosis, psychiatric, rehabilitation and the dental training hospitals.

Provincial Hospital Services is allocated R2,72 billion which is 15,7% of the vote and a nominal 8,7% increase. An important focus area remains the strengthening of district specialist services for anaesthetics, obstetrics and gynaecology and paediatrics at regional hospitals that support district health services. General specialist services are a key component to ensuring access to quality healthcare particularly in the rural areas.

TB Hospitals are allocated 8,85% of the Programme 4 budget in 2014/15 and will continue to focus on treating the very ill patients and multi- or extreme drug resistant TB patients. Drug resistance in TB continues to remain a serious challenge and these patients have poorer prognosis, stay longer in hospitals and are costly to treat. The key is to detect and treat TB right the first time.

Mental health services and the acute services in psychiatric hospitals remain under pressure with an increasing incidence of mental illness. The management of behaviourally disturbed patients, who can be disruptive particularly within general hospital settings, will be prioritised through outreach and support from general specialists, co-ordinated management of the waiting lists for psychiatric hospitals and by making appropriate provision for these patients in future infrastructure developments. The opening of 30-bedded, 72-hour observation units at Mitchells Plain as mentioned and George Hospitals will bring significant relief.

The waiting list for forensic psychiatric observations remains long, leading to overcrowding of the minimum and medium secure wards. The challenge will be partially addressed through the revitalisation project currently underway at the Valkenberg Hospital.

Programme 5: The Central Hospitals

Programme 5 is allocated R4,9 billion which is 28% of the vote in 2014/15 and a nominal increase of 7,4%. These hospitals render the full package of highly specialised services which are only available in a few centres in the country as well providing referral regional hospital services to the immediately surrounding district facilities. They provide an essential referral point for patients with complex medical problems from the Western Cape and beyond.

The national conditional grant funding of these hospitals remain insufficient and this has been repeatedly brought to the attention of the National Department of Health.

The result is that the department significantly subsidises these services from their provincial equitable share which decreases the funding available for other service requirements in the department, something we will have to address colleague Minister Winde.

Programme 6: Health Science and Training

The programme, allocated R314 million is responsible for rendering training and development opportunities for serving and prospective employees of the Department of Health. The largest portion of these funds is allocated for the training of nurses in the Western Cape.

The Extended Public Works Programme strengthens community-based services through providing community-based care-givers with formal qualifications in ancillary healthcare and community health work. Job opportunities are created by offering recent matriculants learnerships as Pharmacists Assistants, Assistant-to-Artisan training, Basic Ambulance Assistants and within the Premier's Advancement of Youth (PAY) Programme.

Programme 7: Healthcare Support Services

This programme which handles laundry and engineering services, forensic pathology services and the Cape Medical Depot is allocated R386 million.

In continuation of the roll-out of the successful project to de-centralise the delivery of

chronic medication R66,27 million has been allocated for the packaging and distribution of medicine parcels. Delivery of chronic medication parcels increased from 1,47 million packages in 2009 to 2,2 million packages in 2013 and will extend to the whole province in 2014. This past financial year the CDU rolled out its services to 60% of the Western Cape rural districts – the West Coast, Cape Winelands and the Overberg. The Central Karoo and Eden districts will be added to the service in 2014. The service is expected to peak at 300 000 patients per month by the end of March 2015.

The production capacity and the efficiency of the newly upgraded and extended Lentegeur Regional Laundry will be maximised to ensure improved laundry service delivery to health facilities.

While it is anticipated that funding for engineering maintenance will not increase significantly over the next five years, the department will initiate a study to identify opportunities for efficiency and better utilisation of the available scarce technical skills.

Service provision by the forensic pathology services will be consolidated and aligned with the district boundaries where possible whilst ensuring access. Improving physical infrastructure remains a priority and a number of construction projects have been prioritised including the construction of a new forensic pathology centre to replace the Salt River facility, new facilities in Knysna and Laingsburg and the expansion of the Tygerberg facility. The high workload and related stress continue to impact on the forensic Pathology Service.

The replacement of the ICT warehousing system (MEDSAS) in the Cape Medical Depot in order to meet the audit requirements together with the possible relocation of the department itself are priorities.

Programme 8: Health Facilities Management

The Department has invested in an unprecedented R2,7 billion on infrastructure over the last five years, of which new infrastructure includes 7 clinics and community day centres, 7 Emergency Medical Stations, 5 forensic pathology laboratories, and 2 district hospitals across the province. In addition many sites have been upgraded and renovated. Modernising the infrastructure and provision of world class facilities has played such an important role in improving the work environment for staff and improving the quality of care for patients.

We will continue this financial year to build on the successes achieved with the construction of health infrastructure by allocating R723 million towards the construction of new facilities and the upgrading and maintenance of existing facilities. This translates to a nominal decrease of R135 million or 15,8%. The equitable share budget for Programme 8 has been reduced accordingly to the ability to construct infrastructure and due to the fact that the department will utilise the Health Facility Revitalisation Grant partially for maintenance and acquiring essential equipment. As mentioned earlier the expenditure on infrastructure has been unprecedented over the past five years and this trend will continue despite the restructuring of the budget allocation in the coming year.

I will highlight only some of the projects that will be completed during 2014/15 year but these provide an illustration of the scale of improvements that will occur. That is: the New Symphony Way Community Day Centres in Delft and Hermanus; a new Du Noon Community Health Centre; the temporary Emergency Centre at Heideveld Community Day Centre; a new Rawsonville Clinic, new Robertson and Heidelberg Ambulance Stations; new emergency centres at Karl Bremer and Knysna Hospitals; a new psychiatric observation unit at Mitchells Plain hospital; upgrading and additions to the emergency centre at Tygerberg Hospital.

The department has similarly prioritised the purchase of medical equipment over the last five years. This not only improves the quality of care for patients but allows health professionals to maintain and improve their clinical ability while maintaining patient treatment at the highest levels. Some of the major new equipment that has been purchased includes:

- CT scanners installed in regional and some of the large district hospitals of Paarl, Worcester, George, Somerset and Mitchells Plain hospital.
- MRI scanners replaced at Tygerberg and Red Cross Hospitals.
- A PET scanner at Tygerberg Hospital, which is the most advanced scanner currently available.
- A linear accelerator at Groote Schuur Hospital which is essential for treatment of cancer patients.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, I have been privileged to lead the Department of

Health over the last five years and would like to thank the Premier for entrusting me with this important portfolio in her cabinet.

I am very proud of the staff of this department who are dedicated, hard-working and constantly wanting to improve the service.

Ms L BROWN: Hear, hear.

Mr H P GEYER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I use the occasion to place on record my sincere gratitude to them all.

Mr H P GEYER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: My appreciation goes to the many partners from the private sector, universities, organised labour and non-profit organisations with whom we have worked successfully over the past five years. The achievements of the department would not have been possible without your contribution for which I then also thank you.

In closing, I would like to pay a special tribute to Professor Craig Househam, who has headed the Department of Health for more than a decade. He is the longest serving Head of the Department of Health in the country and I dare say the most senior health official in the country and has provided firm and able leadership to a complex

department. He intends retiring towards the latter half of this year and he can do so satisfied that the department during his term has developed and maintained its position as the best performing Department of Health in the country. [Applause.] I think on behalf of all the citizens of the Western Cape, this Parliament and our Cabinet, we wish him well for the future.

Ms L BROWN: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the ...

An HON MEMBER: He is too young.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He is too young to retire. We will work on that. To the Standing Committee, and specifically the Chairperson, hon member Ms Marais, her staff, her members in her committee and also the staff in my office. I want to name them for a change ...

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: My colleague of 100 years, Hannes Bouver. [Laughter.] [Applause.] He is not a 100 years old! He has been 100 years with me ...

Ms L BROWN: You can phone him at night.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You can phone him anytime. Herman van der

Westhuizen, the Head of the Department of the office; Helene Rossouw, my Media Liaison Officer, has the difficult task of writing speeches for me which I never use. [Laughter.] Except the budget one; my right hand, Hadia Isaacs; Sonja Achilles in the front office; Diane Februarie and Shirley Marks.

Thank you for what you are doing on a daily basis to support our office and to make it a successful office and thank you for the fact that you are always accessible and ready to help anyone in South Africa who has got a health problem. It has become an office for the whole country in South Africa.

Finally then, thanks to my wife, in her absence, who dresses me every day and ensures that I have a place to go on weekends. She is my other boss. This one is absent and she is also absent but do not believe it. They are still firmly in control of my life. Thank you to everyone. [Laughter.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Marais.

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Mr Deputy Speaker, for a long time the South African public health sector has faced many challenges. In other provinces this has reached crisis proportions. The Western Cape Department of Health is no way immune to these challenges but the difference is that the Western Cape Department of Health has devised pro-active plans to counter the issue of long-waiting periods and to improve patients' experiences in general.

With that said, the DA welcomes the R17,338 billion, which is 36% of the total budget

allocated to the Western Cape Department of Health. We are confident that Minister Botha and his department will ensure that every cent is appropriated to efforts to increase wellness, to decrease the burden of disease and to improve patients' experiences with the public healthcare system. The department's track record to date illustrates constant progress which will be accelerated during the new budget year. Mr Deputy Speaker, we are aware of the challenges to optimise these services to the public. Some of these include: person-centred care, waiting times and staff and also patient attitudes in particular primary healthcare facilities and emergency centres.

Achieving the target urban response time for EMS services in the face of an increasing demand for emergency services. In terms of human resources: facilitating the appointment and placement of the right numbers of staff with the right skills at the right time at the appropriate levels of care; reducing the turn-around time taken fill vacant posts; addressing skills and competency deficiencies, particularly scarce skills and credible leadership in some areas; the recruitment and attention of appropriately qualified and experienced health professional staff particularly in the rural areas.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to address these challenges the Western Cape Department of Health has committed itself to various critical projects, one of which is Healthcare 2030. Healthcare 2030 undertakes to improve patient experiences through a people-centred approach, to provide integrated care, whereby various doctors work together in the treatment of a patient to provide continued support for the patient and to treat patients during their full life cycle instead of on a once off basis.

In the next three years R54,73 billion will be spent on executing the various aspects of

Healthcare 2030 dedicated to improve patient's experiences within the public healthcare sector.

An important initiative is the department's concerted drive to improve infrastructure in order to promote wellness and decrease the burden of the disease in the province. I congratulate the Minister and his department on officially opening the world class Mitchells Plain hospital on 12 November 2013 and instituting transitional rearrangement of services from G F Jooste Hospital.

The Lentegeur Regional Laundry opened on 22 July 2013. The picture archive communications systems or PACS and radiological information system for digital data was successfully implemented in Tygerberg, Groote Schuur and the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital to greatly improve service.

The unqualified financial audit for the tenth consecutive year and increasing turnaround time from the filling of posts from date of the advertisement from 5 months in 2008/2009 to 2 months in 2012/2013 through the introduction of an effective monitoring process.

We also wholeheartedly congratulate the Minister and his department on the efforts to not only to redress patients' experiences by positively orientating staff and building more infrastructure but in a way that promotes accountability and transparency through the Western Cape Department of Health Complaints Hot line.

The Western Cape Government Healthcare Centre was initiated by Minister Theuns

Botha in August 2012 and has proved such a major success that it will be rolled out across the province over the next three years.

The telephone and text message Complaints Hot Line was launched during 2012 as a pilot project at 8 facilities and proved extremely successful. As a result of this successful initiative it was further rolled out to 54 facilities in the Metro during February 2013. This includes all community health centres, community day centres and the district hospitals in the Metro district. During 2014/15 the project will be rolled out to all other remaining facilities in the Metro which include the following:

Two tertiary hospitals; Groote Schuur Hospital and the Red Cross War Memorial Children's hospital, one regional hospital, the Mowbray maternity hospital, two TB hospitals, Brooklyn Chest and D P Marais, 4 psychiatric hospitals; Alexandra, Lentegeur, Stikland and Valkenberg, 1 rehabilitation hospital, the Western Cape Rehab Centre.

In 2015/16 it will be expanded to the Cape Winelands, 2016/17 to Eden and the Central Karoo and in 2017/18 to Overberg and the West Coast. The budget allocation for this project is R125 000 per month. The DA welcomes this budget as it has proved to be extremely beneficial, not only to the Department but more so for the well-being of the public.

We also support the R17 338 billion allocated to the Western Cape Department of Health for the 2014/15 financial year as it will most certainly allow them to continue to serve the people of the Western Cape with the quality healthcare they have been delivering with the little resources they had.

I want to thank the Members of the Standing Committee on Health for their dedication, collegiality and the awesome five years we shared. I would also to thank Nomonde, Mary Ann, Lizette, Wasiema and Stacy for their dedication and support.

Laaste, maar nie die minste nie, my dank aan Minister Botha, Professor Househam en die department vir die toewyding en professionaliteit waarmee u die gesondheidsektor in al sy fasette uitgebou het tot die wêreldklas-gehalte dienslewering. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker aan die begin van ons termyn het agb Robin Carlisle gesê, en dit was in Mei 2009:

“Put away the scepticism, catch the dream and let us amaze ourselves.”

and we did exactly that. Thank you. [Applause.]

ḡn AGB LID: Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. I see the hon member Mr Lentit.

Mr R B LENTIT: Mr Deputy Speaker, as in previous budgets under DA control, the Department of Health invests in providing quality healthcare to all the people of the Western Cape. This is a budget that builds on the on-going progress and successes in healthcare in the Western Cape. This is a budget that reflects positively on the DA’s commitment to transform healthcare. This is a budget that brings healthcare closer to the people who need it most. Evidence of this is the Khayelitsha and the Mitchells

Plain Hospitals but most of all this is a budget that delivers on the hon Premier Helen Zille's strategic objectives; always mindful in building an open opportunity society for all in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, every time I visit Tygerberg Hospital, I am pleased to see the change in attitudes of our nurses and medical practitioners. The Department of Health has made enormous progress in restoring human dignity by improving quality of care. The results of external client satisfaction surveys are evidence of these improvements.

Given the burden of disease in the Western Cape, the management of chronic disease is a priority. In 2013, 2,2 million prepaid prescription parcels were distributed through the Chronic Dispensing Unit resulting in a decrease in waiting times for patients at on-site dispensaries.

The budget for this next financial year reflects the DA's commitment in dealing with the burden of disease and the demand for healthcare services in our province. I support the budget so that the good story in healthcare can continue in the Western Cape. I thank you.

HON MEMBERS: Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Mr Skwatsha.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. As we engage in the debate on the budget of the Department of Health it is important that we commend our National

Finance Minister, Pravin Gordhan ...

An HON MEMBER: Viva!

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... for increasing the overall budget allocation to the Western Cape ...

Mr M G E WILEY: It is not charity. It is according to the FFC's [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who said it is charity?

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... and in particular increasing the conditional grant funding for the NHI roll-out. The NHI ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It is not charity. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

An HON MEMBER: Do not come with your attitude.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Do you want to ask ... Do you want to answer the question?

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] your attitude.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon mem Mr Skwatsha. Order. Please continue.

Mr M SKWATSHA: The NHI is the ANC's flagship healthcare programme for the next five years and beyond which will help us move forward to universal health coverage. The NHI will ensure that South Africans have access to comprehensive quality health services irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Mr H P GEYER: Have we agreed to the standards?

Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, under the NHI in the next five years the ANC will ensure that patients on chronic medication will receive their medication at selected collection points such as community pharmacies and private medical doctors. The first of a million will benefit from the roll-out of this programme soon, starting initially in the NHI pilot districts. Another 1 million people will be added to the programme each year as it is extended to other districts. [Interjection.] It is therefore unfortunate that despite seeking to brag about implementing the NHI in the Western Cape, the MEC and the department continue to de-legitimise the NHI by conditionally accepting it.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: It is not going to work.

Mr M SKWATSHA: The ANC led national government has answered the calls by the poor and destitute in this province, within the frame-work of our Constitution, as the natural and perfectly normal flow of South Africans across provinces increases resulting in an increase in the Western Cape population. National government has

increased the Western Cape's share of the budget. It is also by no accident that this migration particularly impacts on Gauteng and the Western Cape. It is by design. It is by colonial apartheid design.

An HON MEMBER: [Laughter.] Bull [Inaudible.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: It is therefore ...

Ms L BROWN: Do not speak to [Inaudible.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... not good to see in today's Business Day that the hon MEC blames the healthcare provision trailers on an 'in- migration of so-called refugees to this province, a province that has been favoured with superior infrastructure from the colonial apartheid era.

Mr H P GEYER: Why do you not [Inaudible.] to Gauteng [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: This budget should yet again put this refugee psychosis to rest once and for all. I would have thought that the hon Minister Botha would at least think independently from the Premier in this regard. But he sadly indicated that he will continue to tow her line. For the vulnerable living in this so-called open opportunity society, whose ambition is to become the best run regional government in the world ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... that boasts world healthcare facilities, many of them which were ANC initiated. I can already tell you now that many of these dreams will not be met. We still have long queues, we still have people sitting on hard benches, mothers with ill babies are still turned away from hospitals, staff are still rude to patients in instances, chronic medicine is still not readily available, complaints about poor service delivery are still not attended to and we still have major bed shortages. [Interjection.] If you doubt this page through the papers in the last week and this week ...

Mr H P GEYER: Tell us about the baby ... [Inaudible.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... surely the ANC's NHI will be welcomed by these vulnerable masses that experience these challenges. Unfortunately the failures of the department since the DA took over administration in the province have rendered the broad undertakings made in this budget to be yet empty promises ...

Mr M G E WILEY: And you said that with a straight face.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... characterised by both the inconsistent lowering and inflated performance of targets. The budget and annual performance plan fails to adequately speak to the major shortcomings and failures of the department around issues affecting patients' hospital experiences, hospitals and conditions, medical dispensing and human resources.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a budget accompanying an APP must chart the direction of delivery based on a sound admission, reflection and analysis of the department's failures. Sadly this has not happened. The conditions of public hospitals meant to serve the poor have left much to be desired and still there is no clear strategy presented to overcome this.

The department has failed to provide a sufficient amount of beds to hospitals used by poor people. At the majority of our hospitals, critically ill patients are still forced to sleep on benches, plastic chairs and then the floor. I hope that when people are whistle blowers in this regard they do not suffer like the whistle blower of two years ago in Eerste River who was fired for being a whistle blower. It cannot be acceptable that the emergency unit of Khayelitsha hospital [Interjection.] that deals with an average of 120 patients a day, many of them with life threatening injuries, has only 47 beds. The APP indicates a gradual decline in the number of beds at hospitals in the Western Cape. One is left to wonder as to how the department plans to reach this target.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: More budget.

Mr M SKWATSHA: It is not only a shortage of beds that characterise our hospitals meant to service the poor. In Mitchells Plain it is claimed that there are not even enough land lines nor a proper cell phone signal for doctors to be called in to attend to emergencies. Doctors and nurses at Mfuleni Health Centre recently sent a petition to the MEC complaining that patients are forced to use uni-sex toilets to provide urine samples and that frequent power cuts force them to work by candle-light. It is

therefore highly unfortunate that the department has decreased the budget allocations [Interjection.] for health facilities management in community health services and district hospital services. What is your problem? Can you keep quiet?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The power cuts come from Eskom not ...[Inaudible.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Another failure of MEC Botha [Inaudible.] that leaves us with very little hope that they will channel the increased budget towards real delivery is the fact that the budget of R800 expenditure per patient has decreased.

In terms of hospital infrastructure it is shocking to see the difficulties faced by our elderly citizens when they visit day clinics and this is real. Due to a lack of infrastructure at clinics, many a time our elderly are not protected from the cold and rain whilst waiting to be attended to as we have seen in Hanover Park and Malmesbury. Unfortunately the budget and the APP fails to speak to this reality. There is little regard for the provision of life-saving chronic medication to disadvantaged people, mainly the elderly; insulin for diabetes, inflammatory reducing medication and chemotherapy. These treatments are generally not regularly available in hospitals serving black people and by black we mean coloureds, Indians and Africans. It is unacceptable that patients are forced to share medicine at most of our hospitals including Groote Schuur and Tygerberg. When the community in Hanover Park, for example, objects to the authorities about the medicine shortages the district manager not only refuses to engage with them but prevents them from meeting on the hospital premises and in fact disbands the health committee formed by the community.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in order to ensure that uninterrupted supply of medicines and other goods needed in hospitals for patient care the ANC will make sure that hospital CEO's will be empowered to order directly from suppliers. The budget and APP also fails to address the human resource issues which have been preventing the department from properly delivering healthcare services to our people whilst the overall budget increases. For example, medical officers per patient has remained consistently low. It cannot be correct for merely 1.81% of the vote to be allocated to health sciences and training whilst there are still major shortages of medical staff and doctors in particular, especially from previously disadvantaged communities.

Instead of allocating most resources to labour broking agencies, the MEC must ensure that the money is directed towards employing permanent staff. It remains highly illogical and prejudiced for him to continue denying our students the opportunity to pursue free medical studies in Cuba by saying that it is not compatible with healthcare in the Western Cape. [Interjection.] Whilst the DA claim to be upholders of the legacy of our late President Nelson Mandela, their rejection of this Mandela legacy project is crystal clear for all to see. There is no intention to emulate President Mandela and the failures of this department to service the poor speak directly to this fact. Through this [Inaudible.] project and other locally based programmes the ANC will double the number of doctors trained locally and abroad to an average of 2000 doctors a year [Interjections.]

Human recourse challenges to service delivery is not restricted to the shortage of staff but includes the negative attitudes of staff. There are far too many cases of staff

speaking down to patients, giving patients the wrong medication and turning patients away when they are in need. When President Mandela took office in 1994 one of the most fundamental things he did was to prioritise the vulnerable in our society and by this he concentrated specifically on women and children. This is why he pioneered health services as a major priority in redressing the imbalances of the past.

I therefore want to say, Mr Deputy Speaker, to this hard working department with those officials that one thing that has to be criticised strongly [Interjection.] is that this department must take transformation to its logical conclusion. I cannot take anything away from the hard working staff that you have but the department is lily white ...

The MINSITER OF HEALTH: You just accused them[Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: Do not worry. He will not fire the two of you.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... and in transforming our country the racial quotas have to be considered . Hon MEC with the good infrastructure that we have the proof of the pudding is in its eating. You can have good infrastructure but if the services provided to the people out of that good infrastructure, in Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain and elsewhere, is hollow it means nothing at all [Interjection.] ...

An HON MEMBER: It is hollow!

Mr M G E WILEY: From which province must we take our [Inaudible.] Which

province must we use as an example?

Ms L BROWN: You can [Inaudible.] Western Cape.

Mr M SKWATSHA: I want to say the MEC and the DA ...

An HON MEMBER: That is us.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... must be guided by what has always guided the African National Congress [Interjections.] leaving a legacy to you and your people [Interjection.] a legacy that people will be proud of [Interjection.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please continue. You are almost done.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Can you people please learn from the African National Congress. [Interjection.] [Laughter.] Make sure that like Mandela, like Oliver Tambo, unlike PW Botha [Interjection.] you must be remembered for having left a legacy like the legacy left by the African National Congress [Interjections.] liberating our country and be proud of what you have done for generations to come. [Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: So you are also free. [Interjection.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: Now [Interjection.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Lastly, I want to say that hon MEC is a hard working man.

An HON MEMBER: Hai.

Mr M SKWATSHA: He is a hard working man.

An HON MEMBER: For the rich.

Mr M SKWATSHA: It has been an honour to work with him.

Mr H P GEYER: Do not spoil your speech.

Mr M SKWATSHA: There are just a few things

Mr M G E WILEY : Pick one.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... that need to be polished ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... but his heart is in the right place [Laughter.] and I think that the ANC through ...

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Black polish!

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... its oversight role will make sure that it pushes him so that he goes into the right place. To the staff, it has been an honour to work with such professional people under the leadership of Professor Househam. I also want to join the MEC in saying well done, Sir. You have made our country proud and one can only be proud of the kind of products that the African National Congress has been able to produce in you [Laughter.] as a member of the African National Congress and [Applause.] and to everybody else, thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Skwatsha. Hon Minister Botha, to reply. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is really a huge privilege for me to reply. Firstly, let me start off by thanking everyone again that contributed to this debate. Thank you again to the Chairperson of the Committee for five years. Thank you that you supported us in and through your institution, the Standing Committee, by improving patient centred care, by helping to bring the vacancy rate down, to improve waiting times at the facilities, your support for the SMS hot line, the Bill that we have passed in the Independent Committee, the Complaints Committee Bill. Thank you very much for all your support. I know it was sometimes very difficult for you and I know it was sometimes easy for you to do the right thing. I will reflect on some of the Members on your committee a little bit later.

To the hon member Mr Rodney Lentit, thank you very much. I specifically want to thank you for your enthusiasm when you call me, the passion that you have for the

things that you do. It is really noticeable and we really appreciate it. You do not call me with a problem, you actually force me to solve the problem when you call me. So, thank you for the way you represented so many patients by bringing their problems to us. That is the end of the list except now for my hon friend Mr Skwatsha and he is indeed such a wonderful friend. You know his speech ...

Ms L BROWN: Do not say that. His reputation ...

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: No, no, no. We already know where the man's unfortunate place on this list is. Dit is stank vir dank. [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: [Inaudible.] box next year.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He is indeed a wonderful man. I really appreciate him as a colleague and we have come many years and we share many values and many principals and we have a very good relationship. I know him so well, Mr Deputy Speaker, that I could tell you every sentence today which was written by him and when it came from his heart [Interjection.]. In the one sentence he said how bad the staff was and what they do and in the second sentence he puts the paper down and he speaks from his heart to the staff and tells them exactly how he feels about them. [Laughter.] That is so wonderful. They misused you my honourable friend. [Interjection.] This side of the House ... This side of the House will appreciate you. We will appreciate you ...

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... because you are wonderful son of South Africa [Laughter.] and I am proud that I am your colleague and your friend. But I want to reflect on a few issues which you raised and I want to do it honourably. Unfortunately, I also have to give you a hiding but I am going to try and do it as nicely as possible. [Laughter.]

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible.] under anaesthetic.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I agree ... [Laughter.] Anaesthetic. I agree we are very grateful to the National Minister of Finance. I think we are very fortunate in South Africa to have a little light in the tunnel called Pravin Gordhan. We are very thankful for what he has done and I think my colleague hon Minister Winde has elaborated on his deliberations and the work that they have done and undertaken through the National Department of Finance.

Then you speak about the NHI and I do not want to waste much time on NHI because NHI is nothing but pie in the sky. The hon Minister Motsoaledi attended a function this year [Inaudible] business people about NHI and then someone called Leon Louw wrote an article on the Thought Leader website and he said the Health Minister, I quote him:

“The Health Minister, Aaron Motsoaledi’s relentless war on private health and lifestyle freedom conceals the catastrophic state ... that 9% of the gross domestic product is spent on healthcare, more than half of which is spent on the rich.”

Instead of investigating government healthcare, private costs are being investigated. I want to repeat this; instead of investigating government healthcare to find the problem, private costs are being investigated. People who are prepared to pay with their own money for something. That is investigated. The sector that has developed and researched all the medicine that you use, which has created so much of the infrastructure, they are investigated. The problem in South African healthcare ...

Ms L BROWN: You must be strong.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: No. The problem ...

Ms L BROWN: You must be strong. [Inaudible.]

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

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... with healthcare in South Africa ... It has got nothing do with insurance.

Ms L BROWN: It does not matter.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In those countries where they do have an insurance, that insurance is in private companies' hands. You show me a single fund from this government; a single fund, a single entity, a single department where funds of this nature have not been subjected to gross misuse, maladministration, corruption and stealing.

Mr H P GEYER: Hear, hear!

Mr M G E WILEY: Wholesale theft!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Everything. This in its white paper format ...
[Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: Be strong Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... will be and become the single biggest budget item in this country. It will be the cherry on the cake for the ANC. [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: [Inaudible.] healthcare for the poor.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The Democratic Alliance will not allow you to have national health insurance ...

Ms L BROWN: Unfortunately.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... because it is a nationalisation of health services and it is unconstitutional.

An HONMEMBER: Yes.

Ms L BROWN: It is access. It is access to the poor.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You cannot work me out. You can try your best. Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not going to spend any more time on national health insurance because there is a solution. There is a solution to the national healthcare crisis and problems that we have.

Ms L BROWN: The rich pay for it and they have their own.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: That is communism. [Interjection.] What you do? She wants to take these people's money and distribute it amongst the poor. [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: The rich must continue to ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The solution, Mr Deputy Speaker, lies in the Western Cape model. [Interjection.] It lies in top management, it lies in financial responsibility, audits with 99% of a budget of over R16 billion spent, it lies in political accountability, it lies in normal things, management and normal structures. It does not lay in a new plan which will create a new problem and which might break the back of this country economically. I am not going to spend more time on NHI. NHI is wasting my time. [Interjection.]

You spoke about the immigration of people. Hon member Mr Skwatsha, the least, through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, he can do is to listen to my reply. I think that is the least you can do. The immigration of people ... I want to repeat what I have

mentioned many times which you prefer not to hear. We support endorsed respect.
[Laughter.] The fact that under constitution of South Africa ...

h AGB LID: Onbeskof.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... that people have the liberty to move wherever they want to, wherever they want to.

Ms L BROWN: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yes. They must be able to move wherever they want to in this country and never again should we allow what happened in this country with forced removals and preventing people to move where they ... Ja.

An HONMEMBER: Ja!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Never should we do that. So, we should embrace this principle, colleague. But, Mr Deputy Speaker, government has an obligation to fund the services where they are delivered and government has an obligation to take money away from governments which are not using the money for the purposes that it is supposed to do. [Interjection.] That is what should happen. Hon member Mr Skwatsha, I dare you for a debate ...

An HONMEMBER: Ja!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I challenge you to a debate on any forum in South Africa on the issue of the movement of people and the funds for services.

Mr M SKWATSHA: I would welcome that!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Right. We can arrange that. [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: A public one.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: A public debate. Anywhere because it is a debate you cannot win. It is a very simple thing. People may move and funds must be given where the services are. It is a very simple principal. [Interjection.] It is not done [Interjection.] and we even have ANC provinces who support us very very significantly ...

Ms L BROWN: That is nonsense.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... in this regard.

Ms L BROWN: That is nonsense.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: No. Ask your colleagues in Gauteng. There is not much left of that government but ask them in Gauteng. Do you want me to repeat to you my Tuesday's speech of what is left of government in Gauteng?

Ms L BROWN: No. Please.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I mean 16% financial accountability [Interjection.] and things like that. Have you seen the latest IRS report on the state of wastage expenditure. Read it. You will see 65% of it originates from Gauteng. There is nothing left of that government man. It is collapsing. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, my colleague mentioned the whistle blower of Eerste River. I am very sorry but I have to set this record straight because he referred to as a certain person and a certain process and a certain disciplinary hearing. It is not true that the whistle blower was fired in this department because of whistle blowing. It is not true.

Mr M SKWATSHA: What happened?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I dare you to get the truth ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: What happened?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... or to challenge me on this.

Mr M SKWATSHA: You have a choice.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You know what the truth is.

Mr M SKWATSHA: No. Tell us.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You know what the truth is. I tell you it is not true. It did not happen. The Mitchells Plain power cuts ...[Interjection.] I think we can again say thank you to the ANC for that, but we have generators installed at high cost because of ANC inefficiency ...

Mr M G E WILEY: Oy!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Medicine not available and you go so far hon member Mr Skwatsha and that is where I know, Mr Deputy Speaker, that he did not write his speech. When he said medicine is not available to black people. I know he is not a racist. He would not make such a racist remark. Medicine not available to black people. Why would we ... [Interjection.] Why would we ...

Ms L BROWN: That is not racist.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Why would we not give medicine to black people? It ... You know, it is ridiculous but Mr Deputy Speaker ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: Sorry.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Is it a question or a point of order? Hon member Mr Skwatsha [Laughter.] are you raising a point of order or a question?

Mr M SKWATSHA: A question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Botha? He is prepared. You can continue.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Hon Minister Botha, did I ever refer to racism in my speech?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You say that we only give to whites.

Ms L BROWN: If you said [Inaudible.][Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not even going to reply to that question. The hon member Mr Skwatsha mentioned that we specifically do not give medicine to black people. There is no black hospital. There is no coloured hospital. There is no white hospital in the Western Cape. We have patients [Interjections.] and we have hospitals.

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: It is only in the ANC black or white.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: But, Mr Deputy Speaker, the ...

An HON MEMBER: This man is confused.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... hon colleague has mentioned a few times that we do not have medicine available, that people are waiting in long queues, that we turn them

away, that we give them the wrong medicine ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: And the public protector [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... and all those things. Now, I just want to know one thing and he mentioned specifically the values of President Mandela and you know I really respect that and he indicates that he has got huge respect for Madiba and we do not. My question is; if you were so truthful to the values of Madiba why have you never called me about one of these problems. Why have you only attended two standing committee meetings in a year? Why have you not attended a single Provincial Aids Council meeting despite the fact that I begged the ANC to be present. Why haven't you? [Interjection.] Of course we invited you. [Interjection.] Why is it? Why is it? I am not going to take a second question.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Point of order [Inaudible.]

Ms L BROWN: That is a point of order. He is making a liar out of you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order? Order

Mr M SKWATSHA: The MEC is misleading the House.

Mr M G E WILEY: That is not a point of order!

Mr M SKWATSHA: He says I have not attended a Standing Committee meeting.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha. Yes, I hear you but that is not a point of order.

Mr M SKWATSHA: This is a deliberate misleading of the House. [Interjection.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjection.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: This is a deliberate misleading of the House ...

An HON MEMBER: For media purposes.

Mr M SKWATSHA: It speaks to my integrity.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha, if you say to the [Inaudible.] ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: There is the Chairperson.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You may not say it is a deliberate misleading. That is unparliamentary. You can say it is misleading but you must retract the word deliberate otherwise it is unparliamentary.

Mr M SKWATSHA: But how can a man make such a statement? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am asking you ... I am asking you ...

Mr M G E WILEY: You are digging the hole deeper and deeper.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Okay. I am asking the MEC to retract that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Will you withdraw the word deliberate in that sentence?
Then you can carry on?

Mr M SKWATSHA: I withdraw the word deliberately.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Thank you.

Mr M SKWATSHA: The MEC is misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Fine, but that is not a point of order. The hon Premier,
Minister may continue. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for the not point of order. This is the
attendance register. It is available for your inspections.

An HON MEMBER: No, no. We do not sign those things. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

MR M SKWATSHA: It is our position ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: You see what I mean.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. hon member Mr Skwatsha ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: You see what I mean.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister is on the floor. Please take your seat
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sit, sit.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Brown. Order! Order! Order, hon member
Mr Skwatsha, the Minister is on the floor and I am going to allow the Minister to
speak. [Interjection.] Minister Botha, please continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yes. Mr Deputy Speaker I stand by every word I said
and ...

An HON MEMBER: Yoh, yoh!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... he has not attended a single ... I think we 26 or something meetings. I am not certain now how many. I have it somewhere ...

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Is that for the AIDS Council?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: 19. We had 19 Provincial AID's Council meetings.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I have never seen him there.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He never attended a single one.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Never.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I personally eventually said to the administration I am going to write them a letter and ask them to come because it is essential that the ANC is present. Not even that plea to them could get them to attend that meeting. [Interjection.]

Ms L BROWN: Why should we believe whatever you say now?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Well, it does not matter whether you believe it.

Ms L BROWN: I have learnt. That is the problem. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You know it just ... you just prefer not to believe it.

Mr M G E WILEY: Come on man!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Now, I challenge you to prove me wrong. So, that is the respect that hon Member Mr Skwatsha has for Madiba.

An HON MEMBER: Hai!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He never called me with any problems. He called me once. He called me once in five years. [Interjection.]. He carried on ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: Just a point of order, Sir.

’n AGB LID: Ag heerlik.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha. Yes, I am listening.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Ja. I just wanted to correct the Minister [Interjection.]. The Minister, many times ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... referred me to his office, to deal with issues at night. You know ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha, order, order. I have allowed

you some latitude. Order, order.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... and I am really tired here you know.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr M SKWATSHA: How can the Minister ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha, order.

Mr M SKWATSHA: ... lie about me in this way?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. When the Speaker speaks and asks for order, you remain quiet. You are abusing the Chair now so it is not a point of order. That is a debating point. Hon Minister, please continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The hon member Mr Skwatsha ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... visited me once ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon Minister, just one second.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, that little point about the Minister lying must

be withdrawn please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear that. Who said that?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Do it and get it over with.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Did anybody say that?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is the hon member Mr Skwatsha.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Skwatsha, was it you? If you said the Minister was lying then you must withdraw it.

Mr M SKWATSHA: Ja. I withdraw that. The Minister is economical with the truth.

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then you can take your seat. That is fine.

Mr M SKWATSHA: He is economical with the truth. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have withdrawn. Minister Botha, please continue.

Mr M SKWATSHA: You are out of order.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: No. I am not out of order hon member Mr Skwatsha. I

said to you that I am going to try and do it as nicely as possible [Laughter.] so do not put me in another mood.

Ms J WITBOOI: [Inaudible.] Even if you want you cannot be nice.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I forgot something. The hon member Mr Skwatsha did visit me once in my office. I will not elaborate on the reason [Interjection.] [Laughter.] but it was a successful visit. He can attest to that. [Interjection.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, there is another thing which I want to deal with, the last thing, and that is the hon member Mr Skwatsha made a big issue about the racial quotas and so on in the department.

Mr M SKWATSHA: I was advising you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: My question is whether he supports the new regulations from the Employment Equity Act? And I want him to state in public for us ...

Ms M TINGWE: Haibo!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... whether he supports the new regulations on the Employment Equity Act applicable to the Western Cape because that would force me, if he is successful, to support his own party's policy to fire 10 000 coloured people. Now I want to tell you this ...

Ms M TINGWE: Go ahead!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I am prepared to go ... [Interjection.] Listen to this ... I will not honour those regulations, I will not honour that legislation and I am prepared to go to jail for it!

Mr R B LENTIT: Viva!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Your party will not affect that in this province. [Interjection.] [Inaudible.] He cannot answer. I want to say one last thing ... [Interjection.]

Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Win the election and fire 10 000 [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I want to say one last thing [Interjection.]. I am very grateful for the work that has been done over the past five years. I always lack words to express my gratitude towards the thousands and thousands of staff members at every level who really do wonderful work. I feel always when I visit facilities and I speak to these people that I am surrounded by angels. It is very unfortunate that these single incidents, which happen within a scope of 20 million interactions with people, end up as negative stories, but that is life and we accept it.

I want to say thank you to the millions of cases where the touch of a nurse with a patient and the interaction has had a very good outcome and saving of lives. We do

not have the vacancies which he referred to in doctors and nurses. I am not going to do the Cuba plan because I do not waste time on communism and on projects which I think are wasteful and useless.[Interjection.] I will not support a programme where this province invests in a country such as Cuba. [Interjection.] We have enough staff and they are doing wonderful work.

I want to end off again by saying to the Head of the Department and the management, it was easy to build on the foundation which you created and I can only hope that the Western Cape will, after 7 May this year, be in the position where we can continue with this wonderful work. Thank you, Mr Speaker. [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS : Hear, hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That concludes the debate on this vote. Before we ask the Secretary to read the next order may we allow a couple of seconds for the bays to be cleared by the officials please and then we can carry on.

[Bays cleared by officials.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please take your seats. [Interjection.]

The Secretary will read the fourth order of the day.

4. Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*

[B3 of 2014]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Meyer, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Hon Speaker; the Premier; Cabinet colleagues and Mr Deputy Speaker; Leader of the Official Opposition; hon Members; presidents of the various sports councils and sports federations present here today; chairpersons and members of the three public entities; members of cultural organisations; ladies and gentlemen.

When this administration took over five years ago, it acknowledged that sport and culture were the ideal platforms for the nation-building, a sense of national pride, patriotism and a socially inclusive Western Cape. In order to achieve the goal of the Western Cape where everyone experiences a sense of belonging we realised that we first had to develop policy instruments to create cultural warmth and social inclusion.

Therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like now to talk about the policy instruments that we have developed to create cultural warmth and social inclusion. A major achievement in the Museum Service last year was the development and the approval of a new Western Cape Museum policy. This instrument seeks to rationalise the different categories of museums, provide for regional museums and give direction to the management of museums within the constitutional mandate of the Western Cape

Government.

The Western Cape Language Policy; Mr Deputy Speaker, it is former president Nelson Mandela who reminded us and I quote

“if you speak to a man in a language he understands that goes to his head. If you talk to him or her in his language it goes to his or her heart.”

Language has always been one of the crucial cultural attributes of humankind. It is one of the most important vehicles for the citizens of the province to experience cultural warmth. Through the active implementation of the Western Cape Provincial Languages Act and the Western Cape Language Policy, the provincial government continues to contribute to the vision of a multilingual province in which people value their own language and respect the languages of others.

During the past year, the Western Cape Languages Committee, a statutory body, in my department conducted surveys to assess the implementation of this policy in two provincial departments; in the Community Safety Department of Minister Dan Plato and that of the Department of Social Development of Minister Fritz. It will now be followed up with recommendations in these two departments.

I want to thank the Western Cape Language Committee, in particular also the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, Maria Olivier, for their work in the language committee.

The Library Implementation Protocol; In terms of Schedule 5 of the Constitution, libraries other than national libraries, Mr Deputy Speaker, are a provincial exclusive legislative competence. However, historically, library services have been rendered by local government as a so-called 'unfunded mandate' and I am particularly happy to report that we have made great progress not only in the Western Cape but on behalf of the Western Cape also into the national landscape. Through the Department of Provincial Treasury and my department, together with the National Treasury, we have now been able to allocate R1 billion for libraries countrywide in South Africa. This is a result of our commitment to really get rid of these 'unfunded mandates' of municipalities.

On 19 March 2012, the Western Cape Government through my department concluded a Library Implementation Protocol within the City of Cape Town to support the ongoing provision of library services to communities and this was done in terms of the IGR Framework Act of 2005.

The initiation framework; Over the past five years, one of the most innovative aspects of our work has been the development of an Initiation Framework and Protocol which guides the implementation of the initiation programme in the province - a first in South Africa. The protocol is primarily intended to make this important cultural rite of passage for men safer. Among other things it provides for pre-circumcision medical examinations of initiates, training of traditional surgeons and carers, first aid training, the selection of sites, and the sustainable utilisation of environmental resources. In this regard, I want to thank my colleague hon Minister Anton Bredell for working together with my department and CapeNature in making a site available

for this particular purpose.

Sport funding policy; I am particularly happy, Mr Deputy Speaker, that our Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Sport Councils are here. Seated right there on my far left is the Chairperson, the President of the Western Cape Sport Confederation, Mr Goliath Munro, doing outstanding work; together with Dave van der Walt of the SWD Sports Council, doing magnificent work all over the southern region; as well as Mr Jerome Arendse, the President of the West Coast Sport Council, doing great work in the West Coast; as well as our colleagues from the Sport and Mediation Arbitration Forum, outstanding work; together with Elton Johnson, really doing fantastic work in the Western Province not only in cycling but in sport in the Western Province region.

I want to thank them for their leadership because without their leadership there would be no success story to tell in the Western Cape. It is because of their hard work and their commitment that we will be allocating additional resources to the Sport Federations.

The MOD Programme; During 2011 and 2012 the Western Cape Cabinet approved a comprehensive after-school programme based on our social policy framework and the provincial strategic objective, promoting social inclusion. School going children, Mr Deputy Speaker, especially in poor communities are particularly vulnerable on week days because they are unsupervised at the time. We know that from the police statistics and from the reports of social workers, that anti-social behaviour manifests most of the time between two o'clock and six o'clock and this particular programme is targeted at that particular group.

I also want to thank all the NGO's, the Department of Education, and in particular my colleague, Minister Fritz, who are partnering with us in the MOD Centre Programme because through his intervention with the School Nutritional programme we have now increased the number of participants in the MOD Centres. We now have 181 MOD Centres throughout the province.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: In particular, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are seeing great talent. We are not only seeing the ability but we see the youth give their ability responsibility and we know that in this government we believe that when you give the youth responsibility and opportunities we see the real capability of the youth.

One of the major achievements of this department in the last five years and I want to give the credit to the staff , the HOD and the CFO because they have done outstanding work in turning this department into an effective administrative machine. Last year the department achieved 152 of its 156 performance indicators. The department has not only succeeded in improving its administrative efficiency and levels of governance but also made a concerted effort to ensure that our partners in sports and cultural sectors do likewise.

It is reflected in the department being acknowledged by the Public Service Commission as the second best department in South Africa in the category

'Professional Ethics' at the Public Service Professional Ethics Awards 2013 which was held in Pretoria last year. In the citation the Public Service Commission hailed the work that has been done to instil integrity and a culture of professional ethics in my department.

Our flagship project, the MOD Programme which forms part of this government's whole of society approach, is slowly but surely beginning to address this very problem. The value of the MOD Programme was recently acknowledged by the National Government when the MOD Programme walked away with the title, Best Project for Mass Participation at the National EPWP Komoso Awards, in the social sector.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, this department has also for the first time received a clean audit from the Auditor-General.

An HON MEMBER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And I want to thank my accounting officer, CFO and all my senior managers because they really have worked very hard to achieve this particular status. Mr Deputy Speaker, the greatest vote of confidence in this department comes in the form of a budget that has increased by 77% over the last five years. In fact, I am today able to table a budget of R626 million which is a 37% increase over the 2013/14 budget.

Apart from Minister Winde himself, I want to thank the members of the Standing Committee, led by hon member Mr Mark Wiley and particularly also the efforts of hon member Ms Witbooi because she has over a number of years fought in this Legislature to increase the budget for sport. In addition, the outgoing Chief Whip, Alta Rossouw. From the records of this Parliament we will see the evidence of how Alta Rossouw fought to get this budget increased. So, I pay my respect to both Aunty Joy and Aunty Alta for this increase in this budget ...

An HON MEMBER: Mooi!.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... In addition to Minister Alan Winde.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this year we will be celebrating 20 years of freedom. In 2014 the people of South Africa will join others on the continent, across the world in the 20 years of freedom celebrations. This momentous occasion offers us a chance to celebrate our victory over apartheid and to reflect on our hard won democracy. We will look back on our achievements, assess the progress we have made since 1994 and evaluate the remaining challenges and jointly decide how best to address them.

To mark this milestone the Western Cape Government will, in partnership with Artscape, host a special event on Freedom Day on 27 April this year. This will be preceded by a week long programme aimed at learners and the youth. A total of 250 000 brochures explaining the origins and significance of the national symbols

have been produced and will shortly be distributed to all schools in the Western Cape. The culmination of the Western Cape Freedom Day event will be the performance of Credo, a new work celebrating the principles of our Constitution.

People living in the rural areas of the Western Cape will also be given the opportunity to participate in the 20-year celebrations. Two wide ranging rural outreach programmes will take place in partnership with Artscape, a number of arts companies and community based arts and culture organisations. Also partnering with us during the lead-up events and the Credo production will be the Cape Town Opera and the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra. A special exhibition prepared by the Museum Service to celebrate our national symbols and a CD tool kit that promotes the national anthem will reach into our communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we also know that Cape Town has been designated as the World, Design Capital for 2014. There is excitement around 400 projects that were approved by Cape Town Design, the non-profit company established to implement the World Design Capital 2014 Project. To enhance the offering, the department will partner with the Cape Craft Design Institute to produce a retrospective exhibition of Cape design through the ages.

The Western Cape Archives and Record Services will be celebrating 20 years of freedom during the National Archives Week from 5 to 9 May around the themes 'Archives for Democracy' and 'Accountability and Transparency'. Its tours and exhibitions will focus on the Road to Democracy and the role that Parliament has played in the various communities in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now turn to Unity in Diversity; Over the last eighteen months the department has worked very hard to put this concept of cultural warmth in the public domain. I am delighted to report that the Western Cape Cultural Commission embraced this concept as one that will promote social inclusion and unified communities and individuals through the appreciation of one another's culture.

The Western Cape Cultural Commission, commissioned a new play, 'The Passage', to stimulate debate and interest about rites of passage across culturally diverse contexts. The play, which premiered on 5 March at the Baxter Theatre, provided opportunities for young actors and emerging directors to transcend cultural barriers and to give expression to the slogan 'your culture, my culture, our heritage'.

An Initiation Summit was held in May 2013 to value important cultural rites of passage and to take forward the conversation about making these rituals safer. Also, Mr Deputy Speaker, a Choral Music Indaba was held with relevant stakeholders and role-players to inform the Department's engagement with a vibrant choral music sector in the province.

On 1 December 2013, the 175th anniversary of the emancipation of slavery was celebrated. This event was commemorated with the declaration of the Saron Mission Station as a provincial heritage site and the unveiling of the new Heritage Western Cape site marker badge on the Old Slave Church provincial heritage site in Tulbagh where the Premier officiated. I want to thank the Premier for her interest and leadership in preserving our local heritage. Mr Deputy Speaker, since 2009 the

following sites have been declared as provincial heritage sites:

- Baboon Point, 2009, in Matzikama
- Mussel Point Midden, 2009, in Eland's Bay
- Community House, 2010, Salt River, Cape Town
- Ratelgat, 2011, Vredendal
- Die Hel Forest, 2012, near Prince Albert
- West Coast Fossil Park, 2012, near Langebaan
- Pinnacle Point, 2012, in Mossel Bay
- Saron Mission Station, last year, near Tulbagh

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now turn to opportunities for the youth; Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to highlight some aspects of the work of this department which resulted in many work opportunities for the youth.

DCAS has linked the professional arts fraternity with rural community initiatives. The outcome has been that youth from rural areas have been provided with opportunities to perform at Die Burger Suidoosterfees, die Absa KKNK Kunstefees and the Zabalaza Festival as well as make guest appearances on the television series 7de Laan. William Michaels from Heidelberg is a product of this intervention by the department and he is currently cast in various television series on Kyknet.

The EPWP programme has been a major boon to museums and in the new financial year each and every museum of the 28 supported by the Provincial Museum Service will have at its disposal young and enthusiastic people who have been trained to be

museum guides and to care for collections at the museum facilities. The programme has added new life and a new dimension to the museums in the province.

Lastly, I had the opportunity to engage with EPWP workers, both in Porterville and in Tulbagh and I have seen the excitement and enthusiasm of young people now having four museums. I am particularly happy that these EPWP people have really shown an interest, not only in current history but in contemporary history and, in particular, in the cultural heritage assets of this province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the sport component of the department has for many years benefited from the EPWP through conditional grants allocations. Since 2011, through the Environmental and Culture Sector, the department has implemented with the assistance of its agencies innovative programme to create work opportunities for our youth.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now want to turn to something which I have announced in this House: the chess, the netball and the cycling revolutions; The success of these three revolutions, namely; chess, netball and cycling, has brought about significant achievements through greater focus, growth and the development of these codes. Proof of this can be found in the likes of Nolan Hoffman who won the Argus Pick 'n Pay Momentum Cycle Tour and the notable success of the under-19 Boland and SA Netball player, Marie-Lena Joubert.

The cycling revolution has inspired many amongst us. In this regard congratulations also to my colleague, Minister Alan Winde, for completing the cycle tour in less than

four hours in trying conditions. It was windy and Mr Winde was cycling! He was also joined on the day by my Media Liaison Officer and Head of Ministry, who also completed the race, albeit in a humbler recorded time. Although not in my APP, Minister Winde, I will make every effort next year to join you in the start up line.

Mr Deputy Speaker, chess has done extremely well since we announced the chess revolution. The highlight for me was to witness 2000 young people playing chess at the University of Cape Town; 1000 chess boards, 2000 youth. Really magical to see and so we are patiently awaiting the day when chess Grandmaster-Elect, Kenny Solomon from Mitchells Plain will become a full Grandmaster.

The current SA male and female champions Donavan van den Heever and Denise Frick are both from the Western Cape, generating an increased interest in the game. I want to take chess into the communities by arranging street tournaments in the new financial year. I have already made R50 000 available for street chess in Mitchells Plain in this current financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when you announce a cycling revolution, you need a general to lead that revolution. He is in the House today and I want him to stand please – Mr Corne Bence. He has, in his capacity as the head of the Western Cape Cycling Federation and also representing us on cycling South Africa, done an outstanding job to keep cycling going, to keep cycling alive but particularly to promote cycling during school holidays, during school cycling festivals. I want to thank him and the cycling community because the cycling revolution is now on track. [Applause.]

In addition, Mr Deputy Speaker, I have announced a chess revolution in this House and I am particularly happy that the general of chess is also in the House. International Master, David Klugman, could you please stand. [Applause.] Not only did he play last year in the Middle East, he has been outstanding, not only as a player but as a coach, as a mentor and as a chess administrator, always present encouraging the youth to play chess. I have made a commitment, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we will play chess in this Chamber, that they will come. I want to ask Mr David Klugman to be in touch with Advocate Lyndon Bouwer because we are bringing chess into Parliament so that we can think sharper in this House [Laughter.]. Thank you for that.

I also want to pay my respects to Mr Aldo Smart and his executive in Western Province Chess for taking up my offer and taking chess into the streets of Mitchells Plain. I am very happy to see that Minister Fritz is here because we are now taking over the streets, chasing the gangs away and I am also happy to see Mr Dennis here today because we are going to close the streets. There will not be time to do crime but there will be time to play chess.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I have also announced in this House, a netball revolution. Netball is played in every school, almost in 80% of the farms, in every township, in every community, in every street. Netball is a growing sport in the Western Cape. It is a growing sport because there is leadership in netball. I also have a female general that is driving the netball

revolution in this province. Her name is Penny Simon. I want her to please stand. [Applause.] Thank you, Penny for the work that you are doing. We appreciate that you are taking netball all over the western Cape. Not only netball but mentoring young girls, young women and whenever we see how you interact with these young girls we see something beautiful in terms of mentoring these young girls. We want to thank you for partnering with us and the different netball federations.

I am particularly thankful to the Premier who agreed to host a lunch for all the army of the netball revolution. I want to thank you for visiting us in Leeuwenhof and thank you for symbolically handing over the netball signed by the Premier because you signed this revolution into action and thank you for your contribution.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we also have in the Western Cape festivals and major events; Festival and major sport events and recreation events present an ideal opportunity to bring people together around a common interest and build a sense of unity while at the same time facilitating access and development opportunities to the youth. The number of major events has increased from 25 major events in a few years, to an average of 45 per year.

The Cape Times Discovery Health Big Walk ... and I want to ask members of this House to join me next year when we take part in the Big Walk, particularly Ellen Prins. I invite you. This year I walked, next year I walk with you.

An HONMEMBER: Great.

Ms E PRINS: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The invitation has been accepted. Mr Deputy Speaker, there is also the Cape Town International Jazz Festival, the Cycle Tour, the Christmas Bands Parade and some other events that promote social inclusion and cultural warmth in the Western Cape.

I am also pleased to note that events such as Jazz on the Rocks in Tittiesbaai in Paternoster and the Kyknet Buite Expo near Malmesbury have established partnerships with municipalities outside the Cape Metro. All indications are that having established their own major events, the Saldahna Bay Municipality and the Swartland municipality are better able to promote and develop tourism.

I am particularly happy today in this House to announce that we are now, following three years of negotiations, in the final stages of concluding a 30-year lease agreement to use the historic Standard Bank Building in Adderley Street as the site of a new regional museum on the history and development of Cape Town.

I want to thank my Cabinet colleagues, Minister Winde, and in particular, Minister Carlisle. The building will also serve as the new home of the Provincial Service and Heritage Western Cape. The proposed Cape Town Museum will see the creation of a new major, heritage and tourism institution in the Western Cape. An amount of R6,6 million has been made available in this current financial year for the conversion of the building and the establishment of the proposed new Cape Town Museum.

Mr Deputy Speaker, cultural warmth and social inclusion through arts and culture; The year 2014 marks the centenary of the first concert of South Africa's first symphony orchestra. The Cape Town Municipal Orchestra as it was known in 1914 is the predecessor of today's Cape Philharmonic Orchestra. A total amount of R9 million will be made available to all the performing arts organisations to continue their work in promoting social inclusion. Also, the total budget allocation for 2014/2015 for the Arts and Culture sub programme is R31,493 million.

The department successfully hosted the first Cape Choral Music Indaba in February this year. The purpose of this indaba is for all stakeholders to gain an understanding of the choral music industry in the Western Cape and to identify challenges and opportunities for choral music at local, regional and provincial level.

It is in this regard, Mr Deputy Speaker, once again that I want to thank hon member Ms Hartnick, hon member Ms Witbooi and particularly hon member Mike Walters. In these last three years they have reminded me of the choral landscape, the choral assets. I am particularly happy to report back because hon member Mike Walters was on my neck and so was Ms Witbooi and Ms Hartnick. I am happy to report that this is now a revolution in the Western Cape and we will invest heavily over the next years in the production of choral music.

The Museum Service over the past few years been undergoing a process of adopting new modern technology on social media. In this regard the most marked trend over the past five years has been the introduction of interactive digital technology into displays. Although the display and actual three-dimensional artefacts remains the

primary focus, new technology enables visitors to be more selective about the type and the depth of information they wish to access and is now even being included in relatively small travelling exhibitions.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now turn to libraries; A total of 351 libraries are affiliated to the provincial Library Service. Twenty of these are mobile “wheelie wagon” facilities which were established in remote rural areas. Since 2009 new library buildings became operational in Vredenburg, in Paarl, in Klapmuts, in Harare Square, in Khayelitsha, Nkquebela in Robertson and New Horizons in Plettenberg Bay. New facilities are being built in Prince Alfred Hamlet and KwaNonqaba in Mossel Bay and an upgrade of the Knynsa Public Library is currently almost in completion. Thank you, hon Minister Winde.

Dames en here, ek beweeg oor na kulturele warmte deur die instrument van taal. Die departement is verantwoordelik vir die verskaffing van taaldiensste aan die Wes-Kaapse regeringsdepartemente. Dit behels die redigering en vertaling van openbare dokumente soos jaarverslae en jaarprestasieplanne in die drie amptelike tale van die Wes-Kaap. Die taaldiens is ook verantwoordelik vir die ontwikkeling van terminologieë en die nakoming van hoë taalstandaarde.

Die Wes-Kaapse Taalforum, bestaande uit taalpraktisyns van die meeste provinsiale departemente, munisipaliteite in die Wes-Kaap en die Wes-Kaapse wetgewer, vergader gereeld om terminologie te ontwikkel, vaardighede deur werksessies en aanbiedings te ontwikkel en om taalsake van ’n transversale aard te bespreek.

Dames en lede, lede van hierdie Huis, ek is baie bly om vandag aan te kondig dat as gevolg van die werksaamhede van hierdie forums ons in 2014 'n IsiXhosa / Engels-terminologielys vir die terme wat deur die provinsiale taalpraktisyne gebruik word, beskikbaar gestel het.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dit was my voorreg om onlangs by die 2014 Provinsiale Kultuurtoekenningsereemonie vir professor Adam Small vir sy bydrae tot taal, of meer spesifiek, die Afrikaanse taal, met die Lewensprestasietoekening te vereer. Ek haal aan uit die betrokke aanbeveling van hierdie toekening:

“Uit die pen (of rekenaar) van professor Adam Small verskyn agt digbundels, een essay, vyf dramas en een roman. Sy drama “Kanna hy kô hystoe”, word as een van die klassieke werke in Afrikaans beskou. In 1972 behartig professor Small self die regie van hierdie drama toe Dramsoc, UWK se dramavereniging, wat later as die ‘Cape Flats Players’ bekend gestaan het, dit op die planke gebring het. “Kanna hy kô hystoe”, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, het 'n volledige vernuwing in die Afrikaanse drama teweeggebring, waarin hy politieks-maatskaplike sake deur middel van teaterkonvensies aangespreek het. Boonop het Small deur Kaaps saam met Standaardafrikaans in sy gedigte en dramas te gebruik, die stigma rondom Kaaps ongedaan gemaak. Volgens professor Steward van Wyk gebruik Adam Small gewilde kulturele uitings soos volksvertellings, liedjies en rympies, wat in die mondelinge tradisie oorleef het, om die werkersklaskultuur te vergestalt.”

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dit is vir my 'n besondere voorreg om hierdie ikoon van die

Afrikaanse letterkunde namens die Wes-Kaapse regering, Adam Small, te huldig. Met hierdie toekenning sluit professor Small aan by professors Jakes Gerwel en Neville Alexander wie se bydrae tot nasiebou met behulp van taal ongeëwenaard is in Suid-Afrika. Ons sal steeds maniere vind om hierdie merkwaardige Suid-Afrikaners se erfenis lewend te hou.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the language services has been allocated a total budget for 2014/15 of R 4.6 million. Of this, R 235 000 will be transferred to the Western Cape Language Committee. Maar ek wil vandag in die besonder vir ons voorsitter maar ook ons ondervoorsitter, Ria Olivier, van die Wes-Kaapse Taalkomitee en haar mededele bedank vir hul bydrae tot die bevordering van veeltaligheid in die Wes-Kaap.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the context of libraries, the library service has put aside R 7.5 million for new libraries in Prince Alfred Hamlet, Witzenberg, Citrusdal Public Library in Cederberg, and Avian Park Public Library in Breede Valley. Slanghoek Dual Purpose Public School Library is a modular library in the Breede Valley Municipality.

Mr Deputy Speaker, R 15.5 million, the conditional grant, will be utilised for the upgrading of libraries such as the Hangberg Public Library, the Crossroads Public Library, the Parow Library, Conville Public Library in the George area as well as the Kleinmond Public Library.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Rural ICT project, which is funded from the conditional grant, and the broadband initiative, will continue. It is envisaged that 200 public libraries will have internet access by the end of March 2015. A total of R 1.8 million

was made available to the library service to appoint EPWP interns.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Bill and the Melinda Gates Foundation are currently assisting libraries in South Africa to roll out computer hardware and software. Three libraries in the Western Cape, the C J Langenhoven in Oudtshoorn; D'Almeida in Mossel Bay and the Paarl Library in Drakenstein, will participate in the pilot project. Each library will receive 20 computers, two printers, ten e-readers and ten tablets for free. Of the 20 computers, two will be dedicated to the visually impaired and three will be used for gaming.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as the custodian of record management in the Western Cape, DCAS has been assigned to preserve the corporate memory of the provincial government and to drive the shift from paper-based record systems towards electronic storage systems. Modernising record and content management and digitising heritage material in the Western Cape, Archives and Records Service received a significant boost when it was awarded an additional budget of R 30.6 million in 2014/15.

Mr Deputy Speaker, an amount of R 2.3 million is allocated to strengthen the valuable work performed by our sport councils. Over the past four years we have in partnership with the Farmworker Sport Association chaired by Reggie Deysel, facilitated the Farmworker Sports Day. This ensures that opportunities are created for farmworker communities to participate in sport and recreational opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I conclude. It is in the true spirit of democracy that the department fulfilled its mandate with the hard work and dedication of thousands of

inhabitants of the Western Cape who serve on all the structures that feed into the constitutional mandates that this portfolio is responsible for. They are the true heroes that underpin the work of this department.

In this regard, allow me to express my sincere thanks to the women and the men who serve on a voluntary basis on the management structures of arts and cultural organisations, the boards of trustees, the management committees, the control boards, the affiliated museums, the Western Cape Provincial Geographical Names Committee, the council and committees of Heritage Western Cape, the Western Cape Language Committee, the Western Cape Cultural Commission as well as the Western Cape Provincial Advisory Committee for Archives, the Sport Federations, the Sport Council in the Western Cape, and particular, the Western Cape Arbitration Committee. Without your valuable insight and dedication it would not be possible for this department to fulfil its objective.

Agb mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek sluit af met 'n dame, Mavis Hutchison, wat 'n inspirasie vir ons mense in die Wes-Kaap is. Sy is vandag in hierdie Huis. Ek vra haar asseblief om te staan. [Applous.] Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dit is haar tipe inspirasie en toewyding wat ons nodig het op vele ander terreine om 'n beter samelewing te skep. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, Mavis Hutchison is 89 jaar oud. Sy is van Vishoek.

She won five medals: one gold in the 200 metre sprint, one silver in the discus and shot-put respectively, and bronze in the javelin and the 100 metre sprint at the 20th World Masters Athletic Championships in Brazil last year, 2013. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Jo! [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: [Onhoorbaar.] ... 20 jaar gelede.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Minister Botha, this is not twenty years ago, this was last year. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, the story continues. Ms Hutchison, who has been an athlete for more than 53 years, became only the third woman in history to compete in the Comrades in 1966 and the first woman ever to run across America in 1981. She was running across from Los Angeles in California to New York. She is affectionately known as South Africa's "Galloping Granny". Mavis Hutchison: Another round of applause. [Applause.]

Mnr die Speaker, ons taak is nie voltooi nie. We have not completed the race. Die boublokke en die fundamente is gelê, en so bou ons nou baksteen vir baksteen, saam met ons medeburgers, 'n beter lewe in die Wes-Kaap.

Agb mnr die Adjunkspeaker, vandag kondig ek aan drie nuwe revolusies wat deur hierdie departement aktief bevorder gaan word: atletiek; koormusiek en basketbal. Om kulturele warmte en maatskaplike inklusiwiteit te versprei, begroot my departement soos volg:

Program 1: Administrasie: R 54 miljoen;

Program 2: Kultuursake: R 102 miljoen;

Program 3: Biblioteke en Argiewe: R 306 miljoen;

Program 4: Sport: R160 miljoen.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek lê my departement se begroting vir 2014/2015, 'n begroting van R 626 miljoen, vandag hier in hierdie Huis amptelik ter tafel. Ek dank u.

'n AGB LID: Mooi!

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

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie Minister. I see the hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Ons bedank die Minister vir sy revolusionêre toespraak. He also neglected to say that his department has won a couple of other awards, and I would like to prefix my speech by just congratulating him on some of those other awards.

They got the Best Project Award, the Mass Participation of Extended Public Works Programme, and the Komoso Award in the social sector. They also attained the second place for the Professional Ethics Award through the department's efforts in promoting integrity and installing a professional ethics culture within the department by the Public Service Commission. Over and above that, as you know, they got a clean audit this year for the first time, which is really the benchmark as far as clean governance is concerned.

But as we have heard from the Minister's speech - and I do not want to be a praise

singer for him - he leads from the front, but it can only be done if you have a department head and the support staff who are susceptible to good leadership.

Ons sê aan die departement baie dankie vir die feit dat hulle so maklik in 'n rigting kan gaan en dat hulle so kan presteer.

Ek wil ook die Minister bedank vir sy persoonlike geveg vir die taal Afrikaans wat 60% van ons lede van hierdie provinsie as moedertaal praat. Hy het dit by herhaling gedoen, onder andere ook in die Nasionale Vergadering. We thank the Minister for the particular fact that he does not just talk the language but he actually fights for its existence.

Dit is reg so dat die departement 'n vermeerdering vna 77% in sy begroting oor die afgelope vyf jaar het. Dit is ook baie insiggewend met die rigting wat die departement inslaan dat sy investering in jeug beklemtoon word.

I would like to stop for a minute on the issue with regard to youth investment. It is a statistical fact that the population bulge in South Africa and also here in the Western Cape lies in our youth. They make up about 60%. Those between 24 and younger make up about 60% of the population. Dit is ook waar dat daardie segment van die bevolking op die oomblik onder die grootste gevaar en bedreiging verkeer. The opportunities to run, to run wider, on the tracks in life is greater for our youth now. The challenges are probably greater now than ever before in the existence of mankind or people-kind, humankind. Drugs alone, especially here in the Western Cape, are playing havoc amongst our youth. We see this also with the amount of children that are falling out of the schooling system as the direct result of drugs, either their

involvement in drugs or their parents' involvement in drugs. This is leading to a massive problem, social problem for us, so it is particularly heartening to see that the Minister is spending R 36 million on the MOD centres, which is a project in its formative stages still as far as using children or getting children to be active and proactive in the post-school hours, after school has closed down between two o'clock and six o'clock, getting them to take part in sport, recreation activities as well as cultural activities and at the same time hopefully doing a bit of homework if they get the chance. This R 36 million is going to allow the Mod centres to become a standalone project, and some money will be spent on middle-management to make sure that it can in fact do so.

I want to also thank the department for their investment in the sport federations. He talked about a substantial investment in the councils, but especially in the sport federations and his identification with regard to investment in so called minor codes, in this particular case netball, lifesaving and cycling. Cycling as we all know is a massively growing sport discipline in this country, and I am pleased that it is getting both from the commercial sector as well as from the department the recognition that it deserves. It is unfortunately a bit of a public discourse at the moment given the amount of cyclists that are getting hit by vehicles and also the fact that cycling has been plagued on the international stage by drug abuse or drug doping, which has been a problem for the image of cycling, but I am pleased that here in the Western Cape together with the Argus Cycle Tour, the Cape Epic, and many of the other sport events that take place, cycling events that take place including the Nedbank Investment Programme, that this code is doing so exceptionally well.

I would like to say to the Minister that I do not think that enough money is spent on the minor codes. I think that there should be more money spent on the minor codes. This morning I was the ranking public representative at the opening of the South African National Lifesaving Championships in Strand. There are some 26 clubs that are participating. I think it is just under a thousand lifesavers who are participating in that particular event. It is exceptionally well run. It is good for the youngsters both to learn a discipline that makes them water-safe but at the same time ploughing back as far as community service is concerned. That sport and many of the other minor sports have the same capacity to be revolutionised as the six that you have already identified, the three currently and the three projected to be done in the course of this year. I think it is critically important that we make sure that the minor codes do get the investment. One area where I believe that we need to invest more money because it leads to so much family tragedy is swimming. The fact that Cape Town does not have an international class, international standard swimming bath for instance is a huge negative for this City and this province. It prevents us from being able to host large sport functions like the Commonwealth Games or even the Olympic Games. I think that there will be a lot of other spin-offs that will come out of having an international class swimming arena.

What I thought was a particularly good move by the department is the development of the science, the so-called case-for-sport research, which is doing evidenced-based research for socio-economic benefit in increasing operational and budgetary support to sport and recreation. This research describes how sport and recreation is linked to meeting the twelve national strategic outcomes and the twelve provincial strategic objectives. I would like to ask that you also include, and we did speak to the

department during the committee phase, that you also look at the imposition or the effect of physical education as part of the educational curriculum in schools, because it was with the development of the motor skills at the youngest possible age, even at Grade R, that not just develops a sport potential, but also develops the ability of the child to develop holistically and increase their ability to become more academically strong.

An anti-gang programme which the department has announced is flourishing as a successful project in ensuring that youngsters are occupied by participating in street football and netball, and now the Minister has also included chess.

We must just please ask Minister Carlisle to notify the taxi associations about these new projects.

The significant increase in visitors to the museums, which is projected to be over 400 000 this year, I think is a tribute to the department for the increased standard of their professional standard of their exhibits as well as the professionalisation of their staff, a very dedicated staff. Together with the sports codes that I come across, you find that people are volunteers in museums as well as the sports codes. They are the ones that carry many of these museums through. I get the Groot Brak's newsletters on a regular basis, run by volunteers, and it is quite incredible how diverse and how motivated these individuals are. Hon member Mr Skwatsha, find out where your nearest museum is please and put yourself up as one the friends of that museum.
[Interjections.]

Ms L BROWN: It is in the City. It is in the City, so not near where you live ...
[Inaudible.] ... unfortunately.

Mr M G E WILEY: Do they not have a museum? [Interjections.] Start a museum, please. Surely there is something for you to do. [Interjections.] Start an ANC museum. You say you are a hundred years old and there is something worth preserving. Start a museum. [Interjections.] Through the Chair, of course.

An HON MEMBER: Before you die out; before you die out start a museum.
[Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: The Virgin Active involvement in the gym partnership launched by Richard Branson in the Lavender Hill area, coupled with the MOD centres is a very positive and demonstrative way to show that business can couple with government in a joint venture partnership. Hopefully we will see a couple of muscle-bound individuals coming out of that project very soon.

We want to congratulate the libraries, especially, the department responsible for libraries, on the successful transition with taking over the unfunded mandates that the councils were running previously, because the libraries are now being connected on the broadband system and it is making a huge difference to those children in the rural areas especially to be able to contact the same level of information as those people who are in the cities. That is a critical success factor in their development.

I want to congratulate the department on the fact that it has taken over the running of

its Sports and Cultural Awards. I have been to most of them this last year. They ran some seven events or more - yes, some seven events. I think the total budget was a million rand for all those events, and if one measures that against the national sports awards that the national department runs and spends R 65 million on one event, then you will understand that not only are we living the ethos that we look after the taxpayers money, but if you go to those awards like the sports awards this last week - unfortunately I could not make it – you will be able to tell that they are run very professionally and that they are well appreciated by the recipients of those awards.

I attended the Sports Legends Awards recently and one of the things that actually came out of that which was for me quite significant was one of the things that the Minister regularly promotes, and that is cultural warmth. It was very heartening to see those legends of yesteryear, people in their fifties, sixties, seventies and even eighties who in those times never saw each other because of segregation, now meeting each other for the first time and swapping war stories over a breakfast. It really was something to see. It was a real exchange of cultural warmth.

Nationally they started the nationally generated youth camp initiative, which this province has embraced. It is offered throughout the region and has grown to where the youngsters are occupied for an entire five days of the camp. I think there are some five sectors to the five times they go to the camp. They have a structured curriculum in the youth camps and these youth camps are held in accordance with the key recommendations of the national sport and recreation plan. The committee, however, has two potential concerns. The one is the curriculum, and I will get onto that in a second, and second is the age grouping. 14 to 24 is not a particularly good grouping to

have together. The psychological and physiological development of a 14 to 16 year old is completely different to that of a person in their mid- to early twenties, so I think the department must be very careful in the way that those two groups are managed.

The other aspect of course is that the national government and the national departments that run youth programmes do not have a very good track record. I mention specifically the Narysec project, the national rural youth service corps, which has become such a disgrace for this country as far as youth development is concerned. Not only is its money squandered, but they have virtually nothing to show for the billion rand or so that they have spent on it. However, what worries me is that they seriously influence the minds of those youngsters politically. It is without a doubt a state-sponsored brainwashing exercise and the kids that go on these courses are so horrified by the content of the curriculum - dat hulle dros in hul honderde en dié wat daar bly, moet daarna sielkundige ondersteuning kry. It is a massive problem, so that is why we have asked to have a look at that curriculum.

I am very pleased that the school sport project budget has increased by 91% to R 92 million. We look forward to making sure that children do make use of their sports fields for which they are intended. At the moment one of the problems that we have identified is the lack of maintenance of the schools fields, which in many cases in the townships are now just dust bowls. There is no maintenance programme built into the structure of the school and we do need to look at that one way or the other with the Department of Education. We are also a little bit concerned by the nationally awarded tender for the equipment and clothing of the departmental officials that run these youth programmes. We have asked for the details of that nationally awarded

tender. I am not so sure that that is good for it to be run essentially in that fashion.

We have asked for a report on the progress of the newly installed Sport Arbitration Council. As you know, politics play a role sport in South Africa and also here in the Western Cape to a certain extent although a lot less so, and I am very pleased that there are a number of representatives of the sport federations that are here. I would like to thank them for their enormous dedication. I already mentioned some of them, and I am particularly pleased to Mr Saayman here. Mr Saayman, I think the last time I saw you I was presenting awards about fifteen years ago at one of your netball federations, so it is really indicative of the length of service that volunteers go to supporting sport federations. It is absolutely amazing. Ms Hutchison - it is very good to see you - is one of my constituents and I am very pleased that you are still up and running. [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: What happened to her?

An HON MEMBER: What do you mean?

Mr M G E WILEY: One of the problems with regard to sport politics is that when they are badly led it becomes so acrimonious that there needs to be arbitration. This province has been unique in creating the Sport Arbitration Council, but where it becomes bad, the blood within those sport federations becomes so bad, it leads to chaos in the leagues lower down. I am sure that the hon member Ms Witbooi, who I will get to in a minute, will mention that it sometimes leads to violence, especially in the rural areas, waar die toeskouers dink dat die sportkompetisies 'n plek is vir 'n

geveg.

The Minister and the department also need to be congratulated on the fact that they had some success in preserving the Bo-Kaap Heritage. They took developers to court and they lost,- the developers lost and they preserved that part of the Bo-Kaap, which is very pleasing because the Bo-Kaap is one of those areas which is a “must see” as far as visitors are concerned. If you do not believe me, take a walk up to Bo-Kaap just up the road here and you see how many people, foreign speaking people, are walking around, spending their money and supporting the community there.

I want to in conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, just thank the committee for their hard work and the secretariat. I see that some of the secretariat are here. Thank you very much for all the tolerance you show and the hard work that you put in, in preparing things. I want to make especially mention of Joyce Witbooi. Joyce en ek loop 'n lang pad saam. Ek weet dit is nou die einde van haar termyn en seker haar laaste toespraak. Al het ons politieke paadjies geskei, die feit van die saak is Joyce is 'n toegewyde kiesafdelings- en 'n openbare verteenwoordiger, en u sal hoor wanneer sy nou praat dat sy baie passievol is. Sy kan praat met groot drama en sy glo in haar saak. Joyce, ek wil net vir jou sê baie dankie vir die lang pad wat ons saam geloop het en ek dank u.

'n AGB LID: Mooi, mooi.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Wiley. Die agb lid me Witbooi.

'n AGB LID: Hoor, hoor!

Me J WITBOOI: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Die belangrikheid van die departement is opgesluit in die feit dat dit te make het met die daarstelling en inwerkingstelling van programme wat die gees en van samehorigheid van die gemeenskappe bevorder. Hierdie programme kry gestalte in die hoof funksie van die departement. Ek het hulle gelys, maar ek dink die Minister het daarvan melding gemaak so ek gaan hulle nie nou opnoem nie. Hoewel die begroting meer is as die vorige jaar wil ek net vir die Minister sê ek kan onthou hoe ons - ons was 'n hele klomp, en ek kan onthou die agb lid Me Marais, die agb lid Ventura en al die ander mense - elke keer opgestaan en gesê het: "ons is nou moeg en behoorlik moeg van die klein bedraggie wat hierdie departement kry. Hy moet nou 'n slaggie van die agterste speen af uitkom en voor suig."

Nou ja, dit het nou gebeur dat daar meer geld is, en ek weet dat alhoewel dit nog nie 'n groot en voldoende bedrag geld is nie, dat dit baie fyn voetwerk en kundige beplanning vereis om aan al die hoof funksies te voldoen. Ek weet dat met die geld groot dinge vermag kan word.

U weet, gister het die agb lid me Rossouw gepraat van die stofstrate. Nou ek is so trots op die wêreld waarvandaan ek kom, want vanaf Molsvlei aan die grens met die Noord-Kaap tot by Murraysburg aan die grens van die Oos-Kaap is kultuuraangeleenthede soos konserte, opvoerings, sang-aande en sportaangeleenthede soos sokker, rugby, krieket - die plekke waarheen mense na 'n harde week se werk gaan op 'n naweek. Niks bring gemeenskappe bymekaar soos sport nie en tot laat in

die daaropvolgende week nog word oor verlede Saterdag se sportgebeure gepraat.

Vergun my om 'n dogter uit my geboortedorp hier te verwelkom. Ebenaeser, en ek dink hier sit mense van die Weskus - sien vir mnr Gerald Donn-hulle hier en al die ander mense - wat weet waarvan ek praat as ek sê van Ebenaeser. Dit is 'n dorpie wat in groepe verdeel is, en hierdie meisiekind kom van Olifantsdrif af waar dit klipwêreld is, maar weet u, sy het verlede week die Wes-Kaapse vroue onder-19 driesprong nommer 1 in Oudtshoorn gewen, Kaylin Diergaardt. [Applous.] En ek het reeds gesê wat dit noemenswaardig maak, is dat sy daar in daardie area grootgeword het. Haar ouers en natuurlik haar huidige skoolhoërskool, Lutzvile, waar sy tans matriculeer, kan met reg trots wees op haar, want ons almal op Ebenaeser is trots op haar.

Ek wil die Minister van Landbou baie dankie sê. U het afgegaan Hoërskool Lutzville toe en met hulle gepraat en met Kaylin 'n onderhoud gevoer. Ons het haar op laat kom na ons toe en ons het haar gevat na sportgeleentheid - wonderlik!

Dis 'n wonderlike storie, maar weet u, alhoewel sport bedoel is om net goeie stories tot gevolg te hê, is dit nie altyd die geval nie. Hier kan die provinsie beslis meer doen om aandag te gee aan die minder aangename gevalle. Mnr die Speaker, in my tyd in hierdie staande komitee, het ek nie een enkele geleentheid laat verbygaan om te praat oor dit wat op sportsgebied die potensiaal het om ons gemeenskappe te benadeel nie: Onvoldoende sportfasiliteite, sportvelde is nie altyd daar nie, bane by sommige skole ens, 'n onvoldoende getal sportafrigters by veral skole, onvoldoende akkommodasie vir die goeie program, die MOD program, wat ek dink 'n baie goeie program is, en die gedrag van sommige toeskouers by tye by ons sportgeleentheid. U weet, daar in Doornbaai, ons buurdorp, moet mense partykeer gaan krieket speel. Daar is nie 'n

krieketveld op Doornbaai nie, net op Lambertsbaai, en onthou dit is vissermanne. As hulle kwaad word vir mekaar pluk hulle nie klippe, hulle gooi nie klip soos op Ebenaeser nie. Hulle steek mes en dan dreig hulle mekaar sommer met die mes en dan hardloop die manne uitmekaar uit. Die sokkerklub op Ebenaeser - wel dis nou die krieket waar dit gebeur het, maar ek het vir die Minister beloof ek sal vir hom al die inligting gee - bloei nog en ek gaan nie nou daarop ingaan nie. Ek gaan aan. Mnr Gerald Donn weet waarvan ek praat. Ek het gesê ek is so kwaad vir hulle oor hulle die goeters met ons onskuldige kinders laat gebeur.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, as enige van ons wat vandag in hierdie Huis sit die oplossing vir bendegegeweld het, wat die lewe van onskuldige kinders eis, glo ek dat ons sou alles net so sou los en die probleem onmiddellik sou aanspreek, maar juis omdat daar nie 'n 'quick fix' en 'n wonderkuur vir die euwel bestaan nie, glo ek dat kultuur en sport sodanig aangewend moet word om te help. Die mense in die bendegeteisterde gebiede op die Kaapse Vlakte glo ek het al vergeet hoe dit voel om in 'n omgewing van samehorigheid te woon. Hulle weet ook nie meer hoe dit voel om 'n naweek sonder 'n koeëlreën te beleef nie. Mnr die Speaker, dit is om hierdie rede dat ek sterk glo dat die straatsportprojek van die departement 'n verdere hupstoot moet kry en dat die departement ook die program aggressief moet bemark.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die MOD-program met die ekstra toekenning wat dit ontvang, berei leerders voor vir sport in Wes-Kaapse skole en ons wil glo dat die departement en die Departement van Onderwys hulle jarelange dispuut nou laat vaar het en dat die jongmense van meet af aan die wenners in die sport-omgewing sal wees.

Mnr die Adjunkpeaker, wat skolesport in die provinsie betref, is daar 'n doring in die vlees waaroor ek vandag wil praat. Met elke begroting en met elke sessie oor die jaarverslag van die departement, is hier 'n mnr Pieter Lourens, en dit is duidelik dat daar onopgeloste kwessies tussen die departement en mnr Lourens is. As daar nou een aspek is waaroor ek navrae sal doen nadat ek al weg is, sal dit wees hoe die kwessie opgelos is, wantek dink daar moet tog 'n slag 'closure' oor die saak kom.

Museums is 'n plek waar die geskiedenis van 'n gebied vertel word, en alhoewel die staande komitee baie museums besoek het en ek moet sê waardevolle inligting bekom het, moet ek sê dat die vestiging van gemeenskapsmuseums verder uitgebrei moet word. Ek het nou na die skertsende opmerkings tussen lede oor die vloer geluister, wat sê agb lid mnr Skwatsha moet 'n gemeenskapsmuseum stig. Ek dink daar is meriete in hierdie tipe goed. Wat van museums wat die verhale van die grondeise in die 'rural areas' vertel? Wat van 'n museum waar ons mense kan sien en vertel word hoe die bossiemedisyne destyds vir siektetoestande ingespan is. Dit is die goed wat ons moet hoor.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, daar is dinge wat uitgesterf het onder ons oë. Wie weet nog hoe om linne te stywe, en ek weet - my colleagues here will not understand it - maar dit is om linne styf te maak. But I need to express myself in English, where you stiffen the table cloth and things like that. [Interjections.] - Whatever. Wie weet nog hoe? Dis 'n stuk geskiedenis daardie.

'n AGB LID: Mooi!

Me J WITBOOI: Wie weet nog van else en die riem om die skoene te bewerk? Wie weet nog daarvan? Dis 'n stuk geskiedenis. U weet vandag word teaters met die tema 'Candles by candlelight' voorgehou. Ons het nooit ooit kon dink dat toe ons in hierdie kers en 'candlelights' grootgeword het, dat dit nou 'n 'commercial trend' sal wees nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [Gelag.]

'n AGB LID: Eskomrekening!

Me J WITBOOI: Maar nietemin, wie onthou nog hoe om kerse te maak, die maak van seep, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, seep? Dit is die tipe dinge wat wegsterf, en ek wil sien dat dit weer in die gemeenskap ingebring word al is dit dan ook in die vorm van 'n gemeenskapmuseum. Die departement en die Departement van Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling kan gerus hieraan werk. Ek is bly oor die taalkommissie se werk wat tot gevolg het dat die Wes-Kaapse taalbeleid in die twee departemente geïmplementeer gaan word. Weet u, ek kan ook onthou in hierdie Huis hoeveel keer ons gepraat het dat as 'n pasiënt baie siek is, wil hy of sy hom graag in sy of haar eie taal uitbring.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, vir my het dit tyd geword om totsiens te sê. Dit was vir my 'n besondere voorreg om my namens hierdie weg in die diens van my medemens te stel. Daar was besondere hoogtepunte in my politieke lewe en daar is soveel mense wat ek daarvoor kan en moet bedank. Die gesegde "n persoon is 'n persoon deur 'n ander persoon" het in my lewe gestalte gekry en vir solank as wat ek kan leef sal ek dit nooit, nooit vergeet nie. Ek het begin in die NRVP in 1999, en twee jaar later is ek as lid hier ingesweer. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek het mooi oomblikke hier beleef.

'n AGB LID: Die Nasionale Party.

Me J WITBOOI: Daar was die opening van die Konvensiesentrum, waarvoor ek nie skaam is nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Daar was die opening van die Konvensiesentrum wat in my tyd plaasgevind het, toe ek LUR van Toerisme en Dobbelary was, en daar sit mnr Brent Walters. Ek kan onthou Brent dat - ek weet nie hoe julle dit reggekry het nie - julle moes regkom met 'n Afrikaanse kop wat 'n Engelse toespraak moes afsteek, maar julle het dit wonderlik reggekry. In die vyftien jaar het ek blywende vriendskappe hier gesmee. Ek stem met Minister Carlisle saam toe hy gister sê dat ons moontlik nie mekaar - nie op 'n gereelde basis - weer sal sien nie, maar die tegnologie is so gevorderd dat ons darem net met die druk van 'n knoppie kan hoor hoe dit gaan.

Ek wil darem net sê dat ek ook 'n paar benoude oomblikke in die politiek beleef het. Een van hulle was toe ek as Adjunkspeaker die stoel moes inneem daar voor waar u sit. Ek het altyd gedink as jy daar sit, dat jy die prosedures wat nou moet volg uit jou kop uit ken, en ek het hard en duidelik gebid - elke dag was vir my 'n marteling om hier te kom - dat ek tog nooit geroep moet word om daar te gaan sit nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [Gelag.]

So gebeur dit dan toe ook eendag. Kyk, ek het vir nagte aaneen geoefen, dit en dan nou dit en dan dit, en dan besef ek maar eergister en die vorige dag se sitting het die goed nie so gewerk nie. Nou hoe weet die mense daar voor dan hoe die goed werk? [Tussenwerpsels.] Toe ek daar gaan sit en ek kry daai gelamineerde stuk plastiek, wat daar lê en vir jou woord-vir-woord verduidelik wat om te doen, toe is dit soos 'n verligting hier af. [Gelag.]

'n AGB LID: Dit gee woord-vir-woord.

Me J WITBOOI: Goed, ek wil dankie sê aan mnr die Speaker, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, al die ander speakers met wie ek saamgewerk het. Die wetgewer se personeel, dit was lieflike mense. Die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport, julle is 'n uitnemende groep mense. Die staande komitee, ek kon altyd op julle staatmaak, en departementshoof, as jy my vriende eendag vir 'n koppie tee vat, sal jy hoor hoe ek met jou 'brag'. Ek sê as daar iemand is wat die goed sal laat gebeur dan is dit Brett Walters. Die voorsitter van die komitee, die agb lid mnr Wylie, en vandag kan ek bieg, ons het ook altyd baie lekker en goedig van jou geskinder. [Tussenwerpsels.] [GeLag.]

LUR Meyer, wonderlik om saam jou te gewerk het, baie dankie vir jou leiding, maar ek het nog 'n laaste opdrag vir jou. Jy moet vir my groete en waardering oordra aan my mentor, die politieke mentor, enigste een wat ek geken het in die politiek, oom Piet Meyer.

Ms L BROWN: Yes.

Me J WITBOOI: Ek sal hom nooit vergeet nie. Aan die ander kant van die Huis is jarelange vriende met wie ek 'n lang pad gestap het. Ja, agb lid me Rossouw, die stofpaddae sal ek nooit vergeet nie. Daar is nie 'n enkele pad aan die Weskus waar ek ry waar ek nie net mooi herinneringe van ons twee se baie keer alleenrypaaie het nie. Oom Bokkie daar in Wupperthal, ek sal jou onthou. Ons het baie koppe gestamp maar ek onthou jou. Aan die vriende aan die ander kant wat ek gemaak het so met verloop

van jare, baie dankie ook vir julle.

Aan my mense en my kollegas in my eie koukus, julle is 'n baie, baie spesiale groep mense. Ek is bly dat ek in my politieke loopbaan met mense van julle kaliber te doen gekry het. Ek onthou die warm ontvangs van die agb lid me Lynne Brown, Mcebisi Skwatsha, Max Ozinsky en Whitey Jacobs toe ons by julle aangesluit het. It was honest and warm. Thank you very much.

Ek en agb lid me Ellen Prins het deur ons eie ontgroening gegaan, deur ons eie ontgroening gegaan. Ons het elke Donderdag na koukus saam met agb lid Zodwa Magwasa uitgestap en dan het ons politiek gepraat.

'n AGB LID: En geskinder.

'n AGB LID: Dan moet sy vir ons wys.

Me J WITBOOI: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, wat my man en my kinders betref, wil ek my man en my kinders bedank dat hulle nooit in my pad gestaan het om my werk as politikus te doen nie. Vir Pieter wil ek sê ek kom vir goed huis toe en vir my kinders wil ek sê ek sal weer kolwyntjies bak. Dit is nou al 'cupcakes', so lank terug het ek dit gedoen. [Gelag.] Ek wil my opregte dank aan my ouers vir hulle opvoeding gee. My pa is twee jaar nadat ek ingesweer is, oorlede, maar hy het my een ding laat beloof en dit is dat ek nooit sal vergeet waarvandaan ek kom nie, en ek prys die liewe Vader vir my ma se gebede en ek prys die Vader dat ek nooit een dag vergeet het waarvan ek kom nie.

Die mense wat my ingestem het om hier te wees, die Ant Toeties en Ant Sarah de Bruyn en Oom Frikkie Maarmans, vir hulle het ek klaar dankie gesê, en ek gaan terug na hulle toe. Die Here weet ek is saam met my Pieter en ons kinders op die nuwe pad in die nuwe era wat ons tegemoetgaan. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Baie dankie vir daardie boodskap, baie waardeer. Die agb Minister Meyer.

Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, na daardie noot van Antie Joyce moet ek eers 'n bietjie water drink. [Tussenwerpsels.] Want na so 'n groot vrou moet jy diep asem skep.

Antie Joyce, dankie vir u bydrae tot kultuur en sport in die Wes-Kaap, maar ook dankie dat u vandag mense van die Weskus in die galery saamgebring het. Ek waardeer hulle in die besonder, want ek is van die Weskus en daar word daar diep Afrikaans gepraat. Dankie vir Afrikaans. Dankie vir die diepte, maar dankie ook vir die kwaliteit van u menswees.

Agb lid me Witbooi is korrek dat ons moet kyk na sportfasiliteite by skole, en daarom, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, is daar in die begroting van die Minister van Onderwys vanjaar R 60 miljoen begroot spesifiek vir skoolsportinfrastruktuur.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ten opsigte van sport teen misdaad, is daars so 'n program en ons het reeds met Antie Joyce daaroor gepraat dat sodra ons daardie inligting ontvang

ons graag die sogenaamde Sport Against Crime program ook wil uitrol daar in die Weskus, spesifiek in die gemeenskap waarna sy verwys het. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek ondersteun die benadering tot gemeenskapsmuseums waarna Antie Joyce verwys het en daarom het ons ook in ons museumbeleid voorsiening gemaak vir gemeenskapsmuseums. Agb lid me Witbooi, u is reg as u sê dat ons wwer moet teruggaan na die tydvak waar ons seep en kerse uit vet gemaak het en daarom gaan hierdie tradisie nog voort by Kleinplasia Museum in Worcester, maar ek dink u is reg, dit moet verder uitgebrei word in ander streke in die Wes-Kaap, want agb lid Me Tingwe moet ook geleer word om bietjie kerse te maak uit bokvet uit ...

'n AGB LID: En seep.

Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE SPORT: ... en bietjie seep te maak. Dankie agb lid, want ons wil ook vir agb lid me Tingwe leer by die museum van naaldwerk en stikwerk. Sy kan nie net elke dag nuwe klere gaan koop nie.

Ms M TINGWE: Hey! [Interjections.]

Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE SPORT: Agb lede, ek wil in die besonder ook die agb lid Mark Wiley bedank vir sy leierskap en die druk wat hy daagliks op 'n mens uitvoer per SMS en telefoonoproepe. Soms wens jy die man wil weggaan, maar dan besef jy hy help jou om paradigmas te skuif en om 'n beter impak te maak en ek bedank hom daarvoor.

Ek wil bedank die Premier, my kabinetskollegas, my departementshoof Brett Walters,

my hoof finansiële beampte Brenda Rutgers, and all the SMS members and staff members of DCAS. I want to extend a special thanks to the head of my ministry, Advocate Estienne Pretorius, really an outstanding civil servant, to my private secretary, Charmaine de Vos, Auntie Linda Jacobs, Zodwa, Chandre and Nicky that is not only a tea-girl but the office manager in her own right. Thank you Nicky, for all the work that you are doing in our ministry, but also thank you to our two VIP protectors and thank you Auntie Linda and Nicky and Zodwa - dat julle ook die 'protectors' soms op hulle plek sit.

I am equally thankful to the president of the Western Cape Sport Confederation, Mr Goliath Munroe, Mr Jerome Arendse, Mr Elton Davids, Mr Dave Van Der Walt as well as Advocate Oosthuizen. Thank you for the great work you are doing to keep the Western Cape a place where we can build social inclusion. I am also thankful that I notice in the audience Theresa Denton, a really outstanding librarian community worker from the Rocklands library for her work in empowering people in Mitchells Plain. She was the winner at the recent Cultural Awards Ceremony for her outstanding work that she is doing in her community.

I am also thankful for the work that is being done by Mr Charles, the principal of Cedar High School in Mitchells Plain for the work you are doing at the Art Focus School. Please also convey my special thanks and appreciation to Ms Kibido, your music teacher at Cedar High School.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I also see in the House our partner in the cycling revolution, the regional manager of Nedbank. Thank you for your presence here, sir. Thank you for

partnering with us in the Sport Trust. Thank you that annually we can hand over bicycles and revolutionise the streets in the Western Cape, because through your contribution you have proved that we are indeed Better Together.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dankie ook vir hierdie geleentheid om my laaste toespraak in hierdie portefeulje te kan hanteer. Besondere dank aan my ouers, my gesin en my twee seuns en my vrou. Baie dankie ook aan Corne Benz, David Gluckman, Bennie Saayman en Antie Hutchinson vir julle teenwoordigheid. Met hierdie slagspreuk Beter Tesame gaan dit nie oor wat die regering doen nie. Dit gaan oor wat ons tesame doen.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons sluit vandag 'n era af in hierdie Huis, met Antie Joyce Witbooi van die Weskus. Sy is 'n legende en ons gaan haar mis. Sy het lank saam met my pa gewerk en hy het soos ek groot waardering vir u werk en u loopbaan. Ons gaan u betrek. Ons kan nie toesien dat u gaan rus nie. U lyk nie na iemand wat wil rus nie. U lyk nie na iemand wat wil gaan pensioen trek en op die stoep sit nie. U kundigheid gaan nou die breë regering binnetree. Ons gaan u benut - nie die party nie, die regering. U verlaat die politiek, maar u verlaat nie die gemeenskapwerk nie. Daarom is ek vandag baie bly dat u beweeg uit die politiek na gemeenskapwerk breër as die Weskus, want u is 'n aanwinst vir die res van die Wes-Kaap. U het diep voetspore in hierdie Huis gelaat en daarom het hierdie Huis vandag vir u gesalueer.

Mnr die AdjunkSpeaker, aan al my amptenare, dankie vir die toewyding, al die personeel, vir hierdie begrotingskomitee van my. Die personeel wat vandag die lede hier ingeskryf het, al die personeel en al hierdie dames wat ook betrokke is by die funksies en toekennings, waar ander regeringsdepartemente die 'events managers'

huur teen miljoene rande, het my departement en hierdie personeel al hierdie werksaamhede op hulle eie gedoen. Ek wil besonder ook hartlik dank sê aan my departementshoof, Hannelie du Preez, ons hoofdirekteur van Kultuursake, ons hoof finansiële beampte Brenda Rutgers asook aan advokaat Linden Bouwer / Bauer, want hulle het uitstekende werk gedoen. Hulle het 'n nalatenskap gebou vir hierdie parlement. Hulle het Antie Joyce laat uittree op 'n hoë noot. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Meyer. That concludes the debate on this vote. Before we adjourn, can I just make the announcement that there has been a request that the guests of Minister Meyer move to the Tafelberg reception area on the seventh floor to the back of this side of the building. Die Huis is verdaag tot Maandag.

'n AGB LID: Tot Maandag.

Die Huis verdaag om 16:24.