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[Hybrid sitting held with some members present in the House and some in virtual attendance through Microsoft Teams]

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: You may all be seated. Order hon members! As you know, we are seated here, some of us remotely and some of us in the Chamber, and the House sitting is therefore a hybrid session. I would like to request the hon members, as per the directives that guide us ... [Interjection.]

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Sorry, Speaker. Hon Speaker, it is member Brinkhuis.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Brinkhuis, is that a point of order?

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Yes, hon Speaker, yes, I do not have any pictures. I do not have any video pictures.

The SPEAKER: You do not have pictures?

Mr G BRINKHUIS: I cannot see you, hon Speaker, if that explains it.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Brinkhuis. May I request the hon members to confirm whether everyone cannot see me virtually?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): We can see you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon members. Hon member Brinkhuis, that takes us back to your table there; you need to fix your device, maybe switch on the camera there so that you can see me. I do not know what the technicalities could be on your side.

I will thus proceed. Hon members, as I was indicating to the House that what we have in terms of the directives, which we have been utilising since the beginning of the virtual platform, which were published on 17 April 2020, and I just need to say to the hon members if you want to say anything you have to indicate by raising your hand or indicating in the chat room and we have obviously members in the gallery, and that is the media. We wish to request the media that as a guest of us, we appreciate the Fourth Estate and how we have been working together in these virtual platforms, and now we

have arrived at the hybrid platforms. Your microphones and your cameras must remain on mute for the duration of the session.

At this point then, hon members, I wish to indicate that we will be dealing with Interpellations as they appear in the Order Paper. Interpellation 1 is the interpellation by hon member Makamba-Botya to the Minister of Human Settlements. I will then recognise the hon Minister Simmers. Hon Minister?

INTERPELLATIONS

Budget decrease: Department of Human Settlements

1. Ms N Makamba-Botya asked the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What motivated the Budget decrease of more than R225,8 million for the housing development project in his Department in this financial year and (b) what impact will such a Budget cut have on the provision of housing in the province?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to member Makamba-Botya for the question. The (a) part of your question, hon member, I am certain the member might appreciate the fact that my Department is largely reliant on the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG)... [Inaudible – audio distorted.]

The grant is disbursed to me and to our Province by my National Department of Human Settlements. When President Ramaphosa announced the R500 billion COVID Relief Fund, of which R150 billion rand will be spent in the current 2020/21 financial year, funding had to be reprioritised from current Government programmes and projects.

Regrettably, hon member, through the Speaker, we were not immune from this reprioritisation exercised and as a consequence in June 2020 we received official correspondence from the National Department of Human Settlements that our current Budget allocation for the HSDG would be reduced by R202,265 million. It is worth noting that we had already taken a Budget cut of R100 million early in the year. In addition the Title Deed Restoration Grant or the TRG was also reduced by R44,432 million, but, hon Speaker, to the member, as a forward-thinking Department we put our heads together in a short space of time and revised our current business plan and reprioritised current and future pipeline projects.

In the past weeks my team and I have crossed or criss-crossed the province in district formats engaging local and district municipalities on the implications of these Budget cuts to their projects which is current, but also once again on their planning phases within our pipeline as well, hon Speaker, but in spite of this sombre news, innovative thinking was ignited within my team due to this and as a result we are reviewing certain aspects of the current delivery model across our province to ensure that we can still deliver on our mandate of providing sustainable human settlements opportunities in its various formats

in our province, and as we speak, we are busy championing a number of innovative solutions, once again also engaging the private sector but also our key stakeholder municipalities to deliver these much needed housing opportunities through these innovative solutions that we are looking at, hon Speaker.

The (b) part of the question, hon Speaker, is that the net impact of this massive reduction is that few housing opportunities will be available in our province within the current financial year. To put that into perspective to the hon member, the Budget cuts equates to merely one third of our envisaged opportunities for the current year that will be lost and to put it in simplistic terms and to add value to that, to the hon member, we are looking at an estimated reduction of 1600 top structures or 4000 service sites or even a combination of both, to remain within our current Budget quantum.

In addition to this impact, the current surge of illegal land invasions across our province are concerning, hon Speaker, as we now also need to spend enormous amounts of money to prevent and safeguard illegal invasions firstly of our current housing stock or units and land earmarked for projects. These resources are being taken from the current Budget, which has already been cut, and this means, hon Speaker, through you to the hon member, that we will be delivering even less housing opportunities. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, I now recognise hon member Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, Speaker, and thanks to the Minister for his response. There seems to be a trend that is developing within the Western Cape under the DA-Government structures where money intended for housing provision is either sacrificed for something else or an excuse is found for that money not to be used for the intended purpose. Recently more than R200 million intended for the housing provision was sacrificed within your Department. The same thing is taking place in the City of Cape Town which failed to spend R520 million of its Capital Budget for the upgrading of informal settlements in the province.

This is part of the Housing Grant, the under-grading of informal settlements in the province, which the City received from both National and Provincial Government, so a pattern is developing here where both the City and the Provincial Government finds excuses and choose not to use the money to help the poorest of the people. Early this year, your Department together with the National Department of Human Settlements, promised to enter into a joint venture to de-densify congested informal settlements such as greater Kosovo and Dunoon in order to mitigate against the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the area.

We are approaching the end of August now and soon this year will be over without much being done. The residents in these areas have often complained about how the Government is dragging its feet when it comes to fulfilling what is promised to them. These poor communities and others are currently battling with bad weather as a result of recent strong winds and rain

due to the current cold front. On Tuesday the majority of these poor people were driven into the street as a result of floods sweeping their shacks, as they had nowhere else to go in the middle of the deadly Coronavirus pandemic.

So in the light of the above the fact that your Government has now decreased the housing budget in the Province, what steps did your Department take to assist these residents in the informal settlements and, number 2, how far is the Disinfection Project that your Department announced earlier this year to assist the people of Greater Kosovo and Dunoon? I thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Makamba-Botya. Hon members, I do not know who is driving a truck but there seems to be someone in a truck somewhere. The sound was a bit disturbing. So, if I may just request the hon members again, if I may, that you please look at your microphone. If it is on, it is going to disturb other members as they speak. It also disrupts the entire sitting, so please watch your microphone as we proceed with the sitting.

At this stage, hon members... [Drilling noise in background drowning out the voice of the Speaker.] Ja, the sound is back, so just excuse me, hon members, with your indulgence, we will have to wait a bit. Just give me a minute or so. The sound is back.

Mr P J MARAIS: I think somebody is speaking from a traffic parking area.

The SPEAKER: If the hon Premier was not in the House, I would say he is

drilling. [Laughter.]

The PREMIER: [Inaudible – microphone off.]

The SPEAKER: We are making progress, hon members, there is drilling that is taking place here close to the Chamber, so we are trying to attend to that. [Pause.]

Hon members, we are back. I wish to request the hon member Maseko to take the podium.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, our National Government has substantially cut grant funding to the Province's Human Settlements Budget. Compounding the situation, we have the challenge of National Public Works, which has not released land to the Housing Development Agency for further housing opportunities by relevant municipalities and the Province. In light of this backdrop and with regards to the Deferred Ownership Programme, how is this being managed as a potential mitigating factor?

As members of the House it is also our responsibility to set a good example for cooperation, community support and upliftment of the poor. Our actions have repercussions because as leaders our constituents oftentimes note our behaviour and take their cue as such. We should therefore be mindful of the influence we have and use this for the greatest

possible good.

The question is, considering this, how could members change certain behaviours so as to not encourage illegal activities such as land invasions and violations of COVID-19 lockdown regulations? If such behaviour is changed, would it be possible, would it possibly contribute to the freeing up of public funds for real housing opportunities to beneficiaries who have been on the housing list for many years in some cases? I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Maseko. Hon members, I now recognise hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, Speaker. Hon Speaker, the Human Settlement Budget exclusively funded by conditional grants with not a cent contributed by this Government from its own sources will never address the housing backlog. This Government plods along, celebrating the development of a few thousand houses a year, while the backlog sits at 600 000 and grows at a pace that outstrips supply. If we are to meet the challenge and make a dent in the housing crisis this Government will have to embrace its constitutional role to provide decent housing and it will have to innovate. Until the Provincial Government sees that leveraging well-located and high-value public land to incentivise the public sector to contribute to the delivery of affordable housing, we are doomed to fail and this Government will continue to rely on the blame game to distract us.

Exactly a year ago, Mayor Dan Plato cancelled five inner-city housing projects that leveraged well-located land to provide 400 affordable housing units in the inner-city including at least 2000 social housing units. Those five inner-city housing sites still lie vacant and unused.

Last year the Premier committed to this House that he would settle the Tafelberg litigation. He did not want the sale of Tafelberg School to overshadow his term of office. The Tafelberg School site should have been used for social housing in Sea Point. The Premier did not settle that dispute and we now await the judgment of the High Court, which was asked to review and set aside the sale. Desperate homeless people literally have to drag this Government kicking and screaming to the table of common sense. The Western Cape had its Housing Budget cut.

Whatever the arguments about the merits of the cuts and the obvious consequences are, the fact remains that this Government can change the housing delivery trajectory if it is willing to do so. To do so without contributing direct funding will require a different attitude to public land. Can the Minister commit to turning the page on this Government's attitude to land and start to consider how public land can be leveraged to supplement the delivery of housing under the National Housing Programme? The Minister mentions innovative solutions. What are they?
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Herron, I am afraid your time is up now, sir.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Herron. Hon members, I now recognise hon member Lili.

Mr A LILI: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, this is a shame, if it is not a curse from this Department of Human Settlements. I mean what motivated the Budget decrease of more than R225,8 million for the Housing Development Project in his Department for this financial year and what impact will such a Budget cut have on the provision of proper housing in the province? In the past few weeks, we witnessed another wave of violent service delivery protests, characterised by barricading of roads and burning of vehicles and property. We condemn such actions, but we cannot take away the genuine concerns and anger of the people.

The systemic underdevelopment of working-class communities characterised by Budget cuts and underspending for critical programmes such as Human Settlements and the Urban Settlement Development Grants (USDGs), have been a permanent feature of DA misrule both in the Province and many municipalities. During the debates on the Budget Adjustments I exposed how the DA is not investing the equitable share for housing developments and depends only on conditional grants for building of houses. It then blamed all the Budget cuts on the so-called National Government when it is the DA not putting the money where its big mouth

is. As a result, many housing developments in the province...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lili. Your time is up. Thank you very much.

Mr A LILI: Thanks, Mr Speaker. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Now, hon members, I recognise the hon member Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, hon Speaker. Instead of advancing for cooperative governance as the South African Constitution requires, the Department seems to be very lost and appears to be very much disjointed in its efforts to work and assist municipalities in their duty to advance and realise the rights of the poor to access housing.

In Drakenstein the poor residents are even forced to take the Municipality to court in order to fulfil its duty of making provision for emergency housing for the poorest of the poor.

Recently before the Western Cape High Court was the case of poor farm dwellers. Eric Lolo took the Drakenstein Municipality to court so that it can execute its duties of making provision for emergency housing in the area, but likewise instead of the Municipality assisting these poor

residents it would rather go to court and raise one excuse after another. The same Municipality that deems R4,2 million to be more than enough for the provision of housing, the same Municipality which in 2013 to 2016 allocated R1 million each year for emergency housing. This Municipality does not take people seriously so now what is the Department doing to assist municipalities such as Drakenstein to have adequate funding for the emergency housing, and secondly, can the Minister's Department supply us with the list of projects that were intended to build housing that are delayed or on hold, or even before the lockdown? Can the Minister supply us with that information with the reasons as to why there are so many delays in these housing projects? I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Makamba-Botya. Hon members, I now recognise the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to the members for the questions and before I am going to refer to each member's specific input and questions, I would just like to comment as I did when we tabled the Budget earlier in the year for my Department, but also the Special Adjustment Budget that as much as many members seem to focus only on the Metro area, hon Speaker, my Department has got various projects set out across 24 other municipalities in this province which also seeks to integrate communities through these projects, and I just want to put that into context because seemingly whenever we are confronted with questions in the House many of these

questions relate to one specific municipality.

Many a times I would really wonder and wish that members actually start attending and accompanying the Standing Committee on their oversight visits to the municipalities instead of finding ways not to attend these oversight visits, as has happened earlier in this week, hon Speaker.

Hon Speaker, to hon member Makamba-Botya, I first need to re-emphasise that the HSDG is a National Grant. When there are reductions it is communicated through to our Department what these reductions will be in terms of the HSDG and hence the R200 million which we referred to is actually R202,265 million, which we were communicated to in June from the National Department, which is our allocation reduction for the current financial year, hon Speaker. Just like earlier in the year, we were also informed by the National Department of a R100 million reduction in the HSDG allocation, hon Speaker. So, I would just like to put that into context to the hon member that our Provincial Government and the party that governs this province has nothing to do with national allocations. That can only happen once we govern at a national level.

Pertaining to initiatives from our Department, hon Speaker, and I believe this will touch onto some of the questions which hon member Herron himself also has asked, what are the innovations to change the trajectory? So, I wish to lump that together as well. In my original response I referred to the fact that we were championing a number of innovative solutions,

obviously with the assistance of the private sector and also engaging our municipalities to see how we can together in partnership deliver the much needed housing opportunities, because the two outer years will also have a downward budgetary allocation to my Department and I will just use one programme, hon Speaker, to highlight the forms of innovation that we are embarking on.

Firstly, we are focusing and championing at the moment, a process of deferred ownership. In laymen's terms, this is your rent to buy or your rent to own, hon members, and furthermore at a recent Special Minmec, Minister Sisulu also announced that to ensure that we can deliver affordable and sufficient housing opportunities, that we need to focus on enhanced service sites to ensure that we can ultimately deliver within the budget quantum available to all provinces because we are not the only province that received a reduction, I have to emphasise, hon Speaker.

Now as a provincial department we have heeded this call even before the Minister made it because we were obviously confronted with the reality that the money will get less and the opportunities will need to be ensured in the Western Cape, and as such we are busy looking at the Western Cape's enhanced service site package which we will be engaging on and discussing with the local municipalities in due course, because once we engage our partners of Local Government we want to ensure that they have got a clear direction and of where we are going. This is but some of the initiatives.

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

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Okay, thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, that concludes Interpellation Number 1 and I want to thank the hon members and the hon Minister Simmers.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: At this stage we consider the interpellation by hon member Christians to the Minister of Community Safety. I recognise Minister Fritz.

Neighbourhood Watch funding structure

2. Mr F C Christians asked the Minister of Community Safety:

(a) Whether the Neighbourhood Watch funding structure is the same throughout the Western Cape and (b) whether his Department is considering different funding structures for Neighbourhood Watches to assist them?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Good afternoon, hon Speaker, good afternoon to all the members, to our sign-language interpreters. Thank

you, hon member Christians, for your question.

The first part of the question is that the funding model as implemented by the Department of Community Safety is applicable to all accredited Neighbourhood Watch structures. All structures can access and receive the allocation of R10 000. The funds are applied towards the operational and administrative costs associated with the running of volunteer structure and organisations and I emphasise volunteer structures and organisations. These are not full-time people. These people are offering their time to go and patrol their roads at night. They do not have a contractual relationship in terms of work with us. It is really a volunteer organisation.

Our experience, Mr Speaker, currently is that not all Neighbourhood Watches in the more affluent areas apply for the funding available and because they have many, many other funding generators that self-sustain them, communities that contribute to their coffers, and further it can also be noted that the Neighbourhood Watches could partner and participate in projects that receive the support and funding from a range of sources including the Department, and in this regard I want to say in many areas businesses also support Neighbourhood Watches, and specifically in poorer areas, but in other areas they do it through perhaps collections or whatever.

This will be project-based funding not to be confused with the R10 000 allocation and I think I just need to say that where we have a Neighbourhood Watch partner and they participate in projects, Mr Speaker, we then fund

them for the project that they are working on and I think an example was now where we did the COVID project in Khayelitsha, we have now started to fund the Neighbourhood Watch for that project and we are about to come to other areas now doing project-based funding for Neighbourhood Watches.

The (b) part of that question was the Department is not specifically looking at any other funding structures to assist Neighbourhood Watches but will continue to assist Neighbourhood Watches by resourcing their training, needs and ensuring the involvement and partnership in community projects to enhance community safety, and in this regard I want to say our Neighbourhood Watches are already playing and they are going to play an important part in the Safety Plan.

We hope to take them to the next level of professionalism and I have just had a meeting with the police this morning where we were looking at how do we actually take the Neighbourhood Watches to a far more professional level? But again, always as a voluntary organisation, we just do not have money to fund and to co-fund a whole lot of people working permanently. These are voluntary organisations along the line of the Sea Rescue Institute. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Thank you to the Minister

for that answer. Hon Speaker, the reason I asked this question is because there are areas that we know that are hotspots when it comes to crime and in those poorer communities people are usually unemployed and they volunteer, as the Minister said, their services and as I mentioned previously, when the schools had the Walking Bus the people of the Neighbourhood Watches came to me and said: "We are going to the Walking Bus because we get a stipend at the Walking Bus and we get nothing at the Neighbourhood Watch."

So, I am talking about those poor communities where just a stipend will do, but all they get, like the Minister said, the R10 000 is available, but let me just reiterate the point. If you look at Nyanga as one of the poorest areas, and there is approximately a 60% unemployment rate and yet it stays the murder capital of South Africa, followed by Delft and Khayelitsha; now these people, they love the communities, but many of them are unemployed, and they do it because they love their communities. They know the people, they know the crooks, and the communities feel safe in Mitchells Plain and Delft when they see the Neighbourhood Watches, because we know for instance in Nyanga the ratio is about 200 000 people and only 349 policemen.

So it is a ratio of 1 to 573, so there are not sufficient police and we can complain that we do not have, but as a province we must look at how can we help to assist these hotspots and as I say, it is so and I hear what the Minister says about voluntary, but there are a lot of people that want to do it but they are lured, because there is the Walking Bus that gives a stipend, and I am not talking about permanent positions. I am talking about when can the

Department look at a structure that many other areas have, their own private security firms; they have everything, and then you have Neighbourhood Watch structures that have absolutely nothing and I am talking about those guys.

If we are serious about stopping crime, if we are serious about getting the community involved, these citizens, it empowers them at least because they prevent crime and they go where the hotspots are. They are not scared, they are unarmed, but I am asking the Minister to look at the structure so where we have impoverished communities, people that do it because they love the communities, protecting their property, walking people to the station, ladies from their home to the stations, they do wonderful work. So, I am asking the Minister – how can we, what can the Department do ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. Your time is up. You will get a second bite; it is your interpellation. Hon members, I now recognise hon member Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Neighbourhood Watches play a very important role in keeping our communities safe and the ongoing support programmes by the Department of Community Safety is a crucial component towards the optimal functioning of Neighbourhood Watches. Here in the Western Cape the Neighbourhood Watch Accreditation Programme is extremely unique to the Western Cape Government and their contribution obviously to community safety being the eyes and ears on the ground,

especially in a province with an under-resourced South African Police Service.

Hon Speaker, through you to the Minister, regarding Neighbourhood Watches, in understanding that they are a beacon of light in communities that are plagued by gang-related violence and lawlessness, I want to know from the Minister, in which communities is the Neighbourhood Watch Safety Improvements Volunteers Project where COVID-19 relief measures are being implemented, and what measures are in place to ensure that Neighbourhood Watches deployed through this project are held accountable. Thank you.

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

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Speaker. The view of the ANC is known to all when it comes to community crime-fighting structures. Our view is that crime is not only a police responsibility and that communities have a role to play. When the ANC governed it made use of the Bambanani Programme, mobilised resources outside of Government coffers to get more community members involved in the fight against crime. This remains our view to this day.

However, we are vehemently opposed to how the DA Government has turned this around to use the Neighbourhood Watches as DA watchdogs in the party's strongholds. In the same way they used the Law Enforcement Agency

as an alternative police force, the DA uses the Neighbourhood Watches as parallel structures to the CPFs. The ANC is not only opposed to the financing structure of their Neighbourhood Watches but the overall structure of the Neighbourhood Watches which is designed to suit the DA agenda to keep leafy suburbs safe at the expense of service to the poor black areas.

While we note the importance of all requirements put in place to ensure accountability, let us not be oblivious to the fact that the very same requirements are used to the detriment of Neighbourhood Watches found in poor working-class communities. The beneficiaries of the Department of Community Safety Neighbourhood Watches are the vigilante groups found in leafy suburbs, armed to the teeth and conducting policing duties with no constitutional mandate. Funds are also diverted to these vigilante groups at the expense of Community Policing Forums which exist through and Act under the Constitution.

In the recent-Special Adjustment we saw how zero recipients were funded for this year, while additional resources are shifted to Neighbourhood Watches. Why is the Department not prioritising CPFs and focusing on their healthy functioning as they present a greater community... [Inaudible – connection lost.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Kama, we are losing you there, but your time is also compromised. Hon members, I now recognise hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I am really not playing, I do not want to play politics. I am really looking at trying to have some solutions to what we are facing. We go around and we speak to different communities and the other day in Mitchells Plain when I spoke to the Neighbourhood Watch there, these people were unemployed and yet they patrol the streets and I know some of the people, their structure is like that where they get a stipend, it depends from of course Neighbourhood Watches to Neighbourhood Watches and some of them do have a stipend, they get a stipend, but I really think - and this is our point of view - that the Neighbourhood Watch is a tool really to reduce crime and it is going to be in line with the Community Safety Plan, because the Minister said it over and over again, they want to reduce crime, halve it in the next ten years, and all that I am looking at, I am looking at solutions how to take it further.

We cannot have a suburb or a township year after year, the highest murder rate – Nyanga. We cannot have that, so something needs to be done. We cannot have Delft and lawlessness and all over. I have been to Manenberg the other day as well. We cannot have this lawlessness and there are so many people that are unemployed. Speaker, I am asking the Minister to look at this and see how they can assist the communities that really want to help and see reduced crime. It is their daughters walking to the bus stops. It is their sons being killed.

Just last night I heard again one of the youngsters that grew up there in Manenberg was shot, and this is going on, it is an ongoing thing. I am asking

the Minister just to think and to relook at the structure so where help is needed, that they give more resources to those people that need it most, and I am sure we will be able to reduce crime in those townships. It is only one area... [Inaudible – connection lost.] We know it is [Inaudible.] constraining of the Neighbourhood Watches today because I think we have a tool where we can reduce crime and make a difference in our communities so Minister, please, I am just trying to look at the possible solutions that we have safer communities when it comes to Bonteheuwel, Manenberg, Khayelitsha, all these places that are hotspots, that we just have some kind of approach and use this Neighbourhood Watch tool to reduce the crime in those areas. It is our children being killed. It is our girls that get molested and raped. So, I am just asking the Minister to please reconsider. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Christians. Hon members, I now recognise hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I want to start off by addressing hon member Christians directly and I think it is so important, some of the comments he makes, and that is the reason why we as the Western Cape Cabinet have identified safety, jobs, human dignity and wellbeing as the three central core areas. Now I can tell you, to the hon member Christians, I wish we had the buckets full of money as one of my colleagues always put it, so that we can actually appoint everyone. We do not even need volunteer organisations. We would appoint everyone.

Let us just also be realistic and I want to just say I completely agree. He knows I agree completely with the hon Christians' sentiments, about that. I think, and it is my submission and I will say it, because I think it is a critical mistake the City made when they started paying stipends to volunteer individuals, to people who are supposed to be volunteers who are doing it in the public-spirited issue and then created that tension between people competing to be a Walking Bus or a Neighbourhood Watch, and no-one wants to be a Neighbourhood Watch because volunteerism is the issue.

Where we are now, as I said and I indicated each Neighbourhood Watch will get their R10 000 on start, and if they do projects - and this is the beauty - we spoke to hon Minister Debbie Schäfer where we said to her a lot of schools are for instance vandalised.

Unfortunately, Mr Kama's great organisation, Minister Cele banned Neighbourhood Watches during COVID because more than 200-and-odd schools were vandalised during the COVID in the Western Cape and we could have used Neighbourhood Watches to protect those schools and we would have paid them a project fund, an x-amount of money for projects and they can decide how they want to use that.

I think it is an important point, and I think this principle of volunteerism and where people are paid or where people have a contractual relationship with us because you pay them a stipend, it is still even not a lot, but then, as he said, many people can put bread on the table so I think we will continue to focus

on getting Neighbourhood Watches to the next level. We will continue to – even as we tried to recruit for specifically the LEAP project – recruit people from the ranks of the Neighbourhood Watch so they can move into more perks, but then the relationship changes and the conditions change, then they are not volunteers. Then they become employees and that is the difference.

Thirdly, I want to just say also to hon member Allen, we will continue with the COVID approach in many of the crime hotspots, we will focus again on those hotspots, where departments will be responsible for a hotspot and we will pump every hotspot full of the available resources that we have.

Remember we had to also take cuts now during COVID and we are continually taking cuts. The country is bankrupt, I think if we have a money-machine somewhere and start printing money, perhaps we can pay the Neighbourhood Watches from that money, starting to print a lot of money somewhere.

Hon member Kama comes with the same, same, same song. Now I must say, he makes some interesting points, but I said to my staff, you can pre-empt what he is going to say and it is identical, the whole thing of Bambanani. They used to wash the school principal's car. That is what they used to do at schools. There was safety in some places but most of the time they were so bored they used to wash the cars and they were given to ANC activists and I really want to take issue with the hon member Kama. We do not use Neighbourhood Watches as political tools. I just want to emphasise that...

[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister. Your time is up, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: †Enkosi. [Thank you.] [Time expired.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon members, now we move, that concludes Interpellation Number 2 and now we move to Interpellation Number 3 and that is hon member Bakubaku-Vos to the Minister of Social Development. I now recognise hon Minister Fernandez.

Programmes to protect women

3. Ms N G Bakubaku-Vos asked the Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What preventative programmes are available in her Department to protect women and (b) what are the plans to strengthen such programmes given the rise in reported crimes?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good afternoon hon Speaker, hon Premier, hon members. I wish to thank the hon member Bakubaku-Vos for her question, which talks to preventative programmes that are available to

protect women. In response to the hon member, the Department of Social Development's Victim Empowerment Programme, otherwise known as VEP, funds service organisations to conduct gender-based violence educational workshops in communities with a special focus on men and youth.

These workshops aim to address a range of factors that lead to gender-based violence. Topics include understanding how patriarchal norms promote violence, power and control and also reinforcing positive expressions of masculinity, gender equality, and addressing needs of victimisation of the LGBTQIA+ Community.

Hon Speaker, am I audible?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you are hon Minister, very clear.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, then I will proceed. The workshops also focus on empowering women to understand legislation and their rights, facilitating access to the justice system and most importantly, identification of resources in the community. Economic empowerment programmes are offered in GBV shelters to promote economic independence of women who need to leave abusive partners.

The Department also funds court-ordered diversion programmes for perpetrators of gender-based violence and their victims on a tertiary prevention level to avert recurrences of criminal activities and to empower

their victims. The programmes for perpetrators and victims, we have a Restorative Group Conferencing, we have Victim Offender Mediation, and Family Group Conferencing.

There is a mediated intervention consisting of individual assessments, psychosocial counselling that is individual and joint and aftercare support. The programme for victims, hon Speaker, the Shine Victim Empowerment Programme is a post-traumatic growth and empowerment programme for female victims who were emotionally and/or physically abused and in addition victims are seen individually focusing on past trauma interventions conducted as group and individual sessions. We have also our Women COVID-19 Survivors' Group that is linked to GBV. DSD has recently partnered with the 1000 Women's Trust, an NPO that fights against gender-based violence and this training and support is done via WhatsApp.

The programmes for perpetrators, hon Speaker, the Silence the Violence Programme, and the Programme for Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence, these are intensive specialised programmes based on cognitive behaviour modification principles to equip the participant with the tools to understand and manage violent behaviours. There are Substance Abuse Programmes which provides psychosocial and emotional education regarding substance use and the consequences on behaviour and referrals for more long-term and intensive treatment option.

Just in terms of the first quarter for 2021 hon Speaker, the following services were rendered:

- Victims of gender-based violence accessing psychosocial support, including NGOs were 1995;
- Victims of crime and violence accessing support: 47;
- Human trafficking victims and their children who access support: 9;
- And then victims of crime and violence... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Your time is up.

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

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I now recognise hon member Bakubaku-Vos.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Hon Speaker, the 2019/2020 Crime Stats has showed that sexual offences increased by 3,7%. This includes rape which increased by 4,9% and sexual assault which increased by 8,7% in the Western Cape. These are thousands of innocent women and children that have suffered deep emotional scars as a result of being violated by ruthless males who are always preying on young unsuspecting women and children. Thirdly, some of these victims suffered at the hands of their intimate partners and those known to them.

The latest victim of the spate of violence against women in the Western Cape

is Ms Nomakholwa Dyani from De Doorns, who succumbed to her injuries on Friday 14 August after she was allegedly brutally assaulted by her boyfriend with sticks and big stones near a graveyard road. The suspect has been arrested and will appear in court on 14 September 2020. The victim left her house on Friday with her alleged lover and never returned. She leaves behind three of her children. She was the breadwinner and now the family is struggling with funeral arrangements. The community members have come out to say it is not the first time that the perpetrator committed such crimes against women.

We must make it clear that prevention of these crimes is not only the responsibility of police. The Provincial Government should also play a key role. The Provincial Government has concentrated its resources, focus and energy on the Victims Empowerment Programme, which is itself underfunded given the magnitude of the problem before our eyes. The Provincial Government must invest more resources to prevention programmes.

For example, the Government can partner with organisations working with women and children to have a provincial campaign to drive workshops in communities, which will empower women to stand up to abusers and to enable them to detect early signs of trauma. This is important because these emotional scars that are caused by GBV can only heal when you receive support from those you trust and those that are close to you, like relatives, friends and neighbourhood. I thank you, hon Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon members let us please exercise some restraint on the microphones. Thank you, hon member Bakubaku-Vos. I now recognise hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and through you, Speaker, as we know mental health issues are incredibly important when it comes to empowering victims of violence and abuse. We know that the effects of violent crime on victims are lifelong scars that affect their emotional wellbeing and we know that women and children are disproportionately affected by this.

We also know, Mr Speaker, that there are massive challenges in the criminal justice system and within the security clusters to provide protection for women and children. We hear every day of women being turned away from police stations where they are trying to get protection from abusive partners and when they are trying to get the South African Police Service, who are empowered to protect them, to take them seriously. But what we do know, Speaker, is that many of these women are turned away, and we are very grateful in this province that we have a functioning Department of Social Development that is able to step in with its Victim Empowerment Programmes that is aimed at preventing abuse of women and children in our province.

With that, Mr Speaker, and bearing in mind that mental health issues are of crucial importance to this, I would like to ask the Minister of Social

Development if the Minister can perhaps expand a bit more on how the Victim Empowerment Programme is used to leverage and bolster psychosocial support to women and children, and I would also like the Minister to further tell us how the COVID-19 pandemic, a pandemic that is now moving into its second phase where it is largely affecting poor and vulnerable women and children, has now disrupted the traditional in-person counselling services and what are some of the challenges in trying to deal with some of those impossible cases, and also if the Minister can tell us how the Province and the Provincial Department of Social Development have supported non-profit organisations.

Mr Speaker, I would also like the Minister to tell us more about how the Province partners with the security services such as the South African Police Service to assist victims of gender-based violence when transferring these victims between the different stages of shelters and what takes place in terms of the medical screening of victims... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member, thank you. Thank you, hon member Bosman. Your time is up. Hon members, I now recognise hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. As I recall it, the Minister for Public Works and Infrastructure, Minister Patricia de Lille, identified six public buildings in the Western Cape that could be used by the Department of Social Development for shelters and in July this year or early in July this year, Minister Fernandez indicated to Parliament that an agreement had been

drafted between the National Government and Provincial Government for the transfer of these buildings and that agreement was in the process of being finalised.

She also indicated that the buildings were being refurbished and refitted for their purpose by the Department of Public Works, the National Department of Public Works, so I wonder if the Minister can advise us or inform us what progress has been made with regard to finalising that agreement; has it been finalised, when will the shelters become operational and has her Department planned for the operation of those shelters and what are those plans? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Herron. Hon members, I now recognise hon member Bakubaku-Vos.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: [No audible reply.]

The SPEAKER: Are you winning, hon member Bakubaku-Vos?

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: [No audible reply.]

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon members, just please bear with me. I am trying to accommodate the hon member. One more minute and then we are going to give up on her. We know we have a virtual and physical session with the hybrid, so we try to be patient. [Pause.] Hon member Bakubaku-Vos, we

will now leave you. I now go to the hon Minister.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Hon Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, thank you.

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

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Ma'am, yes. Hon member Bakubaku-Vos...
[Interjection.]

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Yes.

Programmes to protect women

3. Ms N G BakuBaku-Vos asked the Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What preventative programmes are available in her Department to protect women and (b) what are the plans to strengthen such programmes given the rise in reported crimes?

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you, hon Speaker. This afternoon we have heard of another brutal murder of Nomvuzo Atoli, an 18-year-old young girl from Philippi, who was found dumped in a rubbish container in Philippi East. We convey deepest condolences to the family of the deceased and call on

police to speed up investigation.

It is these kinds of events that have necessitated the calls for a [Inaudible.] away from the current approach of controlling and managing GBV and femicide to an approach where we also invest resources into preventative measures. For both violence perpetrated by intimate partners, as well as that of strangers.

The greatest challenge at the moment is that the services for victims of violence do not focus on prevention, and they are offered in places that are far away from the communities where victims reside.

Over and above this, there are insufficient places of victims in the shelters for victims of violence. Hon Speaker, only 213 women and children were admitted to shelters between 1 April and 30 June, and only 562 victims of sexual offence and their family members received psychological support service.

The Victim Empowerment Programme only has a budget of R53,6 million, of which allocation for shelters of victims is only around R21 million. This is not enough. From the first to go to the Legislature, we have been raising the need to open more victim empowerment centres, and especially in the poor communities where the majority of the victims stays.

All our calls are falling on deaf ears. The Government uses red tape and

excuses not to open the shelters in areas where they are needed the most. Over and above this, we need the Government to partner with communities and the civil society movement to come up with action plans to prevent these senseless attacks.

The Victim Empowerment Programme needs some rethink on how it assists victims; [Inaudible.] the emotional and practical support, as well as assisting victims with management of trauma and referring victims for professional support where necessary. There remain many shortcomings in the programme that need to be fixed.

In closing, hon Speaker, we call for accelerations of the process to renovate the buildings and land handed over by National Government for the purpose of shelters for victims of violence. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Bakubaku-Vos. Hon members, I now recognise the hon Minister Fernandez.

The MINISTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon Speaker, and I wish to thank all members who participated in this debate. Hon Speaker, it would be a grave injustice to try and respond to the questions in the four minutes that are allocated, because whilst we are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a shadow pandemic of substance and drug abuse, as well as gender-based violence.

The questions that were raised, I can confirm that on Monday morning I met with 20 shelter movements. It was an engagement called “*The Circle of Courage*”. We also have 20 NPO partners that work with these shelters.

So yes, there are budgetary constraints, but we are trying to find innovative ways to address that, but, hon Speaker, it is important to note that as a province we are currently in the process of the development of a provincial strategic plan in the context of the national strategic plan on gender-based violence, and also in terms of the Western Cape Government Safety Plan.

To this end we have been invited to the NCOP on the 28th regarding this very intervention, and I can also say that on Tuesday, Cabinet will be engaging regarding the issue of the national strategic plan, and how we will take that forward in this province. So, it will be a series of stakeholder engagements over a period of time.

Hon Speaker, the impact of psychosocial support and trauma on the psyche of survivors must not be underestimated. However, we have partners who are doing online counselling, whether it be by WhatsApp, Zoom, or webinars.

Then to the hon member Herron. Yes, the National Minister did a media launch in March, which I attended together with Minister Zulu. We then had some contractual arrangements, but I have just discovered that the National Minister somehow – I do not know if her officials are on the same page as her, but they have done the renovations to the six houses which were

allocated to us, and they are all in rural areas, but they have done the renovations, but now they want Province to pay for the work before they hand them over to us.

So once again we are going to dig deep – and I have a mail that can confirm that, the mail was dated 18 August - so there is suddenly no budget in National Portfolio, and now we are required to pay.

So again the Province is going to have to dig deep, and then at the same time the issue of homelessness must be reviewed in the context of GBV, because many gender-based violence survivors try and access homeless shelters, and we try and support that initiative as well, but it is a not a conversation that just requires a brief one-line response, hon Speaker. I do believe that we all need to work together on the scourge of gender-based violence, and I am hopeful that we will engage Parliament, civil society, and all our partners, going forward, and to this end we have the victim empowerment, the VEP forum, it is a quarterly activity; we have SAPS; we have the criminal justice system. They have all been invited to address Cabinet on this issue so that we can come up with an aligned provincial response to the national imperative in terms of the NSP.

So, hon Speaker, I wish to say to all our partners, our NGO partners, Thuthuzela Care Centre, SAPS, everyone who is involved in protecting women and children from abuse, and I also need to say thank you to the media, because they are often the first to report an incident, and to this end I

have set up a gender desk in the Ministry, and we are [Interventions.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...also have the media monitoring in place to ensure that we remain abreast. Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you hon members.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Fernandez, and the hon members. That concludes Interpellation Number 3, and now, hon members, we are going to Questions as printed in the Order Paper.

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Order! We will now deal with Questions as printed on the Question Paper, and just to remind the hon members that the initial oral question as printed, the person who posed the first question will have the first opportunity for a follow-up question.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

I now recognise the hon the Premier Winde.

New questions to the Premier:

Provincial property portfolio

1. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Premier:

- (1) What is the current policy of the Provincial Government towards the management of the provincial property portfolio;
- (2) whether there is any process underway to review such a policy, including the location of this function in the Department of Public Works and Transport; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you very much to the hon Leader of the Opposition, hon member Dugmore, for the question.

In response to (1). The current policy is that there are two departments identified and mandated as custodians of the Provincial Immovable Property Portfolio, namely the Department of Transport and Public Works, and the Department of Human Settlements.

The custodial role of Human Settlements is limited to the property specifically identified and handed over for human settlement purposes. The custodianship for the remainder of the Provincial Property Portfolio vests with the Department of Transport and Public Works and is managed

according to the appropriate legislative frameworks.

And then (2), regarding your question [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry, Premier, one minute. I see there is a hand up by hon member Kama. If you could just take your seat. Hon member Kama, what is your point of order?

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and let me firstly apologise. I really did not want to interrupt the Premier, but I think on what we had said, hon Deputy Speaker, that when dealing with oral questions, the person who asked the question will have the first opportunity to ask a follow-up. I think, I wanted to check with you, hon Deputy Speaker, because when we raised this in the last sitting on the occasion where the Leader of the Opposition, hon member Dugmore, asked a question, but was not given the opportunity to first ask the follow-up and the hon Speaker cited that the Rule has been that he must raise a hand if he has a follow-up, I really wanted you to indulge me on that, hon Deputy Speaker, so that I'm prepared as we move forward with the questions, and apologies for the interruption.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kama. I am going to read as per my briefing document as has been from week-to-week, and I read verbatim, that:

“The hon member who has asked the initial oral question as printed

on the Question Paper will have the first opportunity for a follow-up question.”

So, if that is in order, we will follow that procedure today. Thank you, hon member Kama. Hon Premier Winde, my apologies, you may continue. Hon Winde, if you could just – one minute, I see hon member Dugmore. Hon member Dugmore, what is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No, thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would just like to also request that you observe and give us all an opportunity in regard to the second question. Thank you for clarifying that the person asking the question will have the right for the first follow-up, but very often the person asking the question would also like to ask a second follow-up.

So, I would just like to request you to be alert to the fact that I will also be wanting to ask a second follow-up question. Obviously, you have other members who would want to do the same, but I am just indicating in advance that I would like to ask a second follow-up.

An HON MEMBER: No. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, first hands go up first, and that is, there is no Rule around that. So, I will leave that as to first come, first served, as we say.

Thank you, hon member Winde, you may continue.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and the hon member who interrupted me first, if he goes back to last session, he will see that the hon Opposition did get the first question, even though they raised objections to it. If you go and check Hansard, you will see that that did happen.

But thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Getting to the second part of the response regarding your question as to whether there is any process underway to review such policy, including the location of this function in the Department of Public Works and Transport; the answer is no. There is no process to review the policy, and there is no process underway to review the location of this function in the Department of Transport and Public Works. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Winde. Hon member Dugmore, that is over to you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Having clarified that the responsibility for provincial property management will remain primarily in the Department of Transport and Public Works, is the Premier prepared to make a commitment to this House that a disposal strategy for all properties which resort under this Province, will be released before the end of this financial year? Given that

since 2009, when the DA came to power in this province, they have failed for the entire decade and the first two years of this administration, to release a plan for the utilisation of all provincial assets under this Provincial Government.

Would he be prepared to commit to doing that within this calendar year?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon the Premier Winde?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. No, unfortunately I cannot commit to that, it would take a much more involved process, and I would have to bring my Cabinet along with it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, I see you, it is the second bite, and then I see hon member Mackenzie.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like to ask the Premier, is the fact that the Provincial Government, of which you are a part, since 2009 has failed to produce a strategy to release provincially-owned properties, an indication of the lack of political will to in fact utilise these properties, both empty land as well as building, to reverse [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Point of order.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...apartheid spatial planning. Is that an indication of that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute. Hon Chief Whip, what is your point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): I would just like to ask whether, when a person is posing a question, whether they can express a point of view?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, can I just clarify what exactly you said was your point of view? What was your point of view? Can you pose that question?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am asking the Premier a follow-up question and asking him that given that he is not prepared to make that commitment, would he agree that his failure to make such a commitment is an indication that given that this has not happened since 2009, that this indicates a lack of political will from the Democratic Alliance to [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is not a question.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: ...release property to reverse apartheid spatial planning.

So, I am asking whether he would agree with that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, I accept that. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. First of all, definitely not, and there is a strategy, and if the hon member wanted to ask a question on a strategy, then he must not word his question to say “towards the management of provincial property”, he should have said “a strategy towards the disposal of provincial property”. You cannot ask one question and expect a different answer. So again no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you, Premier. Hon Premier, is there a need to review this policy and what data would inform such a decision? Thank you.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member for the question, and of course any policy and any position of government, things change all the time, so of course you always need to be looking at the effectiveness and of course the impact on the citizens of your province.

So, these kind of reviews happen every single year. We have a look at the various issues that are putting pressure on citizens, and then we will review whether it is this policy. Of course in the initial question it spoke about

“management”, but of course what we know that the hon member is getting to, and maybe what the member that has just asked the question, hon member Mackenzie, is that especially at the moment when we have a look at the availability of land; how land is disposed of; and also how assets and land is used in the best interest of the citizens of a province, and of course there you would need to constantly update yourself, as a government, as well as your position and as how it affects the citizens of this province, and of course we would see now over the next while with Minister Madikizela, he would obviously be the chief custodian in this regard, and we will continue reviewing or having a look at whether we need to review and change our stance, or how it takes place.

We also note that various outside influences also have effect, and we know that there is a court case at the moment, and we will see what happens with that court case. Of course that also then puts pressure on systems, or make governments ask questions about themselves, and how they utilise their assets, but of course one must also remember that governments have assets that they need to apply their minds to, in the interest or the best interest of their citizens, and we need to always bear that in mind, that governments must be able to make those decisions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore, you have the last chance and the last bite at this cherry, thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon

Deputy Speaker. I would like to ask the Premier whether he agrees that if the Province had had such a strategy to, for instance, utilise the Tafelberg provincially-owned asset for social housing, and that that strategy was in place, that that could have avoided the litigation which has actually held up the provision of that site for social housing?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, and of course now we are getting to the real question that the hon member Dugmore should have asked right up front and talk about strategy.

Now of course the disposal of the Tafelberg site was part of a strategy, and exactly that same strategy was the disposal of Helen Bowden or Woodstock Hospital, and they all had different outcomes, and that was part of that strategy, and of course this strategy has been held up or blocked in different ways, but of course I also link this perhaps through to the earlier interpellation, also talking about the same pressure that we all are under at the moment as government across South Africa, at the moment in this province, and in our municipalities, as to how more land can be available and specifically how we can get more people into housing.

But I noticed, and linked to this, were the questions around budget, and in the interpellation a lot of questions were asked about budget and why budgets are cut, and where this money is coming from, and why is the Province not putting more money to this, and of course it was interesting, because when you focus on one thing, then that one thing becomes the issue around budget,

but of course governments have to look across the whole of government; all of their citizens and delivery, and really the answer, when I was listening to that interpellation, was that budgets are cut, not necessarily only in, in us being able to deliver housing, but budgets are cut across the board in this Government, and the main reason is because of National Government policy, or failure in SOE's, or the way that corruption has really depleted the purse of our country.

Looking at the moment, we are borrowing extensively to try and manage where we are at the moment. Prior to COVID-19 our country was in deep trouble financially because of failed policy and failed government. We were in junk status, and we did not have – the lights were not coming on. We are still in that position, and over and above that, we are now borrowing R2,1 billion every single day in this country. It would be amazing if we could invest R2,1 billion every day of borrowing into infrastructure that would make a difference to the people's lives of this province or this country.

But unfortunately that R2,1 billion that South Africa borrows every single day through our National Government, it does not end up on the ground where the citizens need it, it disappears into the ether, and of course that is what really needs to be dealt with, but those things get dealt with by the citizens when it comes to elections, and of course that is why I think you find hashtags really gaining traction, called “#tick” on a Friday. You know, those kind of things, because of what we see happening to the citizens of our country because of bad policy and bad national governing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. That ends the first question. We now move over to Question Number 2. I recognise the hon the Premier Winde.

Cabinet Ministers: Safety Plan

2. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Premier:

With regard to his commitment, when he announced the Western Cape Safety Plan, that a safety priority would be assigned to each Cabinet Minister and that all of them had undertaken to be personally accountable for the delivery of each of those outcomes, which would be made public, as would each Minister's progress on them:

(a) What progress has each Minister made on delivery of the set outcomes and (b) when will this information be made public?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and again thank you to the hon Leader of the Opposition, hon member Dugmore, for the question, and in response, first of all, the Western Cape Safety Plan forms a key part of the Provincial Strategic Plan (PSP), this is 2019 to 2030, and the vision-inspired priority (VIP1).

The Western Cape Safety Plan has two pillars, namely:

1. A focus on increasing law enforcement presence where and when crime happens, and
2. A focus on preventing violence through the strengthening of society's resilience to crime at several levels.

Under the Western Cape Safety Plan, each Western Cape Government department has been allocated one or several safety priorities for implementation. These priorities are reflected in each department's Annual Performance Plan and quarterly APP reports are published, so they are already made public.

The Western Cape Government's response to the national disaster and COVID-19 has meant that some of the interventions and targets in the Safety Plan had to be changed.

Below is a list of deliverables under the Safety Plan, that we were able to deliver, and explanations as to how each of these programmes changed our response to COVID-19.

The Department of Community Safety law enforcement project, LEAP teams, were deployed to enforce lockdown regulations and other COVID-19 safety needs during Level 5 and 4 and are deployed in the COVID-19 hotspot areas. This was in conjunction with the South African Police Services.

The Department has tracked serious violence and crime using forensic pathology services – that’s FPS – as an emergency medical service. Data to assess shifts in violence during the different alert levels of this national lockdown. The data confirmed a drastic decrease in homicides and trauma admissions during Alert Levels 4 and 5, but also continued prominence of firearm-related violence during the same alert levels. This has led to Western Cape Government to increase its focus on alcohol-related harms, and firearm-related violence.

In addition to that, the same Department, the Chrysalis Academy intake was suspended during the hard lockdown, but the first intake for 2020/2021 financial year, Alpha 20, started in July 2020. In addition, the deployment of 60 Chrysalis graduates in the Khayelitsha area to promote awareness of COVID-19 and adherence to the regulations, and deployment to other hotspot areas, including local municipalities, were also implemented.

The alcohol ban during different alert levels of the national lockdown has confirmed the strong linkage between alcohol and violence. We have an Alcohol Harms Team or Reduction Team, to drive a number of initiatives aimed at reducing the harms of alcohol on our society, including reducing the availability of alcohol by reducing the density of liquor outlets and limiting the sale of alcohol in large containers; legislative amendments to address the confiscation and destruction of illegally sold alcohol; and enhancing the Liquor Authority’s capacity to hear enforcement cases; strengthening policy and law enforcement, including with the support of the LEAP officers, by

targeting both legal and illegal outlets in areas recording high levels of interpersonal violence, using behavioural science to address risk-taking, drinking behaviour, and continued support of addiction treatment and victims of GBV, which is commonly linked to alcohol abuse.

What we have also done is we have gone through a quick training programme to make sure that 60, so far, of our LEAP officers are also trained as liquor inspectors, and Minister Fritz will be elaborating more on this in future.

The Department of Social Development (DSD) has continued its statutory work around childcare and child protection services, and court ordered family at risk support, while noting COVID-19 challenges. The system to identify, assess, and refer youth and children at risk, and provide assistance, has been suspended due to the school closure lockdown, and of course at the same time psychosocial support on a case-by-case in the short-term, is anticipated, considering the additional stresses that COVID-19 have put on many families.

Permission has been provided for funded in-patient substance abuse facilities to reopen, subject to criteria, and the Department is strengthening inter-sectoral collaboration of the different GBV responses across the province.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport: The after-school programme came to an end under the lockdown, because of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) regulations that required no extracurricular activity takes

place. Primary school after-school programmes and year beyond primary school and high school learners' academic programmes, shifted to support at home learning, which support online connectivity and physical resources.

In addition, the ASP has collaborated with partners to develop a treasure box resource, which is a collection of at-home resources for families during the lockdown. To date 90,000 of these have been distributed across the province. The use of WhatsApp and reverse billing websites has featured as a part of this shift. The youth in-service programme has continued, and training moved to a virtual WhatsApp platform with data bundles provided.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Education Department is continuing with high security school perimeter fencing as the Budget is ring-fenced. The school-based violence prevention programme's first step of a study on the perceptions of violence in schools will continue via electronic surveys, and the Safe Schools Centre hotline is still active.

The Department of Health: While COVID-19 pandemic has been the main focus of the Department during the period, the Department is continuing with its first 1,000 days initiative, and with specific focus on women at risk, and of course throughout this they continue to provide critical data from the perspective of trauma. We have seen it used now during this lockdown period, specifically trauma in our hospitals, but also critical data, especially around our morgues and cause of death.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism: The establishment of the Tourism Law Enforcement Unit for the 2020/2021 season, in partnership with the City of Cape Town and placing youth in work placement opportunities, is still continuing.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Their environmental law enforcement operations are currently being carried out with the focus on Health Care Risk Waste, and the programme to train officials and practitioners in the promotion of urban safety and dignity will continue to be designed.

The Department of Transport and Public Works: The Department has continued to deploy officers to visible and active patrols on all major and secondary routes, to maintain and enforce general law and order. The Central Line Programme was delayed by PRASA and the REU was not kept in place by the City of Cape Town due to funding commitment delays from PRASA, but we will obviously now see, as we open up these lines to reactivate, and the transport hub is continuing to be used to improve safety and fight crime.

The Department of Human Settlements: The informal settlements upgrade programme based on the safety requirements, will still continue. However, the Department of Human Settlements will undertake a process of reworking the business plan and consider targets and deliverables.

And then second to last the Department of Agriculture: The Rural Safety

audit of the Province and a number of farm watches accredited, will continue through the electronic channels.

The Department of the Premier will continue to support the implementation of this Safety Plan, and perhaps then just lastly to say that throughout the lockdown period and the focus on COVID-19 we were not able to continue with our Safety Cabinets, although the three and now two Cabinets a week, always have the attendance of SAPS as well as Metro Police in those Cabinets, and the focus on COVID-19 will now start to move over to the post-COVID-19 pandemic and recovery plan. But of course the question was how do we continually and openly report on this, and I also hope to be able to bring back the Safety Cabinets or the Dashboard, and then of course make this public every week, every week that we have that Safety Cabinet, and that should be resuming in the very short future, because in the next two weeks we will be refining what that plan looks like, and how we will be reporting it, either to this House or to the public. Thank, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I just want a list of speakers. It will be hon member Dugmore, hon member Marais, hon member Xego, and hon member Kama. Those will be the four follow-ups.

Over to you, hon member Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Arising from the Premier's response, and also given the fact

that on 19 September last year, the Premier promised that not only would priorities be set for each MEC, but that a detailed metric would be developed for each one to hold the MEC accountable.

Would the Premier concede that either those detailed metrics have not been developed, or that they have not been shared with the public as he had promised on 19 September?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Definitely not, and please go onto the website, have a look at the metrics in the Safety Plan, and then, as I said earlier in the answer, go and have a look in each department's Annual Performance Plan, you will see it there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Over to hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Premier, I hope you will allow me to take this a bit wider. The Safety Plan, I do not know how wide you go for safety, but let me ask you, does the Western Cape Safety Plan present itself as reactionary, an after the fact issue, or are you trying to be proactive in preventing people from feeling less safe, and could this include possibly suggestions to the National Minister for further amendments to aspects of the Criminal Procedure Act, which would make the people in the

Western Cape much safer than what they feel at the current moment?

Are you reactionary, or do you want to be proactive in the final outcome of the Safety Plan?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Marais. Hon member Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member for the question. Of course what we could be is just continue with the constitutional mandate of a province, which says we will have oversight over the South African Police Services, and I think the hon member knows my position, we have spoken about it many times. I think that the devolution of the management of policing should be down to provincial level, and not maintained at a national level, but of course the hon member knows all too well that that would need some constitutional changes, and in the absence of getting those constitutional changes, we then have said we will try to go beyond just the mandate of an oversight when it comes to safety and security, because quite frankly we know that there are hotspots in our province that are the murder capitals of our country.

So, we are now putting budget towards this; putting resources towards this, so that we can effect change in the absence of extra resources coming into the province. We have known that for a long time we have been under-resourced, and that is why we even have an inter-governmental dispute.

The inter-governmental dispute has, by agreement, been put onto the backburner, although it has not been withdrawn, because at the end of last year the Minister of Police agreed to give us an extra 1,000 police officers, of the 5,000 that I think we should get extra, and of course if we are the murder capital, we do not need to just get equilibrium, we should have even more deployment into the hotspots and, for example, right now where we see people's safety and lives at huge threat, where we are seeing lots of protest action, infrastructure being damaged, and people really getting hurt, and sometimes even killed, and sadly, as we see, people in our province lives' ended by stray bullets and scourges between police and citizens, and it really is sad to see when this happens.

But if you go and have a look at the Public Order Police that are deployed to this province, and just in the month of July, this province had more disruption and protest action than any other province in South Africa. We were the one with the most; the second most was in KwaZulu Natal, and the third most was in Gauteng, but the deployment of Public Order Police, the province with the least number of deployment is the Western Cape, with the highest number of protest actions.

I mean just go and figure, that is exactly the ANC punishing the people of this province.

And so already Minister Fritz and I have had a meeting with the National Commissioner, because while we have four deployed units in our province,

KZN has seven, the Eastern Cape – I have not got the numbers with me - I think there are six; Northern Cape is more than us as well as a province. Every other province has more deployment of police resources than we have, and of course we will continue to fight for that. We need to make sure that we get our fair share.

At the same time, obviously, we will always support the devolution of power closer to the people rather than further away from the people.

But this is definitely a proactive action to make a difference, because the citizens of this province are feeling the pressure of increased violence; increased crime levels, and we obviously as a provincial government cannot just have an oversight, we have to be much more proactive than that. Thank you.

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

Mr P J MARAIS: I am much more satisfied now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marais, please do not interrupt. We now move over to the hon member Xego.

Mr M XEGO: Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. It is a pity that the Premier sounds so frustrated like that, not getting resources from the ANC

Government, National, but the question I want to understand is that judging by the manner in which the Rural Safety Plan is being executed, versus what, how [Inaudible.] I am hearing myself.

So, ja, thanks. So judging by the way the Rural Safety Plan is being handled in the province, versus crime hotspots, in particular where violent crimes are experienced, such as taxi violence and as well as the gang-related crimes, and now recently we have noted also with femicide, for example today a woman was found in a rubbish bin somewhere in Philippi.

So, I want to understand what was the exact role played by each and every Minister in ensuring that they back you up, Premier, in your Safety Plan? Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and thank you very much to the hon member Xego for the question. Besides reading the answer again to the original question, which was what are we doing now, I think the question goes more to the actual plan and each of those Ministers and departments, and you know without spending another hour or two reading out this plan, I think the best is to go and have a look at what those commitments are in each of these departments.

So, for example, when you spoke to the Rural Safety Plan as opposed to

perhaps say, which Minister Fernandez is responsible for, gender-based violence, making sure that the existing budgets that are spent in our Government, that they are effective and efficient; whether there is sufficient budget; whether it has to be moved around. Of course, these things happen all the time, and that is why specifically in the Safety Plan we said it is a working document.

I did not want to have some fixed plan, and I must say that I think all of us in the Cabinet have realised, and in this Government have realised, that during COVID-19, which has sort of taken us beyond where we were when we first launched this plan, that we need to even have more whole of government focus, and also be nimble, and have the ability to move quickly and change things.

But I must also say, and I must say it upfront now, that we do know that in any of our plans going forward, whether it be on jobs and the economy and helping people with job opportunities because we are now sitting with high unemployment rates; whether it is the effect now on food security, because people are not able to put food on the table because they have been retrenched, because we have seen poverty numbers actually getting worse. The food nutrition numbers, at the start of lockdown we were sitting at 25% of the population in South Africa that were food insecure, who did not know where their next meal was coming from. Right now, five months into COVID-19, that 25% has moved to 47%, or whether it be this very Safety Plan.

All of them we are going to have to really think about very hard, what we are going to focus on and what we are not going to focus on, because we have seen that the R5,3 billion that we have spent on COVID-19 is not coming from National. I spoke earlier about how much money is being borrowed in South Africa, but it is not ending up in the provinces. We have to find that within our existing Budget, which also means we have got to look for effectiveness and efficiencies within this plan, and I am telling the members of this Parliament that some of these plans are going to change.

Some of them are obviously going to have to be expanded and more put into them, but some are also going to have to end up going on the backburner, because we are going to have to focus in these new areas that we need to fix things on behalf of the citizens of this province, but understanding we are doing it over the next three years at least, with far less money than we have ever been able to do before. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Premier. I recognise hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, if the – [Inaudible.] the noise, hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, if I can just check that in the House the microphones are off. You may proceed, hon member Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thanks, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, if the

Premier recognises the programme of the Department of Community Safety, which is Alcohol Harms Reduction, and also in his first reply he also acknowledges the impact, or the collaboration of alcohol and violence, why would then the Premier make calls as he did in the middle of this pandemic, that alcohol sales should be opened? Or is it a measure of who is going to benefit by that opening of alcohol sales, which are those of corporate bosses, at the expense of the poor people in the murder infested areas in our province?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member Kama for that question. An excellent question.

So number one, of course we measure the province with the top measurement system in our top five hospitals to measure trauma, but the question that he asks is the balance between a total ban on alcohol and the implications, or what that means to society, versus the opening up of our economy.

And so I get the feeling that the hon member Kama wants to ban alcohol sales, and he is quite happy that every time we do this, we lose another 18,000 jobs, as were predicted for the first lockdown, and put another 300,000 jobs in jeopardy, while we also know that of course alcohol harms – and I have admitted it here – is a problem and we have got to deal with it, but the 80 cases or the, let us say the 160 cases that come down to 80 cases over

weekends, etcetera, the 1,000 or 2,000 cases that trauma units are dealing with as opposed to 7 million people who live in this province, and we have got to always find those balances, and especially now we have to find those balances.

I am definitely not saying that we do not have to up our game, and the citizens need to also take more and greater responsibility as to how we use alcohol, and we understand the implications of the abuse of alcohol on our fellow citizens, but of course the blunt instrument of banning is just not a possible way of going forward. We have got to make sure that people who work in that industry – now it is interesting that the hon member Kama also says, and he talks about the big conglomerates and it will be quite nice, I think I should ask the hon member Kama to come with me and go and visit some of the new black-owned labels in the wine industry - that have worked tirelessly day and night to gain new market share in some markets around the world, and now their businesses have been decimated.

They have not been able to go to the banks and get overdraft facilities, because they do not have the track records, but now they have lost that market to the Australians, to the Chileans, and to get that back, I do not think they are going to be able to do it, because they do not have the wherewithal to go back and spend another two, three years trying to get that market.

Go and speak to any of the new wine farmers that we have in our province, people who are involved in this industry, that have really worked hard at

getting transformation right. It is about them, not necessarily about the big conglomerates that can actually afford to get through to the other side. But we know that every single job is a job that counts at the moment in this system, and that is why we have to find the economic balance, and at the same time, through all the work we are doing in the Safety Plan, to find the balance on the other side of where abuse takes place, of what we need to fix as citizens, as well as Government, and how we need to learn and improve and bring about change. We cannot use just one or the other, it has to be the balance. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. That concludes Question 2. We now proceed to Question 3. When you are ready, hon Premier, you are up again.

Learner-transport drivers: PPE

3. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Premier:

- (1) Whether it has been brought to his attention the Provincial Minister of Education refused a request to provide learner-transport drivers with PPE for learners; if so, why was this request refused when the Provincial Government has provided the taxi industry, individual entrepreneurs and informal traders with PPE;

- (2) what measures have been put in place to assist learner-transport providers with PPE for learners to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

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

One, there was no refusal. The Minister did not refuse anything. Firstly, transport operators have the responsibility to take preventative measures.

The National Department of Transport issued sanitisers for distribution to all operators who are part of the learner transport scheme across the country. Therefore, the Western Cape Education Department was not obliged to provide additional sanitiser to bus operators.

In addition, it is not and never was the mandate of the Western Cape Education Department to provide PPE to the LTS contractors, or to be responsible for the cleaning of their vehicles.

And then two, the National Department of Transport issued sanitisers for distribution to all LTS operators. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Premier. I understand that hon member Nkondlo is not online.

Then I recognise hon member Mackenzie.

Ms N D NKONDLO: I am, I am, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Then I know you are back. You may begin, hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like the Premier to confirm in this House that the Provincial Government never received a memorandum from the learner transport operators:

1. Requesting an engagement with the Premier, including the MEC, on the specific matter. So, I would like the Premier to indicate that.
2. To me it is so strange that the Premier says the Education Department did not have any obligation. What obligations have all the other departments, including Transport, including Local Government, that have approved budgets here, whilst we were in the sessions, to support SMME's or small companies with PPE's.

So, I find this a contradiction in what Premier is saying. If he can at least clarify what he means, perhaps I am misunderstanding how he is responding to my question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Not that I am aware of, but of course we get thousands and thousands of requests, but if the hon member has a copy of this request, please send it to me, and then I will be able to verify that, or I could go and check, because I am answering the question as it was posed to me on an education matter, and of course I would have gone and found the answer. So that is the first part.

And the second part, I mean surely, if a government department says, a national department says, "We are providing for this specific sector, or this specific transport need," that the Provincial Government would not go and double supply for that specific space, and hence the answer that I have received back from the Department of Education.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon member Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, I note in your answer that you say that obviously the WCED has no mandate over these provisions, but was the WCED in discussion with these service providers over their grievance, and what are the details?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I actually do not know how to answer, because as far as I know, I do not know. You know, I think that is a much more in-depth question that probably the Education

Department needs to answer or put it in writing to say what kind of discussion took place.

Of course, I got asked a question and I went to find the answers of that specific question, and as far as I can see through the answer, that we did not supply them from the Education Department, because the National Department had supplied them.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I recognise hon member Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you. I thank the Premier for his responses, but I must say, and I want to ask the Premier, when the Premier received these answers, did the Premier not see it fit to actually interrogate the Department of Education and his MEC, to get all the details relating to this matter, before coming here to the House and responding, because the responses just do not make sense.

What will the Premier's intervention be to actually ensure that scholar transport operators receive all the assistance they need, regardless of who supplied and who did not supply? The reality is that learners need to get to school and they need to get to school safely. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, and thank you very much to the hon member Sayed, and of course if there needs to be further interrogation on the learner transport in this province further than the answers that have been given, which are quite clear; that there is a responsible department who made the sanitiser and the cleansing material available, and so once that is done it is done.

Of course the hon member Sayed is on the Education Oversight Committee, and that probably is the kind of question that you would not ask to someone else, you would ask that to the Minister of Education, or even ask it in a Standing Committee, where you could interrogate and really go through the detail.

So, I mean that is obviously how things work in a government, and how parliamentary oversight works as well. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I do not see any follow-up questions. That [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Ja, I still have my hand, I still have my hand, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is your hand, I see you, hon member Nkondlo. You may proceed.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Hon Premier, I think at this point, you see I do not think it will be fair for you to lecture us about oversight, because the point here is that a question was sent to the Premier with the expectation that the Premier, who is actually heading Cabinet, would be able to engage the relevant member of Cabinet on this particular question, because now I think I get an impression that the Premier says at any given point in time we cannot ask him questions regarding decisions of the members of the Cabinet that he sits over.

And I want to ask the Premier when the memorandum and the proof of one of the officials of the Provincial Government who received this memorandum, and this memorandum was handed over, is the Premier once again willing to answer this particular question properly, in the sense that the same Premier has been standing here telling us how much there is a need to support business, both big and small businesses, and again I am really interested in the intervention of a request that was made by small operators on the basis of their realities, without taking away their obligation and responsibility as a company, but also away of always complaining about National Government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon member Nkondlo for that follow-up, but I mean if you read her question, she says:

“Whether it was brought to my attention the Provincial Minister of

Education refused a request on learner transport.”

So, in the engagement with the Minister the answer is the Minister did not refuse anything.

So, I mean what more should I do then, and then of course now she starts talking about support for small businesses. You know, the second part of her question we have answered, as to how and where all of these businesses, if they were contracted, every single one on the list, was looked after. They were looked after by an allocation from the Department of Transport at a national level, to each and every one of them; sanitizer, masks, etcetera.

What more do we need otherwise, then the hon member needs to ask a little bit more in the question if she wants more detail, especially if she is asking the Premier about something in another department. This is a big Government, hon member, as you, I hope, know.

So, if you want more explicit detail, please ask that. I am willing to give you any detail you want, and I have answered your question exactly. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. We now move over to Questions standing over from Thursday, 13 August 2020. I now recognise hon member Schäfer.

Questions standing over from Thursday, 13 August 2020, as agreed to by the

House:

Nomzamo High School: storm damage

5. Mr M Xego asked the Minister of Education:

What is her Department doing to fix the damage caused by storms during 10 to 13 July 2020 at the Nomzamo High School in Strand where mobile toilets and classrooms were flattened and damaged by these gale-force winds?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and to the member for the question. The answer is that five classrooms and the ablution facilities which were damaged by a storm were fixed within the space of a week. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Schäfer. Are there – hon member Xego, are you willing to take a follow-up?

Mr M XEGO: Yes, thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Over to you.

Mr M XEGO: Yes. No, I just wanted to understand in terms of what are the Department's medium to long-term plans with regards to building proper classrooms in the Western Cape schools, as these mobile classroom structures

prove to be a danger to human life, especially during the winter season?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much. The mobile structures are proper structures. We have many of them around the Western Cape, and what was dangerous to the learners was the incredibly bad storm, not the actual structure.

So, we do have plans for that specific school though. In the medium-term, we have acquired land in the area because of growth in that area, for a new primary school and a high school, which will serve the use of Nomzamo and Lwandle. It is in the final planning stage at present, and would open in 2022, if all goes to plan.

So obviously we would love to build many, many more schools, and many brick and mortar schools, but obviously we are constrained by the amounts of money that we get, which seems to be decreasing every year and the need increasing. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I then recognise hon member Sayed, and then hon member Botha.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, no it is fine, I am covered by the question raised by the previous member, hon member Xego.

Thank you [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Sayed. Then I will move straight over to hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I just want to check with the Minister, what impact have the recent Budget cuts had on your Department's ability to provide new schools in areas with high density, like Nomzamo?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and for the question. Yes, hon member Botha, it is having a devastating impact on us. We heard in the recent Adjustment Budget that we have a triple blow. R159 million has been cut by the National Government from the Education Infrastructure Grant, which will obviously mean that infrastructure projects will need to be put on hold or delayed.

Despite the President's claim that money was no object in the fight against COVID, our Department has not seen a cent from National Government to fight it.

So the hundreds of millions of Rand which we have had to spend on purchasing cleaning and sanitizing materials was funded also from the

Infrastructure Budget, as there was no other funding, and we also do know now, given the financial situation our country finds ourselves in, that we will also be having a cut to the Provincial Equitable Share, which will no doubt also affect us.

So, it is having a very concerning effect on us. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I do not see any other follow-up questions on this question. Thank you very much; we will now proceed to Question 11. I recognise the hon Minister Schäfer again.

Formula milk for distribution at municipalities

11. Mr M K Sayed asked the Minister of Education:

Whether her Department has bought any formula milk for distribution at municipalities during the lockdown period; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Yes, I have to say in this business I have seen some very interesting questions, but I think this one must top all of them. We certainly have not bought any milk formula; we do not feed any babies in our Department. We are responsible for Grade R upwards so we do not buy milk formula at all and even if we did, we certainly would not be distributing it to municipalities which have no

mandate at all for education, so no, the answer is no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister. Hon Sayed?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, no questions are strange. I think we raise these questions because matters arise on the ground. We received a report on 20 July that in one of the DA branches, Mandela Day initiatives, blankets, bread and soup, as well as first-step baby milk were distributed in communities by DA volunteers in DA t-shirts. Now there were allegations in that particular area, in Overstrand, that this milk formula was distributed to municipalities to be sent to schools. That is what we heard; hence we are raising it here. Can the MEC take the House into her confidence just to say that this was not the case and that they will be looking into it, just the possibility, to see if there was anything untoward that took place? Thank you.

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Thank you. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much. I have already taken the House into confidence hon Sayed, and the answer is no, we have not done so. I have already taken it up with my Department and have been given that assurance and I am afraid I cannot take it further unless you give me specific evidence that it was from the Education Department, because my information is that it is not the case and there is no reason why it would be, because we do not procure milk formula at all. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, speaking of nutrition, what impact did the lock-down and extended school closure have on nutrition of learners in our province?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: May I go ahead, hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry, over to you Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much. Thank you, hon Botha. Yes, I think we have seen it has had a devastating effect, the lockdown in general, not only the school closure but obviously given that so many learners do rely on the National School Nutrition Programme which provides vital nutrition to vulnerable learners, and for many it is the only proper meal they receive. So, the extended school closure has certainly had a devastating impact on these learners.

Before the pandemic struck there were already two and a half million children in South Africa who experienced hunger and from mid-March until 1 June, the National School Nutrition Programme was suspended. We were not allowed to use that funding for feeding as you know, so we managed to get some additional funding from the Provincial Treasury for the feeding programme, but it was certainly not as effective as it would be during schooling. Nevertheless, we still managed with that emergency feeding

programme to serve over two million meals to children who otherwise would not have received those. So, it is very concerning, and I think the Premier has also mentioned before, this is now going to be the next pandemic, hunger and poverty. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I do not see any further follow-up questions. Thank you. We now move over to Question 12. I recognise the hon Minister Marais.

Cricket: transformation of sport in the province

12. Ms A P Bans asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

With reference to the current debate about transformation in sport, particularly in cricket:

What are her Department's plans to ensure transformation in sport in the province?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you, hon Bans for this question. The Department believes that transformation is an important requirement in ensuring the sector is open and accessible to all. We also believe that transformation is not limited to one aspect only but incorporates gender, race, class, disability, rural, peri-urban and urban divide. Given this understanding, the approach

towards transformation followed by the Department and me is that transformation is an ongoing process and needs to be part of the ongoing sport agenda.

Annually the Department makes funding available to all federations for their development including for specific transformation initiatives. Over the last decade numerous federations have benefited from these funds for their transformation projects and programmes.

In addition to our work with federations, we have also focused on expanding access at school level. The Mass Opportunity Access and Development and the Neighbouring Schools programmes spearheaded by the Department, provide learners at 327 schools with exposure and opportunities in sixteen priority codes, including cricket.

The work of these programmes was confirmed in *A Case for Sport in the Western Cape, Socio-Economic Benefits and Impact of Sport and Recreation 2018 Report*, compiled by the Inter-Disciplinary Centre of Excellence for Sport, Science and Development at the University of the Western Cape which noted that the programme has assisted greatly with the transformation of sport in the province and country by reversing historical inequities and ensuring that opportunities are provided for the needy and marginalised.

Furthermore, the programme has contributed to improving school sport structures, complementing the prioritising of physical education in the

curriculum and for formation of schools' sport leagues.

The MOD Centres and its Neighbouring Schools Programme assist with the support and formation of school sport and club structures within previously underserved communities ensuring community development through the school and club network promoting the development and transformation of sport in the province.

Our Department, via the MOD programme and its Neighbouring Schools Initiative also support and fund the Western Cape Provincial Sports Confederation who are the custodians of recreation and sport in the province, mandated by the Transformation Charter.

The advocacy around transformation has seen associations taking on the challenge. In the *Western Province Cricket Association Transformation Committee Report for the 2019/20 Season*, the Western Province Cricket Association targeted transformation as outlined in Cricket South Africa's *Imminent Persons Group Report 2019* as well as effective transformation by focusing on black Africans, women and people with a disability in cricket.

The Western Cape Cricket Association Transformation Committee unpacked the areas of concerns raised by the [Inaudible.] 2019 EPG Report which saw the Cricket Association qualifying by reaching above 60% for the Incentive Score Card, a feat only three Cricket South Africa members' affiliates could achieve.

Furthermore, the challenge of redress and gender equity was addressed in some way by increasing the number of females on all Board and Sub-Committees as well contracting female provincial cricketers. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I recognise hon Bans first then hon Allen and then hon Kama.

Ms A BANS: Hon Deputy Speaker, my follow-up question will be on cricket specifically. We have heard untold stories during the past month with regard to cricket and one of our own down in Harlem Avenue here in Cape Town, Thami Tsolekile, being one of the people constantly on social media with allegations of racism in cricket against him. We know that he is suffering a ban of 12 years and being perceived as a ringleader of match-fixing and received this ban for game manipulation.

What I would want to know is, that as the Department, what have we done seeing that Thami Tsolekile is one of us within this province? Are we willing to take a stand by saying as this province – I understand now there is a committee that is dealing with transformation – but can this committee or the MEC herself commit to saying that we will support having a commission of inquiry into sport with regards to racism because we cannot afford to have another Thami Tsolekile running around having to go under a ban of 12 years and getting to the truth of these untold stories? What I would want to know from the MEC is, will she support a commission of inquiry on sport to ensure that we do not have another Thami Tsolekile coming in a manner like this

into media spats? I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bans. Hon Minister Marais?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Thank you, hon Bans. I will look into a commission of inquiry, but I can assure you that we will look into any racism of any sort in this province. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I then recognise hon Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Could the Minister – obviously I appreciate her initial reply that transformation is key towards ensuring that the sector is open and accessible – I would to know from the Minister in terms of her Department and under the leadership of the Minister, is she able to explain to the House any work done or any activities done to advance the agenda of women in sport? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you, hon member Allen. Yes, we do have this commission for women in sport and we are busy on all the codes to look into the matter, speaking to women, women in sport, see that we will have more

women in sport. Then, also, we are on gender-based violence at this moment, to include sport to address the phenomenon that is coming through. I will give you a list of all the initiatives, but we are busy with that. Thank you so much.

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

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Most of my questions were covered by Hon Bans, but before we are really able to transform sport, we must ensure that we deal with racism in cricket.

Now I want to understand, before we even reach a stage of a commission of inquiry, is the Minister saying that after all this, even before the incident of Thami Tsolekile, who is from this province, coming out about racism in cricket, is the Department saying that there has not been any engagement with the Association in the province, so that the Department is able to guide the Association to assure the citizens of the province that such will be looked into and ensure that it does not happen in the case of developing sport in general in the province? Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Our confederation is in contact with all the associations or the cricket codes to look into this matter and to see that such racism will

never happen again. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. Hon Marais?

Mr P J MARAIS: Thank you so much. Minister, you are on very tricky ground here. You know we fought before, in 1994, around political interference in how sport is run, prescriptive to sporting bodies about how they should run their affairs and which colour players can play. Are you prepared to enter this fray and come with your own ideas and to what extent are you prepared to interfere in sport? In other words, what do you understand by transformation?

The question is never explained, what is meant by transformation? You just talk of transformation. Are you in favour of quotas? Are you and your Department prepared to say we want certain quotas in sport depending on national or provincial demographics, like the equity principle, what do you understand about transformation, hon Minister, and to what extent are you, as a Minister, prepared to interfere in how sport bodies run their sport?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marais. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Marais, as I have said that transformation is not limited to one aspect only but incorporates gender, race, class, disability, rural peri-urban and urban divide and no, I am not in favour of quotas, it is all about

competence and the Department is handling all the codes through our confederations and federations. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister. That brings us to the end of Questions for Oral Reply. Outstanding replies will be printed in the Hansard. If I can just ask the hon members to lower their hands. We will now proceed to Questions to the Premier without Notice. Just to remind you that there are two follow-ups by the member posing the question – I now recognise the hon Makamba-Botya. One minute, hon Allen, is that a point of order? I will lower his hand; I think it is from before. Hon Makamba-Botya, you may proceed.

Mr R I ALLEN: Sorry, hon Deputy Speaker. I forgot to [Inaudible.]. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No problem.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Are we now dealing with Question 12, my apologies?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are dealing with Questions to the Premier without Notice.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Hon Deputy Speaker, can you please pass, I will come back in the next few minutes, sorry.

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright, I then recognise hon Brinkhuis. Hon Brinkhuis, are you online? I am going to move on, if the IT can just check why hon Brinkhuis is not online. I then now move over to hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, to the Premier, the question is: the Premier said in his State of Province Address that we are going to move provincial traffic over to highway patrol. Now when you drive you see the highway patrol, what I want to know is did that make a difference on our roads and are they fully equipped to do the work and are they working twenty-four hour shifts? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Over to you, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and thank you hon Christians for the question. Yes, perhaps I should go back to the idea of highway patrol versus provincial traffic and the idea is that highway patrol is much more than just a mechanism for monitoring movement of vehicles, speed of vehicles and licencing.

I think as I said during the launch of the Safety Plan, our provincial roads are managed and what we need is when you get stopped in a road-block by one of our traffic officials, that they do not just ask to see your driver's licence, they do not just ask to see whether the disk on your vehicle aligns to the

number plate and whether the technology can work out that you actually own that vehicle. We need to go much further than that, that in actual fact there is a dog sniffing at your boot to see whether you are smuggling drugs, arms or perlemoen. So, in other words that was the whole concept and idea. We already have a great system.

Then to the second part of your question which talks about the enabling environment of that specific highway patrol or those traffic officials, and quite frankly it is mind-blowing the technology that they are able to use in making sure that we link that to the Safety Plan so that traffic is not seen as separate to policing.

Our highway patrols and our roadways are the mechanism in the space that criminals move from place to place and of course, also move their illegal substances or contraband in the economy of illegality in our province.

And I am not sure whether you have been part or the Standing Committee has been part of some of the presentations of the Department in looking at that technology; from those handheld devices that can pick up your number plate as you are driving towards them and then make a decision as to whether they should stop you or not because it can show anything from outstanding fines to the speed that you have been travelling between your last measurement and that one. For example, if you were on the N7 and you had been seen and tracked 100km earlier on, that system will automatically work out your average speed over distance as that official looks at that handheld device.

Of course, it goes much further than that, because that is also how we can monitor whether there is duplication in the registration numbers. From a data point of view, they also have partnerships and linkages in with Neighbourhood Watches, the camera systems that are either at public or private places and those partnerships actually bring all of that data together in a management system that really is quite amazing. I remember when the system was used during a break-in and robbery at one of our prominent hotels in the City of Cape Town, I remember phoning Minister Madikizela and saying please will you not engage your traffic system, not the policing system, your traffic system to try and track these individuals, here are the two registration numbers of the getaway cars, and our traffic system managed to track the movement of these vehicles and within hours we had arrests.

So absolutely, the technology and the ability of them to play a very prominent role in safety is key and I think thus far they have shown that they really are able to and I really look forward to this innovative way of joining up with our traffic or highway patrol linked into police and our Metro Police, even our rural systems and using technology across all these layers, that we bring all of that together.

Some of it is easily done and some of it takes time, but step by step and week by week this type of technology using that force that is out there, managing the conduit and linkages between towns and suburbs, is something that really does play a key role in making this a safer province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Follow-up question, hon Christians?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. We of course are all very familiar with highway patrol. We were brought up in the *Chips* era, California Highway Patrol, so we are familiar with that, but Premier with these additional powers that these officers received, did they receive additional powers and were they trained and also are they properly equipped to perform the task?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. I think initially what it is, it is about a different mindset and focus. So, if you say to someone you are now a traffic official or you are now a highway patroller, as you said what you grew up with, it is just a mindset change. So, in other words I am not just monitoring traffic, I am patrolling this highway in the interests of safety of the people of this province. So, I think that is the first step.

But when it comes to training and technology and the use of and where people work and the partnerships, I mean that is the part of the Safety Plan that is evolving all the time for the specific training programmes. There are lots of them enabling these officers to have even more and more of an ability to intervene, to use their own intelligence that they have linked into the system and of course, what they know within those areas that they work, and

that is why you see more and more drug busts happening, more and more criminals getting apprehended through this system, understanding that a suburb might be linked to another suburb or another town through this conduit and how this system becomes that partner in the policing process. And that is really key as to how we build this forward.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Another one, over to you, hon Christians. Hon Marais, this is only by the member who posed the question. Hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I have asked it initially, but I just want to hear from the Premier, are they working around the clock, twenty-four hours? Previously, the Provincial Traffic did not do that. Are they working around the clock and secondly, why I am asking the question about them being properly equipped – I know a few years ago it was in the papers, where traffic cops were required to work twenty-four hours but they did not have the necessary equipment, not all of them were armed with firearms and those type of things, so that is why I am asking that question. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much for that question and I apologise – you reminded me about the twenty-four hours – so the answer is yes. Of course, when it comes to training, obviously specifics, you know when someone

qualifies it depends at what level they qualified at and of course if you want firearm training, it is a separate sign-off process. I know that because of the law enforcement officers, but obviously each layer of training has to take place. I do not have the exact details, obviously if you want to know what percentage of the officials are trained in firearm usage, we need to have that detailed question put, but definitely and continually training and continually innovating and continually looking at renewing technology and the ability to use technology to keep ahead of the curve and understanding how that definitely helps us to fight crime and violence and violence prevention within the province. Thank you.

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

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you very much. Hon Deputy Speaker, through you, the Premier recently communicated a great deal on what he calls the second pandemic of unemployment, poverty and hunger. Please, will the Premier elaborate on what this pandemic means, especially what it means for the Western Cape?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Over to you Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much and thank you very much to the hon member for the question. Yes, absolutely. I think it was becoming more and more evident after the initial lockdown period that hunger was something that

was spreading across our province and across our country.

Not only just in what I call this second pandemic about hunger, starvation, malnutrition and unemployment, I mean the numbers that we are seeing and the growth in the numbers into this – what I call the second pandemic – are quite frightening. For example, this is part of the motivation I can remember for the Premier's Co-ordinating Council. Of the three million people in South Africa that have lost their jobs, 55% of those three million people fall within the lowest 10% quintile of our country. So, in other words it is the poorest 10% of our population who lost the most jobs during this lockdown period. And we know what that means, that we are just growing poverty now.

I mentioned earlier that in the food security space in the beginning of the lockdown, we sat with about 25% of the population not knowing where their next meal was coming from and that has grown now to 47% of the population. We know in this province that in the hospitality industry we are already over 104 000 jobs lost; we know that in the construction industry it is 41 000 jobs down, we know that in the informal sector we are talking about nearly 30 000 jobs down. We also know that as per the earlier question, losing thousands of jobs in the wine industry, so all of that puts a massive pressure on our system and that is that next pandemic.

So it is critical that we understand what it is and then I can say that as a government, we started nearly two weeks ago and tomorrow with our bosberaad around what the new focus of this Government is, bearing in mind

we not out of the woods yet with Covid-19. We might have much lower infection rates but we have to continually, wall-to-wall monitor our hotspots, making sure that where we do see an outbreak in Covid-19 we go in, we put that bushfire out, like we were doing right in the beginning. We have almost gone full circle from a hotspot management point of view in identifying cases and we will not stop that but we have now got to change our focus to dealing with this second pandemic and that means we need to learn all the lessons.

We have learnt great lessons during the last five months as a government, allowing innovation to happen and that innovation came from the Government officials themselves. It was not in a plan, it was not said you will create a paperless hospital, or you will partner with a taxi industry and get nurses to hospital, get them to work and home using an app. That came out through the innovation and through Government officials looking at finding solutions to get through this.

We are going to use exactly that same kind of enabling environment that allows us and the same focus and passion to say let us use that same process and that same focus to alleviate pandemic two. That means finding dignity for people who have lost their jobs and cannot feed their families. That means finding a job or bringing that job back for someone who has been retrenched. Allowing that entrepreneur to enable them to get going and new businesses to open, all the at the same time as keeping a serious focus on safety and violence prevention. So those three areas of focus.

Now we did that two weeks ago. We have already started putting the nuts and bolts to the recovery plans, that will go again in two weeks' time, we will talk to the mayors across the province at the PCF and then we go to our second stage strategic planning which is on 2 September, and then of course we should be able to then make public and obviously table here more meat onto the recovery plan on dealing specifically with that pandemic number two.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thanks, hon Premier. Hon Bosman?

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. If I could, through you hon Deputy Speaker, ask the Premier in what ways the Premier has engaged with National Government to raise the concerns about this second pandemic and if the Premier could perhaps elaborate on what the response from National Government has been?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, over to you Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much for that follow-up. I think first of all the engagement through the PCC primarily, but of course as you know that especially during the height of the pandemic in this province, we had lots of interaction with the President and the various Ministers at a national level but right down to now where there was much more focus and rightfully so in other provinces where the pandemic was much higher than it was here, that we continue to engage through the PCC.

I think a lot of focus was put into the PPC in the last two weeks and feeding into it to try to influence the further opening of the economy to avert this pandemic. So the details that I have just spoken to you about, obviously our presentation was longer than that but you talking about the memory of what we were positioning and pitching, both in writing but also in the fora.

And then of course we hold our Cabinets twice a week, the hotspots reports, the COVID-19 pandemic Extended Cabinet report, they go every single week to the President and the PCC so that we report back and say this is exactly what we are doing in the province and those reports highlight not only our COVID-19 response but also start to highlight the other responses like the humanitarian responses that have been going from the beginning under the leadership of Minister Fernandez but of course now we need to take it further; the economic stuff, the safety stuff, Minister Fritz and Minister Maynier making sure that we are feeding that information into that national level, highlighting what we are doing, where the blockages are and what we need to be doing differently.

I think that debate now needs to be moved into, almost a new frequency so I think we have seen as I have been asked before, what is the frequency like now in PCCs. They are less than they were when it was much more urgent and I suppose in the beginning and now we need to see the same urgency in our PCC meetings and our engagements in addressing the consequences of law and extended lockdowns and the consequences of what we have gone through with the COVID-19 pandemic in this country, which is now what is

that recovery plan going to be like? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your final follow-up hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Through you, to the Premier. Premier, in light of National Government not delivering because of the constant looting of funds meant for the most vulnerable and National Government not being able to deliver on the resources promised to the people of the Western Cape, does the Premier expect the Province to play the biggest role and for National Government to once again be just a spectator?

The PREMIER: Thank you to the hon member for that question. I think, obviously the thing that affects us as citizens and as a government the most, is that you know we were almost told to spend in faith. Do not worry, was what the President said when he came to visit us at the opening of the CTICC, you do not have to worry about the finances. That we will sort out, we just need to make sure we have a world class response. Well, that is exactly what we did in the Province.

We have, as expected around about a R5,3 billion response and the first adjustment which you have all dealt with through this House of R3 billion. We were given those assurances but I think as we all know we are not seeing that money and I think the biggest problem is that whether it is borrowing or existing budgets and rejigging our existing budgets, every single time that we lose R1 in this province that should be coming to us, that means that R1 has

to be cut somewhere else. And unfortunately, in this system when you have to cut, you have to cut from front-line services. So, it really punishes the citizens of this province when we do not actually get that follow-through.

That is why I think it is critical that we play our role in the Western Cape as to dealing with corruption, making sure that we spend the money where it needs to be spent, making sure that we are efficient and effective but of course, you can only do so much, and I do know as we have had the warnings going forward that our budgets are going to be under serious pressure over the next two to three years, noting that we are going to have seven to eight per cent reduction in our economic growth, not just a recession, a major depression is expected in South Africa. So quite frankly we have got a tough road ahead.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Hon members that has brought us to the end of Questions to the Premier without Notice. Hon Makamba-Botya, I just want to remind you that these questions are a draw and obviously there is a time limit. If you forfeit your draw position for the first time, you risk not having the opportunity again. So please can I make sure that in future you take up that position that you have been given in order to ensure that your question will be answered. So unfortunately, you have not had that opportunity even though you were first in that draw.

So that brings us to the end. We now move on to Statements by Members in terms of Rule 145. I now recognise the DA.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Ms W F PHILANDER (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, the impact of the mismanagement of the pandemic at a national level is burdened heavily on the shoulders of South Africans. We move to Level 2 of the nationwide lockdown as the announcement by the President aims to reopen the economy and to restore livelihoods while remaining vigilant in the fight against Covid-19.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it appears that the President and his cadres are not serious about fighting this bilateral pandemic and the evidence speaks for itself. They conveniently forgot the commitment to provincial governments and mentioned nothing of recovering money squandered or relief to dwindling sectors.

While South Africa was shut down, vultures stood by. The ANC can never be trusted to uphold the basic rights of its citizens or be trusted with the promise to better the lives of South Africans. The Western Cape is now able to move to Level 2 with a strengthened healthcare system and a surplus in bed capacity under a capable government. Remaining ahead of the curve in the province and with the same commitment, the Provincial Government has started fighting the secondary pandemic with the same focus and intensity.

It took a pandemic to finally open the eyes of South Africans to see the ANC for who they are. The ANC does not deserve to be in government anywhere. Hon Deputy Speaker, as South Africans soldier on, as they restore their lives

in dignity and rebuilding their livelihoods, the DA-run Western Cape Government will continue to be of service to the people of this province.

We have a sense of what to expect but never realised the intensity of the pandemic till it hit home. It is testimony similar to that of Mrs Beryl Williams, as she made a jovial exit out of the Brackengate facility yesterday, thanking Premier Winde and the Western Cape Government, that is a manifestation whatever we might face over the next few months, this DA-led Western Cape Government will again deliver and be of service to all its people. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I am handing over to the Speaker. Thank you, members.

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, thank you Deputy Speaker. Hon members I recognise the ANC.

Mr L L MVIMBI (ANC): Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You are welcome, hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, over 40 murders and 20 attempted murders related to taxi violence were recorded since the beginning of the year. The

high-risk areas include Bellville, Bloekombos, Ceres, Masiphumelele, Mbekeni and Nyanga. In the latest spate of violence, a commuter died while another commuter, as well as a taxi operator, were wounded in a shooting at the Bellville taxi rank last week while in Ceres, a taxi boss was murdered in front of his home on Tuesday this week.

At the centre of this conflict are issues of operating permits and route invasions. It is a fight over territory by the dominant associations in the province. In order to address these challenges, decisive Government leadership is needed. Sadly, this seems to be lacking in the Provincial Government of the Western Cape.

We hope that we will get tangible and substantive reasons behind the real causes of this violence without relying on gossip and rumours as seems to be the case at the present moment. We welcome the arrest of seven suspects implicated in the Bellville shootings which included an ANC councillor who was released without being charged. The ANC is of the firm view that the law must take its course and no stone should be left unturned in the process of the investigation. We hope that the hon Provincial MEC and the Provincial Government of the Western Cape will get to work and resolve the ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... real issues and stop treating ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Mvimbi, your time is up. Thank you.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I now recognise the EFF.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA (EFF): Thank you, hon Speaker. The EFF calls for the University of Stellenbosch to take the harshest disciplinary action against a number of its students who disguised hate speech and dehumanising content as memes. This follows after a number of second-year science students at the university shared memes on a WhatsApp group in which jokes were made about child molestation, gender-based violence, racism, homophobia and sexism.

Moreover, a number of students at the university further reported that gender-based violence prevailed on campus and that the memes were threatening to normalise all forms of violence at the institution.

As the EFF we condemn this disgusting behaviour in the strongest terms as we live in a society where children, women, people of colour and gay communities experience all forms of abuse and discrimination on a daily basis.

We also call for those occupying positions dealing with disciplinary measures

at the university to be removed from their positions and the university has constantly failed to apply its disciplinary code on students who violate the university's discriminatory and harassment policy.

The distribution of hate speech and dehumanising content aimed at marginalised groups in our communities has no place in our society, more so coming from students who should be stimulating societal change for the better. The university has allowed such behaviour to go on for a long time to the extent that it has now become deeply entrenched and turned into sickness. That university requires new leadership that will stimulate cultural change in the lives of the South African's constitutional values of equality, ubuntu and human dignity. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Makamba-Botya. Hon members I now recognise the DA.

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. At a time when residents live from hand to mouth, our leaders in Pretoria have been hard at work by either misappropriating public funds or engaged in gross incompetence. One of the biggest challenges has been to allow our Provincial Department of Social Development to fully support and to open Early Childhood Development centres that are further able to care for our children.

Continuing on their trajectory of irrational decisions during this time of crises, the National Department of Social Development has allocated

R1,3 billion to employ over 30 000 untrained Early Childhood Development compliance monitors. This is reckless expenditure of emergency funding and this considering that many ECDs are financially crippled due to the extensive lockdown which allowed their reopening only late last month.

There are 1 600 ECD centres registered in the Western Cape and at least 2 600 unregistered ECD centres and when more than half of South African children face poverty and ECD's are a lifeline for so many, it is incomprehensible that Minister Lindiwe Zulu is spending taxpayers' money on compliance monitors. This money carries a hefty opportunity cost. It is that of assisting existing ECDs and their practitioners by providing COVID-19 PPE and contributing to those ECDs which struggle to fund the salaries of the teachers and care workers.

When children are starving and deprived of education, we should be funding the very vehicles which provide them with nourishment, learning and opportunities and these are our ECDs.

Even before the official opening of ECDs, the Western Cape had already prioritised over R10 million for Early Childhood Development. This is beyond the scope of the Province's responsibility.

Hon Speaker, this sector has been decimated and children have not had a safe space, but now Pretoria wants to focus on policing under the guise of compliance, something which we already do in this province. Are these

compliance monitors just another opportunity for the ANC-led National Government to give jobs to their political friends?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bosman. Members I recognise the GOOD party, hon Herron.

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): Thank you, hon Speaker. South Africans are sick to death of greedy opportunists, dishonest politicians and careless governments using our coffers as a cash cow for their friends, political parties and themselves.

Some of us have expressed outrage at COVID-19 procurement corruption happening elsewhere but without any scrutiny of what is happening right here in our province and in our towns and cities. The City of Cape Town's disastrous and inhumane Strandfontein camp operated for six weeks and cost the people of this city a whopping R53 million.

Included in that R53 million is R44 million for tent hire. That is obscene. For R53 million the City could have acquired a building and refitted it to be a permanent solution for the homeless. Just look at how quickly and at what cost the CTICC was converted into a highly advanced hospital with 800 beds.

This procurement demonstrates poor judgement and financial recklessness. It stinks of funds being funnelled to so-called Covidpreneurs. I have submitted the evidence to the A-G and I have asked the SIU to investigate this procurement under the President's Special COVID-19 proclamation. We must know who benefited and we must know if the rumours that the contracts went to well-known gang lords are true. Wasteful expenditure must be recovered.

Then there are the Western Cape Education Department's 87 tenders for PPE amounting to R112 million. A single supplier got 74 of the 87 tenders and was paid R111,8 million or 99,8% of all PPE spending. That supplier is a closed corporation called Masiqhame Trading 1057, clearly a shelf company.

It has absolutely no digital presence, no website and no business address. It has no obvious track record in the supply of medical equipment, and it appears to operate out of a residential address in Edgemean. Who is Masiqhame Trading? How did they get 100% of all the Education Department spend and earn themselves a whopping R111,8 million?

The SPEAKER: Hon Herron, thank you very much, your time is up. Thank you, hon Herron. Hon members, I recognise the ACDP, hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, it is [Inaudible. – audio distorted.] reported in the media that a seven-year-old girl was raped. This incident occurred in Beverley Hills, Grabouw where the community is in an uproar. A male in his 30s appeared in the Grabouw

Magistrates' Court on Monday. Residents protested in front of the court to show their dissatisfaction where the accused appeared. The ACDP is asking Minister Albert Fritz to include this case in his Court Watching Brief so that this case can be monitored and tracked so that justice can be done. It is really shameful and disgusting that this inhumane, immoral conduct happens in a month where so much effort is made to highlight gender-based violence. I thank you.

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

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. It was Karl Marx who taught us that men make their own history, but they do not make it as they please. They do not make it under self-selected circumstances but under circumstances existing already, given and transmitted from the past. Hon Speaker, this read together with the argument that Karl Marx and Engels make in the Communist Manifesto and I quote "that the history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles". In that, you must also draw lessons from the current fight against gender-based violence.

An analysis of the history of the struggle will show a systematic triple oppression against women, who were always made by standards in a battle of men, socialised to economically benefit through their male counterparts, hence the past employability of men against women.

In a quest to change the historic injustice against women, the ANC calls on the Western Cape Government to present its measured plans to empower women and address gender inequalities. The plan should reflect a political will to change the domination of men in Government structures, in the appointment of boards and should reflect an economic plan to emancipate women.

I welcome the anticipated induction of the Criminal Law, Social Offences and Related Matters Amendment Bill of 2020 and the Domestic Violence Amendment Bill as a means to tighten laws which guide the responses to GBV related offences and that it will be a victim centred approach.

One cannot expect that teaching a young boy how to treat his little sister will be enough in changing the attitude of men against women as they do not make their own history under self-selected circumstances but those transmitted from the past with their past being that of class struggle. I thank you, hon Speaker.

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

Mr R I ALLEN (DA): Hon Speaker, last week the Minister of Police presented the account statistics for the first quarter covering the period of April to June. This is a first and a call that the DA has made on numerous occasions. Quarterly stats will provide safety stakeholders with a better

indication of how best to use our resources in a data-led and evidence driven approach.

I welcome the 27,4% decrease in the murder rate but remain deeply concerned about gang related murders in the Western Cape. Unfortunately, a docket analysis by SAPS shows that in the cases where the circumstances of murder were known, it was reported that after 63 gang related murders in the country, 59 were in the Western Cape.

Hon Speaker, gang violence in the province perpetuates the system of social ills and continues to ruin the lives of many residents and it cannot continue unabated. It should be noted that although this is the first time the quarterly crime stats are released, in essence this is the lockdown crime stats for a period where all South Africans were effectively under house arrest by the ANC Government, which has become increasingly authoritarian, and not a true reflection of the crime situation in South Africa.

Hon Speaker, during the lockdown we witnessed unprecedented numbers of police officers and army personnel on the streets, who in many cases ended up criminalising ordinary law-abiding citizens by enforcing draconian regulations, masterminded by a power-hungry ANC.

As such, hon Speaker, we are mindful that although some decreases in certain crime categories have been communicated, this requires swift but comprehensive analysis.

In good faith, hon Speaker, the Western Cape Government is leading the data-led approach and have already supplemented the safety efforts with the deployment of 500 officers in February 2020. My hope is that with the first release of the quarterly crime stats, SAPS will in suit supplement the police force to fully capacitate ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Allen, thank you very much. Your time is up.

The R I ALLEN: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I now recognise the FF Plus, hon Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Thank you, hon Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus notes with great concern, emanating from both local and global perspectives, the very high infection and death rates of diabetic sufferers from COVID-19.

This in part is due to the fluctuation in their blood glucose levels and their affected immune systems. Therefore we call on both the Central and Provincial Governments of the Western Cape to increase its health budget and ring-fence such increased allocations to fight diabetes and create a greater awareness, coupled with glucose testing campaigns especially among identified, vulnerable communities.

We make an appeal to the Western Cape Minister of Health to ensure that chronic medication for diabetes and other chronic diseases are more readily

available at health institutions in the Western Cape on which the indigent poor people solely rely because they do not have private medical aids. And this is our appeal. Let us concentrate on wiping out diabetes on the same scale as we have done with HIV, with tuberculosis and with COVID-19. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marias. Hon members, I now recognise Al Jama-Ah, hon Brinkhuis.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you, hon Speaker. Al Jama-Ah wishes to salute the thousands of women who marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria on 9 August 1956 to protest against the pass laws.

Today women are still marching and protesting against the current laws, especially of the Western Cape Government and especially against a R1 million ward budget. How can R1 million be a budget for a ward of 50 000 people? Thank you, hon Speaker.

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

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, both the President and Premier Alan Winde called on all political parties to work together to defeat the common threat.

It is my hope that renewed vigour for multi-party cooperation can be leveraged to defeat more of our socio-economic challenges.

The first instance of this concerns housing. The recently published regulations specifically prevent eviction of unlawful land occupiers without a court order. I know that member Herron has complimented his National Alliance partner, Dr Dlamini-Zuma, for the regulations. If the member could take this one step further and utilise the member's party political coalition with the ANC in Pretoria, we would welcome his efforts to lobby his party leader for the release of land so that we can build more homes.

Hon Speaker, there is a second instance of cooperation which we need. This relates to the importance of dedicated oversight and scrutiny of our Executive by all parties. In this I welcome member Marran's commitment to oversight of the Human Settlements' engagement this week in the West Coast. We do indeed need Opposition parties to support efforts of accountability. But for this reason, I would also support member Marran in encouraging a fellow member of his own party and the committee member, hon Lili, to join us. This would be far better than politicising public housing with ANC-led municipalities and certainly a great deal better than protesting without PPE in large cars for example.

Hon Speaker, the DA will continue to protect the rights of private property owners, defend public land intended for legitimate beneficiaries and release Government land for housing projects which will enable thousands to enjoy

their dignity of owning their own homes.

I trust that members of the Opposition will join us in achieving victories for the poor and marginalised in this time of COVID-19 and the second pandemic of poverty. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Maseko. Hon members, that concludes Members Statements. In terms of Rule 145, Subsection 6, the members of the Executive, Ministers, have the opportunity to respond to any of the statements and that is no more than five minutes allocated time. So, I now given an opportunity to the Cabinet members, if they so wish to respond.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much. I would just like to address two of the issues that were raised. First one, of course being the issue of the Western Cape Education Department tender. First of all, obviously the reason why this has become public is of course because we are the only government that has in fact made our procurements open to public scrutiny, and I would really hate for political opportunism to be used to try and show my Department as having done something wrong.

Masiqhame Trading was appointed by us, in fact, in 2017. We procured the

services via a competitive bidding process for the supply and delivery of cleaning, gardening and electrical supplies for all of our schools and offices for a period of three years, which is going to be ending on 30 September 2020.

It is a contract of convenience and orders are placed as and when required. So, we have actually been able to ensure that our schools were in fact prepared for reopening on 1 June 2020, because of this contract of convenience and it was not so that this company received everything. They were the supplier, but they sourced the products from various local manufacturers. They are not required to be experts in medical equipment. It is not medical equipment. It is masks, sanitisers, cleaning and temperature scanners, and so forth that were largely required which is perfectly within their capability. So, to suggest that this is somehow underhanded or incorrect or even corrupt, is absolutely incorrect.

As far as the issue of DSD as well is concerned, once again perhaps the hon Herron should go and speak to his Minister De Lille regarding the Melissa Whitehead role in the washing line at Beit Bridge but the point is, as usual, there is a big rah-rah about handing over properties to us and then suddenly they did not wish to pay for them. So, we cannot use properties that are not habitable for safehouses, and that is effectively what they have handed over. Then they said they would fix them up, but wanted us to pay for them whilst we have told them all along we do not have the budget for that. So, it is misrepresenting once again by saying, hand over a useless building we cannot

use and then complaining when the Western Cape Government does not in fact use it for the purposes for which it was given.

Just as far as the taxi industry is also concerned, Minister Madikizela has been engaging the taxi industry about the challenges mentioned by hon Mvimbi all along and to accuse him or our Government of absent leadership is complete political posturing. He meets with the taxi leadership on a very regular basis and it is in fact the ANC that is contributing to the taxi problems and have been politicising the issue of the Paarl violence since it started. So those are just the issues I would like to respond to. Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Schäfer. Thank you, hon members. That concludes Members' Statements. We now move to the Notices of Motion. What is that sound now?

An HON MEMBER: The jury were clapping.

The SPEAKER: Thank you for listening. Hon members, then we now move to the Notices of Motion. I recognise the hon Christians.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the ongoing torching of Golden Arrow buses. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians. Hon members, I recognise the Leader of the Opposition.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses to what extent the leasing of the municipal land across the province contributes to the economic empowerment of historically marginalised communities and individuals. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Dugmore. Hon members, I recognise hon Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the failure of the Western Cape Government to

adequately deal with and address the issue of the entrenched and institutionalised racist culture within the province.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Makamba-Botya. Hon members, I recognise the ANC, hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates why the hon Western Cape Premier does not want to work through the Legislature when it comes to matters pertaining to rules and policies about extended contracts to employees such as the Head of Education in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

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

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes the debate of the escalating taxi violence that continues to engulf the public transport industry within the Western

Cape Province. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Xego. Hon members, I recognise the hon Leader of the Opposition.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the failure of the Chairperson of the Provincial Legislature Portfolio Committee on Local Government to convene a meeting to discuss allegations against the hon MEC Anton Bredell and officials of the Provincial Government and considers what steps can be taken to ensure that this Committee plays its oversight role without fear or favour. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Dugmore. Hon members, I recognise hon Smith.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon member.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, hon member Smith has indicated that he can no longer make it for today's sitting. So, his motions will not be read.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon the Deputy Chief Whip of the ANC. Hon members, I now recognise hon Xego.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the Western Cape municipalities' failure to create adequate housing provisions for farm dwellers. I so move. Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Xego. Hon members, I now recognise hon Bakubaku-Vos.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House deliberates on the DA followers' affinity towards talks and plans of cessation in the Western Cape, especially in the run-up to elections. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bakubaku-Vos. Hon members, I now recognise hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, Hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes that a group of Muslim men of the Western Cape in an open letter asked for gender equity guidelines from the Muslim Judicial Council; further notes this follows an outburst at the Parkwood Mosque by Imam Dawood Sampson in which he demeaned women, for which Sampson has apologised and that this House discusses the toxic discourse of gender insensitivity by men in positions of authority in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

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

Mr M XEGO: You can move on, hon Speaker. Thank you very much.

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

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the finding of the Public Service Commission that the further appointment of the Head of Department of Education, Brian Schroeder, to March 2021 after he turned 65 in 2017, as not being regular; also notes the investigation found this Legislature is ignored in the further extension of his employment and urges the Western Cape Premier Alan Winde to, without delay, approach the courts for a declaratory order to set aside Schroeder's appointment. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. Hon members, I recognise hon Sayed again.

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

That the House discusses the Special Investigation Unit of SAPS' probe into the Western Cape Government with regards to COVID-19 procurements of personal protective equipment where bid manipulation and leaked documents have allegedly occurred, fraudulent hand sanitisers were allegedly bought and procurement was allegedly not regular; further discusses the procurement of neurological microscope

equipment as well as a procurement of food parcels which are being investigated. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. Hon members, that concludes the Notices of Motion. We are now going to consider the Motions without Notice. I now recognise the hon Christians.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the sad death of Apostle Glen Levendal, who died on Sunday 16 August 2020. Apostle Levendal, former Deputy Mayor and Speaker of the Bitou Municipality, was the ACDP Branch Chairman and Local Government candidate for 2016. Hon Speaker, Apostle Levendal was also the Senior Pastor of Elim Care Ministries International and also the President of Afro Global International Ministries. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go to his wife, his children and grandchildren. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Leo Williams, who was shot during a service delivery protest in Laingville and died on Monday 17 August 2020; that this House notes with great concern the innocent life lost to civil unrest and condemns protests of this nature. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Botha. Hon members, I omitted to put the question to the House on the first motion. I wish to do so. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Motion by hon Botha. Are there any objections on the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon members. No objections. Motion agreed to.

I now recognise the hon Smith.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Smith is not here, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. My Table staff have just advised. I now recognise hon Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that last week during the Jozi to Stellenbosch march, the Stellenbosch Municipality used taxpayers' money to hire services of private security companies to defend the interests of the Stellenbosch Mafia; further notes Vetus, Red Ants, TSU Tactical Response and ABC Security were amongst the security companies hired by the Municipality to operate alongside the police and municipal law enforcement agencies as VIP protection agents for the Stellenbosch Mafia. This is evident that the Municipality always has money and resources to defend the interests of Rupert and his white friends. However, the very same money and resources are not available when it comes to rendering services and advancing the interests of the poor communities in such as Kayamandi, Azania and Nkanini. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Makamba-Botya. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: We object.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Objection has been noted and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Thank you. Hon members, now we move to the next motion by hon Brinkhuis.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the urgent need for private protective equipment for the various burial undertakers. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Alright. Thank you, hon Brinkhuis. Are there any objections to the motion being read without notice, hon members?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): No.

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Is that an objection?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon members. The objection is noted and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Now let us move, hon members to the next motion by hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Before I read my motion, can I address you on this, Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: I have prepared this motion in Afrikaans. I am going to read it in English, because of the language prescript during this time for the sittings. However, I wish to request that this motion be sent to the family in Afrikaans as I have prepared it.

The SPEAKER: Granted, hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House extends our sincere condolences to the wife of Gershwin

Muller. Gershwin Muller was a sergeant at Piketberg SAPS who sadly lost his fight against COVID-19; he sadly passed away on Monday 17 August 2020. He will be sincerely missed by the Piketberg community as well as the police station in Piketberg, where he served the community since May 2003. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and colleagues at this time. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Botha. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the expanded searching in adverse conditions has not led to the Hout Bay community getting any sign of the missing 3-year old boy who disappeared a week ago. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No objections. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon Xego.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that on Tuesday 18 August 2020 a number of homes were blown away and damaged as a result of strong winds, accompanied by rain and inclement weather. The disaster was mostly experienced by those residing in townships and informal settlements, whilst other areas such as Khayelitsha, Nomzamo, Strand and Marikana and others also experienced floods as residents were forced out of their homes into the street; the EFF hopes that the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Provincial Government, together with the Disaster Management area structures, will attend to the matter and assist these residents. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Xego. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBERS: No objections.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Thank you, hon members.

Hon members, I now recognise hon Allen.

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the 19 drug-related arrests made by our Metro Police over the course of the last week. This led to the confiscation of several parcels of illegal substances that would have made its way to our communities; that the House commends the contribution of law enforcement officers to fighting crime in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Allen. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No objections. The motion is agreed to. I now recognise hon Windvogel.

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

That the House notes that the 9-year old St Helena Bay boy, Leo Williams died in the Red Cross Memorial Children's Hospital; he was shot in the head in his home town during unrest on 31 July 2020 and unfortunately the life support machine was turned off on Monday; this House sends a message of consolation to his family and friends. I so move. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Windvogel. I am not too sure that the hon members were able to hear everything, but I will put the question. Are there any objections to the motion being read without notice, hon members?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: We did not hear it, hon Speaker. I was just about to say.

The SPEAKER: Ja. I thought so, hon Minister. I am going to request for the purposes of procedure that we allow hon Windvogel to try again, failing which we will not be able to entertain the motion, because it has to be audible for the purposes of the records. I now put the opportunity, hon Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Speaker. Am I audible, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: You are much better than earlier, hon Windvogel. You may proceed.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Okay. Thank you. Hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that the 9-year old St Helena Bay boy, Leo Williams died in the Red Cross Memorial Children's Hospital; he was shot in the head in his home town during unrest on 31 July 2020 and

unfortunately the life support machine was turned off on Monday; this House sends a message of consolation to his family and friends. I so move. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Windvogel. Hon members, I now put the question.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No objection.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No objection, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon members. The motion is agreed to. I can just say to the hon members, you could gather the nature of the motion. So, hon Windvogel, we recognise your circumstances wherever you are. Reception is terrible. Now, hon members, I recognise hon Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that the University of Cape Town's Geological Sciences Department has begun a project translating segments of the country's geological record into South African native languages; the first project titled "*Ukuthetha ngezifundo zomhlaba ngesiXhosa*" aims to

better represent the diversity of languages in South Africa and help transform the scientific discourse, which is currently exclusionary; this project is a step in the right direction and it is time South Africans also engage and study various discourses in their native languages which they better understand; projects such as this one should be encouraged as they add to the transformation of the South African education system. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Makamba-Botya. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objection. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that the City of Cape Town delivered the highest service reach to homeless people under the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown; that the House notes that the City has housed more than double the number of homeless individuals than the entire Gauteng Province, and that together the DA-led City of Cape Town and the

Western Cape Government have demonstrated excellence in mobilising emergency social relief efforts during this pandemic. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection. That is a complete fabrication.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Noting that there is an objection, the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise hon Bakubaku-Vos.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes former moderator of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, Rev Kobus Potgieter, died of COVID-19 related problems and that at 99 years, he was the oldest surviving clergy of his denomination. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bakubaku-Vos. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Xego.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the passing on of a veteran sports journalist, Sbusiso Mseleku; Mr Mseleku passed away on Monday 17 August 2020, aged 59, from complications after contracting COVID-19. He will always be remembered as a legendary mainstay sports analysis journalist who worked for several media organizations including *The Sowetan*; *Lumumba Sports*; SABC and *City Press*. His spirited commitment and passion for sports journalism saw his establishment of his own digital platform in Mseleku Sports. May his soul rest in peace. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Xego. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon Van der Westhuizen.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that even under Level 2 Regulations the impact on the wine industry is still negative; furthermore that this House recognises that the ban still prevents the sale of liquor from Friday to Sunday, which excludes particularly the wine tourism industry as facilities will not be allowed to open for tastings or sales; this is a cause of major concern as the wine farms conduct the majority of their business over weekends; the continued ban on the industry will lead to the closure of many businesses as well as the loss of livelihoods and income at a time when our focus should be to rebuild the economy and to recover the jobs that were lost. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Van der Westhuizen. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes.

HON MEMBERS: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. Seeing that there is an objection, the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise hon Dugmore.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commends all the members of the Knysna community that banded together from different communities across Knysna to transform an old refuse dump into a vegetable garden to produce food for impoverished and poor communities of Knysna. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon the Leader of the Official Opposition. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: Not at all.

The SPEAKER: No objection. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon America.

Mr D AMERICA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the DA-led George Municipality for setting the standard for municipalities in the Western Cape and South Africa by publishing details of all its COVID-19 related expenditure; Hon Speaker, this is a prime example of the DA's commitment to remain clear and transparent in all its work as a government; that this House

further notes that the DA-led George Municipality is a shining example that government should remain open, clear and transparent in putting its residents' interests first. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon America. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Objection is noted. Hon members, seeing that there is an objection the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise hon Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House considers the negative impact of COVID-19 on the hotel industry in the province as one of the old establishments, the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West, closes down after 32 years of operation and will lay off all its workers; calls on MEC Maynier to present his plans of saving jobs for these workers and many in the hospitality and tourism sector including any business rescue that has been offered to

such companies by his Department. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Nkondlo. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No.

An HON MEMBER: No objection, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Ms Heidi Blaauw at Heideveld Day Hospital for her exceptional and dedicated service to the community she serves; that this House further notes the Provincial Health Department's efforts to deliver medication to thousands of patients at home during this time and the excellent dedication of staff to this cause. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Philander. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections.

An HON MEMBER: None, hon Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: No objection, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. No objections, hon members. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon Kama.

Ms M KAMA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes a man who allegedly repeatedly raped his own daughter and granddaughter appeared in the Cape High Court on Monday on 20 counts and commends SAPS for arresting him in February after the abduction and murder of an Elsie's River victim. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Kama. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No objections. Motion

agreed to. I now recognise hon Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the constitutional imperative for all spheres of government to address past injustices through meaningful redress, building social cohesion and trust through democratic processes. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Maseko. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon Kama.

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

That the House notes two assailants attacked the Ruth Flats in Manenberg on Tuesday, killing two men (22 and 25 years old) and wounding three others people before fleeing the scene and calls on the investigators to up their efforts to bring these criminals to book; also

notes the killers of a 60-year old Parkwood woman who was shot in her car are also still fleeing; further notes police on Wednesday raided a Manenberg house, arrested a suspect gang member (27 years old) sought for murder and attempted murder and also found drugs, an assault rifle and illegal ammunition. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Kama. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon Philander.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House condemns violence in all its forms and the destruction of public property. I so move, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Philander. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon Bans. Hon Bans? Hon members, we will probably get back to hon Bans. I now recognise hon Marran. Hon members, we will come back to hon Marran. I now recognise hon Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: I move without notice:

That the House notes Chairperson of the Ministerial Advice Committee on COVID-19, Prof Salim Abdool Karim, urges all South Africans to strictly adhere to preventative actions or the killer pandemic could rebound and cause even stricter controls to be implemented. I so move. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Windvogel. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Kama.

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

That the House notes what might be the Western Cape Government's inability to deal with alleged perpetrators of gender-based violence in its structures of government and that the House calls for the Government to, without hesitation, suspend all suspect officials who are alleged to have committed such atrocious crimes until they face the law. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Objection!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Kama. Noting the objection, the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon members, order. I now recognise hon Marran. Alright. Okay. Thank you, hon members. With your help I now recognise hon Windvogel.

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

That the House notes nothing happened so far to former Premier Helen Zille or her cheering squad in the promised investigation into her repeated lie that there are more racist laws today than under apartheid; and that the followers of her party agree with her twisted and fake reality. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon members. Hon Windvogel, noting the objection the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise hon Kama.

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Speaker. I think I am done. Sorry.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Kama. [Interjections.]. Order, hon members. Hon Kama says he is done. I now recognise hon Bakubaku-Vos.

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

The SPEAKER: Okay, Ma'am.

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS: I move without notice:

That the House notes a 6-year old is one of the latest victims of rape in Grabouw; congratulates SAPS on the immediate arrest and calls on the authorities to ensure that the alleged perpetrator, who is a possible neighbour, does not get bail or later parole. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bakubaku-Vos. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice? No objections. Motion agreed to. I now recognise hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House, in light of transparency and better services, notes that the public representatives and members of this House as well as those who belong to the African National Congress Youth League Provincial Executive Committee of the Western Cape, will be undertaking independent lifestyle audits and that we commend the new generation of leaders in our province for their commitment to work for the people in transparency. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: No.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, noting the objection the motion will be recorded in the Order Paper. Now, let us move to the next motion. I recognise hon Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that the DA was warned by the National Department of Human Settlements to spend the grant or lose it; since the inception of the USDG in 2011/2012 they failed to spend over R2 billion in the much celebrated City of Cape Town; now in June 2020 Special Adjustments the City of Cape Town reduced its Human Settlements Budget by R82,8 million; further reduced Transport by R815 million, including Water and Waste Budget was reduced by over R200 million; total reductions of Capex in the City was R1,4 billion and yet we painfully listen to the DA lamentations about more money owed to them by National Government. More money for what and to serve who?

Clearly the writing is on the wall that they refuse to spend money for the poor and rather enjoy poor people being kept in abject poverty. It remains one of the prudent financial management principles, that if you do not spend it you lose it. It is sad for the citizens to be at the mercy of such an uncaring government. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

HON MEMBERS: Objection.

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

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But they run away from accountability.

The SPEAKER: Hon members.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is good when you are running to be Chair of the [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members [Interjections.] If you so wish to remain here until midnight, be my guest.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is not good for the MEC to do that. He wants to lead the ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Order, hon members. I am not going to say this again. Order. I now recognise the objection to the motion. The motion will be recorded on the Order Paper. Now, hon members, I recognise hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that five Golden Arrow buses were burned down over the weekend in Cape Town unrest; and therefore pleads with commuters and protestors to identify and report those criminals that are destroying poor people's transport to the police. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Mvimbi. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Windvogel. Hon Windvogel? Alright. Hon members, I now move to the next motion, hon Bans. Okay.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon Bans, you may proceed.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the statement by Cricket SA that it will be considering reviewing aspects of the 2015/2016 Domestic T20 match-fixing saga if evidence emerges that any of the seven players who admitted guilt were coerced or that the investigation process was compromised; further notes that the statement comes after one of the players, Thami Tsolekile, came out to claim that there was racial discrimination in the investigation and that he was under duress when he accepted the ban; notes further that Tsolekile who is serving a 12-year ban from cricket for his role in fixing matches during the 2015 Ram Slam competition, named two other players, Vaughn van Jaarsveld and Robbie Frylinck, as being involved in match-fixing and who had gone unpunished; appeals for an urgent review of the case; and calls for the urgent investigation into allegations of racism in sport. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bans. Noting the objection, hon members, the motion will be printed on the Order Paper.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yoh! I thought they would support ...

[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh no!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: [Inaudible.] racism.

The SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon members. [Interjections.] I now [Interjections.] order, hon members. I now recognise hon Bans.

Ms A P BANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and commends the beautiful work done by Mohamed and his team of the Karoo Outreach Project by providing weekly meals to the community of Hillside; notes further that Shaik Irafaan Abrahams and his delegation from the Muslim Judicial Council support the initiative of helping the needy. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bans. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being read without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No objection, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: No objections. Motion agreed to. Hon members, I now recognise hon Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness on the tragic passing of 9-year old Leo Williams from Laingville in the West Coast; Leo's death comes two weeks after he was shot in the head with a rubber bullet by the Riot Police whilst at home watching television during the service delivery protests in the area. The brutal killing of this little boy by the Western Cape Riot Police is evidence of how poor people of colour in previously disadvantaged communities are treated when fighting for their basic constitutional rights such as access to land and housing; under the DA-led Provincial Government in the Western Cape, the police are always ready to respond with deadly force to silence those who raise issues of land and housing; as the EFF we would like to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Leo Williams. May his soul rest in peace. I so move. Thank you, hon Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Speaker ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I want to object, not to the motion, but to the part, this is not under DA-led Government.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. All your objections have now been recorded. I now inform the House that the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon members, I now wish to give hon Kama an opportunity. He had a problem with his motion, and he is requesting the Speaker to give him that opportunity. He is already listed as one of the speakers.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker ...

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Speaker, on a point of order.

The SPEAKER: Hon Kama, will you please take your seat? Hon the Deputy Chief Whip?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. I was under the impression that hon Kama informed the House that he was done?
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is up to the hon Kama to clarify his statement earlier in the House. Thank you, the hon Deputy Chief Whip. Hon Kama, your statement earlier that you are done, and the later request now to come again. What is that?

Mr M KAMA: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Indeed, the hon member

is correct. I had said I am done because when I checked my motions, I had misplaced one, which I later found, hence I made the request, but if the Speaker is of the view that I have forfeited the opportunity, I am also fine with that, hon Speaker. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Kama. Hon members, it was brought to my attention. my earlier decision to proceed, because of the request by the member that he is done. Based on that, we will then move with the next speaker and hon Kama's opportunity is forfeited. Now, I move to hon Makamba-Botya.

Ms N MAKAMBA-BOTYA: Hon Speaker, you can pass, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Makamba-Botya. Hon members, that concludes the Motions without Notice, and we are now going to move to the Order of the Day. The Secretary will read the Order of the Day.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ON AN
OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE JAKES GERWEL TECHNICAL HIGH
SCHOOL CONDUCTED ON 15 NOVEMBER 2019**

(Consideration)

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr Secretary. Hon members, there is no speakers' list. I recognise the political parties if they so wish to make

statements. It is an opportunity for declaration and that will only be three minutes each. I recognise the ANC.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, as the African National Congress we support the report and we hope that the contents thereof, the conclusions made, actually set the tone for more schools and more communities in the Western Cape to actually work together as we have seen with this particular school. I thank you, hon Speaker. So, we support the Report.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Sayed. Hon members, I recognise the EFF.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Speaker. As the EFF we support the Report. However, the only concern that we have about the school is the composition of the School Governing Body as per the Report that we received in terms of the oversight. It needs to be noted that this is a collaboration school, but the representation of parents and teachers in the SGB is shockingly low, taking into account that the schools will be expanding its learners and teachers going forward. This is the area that needs revision in order to get a balanced representation within the SGB. We hope that the composition of the SGB does not lead to the school being exclusionary in future when it comes to accommodating more people of colour in the area, but we are in full support of the Report. Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

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

GOOD Party. Hon Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Speaker. We support the Report.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Herron. Hon members, I recognise the ACDP, hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Speaker. The ACDP supports the Report of the Standing Committee on Education on the oversight visit of Jakes Gerwel Technical High School conducted on 15 November 2019. We also note the key achievements but also note the key challenges that they face. So, hon Speaker, we support the Report. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians. Hon members, I recognise the FF Plus. Hon Marais. Alright, hon Marais? Thank you, hon members. I now recognise hon Brinkhuis, Al Jama-ah.

Mr G BRINKHUIS: Thank you, hon Speaker. The Al Jama-ah supports the Report. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Brinkhuis. Hon members, I now recognise the DA, hon Botha, the Chairperson.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, when the late Nelson Mandela dreamed about a rainbow nation, I believe he would have

seen a picture of how Jakes Gerwel Technical High School functions. It has now been two years since the assent of the amendments to the Western Cape Schools Act and in particular the introduction of the unique collaboration schools' initiative. At a time of uncertainty, particularly in the education sector, a secondary effect of the pandemic, I would like to use this opportunity to share with the House the successes of this program by the Western Cape Education Department and the leadership it continues to show.

Hon Speaker, the Standing Committee on Education embarked on an oversight visit to the Jakes Gerwel Technical School. As an example of the functioning collaborative approach I wish to share with this House the following. The Jakes Gerwel Technical School is the only "no fee" technical school who has provided services since 2018 to Grades 8 and 9 and have extended its school of skilled services to Grade 11 and 12 in their respective years during 2020. The school is said to be able to accommodate 512 learners at full capacity with proposed infrastructural developments and provides forward thinking education in the focus areas of technical, agricultural, and vocational subjects.

Subjects also include Technical Science, Agricultural Management Practices, Computer Application Technology, Engineering Graphics and Design, Computer Studies and Agricultural Technology. Hon Speaker, the school provides learner transport and feeding scheme services as well as extensive extra-curricular activities which really speak to the broader need of inclusivity in educational practices. Inclusivity is further extended by the

involvement of community members and parents along with donors under the approach and guidance from the Department. The school's aim is a zero drop-out rate and targets the self-worth of these learners outside of the mainstream.

Hon Speaker, this is leadership. This is the whole of society approach in action. I wish to extend my gratitude to the donors for seeing the vision of the WCED through, of providing quality teaching to every learner in every classroom. Despite the uncertainty regarding the remainder of the 2020 academic year, I trust that we will see even greater innovation and leadership from the Provincial Department to best serve the needs of learners and when this pandemic passes, I wish to see the program reach even greater heights. The DA supports this Committee Report. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Botha. Hon members, are there any objections to the Report being adopted?

An HON MEMBER: No objection.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections. The Report has been adopted unanimously. At this stage hon members, I wish to thank you all and appreciate the presence of the hon Premier here in the Chamber. Thank you, hon Premier. And the hon Botha, hon Maseko, here, for gracing me in the House in the Chamber,

and obviously hon members, all of you on the virtual platform, thank you very much for your participation and cooperation. And the IT team, the Table staff, thank you and that concludes the business of the day. This sitting is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:15.