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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL  
PARLIAMENT**

The House met at 10:00

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon member Mr Paulsen. The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

1. Debate on Vote 8 – Human Settlements - *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2014/15 Financial Year) [B 1 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Since there is no speaker's list on this order that concludes the debate on this order. The Secretary will read the second order.

2. Debate on Vote 1 – Premier - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 -

2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker. I am sorry. I can stand behind here as well. Sorry about that. Okay.

The 2015/16 Main Budget is R304 million more than the 2014/15 Main Budget. Now that seems a lot, and it is indeed an increase of 29,6% in the budget of the Department of the Premier, but it must be remembered that this is primarily as the result of the funding allocated to the Broadband Project very specifically from the 2014/15 financial year onwards. So that was never in previous financial years which makes it look like a very significant increase when it is actually just a very significant additional project, namely broadband, and so in fact compared to the compared to the 2014/15 adjustments budget, the budget of the department actually drops by 1,2% in 2015/16. So in last year's adjustment budget we added the Broadband Project which meant that the budget increased significantly and what looks like an increased budget when you compare year-on-year is in fact just a massively increased project being funded in the Department of the Premier.

The budget outlook over the medium term is constrained. Due to the MTEF budget cuts totalling R67 million for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18 all programmes have very little manoeuvrability going forward.

The budget was balanced with some difficulty, as gains from austerity measures were neutralised by the shortfalls that resulted from budget cuts.

In an attempt to remain within its forecasted baseline, the department reviewed all vacant posts according to strict criteria, which resulted in 111 posts being frozen indefinitely - 111 posts being frozen indefinitely. I am pleased it was not 111 newspaper subscriptions allowed to lapse, Mr Deputy Speaker.

A few absolutely critical posts were funded, some through cutbacks on project funding.

The budgets of all programmes had to be reprioritised to fall within the reduced budget allocations and this necessitated cutbacks on projects that were not absolutely essential to the achievement of the strategic objectives. The inability of the Western Cape Government to influence national wage negotiations remains a major budget risk going forward and I cannot stress this sufficiently, Mr Deputy Speaker, what a risk to our budget the uncertain outcome of the national wage negotiations holds and certainly we read a lot of very worrying issues in the newspaper with respect to that.

An HON MEMBER: It supports a living wage.

The PREMIER: I can tell you there is one group of people who cannot complain about whether or not they get a living wage and that is your average

public servant.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department is guided by the Provincial Strategic Plan adopted by Cabinet last month. The Department of the Premier has two main roles in relation to the Provincial Strategic Plan:

Firstly, it coordinates and supports the Western Cape Government in the development and implementation of the Provincial Strategic Plan and oversees the Provincial Transversal Management System, including periodic measurement of implementation, progress and evaluating whether we have achieved what we set out to achieve and what we deliver at the end of the planning period.

Secondly, it leads the implementation of Strategic Goal 5, which aims to embed good governance and integrated service delivery through partnerships and spatial alignment. The Department of the Premier is supported by the Provincial Treasury, the Department of Local Government and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Government has identified increased accessibility to broadband as a potential game changer that could be a catalyst for socio-economic growth in the province.

Just last week, I had the extraordinary privilege to attend the launch of the Bandwidth Barn in Khayelitsha, which is based at Lookout Hill. The Barn, as

it is known, serves as a business incubator which is enabling emerging businesses people, entrepreneurs from the community, to gain access to skills, to the internet, to markets, to other resources and opportunities they would otherwise be unable to get. Young entrepreneurs are creating jobs in Khayelitsha as a result of this initiative and I am amazed to see just what creating an enabling environment can do and how many young entrepreneurs are emerging from Khayelitsha. It was a very, very exciting event.

When broadband is made accessible in our communities: innovation that leads to jobs is the result. Not only for jobs, Mr Deputy Speaker, but limitless opportunities for health, education, transport and many other areas that frankly I would not have dreamed possible until I saw the impact of an enabling environment.

Therefore, the Department of the Premier through the Centre for e-Innovation has been tasked to provide the infrastructure backbone for the provincial broadband strategy.

Our broadband Strategy is aimed at coordinating and integrating government action to radically improve the provision of telecommunication infrastructure, skills and usage within the province. The vision is that of a Western Cape where every town and village has access to affordable high-speed broadband infrastructure and services, the necessary skills to effectively utilise this infrastructure and is actively utilising this in their day-to-day lives for every purpose imaginable. This is extraordinary but

every time there is a problem anywhere an app emerges to help solve it and we want every single citizen to have access to these applications. R237 million has been set aside in the 2015/16 financial year for this purpose.

We have already rolled out free public WiFi of 25 megs per day in George, Robertson, Atlantis and Delft.

Mr M N PAULSEN: 25 megs?

The PREMIER: Yes, megs.

Mr M N PAULSEN: That is not even one email. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: That is a lot more than one email. He must get Datalight. The honourable member for the EFF who is unrecognisable today, must go on a course and see what you can do if you download with Datalight, so we have already rolled out free public WiFi of 250 megs per day in George, Robertson and... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: But how can you use 100 000 [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: You will respond again.

Mr M N PAULSEN: It leaves R100 000 worth of data received.

An HON MEMBER: All those Tweets.

Mr M N PAULSEN: All those Tweets.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Paulsen, allow the Premier to continue please.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Probably a white guy... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier, you may continue.

The PREMIER: The great irony, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that the first people to complain when we announced the roll out of WiFi was the EFF who said that there are much bigger problems to deal with in the Western Cape than connectivity. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, exactly, ja.

The PREMIER: Now that we are rolling out connectivity they complain it is

not enough. They must work out what their position is and they cannot chop and change their position every single day.

Mr M N PAULSEN: You are not providing a service.

The PREMIER: The implementation of an integrated province-wide monitoring and evaluation-automated solution, which is called the Biz System, will support departments in managing the performance information in this regard.

The Department will further initiate Business Process Optimisation projects, which seek to improve business efficiency and effectiveness, both on system and human performance levels.

A combined assurance framework will also be finalised and aims to provide accounting officers and managements of departments with a tool to manage the coordination of assurance efforts in an integrated manner.

The future is never certain, Mr Deputy Speaker, but good planning, responsiveness to changes in the environment, good leadership, competent staff, a culture of innovation and effective management all help ensure that we are able to address the needs and aspirations of the people of the Western Cape and two of the people responsible for the good planning responsiveness to changes in the environment, good leadership, competent staff, a culture of innovation and effective management are sitting in the gallery here today or

this dock or this box or whatever we call it. Certainly not the dock in a Court of law, but nevertheless I want to thank the DG and Mr Drikus Basson... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: What did he do there?

The PREMIER: ...for their extraordinary leadership and management in the department. [Interjection.] Thank you very much.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Ms Lorraine Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, with the Department of the Premier's mission to embed good governance and to enable integrated service delivery in the Western Cape through partnerships, innovation and people excellence, the DA welcomes and supports the approximate R1.3 billion appropriated to the department. Although we understand the Department of the Premier is not a service delivery department in terms of other departments, we acknowledge the department as performing a strategic leading role in facilitating the management of other departments in order to embed good governance and integrated service delivery.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with the R1.3 billion received from the Western Cape

Government the department will be able to provide a highly capable workforce, create an enabling workplace and develop leadership that enables employee engagement and optimal service delivery. Optimised service delivery in the Western Cape Government through the coordinated implementation of innovated information and communication technologies provide a mature control framework in all departments in the Western Cape Government through embedded risk management, improved business processes and zero tolerance of fraud and corruption; provide legal support to ensure Provincial Government's decision-making is sound in law and ensure consistent application of Provincial Government's communication strategy, messaging and corporate identity through the rendering of corporate communication services.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with these core functions the department plays an integral role in delivering services to the people of this Western Cape, which is the key priority of every government. That is the improvement of the livelihoods of the people who elected them to do just that. [Interjection.]

The role of government is to make a tangible difference in the lives of people. [Interjection.]

Of personal significance Mr Deputy Speaker, is the plight of the people in the remote rural areas of the Western Cape. I personally support this budget appropriation as it constitutes a humanitarian approach wherein it is not simply throwing money at a problem in order to put in a glossy annual report

... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Neotel does not have a good structure in the rural areas.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order hon member. Hon member Mr Paulsen, your name appears on the speakers list. Wait for your turn to speak, please.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: (?) Ja. [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: ...and use the two minutes to good use.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Botha, please continue.  
[Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: There is no Neotel in the rural areas.

An HON MEMBER: We will give you the two minutes. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: No, we are supposed to have infrastructure.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Telkom has better service than this.

'n AGBARE LID: Luister!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Oh, why do you not join the ANC? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue hon member Ms Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I continue now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue. Please continue.

Ms L J BOTHA: I personally support this budget appropriation as it constitutes a humanitarian approach wherein it is not simply throwing money at a problem in order to put it in a glossy annual report. There is a qualitative effect which will positively impact the lives of the people in the Western Cape. This is evident in a number of people coming to the Western Cape because we are a province at work. Many others from different provinces and even abroad come in search for the hope that was and continues to be created by the Western Cape Government. [Interjections.]

Even though there is always space for improvement and this government is in no... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: (?) You are not spending the money. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Botha, just one second. Hon member Mr Paulsen, I am not going to give you another warning. If you want to use your speaking turn now-now you better be quiet otherwise you leave the House. Please continue hon member Ms Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Even though, Mr Deputy Speaker, there is always space for improvement and this government is in no way perfect, this government strives to lead by example. Mr Deputy Speaker, with this appropriation Programme 1 will continue the roll out... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] ...people suffer.

Ms L J BOTHA: ...of the preventative financial training... [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: How come you... [Inaudible.] We have got nothing to do with, hon member Mr Dugmore.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: [Inaudible.] I know that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen and hon member Mr Dugmore please. [Interjections.] [Laughter.] Members, please, I want silence

in the House before hon member Ms Botha can continue. Hon member Ms Botha, continue please.

Ms L J BOTHA: With this appropriation Programme 1 will continue the roll out of its preventative financial training by ensuring that each and every staff member participates in an e-Learning initiative that seeks to raise awareness of the department's policies. This will assist in the prevention of irregular expenditure and will improve the overall level of governance within the department and the province as a whole.

Programme 2 will continue to provide professional evident-based policy advice to the executive on various issues as required. The transversal implementation of the new provincial strategic plan will be supported by the revised provincial transversal management system and regular quarterly reporting on strategic priorities.

Programme 2 is also responsible for ensuring alignment of budgets and annual performance plans with a five year Provincial Strategic Plan. We also commend the Premier and her department and support the newly established Premier's Delivery Support Unit. This unit, which comprises of special advisors, will steer the game-changers in respect of the 2014 to 2019 Provincial Strategic Plan. With the assistance of this appropriation transversal policies and strategies will be able to be developed or supported by the chief directorate in collaboration with stakeholders.

Mr Deputy Speaker, also under Programme 2 is the sub-programme of strategic communications. With the additional funding strategic communications will continue to coordinate external communication and public engagement in order to ensure that the Western Cape Government communicates its strategic goals and service delivery outcomes to the people of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, often times that is the problem as people in remote rural areas are not often aware of the services available to them or of the services available to them and in turn government is unaware of the grievances of the people on the ground. Therefore prioritising communication is commendable and has my full support.

In addition, Mr Deputy Speaker, strategic programmes will continue to explore new ways of maximising the impact of engagements with a broad array of international and local stakeholders. This includes embedding a strategic approach to the stimulation and growth of the event sector guided by the integrated events' strategy. This would include increased emphasis in growing events outside of the City of Cape Town. That is developing the rural jewels concept which exposes the attractions in the rural areas such as the Kreeffees in Lamberts Bay and the Snoek-en-Patatfees in Goedverwacht to mention only two; development and standardisation of indicators to measure the impact of events extending global networks in the area of events and human rights, to mention only a few. Mr Deputy Speaker, I do encourage and continue to be serious about my oversight role to ensure that the

Department of the Premier becomes the leading department enabling the Western Cape Government to improve the quality of life of all its people, especially in the remote rural areas.

We are working *Better Together* to get to a point of service delivery where Piet Pompies no longer ask: “What is my government doing for me” but will rather stand up and say and be able to show: “This is what the Western Cape Government has done for me and is doing for me.”

I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear, hear.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Leader of the Opposition Mr Fransman. [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape indeed so, as we have seen the last couple of days, is faced - the Western Cape Government is faced with clearly a leadership crisis in the form of this particular Premier.

Ms L J BOTHA: Your leadership is in crisis.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It is very clear that instead of providing leadership -

she has just showed it again today - providing leadership to the issues on the ground. All that she is doing is to put a narrative up, the President, and blaming the President and blaming National Government for everything.

That shows an incompetence of the Premier that is not able to actually lead the administration. What bothers the ANC more is the fact that what the Premier effectively did was to collapse the party and the state so we are seeing double-talk.

An HON MEMBER: What? I am sorry!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: For one, what she has done is in the Department of the Premier she has put a bloated structure together and as we will be able to see she has also usurped a lot of the responsibilities of other government departments. Clearly what she is doing is to individualise the department of the Premier's office in the context of saying that she is the only one that can actually drive proper programme here, so what it tells us, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that the Premier tries to micromanage certain government departments at the expense of service delivery. It is not good for the Western Cape.

The key pathology facing the Western Cape is gangs and drugs but this is not one of the transversal strategies identified by the Department of the Premier. The Premier has chosen cheap political points-scoring over genuine attempts to find solutions through working with National Government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, just one second. Hon member Mr Mackenzie, what is that?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Is the member willing to take a question?  
[Interjections.] Was he not partying with gangsters last year December?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Fransman.  
[Interjections.] Hon member Mr Mackenzie, the member is not prepared to take a question. Please continue.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Her government closed down - to give an illustration what she has effectively done over the last three years, she has closed down the programme that is dealing with community structures. She has come in and she basically pushed aside the Bambanani School Safety Programme. What she had effectively done, she has chased competent African and coloured officials out under the disguise of corruption... [Interjection.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Oh, come on!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...under the disguise of nepotism. She has pushed them out that were connected with communities. In fact she had to pay a Court case millions of rand which is essentially wasteful expenditure, because what the Premier did was to deal with the Office of the Premier and the government as if taxpayer's money is her personal responsibility and that is

the strategic problem. She presides over a province, in fact where crime has worsened. Unemployment has increased faster than other provinces. The Premier is nothing but therefore clearly as shown, some of those real subjective realities that came to the fore over the last three years. We see the continuous trend of the Premier piggybacking on those types of programmes and one example would be human settlements.

The Premier two years ago stood up here, three years ago stood up here and said: "We are developing the answer for the Western Cape. We are developing a human settlement strategy" - not in the Department of Human Settlements.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Not in the Department of Human Settlements, but in fact in the Premier's Department. What it tells you is they are good enough as a department to deal with this.

Ms S W DAVIDS: They cannot do their work!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: This government gives millions and billions of rand to the Department of Human Settlements to address an integrated strategy for human settlement. What does the Premier do? She duplicates it. That is the dilemma. Last year she came here and she said: "Well, we are still planning with the strategy." This year we are hearing a changed tune: Government,

National Government is now realising something about informal settlements and therefore they are changing it. That is the irony of this Premier. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: It is still not done.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No it is not done. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The implementation of the broadband - but let me come to equity. You see, Premier, you are the custodian, you are the first citizen of the Western Cape and we have said... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Elected so.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Elected so, properly elected, and we have said this institutionalised racism led by the department, led by the Premier herself in the Western Cape administration. We made that point. We said under the department under this Premier we have seen race escalating in terms of issues on the ground. We have said it is not difficult to understand it, because if you look at the Provincial Government when the Premier had to choose, when she had the choice to decide who she is going to appoint as MECs guess what she does, she says “fit for purpose”, i.e.

[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: They all look unfit.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: “Wit for purpose”. Now let us look at the “wit for purpose” situation, this is the stats of this provincial, of this Premier that so called claim she is the best for the country. The government is led in the Western Cape by seven people categorised in the process from the white community, seven individuals.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Cannot help it, sorry.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Cannot help it? That shows... [Interjections.] That is exactly showing it. Secondly, coloured... [Interjections.] ...from the coloured categorisation only two individuals.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is how you were raised.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: From the black African constituency, two individuals, that when the Premier took the decision to appoint a Cabinet, that is how she has put it together, i.e. fit for purpose or should I decode, “wit for purpose.”

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Secondly, when she had the choice to appoint one [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, sorry.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it fine for him to say “wit for purpose”, I mean that is blatant racism. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not have a problem with that. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Dit maak seer mos. When she came in and she then had to decide on the administration, the Western Cape Administration, sies, dis 'n skande! What she does, she goes an appoints out of the thirteen she appoints eight white officials.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Ms M N GILLION: In your office.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Eight out of the thirteen.

Mnr M N PAULSEN: Skande, skande!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: When she has to appoint out of the heads on the administration, only two people from the coloured community were eligible to be fit for purpose based on the Premier's definition. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But we are saying that the ANC do not want to

[Inaudible.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Only one person from the African community

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Only one from the African community were eligible in her words to be fit for purpose. That shows what the Premier is made of. In fact it is nothing but a institutionalised form of racism. We make the point, what is different to PW Botha's government than Helen Zille's government?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes! [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: In fact let me continue, but last week we found it out and we understand why it cannot be different, because hon Chief Whip Mark Wiley sits at the back. It is clearly what is taking place. So if we reflect on that history we know what is at stake. [Interjection.] This is who you are.

Ms S W DAVIDS: This is who you are.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: This is the DA.

Ms S W DAVIDS: This is the DA.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: This is the DA, Mr Deputy Speaker. This is the abuse of state power in the Western Cape administration: knowledge management, power sharing by sharing knowledge. Now what is this knowledge? [Interjections.]

In the buildings of the Western Cape Government here is a white male pumping - nou julle moet lag nou. Dis mos lekker!

An HON MEMBER: It is your poster.

Mnr M L FRANSMAN: Lag, dis mos rassisme. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: It is your poster!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: A white male pumping to a black person with no - nothing in here.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Knowledge.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Pump knowledge, pump knowledge. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, in the... [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Want swart en bruinmense het nie kennis nie. That is... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: That is the... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: This is how the DA [Inaudible.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You see hon member Mr Kivedo, that is the shame!

Ms M N GILLION: This is not a joke. It is not a joke.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: In fact for a position you are betraying...  
[Interjections.] For a position you are betraying the very essence of the  
revolution where you are coming from. [Interjections.] What you have here,  
it is in the name of the Western Cape Government ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It is the name of the Western Cape Administration and  
it is nothing but blue.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No man.

Ms M N GILLION: No, that has got nothing to do with [Inaudible.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Hon Premier that is your Achilles heel. That is the problem. [Interjections.] But you see, where it comes from is what I think the best that could have said is the reference of hon member Mr Mnqasela (pronounced Makasela) (?) when he says...

An HON MEMBER: Mnqasela.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: "The Premier governs, the Premier deals with the party as if it is her backyard or her shebeen."

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is the reality.

An HON MEMBER: You were right!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So I think you were right. Hon member I think the dilemma here is that contradiction that we are sitting with. What we are further sitting with is the fact that they are pumping. They have to pump and you see, hon Minister Winde, it is not a joke, because that is the history of apartheid.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Do not make fun about this history when in this country...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Fransman, just one second.  
Hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I just want to ask if the hon member is willing to...  
[Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, is the hon member willing to take a question? Was he not unelected as the hon Leader of the Opposition?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He has already indicated he is not prepared.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: If you are giving me ten extra minutes I am definitely willing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: If ten extra minutes, I am willing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: I rise on a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. This is all very interesting but there has to be relevance to the debate. He is not speaking about the budget at all. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is to deal with the employment equity of the department as budgeted through, for example the 2015/16 thing. I cannot help if it is being uncoded here, because what the Premier says always: "it is not true." We are saying 70% of the management as defined here on management of the Western Cape Administration is in fact from the formerly white constituency. What we are further saying is that 70% both in the public and the private sector in the Western Cape is like that. The Premier said last time in SOPA in her response she said it is not true. We have just shown it to be true. In fact that is what she - the dilemma is if you have got a government and if you have got a Premier that actually does not care because all that she has to do is she has to rev up... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The ANC do not care about that.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ... issues between coloured and African [Interjection.] Then she is fine. Now let us look at the issue of... [Interjections.] Let us look at the issue of the broadband. We have heard here that the reason why they have got a bigger budget of 29% that it is because of additional funding, etcetera. The issue is alignment, Premier. What you are sitting with here is the fact that you have decided to take that money. The question is what hides behind that money. That is the question.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Oh come on!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: And what we have seen here is the fact that broadband that should have been dealt with in the Economic Opportunity portfolio that should have been dealt with there, she has decided to take it, but she was not able to deliver even a third of the previous budget of this financial year. That shows the usurping of responsibilities in the context of it.

We have further seen Mr Deputy Speaker, and I have heard what the hon Chairperson of the Committee, hon member Ms Botha talked about the special advisors. The Department indeed so established the support unit, which comprises of special advisors. That will steer the so called game-changers. Game-changers has nothing to do with add-ons. If you want to talk about a game-changer we said it here, that it is impossible to have a game-changer. Every year you have got new game-changers. You do not deliver to the people. Then through a PR-exercise through spin you portray a message of game-changers. The point here is special advisors cannot reorganise and re-engineer the governance machine and delivery machine. What we have seen here... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They are all white.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...is that we are also not informed who and what is meant by these special advisors, because this is nothing but cadre deployment. It is linked up with the DA's strategy to ensure that certain

consultants, certain independent contractors can actually help and benefit here. That is the link. That is so the Premier is essentially - our information is and Premier must tell us, it is clear that there are certain officers in her office that is not even people that work there, can actually access. Is that so? Did she in fact close up the private office of the Premier and is there some form of a deeper intelligence process that is at shape right here in this office?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Oh come on!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: What did she decide to do with this? She must actually come clean on this. The latest tantrum of the Premier and she referred to this, of stopping subscription to the Cape Times under the guise of cost-cutting is absolutely pathetic. The cancellation of subscription is a miniscule amount out of the advertising budget. This has nothing to do with fruitless. In fact if you want to look at where fruitless expenditure is, it is not about the Cape Times. The fruitless expenditure is when more than R400 million were pumped - were pumped [Laughter.] - to a white contractor called Filcon, pumped, because they were able to do it and 5% in the Department of Transport and Public Works in the roads budget, 5% is your target, hon MEC, for black contractors and for PDI development.

That is the shame that you are sitting with; but guess what, it is not a problem because at least we are making sure that the elite gets what they want. The Premier did not even - the last couple of months you had service delivery protest sanitation issues; water issues. She does not make that a

transversal issue, because it is not an issue for her.

In fact anything that is - it is only in election time when coloured and African people must be an issue. Anytime else it is not an issue. So the Premier has stopped the subscriptions under the disguise of fruitless expenditure... [Interjections.] ...but she has pumped R400 million plus between the province and the City in that context. Then what they have continued to do, and guess what, they are saying it is a non-issue.

Hon MEC of Finance said a year ago this company is clean. There is no problem with this company. Is this not corruption? That is the stuff to be investigated. That is the dilemma that we are confronted with here, so what we are calling it is “white collar corruption” in this case. Then Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: What about [Inaudible.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Fruitless expenditure, is it not fruitless expenditure when you pump a million rand to Bavaria, one of the richest regions in the world; one of the richest regions in the world, Bavaria in Germany. Is it not when you then pump - we have cautioned and we have said, stop that. I hope the Premier will rise today and say she has listened, she has accepted it was wrong. She has tried to do it and for example they had to change it. [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Will you... [Inaudible.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Then they quote, commemoration of Youth Day and Africa Day as programmes marking the twenty years. No, no, no, that is national days. Youth Programmes are national days.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: How can it be national [Inaudible.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Youth programmes are national days. That is a different matter we are dealing with that and we will bring you right into Scopa. That is not a problem. There we know government, we know how government works, we know the executive structures and we know the administrative structures. That is the easier stuff to deal with. [Interjections.]

When we are dealing with the issue of Bavaria, the issue here is that the Premier decided wilfully... [Interjections.] ...wilfully, to create a fruitless expenditure and the end of last year we have advised against that and I hope the Premier will come clean what she has decided to do on this particular matter. Then what we have seen... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, he is using the words “wilfully” and I mean that surely cannot be right.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! In this respect there is noting wrong with that. [Interjections.] It is fine. Please continue.

An HON MEMBER: Look at your research.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No, if you go on like that they will pump enough knowledge for you, ja.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You see so what we are sitting with, is a feel good budget. It is a budget to say we are nice and then to throw a narrative “ANC is all corrupt” - that is the narrative, but guess what, we are not ashamed to deal unapologetically with these real issues. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Come before Scopa. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: On the issue of R30 million for technology, refresh of capital infrastructure and those things, we have seen suggestions around money, broadband and the money to the City of Cape Town. We are saying that access to information is powerful. Access to technology is powerful. In fact in a modernised economy globally the issue of access to technology is critical, Premier, so there is nothing wrong in principle with the roll out of a broadband and all of that. We support those things.

The issue is the application. The issue is how. The issue is in the systems and in the institutions of the state and the question is how do we make sure that we create a process where inequality, unemployment and poverty can actually be addressed, not through what you call or what we call - you are doing - a trickle-down process towards that. In fact Madam Premier, the official unemployment rate of the Western Cape is plus 23%, which is higher than as we then said of KwaZulu Natal and Limpopo. The point is not to talk about other provinces. The point is because your favourite line, Madam Premier, is telling us how the Western Cape has the lowest expanded unemployment, but omits to mention how the Western Cape is performing in terms of decreasing its unemployment rate as compared to other provinces; the decrease of the unemployment rate.

KZN decreased its expanded unemployment by 3% in 2014, while the unemployment in the Western Cape only decreased under the Premier's watch by 1%. For the year ended December 2014 employment increased, it increased in five provinces; the largest gains in the North West, 80 000; Gauteng, 58 000. The Western Cape however under the Premier's watch of PR-governance recorded the largest annual decrease in employment, not increase in employment.

An HON MEMBER: Decrease.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Decrease in employment during this period at least

65 000.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Failure.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: This therefore shows that the situational analysis provided by the APP of this department is yet again selectively quoting statistics. Stats, damn stats (? 00:41:12) - that is the point!

An HON MEMBER: Selectively quoting.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Selectively quoting statistics... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And you are not? You are not selectively quoting?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...time periods indicate this and misrepresent these to paint a rosy picture of her department and the administration.

An HON MEMBER: Are you prepared to give it for this quarter.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The culture - what this thing has done the last three years is to provide a culture of fear, a culture of... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: A culture of weakness, it provides a culture of “if you do not do as I say we will deal with you.” The issue is where I started off is that the same culture prevailing under the leader of the DA as well that is the Premier of this province, meaning did she introduce her cultural perspective and the racial institutionalised approach of the DA. Did she get a situation where the Western Cape people must suffer through that processes under her leadership [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Therefore the ANC do not support this bill. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Before I see the hon member Mr Paulsen, can I just make a general comment about relevance? The hon member Mr Wiley did raise a point of order about relevance and I agree relevance is important to this debate. This is a general political debate on the budget vote so we historically and conventionally speak wide as we can, but in a sense it is forward-looking. The budget is the budget for the new year. I do not mind if you refer to historical things, but somehow it must be linked to money voted in the current budget so I am just giving it as a general rule; a general guidance for all votes coming. You can speak about historical things but link it to votes, to money voted in the current budget.

I see the honourable Paulsen.

An HON MEMBER: Relevance!

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Premier expressed her dismay and dissatisfaction for the 2014 spate of racism and racist attacks on blacks. I want to disagree with the hon member Mr Fransman. I think this is one area where the Premier could play a critical role. I think it would be good if she partnered with the Mayor of Cape Town who has taken the initiative to address the problem. The Mayor is going to ask experts to assist in this regard.

I think Patricia De Lille has recognised the importance of addressing this problem - a bit late, but as the saying goes rather late than never, so my concern is, if the highest office in the Cape Town metro takes personal responsibility for this why the highest office of the province is not doing the same?

In the foreword of the APP the new vision for this department is in bold "To be a leading department that enables the Western Cape Government to improve the quality of life of all its people. Racism is the main reason why the majority of people in this province do not enjoy a better quality of life."

The provincial broadband strategy is another area of great concern. We all know that Neotel does not have the infrastructure to support a decent service. It barely had infrastructure in rural areas and I have to correct the Premier, it

is 150 free megabytes per subscriber per day, not 25. The amount of money that we will be given them could easily have purchased the entire company but we all know that this neoliberal government run by the DA is scared of developing real capacity within Government. It prefers to in-source.

This department has set aside just over R1.3 million for consultants. We will be watching this figure carefully. While on the topic of broadband I am also weary of the steady increase in Telkom's share price over the past two years, but for very different reasons. I do not have to look for every reason to justify my choice of an inadequate partner. I am more concerned about the possibility of insider trading and our National Government could be implicated but I will rely on the honourable Premier to follow the money once again. Be that as it may, the EFF cannot support this budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has expired.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much. [Time expired.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi, mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports Vote 1.

An HON MEMBER: Support, yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Department of the Premier. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, I must respond to the previous speaker. I, as a Capetonian born and bred in the Cape Flats, are highly offended by the racial remarks of these debates, always from the ANC, always from the EFF, racial debates. [Interjections.]

We need to debate improving the lives of our people. We need to speak about reconciliation and not hatred and not race. The ANC and the EFF is dividing this province more and they must stop that. [Interjections.]

Maybe you need new vibrant leaders with better strategy, with a better strategy to improve the lives of the people, not the same old, same old, same old story.

Mr M N PAULSEN: (?) Maybe the ACDP needs a leader that can give opposition.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Department of the Premier must ensure good governance and we as the ACDP will keep them accountable to see good governance and good governance you get by good leaders and competent staff. That is what you get. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am very excited and whatever they said, I am very excited with the broadband strategy. The people in the poorest areas and in

the rural areas will feel part of the Western Cape, and that is what you must do [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is why the [Inaudible.] the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: That is what you must do!

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is why they are not voting for you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Premier, and the Premier will respond on this later, I just saw the concern in the report. The concern was the absence of a high level provincial strategy against gangs and substance abuse. That came out as a problem. So I would like to Premier to elaborate because that is a killer in our communities, substance abuse and gangs is a killer. Address these problems. Do not talk about race. Address these problems.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are doing nothing as the Church.

An HON MEMBER: Your leader parties with gangsters.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are doing nothing!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids; that is enough. Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, they can say what they want to, but the important thing is we need to see how can we improve the lives of our people. The Department of the Premier has a transversal role to play... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians, your time is running out, just the last sentence. [Interjections.] Just your last sentence.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Can we come to order please?

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must just go that side; you already belong there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable Premier. [Interjections.] I see the honourable Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much indeed honourable Mr Deputy Speaker. I would first of all like the hon member Ms Botha, the Chairperson of my

Portfolio Committee very much indeed for the exceptional job she does and for the oversight role that she plays over the Department of the Premier and the questions that she asks and the very good meetings that she convenes. Thank you very much indeed.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank the Leader of the Opposition also.

The PREMIER: Now I am certainly not going to thank the Leader of the Opposition, because he clearly has not any clue about what is in the budget. The only budgets that he is interested in... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is a serious weakness.

The PREMIER: The only budgets that he is interested in is for example getting R41 million from the lotto to try and buy political influence. [Interjections.] R41 million rand from the Lotto to try and buy political influence from people including gangsters [Interjections.] ...from people including gangsters and then he comes here... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What about you saying... [Inaudible.] ...nothing about the Gupta's.

The PREMIER: ...and he says there is no anti-gang strategy.

Ms S W DAVIDS: What about the Gupta's who received money?

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

The PREMIER: Then the hon Leader of the Opposition... [Interjections.]  
Then the Leader of the Opposition comes here and clearly because he has not read anything says there is no anti-gang and drug strategy but he is the one who gets millions for people including gangsters to win political influence. What a cheek and what a contradiction in terms. [Interjections.] But he does not say a single word about this budget... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Does the MEC [Inaudible.] in terms of funding to gangsters?

The PREMIER: You certainly, you certainly facilitate funding to gangsters.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Uh-uh, those are the... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Gupta's money?

The PREMIER: No.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Gupta's money that they are saying... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: The honourable [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please order.

Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Vra vir Zuma.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, Madam Premier.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, ask her because she... [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Ask your leader there. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Wiley.

An HON MEMBER: What is the relevance?

Mr M G E WILEY: I would ask that the members respect the Premier's right of reply please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Then the Premier must respect us.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, yes, the Chair will. The Chair will carefully watch the House and ask that the House calm down please.

An HON MEMBER: She must respect herself too.

The PREMIER: In fact when I get to the hon member Mr Paulsen and the hon

member Mr Christians who raised some very important points, I will explain why our entire youth strategy is an anti-gang and drug strategy from beginning to end including the millions that we were pumping into the game-changer of after-school activities because that is of course the greatest risk period for youth to fall into the hands of gangsters and drugs and we have poured an enormous amount in and we have a very integrated youth strategy which incorporates things like gangs and drugs across the board. Now indeed the only thing that the hon Leader of the Opposition could talk about was not the budget but about race... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Rubbish!

The PREMIER: ...because that is the only thing that the ANC has to fall back on but in fact he cannot go near talking about the budget the honourable... [Interjections.] The hon Leader of the Opposition cannot go near talking about the budget because he knows exactly what scandals underlie his management of the budget when he was the MEC, and he refuses to come to Scopa to answer questions about his management of the budget. [Interjections.] That is what he does; he is running away from Scopa. So while he is getting millions from the Lotto for gangsters and drug dealers and while... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: This is not Scopa.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: I think it is unparliamentary for the Premier to say he is getting money for gangsters and gangs and [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It is a statement of fact. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Where are the facts? Where are the facts?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where are the facts?

Mr M G E WILEY: It is a statement of fact.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Give the proof!

Ms M N GILLION: Prove the facts.

The PREMIER: Do not worry; the Public Protector is investigating it right now. We will see what the Public Protector says. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! [Interjections.] Madam Premier, just one second. I will look at the Hansard and if there is anything in there I will come back on that one. Madam Premier, please continue.

The PREMIER: It has been a matter of public record in the media and certainly no... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The media knows a lot... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ...no defamation claims have been laid when people say this publicly so I presume we can say what is openly said in the media in this House, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Did you get R400 million from Filcon, is that what they are saying?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where is that?

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, of course the hon Leader of the Opposition cannot discuss anything about the budget because he has got so much to hide about his period in office and it is so extraordinary that he comes here and talks about unemployment of all extraordinary things. Now it is very easy to say that narrow unemployment has changed in the other provinces because the more people give up looking for work the lower your narrow unemployment gets and the higher your broad unemployment gets. So what you need to do is count the people who have given up looking for work because they are only counted in the broad unemployment statistics and the statistics that show, if you do not want to manipulate statistics like the hon Leader of the Opposition Mr Fransman, the only way to look at unemployment is to compare the narrow unemployment rate which covers and hides all the people who have given up looking for work, with the broad

unemployment rate that includes them and that is where the Western Cape comes out tops. That is the only statistic that really reflects the position, because in the Western Cape there are 22 000 people who have given up looking for work, Mr Deputy Speaker, that is 22 000 too many, but it is a drop in the ocean compared with the very statistic that was mentioned here by the Leader of the Opposition, which was KwaZulu Natal, which has 616 000 discouraged work seekers. So they have got a massive broad unemployment rate that is not counted when you look at the narrow unemployment rate and indeed when you look at the out-migration out of that province you have to compare how the unemployment rate is effected when people leave a province to go and look for work in another province, in this case Gauteng. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And you called them refugees.

The PREMIER: And so when you look at the number of people who have come to the Western Cape looking for work and the very small increase in unemployment and the huge number of people who have actually got jobs and the very low number of discouraged work seekers in comparison with the rest of the country... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That left to Gauteng, by the way.

The PREMIER: ...then you see how well the Western Cape has done.

An HON MEMBER: That left to Gauteng [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Then you see how well the Western Cape has done.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: They call it “migration” Premier.

The PREMIER: They do call it migration, yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It is a general thing... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Yes, of course it is.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Cape Town, Durban and Joburg. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Absolutely it is, but people leave KwaZulu Natal in huge numbers and the question is they go to places where they can get jobs, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.] ...and the extraordinary thing is that the Western Cape’s absorption of people into jobs has been very, very impressive when you compare it... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And it cannot be compared with Gauteng.

The PREMIER: ...with the percentage increase in the population. [Interjections.] Gauteng has not done as well. No other province has done as well as the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It is the decrease rate of employment.

The PREMIER: But then in his manipulation of statistics...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Answer the decrease question.

The PREMIER: I am answering it now.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The decrease of employment in the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: I am answering it now. Every time... [Interjection.] Every time in the first quarter... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: 65 000 [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Fransman.

The PREMIER: Every time in the first quarter Mr Deputy Speaker, we have a drop because it is a drop amongst the seasonal agricultural workers.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Ah, it is an excuse, oh! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: But there is an additional element and it has now got a name, a formal name in economics.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You must read. You must change your research.

An HON MEMBER: You must read the [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: It has got a formal name in economics, Mr Deputy Speaker and it is called the De Doorns effect, because of what the ANC tried to foment there, there has been massive mechanisation and so far fewer people have jobs as a result of the Marikana that the ANC tried to establish in De Doorns and the clear effort that the honourable Leader of the Opposition put into trying to mobilise the Marikana coming to the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] now killed Stellenbosch, there were five kids killed and you do not [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And as a result of that... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: As a result of the ANC and the hon Leader of the Opposition's attempts... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Five kids were killed but you just raise your voice.

The PREMIER: ...to try and replicate Marikana in the Western Cape through De Doorns huge numbers of people did lose their jobs because of mechanisation.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Do not speak about [Inaudible.] Come to Stellenbosch as well [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: And Mr Deputy Speaker, that is why that hon member cannot show his face in De Doorns any more, because people believed... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I was there.

An HON MEMBER: You were there.

The PREMIER: ...because people believed that they were going to get an improved life and their life has got much worse as the result of what that honourable - if I can call him that, member, did. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, Madam Premier [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Ms Davids, I am

watching you, cool down a little bit. You cannot have a running commentary when the Premier speaks.

The PREMIER: I have never seen that and I cannot see it across the floor.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, Order! Just one second please, Madam Premier.

The PREMIER: I have never seen that cartoon and I cannot see it across the floor.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Can I show it to you Madam Premier?

The PREMIER: But anyway, let me get to his racial obsession. Let me get to this honourable member's racial obsession.

Mnr M L FRANSMAN: Dis 'n skande, Premier, skande.

Ms M N GILLION: Racial obsession?

The PREMIER: You know, this hon member says that there is no difference between us and the former ruling party of South Africa.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The PREMIER: The truth is that the ANC and the old National Party are two sides of exactly the same coin.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

The PREMIER: They are both obsessed with race. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: They are both obsessed with race.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The PREMIER: And the only thing that they can do ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Premier, one second. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The majority of them is with you.

The PREMIER: ...is talk about racial categories.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: I want to address you Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it a question?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No I actually want to ask that you clarify, is it right for the Premier even as she was speaking to do, this like PW Botha used to do?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No hon member Mr Fransman. Please continue Madam Premier.

The PREMIER: And indeed, and indeed Mr Deputy Speaker, those two parties, those two parties believe... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: P W Botha.

An HON MEMBER: Zuma.

The PREMIER: ...your demography must be your destiny.

Ms S W DAVIDS: They are with you, the majority of them are with you.

The PREMIER: Your demography must be your destiny. What you can achieve in life must depend on the colour of your skin.

An HON MEMBER: What you are doing, unfortunately.

The PREMIER: Now every time they move the goalpost as well because if you look at the legislation Mr Deputy Speaker, if you look at the legislation,

you will see that there is a thing called a designated group and every single member of a designated group counts towards employment equity.

An HON MEMBER: The 70% white.

The PREMIER: And if you look at the heads of department nine are from designated groups and only three are from non-designated groups, but you see, Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC shifts the goalpost all the time.

An HON MEMBER: Eight is white, Premier, eight is white.

The PREMIER: They shift the goalpost.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Eight is white.

The PREMIER: Under the ANC... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: White is white.

The PREMIER: And Jimmy Manyi who was the official spokesperson for the government, they said that coloured people were overrepresented in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Coloured people were overrepresented in the Western Cape...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: ...and that is their official position, Mr Deputy Speaker. They want national demographics to be opposed and imposed on the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Madam Premier.

The PREMIER: They want national demographics to be imposed on the Western Cape.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Order! Order, hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is a question?

Ms M N GILLION: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am listening.

Ms M N GILLION: Jimmy Manyi was never... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, order. [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: ...never the official spokesperson of the ANC.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Ms Gillion. [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: It is not the first time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Gillion, when I speak to you - Order, hon member Ms Gillion, I am addressing you. Please stand up. When you raised a frivolous point of order I said it was not a point of order. Then you take your seat immediately. You do not continue arguing with the Chair.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

Ms M N GILLION: She must do the same.

The PREMIER: In fact, Mr Jimmy Manyi was the official spokesperson and he was also the Director General of Labour.

Ms M N GILLION: He was not.

The PREMIER: He was also the Director General.

Ms M N GILLION: He was not.

The PREMIER: So the bottom line is... [Interjections.] The bottom line is this.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] ...that is the mindset of the poor people.

The PREMIER: The ANC wants to impose... [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, I would actually enjoy a little bit of protection from the Chair here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion, I am looking at you specifically again.

An HON MEMBER: And hon member Ms Davids.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier please continue.

The PREMIER: And the hon member Ms Davids I think is also running a running commentary. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hi, gorgeous (?) leave my name.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Annemarie, leave my name. Just leave my name, Annemarie.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want to appeal to the House, please, specifically the ANC to calm down now. There is far too much noise in the House when the Premier speaks.

An HON MEMBER: The Premier is not the Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier, please continue.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, under the ANC demography is destiny and under the ANC National demographics gets imposed on every corner of South Africa, which means for example in the case that they argued right to the Constitutional Court that if you are an Indian woman you cannot rise above the position of Captain anywhere in the Police Service in South Africa, because there are not enough Indian women in the population as a whole. That is how the ANC will apply it and indeed once they finish doing that they will start counting the number of every single ethnic group in this country...  
[Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Madam Premier, answer on your 70% white...

The PREMIER: And they will determine exactly what demography is allowed to go where.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ... your administration.

The PREMIER: Then if they wanted to look at goal displacement they can have a look at Eskom.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No, no, no. here, the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: They can have a look. They can have a look at how Eskom, to meet their employment equity targets... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What about your special and [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ...imported a hundred black Americans and fraudulently registered them as South Africans so that they could meet their racial targets, and within three months hardly any of them were working for the company any more and the lights went out. So that is what happens when you have goal displacement and you do not look at what the job is supposed to be achieved.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Talk of white people [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: And indeed... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Madam Premier, this thing.

The PREMIER: I have not seen this thing and I cannot see it. [Interjections.]  
I cannot see what it is and I cannot see why it is supposed to be racist.  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The PREMIER: ...but what I know is about the ANC's corruption that in fact it is so endemic and what happened at least even under apartheid is that people like Pietie Du Plessis went to jail and died in jail for being found guilty of corruption.

An HON MEMBER: Talk about the budget.

An HON MEMBER: Madam, the budget.

The PREMIER: Now the hon Leader of the Opposition gets very upset about our game-changers. Now the game-changers interestingly enough actually arose from a request that former Minister of Finance and then Minister in the Presidency Trevor Manuel made to the whole of South Africa and he asked us to please read a book called *Instruction to Deliver* by Michael Barber. I was probably the only leader of a party and probably the only Premier that

ordered that book and I did read it... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ...not in the DA.

The PREMIER: And this is probably the only Director General in the entire country that has read that book... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: And in fact on the advice of the hon former Minister Trevor Manuel we have introduced that strategy and we are implementing the game-changers.

An HON MEMBER: This is the advice of [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Stopping a subscription to a newspaper that does not know the difference between fact and fiction and that in fact subscribes to plagiarism is definitely not a cost cutting exercise and I have never claimed it was, but we did get an instruction from the National Treasury to cut all subscriptions to newspapers which in fact we have not done. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: We have only done that selectively.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Madam Premier, there is a... hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Madam Premier, are you willing to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier, are you willing to take a question?

The PREMIER: Yes, I am certainly willing to take a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Premier is, you can continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes. Madam Premier that instruction from National Treasury, there is a member in this House who was a Deputy Minister in that Lekgotla who made the decision and an advisor, certain hon member Mr Dugmore. Are you aware that they were present when that decision was made? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Order! Order! Please come to order.

An HON MEMBER: That is frivolous.

The PREMIER: May I answer that question? It is a very good question and indeed... [Interjections.] ...indeed the hon Leader of the Opposition accuses me of doing things for political reasons. In fact they were part of that

decision Mr Deputy Speaker. They kept quiet all the time and they are raising it for politically expedient reasons. We have never claimed anything other than what is precisely true but they having been part of the decision to cut all newspaper subscriptions, nou praat hulle hoogheilig. The people that brought us the Secrecy Bill... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: UH.

The PREMIER: The people that brought us the disgraceful funding with public funds of newspapers, that even under Apartheid led to the fall of a President and the fall of a Minister. None of that happens now and now - gee hulle hulself so hoogheilig op. It is called hypocrisy Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are the hypocrite [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: It is called hypocrisy and it is a joke. Let me come to the hon member Mr Paulsen. Let me come to the hon member Mr Paulsen.

An HON MEMBER: Do not worry. There will be nothing about the questions.

The PREMIER: May I say that I completely agree with and support the Mayor's anti-racism campaign 100% and in fact she has formalised, and rightly so, what I have been doing for a very long time, because for many months Mr Deputy Speaker, I have called for people to come with specific

examples of racism and I have promised to take up every single one...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The Western Cape Administration.

The PREMIER: ...which I have done... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: What is this?

The PREMIER: Every single one which I have done Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Your appointments are racist.

Ms M N GILLION: What is this?

The PREMIER: And indeed Mr Deputy Speaker, to call somebody racist is racist.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Your appointments are.

The PREMIER: Unless you can prove that they are racist, because to assume that someone is racist just because they are white is a racist statement. In fact right at the beginning of this debate I heard one of the members of this House on the opposite side and it happens to be the member I am dealing with right now, the hon member Mr Paulsen, say to the hon member Ms Botha: "The word oftentimes is an unusual word for a person of your background."

Have you ever heard anything so patronising and racist and outrageous and just because some of the people in top positions in this government happen to be white and happen to be very good at their job. they are called racist.

An HON MEMBER: That is a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The PREMIER: The assumption that someone is racist because they are...  
[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ...of a different colour is of the highest order of racism.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier, just one second. Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to correct the Premier. That is not what I said.

An HON MEMBER: You did say that.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I said "someone from the West Coast."

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: I said “someone from the West Coast.”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I did not say “someone from her background.” The Premier has told a blatant lie.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, hon member Mr Paulsen, please take your seat. If the Premier made a mistake she can correct it in due course.

Mr M N PAULSEN: No she must [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley, is that the same point?

An HON MEMBER: Listen to the Hansard and give a ruling.

Mr M G E WILEY: This is frivolous. These are not point of order that they stand up on.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, I agree. Madam Premier, you may continue.

The PREMIER: Excuse me, Mr Deputy Speaker, you heard quite clearly what the hon member Mr Paulsen said. He said: "The Premier has told a blatant lie."

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not... Did he say that now?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, he said it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is unparliamentary. Please withdraw that.

Mr M N PAULSEN: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, then you have just one option and that is to leave the House.

An HON MEMBER: Leave.

Mr M N PAULSEN: She lied.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please leave the House, hon Paulsen.

[Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So this is how you are gagging us now.

An HON MEMBER: No. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: She lied. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: She can say just whatever, even if it is not true.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: She gets away with it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Premier, I would like to address you on the remark made by the Leader of the Opposition. By saying “you are gagging us” he effectively is bringing - questioning the ruling of the Chair, in other words he is showing a contemptuous position.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No, no, no.

Mr M G E WILEY: There are rules in this House... [Interjections.] There are rules in this House that protect the Chair and it is the integrity of the Chair in its ability to make rulings.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] Sit down!

Mr M G E WILEY: This has now questioned that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Fransman, I take it, was that reference to the Chair?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It was not with reference to the Chair. I actually looked at the... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will then accept that. You can take your seat if it was not a reference to the Chair, because the Chair can only be criticised by way of substantive motion.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Premier, you can continue.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is right.

The PREMIER: I am very sorry hon member Mr Paulsen had to leave right now because I was just going to say that he was right, in fact it is 250 megabytes per day. He was absolutely right that I quoted too low a figure for the amount of broadband that we give free to people. It is a lot more and it was 250 megabytes. [Interjections.]

The hon member Mr Christians of the ACDP, drugs, gangs and substance abuse are the absolute core of our entire youth strategy, is to counter drugs, gangs and substance abuse but I do agree with him, we should say so much more clearly in our strategic plan but every single thing we do with young people is aligned to make sure that they use the opportunities in life. And the last thing I want to say is a point that follows up from what the hon member Ms Botha said.

Many people say: "What is my government doing for me?" The only thing that a government can do for people is to protect their rights and broaden their opportunities and what I would very much like everybody and every resident of the Western Cape to be able to say is what am I doing with the opportunities that good governance has delivered and what responsibility am I taking to make the best of my life and my children's lives and to take my full responsibilities in doing so with the opportunities of good service delivery, of roads-infrastructure, of water, of electricity, of sewerage, of

refuse removal, of education, of health, of broadband, and all the things that a good government delivers without corruption. Thank you very much.  
[Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] What is that now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this vote.  
Mr Wylie.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I have consulted with the Minister of Finance. He has no problem with bringing his debate forward if it suits the Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, the Chair was going to ask the Secretary to read the next order.

3. Debate on Vote 3 - Provincial Treasury - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I see the Minister, I am not sure whether there are officials that want to change the bays. We can just wait for a couple

of seconds, then the Minister can then start. Minister, I am in your hands. If you are ready to start, your officials are not here, then you are welcome, otherwise I will wait still.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier and Cabinet colleagues, hon members of the Opposition and hon members of the legislature, colleagues and citizens of the Western Cape; the Western Cape Provincial Treasury Budget is delivered within the context of the Western Cape Provincial Strategic Goals and specifically Strategic Goal 5, which aims to embed good governance across the Western Cape. Our success in this regard is well documented in the most recent Auditor General's Report in respect of the Public Finance Management Act as well as the Municipal Finance Management Act, which reveals that the Western Cape Government's initiatives to improve the standard of financial governance amongst municipalities in the Western Cape are beginning to bear fruit.

Twenty-nine of the thirty municipalities achieved an unqualified audit, eleven (? 17 as stated in written speech) of these are clean and Mr Deputy Speaker, this represents approximate half of the total number of municipalities in South Africa which received clean audits.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Auditor General's report further highlighted that the quality of the annual reports had increased

by 20% over the past two audit periods.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are also seeing significant improvements in the quality of leadership within municipalities and particularly in terms of the good governance practices and this is directly also as a result of the input of the Western Cape Provincial Treasury's Municipal Governance Review Outlook process which is an initiative aimed at improving clean governance within municipalities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Provincial Treasury therefore undertook to strengthen its support to municipalities and to promote good governance and to strengthen financial management and also to encourage accountability. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Municipal Governance Review Outlook process focuses on attaining clean governance and reducing the negative audit outcomes.

One important aspect of the MGRO process is the formulation of the Governance Action Plans prepared by municipalities with the support of the Western Cape Government and this Governance Action Plans, which Provincial Treasury assists municipalities with, together with the Department of Local Government, having this focus to improve the general level of governance within municipalities through the Governance Action Plans and secondly, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is also to assess how further support the Provincial Treasury can give to these municipalities. Now Mr Deputy Speaker, once drafted these Governance Action Plans are owned by the various prospective municipalities and it is implemented and it is monitored

by the Provincial Treasury and the Department of Local Government. Now Mr Deputy Speaker, these action plans focusing on specific issues as highlighted by the Auditor General, these are:

1. Predetermined objectives
2. Financial statements
3. IT controls
4. Expenditure management
5. Human Resource management
6. Supply Chain Management
7. Asset management
8. Internal controls

Mr Deputy Speaker, while the MGRO process has certainly had a positive impact on the audit outcomes there are two areas of concern highlighted by the Auditor General and that will receive further attention during this year.

Firstly, it is the slow response of leadership when it comes to addressing the root causes of poor audit outcomes within municipalities; and secondly, the lack of consequences for poor performance and transgressions by municipalities.

This is also a matter with both the Premier and the Auditor General has agreed on.

Mr Deputy Speaker, given these areas of concern, the Western Cape Government is determined to ensure that a culture of financial accountability becomes firmly entrenched in the Western Cape province. Leadership within the municipalities must accept accountability and be held responsible. The value of this is also highlighted by the AG's report, which confirms that where the political leadership within municipalities take their oversight roles seriously audit outcomes generally showed a significant improvement.

The PREMIER: Yes, ja.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Public representatives and government officials must accept that they are responsible to all citizens for their decisions and actions. They must provide information about their decisions and about how they were taken, give reasons for their actions and those who are guilty of impropriety must be sanctioned.

The National Development Plan makes a strong case for what it calls "a capable state". It argues that to achieve the vision of a capable state we must amongst others strengthen delegation, accountability and oversight and make it easier for citizens to hold public servants and politicians accountable, particularly for the quality of service delivery.

The National Development Plan's call for a capable state is embraced by the Western Cape Provincial Government. We will therefore, in partnership with all municipalities and public entities in the province, continue to work

towards ensuring improved financial accountability and audit outcomes which will translate into better service delivery for all the citizens as well as increased investment and economic growth and job creation.

The next phase of the journey is to translate good governance into greater improvements in service delivery and the creation of public value. Clean audits should no longer be the end goal, but rather a platform to create improved service delivery and more importantly to create public value which leads to a better quality of life for the citizens of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to achieve this, the Provincial Treasury has allocated a budget of R262 million in the 2015/16 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the 2015/16 departmental budget is as follows:

- Administration receives an amount of R52 million, in line with the NDP's aim to increase the pool of skilled people by ensuring that the public service and local government become careers of choice for graduates who wish to contribute to the development of the country. I can announce, Mr Deputy Speaker, the department's bursary scheme will be expanded in this current financial year. Currently there are 55 bursary holders which will be increased 84 during this financial year and all these bursary holders, Mr Deputy Speaker, will be employed within the department of the Provincial Treasury to strengthen financial oversight in the Provincial Government as well as within municipalities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I can also announce today in this House that the winner of the 2015 Western Cape Treasury Bursary Competition is Nerita Kluyts of Bloemhof Girls High School, Shandre Jansen of George High School and Carla Hefer of Bloemhof Girls High School and I am very happy and thankful that my colleague hon Minister of Education, Minister Schäfer and I handed these bursaries over last week.

- Mr Deputy Speaker, through Sustainable Resource Management that programme will receive an amount of R116.418 million which includes a priority funding allocation of R24.8 million which is ring-fenced for municipal financial management improvement support grants.
- For Asset Management, Mr Deputy Speaker, an amount is allocated of R60 million. This programme will focus on the roll out and implementation of the new financial systems, the strengthening of the supply chain management in municipalities as well as strategic sourcing procurement strategies, which will be developed to enhance Supply Chain Management efficiencies.
- Mr Deputy Speaker, for the programme on Financial Governance an amount of R33.475 million is allocated towards the enhancement of financial governance. This programme aims to drive the functioning of provincial internal control units and to improve financial management.

Mr Deputy Speaker the main purpose of the financial assistance within the municipalities is to improve overall financial governance. An important aspect of this is the identification and close monitoring of the top ten infrastructure projects in every single municipality in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, oversight over infrastructure projects will be enhanced and increased levels of monitoring and quarterly reporting.

- Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of earmarked priority allocations an amount of R24.8 million is allocated towards Local Government municipal support funding. The main purpose of the financial assistance within the municipalities is to improve financial governance within municipalities, inclusive of optimising administration of revenue, improving credibility and responsiveness, municipal budgets, improving municipal audit outcomes and assisting the Local Government to reduce institutional challenges.

- An amount of R4.9 million is allocated towards the development and implementation of Strategic Sourcing and Procurement Strategies. The support funding will be utilised for initiatives to assist the Chief Procurement Officer to rollout of strategic sourcing projects and to improve procurement efficiency within all provincial departments, as well as ensuring better procurement planning. This will also include improved dashboard information.

Mr Deputy Speaker, today I want announce that part of the earmarked

allocation will be set aside also to launch the Chartered Accountant Academy in the 2015/16 financial year.

- R6 million is also allocated for the further roll out the LOGIS system. The funds earmarked under this allocation will be utilised to enhance the integrity of data to conform to the new Integrated Financial Management System standards that will be implemented in the next couple of years. These steps are very important as the new IFMS will be accrual based and also integrate the current BAS system, the PERSAL system and the LOGIS system into one single system and Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape will pilot this project on behalf of the National Treasury in this province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to conclude by highlighting the drive to enhance financial governance, resulting in significant improvement in the provincial audit outcomes. We will continue to do so as we strive to create greater public value for the citizens of the Western Cape.

The creation of public value will be strengthened by some key policy initiatives which will be given further attention in the 2015/16 financial year. These include:

- Fiscal Policy research and analysis on provincial departments and municipalities to inform the fiscal policy framework as well as to inform the Budget Policy Committee;
- Also there will be some policy initiatives in the space of municipal

investment and borrowing policies;

- There will be research and development in terms of procurement policy planning and support to departments and municipalities to promote budget planning, efficiency in spending and strategic sourcing and to provide structured support to improve supply chain governance.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a key focus of this year is to ensure that we create public value through good governance. Mr Deputy Speaker, we are determined to implement the National Development Plan and create public value through the various programmes and projects of the Government's Provincial Strategic Goals.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is now my honour to table the Provincial Treasury's Budget of R262 million for the 2015/16 financial year for consideration in the House. I thank you.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The PREMIER: Well done!

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

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Western Cape Appropriation Bill provides for the revenue from the Provincial Revenue Fund to meet requirements of the Western Cape Government for the 2015/16 financial year. The Provincial Government is divided into various departments which has its own votes for the division of revenue. The spending of the appropriation is subject to the Division of Revenue Act, the Public Finance Management Act and the Local Government Financial Management Act.

The national conditional grants, specifically and exclusively appropriated may only be used for the purposes stipulated in the Division of Revenue Act and in accordance with the framework of the allocation as published by Provincial Treasury in the Government Gazette.

Vote 3 which relates to Provincial Treasury will ensure that comprehensive reporting is required for each programme which must include transparency, accountability and expenditure control. Provincial Treasury may amend the framework of the earmarked allocation at the request of a department or reallocate the funds. The revision or amendments is then published in the Provincial Gazette. Provincial Treasury may stop transfer of funds to an earmarked allocation or condition allocation if a department or any organ of state is in breach of the framework for example if there is failure to comply, or if the department is unable to minimise the risk in the underspending of their work.

The economic growth and the forecast in the Western Cape is slightly higher than the rest of the country and is geographically concentrated. Both the Cape Town Metro as municipality and the rural municipalities are negatively affected in particular by Eskom failing to maintain their electricity supply and the National Government's failure to create an environment for expected economy growth, resulting in a lower tax base to the financial fiscus. Mr Deputy Speaker, we need sound financial governance and accountability in both the provincial and the local spheres. It is a key goal when transversal and financial systems which is a high priority of the Treasury Department, which is underway, and the migration from legacy systems to a fully integrated financial management system is a key priority in the Treasury Department.

The 2015/16 Annual Performance Plan highlights the strategic goals as indicated by the Minister and this will help to build on the successes of the past. The department remains committed to improving good governance, enhancing service delivery and ensure that people in the Western Cape receive value for money.

The Western Cape Government will include the National Development Plan as part of their 2040 vision. Any plan Mr Deputy Speaker, without good governance or leadership or accountability is a plan at risk. The interaction with municipalities is of great importance to support better audit outcomes and improved service delivery. Treasury through competent leadership and

professional staff is committed to our constitutional mandate and also the mandate as given in the Provincial Constitution to ensure that financial accountability in the public service continue.

It further gives Treasury a legislative mandate, namely the PFMA and the MFMA and in those Acts powers are assigned to Provincial Treasury in preparation of control over the implementation of provincial budgets and the provincial entities, ensuring that the Western Cape Government fiscal policies is consistent with the national economic policies and the annual Division of Revenue Act. Support programmes through capacity building to the departments and its entities is there to enhance the financial management, which were recognised and it was recognised because it indicated the previous audit outcomes were positive.

Members in this House that serves in various committees must ensure that municipalities comply with the act and that our relationship with Local Government or the intergovernmental relationship, which is critical, should remain in place. It should form the basis of good governance irrespective of what sphere, irrespective of what level of government, irrespective of the level of powers. We are all equal partners if it comes to good governance. We are all equal partners if it comes to the voters. However we are mandated, the Western Cape Government and the ruling party in the Western Cape is mandated by the voters to serve the people in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the key focus for the coming financial year includes

fiscal policy for Provincial and Local Government. This fiscal policy is based on research and research is critical, because it informs the fiscal framework and the budget policy. The end-year (inure? 1:32:00) cash-flow and the revenue performance reports as well as the oversight over entities in the Western Cape namely the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board is of paramount importance. The budget policy is linked to the government's strategic objectives, monitoring infrastructure spending, the enhancement of spatial integration and information, communication and technology or the ICT is of critical importance. As the Minister indicated supply chain management, asset management and supporting the interlink financial management systems which of the Western Cape was identified as the pilot site of the pilot project.

As far as the National Development Plan is concerned Provincial Treasury will support the provincial departments and the municipalities to build a capable state and a government that is accountable to the people. Obviously there are demands for changes as we roll out these programmes and in particular our transversal projects for the 2014/15 year of which R429 385 000 was ring-fenced and reallocated to the 2014/15 financial year which clearly is an important aspect of the work and as indicated from page 87 to page 114 it refers to the sources of funding allocated to Vote 3.

Provincial Treasury has a strategic outcome goal in the amount as mentioned by the Minister, the R262 million, for the various departments and each goal with its own programmes must be monitored properly to avoid the potential

risk; the potential risk that management need to manage and the mitigating factors that goes along with it, and each programme in Treasury is managed by a senior official as stipulated in the budget book and they all have their own specific indicators.

It is of a very technical nature in the financial context but it is possible for our senior management to guide other departments and lay a good foundation for sound financial management of other departments to roll out their programmes.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we also have the own revenue component within Treasury which the component of the Western Cape Gambling Board and Racing Board and it is a contributor to service delivery. It forms part of the 17% increase for the 2015 to 2019 increase and the record clearly indicates there was a 2% steady increase from own revenue since 2013.

The Casino in particular the gambling aspect with the income of R400 million and horse-racing in particular with R200 million, is critical for own income. The expenditure trends within the department guided under the leadership of our Minister Dr Ivan Meyer, which will have a focused area and programmes and special projects in this department, will be managed by the HOD and the senior management in this department as a team.

I must bring it to your attention Mr Deputy Speaker that the Human Resources Management and the projections of the personnel numbers on the

2015 to 2018 remains consistent. It is currently at 342 and I think there through the debate or deliberations the issue was raised on part-time workers and contract workers and I am sure the department will assess the situation to ensure that the full-time staff component is not compromised.

Training of staff is very important to ensure that a professional level is maintained in all designations and that the transfer of skills will continue in this department. Mr Deputy Speaker, I think what is important in the human resource area is that we can do a headcount in this department and this headcount will prove that no ghost staff exist in the Western Cape.  
[Interjection.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja.

Mr D JOSEPH: The other important point about Human Resources Management and a point raised by earlier speakers in the other vote, is that after twenty years into democracy under ANC rule we are still called blacks, whites and coloured and although the historically disadvantaged individuals... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We were called that for 300 years and you did not say a word.

Mr D JOSEPH: ...and although the employment equity is important...  
[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We were called that for 300 years and you did not say a word [Inaudible.]

Mr D JOSEPH: ...we cannot continue under the ANC rule being called different races. [Interjection.] I hope the day will come that in this new South Africa we will all be called equal citizens and be treated the same irrespective [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And what will be the name now, what will be the name?

Mr D JOSEPH: ...of our race and our colour and our religion... [Interjection.] ...and I think the ruling party must take the lead into this.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are governing. You must please come... [Inaudible.]

Mr D JOSEPH: The ruling party must take the lead. It is a national policy that when you apply for a post in the government you have to identify your race.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do, yes.

Mr D JOSEPH: You have to identify... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Because you are only looking for white people.

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr D JOSEPH: ...your identity in terms of the old apartheid racial system and I hope one day we will achieve a situation where we will not have to label ourselves and identify ourselves as racial people, because the essence of the struggle against apartheid was the race classification. So we have to deal with it and we have to move to a point where we eliminate that as whoever governs on a national or provincial level we have to move to that point.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Then your actions must speak as your words.

Mr D JOSEPH: Otherwise we will fail the new South Africa... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Walk your talk.

Mr D JOSEPH: ... if we are not able to do that.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, walk your talk.

Mr D JOSEPH: And in the Western Cape we will do our bit. We will, but we are guided by national policy and the national policy does not allow us to move on.

Ms S W DAVIDS: And you must do it. [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear. [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: So I am very strong, Mr Deputy Speaker, in standing up for the struggle that I fought that was against race classification and the land that was taken away. That two was the basis of the apartheid... [Interjection.] ...and I am calling on my colleagues on the other side to fight this fight with us. [Interjection.] So that we can all be classified as equal citizens in this country.

Me S W DAVIDS: Skaam vir jou, Premier.

Mr K E MAGAXA: (?) Not under DA.

Mr D JOSEPH: I want to say today that the Treasury Department has very professional staff and we will do whatever we can and I acknowledge the colleagues that serves on this committee and as a team I am sure we can make sure that this Western Cape Government and the roll that Treasury will play, will serve the people of this Western Cape to the best of our ability. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

An HON MEMBER: Well done, Dennis.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi so.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi! Hoor, hoor!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, on a lighter note I suppose that we can each one interpret the significance of that clock that just fell the minute MEC Meyer got up to speak so...  
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Time stands still.

An HON MEMBER: Your point being?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...so it is also a pity that he did not want to wait...  
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Why do you not listen?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...for the department to arrive. These are in actual fact the people who support him to do his job. [Interjection.] Then also to you, Mr Deputy Speaker, you know something that is becoming very worrying in this House is that so much time is wasted by the Chief Whip over there, jumping up and down every time, trying to teach you how to do your

job and telling you how to rule here. Can we please - can they please make sure who of them want to be the Speaker or who wants you, where do they want you to sit.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for the support hon member Ms Beerwinkel, but you may continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, this R52 billion total appropriation of the Western Cape Treasury, of that amount Treasury received R262 million as you heard with which they will complete four of its programmes in the 2015 financial year. This represents a 9.58 increase from the previous year, but Mr Deputy Speaker, it is the equitable share that this province received, not so much the conditional grant. It is the equitable share over which they have discretion to spend that leaves us with great concern.

Treasury's responsibility covers a wide range but mostly it plays an oversight role over the thirty municipalities and thirteen other departments to ensure fiscal resources are managed effectively, assets are accounted for and SCM supply chain policies are adhered to. Sorry Chair, we speak in abbreviations now already, we are so used to it.

For the past two years, Mr Deputy Speaker, we have taken Treasury to task for parking funds for special projects that should have in their words "credible business plans before funds would be disbursed." They subsequently realised that it was an error of judgment because plans did not

come in as they should have and the funds then had to be transferred to other departments, else it would have reflected as a huge underspending on Treasury's part.

In this financial year we were given the assurance that all the funds of the special projects had been disbursed but have recently been informed that there is a possibility that two programmes are running slower in their spend with the result that the broadband and this is - you have just heard the Premier praising the broadband again, yet it is one of the programmes under special projects that will not spend its allocated budget this year. So how will we then ensure full service delivery in this regard to the community where there are supposed to deliver this service. And also the other point of concern, Mr Deputy Speaker, is after listening to the debate on the Premier's vote and all of the programmes that are centralised in the Premier's Department almost all of Treasury's own revenue collected is transferred to the Premier's department.

'n AGBARE LID: Sjoe!!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This is concerning, but it will be monitored. Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to touch on Treasury and this MEC's responsibility to ensure that municipalities remain financially sound, that they collect their debt, that service delivery to their communities is the best they can offer and that the poor in every community feel and live the change that the equitable share, but more importantly the conditional grant, stipulates. While financial

performance and clean audits seem to improve, those criteria used to ensure a clean audit, namely good governance, adherence to laws and regulations and where the documentation verifies information to clarify adherence to predetermined objectives, does not speak to service delivery or job creation.

Service delivery protests across this province speak for themselves, and watch this space, it will not be very long before you have a crowd in front of this building again... [Interjections.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...coming to show their dissatisfaction and disgust at not receiving a basic right; some of them being sanitation and homes. The vicious cycle of poverty for both municipalities and communities will continue to spiral out of control, Mr Deputy Speaker, unless economic growth and employment opportunities for the poor and unemployed are seriously addressed and innovative ways are initiated to address this phenomenon especially in the rural areas where the poorest live and the struggle to enjoy economic freedom that they deserve.

How can municipalities justify the cutting of electricity or water to households as a punitive measure for not paying one or other service, when in actual fact there is no money flowing through that community from jobs created so that people feel and live the better life for all that the National ANC Government envisages for this country [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Ooh my goodness, through corruption! Oh my goodness.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: An environment for investment via infrastructure growth is certainly not meant only for the affluent areas, the rich and established business and centralisation into the metro areas and hence it begs the question of how this DA Government and Finance MEC is putting pressure on municipalities to share the wealth and opportunities in an area, in any area via partnerships that really portray the concerted effort and visible inclusion of the previously disadvantaged by allowing them access to opportunities for growth, but also in the supply chain area.

This is a small start to proving the principle of economic growth for all. The obvious spin-off then is the decrease in municipal debt and an increase in municipal fiscal balance to plough back into the communities where the needs are dire. What assistance is this DA Government and Finance MEC giving municipalities in rural areas where vast distances hamper the ability of the poor to travel and access job creation initiatives, because this red tape reduction mantra does not reach those areas and those that need to hear it the most. How then do you justify that the Premier, the supposed upholder of the law the paragon of right and wrong consciously flouts the bylaws for informal trade and allows the elite of this City to trade in her garden, simply because they had nowhere else to go and the red tape involved would have delayed the opportunity for them to trade. [Interjections.]

Is that what the DA in Cape Town allows the Premier to do... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: There are lots of crafters that will... [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...and will allow other traders to flout the law as well?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, I am not too sure whether this actually is part of this vote, but you may prove me wrong.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is about economic opportunities and municipalities, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, if that is the case, please continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: If that is what the DA in Cape Town allows the Premier to do... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: It is all legal now, every legal right... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...will it allow other traders to flout the law as well?

The PREMIER: Everything is legal.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That MEC Meyer, is your conundrum because you

have a responsibility... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Everything is legal.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...to ensure that municipalities remain afloat financially and if informal trade, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the answer to the cash-strapped municipalities to be able to collect debt, because communities now have access to trading opportunities, whether they wish, you need to make a judgment call.

Yes, MEC Bredell is also responsible for municipalities and MEC Winde for economic growth and opportunities but you, sir, are responsible for their fiscal health.

The AG in the regular quarterly presentation of key control measures used, to sum up the performance of municipalities, still raises the issue of assurances that are not in place. An increase in misstatements and significant amount of adjustments to financial statements meaning there is inadequate review of controls over financial statements, poor understanding of some disclosures, inadequate maintaining of financial records and amongst others that action plans are not monitored, designed or implemented.

Another issue you should urgently be addressing, MEC is that this concern raised by the AG that are not all municipal managers have yet attained the required qualification, despite the deadline having been extended previously.

Does this not bother you that municipalities are being run in this manner?

Just recently this province received an additional allocation from National Treasury to be specifically allocated to departments as a conditional grant for appointment of doctors and secondly to ensure that youth are empowered to enter the job creation and business field to specifically be trained to build houses for their elderly and military veterans. Treasury has disbursed these finances and we will monitor that you keep a close watch on its implementation.

Supply chain management is an issue that never ceases to be completed in its understanding and implementation, monitoring and it is of concern that in spite of that programme having five components it uses to ensure compliance, problems still arise, and the AG finds the need to mention this problem every year without fail.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Gambling and Racing Board or rather gambling by its very nature leaves one with conflicting sentiment. While the taxes received from gambling makes up most of the department's or this province's own revenue, the social ills from gambling, the loss of personal finance, the family turmoils emanating from this practice will be very difficult to justify.

Gambling has been made so enticing that two cent and five cent and ten cent machines have now been introduced to lure clients. This job - the jobs created, however, in this area of employment on the other hand cannot be

dismissed. This department though and the MEC should ensure that more is done to install responsible gambling and measures to assist those that need help in the places that they do, because most of the gambling that happens here come from the areas where people are the poorest and their finances are needed in areas better spent than there.

Mr Deputy Speaker, then I want to raise another issue that seems to be raising its ugly head across departments and has only really become visible this year. Officials in departments should not have political agendas.

An HON MEMBER: I agree.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Those fights are fought here by political opponents in this House, but for me and anyone of us who need to hold you as a DA Government to account we sometimes need more information or we need something to be explained that we may have missed in a standing committee. It is a practice that has assisted most of us here to understand issues, especially when you move from one standing committee to the next. What has become very clear, Mr Deputy Speaker is a reluctance on the part of officials bordering of fear of detection when some of them are approached for assistance from certain departments or from certain colleagues, what nonsense is this? Since when is information available for sole access of DA members and MECs?

The PREMIER: Ag nonsense, man.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This is just another - you are right, it is nonsense. This is just another example of how access to information is curtailed which makes an absolute mockery of how this open opportunity song proves... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: You are a mockery.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...that this sharing and caring only applies to a privileged few. Mr Deputy Speaker, Programme 2 has 17.2% ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, is that a question, hon member Ms Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it parliamentary for the hon Premier to say to hon member Ms Carol Beerwinkel that she is a mockery?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not sure that the Premier said that. Premier?

Ms S W DAVIDS: She said it. She said it. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, I do not have a major issue with it. It is a borderline case but I think in the circumstances it is fine. She referred to what hon member Ms Beerwinkel said.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No she said she is a mockery.

An HON MEMBER: She is talking rubbish.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no. Ja, she referred to the word “mockery”, the word “mockery” and then Premier referred to the member. [Interjections.] I will under the circumstances let it go, have another look at it... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: She is the biggest mockery in the world.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If it appears to be unparliamentary I will come back, but please continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible.] ... seem to go along now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: I respect your response that you will investigate. The member just said now “she is the biggest mockery in the world.” Would you also investigate that? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am talking about... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: That is what you said.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Please sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The word “mockery” will be investigated. Please continue hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, Programme 2 has a 17.25 increase in its allocation, with a worrying trend of goods and services increasing by 31% from R13 million to R18 million. When you further investigate the spend in this programme you discover that consultants and professional business and advisory services has increased by 67%, 67% from R5.5 million to R9 million. However, when listening to the Auditor General you hear a concern due to the continued use of consultants more especially with the compilation of financial statements even though the practice he referred to was with municipalities.

Where then, MEC Meyer, is your guidance to municipalities that they seem to be failing in this regard? Are you serious about assisting all these municipalities in a fair manner and ensuring that the transfer of skills happens and that the municipalities using consultants are getting value for their money and skills are being transferred or is this just a prolonged strategy to keep consultants employed?

I was hoping for once that the MECs and the Premier today, Mr Deputy Speaker, would concentrate on their role here in the Western Cape as this is

where the DA governs. This is where their constituents are... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] ...go to the National Parliament.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...not to concentrate on comparisons of other provinces... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Go to the National Parliament. [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You are not in the National Assembly where South Africa, meaning the other provinces, are discussed. Where you have an oversight role and should be criticising, this here in the Western Cape, MEC Meyer and your colleagues, is where you govern.

Here you have an ANC component, who are very competent in taking you to task and doing our oversight. We can play our oversight role. Leave your other DA members in their own provinces to do their oversight over ANC controlled provinces. [Interjections.] You here are not the only persons that can think. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a unitary state.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes, we are a unitary state, Mr Deputy Speaker, but we are in the Western Cape. We are talking about the Western Cape, but back to Treasury Mr Deputy Speaker and its ability to do its work. MEC, it is of

concern - one of the concerns in your department is your number of contract workers and here I am not referring to the highly placed skilled officials in your office. How long will this practice continue and how long will this uncertainty live with these contract workers across yours and other departments, especially those who work at a certain level of employment for a very long time and when they leave the post suddenly becomes a higher level but never offered to the person doing the work anyway. What will happen to the fit for purpose person that had to leave due to his or her contract having expired? All of these are the concerns because without people to do the work, Treasury, even though it is not a service delivery department to the outside compared to others, it services municipalities and the other departments.

Mr Deputy Speaker, having said all of this, the ANC is very concerned about the way that this budget has been distributed, what treasury will be doing with it and therefore the ANC will not be supporting this vote. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we as the ACDP support Vote 3, Provincial Treasury. We also need to mention that interacting with the department on a regular basis we must agree that the officials and even the ANC must agree that the officials are top class and are fit for purpose. They are doing a sterling job and they have explained to us over and over again the difference between consultants and contractors. My colleague hon member

Ms Beerwinkel has not grasped that contractors and consultants concept yet. Maybe the Minister can explain in his reply. [Interjections.]

Die PREMIER: Sy wil nie.

An HON MEMBER: It is going to take too long.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker there is a couple of things and my colleagues on Scopa will know that there are certain things, problems that reoccur all the time and I am glad that the Minister said a couple of things that I think can help especially municipalities. When we talk about introducing policy initiatives, when you have policy initiatives and people subscribe to that it means that there is policy certainty, so when there is policy certainty it means that your municipality will function better and also what is important is to improve what the Minister said, improve financial accountability. That is what we want. We want money to be well-spent, to help our people that is poor and lacking services but there is another thing that I was very glad to hear from the Minister and that is that they will proactively, proactively assist the municipalities by good governance action plans; good governance action plans. That is, so when you sit at Scopa and you hear all of these concerns and you see there is plans that is going to be implemented you should be sitting and saying something is being done, but clearly not; the ANC do not think that, but I from my side as Scopa Chair I think it is good sound policies and sound initiatives and it brings policy certainty.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member your time has expired, unfortunately.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: It cannot be! [Laughter.] How can that be?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your two minutes have gone. [Interjections.] Hon Minister Meyer. [Interjections.]

Me S W DAVIDS: Ja man, jou dienste... [Onduidelik.] Scopa Chairperson. Jo!

An HON MEMBER: Not for long, not for long.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I need to say those things.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and welcome to hon member Ms Davids. We have missed you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you. Thank you for missing me. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for the colleagues that took part in this debate, but let me firstly thank the hon Chairperson of the Finance Standing Committee, Mr Dennis Joseph, and thank you for your leadership role both in terms of the

oversight for the Standing Committee on Finance but also in your other capacity as Chairperson of the Budget Committee and all the members of Standing Committee on Finance.

Hon member Mr Joseph, thank you for recognising the competencies of our staff in Provincial Treasury. This year we will be under tremendous pressure to deliver within the current fiscal environment and strong and competent institutions are necessary to build public confidence.

The staff of this government and the Provincial Treasury are certainly building public confidence in the administration.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of hon member Ms Beerwinkel wanting to know why that clock is ticking, that clock is ticking for Zuma to get his day in Court. [Laughter.] That is the clock for Zuma. He will get his day in Court. We are ticking the clock right here, because he is escaping accountability in the National Parliament and the clock is ticking in the Western Cape... [Interjections.] ...because the DA's headquarters are in the Western Cape and that clock is ticking to get him in Court.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer, I want you also to get back to Vote 3.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Okay, I will.

An HON MEMBER: What has that got to do with the budget?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: It has to do with the budget, because...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

The PREMIER: Corruption is always the problem.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second, hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, in the noise I think I heard you referring to relevance. If you did not I am referring to relevance. Secondly, it would be appreciated if the MEC would refer to the words I used. I did not say “ticking”. I said it fell.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister is back at Vote 3 and he will continue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, if we want to grow the

economy and create jobs, the number one strategic objective, we must stop corruption and that clock is ticking so that President Zuma... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are supposed to talk of... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...can have his day in Court, so that we have less corruption and can grow the economy because corruption destroys the economy... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] ... he was in Australia, in Australia [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: He has 800 charges of corruption to answer. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Australia trip.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That clock is ticking for Zuma to pay back the money.

Ms S W DAVIDS: And for you. It is also ticking for you ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That clock is ticking for hon member Mr Marius Fransman and hon member Mr Pierre Uys [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Before Scopa.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...to appear before Scopa.

Ms S W DAVIDS: And for you, and for you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That clock is ticking.

Ms S W DAVIDS: And for the honourable Premier [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That clock is ticking hon member that I missed, for the hon member Zuma to have his day in Court.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, and for you also.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That clock is ticking to come to Scopa. That honourable member, the Chairperson, he is waiting for those two members to appear before Scopa. It is relevant because we want to grow the economy.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: And if people are corrupt we cannot grow the economy. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And the Premier [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to the main parts of the budget. I think it is incorrect to assume that money is going into the Department of the Premier because we know that all revenue that is collected goes into the provincial revenue fund so it is not correct to say it goes to the Department of the Premier.

We welcome, Mr Deputy Speaker, these protests. They must come every day, not only once or twice when they have a provincial congress. They must come. We welcome protest here every day because citizens of the Western Cape, we know that these protests are not service delivery protests, it is different factions of the ANC... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You fire at them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, why you love the ANC.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...competing for space within Luthuli House.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You love the ANC.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: So welcome with the protest. You can arrange another one tomorrow... [Interjections.] We welcome you to have another protest... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No man. Nes jou Arbeidersparty; nes jou Arbeidersparty, your Labour Party.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...because the more you protest the more votes we get here in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] The more you protest the more votes we get in the Western Cape. So welcome, have some more protests. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We will see if [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I will receive the next memorandum. Welcome. Mr Deputy Speaker, this government [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...because the Premier runs away.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...this government is supporting all rural municipalities. Mr Deputy Speaker, when I table the budget on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March the provincial budget, I also tabled a Provincial Gazette tabling the money that we will transfer to all thirty municipalities in the Western Cape so Mr Deputy Speaker, it is incorrect to say we are not transferring money to rural municipalities. There was during my budget speech a Provincial Gazette outlining clearly which municipality will get which amount for which particular projects and objectives so this budget is very clear, but Mr Deputy

Speaker, in addition to that, under the leadership of the Premier the Cabinet has approved a regional socioeconomic project to tackle the issues of safety in rural communities together with the rural municipalities and the local communities.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Like the dompas, like the dompas.

The PREMIER: Your dompas!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: So money is going to the rural communities.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your dompas, your dompas... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is also clear that this broadband will be delivered all over the Western Cape targeting in specific areas the rural communities. There will also be, Mr Deputy Speaker, funding is happening as we speak in terms of transferring the rural ICT in terms of connectivity in public libraries all over the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to conclude. A capable state should not have officials with political agendas. Officials must protect the constitution. We believe in the constitutional democracy and it is the ANC who has politicised the civil service and the National Development Plan is calling for a professional civil service and I believe the officials in the Western Cape are professional public servants.

Mr Deputy Speaker, during the MGRO process we do focus on the issue of consultants and we are monitoring the usage of consultants in municipalities.

Thank you for that question. We are also assessing the transfer of skills of consultants used in every single municipality. There is a concern over this particular matter and during this financial year we will certainly increase our oversight in this particular space.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we have just seen that the ANC has now rejected this budget of this Western Cape Government but the reality is they have just rejected the National Development Plan... [Interjections.] ...because this budget is implementing the NDP. The Western Cape is a province at work... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We are not naïve; we are not naïve.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...and we know as I indicated last week Mr Deputy Speaker, the National Development Plan... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We see behind your dark curtain.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...is collecting dust in the Union Buildings and we know that hon member Mr Dugmore does not want me to go there... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: (?) The point of business is not ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...because he believes...

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...pointing the order of today.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Hon member Mr Dugmore, you know...  
[Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: The ANC did not reject the [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...the National Development Plan is collecting  
dust... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: The order, there is no order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...in the Union Buildings.

Mr R T OLIVIER: The order paper, there is no [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: In this province we are dusting it off.

An HON MEMBER: The Eastern Cape [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We are implementing the National Development Plan.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Meyer, just one second. Hon member Ms Gillion.

An HON MEMBER: You must indicate on the order paper... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can we ask the MEC to address you and not the hon member this side please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, I will look at that. Minister, listen to the member and address the Chair as well.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the National Development Plan is collecting dust in the Union Buildings and the wheels of the National Development Plan is rolling in this province because we... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: And it is falling off in the other ones.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...it is failing in the other provinces.

The PREMIER: The wheels fell off there.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The wheels are falling off.

Ms S W DAVIDS: And you are collecting dust... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The wheels are rolling here in the Western Cape because we have a capable state and I want to thank the officials of this government because they are capable.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are collecting dust in the... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, lastly I want to conclude, the definition of consultants and contractors have been defined numerous times in the standing committee.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I have read the definition as well.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: It has been defined and I think we can do that again if the member do not understand but the hon member does not want to understand and this is what she does not want to understand. She does not want to understand that the bulk of that particular money that goes for contractor are actually for capacity building in terms of internship. We are

building financial skills. They are working in the Treasury. They are getting bursaries and they work within the provincial Treasury to build the financial capacity of our staff. They also get employment within the provincial Treasury. Mr Deputy Speaker, when the ANC rejects this vote they reject the National Development Plan. They reject growing the economy. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ah, ja, ja, ja.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: They are rejecting skills development. They are rejecting a pro-poor budget. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, no [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: They are rejecting the budget going to the rural areas. [Interjections.] So Mr Deputy Speaker, the people of the Western Cape will know by the end of this week because they will vote against all the budgets. We will let the people know how they voted against the empowerment of the people in the Western Cape. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Yebo, yebo gogo!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, order. That concludes the debate on this vote. Can I just get some guidance from the Chief Whip. I see the other Minister is preparing for his speech. Can we - are we going to suspend now?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, we are going to suspend, if we may please, Mr Deputy Speaker, because the Programming Authority indicated that we will not bring things over [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is fine. We will then suspend business now. The bells will be rung to indicate the resumption of business. The House is suspended.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The House is suspended at 12:11 and resumed at 14:02.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Take your seats. The Secretary will read the forth Order of the Day.

4. Debate on Vote 8 – Human Settlements - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the honourable Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker. Madam Premier in her absence, the Leader of the Opposition in his absence. Cabinet colleagues; members of Provincial Legislature; Chairperson and members of Human Settlements Committee; HOD Mr Thando Mguli and his very competent team of senior officials from

my department; our entity's service providers and all our partners; ladies and gentlemen. Mr Deputy Speaker, in her State of the Province Address last month, the Premier shared with us a very clear direction on the priorities of this government and the realities we are faced with. She said and I quote –

“... Budget constraints mean that we do not have enough money to provide every person a house [Inaudible.] with a formal and finished house immediately. This would cost an estimated R70 billion rand which is almost double the annual Budget of the entire Western Cape Government.”

She went further to repeat the National Minister of Human Settlements in Lindiwe Sisulu's words and I quote –

“... Government free housing projects and policies are not sustainable which is why there has been a national policy shift towards amongst other things, informal settlements and backyard dwellings, upgrade through the provision of electricity, water and basic sanitation.”

The National Development Plan aims to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2013 and identifies the role different sectors of society need to play in reaching that goal. Chapter 8 sets out the plan for transforming the Human Settlements, setting out four special principles for Human Settlements development; namely, spatial justice, spatial sustainability, spatial resilience and spatial quality.

During the last term we have laid a solid foundation providing over 100 000 housing opportunities across 16 programmes within our housing code. Human Settlements or housing debate has been for far too long very emotive

and many commented completely out of touch with reality. Demand for housing in this province has nothing to do with lack of delivery but contributing factors beyond our control. Mushrooming of informal settlements and backyard dwellers is fuelled by joblessness and urbanisation, forcing people to migrate to cities to look for employment. We have unfortunately become a scapegoat for these economic realities. That is why even those who receive houses, sell or rent them in order to make an income.

My recent visit to Rooi Dakke Project in Grabouw was a testimony to that where many houses just a few days after occupation already have shacks. Some of these shacks are occupied by the new beneficiaries, while the new houses are occupied by people who are tenants. This is a phenomena across the province and across the country.

In 1995 for example the housing backlog was about R1,5 million in South Africa – R1,5 million people in South Africa. Fast-forward 20 years, R3,7 million houses or housing opportunities have been built which more than 600 000 of those are in this province. The backlog has now increased to R2,3 million nationally. We incorrectly assume that every informal settlement is an indication of the housing need. People leave their decent homes sometimes, go to cities to look for employment opportunities, not necessarily houses. It is not surprising then that many people sell or rent these houses in order to put food on the table. There are more than 8 000 legal shebeens in the Western Cape and more than 24 000 illegal shebeens. Mainly operating from government subsidised houses. There are also many people earning

between R3 500 to R10 000 living in informal settlements because they earn too much to qualify for free government subsidy; too little and heavily indebted to qualify for more mortgages.

The Housing Policy is entrenching the culture of dependency and entitlement, undermining the capacity and the culture of savings in our communities. In 2013 for example, African Response did a research on savings in the informal sector and discovered that more than R45 billion rand is generated by this sector in stokvels, food savings, burial societies, etcetera. This is a clear indication that our approach in housing provision needs a rethink. We cannot continue dotting the landscape perpetuating apartheid special [Inaudible.]

We are correcting the skewed pattern of housing allocation. Mainly older and disabled people are neglected while prioritising younger people. This was due to the fact that many municipalities have no reliable database to base the allocation from which left many hyenas masquerading with community leaders to have a field day in the allocation of houses to their families and friends. A number of councillors and community leaders have been convicted for corruption in housing allocation. This resulted in my intervention through Housing Demand Database Improvement Programme to assist municipalities with their housing demand database. Currently all municipalities have now a credible database.

After this in 2012 I announced that no beneficiaries under 30 years of age will be prioritised; again, will be prioritised. We do not mean that they do

not qualify for houses; we are saying they will not be prioritised while we still have many older people still waiting for houses. This was honoured by an announcement by the National Minister Lindiwe Sisulu in 2014 when she said no beneficiaries under 40 years of age will be prioritised until older and most deserving people have benefited. This was heavily criticised by some who claimed to be legal at policy expense. This announcement are very much in line with our policy and the principal of first come first served and we are very much aware that this has resulted again in another loophole, where some young people go to their homes and fetch elder people to come and register for houses. Once they get houses they send them back home. We are very much aware of that and we are keeping an eye on it.

We have to make sure that older people, disabled people and child-headed households are prioritised before younger and able-bodied individuals. When I asked my department to look at the profile of our database, I was shocked to discover that more than 14 300 people between the ages of 60 and 100 are still on the waiting list. Then I realised that our stance on prioritising older and most deserving people is justified. I have since issued a circular to all municipalities for this directive to be implemented. Most of the people on our waiting list are backyarders in various municipalities. This will definitely address their concern and the assumption that we are only looking after those who live in informal settlements.

Over and above that we have embarked on a backyarder programme, designed to benefit them in various programmes and projects like for example Erf 8448

in Mau Mau which is designed for only Gugulethu and Nyanga backyarders. This comes after our prior project in Eersterivier that benefited backyarders again from Gugulethu and Eersterivier, Mandela Park 1000 benefiting backyarders from Gugulethu, Site C and Mandela Park. All these developments taking place in these areas will mainly or have mainly benefited backyarders. When I took over this department in 2009, farm workers were never part of the waiting list or Housing Demand Database and very few benefited from housing projects in municipalities.

The assumption has always been that farmers are responsible for housing their workers. While that is true to a certain extent that kind of arrangement deprived workers from owning their own homes. We have since then provided 14 571 houses to farmworkers in various areas like De Doorns [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...who were evicted.

MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... like De Doorns, Tulbagh, Op-die-Berg, Grabouw [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...evicted.

MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...**Clanwilliam**, Graafwater, De Rust and Slangrivier. The biggest challenge faced by farmworkers currently is that after the 2012 strike and wage increase, they no longer qualify for a

free subsidised house and this is one of the challenges that we need to deal with. Which brings me to my next point, Housing Policy and programmes have done very little to provide for houses for people earning above free subsidy threshold. In order for them to become homeowners as well, I have placed this group on top of my strategic priorities. I have made a submission to the National Minister and Department to make some amendments in our policy and programmes in order to deal with this challenge.

I have also appointed a team of officials headed by Mr Willem Steenkamp to focus on strategic partnerships with financial institutions, farmers and developers. This is yielding very positive results. Many projects are already underway and some in final stages for this particular market. And a classic example of such a project is the one that we are currently busy with in Pelican Park where we are providing more than 3000 housing opportunities there. More than 2000 of those houses are for people who are earning between zero and R3 500 free subsidy and over 1000 of those are for people who are earning above R3 500. We do not pay lip service to integration, we walk the talk as this administration.

Social and affordable housing projects in Scottsdale, Bella Gardens, Bellville and Glenhaven are currently under construction and the total of 1630 units will be completed by 2017. Last month I visited Scottsdale Social Housing Project and was touched by Mr Lakay's story. This gentleman was a backyarder living in a shack, paying a rent of about R1 500 a month. Mr Lakay is now part of the first 128 people that have moved into

their new houses in Scottsdene. He lives in a two bedroom house paying about R1 700 in a state of the art house with recreational facilities for his kids. The handover housing ceremony took place last week where all [Inaudible.] of government were in attendance together with our partners STRA, NHFC and Madulammoho, the Social Housing Institution that is responsible for that particular project. When I was there I was told by developers that many people who approach them earn between R3 500 and R5 000 but this programme does not cater for them in terms of the policy and that is why I have made this submission to the National Minister for amendment on this programme in order to accommodate people within this income category.

Affordable social rental housing projects in outer areas will be located in areas like Wetton, Ottery, Bothasig, Retreat, Woodstock, Brooklyn, Lansdowne, Ruyterwacht and a portion of District Six which is a clear indication that we are very serious about integration. All are centrally located well within reach of economic opportunities, transport options and social infrastructure. Yesterday I again did a [Inaudible.] ceremony on a project that I pulled out of the dustbin. The Bella Gardens Rental Estate with all our partners again SHRA, NHFC, Nedbank and developer who has been very patient [Inaudible.]. This development was first put out to tender in 2004 but faced many challenges with development rights, lapsing several times. I would like to thank the intervention of a number of partners like Madulammoho [Inaudible.] and the City of Cape Town for funding the bulk infrastructure that has unlocked this project. We are spending almost R207

million rand which SHRA, NHFC and Nedbank with national and provincial departments to fund the project. 630 housing opportunities will be provided for all those who do not qualify for free subsidised houses.

A stone throw away from there the City of Cape Town just launched a BNG project of over 300 housing opportunities two weeks ago and the next phase of the Bella CBD project will include commercial and student accommodation to cater for student and CPUT and the Western Cape University, UWC. My department in partnership with Social Housing Regulator Authority or SHRA will initiate a feasibility study aimed at converting strategically located rental stock and social housing in order to maximise available opportunities while analysing how best to utilise the lease of prime site as a catalyst for affordable housing corridors directly adjacent to the CBD.

The focus areas encompass a De Waal Drive Precinct which links Gardens to District Six and Woodstock and Main Road Precinct extending through the southern suburbs and essentially City Precinct, linking the northern suburbs to the Voortrekker Road corridor. If approached as a collective, these amount to some 449 units and form a corridor directly adjacent to CBD. Again another example of how seriously we take the issue of integration and living up to the concept of integrated and sustainable human settlements.

Since the transfer of Estate Agency Affairs Industry from DTI to Human Settlements in 2012, Western Cape has since proactively pioneered engagements with the Estate Agents Affairs Board or EAAB, aimed at

contextualising the regional challenges and establishing how the province must engage to strengthen and take the sector forward. The province wants to harness how best we can use stock created by Department to function as a catalyst for economic development within communities which are often served by local estate agents. As we heard from Minister Hinana last month, relying only on Government subsidy to provide houses is unsustainable. Last year I called a number of developers and financial institutions to announce my intention to make government land available through competitive bidding process as our equity in the partnership to provide GAP housing and rental opportunities.

I have also engaged with my colleague the Minister of Transport and Public Works Donald Grant and agreed to make other land parcels this initiative. The following land release projects are currently being implemented in Bella CBD, Dal Josaphat, Stellendale, in Highbury Park and will yield a total of 5 590 units. The land parcels have been released for development in Blue Downs, Eerste River and Delft and Brentwood Park. These projects will yield over 1000 opportunities or houses. During the course of the year some land parcels will be released for commercial purpose with the assistance of the Estate Agents Affairs Board. In addition land parcels will be released for the development of properties in middle income areas. Transformation of the sector remains a priority. From an age, gender and race perspective, we take this very, very seriously because currently it is estimated that 88% of the registered agents are still white with the majority of this sector being male and over the age of 50. It is important to qualify that transformation

according to this government is not a zero sum game or implied the place. It means fostering empowerment in support of seasoned practitioners to grow the number of disadvantaged professionals entering and or already engaged in the sector.

The province realises that transformation cannot be achieved without the drive by and in support of the existing role players in the sector. Through the Western Cape Estate Agents core group, the Department has been working in partnership with the National Property Forum Institute of Estate Agents of South Africa, Real Estate business owners of South Africa, Black Property Forum, the Estate Agency Affairs Board, the Black Conveyancers Association etcetera. The work emanating from this core group has already born fruit. It was used by our partner the EEAB to motivate for an extension of an education qualification deadline set at 31 December 2013, which would have seen a number of predominantly disadvantaged agents expelled from the sector. The onus to meet the new deadline of 30 June 2015 now vest with the responsible agents. An important sector like this dealing with probably a household's greatest asset, must be properly skilled. Estate agents must take responsibility to undertake the required training because our consumers deserve to be served by professional, knowledgeable, ethical persons when making important life decisions about their assets and this is the call that we are making to all unregistered estate agents to take advantage of this extension.

Another core function of this department is to harmonise relationships

between landlords and tenants in the rental housing sector, resolve disputes and in unfair practices, inform landlords and tenants about their rights and obligations in terms of the Act and to make recommendations to relevance stakeholders pertaining to issues related to the rental housing sector. The Rental Housing Tribunal now also has a fully-fledged office servicing the Southern Cape region based in George and this is in line with the latest Amendment Act number 35 for 2014 which prescribes that all municipalities must have a rental housing information office. The Rental Housing Tribunal is currently engaging the Department of Local Government to enter into a more [Inaudible.] with municipalities throughout the Western Cape so that the services of the tribunal are brought as close to every household as possible.

I would like to urge people to make use of this office by calling our call centre number which is 086 0106166. One of the Human Settlements strategic objectives is to maximise the use of alternative building technologies in order to respond to electricity challenges and climate change. It was quite telling that after numerous engagements, presentations, pilot projects and evidence based message on benefits of using these methods over the years, no company had ever won an open tender using alternative building technologies. I then instructed my officials I think that was one of the few occasions where I became the Minister of Instruction to call for tenders of only companies that were using these technologies and compete among themselves.

One of the challenges we faced was the limited number of the people with expertise to test these technologies in South Africa. The second challenge was the fact that these materials are manufactured outside the country because many people had given up on convincing South African Government to use this way of building. With the assistance of AGRIMORE SA, NHBRC and CSIR in 2012, we awarded a tender to build almost 2000 houses in Delft. After numerous protests from community members who resisted this method of building and saw it as a sub-standard to conventional brick and mortar. These houses are at various stages of completion now as we speak. On the day of handover, the first batch of completed houses the temperature was about 40 degrees at first. We felt the benefit of this immediately when we walked into these houses as the temperature inside the house was moderate; it was so cool. So even though we have experienced a number of teething problems, I am convinced that as government we need to take these lessons in future projects of this nature.

Going forward, in July 2014 the Cabinet took a decision to reduce our governance strategic goals from 11 to five and this department is part of the PSG 4 to enable a resilience obtainable quality and inclusive living environment, together with Departments of Transport and Public Works, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Local Government. This was done to streamline and maximise the impact through transversal management in order to bring under one roof, all the elements that make integrated and sustainable Human Settlements. Over and above that eight game-changers were identified with three falling under our PSG 4 and two

under my department and those are better living model and water and sanitation. Work is currently underway on those game-changes and just this morning before I came to the House, I went and addressed a team of experts who are working on this game-changer.

We have also identified five catalytic and nine provincial priority projects in this province which will be funded and implemented jointly with the National Department of Human Settlements. The catalytic projects will benefit areas like Barcelona, Gxagxa, Europe, Vkuzenzele, Kanana and Kosovo in the city and transacts [Inaudible.], Thembaletu and Zuurfontein, Vlakkeland and Vredenburg non-metro areas. The Provincial Priority Projects will benefit areas such as Pinelands, De Novo, Delft, Joe Slovo, Boys Town, Sheffield Road, Thembaletu and Dal Josaphat. The Department has also prioritised the Louis Fourie corridor in Mossel Bay. The project is currently into implementing phase and will be accelerated going forward. When the process of finalising our business plans, institutional arrangement and [Inaudible.] for these projects.

In this financial year 2014/2015 we had set a target of 17 583 housing opportunities and I am happy to report that we have exceeded our target and have delivered 18 817 housing opportunities, consisting of 10 421 housing units against a target of 10 357; 11 372 service sites against a target of 6 211 and 1 964 other housing opportunities against a target of 1 015. [Interjections.] This is likely due to the measures put in place to arrest challenges within the delivery chain. [Interjections.] The Human Settlement

## Development Grant Allocation [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Do you hear that?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...of almost R2 billion rand for 2014/2015 has been spent. [Interjections.] And I want to thank Mr Rayan Rughubar, Chief Director of Human Settlements Implementation and his team for turning this ship around in this area. In the upcoming financial year the department plans to find the total of 163 housing projects which will result in the delivery of a total of 18 950 housing opportunities. Human Settlement Development Grant Allocation for the 15/16 financial year will be distributed among the regions as follows; the City of Cape Town where the large chunk of residents reside will get just over a billion rand in this financial year 15/16 – upcoming financial year. Cape Winelands will get R154 million rand; Overberg R137 million rand; Karoo R37 million rand; Eden R237 million rand and West Coast R144 million rand.

For the new MTEF cycle from 2015 to 18, the Human Settlement Development Grant will be distributed among the regions as follows; the Metro which is the City, including the provincial projects will get just over R3,6 billion rand; Cape Winelands R740 million rand; Overberg R426 million rand; Karoo R75 million rand; Eden R793 million and West Coast R414 million rand. The Department is committed to deliver a total of 56 937 housing opportunities for the new MTEF cycle. The Department implemented the Infrastructure Development Management System in new projects,

including NSC 3 contracts to ensure that projects are delivered on time and within budget. The current contractual arrangement within municipalities will also be addressed. This will be done in conjunction with Provincial Treasury to identify blockages and develop corrective actions to ensure service delivery by municipalities. The Department will ensure that a fair and transparent procurement process is followed by municipalities to get the best value for money, including economic empowerment for small, medium and micro enterprises contractors.

This will also contribute to boost the local economy of the municipalities. The Department will also be part of the procurement process for projects in municipalities. I would like to thank all the officials under the leadership of our CFO Mr Francois de Wet who worked tirelessly to attend to the mess the Housing Development Fund was in when I took over this department.  
[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The fund received unqualified audit opinion and we are about to finalise the process of classifying every property. The biggest spending risk is the holding cost of the Western Cape Housing Development Fund Assets, especially the municipal rates and services charges. The Department is currently transferring the property to municipalities and qualifying beneficiaries. The Provincial Cabinet also endorsed a debt write-off strategy programme or a programme to write off

debt of beneficiaries who would not have qualified under the normal and hence extended discount benefit scheme to obtain ownership. This intervention will further assist in decreasing our holding costs on these properties and will also contribute to the strategic objective increasing the security of tenant. A total of 4 100 debtors have been written off to date. This includes the total of 1 065 debtors that did not qualify for EEDPS as their income exceeded R3 500.

The Debt Write-off Policy approved by Cabinet allowed for the debt of these beneficiaries to be written off. The Department is committed to clear the remaining 2 610 debtors within the five year cycle which is a clear indication of [Inaudible.] poor government that take into cognisance the situation of our poor people. The Department has also received a clean audit opinion for the first time since the dawn of democracy. [Interjections.] This is an indication that this department is in good hands despite many challenges we are facing. We can account for every cent spent. Our internal controls and all other matters raised by AG were taken very seriously and were addressed. My department is committed to Employment Equity in the workplace and I am happy to mention that all appointments are done taking the Employment Equity targets into account. The Department is very well represented as a whole but skew in the prospective levels. This cannot be change overnight but a concerted effort is made to address this on the senior levels. As you can see, if you can look at the senior managers in front of you; that is a testimony to what I am saying.

Now 51% of the staff members are women. Currently the racial distribution is as follows; [Interjection.] The racial distribution is as follows; Africans 26%; Coloureds 55%; Indians 2% and Whites only 17%. So this is a clear indication of the Department at work. My department is in the process [Interjections.] ... of unblocking [Interjection.] a total of 35 PHP's. [Interjections.] A total of 62 approved contractors [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please continue hon Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: A total of 62 approved contractors have been loaded onto the enhancement Housing Process Database with a Construction Industry Development Board grading of two to nine of which 32 contractors have been appointed to do general building from CIDB grading of two to six, with the total contractual commitments amounts of R201 125 489. Going forward the Department is committed to creating empowerment opportunities for small, medium and micro enterprises and certainly following targets for the new five-year cycle. We want to improve from where we are because again we take the issue of transformation and empowerment of HDI's very, very seriously. 50% of contractors are SMME's which historically disadvantaged individuals representation. 30% of contracts are awarded to SMME's with women representation and I am very happy that in 2014 Goven Mbeki Awards, the best woman contractor came from this province, Mamoquela and she is amongst the people here. [Interjections.]

Govan Mbeki. We have started to connect the dots in our delivery chain but there is still room for improvement on our turnaround time, especially to pay contractors, particularly SMME's on time because cash flow is critical for them to remain afloat. Even though we still pay within 30 days stipulated timeframe, we can still do much better than that. Just a week ago this House approved the Appropriation Bill of R20 million rand where the youth are going to participate and be skilled. I can tell you now that 80 young people are already part of this programme which will be implemented sometime next month. So and also the [Inaudible.] will be taking part and they are also our beneficiaries in this project. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The Department will also embark on a process to [Interjections.] to increase its own revenue generated. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The Department will also embark on a process to increase its own revenue generated from its housing stock whereby strategic properties will be upgraded and rendered out to people in the GAP market at market related rental. State-owned residential accommodation will be made available in the main city centres which will

afford the employed an opportunity to live close to work. This will address the income group of up to R18 000 per month who was not benefited in the past. The income derived from this will ensure that the holding cost of these properties will be recovered from the end user. This will however be phased in as the [Inaudible.] will have to be right size and provided with alternative accommodation.

Lastly but more importantly, we have improved our planning in order to create adequate and credible pipelines. The business plan now only includes projects that are ready for implementation or are in the process of being implemented. We have also made R25 million rand available for the planning of projects because this is one area where we get a number of delays and that is why we want to invest in this area and improve our planning. Especially the catalytic project that I have just mentioned to be implemented from the next financial year which is 16/17. In total these projects will yield a total of 62 873 houses in different areas as I have mentioned them before. I would like to thank Ms Simpson and her team, the Chief Director Human Settlement Planning for the diligent work in improving the planning and I would now like to table the Human Settlement Budget for 2015/16 thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. The Department of Human Settlements in the Western Cape has developed strategies, policies and programs, to ensure the realization of this right. It is my privilege to

support the Minister of Human Settlements in the Western Cape, Bonginkosi Madikizela, and his department in this important Budget vote debate. The Department has a housing demand database of more than 500 000 and with the limited increase of 3.51% of the budget allocated towards housing this financial year.

Up to now, Minister Madikizela has consistently proven that his department uses the resources to its avail, in a way that is innovative and meets the targets set to deliver housing opportunities to those in need.

They do however recognize the fact that with limited resources, imposed by a self-supporting and self-enriching ANC government, meeting targets is becoming more and more of a challenge. This is compounded by the influx of people from other provinces, who are seeking opportunities in the Western Cape. As people relocate to the Western Cape annually housing beneficiary list backlog increases. It is understandable that the people of South Africa are relocating to the Western Cape. Their needs are simply not met elsewhere. [Interjections.] This is because there is a scourge of underspending on Human Settlements and wasteful expenditure, where the ANC governs.

Ekurhuleni Metro Municipality has underspent by more than R2,1 billion. [Interjections.] The City of Tshwane underspent by more than R838 million. [Interjections.] The City of Johannesburg has underspent by more than R3,1 billion. [Interjections.] In total, all these municipalities underspent by over R3,4 billion.

The Limpopo Provincial Government again failed to spend its allocated Human Settlements Development grant of R500 million for the 2013/14 financial year due to “capacity” constraints. Yet, these are the same people, who are walking the streets in the Western Cape, claiming that there is no service delivery. The fact is that the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements spends its budget and spends it well. So much so that the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements has received additional funding, to the tune of R20 million. This funding was allocated to the Western Cape as a result of underspending by the Limpopo Province.

The DA is pleased that more attention will be given to and funds spent to upgrade the living conditions of those in waiting - the thousands in informal settlements throughout the province as well that of that of backyarders and I want to tell you during the holiday seasons, my colleagues hon members, I was in Winterveldt, Pretoria, where residents are suffering because of underspending [Interjection.] due to infighting within the ANC. I know you will say that that is what you specialise in. [Interjections.] The people of Winterveldt - and I am telling you Winterveldt has been here before the democracy, older than democracy, where operation Vula was - they are still struggling with the water; they take containers to go and get the water. Now if you have to tell us what to do in the Western Cape, advise your colleagues. [Interjections.]

This is why the Department of Human Settlements in the Western Cape has

committed to directing more resources to the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Program to improve the living conditions of people living in informal settlements and in backyards, as they wait for houses. I am confident that when I say I support the Minister and his department, that they will do their utmost best to improve the lives of all the citizens of the Western Cape, especially those most in need. The Western Cape is indeed a province where we are working towards the open opportunity society and in return a province that works for all.

I come from Citrusdal. There is an ANC Chairperson Ria Ludick that she says she cannot walk during the night because the Bantu there will rape her. So ANC, if they want to talk about racism, about no service delivery, go in your house, clean your house. I thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mr Magaxa. Order! Order member before – order! Order! Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa before you start, hon member Mr Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you I would like to know if the hon member is willing to take a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Which hon member?

Mr D JOSEPH: Who is going to speak now. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That is slightly premature. Hon member Mr Magaxa he must first start speaking; he has not started.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Immediately when I finish here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: When you finish. He will do... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Accepted ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are welcome. Immediately when I finish. Mr Deputy Speaker, the right to adequate housing is one of the most important of all basic human rights; Section 26.1 of the Constitution provides that everyone shall have a right of access to adequate housing. Accessibility means that the state must create conditions conducive for all its citizens, irrespective of their economic status, to access affordable housing. However, hundreds of thousands around the province of the Western Cape live in health threatening conditions; in overcrowded slums and informal settlements that are growing fastly under the DA led government which do not uphold the human rights and their dignity. Hundreds of thousands are forcibly evicted or threatened with forced eviction from their homes every year.

To hundreds and thousands of poor people of this province, the right to housing is only but a dream as the Provincial Government has clearly

demonstrated that this basic human right is not priority of their government. Their five strategy goals in the Provincial Strategic Plan and so-called game-changers which has been forced down our throats by this DA as if they are the best things since sliced bread, do not even make mention of human settlement. [Interjections.] The Provincial Budget Policy Goals also did not mention human rights as a budget priority. This shows that this government does not see the provision of housing as a priority of this government. The funding allocation to the Department of Human Settlements bears testimony to this fact.

It is in that context that I cannot blame our Minister Madikizela in this instance. I can only blame the party he represents that reduces his capacity as a person who is having an experience of a background [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Also racist.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... of the poor [Inaudible.] person in the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: So racist.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just one second. Hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, can the hon member Mr Magaxa

talk to relevance because we are at the Human Settlements Budget Vote.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Can I just ask to what is the relevance in what he is talking about? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chair will carefully listen to what he is saying. The hon member Mr Magaxa can continue. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Everything for you is racism.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Listening is a skill hon member Mr Mackenzie. This shows that this government does not see the provision of housing as a priority of government. The funding allocation of this department, bears testimony to this fact. The Western Cape Government finances its provincial expenditure via three sources; that is national transfers which consist of provincial equitable share and conditional grants. And then we have got provincial own received taxes and fees, user charges and provincial reserve namely provincial revenue fund and asset financial reserve. We are told that the Department of Human Settlement intends on spending R6,5 billion over the 2015 MTEF period on Human Settlement development. This entire amount is allocated from the Human Settlement Development Grant with no contribution from the provincial's own revenue. [Interjections.] Underline that serious point.

The total budget for Human Settlement for 2015/2016 financial year is R2,2 million equitable to a 1,78% increase from the previous year. 90% of which comes from Conditional Grant payment. This means the Department is almost completely reliant on funding from the National Government, with no attempt of a sizeable funding allocation to Human Settlements coming from the own revenue of the province, knowing for a fact that the Western Cape is extremely experiencing a serious problem, not only of infrastructure but of housing. But they spend that money to other business orientated private sector investments. [Interjections.] One can only hope that the Province's own revenue is not stashed away somewhere in order to fund DA programmes at the expense of the people of the Western Cape. [Interjections.] The Western Cape has essentially relegated its responsibility to deliver adequate housing only to National Government, precisely why?

The third is that the DA led government, I still maintain that; I said when I came here for the first time that this is a white orientated government for the rich white, in fact not even the Ruyterwacht people who are white there but for the rich white and higher living class. It is simply unacceptable that the Department of Human Settlements to be entirely reliant on National Government. The same government that they are saying it is corrupt [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is corrupt.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...but is they rely on that government in terms of providing services to the poor. [Interjections.] It is ironic that the same National Government that we are told is incompetent that the Provincial Government relies on upon so heavily. DA led government is better placed in actual fact to assist the National Government to force even the private sector to take responsibility to bid houses for its own employees. Because it's leader [Interjection.] The Premier Helen Zille, owns a good share in Pick n Pay. Pick 'n Pay does not even want to pay a cent to its employees. Our government is responsible to pay [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Our government is responsible to pay for housing of the same people that [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, what is the relevance to the debate? I mean... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Can you make a ruling on that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa. I know you will

come back to the housing and leave Pick n Pay somewhere else and get back to housing.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja because the Premier owns good shares there; she has got a lot of money. Is the richest of all of us here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Come, come to housing now.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And the same institution is refusing to pay for houses for its own employees. [Interjection.] Like the farmworkers – like the farm owners who are predominantly DA supporters. Those farm owners exploit the poor, when they are old they chase them away so that this ANC led government can be able to take that responsibility. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: So now tell him what... [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Department mentions the [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...following as priorities for Human Settlements.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...shifting more resources to a black informal settlement;

cleaning up their housing demand that are based in municipalities. Embarking on strategic partnerships in order to provide GAP affordable housing and rental accommodation... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa just one second. Hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, I think the... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it a question or a point of order?

Mr B D KIVEDO: It is a statement. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Kivedo, order! Order! Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: It is a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: I have changed it to a point of order Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am listening.

Mr B D KIVEDO: The hon Mr Deputy Speaker, he is making unverified

statements.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: Unempirical basis... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Kivedo! Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: He cannot talk about white... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Kivedo, when the Chair speaks you remain quiet and you take your seat. It is not a point of order take your seat please. Take your seat please. Hon member Mr Magaxa. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Sorry James Brown. In as much as upgrading of informal settlements is important in order to create a conducive environment for people at least having infrastructure with access to basic services such as water and sanitation of which we support, we must state our disappointment at the failure of the Department to balance the building of houses for our people as a priority, while at the same time addressing these desperate conditions of certain informal settlements. The Minister is very sharp to put blame on local leaders, including ANC when people resist to be removed to the most distant areas while we still have enough land nearer to the working areas within the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: We do not have... [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We must also note the mischievous prioritisation of social housing at the expense of building houses for the poorer section of our people. The DA is doing this precisely because they are not in support of building free houses for the poor as social... [Interjection.]

AN HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja. As social housing is paid for they know that on social base the people will be paying. That is why at most of the time they will run around. If you can listen to that budget; all institutions that apply the sector orientated... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...donating the input by the...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second – order! Hon member Mr Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Point of order. We have four political parties in this House.

An HON MEMBER: So.

Mr D JOSEPH: The Communist Party does not exist in this House.  
[Interjections.] The hon member Mr Magaxa must speak on behalf of the ANC, not the Communist Party. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, social housing is Communist philosophy, it is not the ANC it is communism speaking now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Joseph order! Order! That is also not a point of order. Please continue. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Rooi gevaar.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The DA is doing this precisely because they are not in support of building free houses for the poor.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: As social housing is paid for. In fact the policy of the DA is against the provision of free housing to the poor because their key constituency do not necessarily need free houses. [Interjection.] Part of the redressing the inequalities of the past is to build new settlement in order to integrate as a society which was partially built on racial discrimination. The

Department of Human Settlements is here to inform us what his intention is on this matter. One would hope that the Department's lack of [Inaudible.] is not because the Department is ill, it is hell-bent on maintaining the special differences of the apartheid government. The Department speaks of delivery of housing opportunities. We must inform the Department that an old woman living in a shack in Barcelona is not interested in a housing opportunity but rather a top structure where her safety will be guaranteed. [Interjections.] It is also worrying that the Department is only now developing the first draft on the Human Settlement Response Plan. One can only wonder what the government has been doing for the last six years while it has been in the office. [Interjections.]

The Department's Land Release Project which is mentioned by it is currently all in the City of Cape Town. They are located far away from the industrial and working areas. This therefore places a burden of transport on already low earning working class people. The job of government is to provide enablers to its citizens for the realisation of their goals. Creating Land Release Projects on the outskirts of the City does not make life easier for the working class but places an extra burden on them, while the overall budget for Human Settlement only increases by 1,78%. There is a 13,9% increase for the mortalisation of the 27 Wale Street. [Interjection.] In light of this immense housing backlog in this province, the Department sees the mortalisation of their offices as a priority.

This just shows how the priorities of this department are completely skewed.

While the poor are living in abject inhuman conditions, the Department is busy mortalising its offices. The percentage increases for many other things such as catering, advertising, entertainment, food supplies and consultants, is shocking to say the least. While there is a major backlog in the provincial housing, the Department is increasing its allocation to entertainment and advertising over 100%. The Budget decision of this department is extremely skewed and do not seek to address the needs of the under-privileged and continuously marginalise people of this province [Inaudible.] inequalities. The Department has shown once again that it is not concerned with restoring the dignity of our people but only concerned with its core mandate which is to maintain the inequalities created by the upper aid system. [Interjections.] This is a serious problem. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: No, you have got a serious problem.

Mr K E MAGAXA: This is a serious problem. I think in conclusion ... [Interjections.] I think in conclusion, while you appreciate some of the positive development in relation to this budget the fact of the matter is that the DA led Provincial Government undermines the intentions of the National Government to improve the quality life of the poor people in this province. [Interjections.] They are using this budget to empower white-owned private companies hence this emphasis on the social housing. The emphasis on the social housing is about stealing the money that is supposed to benefit the poor for their own constituency which is the rich people. Therefore as an ANC for the above-mentioned reason, we cannot approve this budget. Thank

you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, you did indicate upfront that if you had time left you will take a question. Are you prepared to take a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I want that question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you want it?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes. Hon member Mr Joseph, do you still want to ask the question?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to know if this budget speech that the hon member submitted was from the ANC or the Communist Party? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Chairperson, I think if you can give me an opportunity to give this short lecture. [Interjections.] I will not charge him a cent. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa. Your response must relate to the debate as well.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The parties that are represented here are those parties

that are reflected in the ballot box of which the African National Congress. The National Congress has all of us here representing it; we do not have ANC [Inaudible.] object here. It is only the DA that called the ACDP here. We do not need assistance from any other person. We are capable to represent ourselves here [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Unlike them.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Magaxa. Order! Order! Honourable member Mr Kivedo. Hon member Mr Kivedo just one second.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I have a [Interjections.] I want hon member Mr Magaxa [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: It did not slip my ear. You made a serious [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Kivedo. Order! Order! Can I ask the Whips just to assist me here? Hon member Mr Kivedo are you asking a question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: I am asking him a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I ask the hon member first; Mr Magaxa are you prepared to take the question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: I just want to know; you made a serious, a very serious allegation that hinges on a criminal act. When you referred to the social housing you said “instead of delivering to the poor, the DA stole the money to finance” – am I right? [Interjections.] There is nothing wrong with my eardrums. I just want you to retract [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Explain or to retract that [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Order! That is not a question that is a statement. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I also Mr Deputy Speaker, I can respond even to comments.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, no. This closes this debate. Can I just for the benefit of the House say, a point of order relates to the procedures of the House. In 99% of cases it relates to a specific rule; either rules or convention. One cannot simply get up on a point of order and

try to challenge something of the contents in the hon member's speech; that is not a point of order. You challenge that by way of a different method, by way of countering in a different speech. So if you want to ask the hon member Mr Magaxa a question, the hon member must first agree to respond to your question. You cannot simply get up and ask your question. That disposes of hon member Mr Magaxa. Hon member Mr Tyatyam. What is [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: But we can assist the hon member to translate the statement to a question because we are interested to answer [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam no we have concluded that one. I see the hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] I am very disappointed by [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I have got two minutes, I only have two minutes. Mr Deputy Speaker, I am very disappointed in hon member Mr Magaxa's speech. I thought he would adjust his speech after the Minister had delivered. But because it was pre-typed, he read it and it was not relevant. It was really not relevant and out of touch with what we are talking about. You see when we look at the Budget we look at what is the mandate. We look at what the

Constitution says and you know the ANC is very selective when it comes to the Constitution because that same Constitution, Chapter two section 26, says “take reasonable legislative and other measure within the available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of everybody’s right to access to housing”. You see, that is what it says. In all that you said everybody has the right to housing but you do not qualify.

Now the problem mainly of these hon members on this side is that they do not understand the mandate when it comes to Human Settlements.  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: They do not know the vision; they do not know the mission and that is why they will go on with races, I do not know how many times he did mention White, Black, White, Black and they must get out of that. But I just want to ask a couple of questions, a few questions that the Minister can react to. Minister you have a small budget and I know it must stretch to accommodate all the people in the Western Cape that need houses and I know what your vision says. But Minister, I just want to ask, can you tell us more about the public/private initiatives because that is maybe one way that we can – because free housing from government will not work. So when we look at public and private initiatives, maybe something can happen from that. Maybe you can just elaborate on that Minister.

The other problem that we have is what did your department do when it comes to people getting houses and selling it almost the same day? It is a huge problem, so you provide housing but the person cannot afford the house and they move out almost immediately to sell that house.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Christians your two minutes have expired unfortunately. Hon member Mr Tyatyam. [Interjections.] Order! Order! I am listening.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to ask if is there still a law of floor-crossing?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is a law of floor-crossing. There is a convention that you do not cross – do not break the line here. I am not sure if you referred to that. The hon member Mr Hinana is next.

Mr N E HINANA: Deputy Speaker thank you very much. I am greeting everybody in welcoming and supporting the Budget speech as delivered by the MEC, Bongonkosi Madikizela. I want to welcome the decision by the Department to earmark the allocation of the BNG of free subsidised housing for the most disadvantaged people, the elderly, the disabled and the child-headed household. And on this topic, the reason that I want to congratulate the MEC is that whenever the allocation is done, the elderly people are always on the sideline, are marginalised and whenever the allocations are done to the beneficiaries the people who are disabled have never been catered

for and for the Minister to have money allocated specifically for those, it is great and reliable information for them that indeed this department caters for all, including the disabled, the elderly and the child-headed household.

I am proud to announce that the Department has allocated an amount of R20 million; part of it is going to build the houses for the military veterans at Bardet. You would be surprised to find out, as much as we are talking of democracy now, there are former military veterans who are coming from the Umkhonto we Sizwe, who are coming from Apla, who are coming from Azanla, who have been discarded by the current system.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr N E HINANA: Although they talk about the quality and better life for all, those people are left behind without any assistance, but because this government caters for all, those military veterans, the Department has allocated them the houses. [Applause.] When we talk... [Interjections.]... about democracy benefiting all, we are not talking about the democracy that is going to benefit your family... [Interjections.] ... your friends and everybody, and members who are loyal to your party, but everybody, including those that have been discarded and different sized by the ruling government [Interjections.] But the Ministers see it fit that if you cater for all, it has to be inclusive, including the marginalised.

I am equally proud to announce that the Guguletu and Nyanga back-yarders

have been specifically allocated the area along Govan Mbeki, for too long those people have been marginalised. But we are having a department that cares for all. [Interjections.] Those back-yarders are... now as we speak, have their houses being constructed, and we are making the point and to make it sure that those houses are meant for back-yarders.

An HON MEMBER: That is a long [Inaudible.] for the ANC.

Mr N E HINANA: And we want to emphasise Minister... [Interjections.] ...that those people who are going to be occupying those houses, we do not want to see teachers from SADTU... [Interjections.] ... nurses, police, colleagues... [Interjections.] ... who are going, including me and including you... [Interjections.] ... who are going to occupy those houses, because those houses are catered specifically for a certain stakeholder, that we are saying are back-yarders from Nyanga and Guguletu, and those people as we speak, are very proud of the Ministry because they were addressed and they understand that the houses are from them. [Interjections.]

Allow me to say this thing about racism; racism is a cancerous tragedy that we should not entertain at all. [Interjections.] The hypocrisy that is being done by the ANC, and I am very concerned about the white people that are in the ANC, how do they feel... [Interjections.] ... when a member of their own party...

An HON MEMBER: Skande!

Mr N E HINANA: ... would label white people as people who are racist...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr N E HINANA: ... people who do not care.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon Hinana. Just one second. Hon Olivier, I am listening.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Deputy Speaker I just want to know whether the member is prepared to take a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Hinana are you prepared to take a question?

Mr N E HINANA: Frivolous questions I am not going to take.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, the answer is no. Please continue.  
[Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: So do not make those comments.

Mr N E HINANA: This country was built on the democracy where all the races contributed. [Interjections.] There are people who are white...  
[Interjections.] ... who sacrificed their careers, who are so educated that they

could be some people in the world. They are the doctors, they are the lawyers, but because they fought for democracy, that is inclusive... [Interjections.]... they sacrificed their careers and fought for this democracy... [Interjections.] ... and today this generation who castigated those people as outcasts that are not needed. And if you look at the hypocrisy concerning them, if you look at their lawyers, how many of them see black people enough to represent them? None of them! Where do they go? They have surrounded themselves by the white lawyers, and they come here and say that white people are not needed. But we are saying, amongst the people who contributed to this democracy that we are enjoying today, are all races, that include whites, coloureds, Indians. And you cannot have any justifiable platform of saying that... [Interjections.] ... white people are not needed here. [Interjections.] I wanted to emphasise as well... [Interjections.] ... if you look at the...

Ms M N GILLION: Where is the relevance?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

Mr N E HINANA: ... business partnership, if you look at the business partnerships that the high profile ANC members are having, they are having partnership with white people.

An HON MEMBER: So?

Mr N E HINANA: And if we are going to stand here and classify them as people who are not needed and trustworthy, your leaders are... [Interjections.] ... your leaders... [Interjections.] ... are having partnership with them.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Member your time has now expired.

Mr N E HINANA: I want to conclude by this... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You have concluded. Thank you. [Interjections.] Order! You have concluded.

Mr N E HINANA: My conclusion is that...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You have concluded. [Interjections.] Hon Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker thank you very much for all the members who took part in this debate, particularly to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, hon member Ms Maseko. She really has hit the ground running in terms of understanding this department... [Interjections.]... [Laughter] which is a very complex department, which many people still do not understand, and I am going to get to that. And thank you very much for understanding the challenges that you are facing.

I am not going to get into the areas that she touched on about the under expenditure in other provinces and I think she articulated that very well. You know ...

†Sekela Somlomo kukhona intetho ngesiXhosa ethi xa usoloko uthetha ubuvuvu rhoqo uphela sele ubukholelwa ukuba buyinyani.

\*Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a saying in Xhosa that if you keep on speaking nonsense, you ending up agreeing that it is the truth.

Now hon member Christians has covered me but now let me start by addressing some of the comments that were made by the hon member Magaxa, and I think hon member Christians has covered me partly on the first part, because he is quoting the Constitution, but he is quoting it selectively, because as hon member Christians said, the Constitution is very clear, and I want to quote it again. Section 26 (1): “Everyone has the right of access to adequate housing.” We all agree with that. But more importantly, the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures and also underline within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. But you conveniently omitted that part. So the state does not have unlimited funding to provide houses for everyone, and that is a national phenomenon. [Interjections.] So we must not then give this impression that the reason why we still have challenges in housing, in fact across the country, is because there is no commitment from this government, because that is not true.

Now again, I am not sure, you know one of the things I did Mr Deputy Speaker, deliberately so, is to make sure that I make the speech available

before I read it. I am not sure which speech he was looking at. He is saying game changers do not mention human settlements or top structures. If you look at that speech, there is a very clear balance between what we aim to do by these game changers, because what we are saying, is we understand that it is going to take us a very long time, and you do not need to be a rocket scientist; if you look at the available resources in terms of funding viz the number of people that we have to cater for, we do know that it will take us a very long time to provide a house for everyone who needs it, but what we cannot do any longer is to allow those people to wait under those conditions where there is no water, there is no sanitation and there are no roads when there are fires. That is why we are making this a game changer. And by the way this is in line with what the National Development Plan is saying, that we have to upgrade informal settlements, because there is an acknowledgment even by the people who were drafting this plan, that we are still going to have many people without houses because of the available resources. So if you look at it carefully, over and above that we spoke about catalytic projects after the game changers, and we clearly said that those catalytic projects are going to produce more than 62 000 houses – which is a clear indication that perhaps we were listening to a completely different speech.

Now, looking at this department, it spent all its budget on poor. Now you spoke about own revenue. Now for example I did mention again on the speech that one of the challenges that we are facing is that more and more people who are unemployed are even now unable to pay, I mean on the rental stocks that we own, and one of the challenges that we are facing; that is why we are

now devolving some of the properties, that the holding cost of those properties, we end up paying more than what we get in return in terms of the own revenue. But if you look at the records over the last five years of what we did as this department, with own revenue generated from the rand etcetera, you will see that we have assisted municipalities to deal with bulking for such problems, because their MIG funding is nowhere near enough to deal with those challenges. And you can see, that is on the record, the number of municipalities from own revenue, which is a discretionary funding that we have used to unlock bulk infrastructure challenges in those areas.

So now, again, on the issue of whites and which is the old song that we have heard from you over and over... [Interjections.] ... you know it is very hypocritical because when you say these things, you pretend as if you care about mainly black and poor people, when your own party did a number of things which speak to the contrary. In fact I would challenge you hon member Magaxa through you Deputy Speaker, to say let us look at the number of HDIs who benefited during your term of office and HDIs who are benefiting now... [Interjections.] ... and I would challenge you... which is a clear indication that what you are saying is far from the truth, that this department actually has done more in terms of uplifting and empowering HDIs than you ever did when you were in power.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And that is a clear indication. And I quoted the stats...[Interjections.] ... I quoted – read the budget – I quoted the stats... [Interjections.] ... I am talking about the ANC Government, I quoted the stats... [Interjections.] ...

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Shocking!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Again, go to the speech and you will see the stats that I am talking about. Now again, you mentioned the farm owners, and yet when your government was in power you did absolutely nothing to deal with this problem. We have heard a lot of noise from that side...

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... about how farm workers are neglected, and yet you cannot produce a shred of evidence... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] evictions [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... as to what you did for farm workers. ... [Interjections.] ... Now you look at the budget speech again... [Interjections.] ... you look at the budget speech again... [Interjections.]... we clearly indicated the number of opportunities that were

provided for farm workers you know, over the last four years or so... [Interjections.] ... and we are even giving you specific projects where we have allocated houses to farm workers.

Now, again, you are saying we are not balancing the upgrading of informal settlements with houses. I do not understand which budget were you listening to. And in fact when we presented the Budget to you in terms of how we are going to spend our allocation, if you look at that pie chart which clearly indicates per programme where we are going to spend our money – by the way it is only 11% that is spent on upgrading of informal settlements, 11%. Most of the money is still building top structures and yet you are saying something completely different to what is even in front of you, so which is a clear indication that really you still have a lot to learn about this department that you are claiming to be a shadow Minister of. Now again, it is quite shocking that you are saying teachers, our own administrators, nurses, policemen, we must do nothing for them, because that is what you are saying. [Interjections.] You are saying we are spending our money, you are totally against us spending money on social housing, which is aimed at providing houses for people who do not qualify for free houses. Now the majority of these people... [Interjections.] ... the majority ... [Interjections.] ... no but again you are not reading the Budget correctly. If you look at the Budget, the pie chart, most of our money goes to free houses, if you look at how we divide that pie. Still most of the money, more than 60% of our money still goes to free houses. It is a fraction of our budget that goes towards these people. In fact we have to increase it, because these are the people who are

making it possible for us to provide free houses. You cannot have a situation where taxpayers who are making it possible for us to provide free services to poor people are not catered for by the government. In fact the money that we are still spending on social housing must be increased, the money that we are spending on gap housing must be increased, because in that way we will be able to house nurses, policemen, administrators etcetera. So it is quite shocking that you see that as a problem. You do not see a need for us to provide houses for those people.

Now again you are saying as DA Government we are entrenching this white minority supremacy in terms of how we provide houses, but if you look at the number of quotes from your own leaders about the sustainability of providing free houses ... [Interjections.] ... the former Minister of Housing, Tokyo Sexwale said something about that, the current minister ... [Interjections.] ... but he has seen the former Minister of the ANC, the current Minister of ANC said something about that, and I quoted. Read your speech, and there is a quote there because as sober minded people we agree universally that we have got to balance the provision of free houses to the most destitute, because we are not saying we must stop providing free houses, but we must make sure that we balance it with programmes that will be able to cross-subsidise the poor, because providing free houses only and relying on the current number of taxpayers to fund it is not sustainable, because the revenue collection is decreasing because more and more people are becoming unemployed. Now that simply means we have to spend the money wisely, because we are not going to get more money to spend it on free houses, we

have got the strike the balance. And that has been said by a number of your own leaders, so I...

Now again, I will take you to cleaners when it comes to the areas where you built houses during your administration and the areas where we are building houses now. [Interjections.] Now, you are saying we are building houses far away from the cities. Again, if you read your speech... [Interjections.] ...

Mr L H MAX: Was hulle [Onhoorbaar.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Almost all the areas where we are planning to build houses are within the CBD, almost all the areas, if you read that speech... [Interjections.] ... but if you look at the areas where you have built houses during your term of office, it is exactly the opposite of what we are doing. Now actually the people...

Mr L H MAX: We deliver.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The people, the party that has clearly indicated that they take poor people for granted, is your party.

An HON MEMBER: Yip! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And we can clearly demonstrate that and I can challenge you on any day to say let us visit areas

where you built houses during your term and let us visit houses that I am building houses now. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Now on the entertainment budget again you are exaggerating as if this department is entertaining people. Let me tell you, I am not apologetic... [Interjections.]... I am not apologetic by spending, because the only item on the entertainment that increased on the entertainment budget is to hold the awards to reward those people who are doing a good job.

Mr L H MAX: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Govan Mbeki Awards, which is a once-off event annually.

Mr L H MAX: To value people.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And we are going to have it again next month and this is in line... [Interjections.]... with the National Programme, because we hold Govan Mbeki Awards in all provinces and we hold awards nationally, and that is why we have Mom Kwena here who won the best woman contractor [Inaudible.] So I am not apologetic about that. [Interjections.] We are going to spend money, we are going to spend money...

Mr L H MAX: Yip.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...to reward people who are doing a good job. And that is the only item in our entertainment budget that has increased.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And nothing else. [Interjections.] Now I think these are the issues that we have raised, because I think I have covered some of the issues, but thank you very much hon member Christians because you have partly covered me, especially on the Constitutional quote that you have made, because you made it very clear.

Ms S W DAVIDS: But you are not [Inaudible.] beneficiaries. And racial tension.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You have asked a very important question about selling or renting of houses. Again, there is no policy provision that prevents people from renting their houses. Let me make that point very clear. There is nowhere in the policy where people are prevented from renting their houses. In fact if you look at my speech, I have made the point quite clear that the biggest challenge that we are facing is that we are giving poor people an asset when they have no jobs...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Not you, National Government.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, it is taxpayers by the way.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is taxpayers.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We are giving...  
[Interjections.] ...

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

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We are giving poor people a state of the art asset when they do not have an income... [Interjections.] ... and... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What are you going to do [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And it is no wonder then Deputy Speaker, they end up renting these houses. While we do not condone it, one can understand why these things are happening, because the reason why people come to Cape Town, they go to Joh'burg, they go to cities like Tshwane, they are going there to look for jobs. Now what we do, we give them houses. Now in the absence of an income, they use these houses to make

an income. So that is understandable. So that is the challenge that you are faced with, so thank you very much.

Lastly, member Hinana thank you very much... [Interjections.] ... thank you very much for your constructive views on the matter, especially the recognition that we are now prioritising the most destitute; those are disabled people, elderly people etcetera. And I do want to take this opportunity and thank the team of Human Settlements under the leadership of Mr Mguli , I do want to thank the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, hon member Matlhodi and all the Committee members for always holding us to account, and I think the evidence is there for everyone to see that this is a department that is moving forward, not backwards. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That concludes the debate on this vote. Before we ask the Secretary to read the next order, shall we allow just a couple of minutes for the galleries and the bays to be cleared and then we can continue with the next order.

[Business of the house paused for clearing of galleries.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Can we proceed? The Secretary will read the fifth order.

5. Debate on Vote 14 – Local Government - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Bredell, Minister of Local Government.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier of the Western Cape, Provincial Cabinet Colleagues, members of the Legislature, head of the department, Dr Hildegard Fass in her absence, colleagues and friends of Local Government. Today I have the honour and privilege to present the 2015 Budget speech for the Department of Local Government in the Western Cape.

I want to start off by thanking the hon Dyantyi for his support to this budget in the Standing Committee. We all know and realise... [Applause]... that the real debate happens within the Standing Committee. [Interjections.] Before I start hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to spend a moment to thank the thousands of men and women who have bravely fought raging fires across our province for the past few months.

An HON MEMBER: Yes! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We live in a fire prone province and the region has again experienced a very intensive fire season, one of the worst in 15 years. The fire fighting aircraft on contract to the Western Cape

Government flew a combination of 280 hours so far and dropped over 2,2 million litres of water on the 65 fires they attended to. This was done in support of the efforts of nearly 1 500 fire fighters from the various fire fighting agencies. The fires this year caused tremendous damage and led to the tragic loss of loved ones in our fire fighting community. We should all be under no illusions that things would have been much worse if it had not been for the dedication, commitment and selfless sacrifice by many, including fire fighters working for fire volunteers, the South African Air Force, San Park, Cape Nature and many others. My department has invested over the years in proactive measures to ensure timely response vital to fighting fires. Thanks to this proactiveness we still managed to extinguish more than 95% of the wild fires within one hour of the fires being detected.

The PREMIER: Mooi, mooi, mooi.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I am pleased to say that this year's budget we have enhanced our aerial fire fighting capacity even more and we have allocated 6,8 million to aerial fire fighting capabilities.

I would like to touch briefly on informal settlement fires. The complexity and challenges involved with fires in informal settlements versus wild fires are vastly different. The Department accordingly has relevant protocols already in place that have been developed over time to align with the nature of the incidents. When it comes to addressing the scores of informal settlement fires

one of the main focuses in addressing the issues is education. Education is vital, that is a given. People often just do not know what to do when a fire breaks out in their homes. Being a proactive department we have developed a fire prevention curriculum for pre-schools and early childhood development over the last year. It is a long term approach focused particularly on young children who also happen to be one of the most vulnerable groups when it comes to fires at informal settlements. Every day we are advocating the message that fire is everyone's fight. It is ultimately a serious challenge that affects us all and can only be addressed when we are all working together.

Agb Adjunkspeaker, Minister Pravin Gordhan is besig met 'n landwye veldtog om munisipaliteite te kry om terug te keer na hul basiese verantwoordelikhede toe. Back to Basics noem Minister Gordhan dit. Die doel van die Back to Basics veldtog is om te poog om munisipaliteite te kry om hul basiese verantwoordelikhede na te kom. Wat beskou Minister Gordhan as basiese verantwoordelikhede van munisipaliteite? Vir eers moet daar sekere basiese dienste deur munisipaliteite verskaf word aan inwoners van 'n munisipaliteit. Die mandjie "basiese dienste" sluit dinge in soos instandhouding, onderhoudswerk van infrastruktuur ensovoorts. Slaggate moet reggemaak word, verkeersligte moet werk, gras moet gesny word; dit is die soort basiese dienste wat Minister Gordhan sê munisipaliteite na moet terugkeer.

Munisipaliteite moet bekwame mense in diens neem, daar moet standarde wees en mense met die nodige ervaring en opleiding moet aangestel word. In

munisipaliteite behoort alle senior bestuurders prestasiekontrakte te onderteken in lyn met die wetgewende raamwerk en hulle moet daarby gehou word. Munisipaliteite behoort gesonde finansiële stelsels te handhaaf, hulle moet geld mors nie en moet streng optree teen bedrog en korrupsie. Die terugkeer na die basiese verantwoordelikhede op munisipale vlak sluit verder in dat munisipaliteite nuwe infrastruktuur moet ontwikkel teen 'n standaard wat aanvaarbaar is. Dit help nie dat munisipaliteite huise bou vir mense wat binne 'n paar maande na okkupasie daarvan, weer inmekaar val nie. Dit help ook nie as nuwe rioolaanlegte nie onderhou word nie. Natuurlik gaan dit binne 'n jaar of twee breek. Dienslewering is ook kern belangrik in enige munisipaliteit. Mense benodig water, elektrisiteit, vullisverwydering, riool wat werk en betroubaar is. 'n Kultuur van betaal vir dienste moet ook gekweek word.

Ek is bly om te kan sê in die Wes-Kaap is die fondasie vir munisipaliteite wat goed werk reeds gevestig en dis nie net ek wat so sê nie. Die Ouditeur-Generaal het verlede jaar van die 30 munisipaliteite in die provinsie ongekwalifiseerde oudits gegee. Hy het selfs verder gegaan en aan 17 van hierdie munisipaliteite skoon oudits gegee. Meer as die helfte is dus in die Wes-Kaap en die Stad Kaapstad is die enigste Metro in die land wat 'n skoon audit ontvang het.

'n AGB LID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Ek is opgewonde om te kan sê dat ons glo dat ons vanjaar selfs verder gaan verbeter op hierdie uitsonderlike prestasie. Skoon oudits en ongekwalifiseerde oudits is belangrik omdat dit mense die gerustheid gee dat hulle geld nie gemors word nie. Ander entiteite soos die groep Municipal IQ plaas agt Wes-Kaap munisipaliteite onder die top tien in die land. Dit is 'n uitstekende prestasie en ek wens ons munisipale bestuurders en die burgemeesters geluk met hierdie prestasies. Ek herhaal, in die Wes-Kaap is die fondasie vir goeie munisipaliteite reeds gevestig. Dit is nou nodig om te bou op hierdie fondasie.

Hon Deputy Speaker the Department this past year also received a clean audit opinion and as promised in my budget speech more than a year ago, the Department has delivered in a big way and continues to out-perform despite the ever sinking budget. I am very proud of the achievements reached over the past year and also want to thank the women and men involved for the hard work they have put in over the period. Last year's budget... [Applause.]... last year's budget was applied to a variety of programmes. These include the continued rolling out of government services via the Thusong Programme. The Provincial Thusong Programme is an initiative that takes government to the people. Often these people are in rural areas with little access to government services. This programme assist people in getting ID's and birth certificates that is vital if you want to apply for a job or to access social grants or any government services. This Thusong Programme over the past year has provided access to government services to more than a million people across this province. A remarkable achievement. The

department in fact managed to exceed their number of planned outreaches during the period as the demand for this programme was high from all the municipalities in the province. Besides the citizens who gained access to the services through the established Thusong service centres, an additional 28 993 people could be helped thanks to the Thusong outreach programme. This outreach programme is a mobile service taking services to the doorstep of far-flung outlying areas. I am proud to report back that the hard work done by our community development workers or the CDW workers helped us with these successes. These workers do outstanding work in the communities across the province. In the past year more than 20 000 case referrals to various government departments took place. These referrals basically amount to practical problems that impact massively on peoples' lives. As part of the department's continued commitment to support municipalities we will continue to roll out the accredited L G Seta community based planning, Train the Trainer Course, to municipal officials. Over the past year we trained 33 officials across the province under these programmes. These officials are now equipped to roll out further training to other officials and structures to further improve planning between communities and government.

Over the past three years the Western Cape has explored ways of fostering inter-governmental planning and implementation. This process has now evolved and is now set to enable the implementation of the NDP on the one hand and to enhance the development and implementation of the Provincial Strategic Plan on the others. Planning in the province has matured to a phase where joint planning and implementation is a fundamental element in

ensuring sustainable and integrated service delivery. This led to the conceptualisation of the Joint Planning Initiative, or the JPIs. The JPIs, Joint Planning Initiative, seeks to identify a set of long term strategic priorities which will jointly be implemented between the province and the municipalities as part of the department's municipal support programme. The Department is assisting municipalities to develop robust IT systems. This will enable them to deliver e-Citizen services to ensure optimal functioning of the municipality. I am pleased to announce that all municipalities in the Western Cape have now been provided with the respective municipal codes which is a compilation of their by-laws. This support will further enable municipalities to effectively enforce their by-laws and to repeal any old or non-applicable by-laws. In addition the Department of Local Government will be embarking on the rationalisation of the old Ordinance Act applicable to municipalities and will subsequently support them in developing new by-laws which will substitute the functions provided in the ordinances if required. It is a fact Madam Speaker that the municipalities in the Western Cape are amongst the best in the country when it comes to delivering services to all the communities. Consider the findings of Stats South Africa's latest non-financial census of municipal report. According to Stats South Africa the Western Cape has the highest proportion of consumer units that benefit from the free basic water policy in the country. The province is also the highest rated in terms of consumer units that benefit from the free basic electricity and free basic sewerage and sanitation policy developed by government. I will repeat this; according to this Stats SA report, communities in the Western Cape are the best off when compared to every other province in

terms of getting access to basic services and access to free basic services.

Further evidence of good management at municipal level is the fact that municipalities in the Western Cape spent 98% of the allocated municipal infrastructure grant funding in this financial year up to 30 June 2014. The total MIG allocation of all 30 municipalities in this province for the year was R450 million in total. In total 441 million was spent. A wonderful achievement. Consider by comparison another province in this country that failed to spend their MIG funding and this meant that around R500 million was returned to National Treasury. That is more than our entire MIG budget. The MIG money goes to building new infrastructure to improve peoples' lives. For example in the past year 30% of the total MIG funding was spent on improving sanitation, utilities, and 26% was spent on water infrastructure in this province. I am pleased to say for the current financial year we are on track to spend 100% of our MIG funding received for this period.

An area of concern is electricity and as you are all aware, that is a competency we have very little influence over. We are all very reliant on ESKOM. Where we have a role to play is when it comes to electricity networks in municipalities and I am concerned about the state of some of these networks. Therefore my department has already allocated additional funding towards a project that will help municipalities compare comprehensive electricity master plans. This is another proudly Western Cape initiative.

Agb Speaker ons demokrasie is vanjaar 21 jaar oud en ons het al baie ver gekom maar daar is nog baie werk wat voorlê en wat gedoen moet word. Die Departement se totale begroting vir 2015/16 is net meer as 200 miljoen. Ek wil net 'n oomblik neem om daarop te wys dat daar enorme werkslading op die Departement is en dat die grootte van die begroting om dit mee te doen moet dalk heroorweeg word. Hou in gedagte die enorme taak wat die Departement verrig oor die 30 munisipaliteite in een van die land se grootste provinsies. In die jaar vorentoe sal ons aanhou om ons gemeenskap gereedheidsvlakke vir rampe in die provinsie aan aandag te gee. Die totale begroting vir rampbestuur is R28,3 miljoen. Die rigting waarin rampbestuur beweeg is risiko-ontleding en beplanning daarvolgens om proaktief te kan optree nog voordat rampe gebeur. Die rigting waarin rampbestuur beweeg is risiko-ontleding en beplanning daarvolgens om proaktief te kan optree nog voordat rampe gebeur. Dit word wêreldwyd beskou as die mees effektiewe manier te wees om die impak van rampe te verminder.

Deputy Speaker, it is in this regard where I would like to thank the Department Risk Reduction Team for developing a web based decision support tool that maps risk across the province. This tool holds tremendous value towards our ability to respond to disasters in the most effective manner possible. Die Wolwehoek Opleidingsentrum het reeds 180 noodreaksie personeel opgelei en sal aanhou met die goeie werk. Die Departement sal saam met Minister Plato en die Departement van Gemeenskapveiligheid die Wolwehoek fasiliteit uitbou in 'n brandweer- en rampbestuur opleidingsfasiliteit. 'n Verdere R1,047 miljoen word hiervoor opsy gesit.

Agbare Adjunkspeaker, ongelykheid en armoede en werkloosheid lê soos 'n wolf voor almal se deur en daardie wolf groei elke dag. Hy laat ons nog by die huis uit en ons kan rondloop buite, maar een of ander tyd gaan die wolf grootword, en gaan hy ons vang. Ons almal moet harder werk om die wêreld 'n beter plek te maak. Oud-President Nelson Mandela het op sy almanak in Robben Eiland geskryf dat die doel van vryheid is om dit vir ander te skep, "The purpose of freedom is to create it for others." Ons moet almal meer doen, meer bou, meer eerlik optree, meer saamwerk. Ons kan net die land vorentoe neem en mense se lewens daadwerklik verbeter indien ons saamwerk. In die verband is my deur altyd oop om met partye, entiteite of enigiemand met idees saam te werk om die land vorentoe te neem.

Ek dank die Departement, in haar afwesigheid dr Hildegard Fass en haar hele span vir die harde werk wat hulle insit om hierdie departement suksesvol te maak. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Mngasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you Deputy Speaker. When the Democratic Alliance took office in 2009 in this province one of the promises that we made through our manifesto was that we will become a clean government, would become an accountable government, would become an effective government, a responsive government and a government that recognises safer communities. And those are pillars that underpinned among others the

manifesto that we took to the people of the Western Cape. Then in 2014 the people of this province refreshed that mandate, that indeed the Democratic Alliance is the right organisation to lead them, because they, the people of this province, believe that what we have been doing and what we continue to do, we provide the kind of government that they aspire to have and that they are grateful to have, other than the leadership of the Premier of this province †uMama uNontsapho uHelen Zille. Ndifunukuthi ke. \*Mother Nontsapho, Helen Zille, I want to say: it is not a surprise today, it is not a surprise when you are hearing the ministers talking here, in particular now in this Budget vote, that the Minister of Local Government, †Ubawo \*Father Anton Bredell, has spoken quite emphatically on the areas that the Department will focus on, and among others paying attention to doing things differently, because what we have been saying is that Local Government in some instances have been treated as just a small boy or a small brother, whereas it should be treated as an intersphere, which is a sphere that has got privileges in terms of the Constitution, enjoying that kind of autonomy as a government sphere. But what has happened in that process, the Minister has highlighted that the Back to Basics Programme which the Minister of Cogta has introduced, it came when the Provincial Government of the Western Cape has already introduced the Local Government, it is turnaround strategy, the LGTAS and that then meant that the programme will simply change names. So I would not even give credit to Minister Pravin Gordhan, I will simply say that in the Western Cape it was easy for him. In fact he does say that in the Western Cape it became a very easy exercise because the programme was already in place. But my problem is, and of course it is not something that I think comes as a

surprise, that some municipalities especially where the ANC is in charge, have not taken this programme seriously, and in fact one municipality in question, Oudtshoorn, they said “we do not want you, leave.” They said “do not come here, we are happy even though we do things the way we do and in a way that many do not approve”, because if you are a government you must be a government that people themselves are approving as government. You cannot be a government that has no mandate. You cannot be a government that does not have the blessings of the electorate. The LGTAS were simply coming to say we want to help you to do things differently, but they said to the department officials, “go away, we do not want you.” So I am saying Minister, in your department and the approach that you have taken with LGTAS which is now to be Back to Basics, I do appreciate the leadership that you have provided here and the Department, that in fact it is a programme that as a committee we have been saying it is good and we want to see that you give more support, not only to some municipalities but you broaden the kind of sampling that you are doing in giving that permanent support to municipalities.

The element of leadership in municipalities has been raised not once, not twice, but every time the AG releases a report. The AG says the question of leadership in municipalities ought to be addressed. For instance you are able to see a manager of a municipality resigning from this municipality because there is something that is cooking in the pot and coming and jumping into another municipality and settling there comfortably. When things are chasing him or her, then he jumps to another municipality without consequences.

Now these helicopters that are going around without any attention by government, we can no longer allow it.

†Kufuneka sifake idiep, ukwenzela ukuba amaqhizane menikhanzi iziwele, ukubangaba awuyenzi loonto, uzobanengxaki whereby ubani nobani wenz'unothanda, kuya le kuya le, kusepotsoyini. Naphi apho siphethe khona singuRhulumente, ... †We want an accountable government and we want †uRhulumente oza kuhlonitshwa ngabantu ngoba imali uziphethe ngendlela eyiyo. So onke la masela masingaphindi sihambe siwaqesha kwezi ndawo. Amasela mawathathwe ayovalelwa esiseleni. Ukwenzela ukuba abantu bafunde intokuba, ukuba uyaba uzakuvalelwa. Sinengxaki ke kuba kwela cala lendlu, amasela aya promothwa. Isela ukuba libe apha liyasuswa pha lisiwekwiNational Parliament. Isela ukuba libe kuMasipala liyapromothwa marn, uve kuthwa hayi lisusiwe ngoku liyobekwa kweny'indawo, abe yiMayor kulo ndawo. Uba ube as uMayor nakuya uyokwenziwa uMinister Nationally. Amasela thina siyi DA asiwafuni and siyabopha. Ndiyayibulela ke Mphathiswa, †because ...

\*We need to dig deep so that the tick can fall away. If you do not do that, you will have a problem whereby each and everyone does her/his own thing. Wherever we lead as the government ... †We want an accountable government and we want \*a government who will be respected by the people because they handle money in a responsible way. So we must not employ thieves in these places. Thieves must be taken and locked up in cells. So that people can learn that if you steal, you will be arrested. We have a problem, because on

that side of the House, thieves are promoted. If a thief steals here, he/she will get removed here and transferred to National Parliament. A thief, if he/she steals from the Municipality, he/she gets promotion. You hear that he/she has been placed somewhere else and become a Mayor there. If he stole as a Mayor, he is promoted to be a Minister Nationally. We as DA do not want thieves. We arrest them. I thank this Minister because....

An HON MEMBER: Is that what you did [Inaudible.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Because what you have done Minister, is that - in fact you do not understand my statement, I am saying thieves, we arrest them or we fire them, we do not rehire them.

An HON MEMBER: Why [Inaudible.].

Mr MNQASELA: Re-engineer them.

An HON MEMBER: Recycle.

Mr MNQASELA: Recycling, yes that is the correct English word.

And HON MEMBER: Recycle.

Mr MNQASELA: The point that is important is that supply chain management is one of the areas that the Auditor General has been raising,

time and again, and that is an area that we need not to only tick the box and say okay no, we are done with this one. We must go to municipalities and say to them “if you flout this rule there will be consequences.”

The debt collection has been raised by the AG as one of the areas and I think when you look at this Budget vote as it sits before us, the specific areas of concern and obviously programmes that we have focused on Minister, is that you want to give capacity, you want shared services among municipalities so that you are able to give capacity in a broader scale, that in the rural areas where limited support or limited skills do exist, you can then come with those shares services. We support that, I support that. I think it is a very good thing because you will end up having municipalities that do business as if you know, they are working in a vacuum. They must work within a system of government and that is why it is important for that kind of support that you do with your M-Grow assisted by the Department of Finance, Treasury. So we support that kind of a programme.

The Internal Audit Unit in municipalities remains one of the concerns and I think Minister you have highlighted in this area but we need more capacity. We need to ensure that you do not have a person that does not even have a matric but who sits in the Internal Audit.

Mr L H MAX: Ja.

Mr M MNQASELA: And you have a person that is an engineer sitting there

as a civil engineer but coming to do internal audit. You need finance people, you know people who can do these kinds of things.

Mr L H MAX: The ANC do that.

Mr M MNQASELA: Well trained people. Just like the appointments in positions, the Financial and Fiscal Commission is making a point Mama Beerwinkel. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Financial and Fiscal Commission is making a point nationally, but when they come to the Western Cape, they say something very different, and I was quite encouraged by that, that the question of capacity coupled with skills, coupled with qualifications, is important in local government, but they are saying that that is their stress wherever they go, but here in this province under your leadership Minister, things are different. That is why they are able to give more money using the MIG grants and any other kind of support that they are always saying they are prepared.

The National Treasury came here saying to us that they are very happy that this province is spending money wisely, and they know who is in charge here. They are saying it knowingly. And you were sitting fortunately with all parties Deputy Speaker, witnessing that statement that in fact where the DA is in power, things are different, life is better, money is spent wisely.  
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Better, better.

Mr M MNQASELA: Now, you can see, because you are not sitting here arguing a case that has not been tested. It has been tested. You are no longer trying to learn how to govern in this province, no. We have been reasserted, we have been reaffirmed, we have been re-mandated, that in fact “you are doing things right and we are happy with you.” And that is going to happen next year in 2016. [Interjections.]. The Western Cape voters... [Interjections.] ... will no doubt, will in no doubt say to the DA all the 30 municipalities... [Interjections.] ... “we trust you, we believe you and we know...” [Interjections.] ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... that you are the only government that can do things differently in this province. [Interjections.] And that is why... [Interjections.] ... Deputy Speaker, this DA Government is doing what they are doing.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You have been rejected in [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: I am going to try and sum up for you... [Interjections.]... Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You have been rejected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue. [Interjections.].

Mr M MNQASELA: In terms of Chapter 7... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon Fransman. Allow the member to continue.

Mr M MNQASELA: Speaker, Chapter 7 of the Constitution... [Interjections.] ... Chapter 7 of the Constitution Speaker, Section 152... [Interjections.] ... Subsection 1, it says there are certain things that municipalities must do.. [Interjections.] ... there are certain things that municipalities must do and those are non negotiables. [Interjections.] And that they must be able to provide a democratic and accountable government for local communities.

An HON MEMBER: Democratic.

Mr M MNQASELA: Tell me, is that the case in Oudtshoorn?

An HON MEMBER: Right. Right.

Mr M MNQASELA: Tell me is that the case... [Interjections.] ... is that the case in Central Karoo District in Beaufort West?

An HON MEMBER: H'n-h'n.

Mr M MNQASELA: Where there is still money, they use money that is supposed to pay for peoples' retirement... [Interjections.] ... they use it to do what? To pay their own salaries.

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

Mr M MNQASELA: Is that in line with the Constitution? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And Swellendam.

Mr M MNQASELA: To ensure that you provide services to communities... [Interjections.]... in a sustainable manner. And the list goes on, let me not bore you. [Interjections.] What is important is that we must collect debt, but you know what they do, in Oudtshoorn for instance, they say "no, we are not going to collect debt because we want you to vote next year."

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M MNQASELA: "We are not going to ask you to pay because you must vote next year." [Interjections.] Kannaland... [Interjections.] ... Kannaland, we have in certain sections gangsters in charge of municipalities.

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

Mr M MNQASELA: Gangsters in charge of municipalities.

An HON MEMBER: Reg!

Mr M MNQASELA: And do you know what happens? [Interjections.] The question here is, I wonder how does the Auditor General come with the results that say sometimes “unqualified.” [Interjections.] And you wonder how does the Auditor General miss these kinds of things that everybody knows and everybody is talking about. [Interjections.] So I am going to end by saying in support of the Budget Vote number 14, as the proudly elected member of this Provincial Parliament serving under the leadership of uMama Zille, our President, our leader, and... [Interjections.] ... and the Chairman of the Standing Committee Chairperson, of Local Government... [Interjections.]... I am happy, I am happy that we have not let down those who have put us here...

An HON MEMBER: That is why we [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: Because we are not here representing our jackets, because you know what? We will be here in 2019, some of you will not be there. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Huh-uh. Huh-uh.

Mr M MNQASELA: And I promise you we will be here in charge and in

charge in many other provinces. [Interjections.] And that is going to happen.

An HON MEMBER: No [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: And I promise you Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I might not be here [Inaudible.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Having aligned all our provincial strategy goals with the NDP and having aligned the plan of the Department and the responses to the NDP, in a manner that is according and serving the citizen.. [Interjections.] ... in this province, I am happy that I am standing here proudly so, and saying I am a member of this House but I think... [Interjections.] ... and hope that things were different that side. Thank you very much. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie Adjunkspeaker, baie dankie vir die geleentheid om 'n paar woorde hierop te lewer. Ek wil sommer begin voor ek saam met die Minister gesprek het.

'n AGBARE LID: 'n Paar ANC-woorde.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Die Premier het uitgehol van hierdie saal af, ek weet nie

waar sy nou is nie, but I wanted to refer to what the hon Premier said in the State of the Province Address, because the hon Premier in the State of the Province Address correctly situated the State of the Province Address within the Medium Term Strategic Framework, and the very first paragraph, that is what the hon Premier told us, that today she is going to be doing this province and it is part of your 2014/2019 MTSF. Following that we had the MEC for Finance who reiterated what the hon Premier was saying, but I am rising before I have this conversation, because on Friday last week when we were here the very same hon Minister of Finance in his response made a remark about the National Government ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He will be a good leader of the opposition ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...the National Government appointing the NDP on the shelf and that it was gathering dust. [Interjection.] Now, let me read for you just a sentence of the Medium Term Strategic Framework by the hon Minister in the Presidency of Planning and Evaluation when he says, ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Praising [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: “It is my pleasure to present the 2014/2019 Medium Term Strategic Framework, Government’s comprehensive plan for implementing the National Development Plan, meaning the National Government has already begun translating the ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The allocated ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...the NDP as part of the MTSF. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Take the fourth [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is very clear that the MEC ...[Interjection.] It is very clear that the MEC for Finance still has to read the MTSF ...[Interjections] and understand, and I am worried if ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: For government.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...that MEC would be able to do to that whether he has the attention to detail as a department that is going to oversee many other departments. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is that simple.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me proceed. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, that was a long introduction to this department. Get to this department's ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is, it is relevant. This is MTSF. Everything else

about this money is part of this. [Interjection.] Very, very relevant. [Interjection.] Do not worry about my introduction. That is part of my 20 minutes. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Stop wasting time [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My duty is to check that you are relevant, so get to ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] I am very relevant ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you are relevant, carry on. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are telling us [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me proceed. [Interjection.] Let me proceed, Chair. Mr Deputy Speaker, I am saying [Interjection.] To start our conversation [Interjection.]

with the AWB. I want to make the point as a start that maybe this is the only part of our conversation that will bring *daardie groot glimlag op jou gesig*. [Interjection.]

And that is this department out of 14 departments ...[Interjection.] was able to at least make an attempt, an effort, to demonstrate how we are aligning the NDP with their own plans, and I think we want to congratulate those officials in that department. [Interjection.]

I would want to call upon you to start with the hon Premier and the MEC for Finance and for them to follow suit so that they can follow your example ...[Interjection.]  
at that level. I really want to do that.

An HON MEMBER: Tell us [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But even within the MTSF you were here, you are sitting here with the department, I do still want to raise that whether it is the department that made reference [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...to them aligning with the MTSF, we are able to pick up and say two things out of the MTSF. [Interjection.] You were not able to demonstrate in your Annual Performance Plan, and I can remind them about that. It had to do with the survey that must rise up to 65% committees' satisfaction which we could not see in the APP. Again, as a disorientation they immediately, so there starts cheap talk from the department.

Let me move on and talk about the issue of clean audits. There has been a lot about the issue of clean audit. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: From the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And before I raise these critical points, I want to make the point that it seems that now sanity has prevailed ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...listening to the MEC for Finance because he is now beginning to say we now no longer must just accept clean audit. We must go beyond and look at the actual things. The department itself has committed and said they want to go beyond that kind of compliance. I am saying sanity has prevailed because if we are talking about the 11 municipalities in the 2012/2013 ...[Interjection.] ...and 17 now in the 2013/2014, ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Go.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...all of those municipalities have the following characteristics. All of them have clean audits, but this is what we see in each one of them. There is rising debt. You were here on Friday, we were speaking about that. Your MEC for Finance was at sixes and sevens. He did not know whether to get out of this House or what to do. In fact the AG, on Friday, when we met with the AG, the AG reinforced the point that this issue of rising debt is getting out of hand and needs leadership to intervene in that.

Secondly, we have got a lot of unsettled communities. We are speaking about George, Theewaterskloof, City of Cape Town, all of those

municipalities with clean audits, we know every day there are protests that are happening in those municipalities. We know that there are problems of poor infrastructure. Just on Saturday in the constituency of Kraaifontein wherein I work, we invited both the Province and the City of Cape Town. We were travelling with one of your councillors, the sub-council Chair, Grant Twigg, to go to one of the community facilities that have no security, are not maintained ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: All of them.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...vandalised and now the City must spend more money to correct that when they could have prevented that. It is not an ANC thing. They were there, but the worrying trend about it is that it is happening in all of the poor communities and it seems to be [Inaudible.], because when you look at it that within the City of Cape Town there seems to be two types of services. [Interjection.] A different type of service that we will have in a particular area. [Interjection.] Like Durbanville. But we do not have your same type of service in Khayelitsha because OR Tambo was burnt because there was no security. This is the type of governance. So when you speak about municipalities and taking over [Interjection.] municipalities, that is what you must talk to us about. Not high power kind of stuff. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Or believe them.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Again we spoke about we want to see, what is also

reflected in those municipalities that have a clean audit are rising costs that consultants are spending on their financial statements. Now, if the clean audit is a clean audit, why are we having this problem? Because it means that you are not getting deeper in addressing the proper governance issues in those municipalities. You are happy with bookkeeping. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Compliance.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me proceed and speak to the next Bill about what this government has put forward as we speak today. You are advocating [Interjection.]

and you have just spoken about that, the Joint Planning Initiatives; the JPIs. It is a a *lekker* word, but what actually gets to be done, there is a lot of inconsistency in that. What you are advocating for in the JPIs, Treasury has substantially reduced as an example by 75% the allocation you give to district municipalities, and if you talk about co-ordination and planning, many of those districts are very critical in helping those municipalities. So in a way we speak of a contradiction here. On the one hand we say we are going to promote and advocate Joint Planning Initiatives on [Inaudible.] the details and look at the money there is no support for that kind of talk which means again it is hot air; it is cheap talk of the DA and we are trying to expose that.

Districts again play a very critical role even on issues of disaster risk reduction. Overberg is critical in terms of fires. We are not going to have a

[Inaudible.] who is going to do that, but you are not giving that support to that layer of municipalities and yet you are speaking of, and we have just spoken now, about issues of disaster and risk reduction. When this department was in front of us, we were able to discover that your policy intentions get lost in the detail. In the Annual Performance Plan, but also in the Strategic Plan, they were speaking about the job files, but when we drilled the job files we could not either get targets of these job files or even timelines for that matter. But that policy will come back. This is something that is in the APP, but it is as vague as you sit there, hon member Joseph [Laughter.].

The next point about the department again is around the issue of policy in terms and the actual detail. In the APP they were speaking about a campaign that they are going to embark on to ensure that municipal officials do the disclosures, that they do not do business with government. But once we started ... it is a pity you were not there, you know you missed out. I could understand when you spoke it was clear that you did not get this part of it, but when you got into the detail it became clear that they were pushing us from pillar to post to a point where we send them back to say, please come back and give us details. So when I have finished speaking here, you will determine and see where I stand. Ek is nie 'n draadsitter nie and I am going to be very clear about supporting or not supporting this Budget. But luister asseblief sodat ons op daardie punt kom. [Interjection.]

I am watching the expenditure of the department with a hawk eye. At the end

of the second quarter, this department was at 36% expenditure [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: When it came in front of us, it gave us a [Inaudible] that we accepted, but there are certain transfers that are going to happen at a particular point in time. We have accepted that. At the end of the third quarter this department sits at 59% expenditure. [Interjection.] Hallo! Ek praat nou. Jy kan maar 'n punt optel. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you saying [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am therefore saying that I am worried because what we are left with now, it is the last quarter, and yet they are still not even at 60%. I am hoping they are going to give us an explanation again that says we are still going to transfer to the municipalities. It is a worrying trend. [Interjection.] Let me proceed. A continuing concern that I have of the department as they tabled this budget, relates to the issue of the capacity of the department. This is a department that must take oversight and monitoring over municipalities. But the worrying signs relate to the issues of staff retention. They would have come to us during the Annual Report and we said at the time, we described it as staff exodus, and I am using a different term now. I am saying staff retention, and they said no, it is something that we are arresting; it is manageable. As they presented this budget and as we are sitting with them there, as they were showing their organogram on who sits

where and so on, you could see vacancies. The person who was there when you had the Annual Report was no longer there, and others. So there is a worrying sign about the capacity of [Interjection.]

The issue of filling of vacancies is part of that. But also we asked them to come back to us and give us more information about what they call “part time” and “contract workers” because as part of the conversation, we got to understand that what they called “part time workers” are actually interns, and we asked them why do you call them “interns”. Why are you hiding this because they are rising phenomenally and as we assessed that it became clear that there is something very fishy about this, but I am hoping that they are not going to disappoint us when they put that forward. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And they will.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am hoping it is not a jobs for pals ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We will not disappoint you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...kind of an arrangement that we are going to get from them. But that [Inaudible.] and contract workers are not just in Local Government. It cuts across Provincial Treasury, it will also go to other departments, and so on. So, it is a transversal problem that I think needs to be attended to.

When the hon Premier spoke again, in her speech, when it came to the goal that is very important for Provincial Treasury and this department, which is embedding good governance and integrated service, she left us with a very empty [Inaudible.] because it was very incomplete. All she could speak of there is the issue of Broadband and the fact that they work with municipalities. I want to make the point that listening to you, from what you have presented, I think you have taken it upon yourself, I think you have realised that the State of the Province Address was very weak on this issue and you have begun to put some element in place. I do not know what that speaks to about the disjunction within that executive led by the hon Premier. When the hon Premier can come here and stand and say “here are my game-changers”, but when you look at them; we were here last week; we were speaking about the red tape reduction and other game-changers that were beginning to look at the details of those. On this issue, I suggested that as local government, you must begin to put more meat on what was given to us, which did not have much to really grapple with.

Let me respond to some of the issues that have been raised, hon Deputy Speaker and perhaps let me start with you my hon Chairperson Mnqasela and perhaps remind you when we speak about LGTAS, Local Government Turnaround Strategy, it is not something that was originated and started by this province, by this department. LGTAS ...[Interjection.] right back to basics ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Would it be [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...was started by [Inaudible.] and this province, like other provinces, fell in [Inaudible.]. So do not rise and say, hon Minister Pravin Gordhan ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, it has started.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...we already have LGTAS ...[Interjection.] It is actually helping the country and helping this province as well. Nee, ek kyk my minute, moenie worry nie. Moenie worry nie, wag 'n bietjie. Ek kyk my tyd, ek wil dit stadig vat dat julle kan luister. And on the issue of the Back to Basics, in fact, the hon Premier even missed that point even telling us about Back to Basics in the State of the Province. We are happy that we are able in this House to answer questions and give us a detail about how your department is involved in the Back to Basics. The problem is it seems the kind of things you do and the good work, I do not know which section you fall into, do not seem to be reflected very well at a level of the leader and you have got to find a way to get into that, because we can see that there is something happening, but it does not get reflected [Interjection.] Ek weet nie watter faksie is u nie, asseblief man. I am sorry, we have got to check that. [Interjections.] And the leader is talking about the issues of by-laws. I am glad you have raised the issue of by-laws because I think when we speak about the issue of the by-laws we will be having a hawk eye from the department again on this because we are really concerned about this. Many by-laws are very non-functional. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Part of the problem we have of mischief, of issues of crime, of people taking the law unto themselves, when you go around the hon Minister of Human Settlements will tell it affects him. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Roughly.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But he will not say it when he is in the [Inaudible.], but he feels it that the ineffectiveness of the by-laws and inequalities are a problem that cuts across government and we will be watching you on this issue of the by-laws.

On the issue of the Back to Basics again, of the Access to Basic Services, you were quoting these percentages. We did make the point, and we are still going to wait for that, for you to map for us, if you are saying 97% access of sanitation, we want you to geographically tell us and say in Khayelitsha that 97% translates into this, because it is hiding the reality of the problems that we have.

Ek wil, agbare Adjunkspeaker, as ek nou net die papier neersit, en praat uit my hart uit [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I will support you.

An HON MEMBER: I support you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... maar ek het mos nog baie tyd. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Jy het nog tien minute.

An HON MEMBER: You have got ten minutes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ten?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I have indicated ..[Interjection.] ...from the first point to the last point, and if you were listening to me it is very clear that accept the good work we have done in aligning the NDP and accept your own initiative of trying to give meat to the embedded good governance goal, everything else that I have said, standing here, overrides and clouds and can take it to a conclusion that there is no way that the ANC, with all of the concerns that you have raised, with the trend that you have illustrated here, that you can stand up here and say you support this Budget. You still have a lot of work to do and perhaps as we go forward we might be impressed very soon, but as for now we are not in a position to support this Budget. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. The hon Christians [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] be disappointed.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports Vote 14 Local Government [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: [Inaudible.] ...appointed.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Because, you see, what ...[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... was appointed again.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...and the member that spoke before me, he can articulate and talk, but I think he is totally confused. [Laughter.] He hops from one subject to the other. I mean, let us look at clean audits. [Interjection.] Clean audits are at least the start of good and clean government. It is a basic start. It is not everything, but it translates to service delivery. You talk about by-laws, you do not know what by-laws are ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] by-laws.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Shame on you! But this is what I was saying, when you look at the budget of this department, you look at the APP and you look at the strategic goals ...[Interjection.] ...and the strategic goals are if we shift

[Inaudible.] ...the department that delivers quality services, and you take the Budget and you see if that is aligned to the strategic objectives and your APP. But the hon member has not addressed that. Being a former MEC and a shadow Minister, I hope the ANC will not ever govern here, if you are the shadow Minister for Local Government. Yet again, if you vote against this programme, you are voting against your own programme, Back to Basics. You have the Back to Basics programme, but you vote against it, but voting against this Budget means voting against service delivery, voting against the poor people of this province. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: There has not even been one ...]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But you see the problem is, you come with mandates from the ANC, if you have to speak from your heart, you would support this Government [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] Committee said that.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You would have supported this Budget if you spoke from your heart. So, I am very disappointed in the hon member. [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: In you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But Mr Deputy Speaker, I must say the following, and

I know I have limited time, but I mean, the fire fighters did an excellent job.  
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And the community of Cape Town came together to assist. That is what we must do as a House. You must come with an alternative plan to say we do not agree with X, so this is how we will adjust X, ...[Interjection.] ...and then [Inaudible.] ...[Interjection.] ...but you cannot criticise everything ...[Interjection.] ...day in and day out and make it about ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...everything else, but not the Budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Member your time has expired already. [Interjection.] The hon Hinana. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is not the point [Inaudible.] had your conversation  
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, I did not see him.

Mr N E HINANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, thanks very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr N E HINANA: The Democratic Alliance supported the budget ...[Interjection.]  
...as delivered by the MEC [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It does not take much [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: The Auditor General delivered his Annual Report to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on the province and municipalities on Friday ...[Interjection.] March the 20<sup>th</sup>.

An HON MEMBER: I can give you the answer.

Mr N E HINANA: His finding that this province's municipalities remained the best ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: ...in South Africa. The good governance practice of the DA in the Western Cape has proved paramount in security excellence municipal reports. The reports that prove where the Democratic Alliance governs ...[Interjection.] ...it governs well. Good governance goes to the heart in order to offer every citizen in this country ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: ...regardless of the tax you pay, property tax, income tax or VAT. [Interjection.] Tax money should be spent wisely especially with the basic services that are rolled out to so many people in desperate need thereof. A good government, hon Speaker, is pro-poor. The Democratic Alliance is ready to govern this country, to implement a real democracy in South Africa and establish the truly well run government. [Interjection.] The MEC of Finance said that the NDP is governed ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] I do not believe.

Mr N E HINANA: ...and here the wheels are rolling [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must still...

Mr N E HINANA: But I am saying that the reason that it gathers dust is because it is held back by Communist members. The idea that they could implement it; the will is there, but the political will restrains them. This department has implemented excellent managerial leadership development skills in all municipalities in the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Can you [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: These practices have paid off as most of our municipalities have received clean audits. [Interjection.] Unfortunately, municipalities like Kannaland under the mismanagement of iXhosa ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And so they are.

Mr N E HINANA: ...have not been able to attain clean audits. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr N E HINANA: ...neither have the municipalities like Beaufort West, Oudtshoorn. When we visited Oudtshoorn you said that it was in ICU. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, you said it is [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: It is clean ...[Interjection.] ...in ICU. We tried to resuscitate, but it is in ICU. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where did you say that is, Swellendam? [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: Every [Inaudible.] under the ANC [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We have years [Interjection.]

Mr N E HINANA: All the municipalities have become responsible in reporting their financial position by submitting the Section 79 financial information to the department, and in a joint working with the Treasuries, the department oversees the market analysis of the financial feasibility of municipalities to be able to meet its targets and obligations. Together with the implementation of Section 54 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, these strategies ...[Interjection.] ...place the emphasis on employing qualified professional individuals who are able to and to better serve the needs of the people of the Western Cape, not the cadre employees. Mr Deputy Speaker, it is my privilege to support, as I said, the hon Minister of the Local Government in this important Budget Vote debate. It is said that the Opposition will not support this vote as it is their culture and tradition that they do not support a pro-poor budget ...[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Ja!

Mr N E HINANA: ...not only here, but in the City of Cape Town as well. Whenever a budget is passed supporting the poor, they will slow it down so that everybody could see ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I stand support [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: ...how they cannot support the poor people even though they claim that they are representing them. [Interjection.] In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker ...[Interjection.] ...I would like to appeal to all the citizens

in the Western Cape to work together ...[Interjection.] ...to ensure that the service delivery is rolled out [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr N E HINANA: ...without unnecessary protestations ...[Interjection.] ... that masquerades as poor delivery. Service delivery protests only serve the admitted political agenda of a few radicals who seem to protest for the sake of it. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Or for the [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: No one benefits while valuable infrastructure is destroyed because when they go out to demonstrate, any property, even if the one that is benefitting them, even the one that is for them, even the one that is for everybody, they will destroy to claim that they are protesting against poor services. I have said in the past, if you have a quarrel with your wife, out of your area you take the hammer, you smash your TV, you mess everything because the wife does not listen. This is what the protestors are going. [Interjection.] There is no reasoning for destroying the property when you are protesting. The protesting is legitimate protest, but peaceful ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] you.

Mr N E HINANA: ...do not be destructive.

An HON MEMBER: Through that.

Mr N E HINANA: Our current financial resources are limited due to gross mismanagement by the ANC particularly ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: ...whether the Opposition wants to hear it or not, and we need to guard over the resources ...[Interjection.] ...to be able to allow ... [Interjection.] ...everyone to share in our progress. Mr Deputy Speaker, I support the hon Minister ...[Interjection.] ...knowing that their sole strategy is to improve the lives of everyone in the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is useless.

Mr N E HINANA: The Western Cape is indeed a province where all of us have the confidence, including the ANC members and including the ANC [Inaudible.] that this province governs well, and Terance Mbemba the previous Auditor General said that this province is governed well, and I think we need to get a tip from Terance Mbemba what is it that we do not see. But they can say everything, but as long as it is done by the DA ...[Interjection.] ...they will never see it, but the high profile ANC members [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You sound like a [Interjection.]

Mr N E HINANA: ...you will always say that the Western Cape under the DA administration ...[Interjection.] ...is working. Whatever the people here would be saying [Interjection.] ...it is not what the National Government will be saying [Interjection.] ...and would place the DA administration in the Western Cape above all others. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] order to respond ...

An HON MEMBER: Is that their acceptance speeches?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Time expired; the next speaker is the Minister Bredell to respond.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. Thank you for the opportunity to respond although it is very difficult to respond to what has been said. But firstly allow me to thank my office, Marius Du Randt and his team. We are only as strong as our team supporting us and I have a very, very strong Ministry that supports me. Also to all our mayors and speakers that are here today, and councillors, thank you for being here and listening to the debate. I am sorry and apologise for the quality of the debate. [Interjection.] To my fellow colleagues, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, and to ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Can I have a word?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...Hon member Hinana, I am going to deal with you simultaneously. Thank you very much for your oversight, thank you for keeping us sharp and for your comments. We always appreciate that. Of course, we all need to invest and look at quality leadership and I think it is something that we will go into; it is something that we always need to invest in, but I think our municipalities will accept that challenge and they also recognise that it is good quality leadership that will at the end of the day will ensure services to the people of the Western Cape. Because that is all that our municipalities want to do is to serve the people within the Western Cape to the best of their ability.

Definitely nobody can say there will not ever be any corruption within a province or in a municipality. What we can promise, and what I can promise on behalf of the municipalities, is wherever there is corruption, they will deal with it to the best of their ability. And obviously, with the era we are in, obviously we will engage with the SAP and the Hawks and so forth because we will need to look and invest in systems so that we get quicker results on issues of corruption at the end of the day.

Schemes in rural areas will always be a challenge, but that is why we invest in younger people and hopefully by doing that we can be able to place them

within municipalities. I think our bursary schemes will play a huge role within that, and it is also maybe time to review our bursary schemes especially for our smaller and rural municipalities. Saying that, we must also rectify that our smaller municipalities, especially municipalities surrounding the City of Cape Town, surrounding bigger municipal areas, will always be a sought after trading school. If you are competent and if you are good, you will have a very good career path. So those municipalities, we will need to support them and get them ready.

Obviously the internal audit units are crucial. I think I could have [Inaudible.] up to now, but it is crucial that we do look at the independence of internal audit units. They know what to look for, where to look for it and if we really want to clamp down on corruption, I think we will need to get those units independent. Just to the hon member Dugmore, who wants to be the Chief Whip ...[Interjection.] ...of the position ...[Interjection.] ...the comment that when the law comes clean that the Chairperson will be fired, the DA does not operate. I can promise you that we have thorough elections. We understand and respect ...[Interjection.] ... democracy and the outcome of democracies, we expect that and there will not be any hard feelings; we accept it is the people in parties' choice to choose their leaders. [Interjection.]

Then, Oudtshoorn. The Oudtshoorn one mentioned, a lot of people have a lot to say on the Oudtshoorn matter and there are a lot of allegations, I think sometimes also unfair allegations. You know, it is so easy to say I expect

corruption. Bring us the proof of the corruption and let us deal with it.

[Interjection.] The hon member Dyantyi [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] give us your findings [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The hon member Dyantyi [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You said [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...the hon member Dyantyi  
...[Interjection.] ...was the hon Minister who put them on the administration.  
Now, I want to take them back ...[Interjection.] ...I want to take the hon  
member Fransman back ...[Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...he can go back to Oudtshoorn and  
look where Oudtshoorn's problem started, when they put them under  
administration. It definitely dates back till that date, [Interjection.] ...and  
my role and Dr Ivan Meyer's role as MEC of Finance ...[Interjection.] Listen  
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I have got a lot of time [Interjection.] ...and I will use my time. [Interjection.] My role ...[Interjection.] ...and the role of the hon Minister of Finance is to make each municipality in this province work. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It did not.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...and that is what our teams will invest in ...[Interjection.]...because the team sitting there is apolitical [Interjection.] ... and they will, he agreed with it. [Interjection.] He ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: If someone folded.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is not him [Interjection.] It is not him who put it under ICU [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You said [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Your Minister [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Your National Minister categorised  
municipalities. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Let me see [Inaudible.] Looking at it [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Okay? So, and I will come back to the  
categorisation of the municipality because I think it is a disgrace to  
categorise municipalities without telling the municipalities what is the  
criteria used to categorise them and why they have been put in a certain  
category. Okay? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Agree with that.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, tell the National Minister that. To  
go back to the LGTAS. You know, when they started LGTAS, I said to  
Minister Tseka, “Minister, if you turn around do you know where you are  
going to end up?” [Interjection.]

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

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Back in apartheid. I do not like this system, but we have implemented that system in the Western Cape. That system was dropped within most of the other provinces. We have now transformed that system; it was dropped, ja. They could not make it work. You can go and check ...[Interjection.] ...and then what we have done now when the hon Minister Gordhan started with Back to Basics, we sat down with him. I said, "Minister, we cannot every time start with a new system". [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Nothing works with the ANC.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We had first Project Consolidate. Project Consolidate was a fantastic programme. You must just manage it and make it work, but therefore [Interjection.] ...to make it work, you [Interjection.]

Ja, but to make it work you need good leadership and the ANC do not have [Inaudible.] So they changed it. Okay? So they changed that to LGTAS. Instead of sitting back and acknowledge the fact, because of demarcation there are certain municipalities who do not have the viable ... [Interjection.] You are right, there are a couple. There is handful. [Interjection.] If we as

National and Provincial Government support those big municipalities [Interjection.] ...then they will work, but no, we want to [Interjection.] ...play political games. You see, what the ANC's got completely wrong mistakes, completely wrong, [Interjection.] ...they say "we want government". Well, then they do not understand the Constitution. [Interjection.] We are one country [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, you [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...with three spheres of government. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: There you are right.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Each sphere of Government, according to this little book they call the Constitution, has certain functions. Now, if I tell us today, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we often come back and pass onto Local Government. We go and enter into Local Government with surprise visits these days with a big political agenda ...[Interjection.] ...to play politics in Local Government [Interjection.] Can I enter the offices of the National Minister [Interjection.] Can I enter the offices of the National Minister [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And we know that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...and go and have a surprise visit? No. So, you see we need to talk to these issues ...[Interjection.] ...and it is time for Local Government [Interjection.] ...a questionnaire where we ask answers from the other two spheres.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Provincial as well as National because from where I am standing the real incompetence sphere of government, the real ICU sphere of government is National Government. [Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: Ja, yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: They are in ICU [Interjection.] Alright, that filters down to a lot of the issues that Local Government must implement. It is a fact. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a part of [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is a fact. There is a big [Interjection.] Daar is 'n groot tregter – geld is nie ons probleem nie – daar is net so 'n groot tregter waar die geld ingegooi word maar hier onder kom niks uit by plaaslike regering nie, want dit verdwyn. Dit neem my na die Job Fund toe. The Job Fund. The hon member Dyantyi was part of National Government. He is supposed to understand the Job Fund [Interjection.] Do you know, they implement Job Funds [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You could not answer that [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...with a huge hoo-ha to buy some political points. [Interjection.] You must not buy [Interjection.] You must not do these things to get political points [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] here now.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You must do these things with the right heart to get service delivery going. And the Job Fund can play a huge role, but what do they do? No, they subcontract the Fund because they do not want to give it to Province. [Interjection.] That subcontractor will get nine subcontractors in provinces and by that time half the money is gone. They

now ask us to even give a tax clearance certificate from Local Government. So one government sphere must now give a tax clearance certificate to another government sphere. It is because they have not planned this right from the beginning. [Interjection.] And there are people out there who need employment where we need to invest, but it is again the incompetence of National Government. Now they have shifted the programme and again nothing will happen. [Interjection.] The joint [Interjection.] In the West Cape. In the Western Cape. The Joint Planning Initiative is an initiative which we started off with our municipalities when we acknowledged the fact that where the three tiers of government works together we will see success. [Interjection.] And we implement this and we are busy with that. When the hon member Dyantyi was Minister of Local Government, we called his [Interjection.] ...we called his [Interjection.] We call his IDP [Interjection.] ... die God-onmoontlike Plan because there was nothing going on within that plan.

These days we have conformed that within and the very competent officials that we have got, they sit down with the municipalities and they have changed that ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is that a central [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...through a couple of years now. [Interjection.] We had the IDP indaba [Interjection.] One, we had the IDP

indaba [Interjection.] There is a lot of ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is the same ...

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...with [Interjection.] There were new  
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: New [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: New energy. It was new energy  
[Inaudible.] [Interjection.] So, the hon [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] to achieve that.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon member Dyantyi [Interjection.] The  
clean audit and I accept, and you are quite right, hon member Christians, the  
clean audit is something that actually we should not debate too much.

[Interjection.] But because of the [Interjection.] ...poor state, we had to start somewhere. [Interjection.] ...and it was a huge effort to get to where we are currently today [Interjection.] ...and it is going take a huge effort, to keep [Interjection.] ... it at that standard, okay? But, that is just telling us that the municipalities are spending their money according to the legal framework. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Sure.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Okay? [Interjection.] It is not addressing service deliveries [Interjection.] That is why we have all the other initiatives [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] City of Cape Town.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...to address service deliveries. It is the best run metro in the country. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But are you [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, you have got homework to do  
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: No, not for their welfare...

An HON MEMBER: And Swartland?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: They also [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Swartland?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: They are one of the best BEE run  
municipalities. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Do? Do what now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please continue.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, Mr Deputy Speaker, on the MIC.

We had the MIC allocations. Just to talk to MIC and that people understand what we meant when we say this is such an important programme. Through the MIC programme, if we say we spend 100% of it, what does it mean? It meant that in 2012/13 [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We were involved in 205 projects; sanitation projects 42, roads 34, water projects 44. Now you can start to add up. This year we will be involved in 189 projects. That are the projects that we will have that will feed to service delivery to the poor. That is why this is such a crucial programme ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...to drive and to make successful at the end of the day. [Interjection.] I conclude [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] management.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is the point.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I conclude by, Mr Deputy Speaker, thanking all our municipalities, all our municipal managers, all our mayors, speakers, for the hard work on a daily basis they put in to make this government work. I am very proud of the achievements. I am very proud of a very hardworking Local Government team. We need, and we will discuss our budget in the future because I can promise you our output is three times any other province's output [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...with half the staff ...[Interjection.] With half the staff component. So, I am honoured to table the 2015/16 Budget Paper. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That concludes the debate on this vote. Like in the previous case we allow a couple of minutes for the galleries and the bays to be cleared before we read the next or the last order. Please be seated. The Secretary will read the sixth Order of the Day.

6. Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, the Minister of Social Development. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Has the Premier deserted him?

An HON MEMBER: Where are your colleagues now?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Where is the Premier?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to present the Western Cape Social Development 2015/16 Budget. I ask people to really be patient, this is going to be a typical Fidel Castro speech where you will be kept for four hours and so... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Six, six hours.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...for six hours and I will take delight in keeping you here for six hours.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Budget works for the people of this province, especially the poor. [Interjections.]

It is an instrument for helping us achieve our vision of creating a self-reliant society, based on creating opportunities for all.

Echoing the words of my right honourable colleague and Minister of Finance, Dr Ivan Meyer, this budget is citizen-centric, pro-poor, pro-investment

especially into poor communities, and it is pro-delivery. This budget is not only about numbers and figures, but also rather about real people and real communities. This budget deals with how we, as government departments will respond to the priorities and challenges facing our people on the ground.

Many a Minister of Social Development has stood here, where I am standing today to deliver this speech. Such speeches have often been made during rising tides of prosperity and still waters of recession, yet ever so often this speech is also given amidst gathering clouds and raging storms.

We are indeed living in challenging times that will test the resolve of all, including my department, which is at the coalface of service delivery to the poor. But at the moment and at moments of difficulty, the people of the Western Cape are renowned for putting their shoulders to the wheel. In so doing we remain faithful to the ideals of our forbearers, and true to our founding document, the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

This budget is the embodiment of this spirit and it is guided by the Constitution and also incidentally the National Development Plan of the country, our Provincial Strategic Goals, the State of the Province Address, the Department of Social Development Annual Performance Plan and the new provincial strategic game-changers as announced by the Premier in her SOPA. With a total budget of R1 897 985 000 we are committed to creating public value by being more responsive and effective in addressing the issues, which are most important to the public. Gone are the days where we are

number chasing and chasing pavements for numbers and creating artificial numbers in so-called service delivery. Gone are those days and I want to emphasize that, Mr Deputy Speaker. The people are sick and tired of Government Departments who have very beautiful annual reports and who cannot show anything in our communities for what they are actually doing. Gone are those days. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Tell them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Tell them, Fritz, tell them. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Viva, viva, viva. [Laughter.] [Interjection.] As pointed out by the Minister of Finance, Dr Ivan Meyer in his Budget speech, we are faced by persistent low economic growth, high unemployment especially among youth coupled with many socioeconomic challenges. This requires a concerted and comprehensive transversal approach; not a department, a transversal approach in order for us to restore the required high growth path towards prosperity, and that is for everyone; for all.

In responding to these challenges, my department honours its core function and responsibilities of creating a caring society through developmental social welfare service. We do not focus on conferences, sometimes we just hold conferences, conferences. They call it speeches, speeches, papers. We talk about delivery and giving service delivery in our townships, and by providing

opportunities through community development services. In this regard the department is guided by the new Provincial Strategic Goals that are our implementation agenda and the key Strategic Goals that we will focus on in this department is:

- Strategic Goal 2, which calls on us to improve education outcomes and opportunities for youth development;
- Strategic Goal 3 – which calls on us to increase wellness, safety and tackle social ills.

And we all shared a few highlights of how we are allocating our resources to address these goals. Gone are also the days, where we have all these beautiful strategic goals, but when it comes to that there is no alignment with the APP so you do not have budget for it. [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar kom die ding!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And this is where we are aligning, hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar kom die ding! Daar kom hy!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is where we are aligning this time.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Doen dit asseblief!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am so happy you recognised that point. Together with the Department of Education... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: You must tell hon member Mr Christians; welcome hon member Mr Christians.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...or together with the Department of Education... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Listen!

Mr R T OLIVIER: He is not listening.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...the goal of Provincial Strategic Goal 2 focusing on proving education outcomes and more importantly my department's call for creation of an enabling environment for youth of our province to thrive and reach their full potential.

My colleague Minister Debbie Schäfer will speak extensively around the educational outcomes.

An HON MEMBER: I hope so.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We want to focus on the issue of youth and youth enabling environment. The Department has experienced a high demand for services to youth and our Provincial Youth Strategy has helped us focus our response by providing innovative services, opportunities and support programmes for young people. We are bringing the strategy to life through our budget and various programmatic innovations that will revolutionize services to youth. Hon members last night I had the opportunity to host the first Western Cape Government Youth Awards evening and what I am speaking about was illustrated last night at that great, beautiful and most successful event and I want to thank all those members who were there at that event.

The Western Cape must become a place of endless opportunities for young people to thrive and grow [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So why did you not invite the ANC members?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And like Wordsworth's poem on the French Revolution once said: "Bliss was it on that dawn to be alive, and to be young was very Heaven..."

In this regard the Department has established two Youth Cafés in Rocklands and Mitchells Plain and the Vangate Mall and the department has allocated R5.64 million, towards the delivery of three additional Youth Cafés...

[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] Youth Cafés.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...three additional Youth Cafés at Nyanga Junction, George and Oudtshoorn in this financial year.

[Interjections.]

I am proud to announce to the youth of this province that we have also partnered with PetroSA to establish a fourth Youth Café in the Groot Brak River - die Groot Brakrivier.

The Youth Cafés remain the flagship youth development programme of my department. We will be engaging the private sector and other municipalities to ensure that we can roll out more Youth Cafés as budgetary conditions improve and in this regard I think I mentioned in this House that we must look, ladies and gentlemen, and I really take the point that some of my colleagues in the ANC are saying that the current high level, the Rolls Royce one is expensive and we need to look at a Youth Café like with similar outcomes that we can get from there.

We are also hard at work in developing a number of different Youth Café models in order to ascertain the most effective way of rolling out Youth Cafés across the province and that is exactly what I am speaking to.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the overall youth development component is allocated a budget of R12.27 million this financial year. This allocation will be used extremely judiciously to implement the other important elements of the Youth Strategy. In this regard we will also partner with the Department of Community Safety, Minister Dan Plato and other role players, in a strategy that focuses on high risk youth, particularly those who are susceptible to joining gangs and in line with our NGO funding policy we will engage the services of competent and delivery oriented NGOs to provide the necessary services, opportunities and support programmes for young people most in need of them.

In that regard there will also be a significant focus on youth in rural and farming communities, hon members, and you are very happy to hear that, I am sure, many of whom I have been engaging with during my ongoing Youth Outreach Programme across the province.

In this regard we are also in discussion with PRASA regarding the possible use of some of their redundant trains as a way of rolling out mobile Youth Cafés to under-serviced rural communities and that is an exciting prospect.

The Department will also continue to support the Mass Opportunity and Development Centres, the MOD Centres, through providing nutritious meals to participating learners and in this regard I really want to say that we take the nutrition part very, very seriously. I know the criticisms that we have, and we will hold those service providers that are not providing the food

really, really to task, or serving old food, we will take them to task.

We have provided meals to 101 of the 181 schools participating in the MOD Centre programme and I know this number is increasing to I think 148. The meals have proven to be an important element of the MOD Centre programme in that it contributes to a schools retention and broader participation in academic and character-building extra-mural activity.

This function has been moved to the Poverty and Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods Sub-programme, which is allocated a boosted R80.3 million for 2015/16 Budget.

The Provincial Strategic Goal 3 that we work with the Minister of Health, working closely in a transversal manner with the Departments of Health, Community Safety and Cultural Affairs and Sports, the Department has focused on programmes to fight poverty to bolster support and empowerment our vulnerable segments of our communities.

The Department remains committed to expanding quality services for children, hon members, people struggling with substance abuse, women, and people with disabilities and older persons. Our efforts in this regard are also guided by key progressive pieces of national legislation, that we are one of the provinces that might be the only one, hon member Mr Olivier, who implements these progressive pieces of legislation; like the Children's Act of 2005, the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Act, and also the

Older Person's Act of 2006.

To greatly boost our ability to deliver and assist our NGO partners to deliver on this legislative mandate, I am proud to announce that the Department will be increasing funding to social worker posts at funded NGOs and I am saying social workers based at NGOs, by 22% for social work managers and by 40% for social workers and social work supervisors.

Now I think this is really going to be a very good boost for our struggling social workers working in the NGOs who are mainly attracted to come and work for the Department of Social Development because the salary is higher.

This is really ... and I think the NGOs are really welcome. Our social workers are the coalface of service delivery and this funding boost will bring salaries of professionals in NGOs closer to their counterparts in government and the private sector.

Most importantly, this will help NGOs retain critical skills and staff that continue their good work by delivering to the poor.

On children, the Department of Social Development remains committed to protecting and ensuring the wellbeing of all children in the Western Cape. This is why the Children and Families Programme is allocated R605.5 million. This is the second-largest portion of our total budget and that is how serious we take our children of this province.

We are continuously building partnerships with NGOs working in the ECD spaces and just over R294 million has been budgeted for the ECD Centres. The programmes of 27 ECD organisations have been registered to do specific training in terms of the Children's Act with practitioners of ECDs and we are very happy to say that they are now also accredited.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am happy to announce that we have made immense progress in our Child and Youth Care Centres. The norms and standards for facilities have been completed and therapeutic programmes to sentenced children with severe behavioural problems are currently implemented in all secure care facilities.

To continue, our gains we have allocated R94.5 million for this financial year to that specific programme and our model is truly world-class, and other provinces have sought to learn from us.

In our gallery today we have two young people from our facilities; one who has become a boxing champion, a South African boxing champion at the moment he is somewhere here in the gallery and I hope he arrived. Oh there! And also my... - Hallo Tyson, welcome! [Applause.]

And I have also with me the other person, if she can just stand, one of our models, who is continuing her tertiary education from our centre. [Applause.] Thank you very much for coming.

The Department will continue to build capacity, especially to respond to children's needs, and have allocated R755 000 for bursaries... [Interjection.]

'n AGBARE LID: Haal uit en wys.

'n AGBARE LID: Luister na 'n goeie speech man. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...in this academic year.

'n AGBARE LID: Daar is niks om te wys nie.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Haal uit en wys man.

'n AGBARE LID: Daar is niks om te wys.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Okay, Mr Deputy Speaker, can I be protected?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, yes. I will protect you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Quit spending money on MOD Centres.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: R755 000 for bursaries in this academic year for existing DSD staff for further specialisation in their respective fields, and I want to say, we do not just give bursaries for people to do anything. You do it in the field so that you become the specialist in that field and this is not a little spaza shop of bursaries. This is a place where you get special acknowledgement and empowerment for the work that you do.  
[Interjections.]

Substance abuse: my department is continuing to prioritise the massive task of tackling substance abuse in the province. Our social workers, together with the NGO partners, are working hard every day to help more than 10 000 people in their journey to beat the addiction to drugs and alcohol. Our approach as government is to focus on awareness, early intervention, statutory services and after-care support programmes.

Over the last five years we have more than doubled our budget and this year have allocated R92.6 million to the Substance Abuse and Prevention and Rehabilitation Sub-programme.

This will help improve the match between demand for substance services for individuals, families and communities and improve overall outcomes of services. If we are to rapidly reduce the harm caused by substance abuse, we

need to adopt a whole-of-society approach and I am so happy to say that is exactly what we are doing and I am proud... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: MEC, this is a Fidel Castro speech.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Is it? Is it going in that direction? [Laughter.] I am happy! I am happy! You are good adjudicator. [Interjection.] I am proud to reveal that our approach and partnerships in this regard are notching up some pockets of real excellence. In order to address the rising use of heroin in the province, we embarked on an outpatient-based Opiate Substitution Treatment programme in Mitchell's Plain.

The project has now been running for a year, and we have received very good feedback from the Sultan Bahu, our NGO partner in this venture, about the positive responses from their clients.

In their latest report to us they cite that out of their first intake cycle of 16 out of 21 clients who completed their statutory phase are still testing negative for illicit substance use in their continuum of care. The second cycle has shown even better results with 85% testing negative and I think this is most pleasing as the results exceed the treatment outcome expectations reported in international literature and we are very, very proud of this and I think we need to build on it. It is one step at a time. We note, hon member Ms Makeleni we need to build on this.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am proud to announce that for the first time ever the Department will provide a substance abuse treatment programme for children and youth with acute substance dependency problems at De Novo Treatment Centre in Kraaifontein accommodating males between the ages of 16 and 17 years old, and at Lindelani Child and Youth Care Centre in Koelenhof in Stellenbosch, which accommodates males and females between the ages of 13 and 15 years old. The substance abuse treatment programme at Lindelani will run separately from our other Child and Youth Care Centre programmes.

These two programmes are additional inpatient substance abuse treatment programmes to those currently offered by the Department and admissions to the programmes is both voluntary and through court referrals.

As evidence of the pro-poor focus of this budget we aim to expand services for substance abuse treatment in previously under-serviced poor communities and we want to say that and acknowledge it; previously under-serviced poor communities. Unfortunately our colleagues from the ANC they were in government.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Speak to the one next to you to do the same; the one next to you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will. We have increased our services in this regard... [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief tog. [Tussenwerpsel.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...in this regard, in the last five years from a mere seven drug treatment centres and intervention sites to 24 sites around the province. We will continue to bring hope to sufferers of drug and alcohol addiction.

On women: Mr Deputy Speaker, sadly women and children still bear the greatest brunt of violence and abuse in our society. As the periodic and totally unacceptable incidences of child and women abuse cases indicate, there is still much work to be done in this regard.

Ultimately, the solution lies in everybody in society taking responsibility to ensure that this scourge is eradicated. Our department has redoubled efforts to provide support to victims of violence.

Our Restorative Services Programme as a whole receives an amount of R304.3 million, while the Crime Prevention and Support Sub-programme receives R180.6 million and the Victim Empowerment Sub-programme receives R28.1 million. [Interjections.]

We will continue to support victims of violence, and ensure women and children have a continuum of services.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the most important programme for me perhaps today that

I want to speak to tonight, and we are now only through one hour of the five hours.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just watch... [Inaudible.] ...walking behind you, just watch, that [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We are one hour of the five hours, but I want to speak about the programme and people with disabilities. Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to take some time to speak to people of this province living with disabilities. You have lived for far too long in the shadows and the margins of our society, relegated to a life of being second-class citizens.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This stops now. I am committed to nurturing... [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou praat ons nou. Nou praat ons.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am committed to nurturing a society... [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou praat ons, especially here. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am committed.  
[Interjections.] Exactly. [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am committed to nurturing the society, the values the contributions of all of our residents, including people in this province living with disabilities.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It stops now.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This budget should be a source of hope to all people with disabilities.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have and I am so happy to see that I have the only programme that brought in the interpreter for people who are deaf to see.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi so. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I am doing something

right. We have increased our allocation to the service to persons with disabilities.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So you are beating all of them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Including the Premier.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Including the Premier.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have increased our allocation to Services to Persons with Disabilities Sub-programme by just over 32.7% spending R134 million in the 2015/16 financial year. This department is working hard, hon members, to prioritize the delivery of services and empowerment of people with disabilities. The Department has identified seven key focus areas for the next five years:

1. The promotion of the rights, well-being and socio-economic empowerment of people with disabilities and their families and caregivers;
2. As directed by the 2010 Western Cape High Court judgement, the Department will continue to make provisions for a subsidy towards care for children with severe and profound intellectual disabilities at 44 day care centres in this province - 44 day care centres. You know, and I was just recently in the Northern Cape, there is not one centre and really, I do not want to compare provinces but it is sad. [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Uh-uh, moenie daar gaan nie. Moenie Kimberley toe gaan nie... [Onduidelik.]

Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Ja, ek gaan mos Kimberley toe.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief, stay in die Wes-Kaap.

Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Ek gaan baie Kimberley toe.

'n AGBARE LID: Ja, moenie huis toe gaan nie.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Number 3:

3. NPOs working in the rural areas will be strengthened;
4. The mainstreaming of disability as essential to improving service delivery access and socio-economic empowerment will be one of our priorities, the mainstreaming of that, hon member Ms Beerwinkel.
5. The establishment of a transversal disabilities programme with consistent referral lines - and this is the point, consistent referral lines, for high risk communities and standardization for children with intellectual disabilities. Now we recently had the case where we had to remove children in Khayelitsha from real, real bad horrific conditions

and unfortunately it is not always nice to, but we had to remove those children and we did what we had to do.

6. The establishment of provincial and local parental support structures for parents of disabled children; and this is a very important point. With Iris House, one of our NGOs, it gives parents a chance to take a break, so they train parents how to deal with the children but also from time to time relieve parents so that they take care of the disabled children so the parents get a break;
7. And then lastly, the establishment of a Disabilities Desk for persons with disabilities in the province.

On this last point and as already mentioned by the Honourable Minister of Finance, I am proud to announce our department has established a Disabilities Desk located in my Ministry. The manager of the Disabilities Desk has already commenced his duties and will prioritise interfacing with persons living with disabilities, and their efforts to engage government services, as well as driving disability policy reform in the province as a whole. Nie net in die Kaap nie, in Beaufort-Wes ook. We want every part of it.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And Swellendam.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And Swellendam en Vredendal.

Ms S W DAVIDS: En op die Berg.

Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: En op die Berg en [Onduidelik.] [Gelag.] In addition, we have designed and implemented a pilot project in Mfuleni, Vredenburg, Diazville and we are also going to Beaufort West, aimed at primary identification of children and youth with disabilities between ages of nought to 35 years. This includes families / caregivers at risk through not being linked to any type of service. Our project ensures referral to available support services and this specifically addresses, hon members, the issue of children being locked up, children being chained. It is not because parents are bad parents, but because parents are really caring and they are afraid that the children or something will happen to them and so I think that has already proven very, very successful.

Our Older Persons Programme: Mr Deputy Speaker, as the son of an elderly mother myself, I understand firsthand the responsibility that we have to ensure that our older citizens receive the very best care. This is especially important where older persons are frail and no longer live with family. [Interjections.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek het dit gesien. Ek sien daardie gees. Ek sien daardie gees.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The Department aims to ensure access to quality services for poor and vulnerable older persons,

because - ons gaan almal oud raak, hon member Mr Dyantyi - with an allocation of R194.7 million. We plan to assist 25 884 older persons in this financial year.

Funding has increased for service centres, independent and assisted living facilities and residential care centres. 73 residential facilities for older persons have been registered and are in compliance with the Older Persons Act. In line with the Older Persons Act, we will continue our campaign to register all residential facilities, whether state funded or private. In this regard, the Department plans to fund 9 688 older persons at registered facilities, with an additional 15 265 funded to have access to community-based care and support services.

The importance of my department's determination to ensure compliance of all residential facilities and old age homes to legislation has been highlighted recently by the media with the Serendipity Home scandal.

Registration enables us to monitor the treatment and care of all older persons and to protect their rights, and not only their rights, their basic human rights and their dignity and too many times we find - and in specific I want to say it is in our poorer townships - undignified people sitting because there are no nappies and the smell of pee is like overwhelming and so we will clean that up. We will really have to clean that up.

The Department delivers on partnerships and NGO funding. The Department

delivers its services in partnership with many NGOs, both big and small. These community-based organisations are staffed by highly motivated and committed people. However, our relationship must be governed by a commitment to effective and efficient service delivery. We have a responsibility to ensure that NGOs use public funds as intended, for the service of the poor; not for self-enrichment.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Nie vir double-storeys en 4X4's nie, but for the poor that we must get to. We have greatly strengthened our capacity to manage funding of NGOs to render social services on behalf of the Department. Our introduction of a comprehensive NGO funding policy enables us to ensure that funding applications and allocations are managed through a consistent transparent process. Alongside this we have introduced new departmental systems for monitoring the use of these funds by NGOs, ensuring that the vulnerable citizens of the Western Cape get maximum benefit.

This drive has resulted in the finding by the Financial and Fiscal Commission and I remember the Financial and Fiscal Commission in their submission for the division of revenue in 2014/2015 that the Western Cape Department of Social Development spends a bigger portion of its budget, which is 68%, on transfer payments to NGOs, more than any other province in this country. Surely Mr Deputy Speaker, this objective fact exposes the often misleading

and frankly politically mischievous claim by the Opposition that this government and its departments favours the rich and more specifically that my department is deliberately under-funding the NGOs!

Ja, as jy geld steel dan gaan ons jou nie under-fund nie, dan stop ons om jou te fund. Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, I mean I think you agree with that.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We are pleased to announce that the new departmental system for monitoring the use of these funds by NGOs has begun to yield tangible outcomes, resulting in truly effective NGOs receiving more funds to carry out their work, and importantly, identifying poor performance and/or maladministration and suspicious practices in some of the NGOs. Ensuring that the NGOs use taxpayer's money properly and responsibly is a non-negotiable and we will not shirk our duties in this regard.

Ons sal nie bang wees om op te tree nie, agbare lid me Lekker.

Our drive has resulted in the Department spotting areas for improvement and efficiency, such as bringing Institutional Capacity Building programmes in-house. Also, where we have the necessary evidence and information, we will even discontinue funding to these NGOs that do not comply or where there are proven instances of corruption and misuse of tax payers money.

In conclusion Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Finally!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: As I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Premier for her leadership and I want to say... [Interjections.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Maar sy is uit; sy is nie nou hier nie. Moenie worry nie, sy het weggehol. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And I will honestly say I want to thank her for her leadership, a very, very good manager, also to thank my Cabinet colleagues for their hard work; probably the only people I know who phones you at four o'clock in the morning, and by six o'clock you are having breakfast with them. I do not know why we eat at six, but anyway, in service to the people in this province. I would also like to thank my all my ministerial staff, under David Abrahams, who always boycotts these events, but under him, and all my ministerial staff. I also want to thank my Head of Department, Dr Robert MacDonald and every single manager, senior manager and other directors in the Department, a really, really big, big thanks to you. You are the guys who are driving the programme. Most importantly, I would like to say thanks to every official in the Department.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Cadre deployment, nice cadre deployment.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Every official in the Department - yes, that is very clear, very. All of those are cadre deployment.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, just cadre deployment. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And officials in the Department and our NGO partners, I really want to say a very, very big thank you, specifically to our NGOs who are here tonight. A very, very big thanks and to those councils, who harass me at night until late for sub-services, to them also, all our councillors who are here. To our business partners I want to say a great, great thanks. Without your kind of collaboration and work we will never be able to reach the kind of targets, so to every business organisation who is here and some of those other innovative private people who are here, a very warm thank you to you guys, because it is all of you collectively, hon members, that we can make the difference in our society.

I also would like to say it is your tireless efforts that are transforming this province, creating a brighter future for everyone, for every single one. I also would like to say to my wife - I think she sits up there and to my son, a very, very great thanks for your love, understanding and support.

An HON MEMBER: She is sitting there.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And Mr Deputy Speaker, it gives me a great pleasure to table Budget Vote 7 on Social Development. I thank you. [Applause.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agbare Marais.

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Adjunk MEC [Onduidelik.]

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: We are working towards a highly skilled innovation-driven resource efficient, connected high opportunity society for all. For this reason, we welcome and support the budget of approximately R1.9 billion appropriated to the Department of Social Development in the Western Cape for the 2015/16 financial year.

This allocation will undoubtedly assist the Department of Social Development in its two core functions to create a caring society through developmental social welfare services and to provide opportunities through community development services.

In order to increase wellness, safety and to tackle social ills, this budget, together with the productive management thereof will assist in the following.

As Minister Fritz already said:

- Increase social worker posts funding at funded NPOs; social work managers by 22%, social work supervisors by 40% and social workers by 40%; [Interjections.]
- Increase funding to the Youth Development Programmes;
- Shift to in-house substance abuse services to replace outsourced substance abuse centres where infrastructure constraints have become a barrier to services; [Interjections.]
- Provide for the increase in staff for programme offices, which is a new establishment;
- Reallocate monitoring and evaluation staff to the relevant programme offices; and
- Provide additional funding to the Disabilities Programme to address compliance, payment of salaries of carers and project implementers, safe transportation of children to and from centres and the expansion of group homes for adults and children with intellectual disability and those who present challenging behaviours;
- Increase the unit costs to protective workshops and residential facilities and
- Fund the establishment of a disability helpdesk, who will serve people in the most remote areas in our province.

I am heartened that the approach of the Department in determining its strategic direction over the next five years has been to consolidate and

improve the quality of our essential statutory services, particularly childcare and protection, care for older persons, substance abuse interventions, services to persons living with disabilities, victim support, shelters for homeless adults, probation services, diversion programmes and social work in general.

These are proactive steps which prove that the Department has undertaken an internal reprioritisation exercise and made shifts for maximum socio-economic effects; the most significant being to improve the salaries of social workers, social work supervisors and social work managers at funded NPOs. This will achieve greater sustainability, improved parity, better retention of social workers and enhance service delivery to the people of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, during this financial year, support to persons living with disabilities will continue with an emphasis on community responsive programmes; some of the historic gaps in services to persons living with disabilities, including children with severe and profound intellectual disabilities, will be redressed.

As Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Development, I and my committee are looking forward to oversight over the expansion of group homes for adults and children with intellectual disability and those who present with challenging behaviour and the increase unit costs to protective workshops and residential facilities, in order to see the impact it has on our

communities in the Western Cape.

In order to create opportunities for jobs and growth, I commend the Department for facilitating access to more skills development and economic opportunities for youth who have completed their schooling. A high demand for services to youth, particularly Youth Cafés exists. I am excited to witness the establishment, opening and implementation of three more Youth Cafés in the new financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I mentioned only but a few of the amazing plans the Department of Social Development has for the people of the Western Cape and as stated in the beginning of my speech, with all these proactive steps in place to enable a resilient, sustainable, quality and inclusive living environment, I want to end in the words of the Little Prince:

“Here is our secret, a very simple secret. It is only with the heart that one can see rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, am I protected? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What, from yourself?

An HON MEMBER: From yourself?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What happened? You are protected, yes.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you. During the SONA debate I raised a concern, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion you may continue.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you - that very little was said about the effective measures to fight substance and drug abuse. This department as the lead agent should be seen to be more active when it comes to fight against substance and drug abuse. If one carefully looks at the analysis of demand for and expected changes three categories are mentioned, namely youth - this is including children - older persons and people with disabilities. There is no reference to what this department is planning to do in relation to substance and drug abuse along those lines.

It is only in Programme 3 under Child and Youth Care Centres where it is mentioned. Nowhere do we see an aggressive programme being championed by this department in this regard to meet the massive challenges of the Western Cape head-on. Once again the most vulnerable sections of society

are neglected. Even the much spoken about Youth Development Programme is silent on programmes such as awareness campaigns at schools; public clinics and hospitals where young people could be found.

Most importantly, this programme says nothing about how young people will be consulted so that they are part of the solution. You can never have an effective strategy or programme that speaks to a section of a population without their public participation and their buy-in. How is it going to help salvage young people from unemployment and poverty?

Supposedly this Youth Development Programme is contained in the Western Cape Youth Development Strategy. The strategy states that there are about 2.5 million young people who live in this province; almost half, 48% of them are under 25 and are unemployed. These figures show that any programmes or plans that have to effectively deal with challenges facing youth has got to be massive and capture the majority of our young people. I however do not see it in this Budget vote. The Western Cape Youth Development Strategy outlines certain programmes where the department is the lead agent, yet the budget is silent in that regard. The allocation of mere R12 million demonstrates how this government is not serious about issues affecting young people. Both the APP and this budget do not explicitly say how young people will be assisted.

In terms of this strategy the DSD is supposedly to be the lead agent or partners with other departments on the following programmes: the youth spaces and networks, after-school academic support in the MOD Centres and

skills and employment.

How many Youth Cafés are there in this province compared to the number of young people at risk and unemployed? How does this budget contribute towards improving school readiness? I have strongly argued against the use of Youth Cafés and MOD Centres as the only programmes to liberate young people from the scourge of unemployment and poverty, thus exposing them to many criminal activities.

What is most worrying is that the project for MOD Centres has failed. It is a flagship development of this DA Government, but it is not getting enough attention and the number identified for development is not properly supported. Only a fraction is reported as being functional and the majority fails. It is only used as a feeding scheme by this department. Thus this programme fails dismally even though millions of rand was pumped into it! If ever there is something that needs to be investigated as a dark hole that just swallows good money, it is MOD Centres. [Interjections.]

The number of youth accessing social development programmes has now been reduced to an estimated 13 650 from more than 27 000 in 2013/14.

The Department promised to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to the poor and the vulnerable; to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations. In practise we see nothing close

to what is stated.

According to Census 2011 the Western Cape have 352 987 older people. The highest proportion of elderly people relative to adults and children was recorded in the Eastern Cape, 9.7%, followed by the Western Cape, 8.9% and Limpopo 8.7%. In your outlook for 2015/16 financial year, there is no mention of older people, whereas there is estimated 26 000 vulnerable older people accessing DSD services. [Interjection.] What is the integrated service plan for the care of older persons? In practise how will this be realised?

Why was the estimated performance level for assistance to households struck by disaster reduced from almost 37 000 to under 16 000? Is there any justification for the reduction? This is clearly not acceptable! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am sorry, just hang on one second. There is a little bit too much noise in the back corner there. Please continue.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you. Equally, care and services to families, the number of families accessing developmental social welfare services that strengthens family and communities have been in a downward spiral from 730 000 in 2011/12 to just over 24 000 in 2015/16.

The number of children who access ECD and after-school care services is targeted to reach almost 92 600 in 2017/18. The number of children found in need of care and protection who are placed in residential care has dropped from just under 2 250 in 2011/12 to 413 in 2015/16; whilst the number for community based child and youth care workers trained to provide vulnerable children has dropped from 125 in 2014/15 to an estimated 75 in 2015/16.

The number of children and adults benefiting from social crime support services in a year has decreased from 22 500 in 2014/15 to below 16 500. The number of people reached with access to victim support services have reduced from more than 20 000 to an estimated 18 630. The question arises, is this pro poor?

The community mobilisation was the programme that should have been central in public participation but it has been shifted to a transversal sub-programme and will never be realised.

We repeatedly called that deserving NPOs and CBOs to be funded equitably. It is with grave concern that we notice the reductions of NPOs from 45 to just 12. Who is going to suffer the most? [Interjections.]

The number of individuals receiving food security interventions moves from over 34 500 in 2013/14 to about 4 000 in this financial year. The number of qualifying beneficiaries receiving meals at feeding sites drops off

dramatically from almost 23 000 in 2011/12 to under 4 000 in 2015/16.

If one looks at the baseline and number of EPWP job opportunities, it is indeed a drop to the ocean. What worries is that the targeted number of 650 is not even achievable.

There is no dedicated programme for women development. This government is really not serious about issues affecting women. What a shame, as this province are led by a Premier as a woman and a Speaker as a woman. This is really a shame!

The number of youth participating in skills development programmes will be reduced from under 12 000 to 10 000 in 2015/16. This budget is all about reduction. Everything is reduced, while the need of poor people grows on a daily basis in this province!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Take it to the National Government then [Inaudible.]

Ms M N GILLION: MEC Fritz is referring... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: He is the best.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Better than you!

Ms M N GILLION: ...to the very, very big plans for people with disabilities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, ek sal 'n huigelaar wees as ek nou oor die volgende moet stilbly. It is a pity that in this province this department had to wait for a court case outcome to increase the budget to make provision for people with disabilities as it has made provision in this budget of 2014/15. [Interjection.]

My vraag is ... [Tussenwerpsels.] My vraag is mnr die Adjunkspeaker, as die Departement ernstig was oor mense met gestremdhede, hoekom moes hulle eers wag vir 'n hofuitslag en dan moet hierdie begroting nou so hoog aangepas word om in daardie behoeftes te voorsien.

'n AGBARE LID: Skande.

Me M N GILLION: Hoekom het dit nie oor 'n tydperk alreeds plaasgevind nie? And that is a shame!

Ek wil die volgende ook vra rondom mense wat gebuk gaan onder gestremdhede aan die LUR Fritz. MEC Fritz, why do people living with disabilities in the Metro have access to more services and support, but those in rural and outlying areas are suffering and are left to get along on their own? Does this department really care enough to make an effort to see to it that for instance, one example, adapted taxi's become available for them, like it is here in the Cape Metro? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Ms M N GILLION: Then I want to ask the following question: What is this department doing to regulate its relations and their assistance in municipalities? Can the Department and the honourable Minister ‘Stories’ Fritz tell us more about that? Were MOUs signed between the Department and all the municipalities, especially where the dealings with street children and homeless people are of concern! In this Cape Metro, police, at random, abuse and beat people up. How can this be prevented and what can this department do before the storm troopers are sent in, or does this department also only see these people as a nuisance? [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, recently three young people lost their lives when an alleged drunk man... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M N GILLION: ...on a public road knocked them down. Their farm-dweller parents suffered and could barely afford to bury them. What is this department doing in cases like that to assist these poor grieving families?

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, the matter of the two HODs of this department does not show up on the Budget. Is this department still paying the salaries of both the redeployed DA cadre Mike Richardson that moved to the Premier’s department, because MEC ‘Stories’ Fritz and he had a fallout, while his replacement redeployed DA cadre Robert McDonald also has to be paid?

An HON MEMBER: Dr Robert McDonald.

Ms M N GILLION: Dr Robert McDonald also has to be paid out of this budget. I thank you. [Applause.]

Die MINISTER VAN MENSLIKE NEDERSETTINGS: Mooi, mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports Vote 7, Social Development Appropriation Bill.

An HON MEMBER: You do not need to mention that now.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, when I saw the vision of this department to aim for a self-reliant society; now this is a daunting task, because here you have social services and then you have delivery; delivery and development programmes to help so it is a daunting task. The money will never be enough, but let me just look at two programmes because I have got little time. [Interjections.]

The programme, when it comes to children and families, we believe that is important because that comes to looking at a... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! There is too much talk.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...a self-reliant society.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! There is too much noise in the House apart from the member speaking.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is he that is making the noise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So when we look at children and families we believe that is an integral part when it comes to addressing family problems because we as men and women must be examples in our homes, but to help those dysfunctional families is the important step in the right direction, but also youth... [Interjection.] Youth - I cannot understand why the member says Youth Cafés do not work.

An HON MEMBER: You will not understand that.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Where must they go? Where must they go? I mean if we do not have Youth Cafés then where must they go? [Interjections.] I cannot understand when the member said the 181 MOD centres is a feeding scheme. If you go on Sunday to a township Church where I go, and that child tells you: "I ate last Friday, I ate Friday last because I was at the MOD Centre..." You do not know. You do not know the reality when it comes to

the people of the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: They do not go to Church.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So Minister Fritz, I know, I cannot understand...  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I cannot understand how the ANC says this is not a poor budget because this is a pro-poor budget.

An HON MEMBER: We do oversight.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This is a pro-poor budget speaking to the real people and real needs. All you come and do is politics, politics, politics. Put the politics behind you and put the people of the Western Cape first. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Christians, your time has expired unfortunately. [Applause.] Please come to order. The hon Wenger.

An HON MEMBER: You must do oversight... [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Social

Development, as we have heard, is aiming to create a self-reliant society by ensuring the provision of a comprehensive network of Social Development Services that enables and empowers the poor, the vulnerable and those with special needs in order to create a caring society. In order to realise this vision, this mission and responsibility, the Department has wisely reprioritised funding to increase social worker posts at non-profit organisations. The Department is improving the salaries of social workers to achieve better services for those who need it.

The National Development Plan considers ways to eradicate poverty and the reduction of social inequality. Especially considered are vulnerable groups. The NDP focusses on two critical areas of social protection, namely welfare and early childhood development. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They do not take it serious [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: This department has therefore increased funding to youth development and a further roll-out of Youth Cafés. In addition, increased funding allocations have been made to childcare, older persons, people living with disabilities, addressing substance abuse and youth development which all show this government's commitment to communities in the Western Cape. It is clear that this budget gives life and expression to the focus points of the National Development Plan.

John F Kennedy said that "children are the world's most valuable resource

and its best hope for the future”. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You should quote Chris [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: It is then appropriate that the Social Development Department have substantively increased funding to Early Childhood Development centres and to better remunerate ECD practitioners for the benefit of our little ones. The Department is training increasingly more ECD practitioners and ensuring that ECD organisations are registered and delivering a good quality service to children. ECD centres are so important because they provide a safe and enabling learning and development space for young children.

The DA supports this budget because this budget is geared to help improve school readiness. Education is the bedrock of development and it is therefore encouraging that the Western Cape Government is investing in children’s early education and learning foundations because education is the road that leads out of poverty. [Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker, we all know that drug and substance abuse are all too prevalent in our society. This government has shown that it is serious about dealing with this problem and has ameliorated drug treatment and intervention services. Government has augmented the number of treatment sites. The Department is shifting towards in-house substance abuse services to replace outsourced substance abuse centres to ensure that infrastructure and service delivery is the best this government can offer.

When the DA came into power in 2009, this province had only seven.  
[Interjection.] Seven ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

Ms M M WENGER: ...treatment sites. [Interjection.] We realised that much, much more needed to be done and concerted efforts have gone into this ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You have [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: ...which is made evident by the fact that there are now 24 drug and substance ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

Ms M M WENGER: ...abuse treatment centres across this province.  
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That's what we have in Durban.

Ms M M WENGER: This is more than a 200% increase in five years.  
[Interjection.] A vote for this budget ...[Interjection.]...is in support of addressing ...[Interjection.] ...substance abuse. [Interjection.] The

Department has shown its care for the vulnerable by increasing unit price funding to shelters which support victims of crime. It has introduced norms and standards and has developed a therapeutic programme for sentenced children with behavioural problems. Our elderly persons are also being cared for by increased funding to residential facilities and services are being complemented with holistic programmes such as exercise.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, this budget supports the NDP and it is clear that this department's priorities are the poor. Let it be noted this society cannot succeed unless we can overcome ...[Interjection.] ...social exclusion and this is why we support this budget. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister Fritz ...[Interjection.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...to reply.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.] I want to also just thank hon member Marais as the Chairperson of our committee. I'm standing [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is this really everything?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I really want to say thanks for

your constant compassion in terms of social development, also for your soft nature in dealing, your typical nice warm nature. You are a mother, I do not want to make you old, but really a motherly approach to our committee and even if the committee goes hectic at times, we really can bring it down back to ...[Interjection.] So thank you, hon member Marais. [Applause.] I think a lot of what you said are things that you basically just confirmed what I'm saying. I think hon member Gillion, I want to say at some point, and I really want to hon members, I have not ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We also agree with you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am one of the people who do not take anything personally. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We do agree.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible.] hon member Gillion makes a number of very important points, but I want to just put hon member Gillion on the straight path in terms of how we understand ...[Interjection.] No, just ...[Interjection.] No, it is not even, the hon member Gillion ...[Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.] Not in a bad way because I do not think ...[Interjection.] I do not think any member of this House have bad intentions. I really do not think so, and I come from ...[Interjection.] No, I understand ...[Interjection.]...address the issues because I think some of it is just misunderstood. [Interjection.] Let me start

by looking at the very little I said about substance abuse. I found pages in my speech on substance abuse. I confirm the point that the hon member Wenger is making around the issue that we have many programmes such as substance abuse. Are they easily outsourced? And then, we do not have a clue because of our evaluation and monitoring and what we have now done was a send-up. Those are people on post-graduate substance abuse programmes at three universities in the Western Cape because ... and by the way we have four universities in the Western Cape. So we have sent three of them and we have agreements with those universities [Interjection.] ...and we now do those things in George, in wat is daardie plek? Bredasdorp, at the office there is a social worker who does the first screening for any [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Which one?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, I am not saying, the University of the Western Cape, Stellenbosch and UCT. [Interjection.] And they are doing the screening right there now. We have also expanded them and I see people sitting here from the child and youth care facilities. We have also now had one big problem with reporting at one of our centres and every winter we had flooding. So, just be careful, we are going to keep the centre, but we have also now taken a number of those young people to what they have addressed, two [Inaudible.] child and youth care centres at the wing that we are dealing with substance abuse.

And I want to honestly say to the hon member, I really do not think there are *mala fides* or bad intent. I really think she is trying to also assist with getting some solutions, but I really think sometimes we must actually go with, and I would really like to take hon member Gillion with me through the streets of, not London, but here of the townships and show them something that will change their minds, you know? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Do you want it [Inaudible.]?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, just to assist with understanding. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We have [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The hon member Gillion also says that we have not consulted on this. I just want to really now... it is also slightly before your time in the House, in Parliament. No, I will tell you now. Two years ago we had ...[Interjection.] On 16 June, hon member Gillion, and for the first time we had a Youth Day where we sat and the hon Minister Grant was with me on that day [Interjection.] I told the hon Minister Grant we are not going to make long political speeches on Youth Day. Today we have a very specific method and we are going to find out what exactly is it that the youth wants. There were 3,500 [Inaudible.] ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They probably [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and we had our youth at the Velodrome. It was in the Velodrome, and we used [Inaudible.] to assist us at some stage ...[Interjection.] ...and out of that something like 15 000 hits came from what young people said they wanted. Not with me as old people think what they want. Hon member Dijana, I know you are younger, but I mean, I am talking about us, the grey-haired people. We, for the first time, listened to those words of, and one of the issues they said, they want a safe space, Mr Deputy Speaker. And we had the youth campaign ...[Interjection.] It is an implementation of what young people said they wanted. Not what we thought ...[Interjection.] ...it's nice to have. We went over with them what they wanted. [Interjection.] And I think that is ...[Interjection.] ...and that day we shipped in people from all over the province to come, even people from KwaZulu-Natal came before, but we invited everyone; everyone can come. I also wanted to speak to the hon member Gillion speaking about [Inaudible.]. Now, I think a lot of the issues ... all I do hon member, is we provide the food. I think that was another budget that we spoke to. DCAS will talk tomorrow about the figures of MOD centres and so perhaps it is like the hon Minister who took out a speech for the dam and we had to speak at the opening of a youth function, so maybe, you know, I do not think it is that, but it sounded like that at some point. So, I just want to say that that is tomorrow's debate.

I also wanted to say that I am really going to keep you posted on the Needs Programme. I am doing some incredible stuff with people who were fired

from the Jazz Café [Interjection.] My dear friend, Rashied Lombard, ...[Interjection.] is going to host a lot of programmes with me on the needs, and the first project is going to be a project in the first seven rural areas here [Inaudible.] it is seven rural areas, ten youth from three in the metro only. Three areas in the metro [Inaudible.] and I really want to take you guys with me step by step on this as it unfolds because I really think there are great entrepreneurs in our province who are going to really make a difference, but let me just talk about skills and economic development. Yes, the hon Minister for that. We have now, in the way ...[Interjection.] No, what we have agreed ...[Interjection.] What we have agreed, and the hon Minister is doing a great job on it. [Interjection.] We have now said that we will channel young people that needs those possibilities. [Interjection.] We will channel them. It is about the channelling, comrades, I almost said. [Interjection.] It is all about channelling. Hon member, you also said I did not mention anything about the budget only, but I just mentioned that my mother was 87. That she is, that is why I am so dear about my mother [Interjection.] [Laughter.] ...and then why I am so dear about this programme and I just want to remind you that I actually did mention my mother. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Tomorrow [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So, I think we will not talk about that, but I think hon member Gillion, made a very important point around family focus.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: When the hon member Gillion spoke around the reduction of family programmes. It is very important because it is ...[Interjection.] Hon member Gillion, and I think to an extent, hon member Christians started ...[Interjection.] The point with family programmes, we are arguing hon members, ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...that the family programme must be integrated in every programme. If it is ECD ... Ons wil met die ma en die pa werk want die pa wil nie verantwoordelikheid neem nie. It is a family programme we will work within. We will work with our youth. It is a family programme to understand why young people are so rebellious because their father is absent. Hy is daar maar hy is net afwesig [Interjection.] [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He is just there and not even in spirit, you know? The hon member Oliver knows about those kind of issues. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is for a [Inaudible.] centre.

An HON MEMBER: No!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, I ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ask me the factual part. I will give you, do you want facts? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] administration.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Do you want the stats? 99% of my children have done the survey. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Will you [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Okay, I am giving it to you ...[Interjection.] Hon members can you listen ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will give you the stats. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not tell [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Of the survey we have done in all our facilities for children [Inaudible.] with the law ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I will [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: 99%, yes. [Interjection.] 99% of children indicated that their fathers were absent, ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...completely out of their lives. That is the reality and that is why they were there. But allow me hon members to speak about it because the hon member said that our child and youth care centres are not working. Today we have two people that symbolise the success of our child and youth care centres ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Okay, okay.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...that have gone through all the other nonsense of society, were tested and they got a second chance through this centre, and there they are in the centre. They are sitting here. [Interjection.] Phenomenal young people. I am so proud of Bronwyn ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] with the government.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Bronwyn, I am so proud of you because you proved to these members that change is possible. [Applause.] That government can make a difference ...[Interjection.] ... and that is the point because they refuse to believe it. No, not all of them, some of their members.

An HON MEMBER: That is [Inaudible.] politics.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, it is not [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, too much reality, hon member. [Interjection.] This is not [Inaudible.] politics.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] the government [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, I agree, but I am saying ...[Interjection.] ...the people said the child and youth care centres are not working. [Interjection.] And here is the proof. [Interjection.] No, I am not. They are here and that is the point. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister, continue. Address the Chair

and continue.

An HON MEMBER: I know it is not.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: What is, the hon member Mbombo, what is the department doing ...[Interjection.]...to regulate the relationship between municipalities and ourselves? We have a number of MNUs with a number of municipalities and one, let me just say, one practical one is the George Municipality where we are opening a News Café together with them. They provide this, we provide that. So there are a whole lot of others and we will do it from instruction, but it is really, really going on and I promise you we are going to the Overberg, there in Bredasdorp, we will soon be having ‘n ooreenkoms met hulle. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Slangrivier?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry?

An HON MEMBER: Slangrivier?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Slangrivier, ons is besig om daar te gaan. No, no, we are working towards it. We are looking at it and we are working towards it. Do not rush! [Interjection.] Do not rush! I also want to say ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You always say.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The hon member, and hon members laughed at the hon member when she asked about street people and street children, and I need to take that point that she made very seriously because that is exactly what we are starting ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hoor! Hoor!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to that people have ignored ...[Interjection.] No, you laughed. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

An HON MEMBER: No [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That people are in ...[Interjection.] Social workers unfortunately, [Interjection.] Hon member Dyantyi, social workers are fortunately ignored in the Children's Act; that it is the responsibility of a social worker to get a child on the street off the street. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And I want to say in this

regard my HOD personally started to do that, starting here, right outside our offices where children are right there. We are slowly moving to really accelerate that point. And I am talking about children, not street people, you know? I also want to make the point, you asked me about the police and the metro police, but hon members we are not the red ants. We do not slaughter people and abuse people. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That they do in Gauteng. We believe in the human rights of people here. [Interjection.] [Laughter.] The red ants go with crowbars, beat people up and [Inaudible.] do nothing, and no one says a word about them. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] beat up farmworkers...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So today I want to say something. [Interjection.] That is wrong. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] farm workers [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja. In fact, they hit farm workers there also in Gauteng. [Interjection.] Just fetch the red ants! [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes! [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is what [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Christians, thank you for the point about children and families. [Interjection.]

It is about that. [Interjection.] It is about that. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They will [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Davids, ...[Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker, ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They are [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The hon member really makes irresponsible comments and I really think something must be done in this House. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ayibo!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: About completely

irresponsible comments about burying people in the field [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The way we talk about the red ants, I know you get angry about the red ants because I know you are also a gangster, but they get away with it in Gauteng. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ...Youth Café.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Also the Youth Café ...[Interjection.] ...and the work, ...[Interjection.] ...the great work that they are doing and ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Who has the right ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! There is too much noise in the House. Please calm down.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: People said, Mr Deputy Speaker, ...[Interjection.] People said, “oh, we just get food” ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister, just one second  
...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We are [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Mr [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: No, Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to check with you,  
whether it is permitted to call another man a gangster? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If there was a reference to a specific hon member  
then it is unparliamentary. [Interjection.]

HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] referred to her...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Did she refer to you? [Interjection,] Hon member  
Davids? [Interjection.] Who referred to whom? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon Minister, just take a seat.  
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, really [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Where did your reference come from?  
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is not a joke!

An HON MEMBER: She was saying she is, he is aware ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No! [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: ...that the hon member is also a gangster [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Name him! Name him!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Fritz, did you refer to anybody ...[Interjection.]  
...as a gangster?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I never called the hon member a gangster. I take strong exception to the person who said I said that ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Really!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and I really think you need to check the Hansard. I am really ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...a gangster [Inaudible.]  
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...but any reference to a member as a gangster is unparliamentary. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I have never, ever called ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Whoever said that. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...anyone a gangster ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Maybe [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and she knows it!

An HON MEMBER: You must [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjection.] Hon Minister ...[Interjection.] Hon Mr Paulsen?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Is it actually correct for the hon MEC to ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Is it [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...to refer to yourself and you, you, you and not actually to put the title. I just want to know because that will open up the decorum issue.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I see. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Because otherwise I will come up and sit in the Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chair must be respected, but let us come back to the reference of “gangster”. If there was any reference from any member to another member as a “gangster”, that is unparliamentary. [Interjection.] I will check the Hansard; if it appears so, then we will withdraw. [Interjection.] Please continue.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am sorry, Mr Deputy Speaker, for sounding disrespectful ...[Interjection.] I did not mean it. The feeding scheme, hon member Gillion, Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member

Gillion refers to that it has been reduced to feed. Does she know the extent of hunger in our townships? [Interjection.]

That people, as the hon member Christians said, that it is probably the last meal that the person ate and our food, we shall not stop providing it. That is why we want the quality of the food to increase and so the children get dignified food, not because they are poor we can just make a joke of it. Hon member Wenger, thank you very much for the issue around the instance the increase in salaries. The increase in salaries for social workers in the NGO sector, it really means a lot to them when I spoke to them, and we may think it is a joke, but it really means a lot. Thank you also for the issue of the Youth Cafés and the fact that we have increased the ECD budget very, very substantially.

Mr Deputy Speaker, just to conclude, I want to thank everyone who took part in the debate. I also want to just say that I think we must never lose any bits when we have debates to anything and I think this is what President Zuma said, ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Again!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...that everything becomes personal and we really need to maintain the respect among hon members ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...before everyone and that we really come to respect that. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That concludes the debate on this vote, but also concludes the business of the day and the House is adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:15.