
TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2014

The House met at 14:15

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Order! Before I call on the first speaker to address the House, I should like to give guidance to the House on the occasion of the first real debate in terms of the new Parliament. Members have undergone comprehensive orientation over the past few weeks on various aspects of parliamentary work.

As far as the rules of debate and conduct in the House are concerned, I wish to remind members of the following: racist remarks either in speeches by way of interjection are out of order and will not be tolerated.

Although interjections are allowed, senseless interjections and running commentary do not add any value to debate and will be stopped. The member speaking can count on the protection of the Chair who will intervene if and when deemed necessary. Drowning out of the member speaking will not be allowed. Allegations of unparliamentary language will be dealt with on its merits taking into account the context in which they are made.

Personal reflections of members will not be allowed. Unruly behaviour of whatever nature compromising the dignity and decorum of the House will be checked immediately.

Members of the public sitting in the gallery may not disrupt proceedings and must adhere to the directions of the Presiding Officer. When speaking members must stand in their places and address the Chair.

Finally all cell phones are to be put on silent before the sitting begins. The Deputy Speaker and I do not intend stifling robust debate and unduly interfering from the Chair in any way, but we expect members to conduct themselves within the parameters of the rules. Our electorate is entitled to a good but clean fight. Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The SPEAKER: I recognise the Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the motion standing in my name on the Order Paper. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? No objections?

Agreed to.

The SPEAKER: The Motion: The Chief Whip: That the House –

1. Expresses its sincere condolences to the next of kin ... [Interjection.]

I do not know. I just want to give the gist of the motion just for the first ...

The motion is actually around the next of kin of Mr Michael Coetzee who died on Friday, 13 June. Hon Chief Whip, you go.

An HON MEMBER: Mark, there you go.

Mr M G E WILEY: Do you want me to complete it?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: Okay. Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

1. That the House expresses its sincere condolences to the next of kin of Mr Michael Coetzee who died on Friday, 13 of June 2014, following a long illness;
2. Secondly notes that Mr Coetzee was the Secretary of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature for a number of years. He joined Parliament in 2002 as the Deputy Secretary before being appointed the Secretary of Parliament in November 2012;

3. Thirdly notes that he continued to serve the legislature sector even as he battled with the disease by playing a key role in the transition process from the Fourth to the Fifth National Parliament;
4. Fourthly, further notes that he was a faithful and humble public servant and a highly experienced and diligent administrator.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER: Thank you. The Secretary will read the order of the day.

Debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address.

The SPEAKER: I have received a copy of the Premier's State of the Province Address delivered in the House on Friday. The address is printed in the minutes of proceedings and I now place it before the House for debate.

I recognise the hon member Mr Fransman, Leader of the Opposition.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Madam Speaker, Honourable Premier, honourable members of the legislature, comrades and friends, it is indeed good to be back. We have just celebrated two decades of democracy; a democracy built on the vision of the founding fathers of the African National Congress and the 102 years of struggle for social, political and economic emancipation; a

democracy crafted from the aspirations of the masses of our people as expressed in the Freedom Charter; a democracy grounded in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Bill of Rights and as we begin the fifth democratic administration term we do so with the full knowledge that as a country and a province we have indeed travelled a long and hard road over the past 20 years and have indeed many good stories to tell.

The state of the state in the Western Cape: Five years of the DA rule in the Western Cape from 2009 to 2014 under the guise of an open equal opportunity society has seen the pursuit of what Lenin in his “The State and Revolution” calls: “democracy for an insignificant minority; democracy for the rich.”

This myopia and wilful compromise of the interest of the poor masses is evident everywhere. In the composition of the Cabinet, representation in management, slow pace of the transformation agenda, protection of white privilege and class economic interest as well as skewed service delivery patterns. Over the past five years we have witnessed the most intensive war on the poor in every area from housing to sanitation, from public transport to the plight of backyard dwellers; from the closing of schools to the suffering of farm workers; from the cultural and indigenous rights of the Khoisan to violence perpetuated against communities and drug infested and crime ridden areas.

Madam Speaker, the question that must be addressed is what we have heard

last week by the Premier, are those the issues that will fundamentally transform society in the Western Cape? Can it address the real challenges that we are confronted with? Can it address the issues of inequality, poverty and underdevelopment?

What therefore must be done to address the challenges of our historical legacy, which is still the life experience of millions? How do we build a society that we all can be proud of?

In an analysis of the Western Cape, there are two Western Capes; one for the poor mainly black and one of the rich mainly white. In 2011 when the National Census was done 32% of our children lived below the poverty line; the majority, if not exclusively, being Coloured and African children. This is but one example of a stat that hides the deep wounds of poverty. On the other hand between 2009 and 2012, the years for which complete GDP figures are available and in which this Provincial Government was in power, the Western Cape was ranked third behind Gauteng and KZN in terms of GDP. If we were to look at the serious challenge of jobs for the same period only 191 000 jobs were created in the DA-run Western Cape of which half went to whites. This is therefore the direct result of what we have seen the open opportunity society brings, what we can call the “Social Darwinism” as it were; the survival of the richest. The Western Cape will never be able to realise the vision and objective of a truly non-racial and non-sexist national democracy society, unless we address the triple challenges, of which I have mentioned earlier.

This therefore is the ANC's belief that the following eight areas should be looked at:

1. Building an inclusive economy that is able to create jobs; a shared and inclusive economy; not an issue only of growth in the economy. Our economy needs to become more inclusive through very deliberate and practical interventions by the State. We must facilitate the direct participation of the majority of our people in the economic mainstream of this province and not treat them merely as commodities coming from the labour reserves of Atlantis, Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha, Elsies River and others.

We must ensure that small business, the informal traders and entrepreneurs, especially those who were disadvantaged are able to gain entry into the market. This will include ensuring that our policy and legislature frameworks are biased in favour of the small businessmen and not only the big business and that, we believe, is something that will deeply have to be reflected on if we speak about economic transformation within this particular province.

We welcome the fact that the following programmes initiated by the ANC government from 2004 to 2009 are still in progress and here the Premier has mentioned them, the business processing outsourcing and call centre sector, the oil and gas sector, tourism and the IDZ and the

special economic zones. These interventions without exception emanates from our policy provisions and critical, but most challenging of it all, is how to use those interventions to ensure that transformation in the economy in the Western Cape can take place because the ANC believes unless those issues are being addressed properly we will have a problem in the future.

The call for an inclusive economy in the Western Cape therefore is meaningless without radical economic transformation and here we want to suggest issues relating to the patterns of ownership; relooking at public property lease agreements in the Western Cape administration and how these perpetuate practices of the past. This Provincial Government needs to be deliberate in how property acquisitions and disposals are structured; examine land use agreements and how these have been abused at the expense of the State and without furthering the interests of the poorest of the poor.

We also make a special call on the Provincial Government to put aside your bias and initiate a partnership with the NYDA, the National Youth Development Agency to ensure our youth are not denied opportunities. What do we do with R47 billion? How does that alter society through interventions of the provincial administration?

2. The second area that we thought of focussing on is the transformation of our rural areas through focused intervention; based and rural and

agrarian land reform. No matter how much lip service, Madam Premier, we pay to being open and equal, the reality is that we are haunted by our colonial and apartheid past, particularly in the rural context. The recent memories of our farm worker strikes indicate how manifest the inequality is and it is no use to throw that complaint in the context of “others making it ungovernable.” The challenge here is we must look at the imbalances between those in the rural farmworker community; the interest of the farm vis-à-vis the interest of the farmworker and we must strike a balance. And therefore the following issues that the ANC will reflect on is the compliance in the Western Cape when it comes to minimum wage issues; serious penalties when illegal evictions are taking place as well as the issues of assault. My colleague will go into much more detail.

3. The third area of focus is to ensure decent living conditions and sustainable and integrated human settlements. What we have picked up, if you go back 20 years ago, if you go back 50 years ago, if you look at the spatial patterns in the Western Cape, Madam Premier, let us not deny the fact that the Group Areas Act, let us not deny the fact that the Urban Areas Act has created the conditions in which we are sitting today. That is the legacy.

What we must do is therefore through specialised interventions in urban planning recreate the structural realities in our society and therefore in the face of growing urban migration and the arrival of more so-called,

which the Premier called “refugees” into this province, and the continued lack of planning; the slow pace of implementation as well as the failure to meet delivery targets, we are being driven to the brink of a precipice, the consequences of which are way too horrendous to contemplate. This is compounded by an ever-growing waiting list, a backyard dweller problem that is already bursting at the seams and what I will call a “Rip van Winkel housing strategy” to address the myriad of complex challenges in this area. It is not good enough for the Mayor of Cape Town to run to Blackheath when there is a problem of Lwandle, to stand in front of the people of Blackheath and say: “We will not allow people to come and reside here”, but for 20 years, 30 years and more, nothing. We have seen no implementation over the last couple of years by the City of Cape Town for the backyarders in Blackheath. So our call is do not - let us not racialise the issue of housing delivery because this is the pattern that we have seen.

Year in and year out the worst 48 informal settlements in the Western Cape are severely affected by floods in winter and fires in summer. Yet, besides the fact that there is no attempt to find a sustainable remedy in these informal settlements during this, the heart of winter, the Premier makes no mention of our people in these areas in the SOPA.

4. Improving and expanding education and training: here we want to say that we will support whatever strategic responsibilities there would be between National, Provincial and Local Government. A key strategic

focus is education and therefore skills development. Education is a way out to address issues relating to poverty and others and therefore it is not the appropriate way to close schools in the Western Cape. We should not close schools because over the last couple of months we have seen in the Western Cape, in Mitchells Plain and in Khayelitsha and in some rural areas at least 2 000 learners not being in class.

Three months ago the Provincial Government, the then MEC has argued that yes, they have now resolved 300 or 200 of those learners; still there are children out of class on the Cape Flats, so is the remedy to close schools? No, it is clearly not and therefore that is an area that we believe serious redress is required.

5. The issues about health and healthcare through the implementation of the National Health Insurance: we want to ask the Premier, we want to ask the Provincial Government, are you in complete support of the health insurance of the National Health Insurance because that is a strategic focus of the National Government. It is a strategic focus of the ruling party; it is a strategic focus of the Opposition within the Western Cape. Our healthcare system must be one therefore that is premised upon the principles of preventative healthcare for the poor. It cannot be that we are saying that the reason why there are health problems and healthcare problems in the Western Cape is because of all these people coming from the Eastern Cape. That would be a wrong approach. It is the wrong message. It makes people unwelcome within this part of our

country and therefore the support for the NDP, we have heard it. However, the support cannot be a cherry-picking one. You must embrace the entire plan including the NHI and we are looking forward to your commencing the roll-out of this policy.

[Point 6 not quoted.]

7. The seventh point that we thought of highlighting is our fight against crime and corruption. This approach in fighting crime and corruption must be a holistic one that requires synergy, synchrony and functional coherence between government departments, social and security clusters, spheres of government together in partnership with community. We cannot continue with the blame and complain. We cannot have a situation where there is a breakdown of trust between National Government and Provincial Government and a breakdown of trust with the community structures, because crime is all of our business and what we require is therefore a collective integrated and coherent effort in addressing these things. Our approach to resolving crime and building safer communities, is to focus not only on the effects but also on the causes; the socio-economic realities of our community.
8. The eighth point, a united nation and promoting social cohesion: we need to find ways where our different African, Coloured, Indian and White communities can converge and get to know each other. This needs to happen through our schooling system, integrated and sustainable

human settlements, sports festivals, music and arts festivals, heritage celebrations that are inviting and comfortable to all our diverse communities and cultures. We cannot have a leadership that through their words and actions alienate large sections of our communities by referring to them as “refugees”, not allowing the Cape Malay Choirs and the Klopse to march and our Khoisan community to display their heritage, and here an important issue, we know that the first war of resistance in South Africa actually took place in the Western Cape. It comes from here; the descendants of the Khoi and the San, the Coloured community. We have seen that the ANC has introduced particular policies in terms of the pre-1913 Land Act and the question around land claims and what we require is an aggressive response by the Provincial Government for those individuals and those communities that are part of that original Khoisan community, in order for us to address that hard reality, and here Oude Molen comes to mind. Here other sites in the Western Cape come to mind. Here heritage sites come to mind and therefore we cannot allow those sites to be alienated.

Madam Speaker, and Madam Premier, allow me to address the claim that the DA opportunity society is premised on the cornerstone of our Constitution and its founding principles. Nothing can be further from the truth. Let me remind this House and our people of the Western Cape what the Constitution of the Republic in its preamble says: “We the people of South Africa recognise the injustice of our past...”

Even before we come to open society we recognise the injustice of our past and we have to therefore reflect and create strategic interventions. What we have heard is somehow an input that speaks about “let us forget about that past; let us not speak of the harsh realities that was created by apartheid. We are all equal. We are all open and therefore we must all go and compete outside. It is not possible.

The PREMIER: Nonsense!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: We require a transformation agenda [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: No-one said that.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Through the safe intervention and therefore the Premier has a moral responsibility to put in place clear policies, programmes and interventions to address that particular legacy. In fact it is Trevor Noah that possibly put it the best. [Interjections.] Trevor Noah says: “Here we have got pre-‘94; what happened pre-‘94, there is a harshness and an assault on people, but in the other part of society there is an affirmation. Come ‘94 we are all so-called “equal” and therefore we are all having the same opportunities and it is then the fittest, the bravest that survive.”

It is wrong. It is a wrong approach. It is in fact going to create serious imbalances in the future in the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Instead therefore the body of evidence of the open opportunity society reveals a resistance to the preamble of our Constitution which requires the Government to “heal”, Premier, the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights. We want to remind this House therefore that the very essence of our Constitution is one of transformation and therefore the Provincial Government is found wanting in a province where the issue of employee equity performance is the worst in the country and where whites still consume / constitute more than 70% of senior management both in the public and in the private sector. [Interjections.]

We call on Madam Premier to clarify how her government intends to address this very issue of transformation and redress in the workplace. You may recall, Madam Premier, how the hon Premier tweeted on June the 13th last year, that “no one has to use a bucket in this province. There is no need for buckets”, only to be contradicted by the Mayor when she clarified there were about 600 households that lacked access to decent sanitation. However, even the Mayor’s figures were also contradicted by the City of Cape Town. That very figure was contradicted by the City’s own Human Settlements report that confirmed that no less than 80 000 households had no access to proper sanitation. This cause was not being assisted by the DA’s denialism. Why are

we denying issues of social justice, issues of human rights? Why are we not addressing that head-on through a proper intervention or will the open society approach actually address this?

Subsequent to that damning evidence the Human Rights Report finding on sanitation was even more telling as it blatantly stated:

“The situation in the Western Cape as you can see for yourself is devastating both in terms of the indignity and the serious health implications in the unservicing of the toilets and the fact that people have to empty these buckets themselves.”

The Premier must respond [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is bad.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: If you have the Constitution, she swears allegiance to the Constitution. She speaks about the open society, not the social justice part of the Constitution, not the historical legacies of it. What is the premise of this Provincial Government? The Premier has not explained what this province will do to address all the current challenges of governance and service delivery.

If you reflect on the sanitation, we have a big crisis on sanitation; even to such an extent that the President pronounced a Minister dealing with

sanitation. The Premier is silent on this matter.

Is it because the people affected by sanitation problems are largely poor black African and Coloured? Is there something around that that speaks about the fundamentals of what I would call the politics of deception; a hypocrisy; a building of a government on a PR-exercise and not to address the fundamentals? Local Government is there for the coalface of our service delivery and political instability breeds governance instability, and therefore we call on the Premier to ensure that there is effective Local Government performance auditing on treatment of poorest of the poor and vulnerable; and let us introduce the debate: is audit itself speaking about performance? If one has a clean audit does it by implication speak about how you address the poorest of the poor? How do you address the poor communities, or is it more a financial process; and hence the issue of compliance; the issue of clean governance must be coupled with the question about performance and the transformation of our society.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, we have come a long way over the past 20 years. The key challenge we therefore face in the Western Cape over the next five years is how we address the deracialisation of our provincial economy. Is the Premier satisfied that the economy in the Western Cape still reflect the patterns of racial discrimination of the history. Is the DA seeing that as an acceptable norm? Is it fine that we are seeing when economic growth happens, as long as tourism boost takes place because we agree with that, but we must not talk about tourism in the townships. We must not talk about

tourism in the rural communities. We must not talk about the supply line of those issues.

We therefore continue to make gains but our society is far more deracialised in the Western Cape and the imperatives of restorative justice remain as relevant today as it was at the dawn of our democracy. So the question in front of us is the vision of the Western Cape, ten years, twenty years from today, if we align it to the 2030 objectives, will it be a Western Cape that as we have seen the last five years has reinforced old racialised patterns of development or will it be a Western Cape that actually integrates in a serious approach, the question around human settlements?

This task to paraphrase the words of Martin Luther King from his speech “I have a dream” shall remain a priority as long as we remain “an island of prosperity in the midst of a vast ocean of poverty...” an island of prosperity in Constantia; an island of prosperity [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: In Rondebosch.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: In Rondebosch, an island of prosperity in Blouberg against the sea of poverty in Khayelitsha, a sea of poverty in the rural areas, a sea of poverty in Mitchells Plain, and unless the intervention is happening what we will see is that island of prosperity will be swollen by the sea of poverty. I thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor! [Applous]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the hon Minister of Finance.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the State of the Province Address. Madam Speaker, we must remember that the ANC has lost the election and therefore the ideas of Lenin that was quoted in this House was also rejected on the 7th of May in the Western Cape.

Madam Speaker, I am rising because last Friday the hon Premier turned hope into action. I am rising because she skilfully articulated and translated the 2014 electoral mandate of the citizens of the Western Cape into a programme of action. She delivered an executive report to the citizens of the Western Cape. In addition Madam Speaker, the Premier gave a clear message to all the citizens that her government is both committed and ready to implement the National Development Plan.

Madam Speaker, no promises were made; only commitments were made in the State of the Province Address. It is commitments because everything the Premier announced last Friday in this House has a budget; it has a timeframe; it has a committed partner and has clear targets.

Madam Speaker, one of the requirements of the National Development Plan is to have a capable state. Under the leadership of Premier Helen Zille she has put the governance architecture in place to ensure that we have a capable

state in the Western Cape.

1. Firstly, she translated the electoral mandate into a government-wide programme of action.
2. Secondly, she modernised the public service through the appointment of people who are fit for purpose.
3. Thirdly, she identified and implemented the financial governance model to ensure greater accountability and responsibility for programmes; budgets and service delivery targets.
4. Lastly Madam Speaker, hon Premier Zille has also put in place an effective monitoring and evaluation system to put it in place to track the performance of the different service delivery targets through the provincial dashboard system.

Key concepts Madam Speaker, to an open opportunity society, which has also found its way into the National Development Plan, are that we must pursue growth and prosperity as the best way to fight poverty and unemployment. Madam Speaker, also a commitment that all individuals and communities must be involved in their own development and requiring the state to extend opportunities to all through excellent education and essential services, but also through creating the right conditions for investment and job creation. Also the National Development Plan is quite clear that we need active

citizenry. We need to develop citizens' own capabilities to pursue their lives they value. Madam Speaker, the provincial strategic objectives translate the open opportunity society for all into practical policies, programmes and projects.

Madam Speaker, the 2014 Medium Term Budget Policy statement reaffirms the Province's commitment to giving effect to the policy priorities of the National Development Plan. The aims of the Western Cape Medium Term Budget Policy statement is to promote economic growth, to increase employment and decrease unemployment; to reduce poverty, crime and social ills and to improve the quality of education and health. My colleagues will elaborate on the detail.

Madam Speaker, while the Western Cape Government remains committed to grow the economy and create job opportunities as envisaged in the National Development Plan via its many programmes, the Western Cape will also sharpen its commitment to utilise its available resources more efficiently as well as to rein in the public expenditure to affordable and sustainable levels.

Madam Speaker, the Office of the President has developed an assessment tool known as the Management of Performance and Assessment Tool or MPAT and measured all Provincial Government departments and the National Government departments using four criteria:

1. Good governance;

2. Financial management;
3. Strategic management;
4. Human resource management.

Madam Speaker, each Provincial Government gets an allocation based on the needs of the provinces taking into account historical imbalances of the past and gets assessed accordingly.

Madam Speaker, it is common knowledge that the Office of the President has rated the government led by Premier Helen Zille as the best-run Provincial Government in South Africa. Madam Speaker, [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, the official opposition often rejects this particular claim. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, the official Opposition often rejects this notion that the Western Cape is the best run province, because they claim that this does not translate into improved services for the poor. Well, Madam Speaker, let us examine how being the best run province translate into enhancement of services to the poor.

Again, Madam Speaker, the official results of Census 2011 gives us that answer. The Census confirmed that the Western Cape is the number one province in South Africa in the provision of basic services.

It confirms that the Western Cape is the number one province in electricity provision; number one in water; number one in sanitation and number one in refuse collection.

Madam Speaker, let us make this matter quite clear: the Western Cape is the best run province because we are a capable government and we are certainly geared towards delivering on the action demanded by the National Development Plan and so clearly outlined by the Premier last week.

Madam Speaker, the President not only once rated the Western Cape as the best run Provincial Government, but twice. Madam Speaker, the Premier has also highlighted her commitment to partnerships with citizens, civil society and other government agencies.

Partnerships that are effective, Richard, yield results. Examples of these are small entrepreneurs such as the Department of Coffee in Khayelitsha and I have been there together with Minister Winde; Virgin Active, our partner in sport in the MOD programme, private companies partnering with us on the 110% Green Initiative; businesses working with us on the Workplace Skills Plan; the Western Cape Government's partnership with our four universities and our partnership with China and Shandong which led to the establishment of the Hisense Factory in Atlantis.

Madam Speaker, Premier Zille actively pursues partnerships and we have just

witnessed her latest partnership in the space of broadband and the Violence Protection through Urban Upgrading commonly known as the VPUU project. These partnerships Madam Speaker, create public value and change the quality of life of citizens in the Western Cape. Madam Speaker, the partnership with the European Union which will also turn Wolwekloof into an effective Youth Leadership Centre, and is mostly welcome in the Cape Winelands area.

Premier Zille has opened the door for partnerships. Institutions partner with government when they see good governance in action. Good governance attracts investments through partnerships. Premier Zille spent a lot of time last week in her speech on partnerships because this government believes in the slogan “Better Together.”

Madam Speaker, the Premier was frank in her assessment and her desire to create a better partnership with the National Government agencies and public entities. She will pursue this in the interest of all the citizens of the Western Cape and as she put it we want partnerships to work because we want South Africa to work. Madam Speaker, the Premier and her government is on a mission to create jobs and to create conditions for job creation.

The Cape Town International Convention Centre is one of the few profit-making conference centres in the world. It already generates a significant contribution towards the Western Cape GDP. Once it has doubled in size it is likely to annually generate R5.1 billion to the regional economy of the

Western Cape and it will create a further 8 000 jobs. The Government has earmarked R161 million towards the expansion of the Cape Town International Convention Centre over the next two years.

Growing the economy and creating jobs is the number one strategic objective of this government. Madam Speaker, just yesterday I met with representatives of the four universities in our region and discussed the contribution of conferences to our local economy. I was informed that the Cape Town International Convention Centre has identified South African academics serving on international academic boards with a view of getting them to actively market the Western Cape as a successful conference destination. As a value-add the Cape Town International Convention Centre assist these academics with the bidding process.

Growing the economy, creating jobs and partnerships require that we have functional partnerships. Madam Speaker, to finance the plans the Premier announced on Friday an amount of R103.8 billion will be spent over the next three years to deliver services to the Western Cape communities. Madam Speaker, the Premier has committed the Western Cape Government also to spend a R109.2 billion in the metropolitan area of Cape Town, which forms 75% of the economy and 64% of the population. This government, in the programmes that the Premier announced last week, will spend R18.2 billion in the Cape Winelands. R11.6 billion will be spent in the Eden district, the fastest growing region in our province. R7 billion will be spent in the West Coast district; R4.6 billion in the Overberg region and R1.8 billion in the

Central Karoo.

Madam Speaker, the Premier has through her Regional Socio-economic Programme committed the Western Cape to the rural development. She has also successfully lobbied municipalities to commit to the National Development Plan. Through the Premier's Coordinating Forum she has promoted a concept of integrated cooperative governance. In practice, Madam Speaker, the Premier has called on all the Mayors to ensure that there is an alignment between the IDP, the provincial strategic objectives and the National Development Plan. You can clearly see, Madam Speaker, the Premier means business. She is in a hurry to implement the National Development Plan where elsewhere in the country there are ideological differences to implement the National Development Plan. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why did she not wait for [inaudible]

There is unity of purpose in this Cabinet, Madam Speaker, [Interjections.] to implement the National Development Plan and you cannot say the same of the ANC in the National Parliament. Madam Speaker, through the M-Grow and the C-Grow processes we are able to ensure that plans are aligned to budgets and service delivery targets.

Madam Speaker, last Friday the Premier explicitly connected the vision and action in an outcome based governance approach.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion, the State of the Province Address is an executive summary of our resolution to create an educating Cape, an enterprising Cape, a green Cape, a connecting Cape, a living Cape and a leading Cape in the interest of all the citizens of the Western Cape.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, the SOPA is the first phase in the journey from a good story to a great story and the Office of the President has already acknowledged that we are a good story and we are now busy with producing a great story. [Interjections.] Watch it!

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Watch this space! [Interjections.] [Applause]

The SPEAKER: I now recognise the Minister for Economic Opportunities.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It is a great honour to rise in this debate.

I headed my speech “the ANC is all talk and no action”, but I must say after the honourable Leader of the Opposition’s speech I had to change that to say “all talk with no basis”, and I will show why I say that, but I think to start off I must first of all say this is the first opportunity for me to speak post this new Government and the elections, to say thank you very much to the voters

for the overwhelming support in putting this Government back into power, but also to say thank you to the Premier for giving me this challenge and this opportunity of which I do say to this House and the people of the province that I will push and do whatever is necessary to take this province to new heights, but where do we find ourselves at the moment in the economy? Where do we find ourselves, and this sort of comes to the basis of the honourable Opposition leader's speech, what did he use as the concrete evidence in making the statements that he made here today?

So over 79.1% employment rate in this province, just short of 80% employment rate, where we know at a national level we are seeing greater and greater unemployment rates and more scarily greater and greater divide between those looking for work and those who have given up looking for work.

We will also commit to those 546 000 people in this province who do not have a job. Those people are why I get up in the morning; to make a difference for those people. We know that this province has the best Gini Coefficient in the country. We know that this province is Gini Coefficient, if you monitor it over the last while it has been narrowing. So it is a better story than any other story in South Africa and this province by the way, the hon Leader of the Opposition, is also a part of South Africa and we can use this province as a good example because it has a very good story to tell.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: The honourable Leader of the Opposition made mention of the GDP growth rate and he said we are number three in South Africa. He is correct. We are 14.7% of the national GDP, but watch this number grow, and that is going to be my challenge. I am saying where we are. In five year's time we want to be the greater percentage of the overall GDP in South Africa.

I also want to make sure that even with that 14.7% that the Leader of the Opposition understands, that at the last quarter job numbers which he spoke about; let us look at the number one in the GDP by province, which is Gauteng, and in the last quarter Gauteng created 62 000 jobs. This province; the region at number three, guess what they created, how many jobs? 146 000, way in excess, the number three beating Gauteng hands down. So again where is the basis of what the honourable Opposition is using for his speeches? We need to talk action and this is the province where the action actually takes place.

Under the ANC nationally we are seeing the economy going down and down. We are just one rating short of gash of rubbish. The rating agencies rating our country just one rating short of a [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: A junk bond.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &

TOURISM: A junk bond status. I mean this is just - this is what this ANC government is taking us to in this country; and the National Development Plan, which it was interesting, I heard the honourable Leader of the Opposition saying with the National Development Plan in this space of this province we cherry-pick. What we do in this province is we actually act as the pilot province for many of these NDP projects and you will see how those projects are delivered and we buy into that. What happens at a national level, they don't cherry-pick, they actually sabotage the National Development Plan. [Interjections.]

Perhaps the last point on this, maybe one or two last points on the honourable Leader of the Opposition. The GEMS report, I ask him to read it; again a basis, before you make a speech in this House, use the GEMS report; rate 74 countries around the world on entrepreneurship and go and have a look at what they say about this region and it does rate us to Gauteng, because we put extra money into this programme, so we actually know what our benchmarks are, and if you are an SMME in this province you have a much better likelihood of growing your business, of getting your business started and of creating a profit and sustaining. Also go and have a look at how much farmworkers are paid in this province compared to other provinces and you will see how farmworkers earn the highest pay in this province, as according to South Africa. [Interjections.] And perhaps, Madam Speaker, while talking about payment, I know that some other members of the ANC are going to speak today. Maybe they could answer the question because the honourable Leader of the Opposition cannot, but has the ANC actually paid the CTICC

yet, because four years without paying the CTICC [Interjections.] is a business in this province that needs to employ people. Those poor people that the honourable Leader of the Opposition was talking about, that business wants to employ more people. If we don't pay our accounts we cannot do that and by the way it is also about Golden Arrow, have you paid them, and have you paid those hotels in the City that have been waiting for four years for their money? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes, yes.

'n AGBARE LID: Skande.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Madam Speaker, let us also talk about the risks [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: The massive risks to the economy. Electricity supply, we want to grow our economy. Electricity supply, a major problem, I will talk just now about a solution that we could bring to that in the Western Cape.

Policy uncertainty, I spoke about, the Leader of the Opposition spoke about cherry-picking. It is actually about sabotaging the National Development Plan and we cannot have that kind of policy uncertainty, and I will talk a bit

about that. Water and climate change, unemployment, redress, exactly. Redress is a risk and we need to fix that and we commit to that redress. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: How?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Land reform. I will commit under my new portfolio that we will take land reform head on. Today we've already said as the Democratic Alliance that we will become a land reform pilot project to deliver on what the National Development Plan says, not what this new kind of different statement from the National Minister on Land Reform, give 50% of your farm away, which is totally in contradiction to what the NDP says. Again sabotage of the plan. It is about all talk and no action. [Interjections.] Let us look at tourism, all talk and no action.

The SPEAKER: Order, member.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: This is the province where we win all of the awards. The best destination, the bucket list globally, but what does this side of the House do when they are in government? They cut our direct flights. That cut that pipeline in; not only London to Cape Town; now the Argentinean flight and so they carry on, because of bad management and bad governance. When they do that the private sector just takes up that space.

Last month British Airways started putting two extra flights into this City in winter. Why? Because we decided to cut off our own nose to spite our face! But now have a look at how we are sabotaging ourselves again. Look at the latest visa requirements.

The PREMIER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Just have a look at that. Last night I met some huge investors. They just spent R2 billion on buying the Protea Hotel Group; speak to the CEO who battled to get here. What kind of message is that? Because of visa requirements. What kind of message is that? If you are living in India or China which is the fastest growing tourism market into our space, into our province at the moment and into our country, the President talks about creating jobs. They are going to go to biometric systems where anybody who wants to travel here from China has got to get on the plane, fly to Beijing, get their fingerprints taken so that they can apply for a visa to fly home and wait to see if they can get a visa before they come. You kill the market.

While we are doing this our competitors, being our neighbouring countries like Namibia, are saying: "Get visa on entry. Just get on the plane, get here. We will give you a visa when you get here." The rest of the world is making it easier for China to visit them. There are going to be more than a 100 million high net-worth individuals in China within the next year or two.

They want to travel the world. We are saying to them: “Do not come here”, so every single thing that happens, you have got the ANC busy sabotaging the economy.

Let us have a look at broadband. Every single SONA, I went and had a look, every single SONA that the President made since 2009 talks about lowering the costs of telecommunications and getting access across the whole country of broadband. No, just talk, no action! In this province the budget is in place, the R1.3 billion. Pilot projects already happening, they are already out there rolling out.

An HON MEMBER: Where? Where?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: If I have time I will talk about the school stuff that is happening and what a difference it is going to make in education. [Interjection.]

'n AGBARE LID: Ja.

The PREMIER: Come on!

An HON MEMBER: It is going to come from the ANC.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Incubate is already happening. The next incubator, honourable

Mr Fransman, is opening in Khayelitsha. [Interjections.]

We have already launched the I-CAN Centre in Elsies River. 10% of our population that we connect will be equal to 1.3% GDP growth. That is why we are doing it, for redress and making the difference for the people of this province. The IDZ, all talk and no action, lots of noise at the launch of the IDZ and the honourable Mr Fransman was there, making most of the noise, but of course we let the talk and the noise go. As soon as that was over we patched [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The ANC ran away.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The ANC ran away!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: We patched all the uncertainty and as I stand here today there are 18 companies that have now signed MOUs with us to invest in [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: The national [inaudible] it was a national project. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: A national, a national project.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: National was a partner in it. [Interjection.] National paid half of

the study. The study was done by Wesgro. I was involved in the whole process [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where is the proof [inaudible] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Don't come here with this nonsense, but perhaps while we are talking about the IDZ and gas, I mentioned the massive risk which was electricity. I have already handed over to the Minister of Finance, to the Minister of Energy, a "gas to electricity plan". It has been devised in this province. We can land gas to electricity at less than one rand a kilowatt hour. Medupi and Kusile, when eventually they come online, if they come online, another ANC project and we talk about a hell of a lot that has not been connected yet [Interjections.] They probably will come online at R1.20 a kilowatt hour, but let us see if they take up that challenge. We believe that we can put that power very quickly into the grid system, in this province, which will balance green energy, balance the solar and the wind, but there is a challenge for the honourable Leader of the Opposition to take up on behalf of this province, let's go and get gas to energy in this province. I will get a full document to your office. And then lastly, Madam Speaker, land reform. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You won't be in the office.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &

TOURISM: Land reform again, I said here we go, the President has just announced one million jobs in agriculture and then Minister Nkwinti says: “Let us kill the economy and let us get all the agricultural businesses to actually lay off people”, by making another policy statement that is a direct contradiction to what is stated in the National Development Plan. Again sabotage, contradiction, just a lot of talk and no action.

The NDP, we have said today we will take on land reform and the NDP, the land reform project as outlined in the NDP, will become a pilot project. There is only one right in the very north of this country. Let us be a pilot project. As we speak my office is busy setting up the meeting to go and meet with the national Minister so that we can actually get that going. We will be the pilot project, but again, let us also have a look at our other projects, the equity share schemes. Of the 85 equity share schemes, 81 successful and go and visit those. You in the oversight space go and visit those.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie, stadig nou.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: The interesting thing is those farms owned by those farmworkers are busy buying more farms. [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Stadig nou.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &

TOURISM: They are busy growing their businesses. [Interjections.] It is a success story. You have got to go and have a look at it, it is making the difference and then perhaps also in line with what the honourable Opposition is saying around this government not looking at redress, where we are investing our money, go and have a look and your job is oversight. Go and see how many businesses have started in this province.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, your time has expired.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM: Go and see where the money is invested because it is making a difference for redress and going to change the economy over the next five years. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Time expired.]

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Mooi! [Applous.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the honourable member Davids who will be delivering her maiden speech in this House.

Me S W DAVIDS: Geagte Mevrouw die Speaker, met nederigheid weet ek die ANC het vir almal se bevryding, geregtigheid en menswaardigheid gestry, sodat ons hier die mense van ons pragtige provinsie kan verteenwoordig. Wes-Kapenaars kan verseker wees dat die ANC wil hê die Wes-Kaap moet beter funksioneer.

Ek staan ook vandag hier vir die duisende arbeiders op plase van hierdie provinsie wat die agbare Minister Winde nou so mooi van gepraat het wat sonder skoon water is en nie eers sanitasie het nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGBARE LID: Dis 'n skande! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Me S W DAVIDS: Met vrymoedigheid kan ek namens hierdie kwesbare werkers praat; mense wat net met 'n paar sinne deur die agb Premier in haar provinsiale rede vermeld is.

An HON MEMBER: What a shame!

Me S W DAVIDS: Die ANC stem met die Premier saam dat landbou 'n kernbedryf in die groei van die provinsie se ekonomie bly, wat eintlik tot werk vir ons mense moet lei, nie vir werk vir buitelanders soos hulle praat oor die visums, visums, visums wat hulle wil hê nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: Amandla!

Me S W DAVIDS: Maar ons gaan verder en dring daarop aan dat die welsyn van ons werkers en spesifiek arbeiders op plase sentraal bly om 'n volhoubare en groeiende bedryf te bou. Landbou het 'n goeie toekoms as ons plaaswerkers ook 'n beter toekoms het. Een spoggerige geleentheid om Plaaswerker van die Jaar te bekroon gaan op sy eie nie die lewensomstandighede en die welsyn van ons arbeiders asook hulle gesinne op plase verbeter nie. Die Premier het

laas in haar toespraak gepraat van Drakenstein. Drakenstein het die hoogste uitsettingsyfer in die provinsie. Die ANC is ook baie versigtig oor hierdie gelykheidskemas met aandele vir werkers. Ons is nie oortuig dat die skema sulke uiterste welslae behaal soos dit deur die Premier en haar span voorgehou is nie. Vandag sit hier by ons in die galery - en ek sal graag wil hê moet staan hier agter my - mense van die plase Dagbreek, Bergsig, Olifantsfontein, wat 'n gesamentlike skema was onder die maatskappy Anytime Investment Number 2. Mense is later bloot van die plase afgesit en het niks dividende gekry nie. Van hulle het nie eers geweet hulle is aandeelhouers nie, want hulle name en hulle handtekeninge was net nagmaak. Die ANC wil dat hierdie skema en die probleme daar behoorlik ondersoek word.

Op Broodkraal, nog 'n skema, is die aandeelhouers ongelukkig teen die gees van die skema nie eens deel van die bestuur nie en die laaste dividend is in 2002 met R250.00 elk toegedeel, hoewel groot winste daar behaal word. Dit is maar net enkele voorbeelde van hierdie skemas wat nie geslaag het nie. Die ANC het hier in 2012 reeds uitgewys dat baie skemas misluk en dat daarvoor herbesin moet word om dit beter te laat werk. Dit het sover grootliks die boere en banke bevoordeel.

In een onafhanklike ondersoek van 39 skemas het die aangestelde mentors soos in die geval van Broodkraal die proses oorheers en die baasskap denkpatoon voortgesit. Baie werkers het nie eers dividende ontvang nie en hulle vooruitsigte op verblyfreg het vervaag. Hulle het bloot pionne in ander

se spel gebly, want voor hulle tien jaar behaal op die plaas word hulle geskuif na 'n ander plaas om weer te begin as 'n eerstejaar werker. Te veel van die skemas kan die mas nie opkom nie en moes herhaaldelik weer gefinansier word.

Soos met landbou verwelkom die ANC die uitbou van toerisme en die oproep sentrums, maar in hierdie bedrywe word werkers dikwels steeds uitgebuit. Hulle werk lang skofte en kry 'n hongerloon, R59.35 per dag. Min deel uiteindelik in die eienaarskap op die wins, so hulle word 'n lemoen wat uitgesuig is, dan word hulle weggesmyt. Die ANC sal met Cosatu saamwerk om uitbuiting te verminder. Ons wil hê mense moet waardigheid en werk kry en nie moderne slawe wees nie.

Die burokratiese rompslomp waarvan gepraat is bly ook vir die Nasionale Regering 'n vraagstuk waaraan hard gewerk word. Rompslomp is nie ons enigste probleem nie. Ons bedrywe en ondernemings moet ook grondig verander word om meer mense eienaarskap te bied, veral met klein tot medium ondernemings moet ons toesien dat toegang tot finansiering vergemaklik word; sakevaardighede ontwikkel word, daar toegang tot markte is en mededinging gesond is en plaaslike ondernemings ondersteun sal word binne die openbare verkrygingsbeleid. Ons is tevrede dat die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Regering met die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsagentskap vir Kleinsake saamwerk en gaan ook 'n sterk werksverhouding met die nuwe Departement van Kleinsake aanmoedig.

Terwyl die ANC ook die belegging en die programme vir die ontwikkeling van die ondernemingskap en bedryf van sake verwelkom wil ons die agb Premier aan haar eie woorde herinner: “Die werkloses van die Wes-Kaap het nie beloftes nodig nie. Hulle vra dat ondernemings nagekom word.”

Hierdie Regering van die Wes-Kaap is gou om vinger te wys na die Nasionale Regering. Rompslomp en onderhoude net om sy eie mislukkings te verberg, maar julle moet onthou julle is die regerende party in die Wes-Kaap en nie die opposisie nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

Me S W DAVIDS: Dit sal egter hierdie Wes-Kaap Regering baat om te erken die meerderheid van die projekte en bestedings in die provinsie kom van die ANC beheerde Nasionale Regering. Sonder die Nasionale Regering is julle niks. Julle is niks! Julle het nie geld op julle eie nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die fabriek van Hisense in Atlantis ter waarde van R350 miljoen, die Saldanhabaai Nywerheidsontwikkelingsone waar die Premier 'n gas was en weggehardloop het en die ontwikkeling van die vis-deling in Doringbaai is [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die SPEAKER: Orde!

Me S W DAVIDS: Nasionale Regering se beleggings in die Wes-Kaap. Die

ANC wil net sien dat die Wes-Kaap slaag terwyl die DA leiers en hulle regering die ANC nie as 'n bedreiging moet sien nie maar eerder as 'n geleentheid om saam hieraan te werk. Dankie.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi, mooi, mooi! [Applous] [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, and congratulations on delivering your maiden speech hon member Davids. Thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi! Mooi! [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: I now recognise the hon member Mr Christians, who is also delivering his maiden speech, might I add.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the ACDP wants to take this opportunity to congratulate the Premier, the hon Premier on the State of the Province Address. [Interjection.]

We are also encouraged by initiatives taken by the Western Cape Government on job creation, skills development, broadband services, violence prevention through urban upgrade and so on. I believe that my role in this Opposition bench is to debate robustly in order to keep the Government accountable to deliver to all the people in the Western Cape. When most communities refer

to government they don't distinguish between spheres of government. Government to them is government and government must deliver.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: In her speech the Honourable Premier said government's primary contribution towards progress is to continue redressing the legacy of apartheid through open opportunity, which is the cornerstone of our Constitution, ensuring that people have what is needed to use the opportunities to improve their lives.

Madam Speaker, can we truly say that the thousands and thousands of single mothers in our townships riddled by gang war, townships polluted with drugs, raising their children in adverse poverty; can we really say that that is an open opportunity?

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: What about our unemployment amongst our youth; school dropouts due to alcoholic abusive parents; the youth sits on the corner of the street at ten o'clock in the morning with no hope. Can we say this is an open opportunity?

An HON MEMBER: No! [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Our leaders, our learners at township schools are exposed to hardcore porn, drugs, violence. At primary school can we truly say that they have an open opportunity?

'n AGBARE LID: Nee! [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Government will have to do more in order to redress the legacy of apartheid through open opportunity. After 20 years of democracy our schools are still unequal. From Khayelitsha through to Bonteheuwel little has changed.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Because for him getting to school dodging the bullets, harassed by druglords, targeted by pimps is what they must face on a regular basis. [Interjection.] Madam Speaker, the social challenges as mentioned by the Premier that compromise our education outcomes and that threaten job creation particularly amongst our youth, namely alcohol abuse, gang violence, unprotected sex and inter-generational sex and teenage pregnancy. The ACDP calls on this government [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order members.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: To introduce religious instruction in our schools. It speaks to the inner man and behavioural change takes place within that

individual. Madam Speaker, I want to agree with the Premier that we all want to see the Western Cape succeed and ultimately South Africa to succeed. Government needs to promote the message to young people to abstain from sex and not safe sex only. We need to tell our disillusioned young people education develops character and determines the future prosperity of this province and this country. We need positive role models and not gangsters who rule our townships. Children do not have fathers because the gangsters, the druglords, the married men who have four and five children with different women, because they are vulnerable, with nothing to do, promising them a better life. We need positive role models like sport stars, entrepreneurs, musicians, academics and especially those who succeeded against all the odds. They need to go out to our schools and inspire our young people. The 181 MOD centres a person can admire, but it is hopelessly inadequate. Every school should have a MOD centre. These activities taking place in MOD centres in schools are standard at the X-Model C schools. When the parent enrolls a child at the X-Model C School the child is compelled to register for a winter and a summer sport, whether she likes it or not. The learner is also compelled to participate in extramural activities.

In Manenberg not so long ago we knew about the five schools located in the war-zone areas where gang violence took place and had no extramural activities, while other areas adjacent to that had non-existent violence or had violence to the minimum.

In Bonteheuwel the area where I was born and bred with a single mother with

five siblings, much needs to be done in that area when it comes to education, social upliftment and combating crime. There are only three secondary schools in Bonteheuwel and to my dismay there is one school, Modderdam Secondary School that had a pass rate last year of matriculants of 56.8% and only 18% achieved bachelor's degrees, 26% achieved diplomas.

Premier, through you Madam Speaker, much needs to be done and I hope that this term we can all do it "Better Together". I thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Ja, ja, mooi! [Applous.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you and congratulations on delivering your maiden speech. I now recognise the hon member Mr Denis Joseph. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, hon Premier and honourable members and the guests here today, I would like to start my debate by thanking all South Africans who participated in the election of 7 May and in doing so have strengthened our democratic system. We know that the alternative to democracy is war and violence and therefore we must thank South Africans who have opted for this system after 1994. To the voters in the Western Cape I say this Parliament acknowledges your mandate given to the Democratic Alliance and despite the strategy by the ANC to make the Western Cape ungovernable the Democratic Alliance will govern in partnership with all communities which implies "Better Together".

The ANC has strangled themselves and the honourable leader has used the word himself, ungovernable. The ANC actually have strangled themselves in their own ungovernable processes. I am confident that the Premier and the Provincial Minister of Finance will ensure that the Western Cape receives its fair share of the national budget to deliver to all communities which is in line with the 2011 Census statistics.

The DA has received a mandate to govern. The economic outlook for the Western Cape according to the Western Cape Provincial Treasury 2013/2014 is very encouraging. The regional economy continues to grow faster than the national economy. The province expanded by 3.8% year on year over the last decade compared to the 3.4% on a national level, and taxpayers and service payers in the Western Cape who contribute towards the fiscal budgets and all citizens in the Western Cape deserve to enjoy a better life. The equitable share and conditional grant received from National Government increased by 8.2% and the average rate of 6.4% to the province receiving is reasonable and annual population stats of the SA Stats is more helpful than the stats that we receive every five years.

Madam Speaker, the Western Cape Government laid a firm foundation for good governance, whilst in some parts of South Africa the buzzword of corruption continues, and actually corruption is highlighted as one of the post-apartheid diseases. It was there in the previous government. We acknowledge that, but today under a more transparent government it has become a challenge to the new democracy. [Interjections.]

What measures have we put in place is the question we must ask. [Interjections.] In the Western Cape no state employee is allowed to do business with the State. That is one of the reasons why we are managing this in terms of eradicating corruption. Tenders managed by the Western Cape Government and the municipalities under DA control are constantly monitored to ensure that any sign of possible corruption is eliminated. [Interjections.]

Even public reps should not do business with the State and I think that is a step in the right direction [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Swellendam yes.

An HON MEMBER: Swellendam.

Mr D JOSEPH: Madam Speaker, corruption has contributed towards poverty and the situation has not improved over the last 20 years and we know of instances where the intelligence centre anti-corruption teams investigated cases worth R7 billion over the last two years, but were only able to collect R204 million. So it means that organised crime and corruption poses a serious challenge to the State, to our economic growth and to financial institutions that represent the public at large, and what do we do with investments?

Our investments are very, very heavily depending on international stakeholders as well, but we must learn to grow our own economy and therefore the Premier have made reference to an investment by a German company worth R6 billion of development programmes, but specifically the R71 million to the VPUU, which is to prevent violence through urban upgrading.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Stadig nou!

Mr D JOSEPH: The DA has received a mandate to govern and therefore international investors want to become our partners. Farming is very important and farming has a long-term investment but it is measured on an annual basis, and it is a competitive environment which is challenged by the technology of today and therefore we need to ensure that our workforce receive more skills training, and what was so important is that the President has removed the Minister Joemat, because she had funded Nosey Petersen who was misleading the farmworkers [Interjections.] And the word “ungovernable” that the Leader of the Opposition was using was precisely [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ag you do not know his face. You do not know his face.

Mr D JOSEPH: Making the Western Cape ungovernable did not work. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You know how they [inaudible]

Mr D JOSEPH: Making the Western Cape ungovernable did not work.
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: I want to say to hon member Ms Davids, she spoke about farmers earning R59.00 per month or per day. I must say to you that the National [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am going to show you the [inaudible]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: The National ANC Minister determines the wages.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr D JOSEPH: The ANC determines the wages so those farmworkers who don't earn that wages, please send them to the DA and we will help them.
[Interjections.] We will help them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [inaudible]

Mnr D JOSEPH: Mev die Speaker, ekonomiese groei moet geleenthede skep vir almal maar die Wes-Kaapse Regering is nie uitgesluit deur ekonomiese groei wat uitdagings kry om werk te skep nie, maar weer moet ek vir u sê Mev die Speaker, dat die staatskuld weer 27% verhoog het in 2014 tot 46% en daarom het die krediet afgradering ook Suid-Afrika se beleggingstatus onder druk geplaas. Mev die Speaker, die Wes-Kaap Regering sal sorg dat daar 'n balans gehandhaaf word tussen dienste wat gelever word deur staatsamptenare en dié wat ons ekonomiese groei deur die private sektor moet laat geskied.

The DA has received a mandate to govern the Western Cape. Please note that.
[Interjections.] How does one address unemployment?

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: Our job is to ensure that the economic environment is stable and it draws more people to our Western Cape to create jobs. What is more unequal in South Africa than ANC leaders, the member of the ANC raised a point about people staying in Constantia. How many ANC Ministers are staying in Constantia?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr D JOSEPH: How many rich ANC people own farms in the Western Cape?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, why not, why not?

'n AGBARE LID: Ja.

Mr D JOSEPH: How many ANC Ministers bought properties in Camps Bay?

[Interjections.] How many? You know that.

An HON MEMBER: I know [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: So don't be hypocrites. The ANC must tell the truth. Madam Speaker, the definition of poverty is an interesting one, but I must say [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Member, your time has expired.

Mr D JOSEPH: Hon members, Madam Speaker, in closing I want to say that I support the State of the Province Address delivered by the Premier, where that is the practical plan [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

Mr D JOSEPH: Creating hope for citizens in the Western Cape. I thank you. [Applause] [Interjection.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Joseph. I now recognise the hon member Mr Paulsen, who will be delivering his maiden address.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, in his book “Wretched of the Earth” Frantz Fanon said: “Every generation must out of relative obscurity discover its mission, fulfil it or betray it.”

Our mission as the Economic Freedom Fighters is to fight for the restoration of the dignity of black people through the attainment of economic freedom in our lifetime. By black I mean Coloured, Indian and African.

Madam Speaker, in the State of the Province Address the Premier spoke at length of the societal ills plaguing the people of the Western Cape, namely black communities. She mentioned drugs, alcohol abuse, deviant sexual behaviour and gangsterism. This is not the first time it has been mentioned in one of her addresses.

To this end the Premier suggested, or may I remind the Premier that many of the people she mentioned are the people that voted for her. They come from black communities.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, yes.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The systemic problems according to the hon Premier are

linked with the lack of father figures in black households. The Premier basically blames the social ills experienced in black communities on black men. These systemic problems - we as the EFF say that these problems are not caused by black men. It is in fact caused by the system of white supremacy so as to serve the interest of the corporate elite under the front office [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ah, come on!

Mr M N PAULSEN: Under the front office management of the DA and the ANC. [Laughter]

To elaborate it is the systemic racism through the economic exclusion of blacks that creates the social ills experienced by black people, especially those living in black communities. The constructs of white supremacy was an evil, well thought out design and we should place the blame where it rightfully belongs. In this regard, Madam Premier, the destruction of black families was a construct of white supremacy which the DA Government in the Western Cape continues to maintain and perpetuate. Our people 20 years later live in the same communities created for us before 1994. We endure the same systemic violence such as drug abuse and gangsterism, but now Madam Premier you wish to blame black men for the evils of white supremacy. In your reply I would like to hear why you were silent on gender issues and disability issues. Madam Speaker, I would like to remind the Premier of the promises the Democratic Alliance made to voters during the election

campaign. The most important one was the jobs, six million real jobs. Last Friday there was a complete *volte-face* on the promise and the Premier claimed that it was not Government's responsibility to create jobs but to create an environment for job creation. The Premier spoke about 40 000 jobs in the BPO sector. These jobs are all acquired via labour brokers who make a substantial profit from the employees. There is no real job security in this industry. It may seem as if this is progressive, but why do we carry on forging progression at the expense of black people? During colonisation and apartheid it was at the expense of the blood and the sweat of black labourers and slaves that advancement was made in the form of roads that cut through mountains to link future cities. Will Neotel be creating new job opportunities via labour brokers? Will black workers continue to be exploited via labour brokers, which is nothing but a contemporary form of slavery? Will this DA dominated government have the same arrogance as our former colonisers to affirm that they are pushing progress while undermining the basic rights of a decent wage for black people?

The Premier conceded that this government cannot solve the housing crisis. If we are sincere about ensuring that every South African citizen here in the Western Cape has a decent home with clean running water and proper sanitation there is only one policy that will substantially reduce the estimated R70 billion and that is to expropriate land without compensation.
[Interjection.]

But let us start by placing a moratorium on land evictions.

An HON MEMBER: Then you start with your problems.

Mr M N PAULSEN: We are one of the richest countries in the world and we are the most unequal country in the world.

The PREMIER: No, we are not.

Mr M N PAULSEN: There is enough land, resources and wealth to go around. All South Africans deserve equal share of the wealth of this country. Equal share will give much needed money to this government to build the houses that are required and yes, it is our job to build houses for our citizens. It is a human right like delivering clean running water and adequate sanitation; not open toilets.

The Premier mentioned integrated human settlements. The Premier's interpretation of integration is letting so called Coloureds and Blacks live together. Real integration would be taking people from Enkanini in Khayelitsha and building them homes in Camps Bay or Rondebosch. I am not surprised that the Premier praise the ANC government's agricultural equity scheme, since it offers a share in the profits of the farm, if at all, but it will also never translate into black ownership.

In the Hex River Valley there are 12 500 hectares of table grape farmland. Only 46 hectares is under black ownership. In 20 years this is the sum total

of land reform in the Western Cape. We do not support land reform. We want land revolution. You must return the stolen land.

The Premier praised the farmworker of the year and told us about the increase in the number of people entering this competition. [Interjection.] Is the hon Premier really glorifying slavery? Because this is what happens on farms; our people are slaves. It was William Gladstone, the British Prime Minister, who said the relationship between British slave master and African slave is one of kindness, meaning that while blacks accept slavery [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, we are no longer at the gates. We are no longer scaling the walls.

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

Mr M N PAULSEN: We are in the palace grounds and we do not want cake. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you and congratulations on delivering your maiden speech. [Interjection.] I now recognise the hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, as a revolutionary organisation [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What? [Inaudible] [Laughter]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The African National Congress's objective is to advance, deepen and consolidate our program of transformation which is the national democratic revolution, which intends to transform South Africa from a white orientated regime to serve white interest to a regime that is intending and committed for the benefit of everybody; particularly the poor. That is what distinguishes our programme and the DA programme.

Over the past 20 years, Madam Speaker, remarkable achievements have been made in increasing access to services such as water, sanitation, electricity, housing, education, etcetera. The list is very long. The National Government has begun an intensive programme to eliminate the bucket system, which dehumanised the African majority. About three million free housing units and more than 855 000 serviced sites have been delivered since 1994 benefiting more than 16 million people. Nearly 500 informal settlements have been replaced with quality housing, basic service over the past five years with around 850 000 free houses having been built.

Madam Speaker, as a historically advantaged province, the Western Cape can no longer remain an outpost of racial segregation. This province should be setting a pace, because we have enough resources. We have a lot of resources compared to any other province here.

Madam Speaker, no matter how much hon Premier wants to spin and waste taxpayers' money with their fairytale manufactured audits, the facts tell you that the ANC had a much better housing delivery record than this racist regime. [Interjection.]

The ANC built a total - those are facts - the ANC built a total of 72 729 units when it governed the Western Cape from 2004 to 2009, while on the other side the DA has only built 59 764 units and continues to annually fail to reach housing delivery targets. They have said themselves. The ANC built more houses with far less budget than that of honourable Zille's administration.

The DA-led City of Cape Town has even admitted that it lacks a clear housing delivery policy and plan. Perhaps this is why the City prefers to spend R7.2 million on a logo. The speech we listened to on Friday will go down as the most aloof and far removed from reality. The fact is that this is her second term as the Premier, and based on the content in her address, it presents a very concerning future for poor citizens in this province. This speech was unapologetically aimed and presented the Democratic Alliances' core constituency, which is white monopoly capital and the privileged elite that cannot fathom integration and if one looks at the black majority who are not even catered for, even a quarter of that budget. By virtue of the Premier's business plans address, the current DA administration will commence its governance policy and application, or lack thereof, where it ended off. It will be the same administration which in the main completely neglected the poor

and downtrodden of the Western Cape. It will be the same government that will skew the budget allocation towards benefiting the rich whilst leaving the scraps to the poor. We will yet again see poor housing delivery and porta-potties. What was shocking, but not surprising, is the Premier's complete failure to take responsibility for the housing crisis in the province.

This is underlined by her reappointment of the incompetent and very divisive MEC for Human Settlements [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Ai man.

Mr K E MAGAXA: †UMnuzana *Honourable Bonginkosi Madikizela, †uyisaphi landoda *where are you taking this man?

The Premier does however reveal something that the poor in the province should take note of. This is a concerning admission that the DA is not prepared and willing to serve the interests of everyone in the province. There is a shocking admission that the Premier and her administration has completely absolved any responsibility to provide the majority of people with adequate housing, most noticeable in her contradictory statement that "with available resources and the escalating need, this will take centuries."

The poor in the province must not be manipulated by this devious statement. We denounce this escapist proclamation and demand that the Premier apologises for this misleading and dangerous remark. How can the Premier

state that in the province, the provision of housing will take centuries? Less we forget the clear and unambiguous reality that the national ANC Government has constructed over three million houses in the past twenty years; it is not even the same tune.

The reason that the DA leader quickly threw up hands on the provision of free housing is precisely because DA as a political party is against the provision of free housing to the poor. If it was not the case you would have appointed Richard Dyantyi. [Laughter] [Interjections.]

If you will look at the competency and the delivery, you would have crossed this border and appointed, because Madikizela doesn't even come half.

An HON MEMBER: Honourable.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Honourable Madikizela. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Did it come over?

An HON MEMBER: What about yourself?

Mr K E MAGAXA: To add insult to unashamed injury, the Premier has placed her administration's failure and negligence of the housing crisis squarely on working communities; on working class communities. By the way Madam Speaker, Madam Zille uses housing as the mechanism to frustrate black

people, referred to as refugees, not to come to this part of the country.

In fact the poor performance in housing is some kind of an influx control.

[Laughter] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is a forced removal, because with those people living in those poor conditions in Enkanini and Endlovini the intention is to chase them away. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Madikizela is supporting that.

Mr K E MAGAXA: We condemn this insult to our people. The prime cause of this housing crisis in the province is not "to fight over control of these projects with the communities." That is the excuse we are given here. It is an incapacitated MEC appointed to this portfolio. It is the wedge driving and divisive techniques implemented by the DA administration during these projects.

It is the neoliberal character of the DA that seeks to ensure that African and Coloured masses remain in a stratified human settlement, and it is a corruption among certain officials that are very close to the MEC, when he himself is not immune from that. What is clear is that the people of Lwandle who are in the hole as I am speaking to you now.[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member, your time has expired but just finish your sentence, please. Your time has expired; but just finish your sentence.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay. What is clear is that the people of Lwandle who are in a hole, Valhalla Park people who are still without electricity, Masiphumelele people who have not rebuilt their houses, many other in working class areas who are constantly subjected to seasonal disasters will have to be [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order hon member, your time has almost expired. Is there a point of order?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member just now referred to the hon Minister as being corrupt. Is this parliamentary?

An HON MEMBER: He did not.

The PREMIER: He did.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I was not in the House when that happened. Can somebody just shed some light on that? What did he say? Did you say that?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I did not say that, Mr Deputy Speaker. All I said is that

he is not immune from those problems that I referred to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, I will accept your word for that but we will check Hansard in any case. Thank you. Your time has now expired.

[Time expired]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Bredell.

Die MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID: Hoor-hoor!

Die PREMIER: Hoor-hoor!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Premier of the State of the Province Address. It gives hope and it gives action to hope.

Madam Speaker, the DA-led Western Cape Government has the mandate to create an environment which will provide society with the freedom of power to overcome the legacy of apartheid. We call this the open opportunity society for all. We do this in line with our Constitution. The term “open opportunity society for all” brings together three key concepts: individual freedom under the rule of law; opportunities with responsibility and full equality for all and in doing so creates a fourth concept that underpins our

vision of a proper relationship between individuals, the State and society in South Africa today.

Our vision is grounded in the idea that every human being has a right to dignity. Human dignity is the foundational concept that informs our values and our vision. This government cares for the poor.

The DA-led Government strives towards creating an enabling environment where job creation and poverty alleviation can prosper. We can all only start this process if we look at the needs of our society. It is vital that we take up the fight against the challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequalities. We need to look at the basic services needs of our society as per our Constitution. Access to basic services like clean water, air, housing are basic human rights guaranteed by our Constitution. The DA is committed to ensuring that all South Africans have access to basic services. That is why where we govern we spend the bulk of our money and our resources on delivering services to the poor.

Die rol van die Departement van Plaaslike Regering is die monitering en ondersteuning van ons munisipaliteite om sodoende 'n diensleweringmandaat aan gemeenskappe te lewer. Dit behels ook infrastruktuurprogramme wat munisipaliteite ondersteun met die ontwikkeling en implementering van grootmaat infrastruktuurplanne wat kardinaal is vir die verbetering van toegang tot basiese dienste.

The departments play an oversight role over the Community Works Programme. To date this programme has been providing opportunities to 7 800 people in 13 municipalities which are implementing this programme and I am convinced that this programme should be enhanced and more particularly be placed under the direct control of the Provincial Government.

Die gebrek aan inligting hou mense gevange maar kennis gee mag en waardigheid aan diegene wat dit besit. Die gemeenskapsontwikkelaars bring hierdie aspek aan mense gebring. Deur die Thusong Mobiele Projek het ons meer as 110 000 inwoners bereik gedurende 2012/13. Ons het 'n beraamde getal inwoners ondersteun deur ons mobiele Thusong Projek van 1.2 miljoen mense. In die 2013/14 begrotingsjaar het die Thusong Ondersteuningsprogram 1.7 miljoen mense by hulle sentrums bedien.

Madam Speaker, as the Premier stated in her State of the Province Address, we see the value of foreign involvement. One of the main focus areas of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning will be the roll-out of the RCEP and VPUU programmes in the province. The signing of the financial agreement represented the donation of R71 million by the German Development Bank to the Western Cape Government for roll-out of the VPUU methodology in two additional municipalities, namely Theewaterskloof and Drakenstein. Cape Town is already part of this programme and will continue to be a beneficiary. The programme is part of a larger flagship programme for the Western Cape Government namely RCEP VPUU programme where three thirds of municipalities are beneficiaries

namely Swartland, Breede Valley and Saldanha Bay Municipality.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi so!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The Western Cape Government has committed to counter-fund the German Foundation in the original two municipalities and fund the roll-out in these three additional municipalities. The focus on this programme is Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade and it encapsulated the “whole-of-society-approach.”

As 'n DA-beheerde regering streef ons na die totstandkoming van 'n goed toegeruste rampbestuursentrum regoor die provinsie met goeie waarskuwingstelsels. Selfs met ons natuurskoon het die Wes-Kaap die reputasie as die Kaap van Storms; die Wes-Kaapse brandgeteisterde provinsie, wat bevestig kan word deur die natuurlike rampe wat ons oor die afgelope paar jare getref het. Die Stad Kaapstad het onlangs een van die ergste insidente beleef toe die Lourensrivier sy walle oorstrom het wat veroorsaak het dat die Helderberg omgewing oorstrom het. Dit het gelei tot die Vergelegen Hospitaal wat ontruim moes word en 127 pasiënte wat na ander mediese fasiliteite oorgeplaas moet word. Dit is bevestig dat dit die eerste keer in die geskiedenis van die land was dat 'n hospitaal ontruim moes word. Dit is met sukses afgehandel deur 'n baie bekwame rampbestuurseenheid.

So ook as die Wes-Kaap Regering het ons 'n pro-aktiewe benadering in die bestuur van veldbrande wat in gedeeltes van die provinsie tydens Desember tot April plaasvind. Ek wil die Rampbestuursafdeling gelukwens met hulle inisiatiewe en ook met hulle harde werk om ons almal veilig te hou.

The province has over the past few years introduced proactive ways in dealing with fires which have been threatening the lives of many of our citizens. In addition the Province will enhance its life and safety education which is aimed at raising awareness on the dangers of fires. These interventions will be targeted to communities and school pupils around the province. This will play a huge role in reducing the incidents of fires, especially in the informal settlements.

Protecting our natural environment and using resources in a responsible way is one of the biggest challenges of the 21st Century. In the Western Cape Province there is a need to ensure that we manage our resources in a sustainable way. We have in the past initiated programmes to address the water scarcity issues that we face in the Western Cape. In the next five years we will continue to develop and implement the Western Cape Sustainable Water Management Plan and the Berg River Improvement Plan. The Western Cape Integrated Waste Management Plan, the recycling waste economy is a key focal area in driving a more resource efficient society. The waste sector will not only contribute to the resource efficient society but it has the potential of creating jobs.

The Western Cape Government will have a strong focus on the implementation of a new transversal Western Cape Coastal and Estuary Management Programme that is currently being finalised. These programmes have the potential to unlock the enormous economies of socio and environmental value of our 1 200 kilometres coastline delivering global best practices for integrated coastal management.

Madam Speaker, CapeNature, our public entity through various initiatives will continue to protect our rich biodiversity and the eco goods and services it provides to our communities.

On the job creating front, CapeNature, its people and conservation programme are making a visible mark in the national job creation drive through its full-time equivalent programme, which is aligned to the Expanded Public Works Programme. We are currently putting R64.248 million in this programme. The job opportunities to be created are 1 375 in total for 2014/15. On the planning side our department in collaboration with various provincial and municipalities stakeholders will be focusing on the implementation of the recently approved Provincial Spatial Development Framework. Our department will be striving towards promoting and establishing a sound integrated environmental and planning government system, the first in the country and which will contribute to the Western Cape being the best run regional government in the world. Thank you.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Well said. Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister, the hon member Mr Lentit.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

Mr R B LENTIT: Honourable Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise in support of the hon Premier Helen Zille's State of the Province Address last week Friday as it inspires hope and changes hope into action for all the people of the Western Cape. It is a privilege for me to participate in this important debate on a mandate the DA received from the voters to again govern the Western Cape for the next five years and I am incredibly proud to be part of a political organisation that is forward thinking, far sighted and very positive about the future of our country. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor!

Mr R B LENTIT: Mr Deputy Speaker, the people of the province is represented in this Parliament by members from four political parties who are passionate about our country, who love our country and who care about the future of our country. We all want the best for our country. We may not always agree on the basis of getting there, but may we constructively debate

this agreement over the next five years. Today's debate sets the scene for an exploration of how the Opposition will engage with good policy directives, aligned with the Constitution of our country. These objectives and actions are also embedded in the National Development Plan that the Premier spoke about last week and hon Deputy Secretary, hon Magaxa is gone now, but I disagree with him. Mr Deputy Speaker, I disagree with him. I believe that the Premier's vision and address of last week will go down in the history of this province as the most progressive directive which addresses economic integration and economic inclusion in the history of this province.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr R B LENTIT: The vision - this vision will serve the best interest of all the people of this province. This is true value-based leadership which this province hoped for since the dawn of our democracy in 1994. I am confident and optimistic about the future of the Western Cape Province as detailed in the address presented; as details in the address present a hopeful future for the working class and especially for the poorest of the poor. As this Government embarks on a journey of creating new exciting opportunities it will foster an entrepreneurial culture aimed at maximising individuals as well as a collective economic and social success in our province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is interesting that the term "job creation" appears 20 times in the Premier's speech. That fact underwrites the importance this province plays in the growth of our economy to create jobs and then,

honourable Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Davids - wat begin praat het van onse plaasmense wat swaarkry, ja, ons stem saam hulle kry swaar. Dit is 'n feit, maar het die agb lid Me Davids vergeet van die ANC se nasionale Minister van Landbou wat sy werkers R26.00 per dag betaal? Skande! Ek hoop onse kollegas hier oorkant praat met hulle kollega anderkant om die agterstallige geld van hulle kollega in te betaal.

'n AGBARE LID: Ja. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr R B LENTIT: I have high hopes and look forward to the day when some of our entrepreneurs including those who are operating in the informal economy will create companies that have a considerable economic impact.

The announcement of R50 million investment in our aquaculture industry in the Western Cape is welcomed. Currently it employs 2 300 people or 78% of the industry countrywide. Mr Deputy Speaker, the province's 20 abalone farms contribute R355 million annually to our economy. To maintain the current level of fish consumption worldwide, global aquaculture production has to grow from 45.5 million tonnes a year as recorded in 2004 to 80 million tonnes by the year 2050. This increasing demand for fishing consumption is a major opportunity for the province's aquaculture industry and all efforts to increase aquaculture production are welcome and should be encouraged.

I am proud to report that Councillor Willem Louw from the Matzikama Municipality informed me over the weekend how much the people of

Doringbaai, Papendorp, Ebenaezer appreciated the announcement by Premier Zille to expand the aquaculture production facilities [Interjection.]

Die ANC, gaan vra vir vorige Minister Tasneem Essop wat van onse mense vergeet het. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Madam Speaker, I am looking for the day when the Premier will be going back to those towns and visit them, to give them the good news in person. Madam Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, political maturity and a commitment to grow the economy of the Western Cape and to create jobs prevail when the Premier announced that part of the R50 million injection for aquaculture production in the Western Cape will go towards the creation of Hermanus and Gansbaai Special Economic Zone, and Mr Deputy Speaker, abalone farmers will receive a special tariff and other incentives to increase production, create jobs and reduce poaching. Mr Deputy Speaker, I am proud to be a member of this House and incredibly proud to serve as an oversight member for the Democratic Alliance. I am looking forward in keeping the Premier and her government to account. I thank you.

Mnr L H MAX: Excellent story! Mooi storie, hoor! [Applause]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The Minister of Community Safety, Minister Plato.

Die MINISTER VAN GEMEENSKAPSVEILIGHEID: Agb mev die Speaker,

baie dankie. In support of the Premier's State of the Province Address we recognise the hard work this administration has put in towards improving the lives of the people of our province. It did not shy away from the problems we still face.

Die agb Premier is reg as sy uitwys dat daar 'n aantal sosiale uitdagings is wat die provinsie en sy mense se vooruitgang nog steeds ondermyn. Die verwantskap tussen alkohol en dwelmmisbruik, bendegeweld en -bedrywigheide en die algehele veiligheid van mense is duidelik sigbaar. Die Wes-Kaap Regering is vasbeslote om hierdie probleme te hanteer deur transversale toetredinge om die komplekse probleme, hul oorsake en hul nagevolge effektief te bestry en ek is bly mev die Speaker, dat heelwat van die vorige sprekers hierna verwys het. Die sukses hiervan verg egter toewyding en samewerking van die samelewing as 'n geheel, die Regering en die mense daar buite; die holistiese benadering waarvan ons ook vanmiddag alreeds gepraat het.

Meaningful partnerships are the key to this approach and we will continue to build on partnerships that we have already created and build new ones where possible. Madam Speaker, a perfect example of how safety can be increased when working "Better Together", all the different spheres of government and departments with the cooperation of the private sector and civil society, is the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade Programme, which is being extended outside of the metro region, which is significantly assisting in bringing down crime.

It is this coming together of all stakeholders that will help ensure we realise what the NDP envisage, which is for people living in South Africa to feel safe at home, at school, at work and enjoy a life free of crime and fear. To make these safety possibilities a reality within communities in the Western Cape, the Department of Community Safety will continue with targeted interventions, promote positive alternatives to those at risk, especially the youth, and carry out its constitutional mandate to provide effective oversight over police services in the province.

Mev die Speaker, die jeug in die provinsie bly die kwesbaarste as slagoffers van geweldsmisdade, of om vasgevang te word in dwelmmisbruik, verslawing en bendes. Dwelmverwante misdaad het sedert die 2003/2004 finansiële jaar met meer as 311.5% gestyg en tans dra die Wes-Kaap by tot meer as 'n derde van alle dwelmhandel en misdaad in die land. Kommerwekkend, mev die Speaker, is die stygings waargeneem in dwelmverwante misdaad buitekant die metropool ook. Die stand van dwelmverwante misdaad in die provinsie is die rede hoekom die Wes-Kaapse Regering steeds die pleidooi rig aan die Nasionale Minister van Polisie om die gespesialiseerde eenhede soos die Dwelm- en Bende Eenheid binne die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie diens weer in te stel.

Die Wes-Kaap Regering rus egter nie op sy louere nie en as departement is ons steeds besig om te kyk na die platteland as 'n fokus vir misdaadvoorkomings en teen dwelm toetredinge.

The safety of our youth and our children and those at risk is a concern that this government is prioritising. My colleague Albert Fritz will elaborate further on replicating the success of the Crysalis Academy. The Department of Community Safety is availing R1.6 million for the extension of the Youth Safety and Religion Partnership over the coming June/July school holidays. The programme we launched last year reached nearly 20 000 youth and provided for much needed recreational opportunities particularly in high priority areas effected by crime and domestic violence. The increased funding will allow the programme to be extended outside the metro region, which could help address the increase in drug-related crime experienced in rural municipalities such as Worcester, Paternoster, George, Saldanha Bay and many others. More details on the extent of the programme will be announced later.

Oversight over the police remains a priority focus for the Western Cape Government as we want the people of this province to benefit from the best possible police service. We know that the police have faced many challenges over the past few years and it is my hope that the Provincial Police Commissioner will be open to the inputs we make about policing, which come from our constitutional duty to oversee the work of the police.

Madam Speaker, one of the most exciting endeavours ahead is the implementation of the Community Safety Act, Act 3 of 2013 and the real benefits it will bring the people of this province.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The Constitutional Court unanimously stated that the Premier is not only entitled to deal with complaints about policing, but is indeed obliged to take reasonable steps to shield the residents from unrelenting invasion of their fundamental rights because of continued police inefficiency in combating crime and the breakdown of relations between the police and the community. In implementing the Act the Office of the Police Ombudsman will be created; a first for the people of the Western Cape and also for South Africa. The Act will also introduce a more structured approach to coordinating the work of the neighbourhood watches to ensure that they maximise the service they provide. The Western Cape Provincial Police Ombudsman shall be responsible for dealing with complaints received from people in the province regarding the inefficiency of the police and/or a breakdown in relationships.

Madam Speaker, the Ombudsman must be appointed by the Premier of the Western Cape and must be a suitably qualified person with experience in the field of law and/or policing. The appointment is done for a non-renewable term of not exceeding five years. The Western Cape Provincial Police Ombudsman and his or her investigators shall have far-reaching investigative powers which include amongst others powers to direct any person to submit an affidavit or to appear before the Police Ombudsman to give evidence or to produce any document in that person's possession or under their control

which has a bearing on the complaint. They may request an explanation from any person whom he or she reasonably suspects of having information which may relate to the matter being investigated. We look forward to the Ombudsman Office being up and running by October this year.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, in closing, we need more regular crime statistics. The people of this province and the safety organisations working to protect our communities will be empowered if they know what type of crime is happening and where and when it is happening. Currently we do not receive any of such information and we have been asking for that to happen since way back. Getting the police to release more regular crime stats will be a priority for my office this financial year.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Plato. [Applause.] The hon member Mr Dyantyi, not quite a maiden speech, but a second bite at the maiden speech cherry.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: †Sekela Somlomo, ndiyabulela. *Thank you, Deputy

Speaker. Congratulations are in order for the Premier and her party for a comprehensive victory you received from this electorate of this province.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Cherish this, because I believe that is not going to happen again. [Laughter.] I also agree with the hon Premier that our premise must be the objective of making the Western Cape to succeed. [Interjections.] In that I want to add that the Western Cape should succeed on the following key issues: addressing / redressing apartheid legacy, drastically reducing poverty, unemployment and inequality, because if we do that the Premier is not going to spend two-thirds of her time on the problems of the social ills that we have. That we need to have the kind of economic growth that creates jobs for those in dire need; not the kind of growth that hon Minister Winde was talking about, that is not helping poor people in this province; that we would have well governed and effective municipalities that deliver decent services to all its people across class, geographic and race lines.

With the above indicators that objective that you've said, Premier, is on. Agreed, it certainly cannot be an open-ended success. Let me unpack the three pillars that you put in this House for your government. You said you are relying on competent government, active citizenship and the leadership from society.

The PREMIER: That is what the NDP says.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And that is what you want this government of yours to focus on. I will focus on the competent government because I believe it is a critical component of this government and local government is an integral part of that, but judging by the address on Friday it is very clear that we have a long way to go to achieve competent government.

There will be no competent government without well governed and effective municipalities in this province. In that address to this House the Premier was very sketchy on the mission and critical role of local government except mentioning in passing the municipal support, the VPUU and the fight on the 12 harbours, and paraded the VPUU as the success of the City of Cape Town.

In fact the KFW German Bank involvement in Khayelitsha was a country-to-country arrangement and Cape Town was identified as an area for piloting and Khayelitsha where the concept will be tested. I am aware of the matching funding from National Treasury. The jury is still out about the contribution from municipal government and this provincial government and none of them mentioned anything about how much they are contributing to that VPUU.

The PREMIER: I did in my speech.

An HON MEMBER: We have seen this there. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you sleeping?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: As VPUU would be correctly expanded to other areas that you mentioned, we will help you Premier, probing the actual lessons so that the new areas do not stumble over the same mistakes. The Premier completed her speech without a single reference to the thousands of communities despaired by floods in the City of Cape Town in the middle of a cold winter.

An HON MEMBER: That is not the [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The City is [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Her silence on this painful matter was louder than the applause and the standing ovation from the blue bench. That is a serious oversight on the part of the hon Premier. She is better than that. Competent government is about having a clear differentiation between party and state. It is having an appetite to govern without fear or favour and not turn a blind eye. Under the watch of this government Oudtshoorn experiences a serious meltdown and a long [Inaudible.] due to the DA's inaptitude there.

Mr D JOSEPH: We won the election! Get over [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hierdie DA regering hou hom blind [Tussenwerpsel.]

Mr D JOSEPH: We won the election!

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vir die probleme van openlikheid en eerlikheid in die Eden Distrik Munisipaliteit.

Mr D JOSEPH: We won the election!

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: DA raadslede word gestuit, gemuilband en bevraagteken omdat hulle opstaan teen korrektiewe vergrype. Die LUR ignoreer 'n raadsbesluit om die Burgemeester te verwyder wat volg op 'n onafhanklike forensiese ondersoek. [Tussenwerpsels.] Die raad het hom ook uitgespreek deur 'n behoorlike dissiplinêre ondersoekproses oor die vraagstukke van korrupsie, maar in plaas daarvan om op te tree stel hierdie DA Regering duidelik nie belang om enige iets daaraan te doen nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mnr D JOSEPH: U praat van Oudtshoorn?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that competent government that you are talking about?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Bevoegde regering beteken dat daar doelgerig opgetree word as sulke dinge opduik en nie om dit onder die bed weg te steek nie.

'n AGBARE LID: Onder die bed?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In Swellendam the SIU report has revealed that the Speaker of the Council may be guilty of unlawful and improper conduct relating to the Speaker being a director of an entity, Central Motors, which has been conducting business with the municipality without declaring it as required in the law.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Jo! Cadre development. [Laughter.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Speaker himself admitted to this. A cocktail of contraventions from code of conduct, supply chain management seems to be the order of the day in that municipality. The report recommended that disciplinary measures be instituted in this regard. We still await action from that municipality and this Government. Let's hope that Swellendam will not be turned into a "Skelmdam"! [Laughter.] In fact the MEC only wrote a letter, signed a letter on Friday and I know I think that on Friday there were a lot of things that were signed. The Premier quickly signed the broadband, the MEC was signing a letter to Swellendam to say "please add on this issue." They only received it yesterday. [Interjections.] There is no action taken by the MEC on this.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, we are taking action.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Decisive leadership is what is needed. Under the ANC we acted without fear or favour in Plettenberg Bay when we ruled. [Interjections.] Hon Donald Grant who is sitting here, was able to come to the MEC's office and table the matters, because he had confidence about how the ANC was acting on that matter. [Interjections.] There he is sitting.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, there he is. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon member Ms Gillion was the Deputy Mayor then who acted in Overberg, you can learn a lot from how the ANC run municipalities.

An HON MEMBER: Ooh!

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because we never treated municipalities as the branch of an organisation. The DA treats the municipalities as the branch of the DA.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that is true.

An HON MEMBER: That is the problem. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Competent government is about doing the basics right.

The Premier was big on diagnosis and not much on the remedy.

†iNkulumbuso iyakwazi ukucofa ihlaba, ibeke izinto apha, esivumelana nazo ezinjengezi ukuba ootata abangabahoyiyo abantwana babo, ukusetyenziswa kweziyobisi lulutsha. Ukumitha kwamantombazana eselula kwenza ukuba bangabinakamnva. Ingxaki ekhoyo yinto yokuba akazi nayeza kwezi ngxaki. Eyona nto ayenzayo uyachaza into yokuba nigula ngentloko vumani Siyavuma! Nkulumbuso, abantwana bayamitha vumani, siyavuma Nkulumbuso. Akhukho nto ayibeka etafileni eliyeza into yokuba le ngxaki iza kusonjululwa njani.

*The Premier is good at examining and coming up with a diagnosis and bringing things that we agree on, like fathers who ignore their children and the use of drugs by the youth. Teenage pregnancy causes them to have no future. The problem is that she does not come up with a remedy to these problems. What she does is to go on like a sangoma who says, “You have a headache problem, agree”? We agree! Children are falling pregnant, agree? We agree, hon Premier. There is nothing that she brings to the table that is a remedy to say how this problem is going to be solved.

She is too big on diagnosis and nothing on the remedy and the action.

Mr D JOSEPH: Those were the action plans; the action plans. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No civil service [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: The action plan.

An HON MEMBER: What action plan?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I want to remind the Premier and say to you hon Premier, that excuses just like ill conceived ideas have a tendency to dry up. This DA government is reaching that point. [Interjections.] No amount of excuses, you are going to put on the table for not addressing, for not running this government properly. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is my family.

An HON MEMBER: They have been fighting for a long time. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I was hoping that the MEC when he spoke with the Premier having missed to speak to us about Local Government, would do that, but it is very clear that we really have a long way to go. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will better listen on Thursday when the Department comes and presents to us the Standing Committee what it is that they are going to do and play a constructive role as the Opposition to help this MEC run Local Government effectively and properly in this province. [Applause.]

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is baie duidelik, ek kry die gedagte, 'n groot indruk [Tussenwerpsels.] dat daar is min daaroor om vir ons te help om vorentoe te gaan. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Dyantyi, your time has almost expired. Please finish your last sentence. U tyd is verstreke, maak net klaar. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am about to finish, if we can just add that few minutes with the blue... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am giving you one minute, one second. [Interjections.] One sentence.

An HON MEMBER: That is fine.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I have said. I do not have to, thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! The hon member Mr Mnqasela for his maiden speech.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

Die PREMIER: Hoor-hoor!

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Mandibulele Somlomo, Sekela Somlomo iyafuneka into yokuba sithethe umntu esaphila xa esenza into elungileyo, uthi uMhlekezi ohloniphekileyo uDyantyi, iNkulumbuso uthethe kamnandi ngoLwesihlanu, ndiyaqala ukava ke kusithiwa kwelaa cala iNkulumbuso ithehthe kakuhle kangangento yokuba nam ndiyazoyamanisa kwintetho ethi iNkulumbuso yenze intetho entle kakhulu, equka wonke umntu weli Phondo. Ndiyabulela ke Mhlekezi ngokuyincoma loo nto. Uthi ubawo uTiyo Soga, uMfundisi ohloniphekileyo xa ebhala ingoma athi, “Lizalise idinga lakho, Thixo Nkosi yenyano, zonke intlanga zonke izizwe mazizuze usindiso.” Ukuba bekusithiwa esi Siprofetho mandisinike umntu, bendiza kusithatha ndisizise kuwe Nontsapho, Uthethe kakuhle kakhulu ngoLwesiHlanu. Eyona nto ingamandla ...

*Thank you Mr Speaker, Deputy Speaker. It is necessary that we talk about the good that a person does while they are alive. The honourable gentleman, Mr Dyantyi, says the hon Premier spoke very well on Friday. This is my first time hearing it said from that side that the Premier has spoken well. I associate myself with that, that the Premier made a very good speech, which includes all the people of this Province. Thank you, Sir, for admiring that.

The honourable Reverend Tiyo Soga says when he writes a song; “Fulfil your promise, God the real Lord, all races, all nations must find salvation.”

If I was instructed to hand that prophecy to someone, I would bestow it on you, Nontsapho. You spoke very well on Friday. What is important ...

†... is that on Friday the Premier mentioned a number of things, but the ANC chose to ignore or in fact they were not listening. Now I would as a matter of fact say, go and read what is contained in that State of the Province Address.

An HON MEMBER: There is nothing! [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: You are missing a lot [Interjections.] because you do not want to listen! I want to touch on this thing about Fisheries and Harbours. If the National Government Public Works and Department of Fisheries would at least take seriously the question of job creation and the question of ensuring that we do away with unemployment where we can, this is an area where we can employ many people, by ensuring that municipalities are given the right to manage small harbours. In the Western Cape alone we have 12 of them. All we are asking for, just give us these 12 to manage.

An HON MEMBER: Show them.

Mr M MNQASELA: You can manage everything else. Just give us 12. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You mismanaged [inaudible]

Mr M MNQASELA: And what we are also saying [Interjections.] is that because you are focusing on creating jobs in this sector working with municipalities in the Overstrand, which is my new constituency, I am going to monitor that one, we are applying to ensure there is a special economic development zone between Hermanus and Gansbaai.

†Ngoba ziyiyabiwa iPerlemoen ngamadoda angenazimpephe zokuloba.

*Because Perlemoen are being stolen by men who are not licence holders.

So what we want there is to have that area declared a special economic development zone so that we can spearhead job creation, investment and show that unemployment is our enemy. We can show it is there.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

Mr M MNQASELA: Now ...

†Hayi siza kunigada nina, nokuba siphethe nje, kodwa siza kunigada ukuba ningebi imali yabantu abahluphekileyo. Bendifuna ukuthi ke, ngemini umntu...

*No, we are going to keep an eye on you. Even though we are in power, we are going to keep an eye on you so that you cannot steal money from the poor. I wanted to say, on a day a person...

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†can get R600.00 you know, just on a dive, if they are employed there. Just on a single dive, R600.00 is a lot of money and we just need to ensure that we support municipalities, hon member Mr Dyantyi, and we need your support. Tell your Minister there Pravin Gordhan, we need this support on Local Government. Tell your Minister of Fisheries ...

†lo ubhatala umsebenzi wakhe iR26.00 andazi ukuba yeyiphi leUnion leader abasebenzi endlwini...

*the one that pays his worker R26.00. I don't know which union leader pays domestic workers ...

†How are you going to safeguard worker's interests at work if at home you pay them R26.00? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your Mayor [inaudible] [Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Go and talk to Comrade Senzeni Zokwana not to do that. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: Lastly, I want to say [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjection.] Order! Hon member Ms Davids, order!

Mr M MNQASELA: Our duty as this government, we have been given a clear mandate by the voters on 7 May that we must go and do them proud and I just want to say that we will not let them down. [Interjections.] Our mandate is very clear, it is not coming from the ANC unfortunately. [Laughter.] It comes from the voters of the Western Cape. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] And so we are saying that with a very clear conscience that we are going to deliver and we are not going to let you down. I am saying it twice now.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: We will not let you down. So the last thing, Madam Premier, is to ensure that the message that you put on Friday and the plan, we will use that [Interjections.] because it mirrors [Interjections.] the mandate that the voters gave the Democratic Alliance and we put you there as the Premier to lead all of us in this province and we are very grateful. Now it shows that ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: Okay, I still have some time. Let me tell you something, [Interjections.] the ANC contested elections like all of us, but then unfortunately the voters said no. [Interjections.] But we are saying that all other parties because I forget their names [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: All other parties - I forget their names [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela, your time has expired. Just finish off please. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: They had the chance. [Interjections.] They had the chance on the 7th of May but they were rejected on a ballot.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.] The hon Minister of Social Development, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker / Mr Deputy Speaker. Allow me [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Allow me [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, can the House please calm down before the Minister starts? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Allow me to express my condolences to Michael Coetzee, who was a very close friend over the years and through the 80's; at one point we lived in the same house and so I really on behalf of the family and my department want to express my condolences to them.

I feel honourable, hon Mr Deputy Speaker, in rising to support the State of the Province Address as delivered with eloquence by the honourable Premier of the Western Cape. The SOPA set out an agenda of hope, progress, development and the opportunity for people of this beautiful, beautiful province. The ANC's response, and the EFF even worse, have built on hollow rhetoric Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Local white [inaudible]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let us be led by the facts which speak for themselves in every area that we have prioritised so let me give hon Dyantyi the medicine. You know, we have heard the diagnosis. Let

me give you the medicine. That is the facts of what we are doing in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to start off with the issue around youth development and for the first time in the province we have a comprehensive youth development strategy. It is a strategy we have put into practice in a number of key projects and one of the first projects that hon Minister Dan Plato spoke about was the Chrysalis Academy. The Chrysalis programme has grown so much that I can say without fear of contradiction that it is the best youth development programme of its kind in the country. Through the Chrysalis Academy we have over the last two years placed 1 000 young people into work opportunities honourable Mr Deputy Speaker, and we are going to continue to expand the programme even to greater heights, specifically around what the Premier announced in the House with the budget and the amount of money we got from the European Union to develop Wolwekloof as an extension of that. I am so proud to announce that the province of KwaZulu Natal has already come to us and we have already trained young leaders from KwaZulu to be able to go and carry it out in KwaZulu Natal, and we are also getting a number of enquiries from other provinces, so we are incredibly elated about that.

Youth, the Youth Café as the Premier mentioned, since the launching of the first Youth Café in Rocklands, Mitchells Plain in January 20th this year, over 750 young people have registered at the café in order to access its skills development services and support. It gets so interesting when I sit in the

House and I hear what people are saying about the informal settlements around those issues and some of the challenges to the young [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Showing their support there.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Some of the challenges for our young, our youth in these cafes are actually to go look at how do you turn those challenges around into absolute solutions and also to move away from the apartheid way of thinking into developmental thinking [Interjections.] and not to just make a noise in the House about it but to actually go do something. That is to the hon member Mr Paulsen. [Interjections.] Thank you.

We hope to launch the second youth development café or the café, the Youth Café, on the 11th of July and we also will be expanding to Atlantis, George, the Nyanga Junction and I have been asked by the hon member Ms Beerwinkel to consider coming to Kraaifontein and I will look for some money to go and roll out there. [Interjections.] So you see it is accepted by everyone in the House.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Uh-uh

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Perhaps only the IFP or the EFF. Probably the IFP, perhaps better suited. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] It looks like Mangosuthu Buthelezi. [Interjections.]

On the Extended Public Works Programme, hon Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to make this point. A lot of people are saying the Extended Public Works Programme is a national. Yes, it is. They give us a conditional grant, but you know we have the ability to manage that money and to use it sustainably and effectively and manage and not steal the money. [Interjections.] And therefore it is wonderful to say that 390 people in my programme alone are on the Extended Public Works Programme. So you know what we are saying, guys, let us not make a joke about what we get from national. We acknowledge it. But let us manage it properly and I think this is the point we are making.

Let us talk about the drug abuse and I was very interested in hon member Mr Christians, you know, I always hear this issue about at every corner there are so many this and so many that, and I always drive around and I actually go and look, but let me make one fundamental point, hon Mr Deputy Speaker, we acknowledge the plight of the issue of drugs in our township. We acknowledge it. I am so happy to say to all that since we had come into power in 2008/2009 there were very, very few, eight treatment centres to be exact. We have increased that to 25, nine of which are residential treatment centres, where I want to say [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not the same [inaudible]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Where I want to say with the successful pilot projects providing treatment and brief interventions for

schools now, at school level we have in fact done a phenomenal job at the Eerste River High School and Mitchells Plain and we have extended that project to Steenberg and we are now moving it out to other parts of the province, because it is an early intervention, hon member Mr Christians, that we need to do. It is an alternative that we need to do, and we have to catch them very early to be effective. We are furthermore happy to report that another Matrix Treatment Clinic will be opening in Atlantis very soon and this is a joint venture Mr Deputy Speaker, between the City of Cape Town and us. We are not working in isolation. We work with every level of government, national, provincial and local government and I am so happy to say that those systems will bring our number of Matrix Treatment Clinics to seven sites at the moment, and we will expand.

I heard hon Minister Plato saying that it is moving to the platteland and we will move to where they move, where the problem is moving. I am also very proud to say this, and this is the meat and the facts that I am giving you. In order to address the rising use of heroin in the province we have embarked on an Outpatient Opiate Substitution Treatment Programme in Mitchells Plain, a phenomenal programme, the first in the country. The project has now been running for six months and the feedback from [inaudible] our NGO partner in this venture, is that clients are responding positively, and just to quote the latest report, in lieu of the last quarter, 16 out of the 21 clients completed their statutory phase and are still testing negative for illicit substance use in their continuum of care. This result have far exceeded the treatment outcome expectations reported in the national / international literature and I think this

is the point that we always benchmark ourselves against. The quality of services that people receive at various treatment centres is very important Mr Deputy Speaker, for us, and in this regard we have contracted the Medical Research Council to conduct a service quality measurement survey across the spectrum of treatment centres; the findings and recommendations that came out of this survey will in this financial year be implemented in order to ensure service delivery of the highest standards in all our clients.

I want to just add a last point around youth development. We will continue Mr Deputy Speaker, to extend our support in terms of the nutrition programme at our MOD Centres, at all 181 MOD Centres and expand.

Hon members let us start somewhere. When you have 181, hon member Mr Christians, do not complain. It is 181 that were not there. The progressive realisation of access to young people and to rights I think is an important point. With regard to our older persons, I really want to make this point and this plea to the House. We continue to put pressure on SASSA, hon Chair, to get their house in order that so that our older persons can be treated with the respect, the dignity and the care they deserve [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Just because they are poor they cannot be treated the way they are, while we sit in our nice little glass houses and forget about our mother and father standing in a long queue at

four o'clock. Ladies and gentlemen, let us do something constructive about this [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And the point I want to make, the blatant disregard for the human rights is insulting and unacceptable. [Interjections.] I have received hundreds of complaints from older persons. I was on a radio programme the other day and the calls had flooded my office because of inefficient and incompetent management that the hon member Mr Dyantyi spoke so eloquently about. [Interjections.]

I want to continue and I know hon member Mr Dyantyi said there was nothing said about disabilities. As the Premier stated in her speech, persons with disabilities are amongst the most vulnerable members of our society, yet this is an area that the Government has historically neglected in South Africa. As such my department is leading the Premier's special project in the partnership with the NGO sector to identify and assist children with disabilities not currently accessing services. This includes hon Mr Deputy Speaker, a referral pathway, when used properly it will ensure that children access the best available services in the shortest possible line. We are capacitating social workers, NGOs, community development workers and home based carers in this regard. We are also training foster-care parents to better care for the disabled children.

In addition to this, this year the Department of Social Development is preparing to take the lead in giving substance to the court ruling that children with severe and profound intellectual disabilities must have access to their care and education. This project is likely to require over R50 million in investment by the Province in meeting the needs of those most vulnerable members of our society. I want to say this. Sometimes we just talk here. We have no idea and clue what those children are going through and those people [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister, your time has expired. Do you want to finish with one last sentence?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I just want to say NGO funding has increased phenomenally and we are almost funding NGOs in excess of R1 billion, so this notion that we are taking money away from NGOs is not true. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, if they steal it, we will take it away.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has now finally expired.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. [Time expired.]

[Interjections.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agb lid Me Marais.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

MS A J DU TOIT MARAIS: “Masupatsela, we chart a new course, we write a new story.” Dit is die woorde van Trevor Manuel om die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsplan te beskryf.

In die Premier se provinsiale rede sê sy: “Ons Provinsiale Ontwikkelingsplan verleng tot 2030 sal die planne en aksies van alle regeringsrolspelers koördineer en sal verseker dat die begrotings van alle staatsinstellings maksimum sosio-ekonomiese impak tot gevolg hê. Met ander woorde wat die regering doen moet mense se lewens positief verander.”

Dit demonstreer die politieke wil van die Wes-Kaap Regering waar die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsplan se beginsels ondersteun word, maar nie net woorde op papier is nie, maar manifesteer in aksie wat hoop aan die mense van die Wes-Kaap gee. Ons in die Wes-Kaap skryf hierdie storie, 'n storie van mense, hulle verhoudings, hulle drome en hulle hoop vir 'n beter toekoms, 'n storie wat manifesteer in aksie.

I commend the Premier on acknowledging that Government's primary contribution towards progress is to continue redressing the legacy of

apartheid through open opportunity and ensuring that people have what is needed to use these opportunities to improve their lives. However people should also realise that they need to demand as much from themselves as they do from their government. We need to adopt a holistic approach to improve livelihoods. Time and again the DA led Western Cape Government has proven that we lead by example and this is evident with the Premier's Advancement of Youth Project. We are overwhelmed that President Zuma notes the significance of this project and that it provides internships for matriculants with on-the-job training in government departments for a duration of a year. President Zuma announced that all government departments nationally will be required to follow suit.

We commend the Premier and her department for the enthusiasm and vigour in which they have facilitated and coordinated the project. It has undoubtedly improved the lives of many youths in the Western Cape. To redress the issue of youth in unemployment in the Western Cape, which is still a serious concern, I am heartened that 1 000 young people were placed at companies at the end of 2013 / 2014 financial year on a Work and Skills Programme and that an additional 750 learners in each of the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 financial years will also be placed.

Die Wes-Kaap Regering weet dat die belangrikste intervensie ten opsigte van vaardigheid is om te verseker dat elke kind toegang het tot basiese kwaliteit opvoeding. Not only is the Western Cape making strides in improving the livelihood of youth in the Western Cape through skills development and

creating sustainable employment, but through increasing wellness, decreasing the burden of disease for all in the province. The Premier acknowledged meeting the health needs of an ever expanding population with a limited budget requires innovative thinking and strong partnership with the private sector. The Minister of Health, Theuns Botha and his department must be applauded for their continuous innovative proactive efforts in increasing wellness in the Western Cape. I am of the opinion that even Opposition parties can agree that the state of health in the Western Cape is by far the best in the country.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: The second term will be guided by the Healthcare 2030 Framework in that R3.3 billion are allocated to building new health facilities and for the upgrading of existing clinics and hospitals, which will indeed redress current delays and issues within the Health Department and deliver quality health services to the people of the Western Cape. I am in full support of the development and replacing of a number of health facilities especially in the rural areas of the province as they will certainly address the burden of disease for the province as a whole and significantly increase wellness nationally as well. This will also provide universal access with the focus on prevention, education, disease management and treatment.

In the words of Theodore Roosevelt: “Far better it is to dare mighty things to win glorious triumphs, even though chequered by failure, than to rank with

those poor spirits, who neither enjoy much, nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory, nor defeat.”

The Premier did not simply list all the successes enjoyed by the Western Cape Government but admitted that despite sustained progress there are a number of social challenges we face that compromise our education outcomes and threaten job creation, particularly amongst our youth. Some of these adversities include the increasing numbers of people abusing alcohol and drugs in the province; the large number of teenage pregnancies.

'n AGBARE LID: Soos die Premier gesê het.

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: In the Premier's SOPA she mentioned that a functional father figure often makes the difference in a child's future. The Youth Development Strategy focuses on interventions to provide support to young and vulnerable parents and caregivers.

'n Gesonde gemeenskap word gevorm deur gesonde families waarvan die belangrikste komponent die kinders is. Indien ons 'n respekvolle vredeliewende en geordende samelewing wil wees moet ons bewus wees van die belang van die familie en gesin.

Therefore as the Premier mentioned all government departments and institutions, civil societies, communities and particularly parents and individuals need to play their part. In supporting the Premier's address it is

clear that the recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and absolute rights of all people is at the core of the Western Cape's DA led government. I thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi, mooi, hoor!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the Minister for Human Settlements, Minister Madikizela.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

'n AGBARE LID: Onse Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] [inaudible]

Honourable Premier, honourable Leader of the Opposition, hon members of the House, ladies and gentlemen. Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a saying that if you become economical with the truth over and over again you end up believing your own lies. [Interjections.] Unfortunately [Interjections.] unfortunately for this side of the House voters could not be fooled because you'd be sitting this side, if voters believed everything that you said, so once again I also want to [Interjections.] I also want to join [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [inaudible]

An HON MEMBER: Watch your tongue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The Premier and a number of colleagues and thank the voters of this province by giving us a fresh mandate with a whopping 8% increase.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Where is their representation [inaudible] in the front? Where is their representation? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no, no, no!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Where is their representation?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: In the State of the Province Address Premier Zille said: “I have left the biggest challenge we face for last; which is building integrated and sustainable human settlements in the province. This is essential for improving social cohesion and redressing the legacy of the past.”

Immediately after her speech, Mr Deputy Speaker, we heard the Opposition criticising the Premier for lacking a plan to deal with “housing crises”. It is very clear that the Opposition members heard what they wanted to hear

because the Premier was very clear on what needs to be done. In fact the Department of Human Settlements is already doing some of the things that the Premier spoke about and †unyanisile Mhlekezi Mnqasela intoyokuba bebengamamelanga. *you are right hon member Mr Mnqasela that they have not been listening.

†Madam Speaker, let me put the challenges that we are facing in human settlements into context by quoting Chapter 2 of the Constitution, Bill of Right, Section 21.1 and 2:

1. Everyone has the right to have access - and I think we must note the word “access” - to adequate housing.
2. The State must take reasonable legislative and other measures again within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right.

Mr M N PAULSEN: [inaudible] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now I am quoting this, Mr Deputy Speaker, because it is very, very clear that the ANC does not understand the meaning of this. Now if anyone has to be blamed for the current situation in housing, it is the ANC for raising unrealistic expectation in the country. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yo! Yo! [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I think we must be blunt about that. The ANC housing policy has entrenched a culture of dependency and entitlement and gave this impression that Government will do everything for the people and they must just fold their arms and wait for handouts. [Interjections.]

Now the difference between [Interjections.] The difference between the Democratic Alliance and the ANC is that we are realistic about the challenges that we face and we are also realistic about the interventions that we make.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are changing beneficiaries.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The problem with the ANC is that [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Don't forget your history.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: They make these popular statements promising things that cannot be done [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They did not.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And that is very, very dangerous; and dangerous in a long run, because it results in the situation that we are facing in the human settlements. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Very dangerous. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: You are protecting the land thieves.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

An HON MEMBER: No we are not!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now let me then get to the real delivery story of the ANC that [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Did the hon member refer to members in this House?

Mr M N PAULSEN: No I did not. I said he is protecting land thieves.

'n AGBARE LID: Staan.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please stand up when you speak.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I said he is protecting land thieves. If the shoe fits any

of them they will wear it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, I have heard that. Take your seat, thank you.

Minister Madikizela you may continue. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Let me then come to the real delivery story of the ANC, Mr Deputy Speaker, which hon member Mr Magaxa spoke about. Since the dawn of democracy it is estimated that 3.3 million houses were built in South Africa and around 218 000 of those houses are in the Western Cape. The backlog at the time was estimated at 1.3 million households but despite the success we have seen a massive increase to our backlog up to 2.3 million households nationally and just over 500 000 in the Western Cape.

What is more disturbing though, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the quality of many of these houses which was severely compromised in the quest to chase numbers by the ANC. Now this is not coming from me, this is not coming from me Mr Deputy Speaker. According to the report [Interjections.] I want to always remind [Interjections.] I want to always remind members [Interjections.] Can I be protected?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Yes, I will protect you. Order! [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I want to always remind

members [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I want to always remind members that [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Give the Minister... Order! Chief Whip, please allow the member a fair chance to speak, thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: According to the report that was presented to the National Portfolio Committee by the National Department in 2012 Mr Deputy Speaker, it is estimated that we will need about R50 billion, R50 billion to rectify houses that have been built by this government over the last 20 years. Now this is a clear indication [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We have built houses.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That this government took poor people for granted. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The ANC did.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Dotted the landscape, changed

the numbers and compromised quality. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Did those people build [inaudible]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: In the Western Cape alone Mr Deputy Speaker, because I want to talk to this delivery record that the ANC is talking about. In the Western Cape alone Mr Deputy Speaker we had 46 block projects when this administration took over, and by the way these houses under these block projects are part of the delivery record that the hon member is talking about, affecting 15 000 families. These are projects where subsidies were paid, but the houses were either not built or left incomplete by the ANC government. More than R200 million has been spent by this administration to unblock these projects. Now this is part of the delivery story that hon member Mr Magaxa is talking about.

The PREMIER: But they counted those houses.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, yes, more than R23 million [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: More than R23 million were spent [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, is it a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, I just want to check, Mr Deputy Speaker, if he can take one question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is the Minister prepared?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, I am.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may ask your question.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay, is honourable [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, take your seat while he puts his question.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Is honourable MEC acknowledging that the same problem is facing this department currently of more than 10 000 houses that are still not finished and some are poorly constructed?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: This is a very weak question, Mr Deputy Speaker, but I will answer it anyway. I spoke about the legacy of this Government when we took over this administration [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The ANC Government.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: This ANC Government, when we took over [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, I spoke about the legacy of the ANC Government when we took over in 2009 [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now we are still busy unblocking [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must change your [inaudible] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Davids, Order! Hon member Ms Davids you are a new member and you speak a little too much for a new member in the front bench, but I am giving you leeway. [Laughter.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hopelessly [inaudible]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Madikizela, please continue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We are still busy dealing with the legacy of shoddy workmanship under the project that I spoke about that

affect 15 000 families. So that programme is not yet completed because we had to strike the balance between building new homes and making sure that we deal with the problems that you left with those families. [Interjections.]

Now secondly since we took over this administration, Madam Speaker, to again answer his question, we have put a number of measures in place. In fact if there is any structural problem in a housing project in this province we are going to have national account for that. We are paying the National Home Builders Registration Council, which is the NHBRC, a lot of money to make sure that shoddy workmanship does not happen any more. It is one of the measures that we have put in place including, by the way, a programme called PHP, which was not the case under the ANC Government.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: There was no case.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So even though there are some areas where we have challenges but we have made sure that those people are protected. There is warranty against those houses because NHBRC that we are paying has to ensure that those houses are correctly built [Interjections.]

Now the ANC is giving this impression that nothing is happening in this province when it comes to human settlements, yet the facts on the ground speak a completely different story.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No projects.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: There are 161 projects as we speak that are happening across the province so the Western Cape is a very big construction site and I can assure the ANC that none of those projects are in affluent areas because there is always this rhetoric that this Government is paying and spending money in rich areas [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: People don't want to [inaudible] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: All 161 projects are in poor areas. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They don't want to [inaudible] [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Why not? [inaudible] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now during the last five years this department has spent every cent of its budget receiving unqualified audit reports in consecutive years. If that can be described as a crisis then surely we have a different understanding of what the word means. Unrealistic expectations, population growth, shrinking fiscus due to high unemployment and these are the real reason Mr Deputy Speaker, the real reason why you have this current situation that we have in the Western Cape. So it is not because nothing is being done, but the reality is that the population has grown by 46% since 1996 up until now and these - some of these people are

also [Interjections.] No-no-no, no, no. [Interjections.] These are some of the people who need houses and when the population grows it means that also put burdens on this department.

An HON MEMBER: People come to the Western Cape for a better life.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So let me then also say this, Mr Deputy Speaker, that it is not the responsibility of Government to build people houses because I want to correct [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no-no let me correct you, through you Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The role of the Government is to create conducive environment for investment, for job creation, so that people can be employed and become masters of their own destiny.

'n AGBARE LID: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is not to treat people like invalids as hon member Mr Paulsen suggested.

Mr M N PAULSEN: On a point, on a point of order.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So that is the role of the Government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So it is unrealistic
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Address the Chair.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Hon Madam Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is enshrined in the Constitution that everybody has the right to a dignified
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, member. Order, member. That is not a point of order.

An HON MEMBER: That is not a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order.

Mr M N PAULSEN: He said it is not a right.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! A point of order relates to the procedures of the House. That is not a point of order. Please proceed.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Madam Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not sure whether the hon member was not listening when I was quoting what the Constitution says. There is no way [Interjections.] There is nothing in the Constitution that says Government must give free houses or build houses for people. [Interjections.] It is very clear what the Constitution says so as I said [Interjections.] As I said here we must not be populist going around promising people things that cannot be done. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But it is in our manifesto.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We must not be populist, go around because we want to get votes [Interjections.] and lie to people. [Interjections.]

Mr L H MAX: You do not understand the Constitution. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please continue Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now if we are serious about improving lives of many people in informal settlements, Mr Deputy Speaker, we need to invest in the area, in this area and [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And address [inaudible] special planning [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, your time has expired now, your last sentence please. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Lastly [Interjections.] Lastly Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Please finish off.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Lastly Mr Deputy Speaker, we have to implement the principles and the objective of the NDP, which clearly says strong and efficient special planning system, well integrated across spheres of government [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela your time has now expired. You have had some [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Upgrading of all human settlements [Interjection.] [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have had some leeway. [Interjection.] Order! Order! [Interjection.] Unfortunately your time has expired. I see the hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker. I must admit that the whole way this debate has been structured apropos of the Premier's opening address last week and her concluding by actually saying that she has left the most difficult part to last, that all of us were expecting the hon MEC to actually rise to the occasion, but I think that what we have actually heard really builds on what was essentially an admission in the speech of the Premier that the DA Provincial Government doesn't have a plan to deal with it, despite the fact that the President in his speech talked about the reality of urbanisation facing not only our province but facing Gauteng, facing KwaZulu Natal and all other provinces where people seek opportunities, and our province is one of those and what we were expecting, MEC, is for you to actually outline your actual strategy to begin to deal with this. In her speech the Premier indicated very clearly that she has called, and it can only be on you, to develop a new housing model. Unfortunately in the Premier's speech she didn't give a timeframe and hon Minister Meyer was very strong in his

opening words about how everything has got a timeframe, how everything has got a budget, but all we heard from the Premier was to say that we are working on a new housing model but there were absolutely no timeframes provided in that and I think what we heard again from the MEC given that all those expectations were built up, was that there is no plan. There is no timeframe and that indicates to us in the ANC that there is fundamentally a lack of political will to deal with this particular problem. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And I think we must accept that. The honourable Leader of the Opposition referred to the problem of sanitation and yet in none of the speeches we have heard from the DA from the Premier's opening address to all of her MECs, did we receive a clear - if we are honest, the MEC stood up with two pieces of paper. He did not stand up here in front of us with a plan. He did not stand up in front of us with a prepared speech. He had two pieces of paper and he referred to the Constitution but ultimately you have failed the people of this province because you have not given hope. Promises were made, not only to informal settlements but also to backyard dwellers and those backyard dwellers have been disappointed by what has been said by the Premier, the expectation created that you, MEC Madikizela, would come forward with a reasonable plan, so what I think we are wanting to hear [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: 161 projects. [inaudible]

Mr C M DUGMORE: From hon member Theuns Botha, and what we are wanting to hear from the Premier is what is the timeframe on this new housing model; what are the costs attached to it, because the reality is, and hon member Mr Magaxa referred to that, when the ANC governed this province literally twice the number of houses were actually built compared to the five years. Those are facts. You can check it. [Applause.] You can check them. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Amandla!

Mr C M DUGMORE: The ANC built close to 20 000 houses in each year that it governed this province. The DA built close to [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: 10 000 also. [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: The DA built close to 10 000 to 12 000 houses in every year that it governed and that [Interjections.] Those are facts, but I want to turn [Interjections.]

Mr R B LENTIT: [Inaudible.] bought 4X4's.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I want to say Mr Deputy Speaker, that it is an honour to participate in this debate and actually to reflect on the Premier's State of the Province Address and I would like to formally begin by quoting from the

vision statement contained in the National Development Plan which envisages the kind of South Africa we actually aspire to in 2030, and that vision statement says that through our service we show our solidarity. We enjoy the same quality of service. We are connected through our caring. The beating heart of our country is a community that has all the enablers of modern life. We have water. We use the toilet. We have food on the table. We fall asleep without fear. We listen to rain on the roof. We gather together in front of heat.

Further on the vision statement refers to our leaders and leadership and actually says we know our leaders as we have elected them and pledged them into office. They are wise in the use of our wealth, wise in knowing and understanding our wishes and needs; wise in expecting us to express ourselves to them in any appropriate manner we have agreed to be allowable and wise in not silencing those who criticise, but to enable them through our rules of engagement to be even more rigorous in supporting a just society.

Mr Deputy Speaker, my concern is that our Premier in her State of the Province Address has clearly been selective in her support for the National Development Plan and has only focused on certain parts of the plan while ignoring others. If indeed we are to realise the vision contained in the NDP then we need an unequivocal commitment to its implementation and I believe Mr Deputy Speaker, that the Premier needs to clarify exactly what she means when she says on the one hand that every proposal in the NDP is designed to create the conditions for job creating growth and then later on in her speech

indicates that the Western Cape Government supports most of the objectives of the NDP. Madam Speaker, I hope that in her response the Premier will inform this House exactly which of the objectives of the NDP are not supported by the Western Cape Government so that we can begin this next five years in an open way and begin to engage each other.

The MEC for Health for instance Mr Deputy Speaker, is on record as opposing the National Health Insurance System as the honourable Leader of the Opposition has indicated. NDP 2030 is very clear on the need to implement the NHI in a phased manner, which will include a focus on reducing the relative costs of private healthcare. What we, this House needs to know today is MEC Botha's view also the view of the Premier and of the Provincial Government?

Chapter 15 of the National Development Plan concerns nation building and social cohesion and in fact urges two things, the sustained campaign against racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, and also that employment equity continue and that new models of Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment be explored to improve the efficacy of the programme and that clear targets should be set for broadening economic participation through enhancing the predictability for economic factors. Why in a province which clearly needs to confront racism and sexism and still so deeply entrenched in an apartheid and colonial past, do we not see any evidence of conscious programmes to deal with the very real challenges of racism and sexism? What we need to see are practical programmes which unite communities who battle over scarce

resources and to build tolerance and respect for non-racialism. When one makes the claim that an open opportunity society for all is the cornerstone of our Constitution and simply ignores the fact that our founding provisions contained in Chapter 1 of the Constitution state that our country is founded on human dignity and the achievement of equality with access to the achievement of equality, one actually undermines the critical need for redress as a platform on which equality and access to opportunity in fact need to be built. The MDP makes proposals for the State to be both capable and developmental and as the ANC we have been disappointed that the Premier's speech essentially has ignored the need for redress in our province. She has articulated the need for an open opportunity society. She said nothing about equity and redress. She said nothing about the need to look at new forms of ownership. We all agree on the need to grow this economy and to develop jobs and in that sense we agree with many of the proposal that the Premier has raised around job creation, but no word around expanding ownership patterns, no word about how previously disadvantaged communities will be brought into the ownership of this provincial economy.

Madam Speaker, I want to welcome the Premier's announcement of the plan to increase access to broadband in our province. We look forward to hearing the details of the strategy in due course. This is in line with the NDP's proposal to establish a national, regional and municipal fibre optic network to provide the backbone for broadband access driven by private investment and complemented by public funds to ensure the attainment of social objectives. The ANC's election manifesto has committed our Government to

connect all schools, public health facilities and other government facilities through broadband by 2020 and at least 90% of our communities should have substantial and super fast broadband capacity by 2020, and I think this House needs to know that many of our provinces and National Government are working on these particular proposals as we speak, but I wish to alert the Premier to a serious concern that I have in regard to the roll-out in Western Cape schools. The decision by the DA Government to close down the Khanya Technology Project in our schools has in fact had a negative impact on many of our schools in historically disadvantaged communities. Massive infrastructure was provided to equip our schools with computer labs but the closure of the Khanya project has resulted in many of these labs not being maintained and supported over the last three to four years and as you've prepared to roll out broadband to our schools it is critical to do an audit of the current state of the ICT provision in all of our schools. The voters of the Western Cape deserve an explanation as to why the Khanya Project was closed and what has been done to support our schools who do not have the resources to maintain the labs. And this brings me, Mr Deputy Speaker, to a very serious crisis faced by three of our primary schools in this province who have been affected by the Filcon Scandal around which there has been a deafening silence from the Premier of this Province. The Premier owes this House an explanation as to how a company that has faced ten applications for liquidation in the Cape High Court and a company which was taken over by a Mr Saul Loggenberg who has effectively been banned by the British Insolvency Service from being a UK company director for eleven years, was awarded tenders by the Provincial Department of Public Works.

[Interjections.]

The three schools affected by this are Wesfleur Primary and Parkview Primary in Atlantis and Willemsvallei Primary in Porterville. Filcon was contracted to build new schools [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just your last sentence hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: In this regard, and what we have essentially seen is that the DA Provincial Government has appointed a suspect contractor and we now face the situation where they essentially failed to complete the schools [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired.

Mr C M DUGMORE: While the learners are suffering. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

'n AGBARE LID: Daar is probleme, ja. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister of Health, Minister Botha.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much

for the opportunity to take part in this debate. I will be the last speaker, so I will try my best to do justice to this debate as well. [Interjections.]

I want to say congratulations to the Premier for her State of the Province Address. She hasn't disappointed us as usual and we are very excited about the new term ahead. We must remember Mr Deputy Speaker, that the state of government that we inherited when we took over from the ANC was of such nature that it took us about three years just to clean up the mess that they left. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Excuse me. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And so we did not have a full term of office to work on the [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is evidence [inaudible]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: To work on the objectives of the Democratic Alliance in government and so this term of office we will have a full five year term so I think the trajectory of improvement and distinction of the Western Cape in comparison to the rest of the country will incline dramatically over this term of office, so I am looking forward to that [Interjection.]

Me S W DAVIDS: Hulle is van voorneme [Onduidelik.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I would be very concerned if I am the ANC, I mean the mother organisation ANC, I would be very, very concerned with what is happening with their structures in the Western Cape. It is obvious that the previous government, when they were in control, was a total mess and they got rid of their Premier and there were brown envelopes and you name what. [Interjections.] So there was a total mess and then [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The state of the province.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And then the hope of the President and the President of the ANC was then that the honourable colleague Marius Fransman, should take over the reigns in the Western Cape and save the ANC. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The state of the province. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Speak about the [inaudible] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Instead all he did was to build up debts which he hasn't paid [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Speak about the government [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Pay the bill, pay the bill.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Since he took over the party and so that did not improve their performance at all [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Now it is very strange for me that the ANC has decided as an organisation [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: ... the same side.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: To redeploy previous failures such as my honourable colleague Mr Dugmore, my hon colleague [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel is that a point of order? [Laughter.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Can we please have the relevance of this [Interjection.] [inaudible] to the State of the Province Address?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Exactly, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I was listening, thank you. Thank you for that. I was listening very carefully to the Minister. He is hopefully doing that by way of introduction and he will get onto his final speech now. [Interjections.]

[Laughter.] Please Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Madam Speaker, I promise that I will not spend more than eleven minutes on the introduction.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I will move over and nothing needs to be said any more about the previous term of office. A lot was said about the performance of the DA in government [Interjections.] over the past term of office and those things, but you know there are certain indicators in government which is referred to as the MPATs from the National Government. Then there are the Statistics South Africa Stats SA and my honourable colleague, the Leader of the Opposition, started by referring to toilets and sanitation and so on. I don't want to repeat all the stats. All I ask is please, I ask the Opposition to please read and do their homework in terms of facts. So please just determine what is the situation [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What we said was true.

An HON MEMBER: 80 000.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What is this, which is the most equal city in South Africa? Which is the best provincial run government in South Africa? Who has got the highest percentage of access to basic services, whether that

be sanitation, water, electricity, refugee removal and all those issues. [Interjections.] So those are the facts hon Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

One cannot be the Leader of the Opposition and come here and not know those basic facts. [Interjections.] Then you are really letting down those few people who supported you in the past election. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The Democratic Alliance got a fresh mandate Mr Deputy Speaker, to carry on and to continue with the work that we have put in place in the previous term of office and what the Premier has done is she has shared with us the exciting issues and the exciting news of how we are going to expand on the successes that we had in the previous government [Interjections.] and there are too many to reflect on, and many of my colleagues have reflected on those successes and even the Opposition to a certain extent acknowledged that, and I want to then take this opportunity Mr Deputy Speaker, to refer to a few things which were mentioned here today.

I cannot not mention or reply to something that was mentioned about the National Youth Development Agency. I cannot believe that the Opposition has the guts to mention anything such as the NYDA. [Interjections.] I mean you know this organisation spent R100 million. [Interjections.] Let us talk about budgets and expenditure. [Interjections.] They spent R100 million on a festive, on a party.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande, skande.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: They spent R100 000 on balloons, you know.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You know, it is because they are the youth they buy balloons, so they spent R100 000 on that. It is unbelievable. [Interjections.] They only travel first class, business class and you name it. They pay themselves R7 million bonuses. [Interjections.] And yet that is the best example that the Opposition can bring [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Of good governance to this House.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What the NYDA did. The honourable - many, many members Mr Deputy Speaker, mentioned about the rights of farmworkers, the low wages, the eviction rates, all those things. None of those we have proof for and I repeat what we have said over the past five years [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Please bring us the proof of any evictions.
[Interjections.] Please bring us the proof of any evictions, but [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: My honourable colleague Mr Lentit has mentioned and I think someone else also, of the Minister of Agriculture who paid only R26.00 to his labourer and that is not a big scandal. That is a major scandal.

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is a major scandal when, you know, it reminds me of Jackie Selebi, you take this policeman, you put him in charge of everything, you nominate him for Interpol and then he ends up in jail for corruption, for stealing. [Interjections.] He is a master in stealing, so now we have appointed this Minister and [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Even on your farm.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You are welcome to come to my farm. Now we have got this Minister [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Davids, please. I have asked [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Who pays his worker R26.00 a day.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just a minute Minister. Please, there is too much counter-comments from the Opposition side. You can't comment on each and every comment on the Minister. An interjection is a selective comment, so keep your objections for the best opportunities. [Interjections.] Do not give us a running commentary. [Interjection.] Please continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker; that in itself is not the biggest scandal. The biggest scandal is going to be, and I am posing this challenge to the ANC, what are you going to do [Interjection.]

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

An HON MEMBER: A question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A question, Minister Botha are you prepared to take a question?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is not prepared. Please take your seat.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I only take questions from senior members.

[Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, the real scandal will still come and that is what is the ANC going to do about this payment and the money that this Minister is paying to his worker. Are they going to charge him because there is legislation, you know, are you going to charge him? Are you going to give him a penalty as we have heard over the news over the past week, so let us see what is going to happen. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He will be promoted. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yes, he will most probably be promoted.

An HON MEMBER: The new president, yes.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Be promoted to Ambassador in the USA, you know, something like that. That is what you do with people who are failures in the ANC. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The Leader of the Opposition has supported us with something, really it is true. He supported us. He supported us with

education. En dit is so wonderlik, dit is so 'n mooi gebaar, regtig, dat ek dit wil koester vir 'n oomblik. But I want to ask the Leader of the Opposition, the hon Leader, will he not please make the effort to discuss this support for us in education with his counterpart and colleague and tripartite alliance member in SADTU because they are actually the reason of all the failures in education in South Africa. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Won't he just do that for us please. [Interjection.] So I really think we should acknowledge his support. A few members have mentioned the National Health Insurance and still, since I am responsible [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, Minister. Hon member Mr Magaxa is it a question or a - do you want to ask a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Botha are you prepared to take a question? [Interjection.] I am not sure if it is a senior member. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Only senior members.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am a senior member.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Only senior members. The ANC hasn't got senior members. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no, unfortunately.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: They have redeployed old members, but they haven't got senior members.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue Minister Botha.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, my time is not going to be enough so I cannot take questions, and since the previous question my colleague asked was so poor I cannot allow him the opportunity. The NHI, the Democratic Alliance supports the objective of National Health Insurance 100%. Listen carefully. The DA supports the objective of the National Health Insurance 100%.

An HON MEMBER: The objective, the objective?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And that is - the objective. That is to have equal access to quality healthcare for all and I challenge the ANC to achieve that with NHI.

An HON MEMBER: So you are not supporting NHI?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I did not say that. I did not say that, but I will tell you what I will say to you about NHI [Interjections.] I think the National Minister is definitely one of the cleverest in the Cabinet, no doubt about that, but that is also not a very difficult achievement, but if I [Interjections.] It is a very safe [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is a very safe option, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a very safe option to say: “You know, we are going to take this decision at Polokwane, we are going to institute National Health Insurance. It is going to take us between 14 and 25 years and so on.” That is the easy thing - I can make any promise, any promise now today and say: “Okay listen, it will take me between 15 and 25 years.” I will be long gone by the time that you will have to sort out that problem. So what is the DA’s story about the National Health Insurance, but we will unpack it, but you know, Mr Deputy Speaker, the most interesting thing about National Health Insurance is that the National Minister piloted a few projects and we said yes, we really want to take part in this because we want to be part of it so that we can - we can’t only criticise - take part so that we can have an objective opinion. You know what happened with those pilots in the country? They all failed.

An HON MEMBER: Hopelessly.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The ANC Government used the money for other stuff, on parties and dinners and overseas trips and you name it. They dismally failed. We can have a debate on that. The Minister is very unhappy, because of the pilot projects the only one that succeeded in the country is the one in the Western Cape. [Applause.] So they all failed. So what is your story about National Health Insurance? Let us put it on the agenda and let us have a debate on it. [Interjections.] Ja, alright.

An HON MEMBER: Subject for discussion.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So much was said about Local Government by my honourable colleague. [Interjections.] So much was said about Local Government. [Interjections.] No-no-no that is your [inaudible]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me remind this House, let me just - I am not even only going to complete the sentence on each of these municipalities, I just want to reflect on them to you in your term of office. What do you remember if I say Bitou?

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What do you remember if I say Worcester?

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What do you remember if I say Oudtshoorn?

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What do you remember if I say Beaufort West?

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande! [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You know what you see, you see pathetic government. [Interjections.] You see governance [Interjection.]

Mnr R B LENTIT: Skande man!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Which the ANC and you, honourable member, sorry, I am not pointing. The honourable member sitting there, made appointments with me and my colleagues and asked us to assist him in turning around those pathetic ANC governments, but even with our assistance it couldn't be done because they were rotten to the end and my question today is why? Why are you not politically intervening in Cederberg? Why are you not politically intervening in Beaufort West?

An HON MEMBER: Kannaland.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Or in Kannaland or in Oudtshoorn? [Interjections.] Oudtshoorn is a disgrace [Interjections.] so why is the ruling party the ANC [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Not intervening? They can't do it because there is no respect for them even as leaders, while hon member Marius Fransman is a leader of a minority in his own party. He cannot go to Oudtshoorn. They will not allow him there and so there are many other places where the same is applicable. [Laughter.]

I am not going to elaborate on issues, many of the issues that the hon member Ms Davids raised, because I think she tried her very best, but then there is an interesting matter about the National Democratic Revolution and the National Development Plan.

An HON MEMBER: What animal is that?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You know, the truth is actually, that the National, the NDR undermines the NDP and that is according to your own leaders. That is according your own; it is according to your own party. It is according to comrades such as Kader Asmal saying that the NDR undermines the NDP.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yes, it undermines the NDP. You can do a simple Google search on it. [Interjections.] You can do a simple Google search, you know [Interjections.]

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

An HON MEMBER: The NDR [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The NDR, the NDR ja.

An HON MEMBER: Let us debate [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The NDR, the NDR, sorry man. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Botha [Interjections.] Order! Order! There is too much comments from this side now please. [Interjections.] Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So Mr Deputy Speaker, you know, it is - I do not understand, the hon member or the Leader of the Opposition said it is not about the growth of the economy. He opened. He opened. I took a note. He said it is not about the growth of the economy [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Inclusive growth.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is about sharing the economy.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Of course.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Now so [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Botha, your time has almost expired. [Interjections.] Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Let me say [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He quoted a Marxist and he quoted a comedian and maybe he is a Marxist comedian, because I do not understand that statement. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! [Interjections.] [Applause.] Order! [Interjections.] Order! Order members.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, when I ask for order it

means order in the House please. We have now reached the end of this stage of the debate. We will suspend business now for supper time. The bells will be rung afterwards to call us back and then the Premier will reply to the debate. The House is suspended.

The House adjourned at 17:30.

The House resumed at 18:50

The SPEAKER: Please be seated. I now recognise the honourable Premier to deliver a response.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-Hear!

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank everybody who participated in the debate today and to respond firstly to the honourable Leader of the Opposition, who began appropriately enough with a quote from Vladimir Lenin in which he said “a democracy for an insignificant minority is a democracy for the rich.” Now, that was a good quote to start with for the honourable member Mr Fransman because no quote could better define, Madam Speaker, the ANC’s administration in this province. It was indeed a democracy for an insignificant minority, a democracy for the rich. In fact the person who was in charge of that and led the charge for that was none other than the honourable member Mr Fransman. We welcome him back into this House because now we will make sure that he goes before Scopa and

we will make sure that he takes an oath and we will make sure that he tells us the truth about a lot of things to which we have been trying to get answers, Madam Speaker, for a very long time. [Interjection.] So, we give you a very warm welcome back [Interjection.] and let me give you a little warning about some of the things that we will be raising with you about the democracy for the insignificant minority of your tender buddies and your contract friends, the democracy for the rich, of which you became one.

Madam Speaker, in February of this year, the Auditor-General released the findings of an audit on the use of consultants by the Western Cape Government and specifically the Department of Health and the hon member Mr Uys and the Department of Transport and Public Works, under the honourable member Mr Fransman, between 2008 and 2011. Of the 31 contracts, 29 or 97% were initiated between 2005 and 2009, when the ANC governed this province and when Minister Fransman was the MEC for Transport and Public Works.

Now, this is what the Auditor-General found about those contracts entered into under Minister Fransman and Minister Uys. There was no policy at all on the use of consultants. A large proportion of the contracts and especially the biggest ones, Madam Speaker, were awarded on limited bidding processes where competitive bids were not invited.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The PREMIER: Officials, Madam Speaker, did sometimes not declare their conflicts of interest. Contracts were put in place, Madam Speaker, that had no cost limit and no expiry date ...

Mr M G E WILEY: And no service delivery.

The PREMIER: ... so they could continue in an open ended way, spiralling costs in a never-ending cycle.

An HON MEMBER: Shoo!

The PREMIER: Work at the above departments was being outsourced to contractors at a very high cost to taxpayers when the work could and should have been done internally. That is what the Auditor-General found. What is more, Madam Speaker, the Auditor-General found that the honourable member Mr Fransman had personally instructed officials to award tenders to some of these consultants.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: That is a lie.

The PREMIER: This is what the Auditor-General found! Are you telling us that the Auditor-General is lying?

An HON MEMBER: You are interpreting [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: The Auditor-General found that Marius Fransman had personally instructed officials to award tenders to some of these consultants. One of the contractors, Madam Speaker, was Hip Hop of which I will give a few details because Hip Hop is a very interesting thing. Minister Fransman's Department of Public Works and Transport paid Hip Hop and Brand Talk R26 million on one of these open ended, never-ending, limitless contracts, Madam Speaker. Some of these activities they invoiced the Department for included: R4.1 million for Madiba's 90th birthday celebration. We have not seen any proof nor have we been able to unearth any proof that the money was actually spent on these celebrations, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Mmmm.

The PREMIER: Then there was R1.3 million, Madam Speaker, for what was known as the "Tik-off" campaign which we have not been able to trace to date either. Then R88 633 for a function that was never held.

An HON MEMBER: Whoa!

The PREMIER: Then, Madam Speaker, R628 000 for an inter-faith function that was also never held. Madam Speaker, I think the honourable Leader of the Opposition, when he speaks about a democracy for an insignificant minority, a democracy for the rich, must come and answer a lot of questions about that precise system ...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: But you are lying!

The PREMIER: ... that you instituted. This is not what I am saying, Madam Speaker, it is what the Auditor-General is saying and the hon Carlisle asked some very interesting questions to which the hon member Mr Fransman has not yet given any answers. The hon Carlisle asked why the hon member Mr Fransman did not do anything about the irregular and exorbitant consultancies on his watch which he has admitted he knew about. We have asked the hon member Mr Fransman whether he was aware of corruption in his department. We have asked the hon member Mr Fransman if he personally benefitted as a result of this corruption? If he says he did not, will he make himself subject to a “family life-style” audit.

The hon member Mr Fransman says there is evidence to clear his name and we would like to know where that is. We have got a lot of evidence here about the brown envelope scandal and indeed the finding that Minister Fransman agreed to Inkwenkwezi Communications being awarded the consultancy through a “closed” tender by the Provincial Department of Human Settlements of all departments. Indeed, that involved people that we know, Joseph Aranes, Zane Orrie and various other people like Ashley Smith, in discussing how they would manipulate the media through paying journalists as consultants in order, Madam Speaker, to win a battle inside the ANC and that was used and done with taxpayers money. If that is not corruption, I do not know what is, Madam Speaker.

Then, Madam Speaker, we will have to ask the honourable, the Leader of the Opposition some questions about the R60 million ... [Interjection.] Sorry ...

Mr S G TYATYAM: On a point of order, Madam Speaker, is the Premier justified in speaking on those issues outside her speech, or our response on her speech?

An HON MEMBER: Yes. Political right.

Mr M G E WILEY: She is responding to the integrity of the Leader of the Opposition.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: It is relevant, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Based on what I am hearing I think it does form an integral part of the response to the debate, yes.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, I just want to know are you saying based on what you are hearing from speakers who are sitting down not raising the issue about this problem? Because they are just howling. You cannot take that as direction for this House. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member, that is not a point of order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That is not a point of order, Madam Speaker.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, the point that is being raised here is the relevance to the responses to the Premier's State of the Province Address.

The SPEAKER: Excuse me, if I could just ... I think the introductory line which the Leader of the Opposition posed is what is being responded to so I deem it to be relevant.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is absolutely relevant.

The PREMIER: Correct. It is absolutely relevant to their arguments ...

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Why do you want to stop her?

The PREMIER: ... that we have been a government that only looks after a few people and I am speaking about the allegations that were made about our funding priorities and I am speaking a little bit about the honourable member Mr Fransman's record.

Maybe the hon member Mr Fransman, Madam Speaker, would like to tell this House about the R60 million that his department spent on training 700 young people under the Learnership 1000 Programme and those learners who for the cost of R60 million never received any form of accreditation and so their

learnerships actually were worthless, but they cost the taxpayers of South Africa R60 million.

An HON MEMBER: Shoo!

The PREMIER: Then the hon member Mr Fransman may remember his little jaunt to Dubai when they improperly and illegally pitched the sale of the Somerset Hospital site to Dubai World. And then you might remember that the hon member Mr Fransman sold the 22 hectare Conradie Hospital site for R80 million to Ilisa Elitsha Investments which was a consortium ...

An HON MEMBER: I remember that.

The PREMIER: ... and that he said at the time that they were the highest bidder. Well, a small investigation, Madam Speaker, showed that there were two higher bidders and the highest bidder was R45 million higher...

An HON MEMBER: Shoo!

The PREMIER: ... which meant ...

An HON MEMBER: I am spinning here.

The PREMIER: ... which meant, Madam Speaker, that the elite consortium that did the deal with Marius Fransman benefitted to the tune of R45 million

that should have gone into service delivery for the poor in this province. What is more, Madam Speaker, they paid only R8 million, could not come up with the rest of the money and the contract with this consortium did not make provision for any interest payments on the outstanding amount. Now if you have ever heard of a manipulated deal designed to benefit insider cronies that is it. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, any party led in this House by a person with a delivery record like that only says that there is a democracy for an insignificant minority, a democracy for the rich, if he is holding a mirror to his own face because indeed Lenin's description of the abuse of communism to enrich a small elite is a precise reflection of what the ANC sought to do when they were in office.

Mr M G E WILEY: Some are more equal than others.

The PREMIER: Some are much more equal than others.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Ja.

The PREMIER: And we will also get round to asking a few questions to the honourable member Mr Uys when the time comes round but he was not speaking in this debate, probably, luckily for him.

Then it is also critical while the honourable, the Leader of the Opposition is

talking about the fact that this administration is “waging war on the poor”. It is important, Madam Speaker, to look at the comparative delivery record of this province vis-à-vis every ANC governed province. I would listen with more intent and less cynicism if the honourable the Leader of the Opposition came here and said this is how we are achieving all the successes in uplifting the poor in other provinces. He does not come here and say that.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] dealing with it.

The PREMIER: He does not come here and say this is what you should be doing in the Western Cape because look how successful we are everywhere else. He comes and says we are waging war on the poor when his own government at national level is showing that that is a complete lie.

Much has been said about sanitation here today and in fact, I have here the relevant page from the Census, Madam Speaker. It looks at flush or chemical toilets by province and the Western Cape statistic is by far the highest of any of the provinces. For flush and chemical toilets we are at 90.5% despite the fact ... [Interjection.] We have certainly not inherited it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is against ex-homeland areas.

The PREMIER: What we did inherit was significant urbanisation and we not only kept pace with the rate of urbanisation, honourable member Mr Dyantyi, we exceeded it.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yup.

The PREMIER: And so, hon member Mr Dyantyi, this province has grown by 30% in the last ten years and by 46% since 1996 and we still, Madam Speaker, have 90.5% delivery of flush or chemical toilets. [Interjection.] Gauteng is at 86.5% if you would like to know hon member Mr Magaxa. [Interjection.] The Eastern Cape is at 46%, the Northern Cape at 66%, Limpopo at 22% and so I can continue.

We have also been found to have the best free basic service package of any province in the entire country. Free basic services and I announced that we would regard access to limited free Wi-Fi as a basic service, Madam Speaker.

So, before there are allegations that we are waging war on the poor, maybe the hon member Mr Fransman might want to read some of his own national government statistics and see precisely how much better we are doing than any ANC governed province.

Madam Speaker, we have not done enough. We will work our whole lives and never have done enough because the demand for shelter and housing is so great that if we were to meet it we would have to build as many houses again as have ever been built in the city of Cape Town. Ever been built by the public and private sector, ever.

Mr C M DUGMORE: How many houses is that?

The PREMIER: And that is over a million houses.

An HON MEMBER: With porta potties.

The PREMIER: So, that is the scale of the challenge we face, Madam Speaker and this government does not steal money. We do not manipulate tenders. We do not abuse tenders for the enrichment of a few. We spend our money where it should be spent and we do service delivery with that money and everything that we do goes to service a growing economy. 76% of our budget is spent on poor communities as indeed it should be. 76%.

Madam Speaker, if we talk about the economy and growth, the best way to achieve social inclusion is by getting a job and that is the challenge, and I think that Minister Winde answered all of the points on the economy very very tellingly so I do not have to repeat what Minister Winde said. But it is extraordinary that the honourable Leader of the Opposition talks about corruption here in the Western Cape because indeed I would like him to point out where that corruption is and I would like him to tell us what we have not done to support the youth, which is what he has been arguing that we need to do. The National Youth Development Agency he says has not been adequately supported by this Western Cape Government.

Let me just remind the honourable Leader of the Opposition about the record

of the NYDA which comes close to matching his own. Not quite but nearly. At a parliamentary hearing in 2013 it was revealed, Madam Speaker, that the suspended National Youth Development Agency CEO, one Mr Steven Ngobeni, is being investigated for approving a R9 million project without following proper procedure. And then there are other examples of money that was squandered; R10 million on a youth award ceremony, R11 million per year on salaries for the NYDA board, R28 million for travel and accommodation, R100 million for the World Youth Festival also known as the kissing festival and unknown amounts, unknown amounts allegedly involved in credit card fraud.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Huh!

An HON MEMBER: You are not interested in the outcome [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: And indeed, the honourable the Leader of the Opposition should have stood up and congratulated us on our foresight for not pouring the money of the Western Cape into this bottomless pit of corruption because it was good foresight and we ensured ...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: That was just one case.

HON MEMBERS: No! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: That unfortunately was the case you used as an example!

An HON MEMBER: There are many more.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker ... Madam Speaker ...

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: If you are in a hole stop digging.

The PREMIER: That was one case, yes. Let me give the honourable the Leader of the Opposition another case. [Interjections.] The National Development Agency boss, Steven Ngobeni, personally signed off on a R22 million catering contract that was awarded to his uncle.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yoh!

The PREMIER: And that was to supply food to the kissing festival.

An HON MEMBER: Those are the allegations.

The PREMIER: No ... [Interjections.] and the company got R6.5 million up-front ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Those were allegations and in court they were proven to be wrong.

The PREMIER: They were proven to be wrong? When has Steven Ngobeni

been proved to be [Inaudible.][Interjections.] The company got R6.5 million ...

An HON MEMBER: He was not found guilty! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, the company got R6.5 million up front but was fired only days into the festival when catering arrangements descended into chaos. That is another one. Do you want another one after that?

An HON MEMBER: Another one?

The PREMIER: We can do some 50 more about the NYDA. Former National Youth Development Agency Chairperson, Andile Lungisa, a well known deployed cadre of the ANC Youth League, and three others, appeared in the Johannesburg Specialised Commercial Crimes Court on Friday on fraud charges [Interjections.] They are accused of defrauding the Department of Arts and Culture of R2.5 million linked to a Nelson Mandela birthday concert.

And so I can continue but I think we want to go home tonight and if I used every single example of fraud and corruption in the National Youth Development Agency we would not get home. Thank you very very much indeed for ensuring that we did not throw ...

The SPEAKER: Honourable Premier, please speak to the Chair.

The PREMIER: Sorry.

The SPEAKER: Thank you

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I think the honourable the Leader of the Opposition should be very impressed that we did not throw the Western Cape's precious resources after a corrupt group of people like that but that we spend our money on serious youth development from improving education to the Mod Centres, to the youth cafes and to a range of other initiatives.

Then, the honourable the Leader of the Opposition spoke about the vulnerable farmworkers and I agree with him that there are many vulnerable farmworkers in the rural areas and we all remember, Madam Speaker, that after the tragedy of Marikana the ANC lost absolutely no time in arguing that we needed to bring Marikana to the Western Cape.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yup.

The PREMIER: We remember that Tony Ehrenreich, who leads the ANC in the City of Cape Town, said repeatedly and even gave out a pamphlet that said "bring Marikana to the farms of the Western Cape". And as the protests

spread, after a R4.1 million donation by the then Minister of Agricultural Affairs, Fisheries and Forestry, led by BAWSI and fuelled by the resources given by the National Government to bring Marikana to the Western Cape.

The honourable the Leader of the Opposition himself was there making his presence felt and announcing “die boere gaan ...” – words that will be ruled unparliamentary even though I am only quoting the Leader of the Opposition.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] Kak man!

The PREMIER: And so this is what we get for the concern for the rural areas and in fact he was then the Deputy Minister of International Relations but he did absolutely nothing, Madam Speaker, to deal with the root cause of the problem, which was the friction between seasonal workers coming from Lesotho and from Zimbabwe, the latter of which had been given exemption from the labour regulations to be able to work on farms. The Lesotho workers had not been given exemption and it created massive friction and problems. If the Deputy Minister of International Relations had thought to sort out that problem he would have had a role to play there but his only role there was a political role to try and bring Marikana to the Western Cape. That was his purpose and that is what he tried to do. Fortunately for all the workers and everyone else the ANC’s attempt failed. Of course we must fix the problem. Of course we must fix the problem of vulnerable workers especially migrant, seasonal workers.

The National Development Plan has a very good plan to do so and we support that plan and just today, honourable Speaker, I can tell the hon member Mr Dyantyi, I made an offer to the National Government that the Western Cape would pioneer the land reform proposal in the National Development Plan.

An HON MEMBER: It has already been done in Mpumalanga.

The PREMIER: With no success. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The problem [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: So the Mpumalanga experiment has had millions poured into it and we know what is happening there.

An HON MEMBER: Speak about evictions as well.

The PREMIER: I will speak about evictions in a moment because the hon member Ms Davids spoke about evictions. I am still dealing with you hon member Mr Fransman. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]. I will come to evictions in a moment because the hon member Ms Davids raised the question of evictions.

But when we have the National Development Plan on the table, Madam Speaker, right there without ever even waiting for the outcome of the

Mpumalanga trial, Minister Gugile Nkwinte announces a plan that completely undermines the proposal in the National Development Plan. And this, Madam Speaker, is just after President Zuma has announced in the State of the Nation Address that he wants agriculture to create one million jobs by 2030.

The next week Minister Gugile Nkwinte announces a plan that will in fact destroy what remains of viable agriculture and it is the precise opposite of what is envisaged in the National Development Plan. We have just had an election, Madam Speaker, in which 90% of voters voted for parties that support the National Development Plan. In his own State of the Province Address, the President reaffirmed [Interjections.] his commitment ... State of the Nation Address ... the President, for about the third time, reaffirmed his support for the National Development Plan.

Madam Speaker, it is quite clear that there is no connection between the rhetoric of the ANC and its actions and that is precisely why I went out today and said we are committed to that plan, we will implement the land reform proposals, we will do them here and we will make them work in partnership with all stakeholders and the National Government. But let us not forget what the National Development Plan said, Madam Speaker, about land reform. It said that the most pressing component of land reform was to deal with the communal tenure in the most fertile areas of our country.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: And indeed, Madam Speaker, the wretched poverty stricken migrants who come for seasonal work from the Eastern Cape actually, ironically, come from far more fertile land ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: ... that produces hardly any food and no jobs and they come to the far less fertile land of the Western Cape to seek seasonal work because of the failure of land reform where it matters most, on our most fertile land.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We give them work.

The PREMIER: We are doing our best not to mechanise and give them work. [Interjections.] But, Madam Speaker, our biggest challenge in land reform and in creating jobs and feeding people, if we want a million jobs out of agriculture, is to utilise our most fertile land for this process, from the Makatini Flats right down through the old Transkei and Ciskei and make sure that that land is radically transformed in terms of tenure systems so that we can start proper agriculture, grow food and create jobs. We can actually export food to the rest of Africa and the world if we use that land properly. But the failure to undertake land reform where the NDP says it must start is also the basis of what remains of the migrant labour system which is a wretched and terrible legacy of apartheid. But because of communal land

systems and because of the power of the chiefs, Madam Speaker, to deprive people of land arbitrarily, families still have to be split and because we have got no jobs and no food production on that land, miners have to go and work at places like Marikana and fathers have to come and seek seasonal work on the farms of the Western Cape and leave their families behind lest they should lose their tenuous foot-hold on the land that is in communal ownership.

So, while we are talking about evictions let us look at the real threat of evictions that underlies the current migrant labour system, the crisis of seasonal workers, the tearing apart of families and the fact that our most fertile land remains unutilised for the purposes that it should be utilised for - food security and job creation. So let us for once put our money where our mouth is and let us please implement, Madam Speaker, the National Development Plan. We have given a commitment, we have given a commitment to implement that plan in this province ...

An HON MEMBER: And the evictions?

The PREMIER: ... and we are determined to do so.

Ms S W DAVIDS: What has that got to do with the councillors that have had [Inaudible.] programmes [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The DA councillors ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What are you ... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now, may I simply repeat, Madam Speaker, what I have said often before, often before. If there is any case of abuse of a farmworker anywhere in this province I want to hear about it. I want to hear about it. If any farmworker has been beaten or abused I will personally lay a charge. So, please, hon member Ms Davids, come to me with any cases and I will take them up because this government will not tolerate people being abused. We will not tolerate it

I would like to talk about another little irony which some of the honourable members on this side of the House spoke about, Madam Speaker, and that is the irony of the hon Minister Senzeni Zokwana paying R26.30, to be precise, to his worker, Mr Ndabambi ...

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] from underground wages as a mine worker, as a labourer.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: As a what?

Mr M G E WILEY: Are you defending him?

An HON MEMBER: He got that from underground labour. [Interjections.].

The PREMIER: So now we have [Interjections.] the hon member Mr Magaxa having said ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa.

The PREMIER: ... having said that the DA abuses workers.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, no running commentary please.

The PREMIER: Here we have the hon member Mr Magaxa defending paying a worker R26.30 per day ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Skande! Skande!

The PREMIER: ... and living in a hokkie.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] R700.00.

The PREMIER: Worse than you ever heard and that is not just an ordinary person paying that. That is no other than ...

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... the ANC's Minister of Agriculture ...

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member!

The PREMIER: ... and if he says a shop steward has the right to pay that to his labourer where does a shop steward get to own a farm from?

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, order.

An HON MEMBER: Spoken like a true Marxist [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You do not know what a Marxist is.

An HON MEMBER: I do actually [Interjections.].

The PREMIER: So when ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Members, I would like to call you back to my opening preamble where I said although interjections are allowed, senseless

interjections and running commentary do not add value to the debate and will be stopped. I will exercise this option if you persist in interjecting. Right, you may proceed hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. I am still dealing with the hon member Mr Fransman and I am going to still be dealing with him for a long time [Laughter.] because he said many things. [Interjections.] You know, Madam Speaker, the honourable the Leader of the Opposition spoke about Cape Town as being an island of privilege surrounded by a sea of poverty. I thought he was talking about Nkandla [Laughter.] because if you want to see an island of privilege surrounded by deep deep poverty he should go and take a look at that.

The honourable the Leader of the Opposition also spoke about the need to integrate through spatial interventions and planning interventions and I agree with that. That is why we at last have liberated the District 6 process from the clutches of an ANC front called the District 6 Development Trust and we are working very well with the National Government and with local government and at last the District 6 process is on track. If it is not again disrupted by the ANC, Madam Speaker, we will make good progress. We are working very hard on the inner-city regeneration and the Conradie Hospital site now that we have eventually liberated that from the consortium in which it was stuck for many years after the manipulated ...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Was it a black consortium?

The PREMIER: I do not know what consortium it was. It was manipulated though, that is for sure. It was manipulated and you gave it to a consortium for R45 million less than you could have got.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Was it a black?

The PREMIER: What has race got to do with corruption?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: What has race got to do with corruption?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Was there corruption?

The PREMIER: R45 million less than you could have got is corruption because that R45 million could have been used for service delivery to poor people.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The ABC of corruption.

The PREMIER: So we have liberated the Conradie site from the clutches of a very very suspect deal by the hon member Mr Fransman. We are getting District 6 moving at last; the Two Rivers Urban Park; the inner-city regeneration of Woodstock, Salt River and the fringe; all of those areas

getting much more affordable housing near the city centre. But, Madam Speaker, this would all be massively assisted if the National Government just replied to our requests to release Wingfield, Youngsfield, Denel, Culemborg and all the sites that are ideal for integrated housing and for the kind of spatial planning that the hon member Mr Fransman is proposing [Interjections.] that in fact is owned by the National Government. [Interjections.].

Then the hon member Mr Fransman talks about 2 000 learners not in class. Now he knows that is not true. He knows that that is not true and he then says given the fact that so many learners are allegedly out of class we should not be closing schools. Let me remind him and the other hon members about a time when the hon member Mr Dugmore was the MEC for education in this province. [Interjections.] Let us remind this House of the time that the hon member Mr Dugmore was the MEC. He closed 25 schools during his tenure [Interjections.]. Almost all were rural schools serving poor learners.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Did anyone take us to court?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What about Nicro?

The PREMIER: Number three, most of these were closed without any of the processes being followed that are required by legislation.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is nonsense.

The PREMIER: Let me give you examples then. Let me give you examples. The hon member Mr Dugmore says this is nonsense. Let me remind him. One of those schools was closed on 30 June of the year concerned while a proclamation to close it was signed on 10 July of that year [Interjections.] which is clearly entirely unlawful because you cannot sign a proclamation to close a school after you have already closed the school, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] And then at another school [Interjection.] at another school the public meeting to enable the community to make representations was held on 2 December and the MEC signed the proclamation on 21 December to close the school on 31 December so from 2 December to the 31 December he is claiming that he went through all the legal processes. [Interjections.] This is what the ANC does.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Every governing body was consulted [Inaudible.] [Interjections.].

The PREMIER: But in fact, in fact this government consulted every single governing body but the bottom line is [Interjections.] that this ...

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... this process was so flawed that it would never have survived the test of any court case. [Interjections.]. You are lucky that it was not challenged because it should have been. [Interjections.]

Then we have the honourable the Leader of the Opposition saying to us that we should not racialise housing delivery. Well, he racialised everything else from toilets to computers to the housing back-log. Let me say to the people who wanted to say things about housing, to quote an ANC national minister about housing so that you are all reminded that what the hon Minister Madikizela said in this House today is absolutely in line with the ANC's policies with the National Development Plan and the position taken by ANC ministers nationally. Let me remind you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Eina!

The PREMIER: The minister in 2010 said “the current housing development approach with a focus on the provision of state subsidised houses will not be able to meet the current and future back-log and there are questions related to its financial sustainability. We need to diversify our approach to include alternative development and delivery strategies, methodologies and products including upgrading of informal settlements, increasing rental stock and promoting and improving access to housing opportunities in the gap market. The core subsidised housing product can only be one of many approaches”.

That is what we agree with and that is precisely what the provincial Minister was saying.

Now the honourable the Leader of the Opposition says that I am cherry-

picking from the National Development Plan. Well, in fact what the ANC Government is doing is simply rejecting it out of hand while playing lip-service to it and we have seen many examples.

On the NHI we have gladly participated in the pilot projects and as Minister Botha has said to this House - the hon Minister of Health - has said to this House "those are the only pilots in the whole country that have worked and we will bring that here for a debate in this House'.

On the issue of crime as you ...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Do you support the NHI?

The PREMIER: We support universal access to quality health care and we support the best methods to achieve that. [Interjections.]. We will wait for the ANC's pilots to work and see [Interjections.]. Wait for the debate and hear what we say.

Madam Speaker, on crime we obviously have a limited role and we are trying to implement that role which is limited to oversight but every time we try to play that role we have been blocked and stopped by the national Minister. Now we are pleased that he is in Arts and Culture because there is not as much that he can block and undermine there [Laughter.] and our Community Safety Act will be implemented and we await the findings of the Commission of Inquiry in Khayelitsha and we will continue to expand oversight as the

Minister said. Then the honourable the Leader of the Opposition went into the most extraordinary set of statistics without any basis about employment equity in this province. He said, Madam Speaker, that 70% of senior management ...

An HON MEMBER: 70 plus.

The PREMIER: ...70 plus. 70 plus per cent of senior management in this province is white. Now, let me tell him how wrong he is. In this Provincial Government it is almost the inverse of what he said because 62% of our senior management is black as defined in the Employment Equity Act. If we include white women, as a designated group which they are entitled to be included as, then 75% of our senior management is from designated groups.

This compares very favourably to the provincial aggregate and if you look at our recent MPAT awards we got the best performing department in human resource management with a staff complement of fewer than 2 000 for the Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism; the best performing department in human resource management with a staff complement of more than 2 000 for the Department of Transport and Public Works, after we fixed it when we inherited it from the honourable the Leader of the Opposition. All of our employment equity plans and policies were measured under these categories so the honourable the Leader of the Opposition knows that the MPAT measures employment equity plans and policies and we were given out of every single department country-wide, in

provinces and in the National Government, the best performer in human resources with a staff complement of less than 2 000, as well as the best performance with a staff complement of more than 2 000. That is taking employment equity policies and strategies into account. Under the regulations, Madam Speaker, that the ANC wanted to force through, it would have been so that not a single coloured person would have been able to get promotion in this province for at least 15 to 20 years. We are not going to accept that kind of manipulation and that kind [Interjections.] of abuse, Madam Speaker [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members! Hon members, order please!

The PREMIER: The honourable the Leader of the Opposition said that I did nothing to address the question of local government. Well, indeed we have addressed those issues all of the time and we have already met with Minister Nomvula Mokonyane to work on a plan for the remaining bucket toilets.

Now the honourable the Leader of the Opposition said that I had made a false statement by saying that no-one has to use a bucket toilet and that I understand from the City of Cape Town is true. The people who still have bucket toilets in the city have all been offered an alternative and those that still use buckets toilets have turned down that alternative [Interjections.] because they are arguing that what it means is that they may not get a house. They are saying we are not getting a toilet because we want a full house. [Interjections.] So, the people who have still got bucket toilets in Cape Town

have turned down alternatives. We are the only province, the only one, Madam Speaker, where all of the MIG funding is spent ...

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] people who marched to town?

The PREMIER: ... and we ensure that we spend all of our money without corruption and that we get the infrastructure right. So the honourable the Leader of the Opposition before you start throwing stones make sure that you do not live in a glass house.

An HON MEMBER: Sanitation. 80 000 people do not have access. Can you respond on that?

The PREMIER: 90% have access to flush toilets or chemical toilets.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: [Inaudible.] more than Gauteng.

The PREMIER: Now, thank you Minister Meyer for focusing on the NDP, partnerships investment, the growth and basic service delivery, job creation and the conditions that create jobs. Thank you very much. Minister Winde did most of the answers on that.

Then we get to the hon member Ms Davids. As I said, if there is any abuse of farmworkers, I want to hear about it. Then, we have the hon member Ms Davids saying that the money comes from the ANC [Interjections.] but we

take the credit. Hon member Ms Davids, this is the root cause of corruption ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: ... the idea that taxpayers' money belongs to the ANC.

An HON MEMBER: Ja. Correct.

The PREMIER: The ANC uses taxpayers' money to fund its elections, to get kick-backs for its cadres, to give contracts for tenders [Interjections.] to its pals.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, no interjecting please. [Interjections.] You may proceed hon Premier. [Interjections.]. Hon member Ms Davids, order please.

The PREMIER: The money that we use in government, in all spheres of government and in all provinces, comes from the taxpayers of South Africa. So, to say that without the ANC we are nothing and we will not have any money shows precisely the kind of assumption that leads to corruption and shows why corruption is endemic under an ANC government. In Doringbaai the residents can be very thankful that we are using taxpayers' money in a different way from the way the ANC uses taxpayers' money because as Frank Chikane once rightly said, Madam Speaker, every tender and contract under

an ANC government is designed to make someone in the ANC rich. We do not use taxpayers' money in that way. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What are you talking about now?

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

The PREMIER: You know, normally I would not respond to such a stupid interjection, Madam Speaker, [Laughter.] but this shows why ...

The SPEAKER: Minister Botha, order.

The PREMIER: This level of economic illiteracy shows precisely why we have the crisis of corruption that we do. In the open market anybody can buy shares with their private money. We are talking here about what governments do when they enrich themselves with taxpayers' money, Madam Speaker.

There is a difference between public and private money that the ANC does not seem able to grasp. That is why President Zuma does not understand why it is wrong to spent R206 million of taxpayers' money on his private house because he does not understand the difference between a private house and public money. That is why when he goes to his house and he sees this palace to corruption rising up in the sea of really abject poverty he does not ask any

questions and think that anything is wrong. It is that mind-set that is also reflected by the hon member Ms Davids here today.

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

The PREMIER: Now, we get to the hon member Mr Christians from the ACDP. I know that the people do not distinguish between the spheres of government but it is true that we can only act on our constitutional mandate which we are trying to do to the best of our ability. Yes, it is true that the thousands and thousands of children born to single mothers find it very difficult to have opportunities in life and that is why we are doing our very best to ensure that they do have opportunities. But it is critical that every single person takes responsibility for themselves.

That is why, Madam Speaker, we are totally committed to ensuring that men who make babies carry the responsibility of that act for the rest of their lives because walking away is not an option, because it is not a personal decision. It has profound public consequences and that is why we will work very hard with the National Government to ensure that maintenance defaulters are blacklisted along with credit defaulters until people take the responsibility of having a child as seriously as it needs to be taken.

This Government does what it can. We distribute 100 million free condoms every year in this province. Work that out in ratio per person. 100 million free condoms but no government can put condoms on people. They have to

do that themselves, Madam Speaker. So, there is a difference between what a government can do and what individuals have to do when they take responsibility.

The hon member Mr Christians says government must do more. We will do more and we are doing more but unless parents fulfil their responsibilities - let me say this - no government can fulfil the space left by irresponsible parents. None at all. That is why we speak about a whole of society approach. When parents are drunk and children are sitting on street corners, that is horrific and we need to do something about it. That is why we are opening so many more addiction centres and sponsoring people to study addictions management but everybody needs to take responsibility for being a proper role model if they decide to have children.

Then the hon member Mr Christians says that indeed every school should have a MOD centre because good schools effectively have a MOD centre. The reason for that, hon member Mr Christians, is because the teachers in those schools are prepared to stay after school for very very long hours, without additional pay, to train and to coach and to take orchestras and to do music and do to basketball and rugby and hockey and whatever there is. I would like to challenge him to try and get the South African Democratic Teachers Union to stay behind one moment after the bell has rung. [Interjections.]

This is an absolute tragedy, Madam Speaker, because those children need it the most and apart from selling posts and all the other scams that SADTU

gets involved in, they are depriving the children, for whom they are responsible, of opportunities in life. That is why we have had to open 181 new MOD centres with millions and millions of extra funding because the trade union will not enable its teachers to do a full day's work like other teachers elsewhere do.

I went to a conference of librarians the other day, Madam Speaker, and a librarian got up and said, "We would really like to use the internet for research and for reading but we cannot do that and we would like you to find a solution to the problem". So, I asked, "What school are you at"? She told me and I said, "But I know that you have got a full computer laboratory". She said to me, "Well, every day at half-past two the computer laboratory is locked up and the principal leaves with the key because that computer laboratory is only used for teaching children how to use computers and we are not allowed to use it after hours".

Now, that totally defeats the purpose, Madam Speaker, and it is that kind of thing we have to do something about. So, I completely agree with the hon member Mr Christians that every child deserves it. Let us get the South African Democratic Teachers Union to take that responsibility seriously just as we need to ensure that every man who makes a baby takes that responsibility seriously and every parent understands what their responsibilities are as role models for their children. Of course we must have positive role models and that starts in the home. We would like to ask this House and especially the ACDP to work together in a bipartisan way to help

us get all maintenance defaulters blacklisted. That would make the biggest difference to single mothers and especially to their children.

Now, the hon member Mr Paulsen. He is obviously a very recent convert to the EFF's philosophy.

Mr N M PAULSEN: I am a founder member Ma'am [Laughter.].

The PREMIER: The hon member Mr Paulsen ...

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ... is a very recent convert [Interjections.] to a very recent party because not too long ago he was applying for a job at a party that supports the "open opportunity society for all". [Interjections.] And he was very articulate, if I recall, on the subject of the "open opportunity society for all".

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, point of order. Point of order, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, if the hon Premier is going to make such an accusation, she must come up with proof.

The SPEAKER: It is not a point of order, hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat, hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Does the Premier have proof of such ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, it is not a point of order. Please take your seat. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Thank you. Please sit down.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] give the proof.

The PREMIER: But when he did not get the job he quickly converted ...

Mr M N PAULSEN: That is a lie!

The PREMIER: ... to another political philosophy that we have heard here today.

Mr M G E WILEY: With respect ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: The hon member Mr Paulsen has called the Premier a liar and that is unacceptable. [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: If I may respond, as I heard it, he said “it is a lie” so ...

Mr M G E WILEY: Sorry, may I address you on that Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, whether the hon member said the Premier is a liar, but he made a direct remark on a remark that the Premier made. In other words it is a direct connection on the member itself [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: I am going to go back and say that as I heard it and understand it, you might understand it to be implied but he said “it is a lie”. So, can we put that matter to rest?

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, the hon member Mr Paulsen accused me of doing a volte-face on the question of job creation. Of course we have not done that at all. We have always said that in our government we will create the conditions for investment, growth and jobs and our position has been absolutely consistent. But one good thing about our Constitution and there are many but one of the good things is that if the EFF wins a few local authorities they can apply their policies and we will apply our policies where we govern. Then we will see where there is stable government investment, growth [Interjection.] and jobs and we can see where economic liberation

actually comes. I can assure you that economic liberation and freedom will be in the places that the DA governs.

There is no need to expropriate land without compensation because the State owns vast tracts of land and the EFF can start there. We also are not, not the most unequal country in the world ...

An HON MEMBER: We are.

The PREMIER: We are absolutely not because if you factor into the Gini-coefficient, social grants which we support, the Gini-coefficient goes down significantly. Unless those social grants are factored into the Gini-coefficient no reliable conclusion can be reached. As a previous speaker said, it was the hon Minister Botha, the Western Cape and Cape Town in particular, is the least unequal city in the entire country.

Now ... [Interjection.] It is the least unequal city according to all of the statistics. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] last year. [Interjections.].

The PREMIER: Ja. The hon member Mr Paulsen said that housing is a human right, like running water. Well, in the constitution it said “progressively as means allow”. As the hon Minister Madikizela made clear there was a housing back-log of 1.5 million when the ANC came to power. They have

allegedly delivered 3.3 million houses, of which most are defective, and the housing back-log has grown. So, it is not a static number. These numbers grow and grow and that is the challenge. Now I come to the ...

An HON MEMBER: Are you sure that most are defective? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: I think it is R52 billion worth.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] is that per cent [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: We will see. R52 billion worth is almost double the provincial budget for a year. It is enough.

An HON MEMBER: You said national.

The PREMIER: But I am comparing it to the amount of money in the budget.
[Interjection.]

Then, I get to the hon member Mr Magaxa. It is hard to exaggerate the failures of the ANC, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon members.

The PREMIER: It is very very hard to exaggerate the failures of the ANC.
Then, we get to the hon member Mr Magaxa who spoke about the scandal of

the toilets without realising the irony that his name sounds very similar to a place called Moqhaka that received honourable mention by the President in the State of the Nation Address. The hon President said that the National Government would now have to go and try and help the local authority of Mogaxa to put walls around their toilets three years after the Human Rights Commission told them to do so. [Interjections.]

So, three years on nothing has happened. He speaks about the National Democratic Revolution which is in direct contradiction both to the NDP and to aspects of the Constitution. It is absolutely true that the DA is the only party that has a plan and that is actually helping the poor [Interjection.].

Then we have the claim that the ANC has a much better delivery record on housing than the DA. The hon member Mr Magaxa said that the ANC had built 72 000 houses when it was in office over a five-year period but that the DA built only 59 000. Now, Madam Speaker, because I did not believe this, I asked for a forensic audit into the ANC's claims and we had one and let me tell you the result.

An HON MEMBER: It was too good.

The PREMIER: No. [Laughter.] At the time the Auditor-General ...

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He was another [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, at the time the ...

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ... Auditor-General was not measuring predetermined outcomes in any verifiable way and so it was very possible to do a thumb suck on these figures. It was very possible to do a thumb suck on these figures.

So, the annual report of the ANC in 2008/2009, in this province, said that the ANC had completed 15 717 houses but the FIU discovered that this claim could not possibly be verified. For a start, the ANC'S thumb suck figure includes programmes that had nothing to do with building and delivering housing units, absolutely nothing to do with it. It also shows that the ANC simply shifted the deadlines and counted units that had not been completed by the end of the financial year and counted units that had already been counted before.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yoh!

The PREMIER: They got away with it because at [Interjections.] that stage the Auditor-General was not verifying these claimed statistics by actually counting the final housing total by the cut-off date. [Interjections.] Despite this, the Auditor-General noted in the 2008/2009 audit, and please listen to this, that the evidence provided to support the performance as reported in the

ANC's draft annual report was ...

An HON MEMBER: Which ANC's annual report.

An HON MEMBER: Which year?

The PREMIER: I am talking about the ANC Government [Interjections.] The evidence provided to support the performance as reported in the draft annual report was in a number of instances materially inconsistent with the reported performance information.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yoh!

The PREMIER: So, even then the Auditor-General, although they did not go out and actually count the houses as they do now, found material inconsistencies and yet the ANC uses that figure to claim that they have built more houses than the DA. [Interjection.] It is all manipulation and if you want a name, all spin.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Just spin.

The PREMIER: Alright, then ... Sorry, Madam Speaker, I have just lost my place here. Right - Minister Bredell dealt with many issues, Madam Speaker, about local authorities and I will come back to them in a moment. [Interjections.] I want to thank you the [Interjections.] hon member Mr Lentit

for the ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The PREMIER: ... issues that you raised. Minister Plato, thank you very much for all the issues that you raised on the oversight. Let us talk about what Minister Dyantyi said ...

An HON MEMBER: Minister! [Laughter.]

The PREMIER: The honourable Dyantyi. [Interjections.] Once a president always a president. [Laughter.] †Ufuna umsebenzi. Ufuna umsebenzi apha.

*Do you want work? Do you want work here?

†Right, he spoke about demolishing people's homes in winter. He seems to have ignored ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, is that a question?

An HON MEMBER: It is on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is the point of order? Raise it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Premier says I spoke about demolishing of homes in winter ...

An HON MEMBER: That is not the point of order, honourable.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... which I never said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. It is not quite a point of order but the message is conveyed to the Premier. Please take your seat. Thank you. Madam Premier, please continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You know the rules.

The PREMIER: Well, what I want to talk about is the double standards on these demolitions because not only was the demolition in Lwandle ordered by a national government agency but this Sunday, when I was in Durban, more than 300 people were left in the cold after the eThekweni Municipality destroyed their shacks in Cato Crest and Lamontville.

HON MEMBERS: Yoh! [Interjections.].

The PREMIER: These stories are absolutely tragic and they did not have a court order. As the representative of Abahlali baseMjondolo said, “We asked them to stop or at least show us a court eviction order but he refused saying he does not take orders from us.” He clearly does not take orders from a court either.

Equally here, we have a mother of two, Masinbongile Somdileza, who was left with only a fridge after her furniture and other possessions were destroyed. She pointed to a broken bed underneath her collapsed shack and said, “I do not have a shelter to sleep with my boys. I am digging in rubble to locate my ID book and other documents. They, the officials, insulted us saying we should go back to Emampondweni in the Eastern Cape.” [Interjections.]. Ja. So, Cato Crest, when I was there, was a complete tragedy and it was a very very sad state of affairs.

Then, the hon member Mr Dyantyi says that we do not make any provision for people living in floods. Well, I would like to ...[Interjection.] You did. I would like to remind you of what you said when you were the Minister. Let me remind you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay. Let's go.

The PREMIER: You were very angry that homeless people were erecting their shacks ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ... and you were quoted as saying ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a resource.

The PREMIER: ... “What is happening now is that anybody just builds anything anywhere and we need to instil a culture of compliance.” Then you said, “one of our challenges is, that where we are able to clear a space and relocate people, the next day the same space is reoccupied [Interjections.] and you were justifying [Interjections.] the removal of people in that context.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Dyantyi.

The PREMIER: And you were doing precisely that. Then, the hon member Mr Dyantyi - who used to be an hon minister but is not going to be one so very fast again unless he comes to the DA [Laughter.] - was talking about how they solved local government’s problems.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must have read my [Indistinct.] hey.

The PREMIER: Now .. I have read some things that you have said my friend and it is going to come back to haunt you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are missing that. You are missing that [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: It is going to come back to haunt you through this whole session and through this whole period in office.

An HON MEMBER: As long as it is the truth.

The PREMIER: Let us ask the ANC what they are doing about Oudtshoorn [Interjections.] because in Oudtshoorn ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Let the ANC tell us.

The PREMIER: In Oudtshoorn, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is not only abuse but it is undermining the very fabric of democracy [Interjections.] because the ANC lost an election, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: They lost it.

The PREMIER: ... and they refused to vacate control.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: That sounds like a banana republic [Interjections.] and we are having to spend millions on court cases while they are using government funds to defend an illegal power grab and undermining democracy unconstitutionally. [Interjections.] This is a very serious matter indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker.

We also then have the extraordinary situation with Cederberg, where the ANC is not making any comment at all on Cederberg. Recently, not too long ago, in April last year, the Hawks said it had seized computers and cell phones owned by the Cederberg Municipality as part of their investigations

into corruption. [Interjections.] And so we have a whole range of issues here that point to direct corruption.

In Swellendam, what has happened is this; the SIU has given their report to the President. We have had a part of that report. We have now asked for all of the reports from the municipality.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible] trying after a long time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, order.

The PREMIER: ... asked for all the reports from the municipality ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, order for a second. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, we cannot have running commentary when the Premier speaks, please. Hon Premier, please continue.

The PREMIER: ... and in fact we are using our new laws that we have to deal with this for the very first time, on a DA municipality, and we will have no fear or favour. But the terrible thing is that where there is real corruption and not only that, an undermining of the Constitution, democracy and the rule of law, the ANC remains absolutely silent. Then, in Xhosa, the hon member Mr Dyantyi said that children get pregnant and there is no medicine for this so what are we going to do about it.

Well, there is medicine for this. It is called parental role models, it is called sound parenting, it is called using condoms, it is called going to clinics and getting free contraception and also, we provide on request, terminations of pregnancies within the first three months.

An HON MEMBER: Disgusting.

The PREMIER: There are many of us who would not personally support terminations of pregnancies but we will not judge other people because we are not in their circumstances; where they are raped, where they have no choice of their sexuality and where they are in dire circumstances. But there are choices that people face. That is the point I am making and people need to make those choices.

The hon member Mr Mnqasela spoke about the NDP and I very much support him on that and the mandate that was given to us for the NDP. The hon Minister Fritz spoke about all of our important strategies and he also stopped and spoke about SASSA which has been much in the news lately for the Director-General who served in this province under the ANC government who is again at it, allegedly giving jobs to pals and undermining good and clean governance in her new role as a deployed cadre.

I would like to thank the hon member Ms Marais for her comments on the PAY project and various other works and skills projects. Then, I would like to thank Minister Madikizela for spelling out exactly what the ministers of

the ANC spell out, not in as much clarity, but tell us on a regular and daily basis, around the mix of housing delivery and about the impossibility of the State ever being able to deliver a completed free house for everybody who wants one. [Interjections.].

Maybe the hon member Mr Paulsen could go and do a study of all the countries in which the mines have been nationalised and see how much it has profoundly drained the fiscus and see exactly how it has impoverished those societies [Interjections.].

We are currently busy with 161 housing projects and where they are blocked it is primarily because of conflict within the communities.

Then, the hon member Mr Dugmore says we do not have a vision and we do not have a vision statement. Of course we do. We have a very clear vision and a very clear vision statement that we have tabled on many occasions and let me read it to you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I just quoted the national vision [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: Our vision is ... You said that we did not have a vision. Here is our vision, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] Our vision for the future, and it is our 2040 vision; is a highly skilled, innovation-driven, resource-efficient, connected, high opportunity society for all. That is our vision and we think it competes with some of the best visions in the world.

An HON MEMBER: You will not govern in 2040! [Laughter.].
[Interjections.].

The PREMIER: The honourable ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ... member Mr Dugmore also speaks about what he calls sexism in this province, in a context where his own President says he loves going to Venda because the ladies have so much respect that they lie down on the floor and crawl on their knees [Interjections.] and where the ANC Women's League says South Africa is not ready for a woman president. [Interjections.]

Yes, we are agreeing that human dignity has to be the basis and we absolutely agree with redress. The fourth paragraph in my State of the Province Address was that our focus as Government and our role in government is to ensure the redress of the legacy of apartheid and everything we do is focused on [Interjections.] achieving that. [Interjections.].

The hon member Mr Dugmore said there was nothing about equity and new forms of ownership. We believe in share equity schemes. We have promoted them and we are the only government that actually does drive them. 80% of our equity share schemes in the rural areas have been successful.

On the issue of the Khanye project I would like to say to the hon member Mr Dugmore that I will look at it. I will investigate. I do not want there to be a regression in the access of our children to information and communication technologies. It is a critical skill in a modern economy and we want to build that platform. It was my flagship programme when I was the MEC for Education many years ago. We got to a point where every single school had a computer laboratory and although obviously we need to move to tablets and other forms we have to make absolutely sure.

An HON MEMBER: Please investigate [Inaudible.] closing.

The PREMIER: And now ...

An HON MEMBER: And the impact.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: I will investigate that. Let us get to the Filcon, so called 'scandal'. We would very much like an investigation into that because you will find that every tender was awarded according to due process.

Let me remind the hon member Mr Dugmore of a few contracts while he was the MEC for Education [Interjections.]. You will recall hon member Mr Dugmore that when you were the minister there was an investigation into

six cancelled construction contracts. The Mettler Report on these six cancelled projects found that during the hon member Mr Dugmore's term as MEC for Education, four contracts to the value of R36 million were awarded to Magqwaka Building Services to build schools.

This was despite the fact that consultants used during the tender process raised concerns about the company's capacity including: limited working experience, limited working capital, their over commitment, their competence and their low prices tendered. The conditions of the contract were also not signed by all the parties. Within the first two to three months early warning signs appeared that the contract performance and quality of workmanship were not acceptable or on track. Eventually, Mr Deputy Speaker, a second contractor had to be appointed to complete the four schools due to the shoddy workmanship and delays by Magqwaka Building Services, which resulted in their contracts being terminated.

An HON MEMBER: That is good.

The PREMIER: One of the schools was delivered 16 months behind schedule. A second school was delivered 15 months behind schedule and a third one was 11 months behind schedule. There is no record of what happened to the fourth one and the total additional cost that had to be paid by the provincial government to complete the four projects was just over R34,5 million which meant the cost of the projects of building those schools almost doubled, almost doubled.

Mr C M DUGMORE: What about... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now, here you have real manipulation of tenders according to the Mettler Report; contracts given to a company that was clearly not able to fulfil those contracts. In fact, there was no indication that Filcon was not able to do the job. It is always tragic when people cannot finish the job that they were intended to do but if there is going to be an investigation ...

Mr C M DUGMORE: What are you doing about it?

The PREMIER: ... we would welcome it and what we are doing is we are seeking to catch up on that foreclosure as quickly as we possibly can and ensure that children do not suffer. But the bottom line is that when companies go bankrupt under the DA and you investigate them it is not as if we are trying to do contracts with friends and cronies to enrich various people with kick-backs. We are doing things in good faith to serve the public of the Western Cape and we will continue to do that.

I cannot tell you the wonderful mountain of research that we have to show how much better the DA administration is compared to the ANC administration. Not only everywhere else in the country but simply comparing the ANC's term in office to the DA's term in office.

The voters are not stupid, they are highly intelligent which is why they gave

us a second term in office and did not give you another term in office. Mr Deputy Speaker, we are not perfect. We have an enormously long way to go to redress the legacy of the past and to create a context in which every person can live a life they value.

We believe in the open opportunity society for all. Let me repeat that; the open opportunity society for all. We know that opportunities are not equal [Interjection.] and we know that the State has an incredibly important role to play in equalising opportunities. Everything we do in this government is to invest in defending people's rights and to extending their opportunities and we wished that the party that pays lip service to that philosophy would get on and do it. In the meantime we will. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. That concludes the debate on the subject. It also concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The house adjourned at 20:17