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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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

The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: Please be seated. Order members! Before we proceed with the Order of the Day or the Sitting, allow me an opportunity to welcome all the guests in the gallery. In particular, the women from the Mandalay Methodist Church, Manyano, who are joining us here today, and all other guests in the gallery, welcome to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. I hope you will enjoy the Sitting today.

Hon members, before we proceed I would like to remind you of some of the logistical arrangements.

As has been our practice to date, hon members participating in the Sitting of the House both here from the Chamber with the Presiding Officer and Table staff and via Microsoft Teams and our Standing Rules have accordingly been amended to accommodate such hybrid Sittings. Hon members, if you experience challenges in connecting to the Sitting you are requested to contact the WCPP ICT colleagues who will assist you to resolve the connectivity.

Members, the quorum requirements for the Sitting of the House are provided for in the Constitution and the Standing Rules, and unless there is an indication of unanimous concurrence, voting will be confined to members present in the House and the hybrid system, who are entitled to cast their votes as per the ATC issued on 11 August 2020. [Audio echoing.]

Is that glitch dealt with?

Hon members who are present in the Chamber and via Microsoft Teams, you have all the privileges and immunities imparted by law. Members who are considered out of order by the Presiding Officer will have their microphones muted and called to order. The Serjeant-at-Arms has recorded members' attendance.

Hon members, I wish to remind you that where these directives do not cover a particular eventuality, the Standing Rules will apply and in instances where these Rules cannot be applied the ruling by the Presiding Officer is final.

All microphones have been muted. However for those hon members participating in this Sitting of the House via Microsoft Teams, you are requested to use the raise-hand functionality of the system when you desire to raise a point of order and I will recognise you.

When a hon member in the Chamber wishes to raise a point of order such a hon member may address the Presiding Officer as expected, but must mute their microphones when they have completed speaking.

Hon members, the media have also been granted access to the MS Teams meetings, as guests of the WCPP. However I wish to remind members of the press that they may not use the chat-room function or speak or activate their cameras while the Sitting is in progress.

If an individual member who is not a member of this House activates the microphone and video camera such an individual member will be exited from the Sitting immediately. I request that members of the public who are joining us here today who are not members of the House, to please observe the decorum of the House.

For this Sitting, hon members, Language Translation Services are available in the Chamber as usual and on Microsoft Teams via the respective channels.

Hon members, I wish to remind you that no interjections are permitted during these hybrid Sittings and to this end I wish to draw your attention to Rule 40 of our Standing Rules.

With that being said, hon members, we will move straight into Interpellations as per Rule 197 and I recognise the hon Minister, Minister Marais.

INTERPELLATIONS

1. Mr M Kama asked Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

In respect of the closure of sport facilities in the province for other Government programmes:

- (a) What is the impact of the closure of sport and recreation facilities in the province and
- (b) How does her Department intervene to prevent these closures?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Speaker. Thank you, member Kama for this question. The impact of closure of sport and recreation facilities, as you have asked, the closure of sport and recreation facilities in the province can have several significant impacts.

Firstly, our Health and Wellbeing: sport and recreation facilities play a vital role in promoting physical activity and overall well-being. Closure of these facilities can lead to reduced opportunities for exercise and leisure, potentially contributing to a sedentary lifestyle which may lead to various health issues.

Secondly, Community Engagement: sport facilities serve as gathering places for the community, fostering social interactions and community engagement. The closure can lead to a loss of community cohesion and a decline in social connections.

Thirdly, Economic Impact: sport and recreation facilities often support local economies by attracting visitors, generating revenue and creating jobs. Closure can have a negative economic impact on businesses and individuals depending on these facilities.

Further, our Youth Development: sport facilities provide opportunities for youth to participate in organised sport, promoting discipline, teamwork and leadership skills. Closure can limit these opportunities for young people.

Also Talent Development: these facilities often serve as training grounds for athletes, contributing to talent development in various sports. Closure may hinder the growth and development of athletes in the region.

And the second part: how does the Department intervene to prevent these closures? We intervene, sport facilities falls within the ambit of municipalities as indicated in Schedule 5(B) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

The decision to close sport facilities resides with the municipality in which municipal area the facility is located.

To prevent the closure of sport and recreation facilities they generally employ several strategies: Firstly, Advocacy: the Department advocates for the importance of sport and recreation facilities to municipalities who are the owners and in many instances the operators of the facilities and the public emphasising the social, economic and health benefits they bring to the community.

Secondly, Public Private Partnerships: nothing prohibits municipalities to collaborate with private entities, community organisations or non-profit groups to help share the financial burden and ensure sustainable management of sport facilities to keep them open. Municipalities can liaise with the local communities, including users and stakeholders, to provide valuable insights into the importance of these facilities, potentially rallying support to keep them open. A good example here is golf courses, which are maintained by the members with no or little support from the municipality. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I recognise the hon Kama.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thanks to the MEC for that reply, and I must state it, hon Speaker, that it is quite difficult to understand the direction that this Government is taking because on one hand it would come to this House and say we are going to use this Department in our strides to fight crime, we want to use this Department as a lead Department for youth development, for all these things, but when you

ask such critical questions, you get to be told that no, it is the City that manages this or that. But, Speaker, on February 2021 the bodies of four children aged between 11 and 13 were recovered by emergency officials after they fell into a hole under a bridge along the N2 Highway at the Borchers Quarry turn-off close to Nyanga. The tragic death of these four children was a wake up call to the Provincial Government and the City of Cape Town to do more to provide children in poor working-class communities with safe and healthy spaces to play.

Sports and recreation facilities are essential for the well-being of our children and this DA Government is not doing enough to invest in them. There is a general shortage of sports and recreational facilities in the Cape Flats. This is a major problem and as we look at it, it means that children and young people have nowhere to go to play and be active. This can lead to boredom, truancy and crime. In the recent released crime statistics, Gugulethu is number 4 nationally and the second highest in the province for reported murders. It is also in the top 30 stations for drug-related crimes as well as for the possession of illegal firearms and ammunition. In light of the above, the ANC is gravely concerned about the City of Cape Town's decision to cancel the lease agreement with the Gugulethu Sports and Development Trust for a piece of land used by the community for sport and recreation. This piece of land was an important resource used by the community for various sporting activities including soccer and netball for decades.

The decision by the DA to close down this facility, which is a vital space in the community for children to play and stay away from social ills is a grave tragedy. This decision by the DA will only make the problem of youth unemployment and crime even worse. It is in this regard that I want to ask the MEC how has her Department intervened in this reckless decision of her party in the City and how will she prevent future closures of sporting facilities in the province? I thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Kama. I recognise the hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Thank you to the Minister for that very comprehensive answer as well. Minister, as it has become very clear that the Western Cape, especially the City of Cape Town, has some of the most world-class facilities that are able to host massive international sporting events like we have seen with the netball, and also the extension of that, where communities were able to participate in the netball through the community-led viewing centres across the province, where we looked specifically this year alone, where we have had a bunch of international sporting events such as the Women's Cricket World Cup, the Netball World Cup, the EPRE which was voted as the best in the world as well as the Under-19 Rugby World Cup, which took place in a middle working-class township of Athlone, and just recently the Western Cape Government has also announced that it secured the spot to host, as being the host nation for the 2028 UCI Motorbike World Cup.

We are looking forward to this event and we are also looking forward to your Department, including more Western Cape municipalities and working-class communities in these events.

We are hoping that the Western Cape will also be able to host a number of international events in future, such as the 2027 FIFA Soccer World Cup, but Minister, since the spokesperson for the ANC on Safety, Sport and Culture struggles to understand how the Department promotes safe and healthy spaces for children, can you perhaps tell us about the type of activities that take place after school at the Mass Centres and also perhaps inform the House on the impact that the cut by the National Government of 31,47%, the 31,47% decrease on the Mass Participation and Sport Development Grant, what impact does that have on municipalities' ability to secure stadiums and to provide safe spaces for young people in the Western Cape? Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, that will be their view.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Bosman. I now recognise the hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Speaker, and the Minister did give adequate reply to the question on sport facilities in the province, but Minister, as you pointed out that this is in the domain of municipalities, what I want to know, as the ACDP is, as the previous speaker said, you know your Department does more.

It is not confined to sporting facilities. You do much more. Can you elaborate, because the big question here is that we want to get our youngsters to participate in sport and not crime, so how do you divert youth of not falling prey to crime, but rather use their abilities to excel in sport. I am quite surprised that the coach, hon De Villiers, is not debating on this. I think he is most probably the most capable person to speak on this, and he is not speaking of this. So, Minister, give us some guidance. Thank you. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Christians. [Interjections.]
Order members! Order, members! I now recognise the hon Klaas.

Mr T KLAAS (EFF): Thank you, Speaker. The development of sports and recreation infrastructure plays a very important role in the society, more especially in a deeply divided society such as ours, where the result of past injustice continues to manifest themselves to create an ever growing inequality gap. The majority of the Black and the Coloured communities in the Western Cape still lack sporting facilities, which cater for different sporting codes and compared to those areas in the leafy suburbs, as compared to those, where a majority of White people reside. Our children in the townships grow, looking and participating in sporting codes of their interest, but the reality is that they only see facility catering for those sporting codes only on TV, as the racist DA-led Government is not willing to build good sporting facilities in those areas.

In Gugulethu efforts made by the Black people to build a proper sporting facility was dented by the DA Provincial Government in concert with the City of Cape Town where they cannot seem...

The SPEAKER: Hon Klaas can you please conclude? [Interjections.]

Mr T KLAAS (EFF): Okay, let us conclude. [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: More votes!

The SPEAKER: Order members!

Mr T KLAAS (EFF): What is the Minister doing to work with the other Departments such as Infrastructure and Education to make sure that Black and Coloured township and schools have proper sport facilities [Inaudible, speaking simultaneously.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Klaas. Please take your seat. Your time has expired, thank you very much. Thank you very much, hon Klaas. I now recognise hon Kama. [Interjection.] Order, members!

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Thank you very much, Speaker. I am not surprised at the contributions of the Chair of the Committee. It clearly demonstrates who this Government serves, because I am talking about sporting facilities in our poor townships, he tells me about world-class events.

The SPEAKER: Hon Kama, please take your seat. Hon Chief Whip, is that a point of order?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): That is a point of order, thank you very much, Speaker. Speaker, I move on Rule 196 that deals with admissibility of questions and interpellations. It clearly states at 2(B) that it must be specific and 3(C) speaks to not expressing a point of view and I believe that is what the hon Kama is doing. Can you please rule? Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Hon Chief Whip, I will listen carefully but the hon Kama is still in his first few seconds of his second opportunity, so hon Kama, you may continue.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Truly, Speaker, what the people of Khayelitsha, Gugulethu and Manenberg know as a netball court, is that field that is no longer used, not maintained. It is occupied by gangsters. So the closure of these sporting facilities will have a number of negative consequences for the community, including depriving young people of a safe and accessible space to play sports and stay active. Three years after the February 8th 2021 tragedy, scores of children from Nyanga, Gugulethu and surrounds still have to go to the open fields along the N2 to find spaces to play. This is a major concern, given the high levels of crime and violence in the area. The reckless decision by the DA in the City is a slap in the face of the Development Trust, which has done a tremendous job to develop the land to the state of art sport facility and managed it for nearly 20 years.

The closure of this facility is particularly appalling, especially given the state of other sport and recreational facilities in Gugulethu as well, because in a memorandum they submitted, Speaker, to the City of Cape Town, they highlighted that stadiums in NY116 and NY95 are vandalised. Luyolo Community Hall of NY26 has been invaded for about five years now. The swimming pools of NY117, Vulindlela, and NY62, Emthonjeni, have been dry and closed before COVID-19 for about more than five years now. The NY95 sporting field is a mess and the change rooms have become a haven for criminals. This field is not maintained. There is no fencing. There are no lights. This is the case for all sporting facilities or recreational facilities in the Cape Flats. While we understand the need of the community health facility in the area, it is however unfortunate that the City has identified and disposes of this historic and important... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Kama, your time has expired, please conclude.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): As I conclude, Speaker, I want to really ask as a fundamental question to this Government as to when will they stand and pride themselves for changing the lives of the poor in this province meaningfully especially those... [Interjection, speaking simultaneously.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Kama. Please take your seat.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Thank you very much.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: But the DA does not care.

The SPEAKER: Order members!

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: They do not care.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: What are you doing in other provinces?

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): We are not in other provinces.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. [Interjections.] There is clearly a dialogue happening in this Chamber. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What is happening in the province is a disgrace.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: It is disgraceful.

An HON MEMBER: Disgraceful, stop shifting... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Speaker. Thank you for all the participants, the specific strategies and

actions taken by the Department may vary, depending on the Government's priorities, available resources and the nature of the challenges faced by the municipality. I want to mention that we do have extensive footprint in Gugulethu, Khayelitsha, Nyanga, NY, but community must take ownership to prevent vandalism in these areas. It is also very important. We have Club Development Programmes, the NGOs operating and having soccer teams, netball teams, as well as boxing. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The MOD Centres and our Year Beyond Programmes are just a few that I can mention. Then to provide a just, open and encouraging environment for our sport persons of athletes to excel, the Government, the sport organisations, federations and the community as well as the stakeholders must collaborate, more now than ever because of the devastating budget cuts and I must mention politics and corruption and mismanagement have no place in sport. Sports and politics have to exist as distinct industries, so, thank you so much.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Hon Minister. Hon members, that concludes Interpellation 1 and just for the record, please note that Interpellation 2 as printed on the Question Paper has been withdrawn.

[Interpellation 2 withdrawn.]

The SPEAKER: So we will move on to Interpellation 3 as printed on the Question Paper. I recognise the hon Minister, Minister Mackenzie.

3. Ms A Cassiem asked Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

- (1) How long on average does it take the Western Cape Government Provincial Regulatory Entity to issue operating licences to minibus taxi operators after they have submitted applications;
- (2) whether there are any backlogs to date when it comes to the issuing of these licences?

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you, House Speaker. The question from hon Cassiem, thank you very much for the question. The answer is we introduced a two-way application lodging process, namely the Online and the Walk-In System. The legislative time frame for a permanent application is 60 days. However, in the Western Cape we strive to finalise all applications in 45 days. Over-the-counter applications take 72 hours, and we receive applications, an average of 1 500 per month.

The quarterly performance of 2023, the first quarter of the PRE-hearings are conducted for the public transport, for Operating Licence Process in terms of the National Land Transport Act 5 of 2009.

The 39 hearings were concluded against the target of a 30, hon Marran, to allow for the increase of the applications due to new developments and rules.

Number 2, there is no backlog for any application services at the Western Cape PRE, hon Marran; the PRE awaits recommendations by municipalities to process applications in terms of Section 36 of the NLTA. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I recognise the hon Cassiem.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, my question stems from a conundrum which spans more than 14 years ago, which involved Mr Khanyiso Rasi, his father Golden Rasi, together with other taxi permit applicants from George, against the Department and its Provincial Regularity Entity. The maladministration of this Department and its entity in handling issues connected to taxi permits came to light when the applicants in question were denied taxi permits under questionable circumstances in 2009, despite receiving the backing of the George Municipality and the local Taxi Association.

When members of the EFF and the taxi permit applicants approached officials from the provincial entity during 2021, it became clear that there was no synergy between the office in Cape Town and the rest of the satellite offices in the Western Cape.

The first thing that was clear was that there was no proper record keeping from the entity and its satellite offices because it took more than 11 years for the entity to first make its communication with Mr Khanyiso and by then it was informing him and other applicants that their permits will be cancelled due to inactivity and non-upliftment of those permits. Later, Mr Rasi and his father were informed that the application and permit respectively had been cancelled as a result of the former's failure to provide the correct route, and the last is failure to uplift his granted permit.

However, what is appalling and shocking is that the same entity has no record whatsoever showing that communication was sent to the applicants informing them that there was an issue with the route description and further that Mr Rasi senior's application was granted, and to this day the entity cannot prove or show that this information was sent in one form or another to the applicants until some 11 years later when they were informed that the application fell through. The above paints a picture of the Provincial Government Department and the entity which are not only incapable, but also responsible in creating the chaos we have witnessed in the past few weeks resulting in the loss of innocent lives and livelihoods for the majority of poor people from townships.

In conclusion, if this Department was capable of executing its mandate then the application and the renewal of taxi permits would have been efficient resulting in less taxis being impounded.

With this being said, Speaker, what is the Department doing to make sure that deserving applicants for taxi permits receive their permits on time with less administrative hardship, because it also does not make sense that applicants would lose their permits due to minor issues such as route descriptions and lack of permit upliftment, especially under circumstances where the Department cannot show that such were brought to the attention of the applicant's through some sort of correspondence.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Cassiem. Order members! I now recognise the hon America.

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Thank you, Speaker, lost in translation. Thank you for your response, Minister. In terms of the National Land Transportation Act ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D AMERICA (DA): The Provincial Regulatory Entity is mandated to conduct public hearings when issuing operating licences. So at the Standing Committee meeting yesterday, Minister, it was stated that against the target, and you repeated it in your response, of 34 this first quarter, 39 hearings were conducted and there are no outstanding operating licences, and these increased hearings, as the Minister has stated, well, came about as a result of increased applications as well as new routes that are being formulated and being approved. So it is misleading, Minister, to hear that there are any

operating licences that are outstanding. So, Minister, I think I speak for all the members in this House when I say to you that your Department and the City of Cape Town have done a tremendous job in getting SANTACO back to the Taxi... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not speak on behalf of me. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr D AMERICA (DA): I agree, sorry. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Ja, to bring SANTACO back to the Taxi Task Team. I also understand that negotiations are positive and that progress is being made. It gives me hope and I look forward to what the future holds for the engagement.

Minister, it is important to provide assistance to our taxi operators, and to help them apply for operating licences, and I have no doubt that your Department is doing everything in your power to assist taxi operators to ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon America, please note the time has expired. Please conclude.

Mr D AMERICA (DA): So I would ask what support does the Provincial Regulatory Entity provide to applicants to assist them in their application process?

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon America. Please take your seat.

Mr D AMERICA (DA): Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I now recognise the hon Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI (ANC): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I do not know whether it looks like we have got two Ministers here, I thought that hon America will assist us in actually holding the Minister accountable, but it looks like he is more siding with the Minister, instead of actually assisting us to hold the Minister to account ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L L MVIMBI (ANC): Hon Speaker, I am concerned about the delays in issuing operating licences to minibus taxi operators in the Western Cape. According to the information at our disposal, the Provincial Regulatory Entity has failed to issue operating licences within the legislated 60-day period. This sometimes takes up to 90 days, so I am surprised when the Minister says that they actually take up to 45 days. If he can give us one practical example, it will be very good.

This is unacceptable and it is causing a great deal of inconvenience and uncertainty for taxi operators. There are 13 446 valid operating licences conferred to minibus taxis to provide services, and 1 700 applications that are still pending, adding to the backlog. I am surprised when the Minister said there is no backlog. What about those that are pending, hon Minister? This backlog is also unacceptable and it is preventing new taxi operators from entering the market.

In addition to the above, I would like to stress the importance of the PRE in ensuring that all municipalities have up-to-date integrated transport plans, which are ITPs. There is a duty on PRE and local authorities to ascertain the demand on the routes and to decide on how many operating licences to issue out based on material conditions. This is to avoid over-saturating the routes.

They last updated this in the year 2016. With the increase in population in our province and the debacle of the railway system, it resulted in more commuters commuting with the minibus taxis. This is a problem that...
...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Mvimbi, your time has expired. Please conclude... [Interjection.]

Mr L L MVIMBI (ANC): [Inaudible, speaking simultaneously.] ... not always making decisions. I urge the Minister to work with municipalities to ensure

that all ITP's are up to date.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon.

Mr L L MVIMBI (ANC): In the absence of these municipalities, like the City of Cape Town... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Mvimbi, please take your seat. I now recognise the hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, if I heard the Minister correctly, it is 45 days about for your application to succeed. The question that I have is though when somebody goes to apply for a licence, how long do they wait in the queue? That is a contentious question. You go and you wait there the whole day. Maybe if the Minister can answer that.

The second one is how friendly are your online applications? Because I believe people want to rather do it online than to go stand in a queue. But Minister, the last question I want to know from you is, are there limits per route, because we know that the taxi industry is a cut-throat business industry and that is why you have them racing from one end to the other. So is there a limit to routes, and I think that will maybe address the taxis racing from one point to the other. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Christians. I now recognise the hon Cassiem for your second opportunity, as per the Rules.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Thank you, Speaker. Connected to the issue of taxi permits and impoundment of minibus taxis, I would like the Minister to clarify the events which transpired a few days ago when the Department took a sudden decision to target and impound scholar transport in Pelican Park. The result of such a hasty decision left several learners stranded without any form of transportation, forcing parents to make last minute desperate attempts to secure alternative transportation for their children.

Moreover, it would appear that the motive behind the impounding of these taxis used as scholar transport has to do with the issue of operators using taxi models that are declared older, if found to be falling under the year of 2007. However, the same taxis have been transporting learners all along without any issues being raised with operators by the Department.

Furthermore, it should also be borne in mind that the same drivers operating these scholar transport taxis are members of the public who engage in this type of business to feed their families and to make ends meet. If they are taken out of business that would mean that they will now fall under the category of those who are unemployed. A sensible Department under the correct proper leadership would have acted in a more humane and professional manner, taking into account the interests of the learners and those operating those scholar transport in the process.

The majority of these vehicles impounded have been operating for some time now and have been certified roadworthy with proper carriage licence and the relevant documentation to transport those learners. So it would appear that the Department was just retaliating in the process, following the taxi stay-away decision which took place a few days ago, resulting in chaotic events.

Having said that, Speaker, can the Minister state why he did not engage owners of the scholar transport earlier to communicate with them, the Department's policy regarding old vehicles transporting learners, and then allowing them a reasonable time to comply with such a policy. An example of that can be given, the timeframes in which they should upgrade their taxis and get newer models in line with the policy under consideration. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Cassiem. I now recognise the hon Minister, Minister Mackenzie.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you, hon Speaker. Perhaps can I start with the last point? Hon Cassiem, I am not sure if you are aware, six children died in Mitchells Plain on the back of a bakkie. Before that we lost, I think it was in February this year, another two children. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Ja, but that is not the same...

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: And you tell those parents of those children

that you – because that is what you are saying, you want to allow children to drive in vehicles that are non-roadworthy, vehicles that do not have permits, vehicles that are no longer ...[Interjection.]

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): That is not what I said. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Can you listen to me? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order members! Order! Hon Minister, please...

[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: What you are asking us, you are asking us to disregard the laws ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon Deputy Chief Whip of the Opposition, is that a point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, it is a point of order.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: What is your point of order?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Can the hon Minister please speak through you and not directly to the member, and he is also saying wrong things by the way, at the same time. She did not say that, but that is just a

by-the-way. He must speak through you.

The SPEAKER: Hon Deputy Chief Whip. That is not a point of order. Hon Minister, I am going to remind you, and all members of the House to please address the Chair and not directly address one another.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you, Hon Speaker, I'll speak via you. Six children died in Mitchell's Plain. Hon Speaker, six children died in Mitchell's Plain.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon Kama, is that a point of order? [Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA (ANC): No, thank you very much ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order members, there is a member on the floor.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): I want to check with you Speaker, because the Minister's first starts about the tragedy that happened where children died.

The SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Mr M KAMA (ANC): I am raising the point... [Interjections, speaking simultaneously.]

The SPEAKER: Order members! There is a member...

Mr M KAMA (ANC): The Chief Whip was [Inaudible.] ...here and there.
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Kama, please raise your point of order. Hon members!
[Interjections.] Order members! Hon Kama, can you please raise your point
of order?

Mr M KAMA (ANC): The point of order, Speaker, is that as I am listening to
the Minister, he is imputing improper motives to the member, because he is
saying: "The member is saying..."

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: No, I am not.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): Yes, he is.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): "The member is saying, while there are six children
who would have died in a bakkie, the member is saying those children must
use transport that is not suitable in terms of the law and therefore..."

The SPEAKER: Hon Kama, what is your point of order?

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Speaker, when are you going to... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr M KAMA (ANC): I cannot even hear myself now! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Kama, can you please raise your point of order?

Mr M KAMA (ANC): I have raised.

The SPEAKER: You do not need to justify it, I need to apply the Rules so can you just raise your point of order as per the Standing Rules?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): He is building up.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): The point that I am raising is that the MEC is imputing improper motives on the member.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): Yes.

The SPEAKER: Alright, that's your point of order?

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Yes, and I have explained why am I saying because of what he has said because he was saying... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, you do not need to... Thank you, thank you very much, hon Kama. Hon members, when you raise a point of order, you do not need to

justify your point of order, it is for me to apply my mind based on the Rules, so hon Kama, I did not hear that and if there is a need, I will revert to Hansard and come back to the House with the ruling.

Hon Minister, please continue.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Hon Speaker, the member asked me a specific question, why did we impound scholar transport vehicles, and I am going to explain again. Six children died. It is a serious matter. Six children died in one crash in improper scholar transport. That is a matter of fact, it is not impugning on anyone's character, it is a matter of fact, and before that, another two children died, and the same day another child was run over in Heideveld. These are matters of fact. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order members!

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: So when our traffic officers go out and impound vehicles that are illegally on the road, they are not doing it for fun, they are not doing it because they are bored with their lives. They are doing it because they prevent, they are trying to prevent the loss of life, and the members of this House who are holders of the law should cheer them and applaud them for upholding the laws of this country. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: The second question the member has asked, if I can respond to her, and she talked about the George permit and Mr Rasi and I have actually found the letter very quickly because I remember that case specifically, and I will read the last letter that we sent to Mr Rasi, because he came to meet in my office, by the way, something he apparently did with every new MEC over the last five years. So I am going to read the last letter we sent, and I am going to try and be short, it is a long letter. It says, these are both decisions that were addressed to Mr Rasi in George:

"It is our view that the prescribed legal process was followed to process and dispose of the operating licence condition. We consider these matters to be final."

That was over 10 years ago. Every MEC he will come and see, but he gets the same answer because, it is not that they did not get documents, he did receive his response, but he did not like the response. Sometimes "no" is an answer and that is the fact.

Hon Mvimbi, thank you for the question. 1 700 are pending, it is not a backlog. When you submit a document to somebody and they acknowledge of receipt, it is an acknowledgement that they have received it and they are busy with it. It is not a backlog. There is no backlog in the municipalities ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order members!

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: ... so when, it is like submitting your CV, somebody say they acknowledge your CV, but the interview's only next week. It does not mean there is a backlog on your application. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: So the 45 days, it is a win, because the law says 60 to 90 days. The 45 days, it is a shorter period, that is why we are saying, it is a success story, and when the municipalities have not responded on a matter, the hon Mvimbi has got members of ANC councillors, he should not be doing their job. They should go to the municipality and ask them: "Have you informed the PRE what you are doing or not?" [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: So that is a very important part. Hon Christians, thank you very much, our services are very friendly and ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, your time has expired. Please conclude.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: I was stopped three times, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The clock was stopped in the process. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Thank you, on Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order members!

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Hon Christians, yes, there are routes limits to avoid taxi wars, to avoid over-trading because over-trading leads to taxi wars. [Interjections.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. Thank you. Thank you very much, hon members. Hon members, that concludes Interpellations, as per Rule 197.

We will now move over to Questions for Oral Reply as per Rule 202, but before I recognise the first Minister, I wish to remind the hon members that once the hon Minister has started the reply to the oral question, as printed on the Question Paper, hon members must use the chat facility for the Sitting of the House to indicate that they want to ask a follow-up question for those hon members online, and for those members in the Chamber to give an indication to the Table staff. There are four opportunities for follow-up questions, but the hon member who had posed the initial oral question will be provided the first opportunity for the follow-up question, and thereafter hon members may then use the remaining opportunities. I recognise the hon Minister, Minister

Simmers.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

1. Ms L M Maseko asked Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Whether his Department has approached the National Government to ask them to assist with land for housing delivery in the province; if so,

- (a) which projects are being undertaken,
- (b) how much is being spent on these projects and
- (c) how many housing opportunities will be created?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, and thank you to member Maseko for the question.

Member, I can confirm that my Department has requested the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure or NDPWI to release several parcels of land across our province for human settlements development mainly and to date none of the requested land parcels have been made available to the Department of Human Settlement for its purposes. In fact it has now become clear and it is fully understood by all provinces, not just for the Western Cape that the National Department of Public Works in Infrastructure has taken a firm stance that any land they do make available to provinces would be to the Housing Development Agency when it comes to settlement development. So therefore, member, there is no funding, no

budget because there is no land that has been transferred to this province.
Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Hon Minister, I recognise the hon Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Minister. I just want to find out, Minister, in the spirit of intergovernmental relations between the three spheres of government, has the Provincial Government ever transferred land parcels to any municipality? If that is the case, which are those municipalities, if you can name the few?

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Maseko. Just for the record, I recognised hon Christians, Marran, and Cassiem and that is the four opportunities. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Through you, indeed member, the Provincial Government or the whole Transport and Public Works has transferred various pockets of provincially-owned land to various municipalities across the province for settlement development; now the position is to expand on existing infrastructure, which is needed by municipalities. Where we have transferred those provincial and parcels of land to local municipalities, it falls within the development corridor and hence it is part of our Human Settlements Business Plan and its budget as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I recognise hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Thank you, Speaker. Speaker, the biggest concern I have is the R160 million being paid to keep the construction mafia and illegal occupation of the current land that you have and houses that are still under construction. So I just want to ask you is this going to be an extra burden if you should get land because you are already spending R160 million just to keep people from occupying the land and houses now. It is a big budget, so it means that budget must expand if you get more land. Just the explanation, because this is a significant amount that more houses could be built, but now we must utilise it for something else. Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, and through you, to the hon Christians. No indeed, hon Christians, we spent R161,7 million for the 2022/2023 financial year. We have lost 125 housing opportunities. If I take the full three-year cycle, we have actually lost half a billion rand and close to 1000 housing opportunities. Indeed should we get additional land, which is meant for human settlements development we do as part of our processes moving forward, we wanted to ensure that there is security for such land given the vast tracts of land that we have lost already that were earmarked for human settlement development and the bulk of the

money which you referred to, hon member, has been spent in the City of Cape Town because of land being invaded, amongst others. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Hon Minister. Hon Marran.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thank you, Speaker, and good afternoon to everyone present. Speaker, as you know that the ANC has governed until 2009 and before that the ANC has released land parcels through the HDA. We also know in 2010 that Helen Zille, when she was the Premier, withdrew the release of these land parcels and the signed agreement was declared *pro non scripto; non pro scripto* and there is Tafelberg also, the MEC is saying that there is no land parcels. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): I therefore, Speaker, want to ask the MEC when this Government is considering going back to the ANC Plan of 2009 to use these existing pockets of land and properties under the ownership of human settlements for the purpose of building houses for the poor and middle-class closer to the City Centre... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: ANC Plans.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marran. Hon Minister?

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Speaker, thank you, through to the member and just to quote him, he said it was an ANC Plan, and we all know everything the ANC touches remains a plan. As at the DA-led Provincial Government we have our own plans, our own strategies focusing on affordable housing and land earmarked for Inner City Development has been identified and has...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon members, you had an opportunity.
[Interjections.] If you would like to pose a question, you did not indicate that.

Hon Dugmore and Sayed, I am on the floor. You had an opportunity to raise your hand if you wanted to pose a question to the Minister. I have recognised four members to do so. Please allow those members to pose their questions without interjections and underlining conversations. I now recognise the hon Cassiem. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Could you tell us why is he not ...
[Interjection.]

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Thank you, Speaker. My question, are there any parcels of land that the Department identified before they can even go and

ask assistance from the National Government and what is the Department doing to acquire more land from the Provincial Government in the City of Cape Town, which is closer to areas of business for purposes of social housing and to achieve the goal of spatial planning. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Cassiem. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Hon Speaker, I tried to keep track what the member was asking me so please, I do apologise if I missed something. Hon member, firstly, when we have our own provincial land of which the former Transport and Public Works is the custodian, once again all the land which is owned by the Provincial Government, not every piece of land is usable for human settlement development. It has various other uses.

Among others where we do have such land within the City jurisdiction, they are either earmarked for human settlement development already. Part of this Provincial Government strategy moving forward is to use such parcels of land that is developable for human settlement development, to ensure that it speaks to affordable housing and mixed housing development, which, I think, answers the (a) part of your question. The (b) part of your question, is the City of Cape Town, once again, we do focus on available land that we can utilise and when we have proven that where we and the City can work together where they have available land, we do expand our project size and our projects' impact in terms of affordable housing mixed-use development. Thank you.

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

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: You have not prepared your research. Flimsy answers.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, that concludes Question 1 on the Question Paper. [Interjections.] Hon members, just for the record, Question 2 and 3 were withdrawn, so we move to Question 4 as printed on the Question Paper.

[Questions 2 and 3 withdrawn.]

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister, Minister Simmers.

4. Mr T M Klaas asked Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

Whether the Provincial Government owns any parcels of land that remain unused but would be suitable for the provision of housing; if so, where are these parcels of land located?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, and through you to the member, once again thank you for the questions. Hon Klaas, in responding to this pertinent question, I believe context is key for you to fully understand my response.

Human Settlements or Housing, as it is colloquially referred to, is both complex and very emotive. It is emotive and complex due to a number of reasons and therefore should not be politicised to gain cheap political scores. The complexity in human settlements developments is further exacerbated by the scourge of land grabs which you have just heard I alluded to in the previous question; political interference at community level, community dynamics, construction mafia and the increased inward migration to our province. The Department currently has over 89 hectares of land in its Asset Register that is deemed suitable for human settlement development across our province with most of the land located within the Metro jurisdiction.

Even though these parcels of land are deemed suitable for human settlement purposes, a number of processes still need to be carried out. These processes include, but are not limited to, pre-feasibility studies to determine the suitability of land and other land assessment processes. These parcels of land are currently both vacant or have been illegally occupied.

One such example of illegally occupied land is the Penhill and Ithemba land that was earmarked to yield more than 10 000 housing opportunities and, as a result, deserving beneficiaries are currently deprived of the dignity of adequate housing. There is currently a legal process underway to ensure that the true potential of the sites can be achieved once we can remove the current illegal occupiers.

Hon Speaker, the member will be sorely devastated as I am unfortunately not

going to share the list, nor the locations of our parcels of land, as this information will be seen as an open invitation to encourage more illegal invitations or invasions. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: As I stated in my opening remarks, housing is an emotive topic that should not be politicised as our deserving beneficiaries become collateral damage and this is grossly unfair, but here is the list, which I will not provide. Thank you.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: You are running away from... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members! Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon members on my left and right-hand side. The Minister is responding to a question by a member. Please do not infringe on the right of the member to hear the answer as provided by the Minister.

Hon Minister, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Hon Speaker, through you, I have responded to the question. I just wish to repeat. This is the list of all the land parcels, but unfortunately out of fear of invasion, I will not be sharing it with the member.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I recognise the hon Klaas.

Mr T KLAAS (EFF): I want the question to be a record on the record. How many hectares of land are currently unused parcels of land and how many housing units can be built in total since the housing backlog amounted close to nearly 600 000 in the beginning of 2023 and 2024 financial year?

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Klaas. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Hon Speaker, through you, I think the number of hectares, I did indicate in my response, it is 89 hectares. [Interjections.] Hon member, if you live in the Metro area the yield is supposed to be 80 housing opportunities per hectare so you take the 89 hectares times the number of units per hectare. If you live in a non-metro area it is 100 units per hectare. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the hon Marran.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thanks very much, Speaker, the Western Cape and the City of Cape Town in particular, remain one of the most spatially segregated settlements in the world, not only in South Africa, in the world based on race, and we have heard now the MEC saying that he got a list of all those parcels and they will not release because, and I have heard at some

stage, I think it was in Saldanha Bay, where the Chairperson explained that the ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Marran, can I just remind you this is a follow-up question.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Yes, it is a follow-up question. We are getting there, just the build-up. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members! [Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Where she basically told Saldanha Bay Municipality not to make the land parcels in that particular municipality available because it will be... [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Wat is die vraag?

[An HON MEMBER: What is the question?]

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Can the MEC tell us how are his Department and Government intervening to remedy spatial segregation in the province?

The SPEAKER: Hon Marran, my apologies. There is – I assume that there is a point of order but let me first ask, hon Maseko, is that a point of order?

Hon Marran, please take your seat.

Ms L M MASEKO: That is a point of order, Speaker, because member Marran is misleading the House.

The SPEAKER: Hon Maseko, I am not going to adjudicate on the facts of the submission, if there is, there are other parliamentary processes that should apply to get that to the attention of the House.

Ms L M MASEKO: That definitely is in order and it will be a substantive motion.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Bring a substantive motion.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Maseko.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): You must tell us how these...

The SPEAKER: Hon Marran, please take your seat. Hon Bakubaku-Vos is that a point of order?

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS (ANC): Yes, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Ms N G BAKUBAKU-VOS (ANC): It seems that we have many Speakers here. They are trying to undermine you, Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Thank you very much, hon Bakubaku-Vos. Hon Marran, please, can I just caution you, you need to get to the question now.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): I am there.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): I am finished with the build-up. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Speaker, can the MEC tell us how his Department and Government are intervening to remedy spatial segregation in the province by releasing these pockets of land that he said that he has a list of pockets of land it owns for the development of affordable housing near places of opportunities?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marran. Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Hon Speaker, through you, the bulk

of our development and even the land lists, some of which are already at advanced stages of planning and ready for implementation, focuses on mixed-use development by definition, because you very seldom attend and ask the questions in the Standing Committee.

A mixed-used development project, hon Speaker, is where we cater for the BNGs, the fully subsidised. We cater for the affordable housing market and we focus on social housing, such projects and the member, through you, Speaker, some of these projects, which is a tangible example of the DA policy in this province.

I believe the hon member, has been to Mossel Bay, the Mountain View Project, where one can integrate the various Human Settlement projects. If he has not he must go to Conradie Park. Another key example, we integrate the various forms of policies to ensure that we integrate people from different backgrounds.

The hon member can also go to Bothasig Phase 1 and 2. Once again it focuses on socialising, which is a rental option, hon member, and Phase 2 also focuses on affordable housing.

I can go on and on and on, hon Speaker. The problem, hon Speaker, is that as much as we respond in this House it is the member's duty to actually go through our Blue Book. We list our projects, we list our successes, we also list that we are going to do. †Die antwoord is die boek. Lees net die Blou

Boek. Dankie, agb Speaker. [The answer is in the book. Just read the Blue Book. Thank you, hon Speaker.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I recognise the hon member Kama. [Interjections.] Order members!

Mr M KAMA (ANC): No, thank you ...[Incomplete.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Kama, please take your seat. Your ...[Incomplete.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, you are the weakest link in this Cabinet ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

An HON MEMBER: The weakest link.

The SPEAKER: There is a member on the floor that I have recognised. I mean this entire Sitting I have been cautioning and asking that you please cooperate and adhere to the Rules and allow the member on the floor to make his or her submission. [Interjections.]

Hon members, I am on the floor, hon member Marran.

†'n AGB LID: Jaag hom uit!

[An HON MEMBER: Chase him out!]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Kama, my apologies. You may pose your question.

An HON MEMBER: He wants a [Inaudible.]. [Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA (ANC): No, thank you very much, hon Speaker. [Interjections.] I think, through you, hon Speaker, also following from the question that hon member Marran was asking.

I now want to perhaps be specific and ask the Minister, are there any pockets of land here in the CBD going to Sea Point ...[intervenes]

An HON MEMBER: Wingfield.

Mr M KAMA (ANC): ... Camps Bay, which belongs to the Provincial Government and the Provincial Government intends to build affordable houses for the people of the province, knowing that there is Tafelberg that this Government keeps on spending millions on when the Court would have pronounced that it has failed to constitutionally deliver its duty ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is the question?

Mr M KAMA (ANC): ... of building affordable houses for the people of this province?

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Kama. [Interjections.]
Hon Minister.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. [Interjections.] Order. Hon Minister.

An HON MEMBER: Stellenbosch [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: hon Speaker, I would love to refer the hon member just back to my answer again. I am going to read:

"The Department currently has over 89 hectares of land."

Which is what you asked.

"In its asset register, that is deemed suitable for human settlement development across the province, with most of the land located in the Metro."

Of that 89 hectares there is a fair portion within the inner city which is

earmarked for development. Two of those parcels are earmarked in advanced stages for mixed-use development in terms of affordable housing and in terms of social housing as well, and at the appropriate time we will be making that announcement.

Other outside of the City centre there are also parcels of land earmarked for development at various stages of implementation. So I have thoroughly answered your question. Thank you, hon Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon members. Hon members, are there any further [Interjections.] – my apologies. I recognise hon member Marais on the hybrid system. Hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): I thank you, hon Speaker. I want to ask the Minister in terms of orderly urbanisation, you should have a plan to prepare for urbanisation because some things we cannot stop, but at the same time it would only be fair to let those people who have applied for housing and have been patiently waiting for up to 20 years to be given a house, to be given preference.

Do you stick to that policy or would you allow a person who has been here 10 or more years after the person is on the waiting list ...[intervenes]

An HON MEMBER: It is a new question.

Mr P J MARAIS: ... to get precedence and why if so? Thank you.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Marais. Hon Minister, that is a new question, but I am not going to dictate to you how you should or should not answer. So over to you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE: Hon Speaker, no, thank you to the hon member for the question, but I think, so the member can fully understand the housing allocation policy and the housing allocation process through you, hon Speaker, I will actually provide the member a written response outlining the allocations policy, but also the plan for human settlements development which encapsulates the entire question. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister, and thank you very much for that commitment.

Hon members, we now move on to Question 5 as printed on the Question Paper. I recognise the Minister of Agriculture, Minister Meyer.

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

5. Ms A Cassiem to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:

How many hectares of agricultural land suitable for farming are owned

by the Provincial Government?

†Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Dankie, agb lid Cassiem, baie dankie vir die vraag. Agb lid Cassiem, die Wes-Kaapse Departement van Landbou bestuur twee plase in staatsbesit in die Tuinroete, naamlik Amalienstein en Zoar, en Waaikraal in Oudtshoorn.

Die hoeveelheid hektaar vir elke plaas is, soos u vraag, Amalienstein 7 626,47 hektaar. Waaikraal, soos per u vraag, is 772,37 hektaar.

Agb lid Cassiem, daarbenewens beskik die Wes-Kaap se Departement van Landbou ook sewe proefplase:

- Elsenburg, Stellenbosch;
- Langgewens in Malmesbury;
- Nortier in Lambertsbaai;
- Tygerhoek by Riversonderend;
- Die Volstruisplaas in Oudtshoorn;
- Die Worcester Veldnavorsing in Worcester;
- Die Outeniqua Proefplaas in George.

Agb lid Cassiem sal weet dat ons doen dierenavorsing, plantnavorsing, veldnavorsing, navorsing oor volstruise, beide vleis-, bees-, skaap-, melk-, ook ander suiwelprodukte.

Agb lid Cassiem, u vraag is baie relevant. U vraag handel oor grondhervorming en grondallokasie. Soos ek voorheen aan hierdie Huis verduidelik het is dit 'n funksie van die Nasionale Regering. Dit is baie duidelik uit u voortgesette vraag wat u aan my stel dat u wil hê dat grondhervorming wat in die Nasionale Grondwet aan die Nasionale Regering geallokeer is, verskuif word; dis baie duidelik uit u vraag dat u wil hê dat daardie funksies moet verskuif word na die Wes-Kaap se regering.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon member Cassiem, thank you for the question. Hon member Cassiem, the Western Cape Department of Agriculture manages two farms in state ownership in the Garden Route, namely Amalienstein and Zoar, and Waaikraal in Oudtshoorn.

The number of hectares for each farm is, as per your question, Amalienstein 7 626,47 hectares. Waaikraal, as per your question, is 772,37 hectares.

Hon member Cassiem, apart from these, the Western Cape Department of Agriculture also owns seven experimental farms:

- Elsenburg, Stellenbosch;
- Langgewens in Malmesbury;
- Nortier in Lamberts Bay;
- Tygerhoek at Riversonderend;
- The Ostrich Farm in Oudtshoorn;
- The Worcester Field Research in Worcester;
- The Outeniqua Experimental Farm in George.

Hon member Cassiem will know we do animal research, plant research, field research, research on ostriches, both meat, beef, sheep, milk, as well as other dairy products.

Hon member Cassiem, your question is very relevant. Your question deals with land reform and land allocation. As I have previously explained to this House, it is a function of the National Government. It is very clear from your continuing question that you put to me, that you want land reform that in the National Constitution is allocated to the National Government, be shifted; it is very clear from your question that you want those functions to be shifted to the Western Cape Government.

†n AGB LID: Ja, ons wil!

An HON MEMBER: Yes, we want to!

†Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Agb lid Cassiem, daarom wil ek vir u vra om my te help. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek wil graag vir u vra om my te help om daardie funksie waarmee u nie tevrede van Nasionaal nie, om daardie funksie aan my oor te dra in die Wes-Kaap.

Agb lid Cassiem, my party het daarom die Western Cape Powers Bill,

[The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member Cassiem, therefore I want to ask you to help me. [Interjections.] I would like to ask you to help

me, regarding that function with which you are not satisfied with National, to transfer that function to me in the Western Cape.]

Hon member Cassiem, my party have therefore put the Western Cape Powers Bill, we put it before the committee and if you want me to take the powers away from land reform in the National Government, I am happy ...[Interjections.] we put it before the committee and if you want me to take the powers away from land reform in the National Government, I am happy ...[Interjections.]

†n AGB LID: My party. My party.

An hon member: My party. My party.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... and we would be very thankful if you support our Bill because when you support the Bill that function can ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... that function can come to me ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... and if that function is allocated to

me, the Premier will give me certain targets and I will exceed the targets in terms of the delivery.

So I am excited about the member's support for the function to be allocated to this Province.

†Mnr P J MARAIS (FFP): Mooi!

[Mr P J Marais (FFP): Good!]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Currently it is not possible, but there is a provision in the Constitution, hon member Cassiem and hon member Klaas, that can make this possible and I would like to refer you to the clause where this is possible.

†n AGB LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

†n AGB LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

†n AGB LID: Wat is nou mooi?

[An HON MEMBER: What is now good?]

†Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: En as u saamstem, [Tussenwerpsels.] stem dan ten gunste van die Wetsontwerp, dan kan ons na aanleiding van u

vraag grondhervorming dan kry by die Wes-Kaapse Departement,

[The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: And if you agree [Interjections.] then vote in favour of the Bill, then regarding your question, get it to the Western Cape Department,] and I want to read to you that this function that is not managed well by the National Government, can be allocated to me and there is a constitutional provision, and I would like to refer you to Section 99 of the Constitution, which is the source of your question. It says and I quote – Section 99 of the Constitution, hon Speaker, speaks to the assignment of functions.

Hon member Cassiem clearly wants the function to be assigned to me. That is why she asks me the questions because you want the function to be assigned to me. She will not ask the question in the National Assembly to Minister Thoko Didiza, she will not ask ...[intervenes]

An HON MEMBER: You are getting confused now, Minister.

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: No-no-no, I am not confused. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: No, I studied the stuff, I am not

confused. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: No-no.

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I studied it.

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I have studied it, I cannot be confused.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I have studied it, I cannot be confused.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, can I please remind you to speak to me.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, you should speak to the Speaker [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member Kama, through you, hon

Deputy Speaker, and hon member Klaas, through the hon Speaker, hon member Cassiem, through the hon Speaker.

Section 99 of the Constitution is quite clear and I quote:

"A Cabinet member (National) may assign any power or function that is to be exercised or performed in terms of an act of Parliament, to a member of a Provincial Executive ..."

That is me.

"Or to a municipal council ..."

Not me. [Interjections.]

"An assignment. [Interjections.] An assignment must be."
[Interjections.]

So, hon member Cassiem ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... if the National Government assigned the function to me it must be according to the Constitution, it must be in terms of an agreement between the relevant Cabinet Minister, Thoko

Didiza and me, she must sign it, and Thoko Didiza and I must agree and I am happy to agree. [Interjections.]

Hon member [Interjections.] – hon Speaker, through you. If hon member Cassiem wants to put the proposal before this House I will ask my members to support it and then there is the support. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Blue support, blue support, blue support!

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member ...[Interjections.]
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... this agreement, now that I have the support of my caucus [Interjections.] this agreement can now be signed and it also says:

"It must be consistent with an Act of Parliament in terms of which the relevant power or function is exercised ..." ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

"... and performed." [Interjections.]

And, hon member Cassiem, the Constitution says that if that power that you want me to get, first there's an agreement and then the President must sign a proclamation to make it legal. Once that happens, hon member Cassiem, then the second proclamation will come out to declare the date when this agreement becomes operative.

So I am looking forward for that proclamation because then the Premier will assign additional responsibilities to me and as I told you, I will exceed in my target because currently the targets – and I understand your unhappiness because here is your unhappiness: land reform currently in South Africa, according to the ANC own records, they are saying land reform, they fail by 90%.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: So, hon member Cassiem
[Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Which document [Inaudible].

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member Cassiem, I understand

your frustrations.

An HON MEMBER: We share the frustration.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I share your frustrations.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I know you are upset, but you are upset in the wrong House. It is over there where you are in cooperation or in partnership with the ANC, so I share your concerns. [Interjections.]

I think I will invite you for a cup of tea. We have to sit, jointly develop this partnership agreement, even write the proclamation for the President. When that happens I think, hon member Cassiem, your fears, your anger, your desires are all legitimate, because we sit with a failed Government that does not know what it is doing, but here, hon member Cassiem, is the real joy because 90% is the failure of the National Government, and as I have explained in this House, 72% success rate in this province [Interjections.] and guess who did the evaluation? The President's Office says where we are in charge in the Western Cape, 72% success. ANC 90% failure. [Interjections.]

So, hon Chairperson, the EFF asks me take over the function of land reform. They actually ask me that we must invoke Section 99 of the Constitution, the

assignment of function. I declare in this House that I am ready to invoke Section 99 ...[Interjections.]

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: You cannot invoke it.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... of the Constitution.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: You must ask for it to be invoked.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I invoke it now and then I will formally request the Premier to write to the President. The President will write to Thoko Didiza and the rest is history, and hon member Cassiem will be extremely happy and I will take her for a cup of tea. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon members, just [Interjections.] – hon members, [Interjections.] hon member Dugmore. Hon members, just [Interjections.] – I just want to remind the hon members that the four follow-up questions is hon member Cassiem, hon member Van der Westhuizen, hon member Marran and hon member Marais. So hon member Cassiem.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Thank you, hon Speaker. We have heard from the Minister on this side that there are lots of land available. We have also heard from that Minister that there is land available.

Having said that, hon Speaker, with that land that is currently available, how many of that land is available or leased to emerging Black and Coloured farmers in order to give them opportunities and thereby breach the inequality gap in the sector? If not, why not?

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Cassiem. Hon Minister.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member Cassiem, I will go back to my answer because I do not want to mislead the House. To mislead the House is a serious offence as my friend, hon member Christians, will know. He has been here for a long time. He knows that in this House you shall speak the truth and nothing but the truth. Hon member De Villiers, if we do not speak the truth you have the full right and the power to call us to order.

So I would like to go back. There are two farms and, hon member, through you, hon Speaker, my good friend, Pat Marran, and I am also equally like him and members of this side of the House, unhappy that we have two farms, hon member Cassiem, that are not well-managed, that is not for me a role model of what it should be and this is both Amalienstein – you have seen the reports. The Standing Committee had an oversight – and Waaikraal.

There are a number of issues relating to those two and the question is when do I hand it over to the community? But I can tell you, this House, I have no intentions to set people up for failure. The project must be a success and

then I hand over the project. These two projects are not a success.

That is, by the way, the way the ANC works. They take a disaster, dump it on the community and say, "Carry on." I am refusing to do that. I am not going to give a place that does not have proper water, proper management and hand this over to the community, because that is the ANC's model, †"Vat so." ["Take that".] We do not operate like that, and so I am not happy in terms of the spirit of accountability. We will accept the responsibility at both Amalienstein and Waaikraal, 7 600 and 772. I am not going to dump a failed project.

It is like giving your child †'n stukkende kar sonder 'n enjin en jy sê vir die kind, "Ry lekker." [a broken car without an engine and you say to the child "Enjoy the ride".]

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: You have failed for years.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I am not going to do that [Interjections.] and I take personal ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... responsibility for that failure.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: So you admit you failed?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon member Van der Westhuizen.
Order, hon members.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: They failed.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Agb Speaker, deur u aan Minister Meyer. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Hon Speaker, through you to Minister Meyer.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! [Interjections.] Hon member Van der Westhuizen, please take your seat.

Hon members, you had an opportunity to raise your hand if you want to ask the Minister a follow-up question. You cannot now have a dialogue with the Minister. Both sides of the House, you are preventing the member that posed the question their rights as per the Standing Rules to get a response.

Hon member Dugmore, is that a point of order.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Yes.

The SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Thank you, Hon Speaker, I would just like to address you on that statement. There is nothing in this House which prevents members from interjecting and there is a big difference between an interjection and rising to ask a member a question and from my side I have not noticed any particularly bad – I am not saying it has been good behaviour from the other side, but not particularly bad and also from our side it has not been particularly bad.

It is simply interjections and I would like to ask you to uphold our right to interject in the House.

The SPEAKER: Your interjections are allowed and your right to interjections are allowed, but your right cannot trump the right of another member that is on the floor in this House and I have a duty to protect that member on this floor. [Interjections.]

Hon member Van der Westhuizen, you may continue.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Baie dankie, agb Speaker. Agb Speaker, deur u aan die agb Minister Meyer, en ek dink die vraagsteller besef ook dat die kanse vir grondhervorming in die Wes-Kaap is sowat ses keer beter as in die res van ons land.

Agb Minister, u is waarskynlik bewus van die voormalige goed-ontwikkelde sitrunavorsingsplaas weerskante van die N7 buitekant Citrusdal en wat aan

die Nasionale ANC-regering se Landbounavorsingsraad behoort en waarvan die waterpompe en infrastruktuur gevandaliseer is toe navorsing gestaak is en wat myns insiens 'n ideale stuk grond sou uitmaak om in 'n bemagtigingstransaksie aan opkomende boere oor te dra, eerder as wat daar van opkomende boere verwag word, soos van die agb lid Cassiem, om hulle te vestig en 'n bestaan te maak uit onontwikkelde grond wat braak lê.

Minister, wat is u kommentaar hierop? [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to the hon Minister Meyer, and I believe the questioner also realises the chances for land reform in the Western Cape are about six times better than in the rest of the country.]

Hon Minister, you are probably aware of the former well-developed citrus research farm on either side of the N7 outside Citrusdal and that belongs to the National Government's Agricultural Research Council and of which the water pumps and infrastructure have been vandalised when research was discontinued, and in my view would make an ideal piece of land to transfer an empowerment transaction to emerging farmers, rather than expecting of emerging farmers, like hon member Cassiem, to establish themselves and make a living from undeveloped land lying fallow.

Minister, what is your comment on this? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Van der Westhuizen. Hon

Minister. [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Agb Speaker, dankie vir agb lid Van der Westhuizen. Ek is van die Weskus en elke keer as ek daar in die Weskus ry is dit 'n tragiese verhaal om hierdie projek van die Landelike Navorsingsraad te aanskou wat eers 'n suksesvolle sitrusplaas was, maar tans gruwelik daar staan en die vraag is – en, agb lid Cassiem,

[The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Speaker, thank you to the hon member Van der Westhuizen. I am from the West Coast and every time I travel there in the West Coast it is a tragic picture to witness this project of the Rural Research Council that was once a successful citrus farm, but currently is horribly lying there and the question is – and hon member Cassiem,] you have been to that area, to the Citrusdal, through you, hon Speaker. I think with little effort, a little bit of mentoring, coaching, it will be possible.

Hon member Marran will agree, in fact he has agreed already, that this is an ideal situation and if there is a request in this House that we engage further with the National Department and rather transfer this land, make it a successful citrus farm, get the necessary technical assistance because this is a project that has all the ingredients to make it successful, unlike Waaikraal.

So I appreciate ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Amalienstein.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: And Amalienstein absolutely, you are right, and I have already accepted accountability and I think this House must know that one of the values of this Government is accountability and I accept full accountability, hon member, you know what I am talking about.

So, hon member Andricus, I would love that farm to become successful citrus and I have met with the Citrus Growers Association, I have met with the Mayor of Citrusdal. He is willing to assist. I have met with the Regional Chair, Van der Merwe, I have met with the Citrus Growers Association. Those people are ready to support and assist and turn that into a flourishing economic growth hub for Black farmers.

In fact I am ready to even support them to have that growth in exports because as hon member Van der Westhuizen will know, South Africa, hon member Kama, through you, Mr Kama love oranges. That is why he is always healthy. [Interjections.] The citrus, Vitamin C, and he will know that South Africa ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member Kama is never sick. In this five years I have never seen him taking any day's sick leave and he told me it has to do with the citrus industry and so hon member Kama will know that South Africa is the second biggest exporter of citrus fruit in the world,

Mr De Villiers, after Spain.

So I think this is a great opportunity to work with the partners in the industry, even with the National Department, with my Department, with the local municipalities, my colleague, Minister Bredell, in terms of the water rights, issues like that. This is something, hon member Cassiem, me and you and hon member Marran and hon member Van der Westhuizen, let us sit, devise something and make it happen and do not shout across this floor.

I think I want to invite you for a cup of tea. I want to invite hon member Van der Westhuizen ...[Interjections.]

†n AGB LID: En vir Klaas.

[An HON MEMBER: And hon Klaas.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... for a cup of tea and we solve this problem over a cup of tea and there is no political shouting taking place.

An HON MEMBER: Rooibos?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you. Rooibos.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I recognised the hon member Marran. [Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thanks, Chairperson. The hon member Van der Westhuizen never set foot on the farm that he has mentioned. [Interjections.] He heard from me of that farm and also, Chair, for the information is that that farm has been allocated to two gentlemen, Wayne and Damon, and they have started.??

So when the application for [Inaudible.] comes in, approve it. Approve it.

Waaikraal, Amalienstein.

An HON MEMBER: I hope there are [Inaudible.] connections.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Waaikraal and Amalienstein and you have admitted, MEC, it is a failure. When the Premier was the MEC for Agriculture, it started there. He failed.

An HON MEMBER: Drought.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Now you are also failing ...[intervenes]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I accept responsibility.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): ... and how is it that you can ask for more powers when you cannot deal with two farms? Only two. You cannot deal with that.

The PREMIER: What did the ANC do [Inaudible.].

The P MARRAN (ANC): ... because over the last 10 years it has been a failure.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Daar is nie water nie!

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: There is no water!]

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): There is because ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): ... before the farm, before that farm was handed over ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): ... to the Department, when it was privately farmed, it was successful.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Marran, please take your seat, there is a point of order. [Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Chair, hon Speaker, the question ...[intervenes]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Marran, please take your seat, there is a point of order. Hon member Kama. [Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA (ANC): Hon Speaker, clearly the interjections by the Chair of the Standing Committee, the Premier, are disrupting the member. Hence he is now even trying to respond to them as they are speaking. Can you please protect?

The SPEAKER: Hon members, before you proceed, hon member Marran. Hon members, this is – I have called you to order on this point. This is actually very serious. Interjections are allowed, but your interjections cannot drown out the speaker on the floor. I mean if you are not going to use the opportunity as per the Standing Rules, then what is the point for it to be on the Order Paper?

Hon member Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: Thanks, hon Speaker. The hon member Van der Westhuizen said that the Western Cape's land reform projects are six times better than the rest of the country, but at the same time the MEC is saying land reform is the

responsibility of National. Do not be confused.

The question, MEC, to you, and I think the question asked by the hon member Cassiem was to ask besides the farms that you have mentioned, [Interjections.] whether there is any other land ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Here comes a lesson again.

Mr P MARRAN: ... whether there is any other land besides the farms that are currently operating, whether there is any other land that came in the possession of ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Ask a question!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Marran, can you please speak to me and not directly to the members across the floor.

Mr P MARRAN: I am not speaking to the Premier, but the Premier is responding.

The SPEAKER: So can you please address me, look at me.

Mr P MARRAN: I am addressing you [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Then I can protect you.

Mr P MARRAN: Through you. I do not have to look at you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: No, but you need to speak to the ...[intervenes]

Mr P MARRAN: I am speaking to you.

The SPEAKER: ... to the Chair, but you cannot engage the members ...[intervenes]

Mr P MARRAN: Yes, through you, hon Speaker, to the MEC.

The SPEAKER: You cannot – hon member Marran, I am still addressing you. [Interjections.] There are Rules and order in this House. If you are not prepared to adhere to the Rules and orders of this House, which we have as a collective adopted at the start of this term of office - we are nearing the end of this term of office and we are still addressing the Rules.

Can I please ask, hon member Marran, you are on the floor. As per the Rules please address the Chair and pose your question.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Speaker, do you want me to look at you?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, please.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P MARRAN: I am saying through you, hon Speaker. That is what I am saying. I do not have to look at you. The question asked by the hon member Cassiem, Chair, my understanding is besides the farms that have been mentioned by the MEC, the Ostrich Farm, Amalienstein and Zoar, whatever, is there any other land belonging to the Province that can be used for agricultural purposes? Thanks.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Marran. Hon Minister, you may now address hon member Marran through me.

†Die MINISTER VAN LANDBOU: Agb Speaker, die vraag van agb lid Cassiem is hoeveel hektaar landbougrond wat vir boerdery geskik is, is deur die Provinsiale Regering in besit.

So die vraag, *hon member Cassiem*, is hektaar landbougrond, nie enige grond nie, u het gespesifiseer landbougrond wat vir boerdery geskik is.

[The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Speaker, the question by hon member Cassiem is how many hectares of agricultural land that are suitable for farming, is owned by the Provincial Government.

So the question, hon member Cassiem, is how many hectares agricultural land, not just any land, you have specified agricultural land that are suitable for farming.] That is also another dimension of the question. †Wat deur die

Provinsiale Regering besit word. [That is owned by the Provincial Government.] Another thing because all of these things must be product of evidence. *Besit*, Deeds Office. †Geskik vir landbou, [suitable for agriculture] assessment, soil assessment, water quality assessment.

So these are all things and the size of the ground, obviously Provincial Asset Management. We can confirm that.

I want to say to hon member there may be some land that he thinks is available. I would like him then therefore to come to me and say this is the land because if there is land that is available we have Cape Farm Mapper and the Cape Farm Mapper is an instrument, as you, I think hon member Maynier does not know that, so he needs to be also be informed.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Every three years, hon member Marran will know, hon member Kama, every three years we fly, hon member Klaas, with a plane over all the farms. Every three years. This way and then the plane goes that way. [Interjections.] Horizontal, vertical and the reason why we fly and today is a bit more difficult, hon Speaker, because you have netting. When you see it, †agb lid Klaas, as jy nou ry, [Tussenwerpsels.] ja, dan sien jy die nette. [hon Klaas, when you drive, [Interjection.], yes, then you see the nets.]

So when you fly over you cannot see under the net. Hon Chief Whip, that is why we are now driving. We fly and we drive because underneath we want to see what is there and the reason why we have Cape Farm Mapper is to give us an indication where the farmland is allocated, existing, who is the owner of the land, but more importantly what is the soil quality and what is the type of commodity you can plant.

So you cannot come and plant potatoes there where you live in De Doorns because the ground or the soil analysis says this is grape, Mr Plato, grape vineyards. [Interjections.]

So every three years we fly and then we publish [Interjections.] – no-no, we publish all this information on the Cape Farm Mapper.

So, hon member Klaas, if you want to buy a farm, because politics is a short career, maybe you do not come back. Or maybe I do not come back, that is also possible.

So, Mr Klaas, if we do not come back, me and you, and we are interested in farming, the first thing we do we go to Cape Farm Mapper. [Interjections.] You know why? The Cape Farm Mapper, we will then know where are the right proper soil conditions, hydrological conditions, climatic conditions, the slope, everything. The wind, the rain, you get all that information on the Cape Farm Mapper.

So, Mr Klaas, when you and I retire here and we want to become farmers, the first thing we are going to do is approach the Cape Farm Mapper.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon member Klaas, is that a point of order?

Mr M T KLAAS (EFF): Point of order. I did not ask a question, so why does the reply come to me? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. [Interjections.] Hon Minister, can you please speak to me ...[intervenes]

An HON MEMBER: Exactly! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: ... because hon member Marran wants to raise a point of order. [Interjections.]

Okay, so, hon Minister, please speak to me in order to get, to speak to another member in the House, as per the Rules, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Speaker, but if there is a certain member in this House that is not coming back next year on that side of the House, if that member wants to farm, I am mentioning no names, but if that member is interested in farming he can approach me and I can make available the Cape Farm Mapper. If he tells me he wants to be a citrus

farmer, I will use the Cape Farm Mapper and tell him, "You cannot have that land, it is in private. This one is for sale. This is a Government farm. Do not go there. The previous one tried farming with potatoes. That is a perfect place for citrus," and the turnover for citrus for export is better than potatoes, so that member of that House, no names, I will tell him go for citrus.

So the Cape Farm Mapper is something that does not exist anywhere, but if that member on that side of the House wants to build a packhouse, he must draw up a building plan.

So this, he does not have to do that. He can go to the Cape Farm Mapper [Inaudible.] that other member. He can go to Cape Farm Mapper and he can draw a plan for the extensions of the farm in citrus, and so I think the question of hon member ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Can you start answering the question?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... Marran, are there any other farms?

An HON MEMBER: This is not a lecture, man.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: That information, if the member is really truly interested to have a detailed analysis of the type of land, the location of the land, is there water on the land, I am happy to sit down this

time with *rooibos*, that was with Earl Grey the other one, but this time it is with *rooibos* and I am happy to sit down to showcase him that we do not have agricultural land.

The land that we have are located in these seven research farms that I have mentioned and I am so happy that we get excellent cooperation because one of my strategic priorities, first priority is education, research, agriculture as a science and we do excellent research.

I think the hon member will be happy to know ...[intervenes]

An HON MEMBER: What kind of research?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Very important, that is, well, for example, hon member, the nails of an ostrich – I see the hon member is also enjoying it that side, but the nails of an ostrich ...[Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: I did not ask about ostrich.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: No, but it is research. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Hon Minister, you can continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I think it is important, hon member,

that the nails of the ostrich, that you do research because there are implications for the eggs and the chickens and the babies that they got.

An HON MEMBER: Jôh!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: So ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What about the nails? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I am going to the bathroom.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: The [Interjections.] – I can tell you we have now done ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... some significant research and that has to do with laser technology that we have done through the research in-house in terms of the nails of it.

The hon member will also know, Mr Kama, he likes to go to Brazil, the carnivals, you know, where the people dance with the feathers. Those feathers are also a product of research and that research we do at Oudtshoorn, and that is a huge form of revenue for our people and hon members will know that it is also very important to see different qualities of milk, and that has to

do with the research in terms of what the cows are eating, because what they eat has an impact on the production of the milk. [Interjections.]

Well, if we want to speak about false [Inaudible.] ...

An HON MEMBER: This is avoiding. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members.

An HON MEMBER: Avoiding accountability [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon Minister, you may continue.

An HON MEMBER: You asked the question. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. [Interjections.]

Hon members, order, there is a member on the floor. Hon Minister, you may continue. Hon member, Kama, what is your point of order? [Interjections.]

Mr M KAMA: Hon Speaker, is it [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr M KAMA: ... is it parliamentary really to waste our time like this?

Because there was an ostrich and an egg. Then there was a chicken there.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M KAMA: Hi, were are not safe here. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Kama, please take your seat. Hon members [Interjections.], hon members [Interjections.] – hon member Kama, that is not a point of order, but I am – it is very difficult for the Chair, for the Presiding Officer to dictate a response. That is not why, we cannot dictate on a response and the content of the response.

So the Minister is responding to a question in whichever format or form he or she wishes to do so. [Interjections.] So, hon Minister, you may continue.

Mr P MARRAN: The question was never a chicken [Inaudible.].
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members, I am not going to debate the content, I am not debating the content of the submissions. [Interjections.] There was a question posed and the question – and I am allowing the Minister to respond. Hon members, I also want to remind you that all these interjections are taking up the time allotted for oral questions and that is why I keep reminding you to not interject and allow the member to be heard.

Hon Minister, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member, hon Chair, members of this side of the House will know that in the past weekend members of this side of the House had to write a test to come back to this House. [Interjections.] In order to write a test you have to pass with 80% and so, so we had to write a test and the pass rate for the test was 80% ...[intervenes]

An HON MEMBER: 80?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... and the Premier then, based on that, ask us, "Ministers, if you answer questions, do it thoroughly, comprehensively," because the Premier said he judges his Ministers by 95% in terms of answering the questions. [Interjections.]

So he taught us be comprehensive, be thorough and I said, "But they do not like me to lecture." He said, "That is not lecturing, it is accountability to the T." [Interjections.]

So I am happy to answer this particular question.

An HON MEMBER: You must.

An HON MEMBER: What was the question?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I think the hon members will know the real matter of it in this whole debate here, there are three things. Number one, the functional responsibilities of land reform is a National Government ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... responsibility, [Interjections.] but the hon member Cassiem gave me a clue. Hon member Cassiem gave me a subtle message. She said invoke Section 99. That is the first part of this debate.

The second part of the debate is where is the evidence that the ANC is failing? It is in their own report, 90% failure rate. Where is the successful rate? According to the ANC, by the way for those who do not know, DPME, the Department Performance Monitoring and Evaluation, in the Office of the President, my friend Mr Klaas, through the hon Speaker, DPME, they assess, independent assessment. [Interjections.] They came here and says Western Cape 72% successful rate. National Government 90%.

So evidence, the Premier, when he became the Premier he said evidence-based research and data. So the data says there is a case for hon member Cassiem that land reform ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: How can they assess something that is not yours [Inaudible.] you do not know? How?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... must be transferred to the Western Cape Provincial Government and the third dimension of this debate makes it furthermore, hon member Cassiem, hon member Cassiem and hon member Klaas, I am so happy because you are always asking about land and I think, hon member Isaac is now chairing an Ad Hoc Committee that makes it possible to add something to that effect and hon member will know that there are the following functions:

- (a) Trade
- (b) Harbours
- (c) Exports [Interjections.]
- (d) Police, and
- (e) Public transport

But there is an (f) possibility and the (f) possibility, because (a), (b), (c), five, is (e), (f) is number 6, there is a possibility to expand that opportunity and that is really the subject of Section 99 of the Constitution. [Interjections.]

The Premier has informed me that he has now asked the President to call a PCC, Premier's Coordinating Council.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Leave your Bill [Inaudible.] the PCC.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I am – ja, PCC.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: It is worth nothing.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I am going to ask the Premier when he goes to see the President to please ask the President to – you are right when you said I cannot invoke it, sorry, I agree. Leader of the Official Opposition, you have some knowledge and it matters in this House. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please conclude. That is the end of Question time, so please conclude. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: [Inaudible.]

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I am now disappointed. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: [Inaudible.] from this side of the House. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Minister, please conclude.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Okay. [Interjections.] I think, hon Speaker, when the Premier goes and sees the President, hon member Cassiem, one of the instruments that you have as a member of this House, you can write a letter and say to the Premier, "I hear ..." ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister, please take your seat.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: That you can inform the Premier ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon members, that brings us to the end of Oral Questions, [Interjections.] Questions for Oral Reply. The outstanding replies will be printed in Hansard. [Interjections.]

Hon members, we now move on to Questions to the Premier Without Notice in terms of Rule 204. I just want to remind the hon members that two follow-ups by the member posing the question, which relates to the original question or reply may be posed.

I recognise the hon, hon member Nkondlo.

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE

Ms N D NKONDLO: [No audible response.]

The SPEAKER: I have been informed by the Table staff that they are not, that hon member Nkondlo is not on the hybrid system and hon member Nkondlo is not in the Chamber.

Hon members, I therefore move on to the next questioner and I recognise the hon member Kaizer-Philander.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you to the Premier. Last week the Quarterly Labour Force Survey and Quarterly Crime Stats were released. The Western Cape had the lowest number of unemployment and the most jobs created this past year and the crime stats highlighted reductions in rape and in murder.

Hon Speaker, what do these two sets of stats tell us about the Provincial Government's interventions to create jobs and reduce crime against the background of a National Government in decline? Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chief Whip.

Mr P J MARAIS: Sweetheart question.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much to the hon Chief Whip for that question. You know, hon Speaker, you try to prepare yourself for all different kinds of questions that come to the House and I was thinking about the hon member Nkondlo's questions and I thought they would be quite similar.

So thank you very much to the hon Chief Whip. First of all the Quarterly Labour Force Survey stats. Again I must say encouraging. Of course the question also goes to South Africa and the position our country finds itself in and I think what is coming out at the moment is that quite frankly for a Government we are in deep trouble because our money comes in through taxation and we are seeing articles starting to surface now and the Treasury starting to put documentation out that says quite frankly the envisaged taxable income is not the same as what is actually being raised and that has a huge implication for us now at the Adjustment, as well as next year's budgets because we are in deep trouble and I think primarily the issue is around employment, or should I say the unemployment rate, especially amongst young people, which is way out of kilter.

So if I look at first of all the Quarterly Labour Force Survey, and I actually happen to have that document here, which was quite encouraging for me because quarter after quarter we are seeing some good job stats coming in for the Western Cape and quite interesting, hon Speaker, if every member could have seen this graph, if you look at it at that line, the lowest unemployment

rate in South Africa happens to be in the Western Cape and in actual fact our unemployment rate dropped by 6,6% in this quarter and [Applause.], ja, absolutely, 6,6% down in this quarter.

So now we are sitting at 20,9%. I really hope that we in the next quarter break that 20% mark, whereas of course in other provinces go right up to 39% on the narrow and that is first of all I am talking about of course expanded in some provinces up to 53% unemployment rate, where ours is 25% and of course so the Quarterly Labour Force and then maybe also looking at where those jobs are.

So in this province, most of those jobs, if you look at categories. In the agricultural sector that is where the most sit. Then right behind that manufacturing, construction and then finance.

So quite frankly if you add all that together it shows that it is actually the blue collar jobs that are being created in this province, which for me is quite exciting to see in this Quarterly Report, but if you go back to previous ones, I mean the one that really stood out was the last quarter of last year where we were over 90% of South Africa's jobs in this province. We are still in the Metro. More jobs created in the City of Cape Town than all of the other Metros in the country put together and we are 368 000 jobs up on year-on-year.

That is actually a 15, if I remember, it is 15,7% jobs growth year-on-year in

our province.

So, ja, I look at that and I must say thank you very much to everybody who is involved from an enabling environment in Government, but also from the entrepreneurs, the investors, people who move here from other parts of the country because it is a good place to do business, investors from around the world, it is a good place to do business and those all end up giving our citizens jobs and of course that links through to the question that you asked about the crime stats and again, hon Speaker, I want to say that sitting with Minister Allen yesterday, sitting with the PC, the Provincial Police Commissioner, General Patekile, and going through these stats with the press yesterday, once again the murder rate in our province down by 5,5% and the interesting thing it is the only province where we are seeing murder rate decline and it is 5,5% in the province and 5,7% in the hotspot murder areas, which has even a greater decline, 5,7%, which goes to talk about how you bring those two together: jobs and safety.

I always think that nothing stops a bullet like a job. Nothing gives you dignity like a job. Nothing puts food on your table like a job. So of course those things do come together. They are critical that we have got to get that environment to really work where they come together, creating an enabling environment that makes a big difference and then of course are you focusing on energy because that is a big driver nationally and of course we have got an energy plan.

I do not see many energy plans in other provinces and hopefully between the National Energy Plan and between our R1,1 billion in the province, from the Province and the municipalities joining that, nearly a R7 billion plan in this province, 5 700 megawatts that gives confidence again to investors to say we can actually bring this together to create jobs and grow an economy, at the same time making it safer in our province.

So to the hon Chief Whip, those two nexuses, the job creation and the safety, are critical and you cannot get one without the other.

Perhaps what I must also do at the same time is say to the law enforcement officers, to the police, to the Neighbourhood Watches, to everybody involved in that system, thank you very much for what you do.

I must also say that another number stands out for me and that is we talk about gender-based violence and sexual offences, rape, etcetera, and rape down by 10,1%. That again a good number and we need to keep on pushing these numbers.

The one that does really concern me is gangsterism, gangs and of course so much of our youth deathrate in the murder space, murder of youth sits in gang violence and of course in this province we have got a lot of work to do. 166 out of 193 murders in gang-related murders are in this province and there again my interaction with the Police Commissioner is how do we make sure that the Anti-Gang Unit really starts to up its game.

I was very happy to see when Vet Murphy was put away using the POCA Act. That really starts to talk about how we use our legislation and of course we know that when Al Capone was brought down he was not brought down for shooting people, killing people, robbing people, he was brought down through taxes and we have seen the same thing where financial records are used, using data from cellphone systems and we actually bring a gang boss down, and when you do that again it creates confidence that we are getting somewhere and starting to bring about change. Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. Hon Chief Whip, your first follow-up.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker, and thank you to the Premier for the response.

I think it is also applaudable for the Premier to make mention of these various sectors that contribute towards the success in terms of jobs and safety within the province.

Hon Speaker, to the Premier through you. How will the Western Cape's Growth for Jobs strategy lead to even greater job creation within the Western Cape? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. Obviously I think this House is aware that the Growth for Jobs strategy is, you have got to keep on relooking and reinventing your jobs strategy. I think a lot of the stuff that we did in the past we can be very happy with and we can brag about some of the interventions, for example, airlift, etcetera, but you have got to take those and say post a COVID-19 environment the whole world is financially in deep, deep trouble.

I have spoken about the situation that we find ourselves in, in South Africa. What are we going to do within the province? How do we get the breakout growth? [Interjections.] How do we set ourselves some really hairy targets and a trillion rand economy? [Interjections.] In a trillion rand economy looking for – that is a nice growth trajectory to set your targets on and of course that is exactly what we are doing and we have got the seven focus areas. We are really going to town to say how do we make sure we really push these boundaries, every single one of them. We are really showing that we can do it and I think that really starts to set the broad targets of what we want to reach, showcases hope in South Africa that this province actually can make that difference. Drop those unemployment levels, create opportunity for young people, the NEETS in our system. Give hope to people still in the schooling system because we have got catch-up programmes.

Really going to town with afterschool programmes and making sure it is safer

out there. We have got to make sure that we are always trying to do new things, different things and push those boundaries because I think the opposite is what we see too often at National Government level. We keep on driving the same thing. 30 years later we are still driving the same thing and the unemployment rate gets worse and the youth unemployment rate is the worst in the world. That cannot get worse. We are the worst in the world, but those things need innovation, change and I would like to think that is exactly what we are trying to do through the Growth for Jobs plan.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. Hon Chief Whip, your second follow-up question.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. The Premier has made mention of it in his initial response, but through you to the hon Premier. How has the Western Cape Government's whole-of-society approach contributed to the decline in crime statistics and what more can be done? Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I think that really goes to the nub of saying that there are so many and back to the Safety Plan specifically, there are, every department has got a role to play and then of course it is the partnership between whole-of-society, that is whole-of-government and the whole-of-society working together.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. I think that really goes to the nub of saying that there are so many and back to the Safety Plan specifically there, every department has got a role to play. And then, of course, it is the partnership between whole-of-society, that is whole-of-government and the whole-of-society working together.

So, for example, in Safety it is just as critical that the volunteerism through Neighbourhood Watches is recognised, supported and helped, and linked to different departments playing a role, whether it is safety in schools or whether it is in afterschool programmes, or whether it is the violence prevention that we are setting up and seeing happening coming out of the Health Department, and the role that that plays with safety and security oversight. Looking at different ways of doing things and pushing those boundaries that we actually start to make it safer because if you get that right, it is the only way that we can really start to create more confidence in the system that citizens feel that in actual fact, they can let their children go to school safely.

It links through to the earlier discussions we were having with the hon Mackenzie and the debate around school transport. You know, when you wake up in the morning and your child leaves to go to school, knowing that your child has got a safe way of getting to school. It is going to be safe at school and they are going to be looked after and safely come back home tonight. Those are the fundamentals that we have got to get right which are entrenched in our Constitution and we have got to really work hard that we

get that right across the whole-of-society and across the whole-of-government. Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. Hon members, that brings us to the end of that question. The next question will be posed by hon Marran. Hon Marran, I recognise you.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thanks very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, through you. On 11 May, a delegation – Agriculture Standing Committee – left for California and part of the agenda was AGOA, our agenda. So, when we arrived there our first meeting was with the Consul-General of South Africa, Thandile Babalwa Sunduza. And she advised us not to open the discussion of AGOA with Senators and whoever, and she explained to us why because it is a national-to-national discussion, the AGOA Act. And hon Speaker, through that whole time that we were there, some members tried to open the debate and discussion of AGOA, and every time we were rejected. ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable ...[Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): The Americans refused to discuss the issue of AGOA ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable ...[Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): ...and they told us – I am coming to the question. They told us it is a national-to-national discussion. And I am not sure on their return whether they have misled the hon Premier. Hon Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Marran ...[Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): ...and the hon Premier ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...please get to the question.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): And the hon Premier justified the spending of R1,6-million on a trip to the United States to go and meet with staff members on the issue of AGOA.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Hon Marran, your first follow-up question.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Well, the hon Premier is admitting that he has met with staff members, not Congress members. ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: What is your question?

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Hon Speaker, we have seen the list of people the hon Premier, and his delegation met with. It was a holiday. The ANC will be following up with more questions on exactly what was achieved. Can the hon Premier, hon Speaker, tell us why members of the US Congress refused to meet with him and his delegation.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, and there is nobody from the US Congress that refused to meet with us. And if I go through the list that has been supplied to the hon member. So, first of all, Senate Foreign Relations Committee members. There are one, two, three, four, five members that we met there. ...[Interjection.]

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Stop ...[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Then, the Committee on Ways and Means ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon members. Hon Premier, please take your seat. Hon members, there was a question to the hon Premier. This is Questions without Notice to the Premier. The only person that can ask the hon Premier a question is the person that is printed on the Question Paper, which is hon Marran. The hon Premier is trying to respond to hon Marran. Hon Premier, you may continue.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. Then, of course, there is the Committee on Ways and Means which is a very critical committee when it comes to this piece of legislation because the hon Marran was correct, it is a piece of legislation. It is not a trade agreement. A trade agreement is what is entered into between countries. This is a piece of legislation and that is where the ANC gets it absolutely wrong. And in actual fact, that is why our Embassy gets it totally wrong as well, but if we want some issues on the Embassy and the Ambassador, I am glad the Ambassador is now no longer going to be there because I can give you chapter and verse on what happens in our Embassy in the US, and it is really sad.

But of course, the Committee on Ways and Means, that is a very serious committee specifically on the drafting of the new legislation which is going to be the follow-on to the current piece of legislation which is AGOA. Then, of course, there is the US Trade Representative. That is a very serious office with regards to trade between Africa and the USA. Then, there is the House Foreign Relations Committee. There, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten members that we had meetings with. And then, of course, there is the staff in the Office of Senator Coons, and it was not only Senator Coons because a number of the other Senators, their office staff, came along as well and joined us in that meeting. But of course, it goes way further than just the engagement with the people who are drafting and the committee members on this piece of legislation that are going to be looking at the legislation with reference to AGOA and us.

And, of course, the hon member talks about the costs of the trip. And so, AGOA was one part of the trip. If we just take one other part of the trip which was meeting with companies and investment companies, et cetera, linked to South Africa and the biggest source market for foreign direct investment. And then we just take one action that came out of that visit and the ongoing interaction with Amazon and them opening up a skills training centre in this city, in this province, for one million – one million training opportunities for this continent based right here. Let alone any of the other and we will get to some of the others, I am sure, in the next while, but let us talk back about AGOA and the millions and millions of rands worth of economic opportunity that that represents for us here.

And it is quite interesting that very soon thereafter, all of a sudden, a big wake-up call from South Africa and what do we do? We send three more Ministers off to go and do exactly the same thing. And it was quite interesting ...[Interjections.] and it was quite interesting ...[Interjections.] And it was quite interesting because you know that I had to make a call to the Minister of Finance, our Minister of Finance there, to say, ‘please answer your phone because Senator Coons says he will meet with you.’ And they were not even going to meet with him. He said, ‘I will clear my diary and I will meet with you.’ I had to intervene from here in South Africa to get a meeting set up for our Finance Minister in America ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is right.

The PREMIER: ...because I promise you ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, your time has expired. Please conclude.

The PREMIER: But perhaps we should also juxtapose this with the same visit at the same time to Russia where a huge expense of chartered aircrafts sitting in Poland ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The PREMIER: ...with nothing ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: ...and massive expenses of South Africa's taxpayers ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: ...which is a great juxtaposition of these two items. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat. Thank you very much, hon members. Hon members, that brings us to the end of Questions to the Premier without

Notice. We now move on to Statements by Members in terms of Rule 145. I recognise the DA.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

†DIE HOOFSWEEP (DA): Baie dankie, agb Speaker. Amper 30 jaar in demokrasie en die pad wat ons gestap het onder die leierskap van die ANC, het Suid-Afrika terleurgesteld gelaat. Agb Speaker, ons mense is moeg van onvervulde beloftes, 'n struikelende ekonomie en misdaad. Ons lewe in gemeentkappe waar ons tragies verneem dat iemand is vermoor en verkrag, maar niks meer ongewoon is nie.

Die sokombuislyne word langer, mense sukkel en hulle is moedeloos. Agb Speaker, en ongelukkig met hierdie omgewing en omstandighede, is dit 'n vrugbare grondgebied vir opportunistiese leiers. In hierdie uitdagende tye en met die naderende verkiesing, staan Suid-Afrika op die rand van verandering. Nou meer as ooit moet inwoners opstaan en hulle stemme uitbring ten gunste van geloofwaardige leierskap en bestuur. Suid-Afrika het die ANC in 1994 'n kans gegee en vandag gaan dit al hoe slegter met ons. Die 1994, *The Better Life for All*, bly onvervuld en vergete.

Agb Speaker, ek staan vandag op as 'n vrou van kleur in die Wes-Kaap. Suid-Afrika, en nie die ANC, EFF, of Patriotic Alliance praat vir my as hulle rassehaat of diskriminasie aanhits nie. Ek staan vandag as 'n vrou wat hierdie land op haar hart dra. Ek staan op 'n fondasie van vryheid, regverdigheid,

geleenthede en diversiteit, en met hoop dat in hierdie land van ons daar 'n geleentheid vir elkeen bestaan. Hulle praat nie vir my nie. Hulle praat nie vir Suid-Afrikaners nie.

Ons wil hierdie land laat werk en Suid-Afrika sal werk in 2024. Agb Speaker, ek het vertrou dat ons gemeenskappe die ware betekenis van leierskap erken, een wat tasbare resultate lewer, nie leë beloftes nie. Een wat eenheid bou, nie verdeeldheid saai nie. Die onderskeid en geloofwaardigheid sien en ondervind ons in die DA-regering in die Wes-Kaap...[Tussenwerpsel.] [The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Almost 30 years into democracy and the road we have walked under the leadership of the ANC, has left South Africa disappointed. Hon Speaker, our people are tired of unfulfilled promises, a struggling economy and crime. We live in communities where we tragically learn about someone having been murdered and raped, but is nothing unusual anymore.

The soup kitchen queues are getting longer, people struggle and they are despondent. Hon Speaker, and unfortunately with this environment and circumstances it is a fruitful earth for opportunistic leaders. In these challenging times and with the coming election, South Africa is standing on the edge of change. Now more than ever, citizens should stand up and vote for credible leadership and management. South Africa gave the ANC a chance in 1994 and it is getting worse by the day. The 1994, The Better Life for All, remains unfulfilled and forgotten.

Hon Speaker, I'm standing up as a woman of colour in the Western Cape. South Africa, and not the ANC, EFF, or Patriotic Alliance speak to me when they fuel racial hatred and discrimination. I'm standing as a woman who wears this country in her heart. I'm standing on a foundation of freedom, justice, opportunities and diversity and hope that in this land of ours there will be an opportunity for everyone. They do not speak for me. They do not speak for South Africans.

We want to make this country work and South Africa will work in 2024. Hon Speaker, I have confidence that our communities acknowledge the true meaning of leadership, one that delivers tangible results, not empty promises. One that builds unity, not sows division. The difference and credibility we see and experience in the DA Government in the Western Cape...][Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. Conclude.

†Die HOOFSWEEP (DA): ...met leiers wat vermoë bewys en werklike veranderinge binne ons gemeenskappe teweegbring. Ek dank u, agb Speaker.

[The CHIEF WHIP (DA): ...with leaders who show ability and bring about realm changes in our communities. I thank you, hon Speaker.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. †Baie dankie, agb Hoofsweep. [Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip.] I now recognise the ANC.

Ms A P BANS (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Bans, I recognise you.

Ms A P BANS (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable, you may continue.

Ms A P BANS (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the African National Congress in the Western Cape Legislature is deeply concerned about the high prevalence of sexual offences, especially rape, in the province. The recent crime statistics showed that sexual offences decreased by 8,6% but remain alarmingly high with 1 473 incidents between April to June 2023. Rape decreased by 10,1% but remains extremely high with 1 002 cases in three months. Eight of these were at educational facilities like schools and daycare and aftercare facilities. These crimes are an attack on the very fabric of our society. These statistics are a clear indication that we are not doing enough to fight GBV and femicide.

A clear example of this, hon MEC Mackenzie, is the fact that Farrel Payne in your Department remains in his job while he is in court for serious crimes against women. We call on the Provincial Government to put in more resources to address this scourge and protect women and girls from violence.

We call for more support to survivors of rape and other forms of GBV, including increased access to safe housing, counselling, and legal assistance. We also need to invest in prevention programmes that educate young people about consent and healthy relationships.

When the ANC governed the Western Cape, the Department of Community Safety sponsored GBV counselling rooms with a counsellor at various police stations in the Western Cape. Instead of being armchair critics, we call on the DA-Government through its Safety Plan to bring back similar interventions to address the rape scourge, GBV and femicide. The Government must take urgent action to address this crisis. We cannot afford to wait any longer.

Hon Speaker, drug-related crimes in the Western Cape have increased by 12,4% and 23 out of the top 30 stations for these crimes ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Bans.

Ms A P BANS (ANC): ...are in the Western Cape. ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Please conclude.

Ms A P BANS (ANC): Hon MEC Allen, this is a serious concern that needs your attention. I thank you, hon Speaker.

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

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the EFF in the Western Cape would like to reaffirm its objection to the DA's Provincial Powers Bill. We are not surprised by the separatist manoeuvre by the DA because for the longest time, they have been working behind closed doors colluding with the imperialist forces in the form of the United States to separate the Western Cape completely from the rest of SA. With an ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): ...state in which the interests of Whites can be protected ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): ...at the expense of the Black majority. This Bill is basically a precursor of the pseudo-State and its unintended consequences will have far reaching effects on the integrity of the country's Constitution and that of our nation. This DA has not learnt its lesson ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): ...that South Africa is not a federal state where

provinces can just opt out of South Africa, hon Speaker, and declare themselves a sovereign mini state with powers that supersede the ultimate powers vested in the Constitution, which is the supreme law of this land, hon Speaker. This DA have not come to terms with the fact that apartheid is no more, and that racism has no place in a democratic dispensation. ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Cassiem, my apologies for interrupting you. Please take your seat. Can I please ask the hon members on my righthand side to please allow the hon member on the floor the opportunity to deliver her Member Statement. As per the Rules, an hon member of the Executive has an opportunity at the end to make comments or rebut any statement. So, please allow the hon member to have that opportunity. It is allocated in terms of the Rules. Hon Cassiem, my apologies. You may continue.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Hon Speaker, I was saying this DA has not come to terms with the fact that apartheid is no more, and that racism has no place in a democratic dispensation. Hence, they will stop at nothing to spit in the face of those who died in defence of this land. This controversial Bill is a microcosm of the deep-seated, underlying aspiration and interest of the superiorist White right-wingers who want to summon the spectre of apartheid into a democratic dispensation with an intention to usurp the powers of National Government on policing, public transport, energy, harbours and other key instruments that define a state, in order to proclaim themselves as the State.

If this DA wants to run this country, they must contest elections and stop taking shortcuts. This Bill is nothing else, but an insult and spitting in the face of all our heroes and heroines who died defending this land. Here, with the EFF in conclusion, the EFF Western Cape calls on all residents of this province's political parties, civic organisations, progressive forces, and people of goodwill to publicly reject this Bill as it seeks to undermine the spirit of this country's Constitution. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Cassiem. I now recognise the DA.

Mr I SILEKU (DA): Umbulele somlomo. Hon Speaker, in the halls of this House we often find ourselves overlooking the tremendous influence we have over the lives of the very people we are entrusted to represent. As hon members of this House, we took an oath to uphold the Constitution and the laws that underpin our Republic. We have been entrusted to service because of responsible leadership. We must ensure that our actions remain formally grounded in principles that avoid a spread of violence, the sowing of chaos and the endorsement of mindless destruction.

Colleagues, in the wake of the recent events, our province witnessed scenes that are both disheartening and distressing. Swellendam, a community we hold dear, bore witness to an unforgiveable outbreak of protest that was marred by acts of sheer violence, unchecked looting and a municipal building

being engulfed in flames. It is crucial to underscore that these criminal acts serve no higher purpose, but to disrupt essential services and sow division within our society.

Hon Speaker, while the DA believes in the rights of our citizens to engage in peaceful protests, it is important for us to emphasise that such expression must be conducted within the bounds of respect for public and private property. The essence of peaceful protest lies not in the destruction of what we have painstakingly built together, but in the elevation of our voices to articulate our concerns and aspirations. The act of vandalising property, resorting to violence, or partaking in looting only diminishes the legitimacy of the very cause we seek to champion.

As representatives of the people, let us commit ourselves to the ideals of responsible leadership and the pursuit of meaningful change through channels that uplift rather than shatter the foundations of our society. I thank you.
†Baie dankie. [Thank you.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Sileku. I now recognise GOOD.
[Interjections.]

Mr P DE VILLIERS (GOOD): Hon Speaker, the GOOD party would like to highlight the plight of the elderly ...[Interjections.] and the disabled ...[Interjections.] in our province today. [Interjections.] As we approach yet another [Interjections.]

†Mnr P J MARAIS (FFP): Agb Speaker, daar is iemand op die lyn wat moet ...[Tussenwerpsel.]

[Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Hon Speaker, there is someone on the line that has to ...][Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon de Villiers, my apologies. Can I please ask that the ICT staff please mute all microphones on the hybrid sitting or hybrid system. My apologies for the interruption. We have stopped the clock. So, you may start again, or you can start afresh, hon de Villiers.

Mr P DE VILLIERS (GOOD): Maybe somebody else from GOOD ...[Audio distorted.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Hon de Villiers, you may start.

Mr P DE VILLIERS (GOOD): The GOOD party would like to highlight the plight of the elderly and the disabled in our province today. As we approach yet another festive season, our elderly will again be mostly forgotten, abused, or even raped. I would like to suggest to this House that a Special Investigating Committee be formed to look at the very dire and shocking situation of the elderly and the disabled in the Western Cape.

The City of Cape Town faces a crisis with the growing numbers of people living on the streets. Is the Department of Social Development aware that

during the recent count of those living on our streets and shelters, it was found that 76% of those living on our streets are the elderly and the disabled. We need to investigate this, and we need to address the fact that it is our grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers, and fathers who are being forced to live out their lives in shelters along with gangsters, criminals and others that use shelters as refuge from the law.

Globally, people are living longer with a life expectancy rate of individuals reaching all time heights. If we do not start looking at and addressing these phenomena, none of us are fit to govern this country. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon De Villiers. I now recognise the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Hon Speaker, the Western Cape ACDP leaders received a message from a pastor in Paarl on Saturday, when we addressed leaders in Paarl. In the message which we received via WhatsApp, a resident of Paarl said the following:

“Good morning, pastor. Can you help me to write a letter to management. As a result of my faith and conviction, I am against abortion. Are there any colleagues of your church that can help me to write this letter?”

A nursing sister who because of her Christian faith, has taken a stand against

abortion, yet she must assist with aborting babies. Let us put it bluntly. She must kill innocent lives; she must murder innocent babies. Now as Christians, we are guided by the Word of God, the Bible, which reads as follows. Jeremiah 1:5:

“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as a prophet of nations.”

Psalm 139:14 says:

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.”

As the ACDP, we are asking the Western Cape Government to exempt medical practitioners due to their faith, from killing the unborn because this nursing sister does not want blood on her hands where she is killing innocent babies. We know there is life after death, and she will have to stand in front of God to explain why she killed ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, honourable ...[Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): ...innocent babies.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): I thank you.

The SPEAKER: I recognise the ANC. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. I recognise the ANC.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, hon Speaker. As the ANC we rise today to congratulate President Cyril Ramaphosa and his administration on hosting a successful BRICS summit in the last few days, meeting under the theme:

BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism.

The summit hosted over 40 heads of government or state. The successful summit has once again put South Africa on the map showcasing not only our country and its people as an ideal destination for investment worth visiting, but also as a leader on the African continent.

While there were a number of events and engagements in the leadup to the summit which, in fact, commenced at the beginning of the year already, the summit itself was a culmination of the themes of this year's work of BRICS under South Africa's leadership and this work and priorities include developing a partnership towards an equitable and just energy transition, transforming education and skills development for the future, unlocking opportunities through the Africa continental free trade area, strengthening

post-pandemic socio-economic recovery and the attainment of the 2030 agenda on sustainable development, strengthening multilateralism, including working towards real reform of global governance institutions and strengthening the meaningful participation of women in the peace processes.

There should be little doubt that the successful BRICS summit held will have immense benefits for the Western Cape and our country. And we encourage the Provincial Government of this province to work with the ANC-led National Government to bring these benefits home to the people of our province. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Dugmore. I recognise the DA.

Mr D PLATO (DA): Hon Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity. As Women's Month draws to a close, I would like to highlight the importance of Government, civil society and communities coming together to protect the most vulnerable amongst us. Gender-Based Violence is a gross human rights violation with significant personal and economic impact on victims and survivors, the extent of which disproportionately affects women, children, and others.

I would like to commend hon Minister Sharna Fernandez and the Western Cape Department of Social Development for their continued and relentless efforts to eradicate this scourge from our society. I want to draw particular attention to the West Coast District municipalities hosting a summit on

Gender-Based Violence and Femicide in Moorreesburg on 1 August 2023 where stakeholders from local, provincial and national governments and the NGO sector.

Hon Speaker, the main aim of this summit was for different role players to come together in finding effective solutions to the plight of violence which negatively affects women and children. At this summit, the hon Minister unpacked the Provincial GBV Implementation Plan and its key interventions. This plan seeks to establish a GBV transversal task team that meets every month, increase rollout of GBV services and extend interventions on the ground.

Hon Speaker, I think what the summit has highlighted is that while it is important that we utilise this month to amplify the scourge of GBV, the fight to eradicate it remains a continuous fight, a whole-of-society effort, a whole-of-society approach. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Plato. I now recognise the Freedom Front Plus.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Thank you so much, hon Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus was shocked by President Ramaphosa's brag and announcement of South Africa's growing trade with BRICS countries. We have negative trade figures with China, importing far more and exporting very little of our own manufactured goods to BRICS and to China especially.

Through strike action by SATAWU, most clothing and shoe factories in the Western Cape were forced to shut down since 1994. Waltons Shoe factory in Elsie's River shut down costing 900 jobs. Oudtshoorn Footwear shutdown costing 600 job losses. Watson Shoes in Brak River was shut down costing another 170 jobs. In 2017 we were faced with 24 clothing factories shutting down, with more than 4 700 people losing their jobs, mostly Coloured women.

The ANC has saddled a Chinese Communist horse. While some cadres might enjoy the ride, those who place bets on that horse stand to lose everything they built up before and even after 1994. Unless South Africa calls a halt to their gambling in 2024 and vote for those parties who signed the multi-party charter for South Africa, calamity after calamity will follow upon us. And like the hon Leader of the Opposition said: I want to extend his map. The map he must look at is the map that will put us on the map of another failed African state. ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS (FFP): Nothing new in Africa. Failing ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Marais. Your time has expired. I recognise Al Jama-ah.

Mr G BRINKHUIS (AL JAMA-AH): Thank you very much, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, during the taxi strike we have seen the full might of the law enforcement officials. We urge the Province and the City of Cape Town to apply the same heavy-handedness in eradicating gangsterism and drug peddlers in the townships of the Cape Flats. Every day, innocent people are being killed because they have refused to join gangsters and to become part of the drug trade. I thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Brinkhuis. I recognise the DA.

Mr C FRY (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, the energy crisis remains with us, and it remains at the top of this Government's agenda. Recent months have seen the hon Premier lead an expansion of our energy sector. Our Government has considered not only how we can end loadshedding for good in our province, but also how we can reform within the energy sector as a whole.

The consensus from the experts is at once encouraging and frustrating. The brightest minds of the global industry tell us that the technology-led transition to a decentralised renewable energy economy will pay dividends and that it is possible to do this sooner than we think. But the sole obstacle to this brighter, cleaner future remains National Government. They would prefer us to keep the overly centralised fossil fuel-driven system that we currently have and that has been proven not to work. We know why this is the case. It is because the ANC is so scared of its eminent loss of power that

it fears taking the necessary action that will fix this country. But today, let us focus on the positives.

It is abundantly clear that this Government is taking the necessary steps to emancipate this province from the failing national power utility and more generally, from the failing National Government. We are moving forward, while the rest of the country is moving backward. And while this is a testament to this Government's great work, it is not our end goal. We want to rescue South Africa not just here in the Western Cape, but across the country. Come 2024, we will. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Fry. Hon members, in terms of Rule 145(6), I now give one or more hon members of the Executive present an opportunity to respond to Members Statements for not more than five minutes collectively. Are there any hon members? I recognise hon Minister Allen.

The MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hon Speaker, thank you so much. I wish to state categorically that the Western Cape Government remains committed 365 days of this year, to end the scourge against Gender-Based Violence. Just last week, myself and the hon Premier conducted oversight visits at the South African Police Service and we deliberately also went to our victim friendly rooms because we are wanting to ensure that where we have oversight over the South African Police Service, it must lead to better service delivery.

Hon member Bans is correct that rape is decreasing in our province based on the stats that were released. Also, sexual offences, but no-one on this side of the isle is happy with that. We would never want any person to be raped. Any person that rapes a person personifies evil and we want those persons to be behind bars.

I can also confirm that any person that is a victim of gender-based violence can contact any of our local DSD offices. They can also contact the tollfree number: 0800 428 428 because as a caring Government, hon Speaker, we are wanting to ensure that safe houses can be accessed for those that need that particular assistance.

But also, together with the hon Premier, we have also conducted oversight in terms of monitoring the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act because we want to ensure that the law actually works for those that are survivors and that these perpetrators are held accountable. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister Allen. I recognise the hon Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon Speaker. I just cannot help noticing that the hon Aishah Cassiem seems to be stuck in the past, fighting the Cold War. I think it is important to remind her that the Cold War is over and that the United States won. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. Are there any further inputs? Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. I think that I must refer to the statement by Al Jama-ah and saying that we need to throw as much as we can at gangsterism, specifically on the Cape Flats. And I would refer him back to his coalition partner, the ANC, because they actually are where policing starts and stops, and I would get him to influence his coalition partner, the ANC, to support devolution of policing powers.

But in the interim, that is the Safety Plan. We are taking resources and putting resources to making sure that we deal with crime in our province, and we do not have unlimited resources. We are actually quite strapped, but that Safety Plan as we spoke about earlier, in the statistics that come out you can see that where our resources are put in place, especially in those hotspots where gangsters are shooting and killing each other and actually taking away opportunity from our youth and taking away opportunity from our citizens, that is exactly what we are doing. But, and I really wish we had more power over policing, so we could really focus on ridding our society of this scourge of crime.

But, of course, he also has some power because they are coalition partners of the African National Congress where actually is where that determination happens. And I would suggest that in those coalition meetings that they have

with the ANC, they really put forward devolution of policing powers to the provinces.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Premier. Are there any further inputs by any hon members of the Executive? If not, hon members, that brings us to the end of Members Statements. We now move over to Motions of Notice in terms of Rule 150 – 151, my apologies. In terms of Rule 151, all Notices of Motions by hon members are required to be delivered to the Secretary for placing on the Order Paper. These motions have been duly submitted and are published on the Order Paper below the line.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the negative impact that the recent taxi strike has had on learners in general, and in particular on matric learners and teachers.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the rejected motion by sub-council 18 on Thursday 17 August to have a dignified sheltered area outside the

Pelican Park Community Clinic.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

Mr M KAMA (ANC): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the plan to restore the culture and heritage of the Khoisan community.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

Ms A P BANS (ANC): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates bogus City of Cape Town employees who are scamming and robbing residents in Cape Town.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

Ms N D NKONDLO (ANC): I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the increase in carjackers targeting women in Western Cape.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

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

That the House debates the action that the Provincial Government is taking regarding primary school teachers in Klapmuts sexting little boys.

[Notice of Motion as printed on the Order Paper.]

The SPEAKER: We now move on to Motions without Notice in terms of Rule 150. I would like to inform all hon members that in terms of Standing Rule 150 pertaining to Motions without Notice, condolence and congratulatory were submitted to the Programming Authority prior to this plenary on the 22 August 2023. Hon members are also reminded that the Motions without Notice pertaining to congratulatory and condolence, will not be allowed in this Sitting and that have not been processed by the Programming Authority.

I have been informed that in the Programming Authority meeting on the 22 August 2023, political parties did submit the names of the hon members in the desired order of speaking and who had wished to move a Motion without Notice in this Sitting of the House. I will therefore, just for noting and for the purposes of the Minutes, call out the hon members whose names have accordingly been submitted and approved.

The following hon members' motions have been approved by the Programming Authority as follows: hon A P van der Westhuizen, hon G Bosman, hon G Bosman, hon L M Maseko, hon M Kama, hon M K Sayed, hon

A P Bans, hon A P Bans, hon A P Bans, hon M K Sayed, and hon F C Christians.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (DA): I move without notice:

That the House notes of the challenges and risks to which farmworkers are exposed when they are transported in inappropriate vehicles; further notes that the risks of inappropriate transport were once again illustrated by the incident a week ago where a 24-year-old farmworker from Citrusdal tragically died when he fell from a wagon being pulled by a tractor; and calls on employers and especially the drivers of vehicles that transport people to be aware of the risks and to take the necessary steps to improve workers' safety.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): I move without notice:

That the House sends its sincere condolences to the friends and family of Loedfie Hendricks; notes that Mr Hendricks was a Collegians Rugby Football Club stalwart and decades-long government communications officer; notes that he unfortunately passed away on 12 August at the age of 64 after a long period of ill health; and further notes that he will not

only be missed by the entire Lentegeur community, but by many throughout the City of Cape Town.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): I move without notice:

That the House congratulates both the Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town after the inaugural Cape Town E-prix race was named race of the year; notes that the public vote was very convincing, and the Western Cape alongside the City of Cape Town have proven themselves to be a world-class location for many more international events to come; further notes this successful event played a massive role in nation building and economic growth; and looks forward to the potential future events.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): I move without notice:

That the House congratulates and thanks the Grassroots ECD Training Centre for their work in changing women's and children's lives in the Western Cape; notes that the Grassroots Educare Trust is a partner non-profit organisation of the Department of Infrastructure's Expanded Public Works Programme; notes that, as the oldest Early Childhood

Development facility in South Africa, the Grassroots Educare Trust manages and supports 200 unemployed youth and 160 parents through the EPWP; further notes that the Grassroots facility supports approximately 2 200 partial care facilities, with the majority of these being in rural areas; and notes that it is heartwarming to see the impact of these EPWP partnerships and the impact they have on our citizens.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Mr M KAMA (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates Nande Mabala, from Zwelethemba, Worcester, who was crowned second princess in the Miss South Africa competition on Sunday; notes that Mabala spent part of her childhood growing up in Zwelethemba, about 6 kilometres outside Worcester; notes that Mabala received her crown after entering the competition for the second time as she did not make the selection in 2020; and notes that this is quite an accomplishment and that she has brought honour and pride not only to herself but to the entire community of the town.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates the Knysna Municipality and its leadership under Mayor Aubrey Tsengwa after the town was voted the best †*dorpie [town]* in the province; notes that the town was nominated when the competition began in mid-July and received the most public votes in its category; notes that, aside from being named the Best Dorpie in Kfm's Best of the Cape Awards, Knysna was listed as the 19th Most Loved Destination Around the World on the 2021 Tourism Sentiment Index, as it is known for its stunning natural beauty, indigenous forests and scenic coastline; and notes that it is a popular tourist destination, especially for its lagoon, beaches and outdoor activities.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Ms A P BANS (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with deep sadness the passing away of Yoleka Xokashe (23) from Lower Crossroads, Cape Town; notes that it is alleged that Yoleka was brutally killed by her boyfriend; notes that she was found with multiple wounds at his home; and sends heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Ms A P BANS (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes with sadness the passing away of Leezandre Taaibosch (31) from Wesbank, Kuils River; notes that she was brutally killed on 1 August 2023 by her ex-boyfriend because she decided to end the toxic relationship; and sends heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Ms A P BANS (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes the passing away of Aboobakr du Preez (24); notes that Aboobakr left home on Sunday night shortly after 19:00 to attend Isha prayers when he came under attack; notes that he was walking along Ryston Road to Masjidur Rahman where he went every day for prayers; and extends its condolences and sends a message of strength to his family and friends.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I move without notice:

That the House notes the passing away of Johaar Mosaval, a trailblazing talent born in District Six, whose legacy transcends the boundaries of the arts; notes that, as we remember his life, we commend his groundbreaking accomplishment as the first Black South African senior

principal dancer at the esteemed Royal Ballet in London; notes that this pinnacle of achievement not only showcased his exceptional skill, but shattered barriers in one of the world's most prestigious ballet companies; notes that Mosaval's ascent to the highest rank in his profession stands as an enduring testament to the power of talent, determination and the capacity for change; and, in his memory, let us recommit ourselves to fostering inclusivity and embracing the richness that diversity brings to the arts and our global community.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): I move without notice:

That the House conveys its condolences with the family and friends of the late Talia Morris (17) of Hanover Park; sympathises with her loved ones at her senseless killing; notes that the *Son* newspaper (Clyde Adams-Vister, 10 August 2023) reported that she was caught in the crossfire between rival gangs on Friday, 4 August 2023; notes that she tragically passed away on Saturday, 5 August 2023; notes that Talia was a learner at the Mount View High School; notes that she was another victim of the needless violence that has become commonplace on the Cape Flats; notes that the community is shocked and saddened by her death; and notes that this is a community that lives in daily fear of their lives. Our prayers are with the family as we share in their grief during the time of their bereavement.

[Motion as printed in the Minutes.]

The SPEAKER: I now put the motions duly submitted and approved by the Programming Authority to the House. Hon members, are there any objections? No objections, agreed to. The motions will appear in the Minutes of the proceedings and in Hansard, in each individual member's name as if that member had read them out aloud.

I will now afford the opportunity to the hon members to move Motions without Notice as per Standing Rule of 150(2)(d). This could also be Motions without Notice that were not approved in the Programming Authority meeting. Hon members are reminded that the 30 minutes as per Standing Rule 150(2)(d) will start now. I recognise the hon Cassiem.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

For the House to take note that on Tuesday, 22 August 2022, Khayelitsha residents marched to the Department of Home Affairs branch in Khayelitsha in order to voice out their frustrations and concerns stemming from poor service delivery; further notes that the concerns raised by the community involve the manner in which they are mistreated by staff at that branch; the majority of the incidents at the branch involve lack of respect for members of society, capturing of their details on their ID's, resulting in invalid ID's being issued and

remaining useless as the recipients cannot use them to open bank accounts, apply for work opportunities or even study opportunities. We call on the National Minister of Home Affairs to intervene on the matter and to make sure that the community receive better services.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Cassiem. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection, agreed to. I recognise the hon Cassiem.

Ms A CASSIEM (EFF): I move without notice:

For the House to take note that the South African Women's Cricket took great stepping stones yesterday with the launch of the Professional Domestic Women's League which was launched at Freedom Park; further notes that the league will feature two main tournaments including Cricket South Africa One Day Cup and Cricket South Africa Women's T20 challenge. This is a great achievement taking place during Women's Month and we can only hope that this is the beginning of good things to come especially with the inclusion and participation of women in sport. As the EFF, we also call for the establishment of a professional women's football league in the country following the great achievement by South African Women's football team Banyana Banya at the recent Women's World Cup recently held in Australia and New

Zealand. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Cassiem. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objections, agreed to. I recognise the hon Klaas.

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF): I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Democratic Alliance Mayor in the Drakenstein Municipality, Conrad Poole and members of his Mayoral Committee are being accused and facing allegations of corruption involving what is called a pay-for-a-job-scheme; further notes that these are serious allegations made against members of a racist DA party that goes around pretending to be proponents of good governance; now that the allegations lie bare, the party is mulling its feet in getting to the bottom of this matter in fear of how this will expose them as a corrupt party which goes around putting corrupt people in office. We hope that investigations against Poole and his cronies will begin as a matter of urgency in order to expose the rot that runs through the veins of the DA.

I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Klaas. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

Hon MEMBERS: Object! Object!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members. There is an objection, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I recognise the hon Klaas.

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF): I move without notice:

For the House to take notice that the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure has spent more than R161,7-million on security alone in order to stop the construction mafia which is a breed of the same political party; further notes that the DA under hon Premier Alan Winde wants everyone to believe that the Safety Plan is effective, yet his other departments ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF):

...which have nothing ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members. Hon Minister. Hon Klaas, my apologies. Please take your seat. Hon Minister, I will put the question and

you can then, raise your objection. But until such time, there is an hon member on the floor. Hon Klaas, you may continue.

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF): Please respect me. I am reading here. You can object, but the fact you did here what I am saying.

Further notes that the DA under the hon Premier Alan Winde wants everyone to believe that the Safety Plan is effective, yet his other departments which have nothing to do with the Safety Plan, spend more money on security rather than operate on the provision for housing; concludes by stating that the DA is in cahoots with these mafia gangs and this money which is pretended to be paid for security purposes, in fact goes back to the DA in the form of kickbacks in order to fund their 2024 elections campaign. The DA is corrupt, and it is now clear for everyone to see. [Interjections.] I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Klaas. Before I put the question. Hon Murray, is that a point of order?

Ms C MURRAY (DA): Yes, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: What is your point of order, hon Murray?

Ms C MURRAY (DA): The hon member is casting aspersions on the hon Premier, and I ask if he might have to put a substantiated motion through if he is going to make such allegations.

The SPEAKER: Alright. Hon Murray, I will revert back to the House if needs be, but in the interest of moving forward, I will put the question. Hon Klaas, please take your seat. [Interjections.] Hon members, there are only 30 minutes for motions. So, now I am going to put the motion. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

Hon MEMBERS: Object! Object!

The SPEAKER: There is an objection, and the motion will now be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Murray, I recognise you.

Ms C MURRAY (DA): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the R46-billion planned investment of Amazon Web Services in Cape Town, and notes that R15,6-billion of this amount has already been invested in setting up a footprint for Amazon Web Services in South Africa; notes further that Amazon has opened their first international Amazon Web Services Skills Centre in the Mother City which aims to provide accessible cloud skills training, including free foundational cloud training, for people interested in cloud

computing and a potential career within it; notes further that big international investments play a key role in job creation in the Western Cape, and investments from high-profile companies like Amazon contribute to a growing reputation of the Western Cape as the tech hub of Africa. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Murray. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF): I object.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection. [Interjections.] Hon members, hon members. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! There is an objection, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I recognise the hon Murray. [Interjections.] Order, hon members. Hon Murray.

Ms C MURRAY (DA): Thank you again, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the Day of 1000 Opportunities recruitment drive that took place in the Athlone Stadium this week, where jobseekers

could interview with businesses in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry; notes that 1 000 paid learnerships in the BPO industry were available at this event and that the event targeted the youth specifically, and that it will be a first employment opportunity for many of the participants; recognises that this is yet another example of innovation and empowerment by the Western Cape Government enabling successful public-private cooperation that will make a difference in 1 000 young people's lives. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Murray. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No objection. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: There is an objection, and it will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise the hon Sileku.

Mr I SILEKU (DA): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That this House notes that the Overstrand Municipality has won the 2022 Municipal Waste Management evaluation award. That this House further notes that the Stellenbosch Municipality and the Saldanha Municipality claimed 2nd and 3rd places respectively; that this House lastly notes that

all three of these municipalities are DA-run. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Sileku. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

Hon MEMBERS: Object!

An HON MEMBER: No objection.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise the hon Maseko.

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

That this House notes that all the Ministerial housing programmes of the Department of Infrastructure are currently on track. They have achieved a significant milestone with the accelerated successful delivery of homes to new homeowners in the Western Cape. This House must note that the Ministerial Projects have resulted in the completion of 1 696 housing units, with an additional 402 units to be completed by May 2024. Notably, the Dysselsdorp project in Oudtshoorn commenced construction in September 2021, resulting in the delivery of 459 Breaking New

Ground (BNG) housing units as outlined in the project plan. Furthermore, the Department will also allocate 75 serviced sites to individuals who were living on the land prior to the project's initiation but did not qualify for BNG units under the standard guidelines. The Mountain View project in Mossel Bay has yielded also impressive results, delivering a total of 1 003 units, of which 725 are BNG units that have already been handed over. Currently, the Department is in the process of appointing an estate agent to facilitate the sale of the First Home Finance (previously called FLISP) units, hon member Klaas, through you, hon Speaker. These projects address the needs of communities that have patiently awaited housing solutions for many years. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF): ...time, we object.

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

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF): Object!

Hon MEMBERS: Yes! Object.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection, and the motion will be printed on the

Order Paper. I recognise the hon Maseko.

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

That the House notes the handing over of keys to beneficiaries at the Our Pride housing project in Eerste River. Notes that the Our Pride housing project is a First Home Finance Programme that has delivered 218 housing units. Two units will be for Breaking New Ground, the remainder being FLISP. The R102-million project was geared towards making affordable housing more accessible to all citizens; and further notes that the Western Cape remains the leading province in the delivery of affordable housing programmes. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: There are no objections, agreed to. I recognise the hon Bosman.

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House recognises the tremendous impact that Derek Watts had on South African journalism. He exemplified everything a journalist should be: hard-hitting and dogged when necessary, but governed by an enduring kindness and compassion that shone through his work. That this House nominates Derek Watts for the order of Ikhamanga for his exceptional contributions to South African journalism.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: We did not get that on record. Can you move?

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): I so move.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Bosman. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: I think let us put that on the Order Paper. We do not vote ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: So, there is an objection. Can you just in the record say that you object? Are there any objections?

An HON MEMBER: We object.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, we cannot negotiate. There are Rules. Are there any objections to the motion being ...[Interjection.]

Mr T M KLAAS (EFF): We object that it is moved without notice ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Okay and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I now recognise the hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that bullying is starting from an early age at our schools. My motivation is an article by Ntuthuzelo Nene on 11 May 2023 in *EWN*. An 8-year-old Grade 3 learner was cut by a Grade 3 learner. Both are learners of Stephan Road Primary School in Lotus River and are in the same class. This was a potentially fatal attack on the learner, who by the Grace of God survived the attack. This attack shows that bullying is rearing its ugly head among our learners at a young age. The ACDP advises the WCED to continue to be diligent and offer proactive programmes that will stop this kind of delinquent behaviour. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Christians. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No objections, motion agreed to. I recognise the hon Windvogel.

Ms R WINDVOGEL (ANC): Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with profound concern the recent accolade bestowed upon the City of Cape Town for its purported distinction as the 'Best City'. This recognition stands in stark contrast to the distressing reality faced by its impoverished residents, who endure the offensive odour of uncollected waste due to egregious mismanagement. We condemn the apparent prioritisation of propagandist narratives over the welfare of our citizens. It is our solemn duty to call for an immediate review of this award, urging transparent accountability for the dire living conditions experienced by the marginalised. Let us voice our unwavering commitment to truth and equitable treatment, and striving for genuine progress that extends to every corner of our City. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

Hon MEMBERS: Object! Objection.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I recognise the hon Sayed.

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

That the House welcomes the decisive action taken by the national Department of Basic Education in enforcing the laws against bullying within our nation's schools. This vital step demonstrates our commitment to creating safe and nurturing environments for our learners to learn and thrive. By implementing these measures, we not only protect our children from the harmful effects of bullying but also foster a culture of respect, love and tolerance. Let us join in unity to support this initiative and ensure that the rights of our children to a safe and conducive educational experience is upheld. And let us together reaffirm our dedication to the well-being and future of our nation's youth. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Sayed. Hon members, are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There is no objection, motion agreed to. I recognise the hon Marran.

Mr P MARRAN (ANC): Thanks very much, hon Speaker. On behalf of the Congress Movement, I move without notice:

That the House rises to call for a thorough inquiry into the allocation of R161-million by the Provincial Department of Infrastructure's Human Settlements in the Western Cape. This substantial expenditure, ostensibly aimed at countering the extortion tactics of the construction mafia and combating the illegal occupation of vacant land and homes under construction, warrants careful scrutiny. In the interests of transparency and effective resource utilisation, we must assess the strategies employed, evaluate their impact, and ensure that public funds are optimally utilised to safeguard our communities and promote lawful development. Let us uphold our duty to the public by seeking accountability and constructive solutions to these pressing concerns. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Marran. Hon members, are there

any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There is no objection, the motion is agreed to. I recognise the hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice:

That this House notes with concern that there were basically seven scholar transport vehicles which were impounded by the City of Cape Town at the Pelican Park Primary School on 21 August 2023, with no reasons provided nor any complaints lodged by the school. Learner transportation is important to the educational accessibility, and such actions can disrupt the learning process. Whilst we value life, we urge for transparency and for open communication to address this matter promptly. It is imperative to ensure that we have a continuation of educational activities and the safety of our learners at all times. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: Yes, we object, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection.

The MINISTER OF MOBILITY: We cannot lose children's lives on our roads.

The SPEAKER: The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon Sayed.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Hon Speaker, I move without notice on behalf of the African National Congress:

That this House notes with discontent the prevailing infrastructure challenges at Klipfontein Methodist Primary School in Philippi. We require urgent and collective action for this. We call upon all stakeholders, including the DA-led City of Cape Town, to join hands in addressing these pressing concerns. The absence of a proper road, a sewage system, and stormwater system severely hampers the school's functionality and compromises the safety and well-being of students and staff. We demand immediate attention and immediate collaboration to rectify these issues, ensuring a conducive learning environment. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Objection.

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Sayed. Hon members, are there

any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

Mr G BOSMAN (DA): We object!

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Object.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection, and the motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon members, that concludes Motions without Notice, and that also concludes the business of the day. The Secretary will now end the meeting and all hon members will be exited from the Sitting. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:07.