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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL
PARLIAMENT**

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

1. Debate on Vote 6 - Health - *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2014/15 Financial Year) [B 1 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see there is no speakers list. That concludes the specific Order. I will ask the Secretary to read the Second Order.

2. Debate on Vote 6 - Health - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

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

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon Premier Ms Helen Zille, in absentia, Cabinet colleagues and members of the Provincial Parliament, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, Head of Department and management of the Department of Health, our partners at the academic institutions, civil society and the health sector members of the various media, our special guests from local communities, consumers of healthcare, our partners in the private sector and business and most importantly the citizens of the Western Cape, good morning!

I feel privileged to lead the Health Department in the Western Cape and give you my maiden Budget Speech for 2015/16.

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is the Department with the largest budget within the province, receiving 36% of the Provincial Budget for 2015/2016, which in itself bears testimony to the high priority accorded to Health by the Western Cape Government.

Health is said to be the face of the service in any government. The Health Department is not only the largest department because of its share of the budget, but is the most complex.

The service is rendered at multiple sites ranging from, amongst others, 42 acute hospitals, 11 specialised hospitals, 277 clinics including those of the City Of Cape Town, large eight-hour community day centres and 24 community health centres, 49 ambulance stations, 250 ambulance vehicles and patient transport fleet of 82 vehicles and 18 forensic laboratories.

Essential to our functioning is our partnerships with key role players such as the Higher Education Institutions, private sector, organised labour, civil society, other departments and other spheres of government, so providing health services is a truly complex business.

In my first few months in office, as part of my commitment to the people of the Western Cape, I have visited many health facilities across the province. I have and I will continue to do so, in order to see the facilities myself and to engage staff and patients on their experiences in each area.

If we are to prioritise patient experience and improve the working conditions of our staff, these visits are essential. I can confirm even from the places that I have visited that we have dedicated staff working under tough conditions due to the service pressure of the healthcare system in general.

More than 90% of our patient contacts happen in the primary care services and many of the facilities are quite congested. The majority of the acute hospitals in the Metro and some of the rural acute hospitals are functioning above the optimal bed occupancy of 85% - some even at 100 up to 120%.

This is fuelled by the increase of our population numbers as well as the escalating quadruple burden of disease with the largest proportion being from chronic conditions, which forms 80% of patients attending our primary healthcare facilities. Between the two census in 2001 and 2011, the population grew by 28.8% in the Western Cape according to StatsSA. In addition we have had a 2.5% patient increase in our facilities.

The pressure on services are bound to increase for the foreseeable future. It is worrying that the risk factor trends such as that of obesity and physical inactivity continue to increase and levels of smoking, alcohol and substance abuse remain unacceptably high.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Ban alcohol, ban alcohol.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We cannot continue mopping the floor only; we have to close the tap. Delivering a health service can no longer be business as usual. This is why my vision for health in the province is premised on the promotion of wellness and preventive measures.

If we educate and create awareness about the importance of looking after oneself, we will be able to bring down the numbers of those who end up at our healthcare facilities.

The Western Cape Healthcare 2030, which is a long-term strategic vision and direction of the Department, which has also been endorsed by the Provincial Cabinet is the road that will take us to wellness. Wellness is not defined by merely the absence of disease, but a complete state of physical, mental and social wellbeing.

This is on par with the National Development Plan 2030 which emphasises the wellbeing of the population as priority. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Wellness is no babalas; no babalas.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: There will be a greater emphasis and effort around preventive measures such as immunisation, access to antenatal care and prevention of HIV as was mentioned by the Premier in her State of Provincial Address. However, as we know, many of the risk factors for ill health require upstream interventions in broader society and also needs the whole of society.

In this regard, the approach of the Western Cape Government to cluster departments around shared goals is welcome. Strategic Goal 3 is to improve wellness, increase safety and tackle social ills and it involves the

Departments of Health, Social Development, Culture, Arts and Sport and Community Safety. I have been appointed to lead this group.

As part of SG 3, we are creating a living laboratory in Drakenstein whereby all the departments together with local government and our partners such as the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade, focus our efforts in a concentrated area to get maximum impact.

We are hoping to create a model of integrated service delivery with optimal community involvement towards sustained impact that can be replicated in other parts of the province. Health is also working with Education Department and others to tackle youth issues for example in the area of Manenberg.

We partner with the Department of Premier, Medical Research Council, universities and other departments to reduce the impact of alcohol abuse in areas for example like Nyanga. Alcohol remains a key risk factor for injuries from both road accidents as well as interpersonal violence, foetal alcohol syndrome and many other health conditions and social ills.

The Western Cape Government has therefore identified alcohol as a game-changer. This government has seen the devastating effects of alcohol and substance abuse among the people we serve. This is exactly why we have seen the need to streamline our efforts and make alcohol and substance abuse prevention a focus.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Anything to serve alongside [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: South Africa is one of top five heaviest drinking nations in the world. It costs the South African government about R17 billion to deal with alcohol abuse, and the tangible cost to family and society doubles that, almost about R38 billion.

It also places tremendous pressure on our healthcare system. Injuries and interpersonal violence are one of the biggest contributors to the province's quadruple burden of disease and this is mostly due to alcohol and substance abuse.

Maternal and child health is the bedrock for a functioning health system. Whilst the Western Cape has improved maternal and child health outcomes compared to the other provinces, the death of one woman is one too many, because it involves the death of a mother and that of a baby.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We intend to strengthen the First 1000 Days of Life Project, especially in the Metro. Every pregnant mother will be tracked in the public sector from antenatal care, delivery, post natal care and then up to the child's early development. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: It is not just “especially the Metro”.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The aim of this is, amongst others, to reduce smoking and harmful alcohol abuse in pregnancy, provide good antenatal and postnatal care, while improving the breastfeeding. Keeping girls at school is essential to reducing teenage pregnancy and improving maternal education and which is a determinant of infant survival. We have to work with Education on the best model.

It is critical that we continue to cultivate our partnership with private sector around wellness. We will be reviewing the 16 wellness centres we launched with private pharmacies in the first half of last year. We intend to expand to cover the rural areas especially for family planning and immunisation services.

The recent partnership between Health, Education and private sponsors through the Health Foundation to launch the school mobile wellness units is an exciting development. This fits neatly into our goal of health promotion in schools. These wellness mobiles provide a crucial service across the province and improves access to screening for learners in grade R and 1 even in the most remote of areas.

The Provincial Strategic Goal 3 first priority is about building healthy and resilient communities. A whole society approach is key to getting communities taking full responsibilities of their health and promoting crucial

behavioural changes across the board.

This year I will be launching the very first community health indaba to invite all our stakeholders to take part in it. We intend to foster sustainable relationships with the NGOs, community based organisations, communities, traditional and religious leaders to achieve these key results.

We need to make the circle bigger for non-state and state actors to participate. Active citizenry is my legacy. The health system does not begin with a healthcare worker at a primary healthcare facility level. It begins with an individual at home and those leaders who live among them, and this reminds me of the words of the late community icon, Uncle Polly Jacobs, then the Chairperson of the Belhar Health Forum and a member of Western Cape Health Forum and colleague at UWC, when he used to remind us, quoting, “Nothing about us, without us, on health matters. Tell us where we can assist.” I can recall Uncle Polly saying that.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Uncle Polly understood that health cannot be made a political football. Health is about the lives of the people. Uncle Polly, you will be happy to know I am tabling the Western Cape Health Facility Boards and Committees Bill 2015 for approval by Cabinet, ngomso lo usayo.

We give power to the people to take ownership and responsibility of health

services in partnership with healthcare workers. The intention of the Bill is to provide an explicit policy framework to allow for community involvement and oversight to the provision of health services especially at primary healthcare level. Part of my mission during my term in office is to strengthen the community health worker programme. Currently we have more than 2 000 community health workers which we intend to expand.

Primary healthcare approach at all levels of care underpins the service delivery approach while strengthening of the district health services is a major emphasis. Improving the quality of care and the patient experience is a central piece of Healthcare 2030. Staff attitude and patient waiting times are major issues and it is not just only in the Western Cape but across globally.

The Department will be examining the patient flow within primary care and emergency centres to identify improvements at various steps of the patient journey. A key part of improving quality is also amplifying the voice of the patient and the community.

The SMS hotline and the complaints email address and telephone landline allow us to get the necessary feedback from our clients, which is the 086-number. I will also be setting up an Independent Health Complaints Committee as per the legislation that has been promulgated and whose regulations are being finalised.

This will be the mechanism to further investigate patient complaints if we are

not satisfied that they have been adequately addressed within the routine process. The distribution points of the Chronic Dispensing Unit have been rolled across the province and we intend to increase the alternate sites to 600 so to reduce unnecessary waiting times at our facilities, because some of them are not coming for health service or consultation, just to fetch their chronic medication.

The most important of them all, without our dedicated carers, without them we cannot implement any of these brilliant ideas. This is why I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Three Musketeers of Groote Schuur Hospital. These healthcare workers have completed 46 years of service: Mama Mareldia Patton; Mama Mareen Ross; Mama Martha Petersen. One is 65, 64 and the other one is also 64. They have been with our services for 46 years.

An HON MEMBER: Well done, well done, well done! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The increase in population resulted in 2.5% increase in clients utilising public services which puts pressure on our healthcare workers. Whilst - which I need to emphasise - there is no justification for a health worker's bad attitude towards patients, this Government does understand the circumstances they work under.

As a practising nurse and midwife myself, working 12-hour shifts with no meals breaks, I know very well how it feels. There were times when you felt

hopeless because you were just mopping the floor. We are currently busy reinforcing caring values to our staff.

The Caring, Accountability, Integrity, Responsiveness and Respect, shortened as CAIR² Club project is to acknowledge and recognise the commitment of hard working staff at the coalface, to translate the values of the Department into concrete behaviours and actions. Caring for our carers is crucial to improving the patient experience.

Mr Deputy Speaker, now let me turn to the Health Budget.

Given the slow growth in GDP in the country at large, the health allocation to the Department is projected to decrease in real terms over the medium term. This will further increase the pressures on the Department as we try to internally reprioritize the budget to address the many challenges as well as give incremental effect to the vision of Healthcare 2030.

For this year 2015/16 the Department is allocated R18.8 billion. The budget increases by 7.9%. However, the outer years will be shrinking chronologically by 4% and 5.4% respectively based on the medium term expenditure estimate.

The Provincial Equitable Share amounts to R13 billion and the National Conditional Grants to R5 billion. The major Conditional Grant allocations for 2015/16 include:

- The National Tertiary Services Grant for R2.5 billion;
- The Health Facility Revitalisation Grant, R804 million;
- The Health Professional Training and Development Grant, R489 million;
- The Comprehensive HIV/Aids Grant, R1.1 billion;
- And the NHI Pilot Project Grant, which is R7 million.

The National Tertiary Services Grant and the Health Professional Training and Development Grant only increased by 2.28% and 2.26% respectively, which is a decrease in real terms. This particularly impacts negatively on the central hospitals.

The Department has been forced to cross-subsidise these hospitals from the equitable share which increases the pressure on the rest of the Department. Due to the forever dwindling public funds we have decided to initiate a multi-lateral agreement between the four major institutions in the Western Cape, which is the University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape, Stellenbosch University and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. They are represented here.

The aim of the agreement is to incentivise and encourage the sharing of service platforms, resources, clinical training and teaching at these major institutions to enable the Department to achieve optimal health outcomes through the training of health professionals.

The departmental own receipts in 2015/16 is R500 million, which is an increase of R7 million from the previous year. The Global Fund allocation decreases from R125 million in 2014/15 to R99 million in 2015/16 as part of its exit strategy, which is the Global Fund for HIV. This gap has to be covered by the Equitable Share allocation.

From an economic classification point of view the 2015/16 Budget allocation includes:

- R10.9 billion for compensation of employees. That is the staff costs.
- R6 billion for goods and services
- R1.1 billion for transfers and subsidies
- R743 million for capital assets.

The Health Budget is divided between its eight programmes with direct operational cost within the Programmes 2, 3, 4 and 5 providing health services amounting to about 80% of the total allocation to the Department and the compensation of employees increase by 6.9% and the goods and services by 10.4%.

Starting with Programme 1, which is administration: this programme is allocated R695 million, which is 3.7% of the budget vote and this amounts to a nominal increase of R95 million, which is 15.89%.

The major purpose of the programme is to conduct the strategic management

and overall administration of the Department of Health by promoting efficient use of financial and human resources.

The key priorities include:

- Expanding the Chronic Dispensing Unit
- Instilling our care for the carers priorities
- Improving service delivery through the advances in IT at primary healthcare facilities and also for the hospitals information system, because it is important that the two systems need to collaborate and talk to one another, when the client comes from the primary healthcare facility to the hospital in terms of keeping the patient data.

Programme 2: District Health Services. This programme has been allocated R7.3 billion which amounts to 38.9% of this vote. This is a nominal increase of R572 million or 8.4% increase. The District Health system receives the largest allocation within the Department and rightly so as more than 90% of the patient contacts are within the primary care and district hospitals. This programme also includes community based services and the HIV/Aids programme.

Primary care services are allocated 44.8% of this programme's budget. The focus is on improving the quality of care and management of communicable diseases.

When it comes to the district hospitals, we have got 34 district hospitals, which have been allocated 36.7% of the Programme 2 budget. The focus is to address the service pressures by increasing the number of beds in the Metro and rural areas.

The HIV/Aids receives 16.48% of the Programme 2 budget and the Department intends reducing the TB clients defaulting on treatment from an estimated 8% in 2014/15 to 7.3% in the coming year. Strengthening the basics in mother, women and child health remain a priority focus area in this programme.

Programme 3: Emergency Medical Services. The Emergency Medical Services, the EMS has been allocated a budget vote of R930 million, which is 4.94% of the total budget with a nominal increase of 6.4% which is R56 million. This programme includes the ambulance services for emergencies, the air-ambulance service, special operations that manages the Department's response to disasters and major incidents or events, including sporting and cultural events. There is an upcoming Jazz Festival. It means that the EMS has to be on standby, for example. The programme involves Emergency Medicine Specialist training and service oversight as well as the planned outpatient transport of patients within towns or between referral centres.

I also take the opportunity of recording my sincere appreciation to the EMS staff who worked alongside the firemen and many other role players to ensure

the safety of our people in the recent widespread fires in the province.

The focus here is to implement the new IT system within the communication centres of EMS which will achieve a response rate of Priority 1 calls for both in Metro and rural areas.

To also address the ever growing need for immediate emergency care, the Emergency First Aid Responder, which is the EFAR Project, which is the E-F-A-R Project, through which community residents are trained, certified, and respond as an EFAR person will be strengthened. For example in the event of an emergency, the EFAR person serves to provide immediate care to the patient until the ambulance arrives, which is very crucial; this in the rural areas as the Priority 1 can take 40 minutes for the emergency for the ambulance. As the EFARs are community residents, they are in a unique position to provide expedited care to an injured or acutely ill patient that might otherwise be without immediate care, so you see now the other aspect of the active citizenry, so you do not want citizens to be passive and wait for the State, but to do for themselves.

Uncle Polly said: “Without us, you need to involve us...”

Programme 4: Provincial Hospitals. Provincial Hospital service is allocated R2.9 billion, which is 15.78% of the vote and a nominal increase of 8.8%. The programme provides the following services, which is the general specialist hospital and this includes TB, psychiatry, rehabilitation and dental

training hospitals. The five general hospitals have been 54.87% of the Programme 4 budget and the four psychiatric hospitals receive 25.5% of the programme budget. The remaining 20% of the programme budget supports the Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre, the six TB hospitals and the dental training hospitals.

Programme 5: Central Hospitals. The two central hospitals, the Tygerberg and Groote Schuur and the provincial tertiary hospital, the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, are allocated R5.3 billion which is 28.26% of the vote in this budget.

The funding of these hospitals comes from conditional grants as well as the equitable share. The conditional grant allocation over recent years has not kept pace with inflation, nor with the patient loads being experienced.

These hospitals do not only operate for managing only the clients in the Western Cape but they are the essential referral points for patients with serious and complicated medical needs from the province and also beyond, even in Africa.

Programme 6: Health Sciences and Training. This programme has been allocated R335 million and within that we have about R79 million, which is being spent on bursaries for healthcare students, nurses, medical EMS and all of those. It is 1.78% of the budget vote.

This programme is responsible for rendering training and development opportunities for serving and prospective employees of the Department and includes, as I indicated, the nursing and EMS training colleges. We expect about 550 nurses to graduate in 2015/16 within the province at these colleges and Higher Education Institutions, and for this budget vote, we will be spending, as I indicated, about R78 million. We intend to explore also the possibilities of an increase in medical training with the support of the National Department of Health in order to cover up the medical shortages, especially in the rural areas, and I have visited the medical schools to debate around this.

The Department continues to offer internship and learnership opportunities to recent matriculants and graduates. This includes the human resource, the finance and data capturer internships, pharmacist assistants, assistant-to-artisan training and forensic pathology assistants.

Programme 7: the Healthcare Support Services. The allocation for this programme is R405 million for this budget year, which is 2.15% of budget vote. This programme handles the laundry, the engineering services, forensic pathology services and the Cape Medical Depot.

The laundry services has been allocated R82 million, which is 20.26% of the programme and the engineering services within there is allocated R11.7 million (R117.5 million per written speech), which is 29% of the programme. The key priorities include a greater focus on maintenance and

improving compliance with health waste and fire regulations and health facilities and in an attempt to improve efficiencies and reduce our carbon footprint, which is very crucial, provincial benchmarks have been set for the reduction in energy demand - you will be happy about that - and water consumption - you will be happy about that - at hospitals. Comparative energy and water consumption tables comparing hospitals to each other has helped foster healthy competition between facilities as well as raise questions about outliers.

Forensic Pathology Services, which is the *post mortem* and all of those, receive R145.9 million, which is 36% of the programme allocation, and we will aim to respond to 78% of the cases within 40 minutes, which is part of the mortuaries.

The Cape Medical Depot receives R59.7 million, which is 14.7% of the programme budget. The CMD focus is to ensure that at least 97% of the pharmaceutical stock is available at the depot, notwithstanding the recent challenges that have been experienced with the late awarding of national tenders. The Department has met with suppliers, awarded certain items on provincial tenders and continues to spread the available stock between facilities until the situation has stabilised.

The last programme, Programme 8: Health Facilities Management. For this financial year budget this programme has been allocated R826 million, that is 4.39% of budget vote. This is a nominal increase of R80 million or 10.8%.

R186 million is allocated to new and replacement assets and R266 million to maintenance and repairs. For Health it is not only about the building but also the medical technologies within, the theatre and so on. The Department is increasing its emphasis on maintenance of infrastructure as evidenced by the 18.7% increase in the allocation. It is not only about the building.

The Department will strengthen its capacity to plan capital projects better and continue to engage with the Western Cape Department of Public Works and Transport as the implementing agent to improve value for money, spending and implementation of projects. This will enable the Department to bid for additional funding made available at the National through the performance based incentive process.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Buying local, not foreign equipment.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The following capital projects will be completed in 2015/16. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Buying new T-shirts.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In the Winelands... [Interjections.]

- In the Winelands District, I think this is second in terms of the population after the Metro, the Worcester CDC Dental Suite, which is a community day care dental suite;

- The Worcester Nurse College for the new student accommodation;
- The Paarl Psychiatric Unit;
- Worcester Hospital Revitalisation Phase 5.

What is crucial is that the Winelands, the original hospital there in Worcester does not only capture patients coming, referred from within the Winelands, but also the Overberg and other part of the Central Karoo, if the patients cannot go to George, and it is also around the N1.

For the Metro:

- The Mfuleni Community Day Centre;
- The Strand Nomzamo for the Community Day Centre, which will reduce the overload of the Helderberg Hospital, for some patients end up flooding in the Helderberg Hospital to the District Hospital, so if we improve the community Day Care Centre in Strand it will be helpful;
- Also in the Metro the Valkenberg Hospital Administration Building Upgrade;
- Also the Wesfleur Hospital Emergency Centre and Paediatric Unit. That is for those who will be complete during this financial year.

The other important thing is the Health Technology allocation which is very crucial for us to have the digital radiology information system that allows for images like X-rays and CT scans to be viewed and stored digitally instead of having all those big things.

Now we can store them digitally. This technological innovation will be rolled out at Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain, George, Worcester and Paarl Hospitals. This budget will also fund the radiotherapy upgrade at Groote Schuur, the theatre upgrade at New Somerset Hospital and the Ophthalmology Unit at Tygerberg Hospital.

In conclusion Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want the House to accept this budget vote. In conclusion I want to thank the Premier, the Provincial MEC of Finance, Dr Ivan Meyer, my Cabinet colleagues and Treasury for recognising the importance of Health and Health Services and making tough choices in allocating the budget you have to Health in 2015/16.

I inherit a department that has a proud track record of having amongst the best health outcomes in the country and operates within its allocated budget and has received an unqualified audit for the last ten years. These achievements are the result of hard work, dedication and commitment of the staff and management of the Department.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] by the former MEC.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Notwithstanding the financial challenges over the medium term, we have to collectively find the space and the resilience to implement the vision of Healthcare 2030... [Interjections.] ...in the interests of patient centred care.

I call on all of us, both within and outside of the Department, and government, most importantly communities themselves, to join hands with us to address the significant challenges facing health. This is not a luxury but a necessity. With our collective efforts we can take the health service and health of our people in this province to greater heights.

I wish the HOD Designate, Dr Engelbrecht, who takes over the reins from Professor Househam, who unfortunately is not here today. Professor, from 1 April, all the best. She has been a member of the management team for more than a decade so continuity amongst senior management has been secured. I know we will work well, and I also take this opportunity to thank Professor Househam for his sterling leadership of the Department for more than a decade.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He can comfortably retire knowing that he has built a sustainable leadership and department that can continue the good outcomes he and his team have achieved.

An HON MEMBER: Thanks to him.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I also thank each of the staff members and also some of the colleagues from the regional hospitals and other places, as well as our partners for your efforts in enabling the Department to achieve the

good health outcomes in this province.

Lastly, I would like to thank members of my office, whose support has enabled me to make the smooth transition to Health. I know I am a difficult person to work with because of my weakness, which is of being a perfectionist that results in slowing the progress, because I want to dot every “i” and cross every “t” but I am trying to slow down. [Interjections.]

Lastly to my former colleagues, I see they are almost all here, from all the academic institutions, I thought being an academic is 24-hour job, but I just discovered that there are actually more than 24-hours in a day of a politician. It is not a lie. [Laughter.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: There is no service delivery today.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And also my research team... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.] There is no service delivery.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: To my previous research team at UWC... [Interjections.] To my previous research team at UWC, until I reach my goal, I will never depart from the golden rule. That is the midwife song, South African midwife song, so I really solemnly pledge. To my legal persons, they are supposed to be here but they are at school. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Bly stil!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: To my little persons, who are not here, they were supposed to be here, but they found out that the Premier does not want anyone to bunk school. [Laughter.] To my little persons, my ‘appeltjies’ and my worst critics, thank you for your generosity by sharing me with people of Western Cape and South Africa at your expense.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Nangamso.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Nangamso. Thank you. [Interjections.]
[Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon member Ms Schäfer.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Madam Speaker, in undertaking to provide equitable access to quality health services in partnership with relevant stakeholders with a balanced and well-managed health system to the people of the Western Cape and beyond, we welcome and support the approximate R18.8 billion to be appropriated to the Department of Health.

This will assist the Department in continuing to provide a comprehensive, cost-effective package of health services to the people of the Western Cape. This includes preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative and palliative care through:

- District health services including: home and community-based care, clinics, community day/health centres and district hospitals.
- Provincial, central and specialised hospital services, which include hospitals such as tuberculosis, psychiatric and rehabilitation hospitals.
- Emergency medical and planned patient transport services and
- Forensic pathology, which deals with medico-legal and inspection of anatomy services.

It is important that we acknowledge that the Western Cape population grows by about 2% annually, and patient numbers grow proportionately with the growth in the population. Due to the national economy, the growth in the budget does not keep up with the growth in patient numbers, yet the Department does well with the little that they do have.

We are pleased that the improvement of service delivery is prioritised by the Department of Health. The budget appropriation will indeed assist the re-design of primary healthcare services and bringing about real change in the lives of people accessing the services. There is a need to strengthen the capability for early detection and treatment, the reduction of unhealthy lifestyles and the ability to address the underlying social determinants of

disease. Healthcare 2030 proposes a set of service delivery reforms clearly intended to make the health system more people-centric. Primary Healthcare is recognised as having a pivotal role in enhancing the health system's responsiveness to people's needs and expectations; with careful consideration given to providing person-centredness, integrated care, continuity of care and the life course approach.

The priorities of Provincial Strategic Goal 3, which is to increase wellness, safety and reducing social ills, are healthy communities, families, youth, children, and the workforce. It is only through healthy communities, healthy families, healthy youth, healthy children and a healthy workforce that people of the Western Cape can participate in creating opportunities for growth and jobs and collaboratively create a resilient sustainable quality and inclusive living system.

We commend the Department for all the proactive efforts to increase wellness in the Western Cape. We specifically commend them on the sterling job they are performing with reference to the NHI pilot project in the Eden District. Even though it is a national initiative, the Western Cape Department of Health's alternate is reaping much success and benefit to the public because it is managed well. One can have all the plans in place to better a situation and fund it with all the money in the world, but if it is poorly managed, one is left with a well-resourced problem, yet it remains a problem. This is one of the many reasons for the failing state of health in other provinces. It is also one of the reasons why we support the budget appropriation because we are

confident it will be used to increase wellness in a productive way in which the people of the Western Cape reap the benefits.

Service delivery especially in terms of health requires collaboration and co-operation. Integrated planning and partnerships are key. This said, I commend the departments for the already established partnerships they have fostered in order to increase wellness in the province. We take my oversight role very seriously, with the development of the people as my main objective and will continue to hold the Department accountable for their consistency in being the best run health department in the country. In this way we will be the official health capital of not only South Africa, but the world at large. It is not only to look good on paper, but it does indeed create public value by being more responsive to the needs of the people on the ground. I thank you.

I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agb lid me Gopie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Ms D GOPIE: Good morning, Mr Deputy Speaker, and to all our guests. Ek wil hierdie tyd neem om erkenning te gee aan hierdie departement vir al die vorige jare wat hulle gedien het en vir die werk wat hulle gedoen het en ook aan al die vorige Ministers, die werk wat hulle ingesit het; mense soos agbare lid mnr Pierre Uys, Minister Theuns Botha en ook die Departement vir al

hulle werk wat hulle gedoen het oor die jare en hulle bydrae wat hulle gelewer het om die Departement te bring tot waar hulle is en ook die verpleegsters en die dokters. Ons weet ook onder watter druk hulle werk, maar ek wil sê op hierdie dag dat hulle moet voortgaan om hulle werk te doen, al werk hulle ook onder watter druk en onder watter omstandighede in die politieke arena waarin hulle is, dat hulle fokus moet bly.

I wish to remind this House that the South African Constitution Section 1, Section 27(1) stipulates that:

“Everyone has the right to have access to a healthcare service including productive healthcare...”

That is why the ANC National Government has introduced the National Health Insurance 2030. Other than NHI Pilot Project in the Eden district, how is this department planning to incorporate Healthcare 2030 to be in line with NHI? We cannot have two strategies not talking to each other. The national strategy should supersede the provincial one.

Having said that Health is the biggest budget recipient in the province; at a first glance I notice a vacancy rate of up to six posts in the senior directorate personnel. How will this huge budget be overseen if strategy leadership is absent?

The Department is seemingly not optimistic when it says: “The Department

will not be able to sustain the current level of service delivery and deal with the increased service demand.”

What does this mean? We too often see newspapers reports of bad cases and suffering at the State hospitals and clinics. Bad stories are also told in various newspapers about ambulance and emergency services. This tells us all is not well and not even the complaints process is really working. Incidentally we do not see what that complaint mechanism is doing.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The ANC National Government granted NHI funding in the Eden district. We have been misled in this House; that this Western Cape Government is the best performed in terms of the NHI Pilot Project.

An HON MEMBER: It is.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is.

Ms D GOPIE: I beg to differ.

An HON MEMBER: No. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: Because in this SARA the Western Cape do have the red while the other provinces do have the green.

An HON MEMBER: Yebo!

Ms D GOPIE: So I beg to differ. [Interjections.] The report on the status of the pilot district May 2013... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Listen, listen, listen!

Ms D GOPIE: The report on the status of the NHI Pilot Districts, May 2013 shows that overall the eleven pilot districts were able to provide a majority of the data requested. Prior to the SARA team visit, the SARA team produced a status of NHI pilot district, A12. Months' progress was produced in May 2014. The report noted while all eleven NHI Pilot Districts have implemented streams of the private healthcare re-engineering, the following were cited as challenges: human resources; transport and EMS.

It is therefore incorrect that the additional adjustment was granted to this province because they are the best run pilot.

An HON MEMBER: Our officials are the best.

Ms D GOPIE: The biggest cry from the ANC is why the Provincial Government did not sign implementation protocol, which was going to pave the way for national contracts for general practitioners. The Western Cape Government must understand that it is part of South Africa. It is not an island

on its own. South Africa is a unitary state with nine provincial governments.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

Ms D GOPIE: We call on this department to be open and transparent when entering into contracts... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: The last [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: The lost quality.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The lost quality.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, I want the member to continue.

An HON MEMBER: Only specialised.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gopie, please continue.

Ms D GOPIE: South Africa is a unitary state with nine provincial governments. We call on this department to be open and transparent when entering contracts with local GPs in the Eden district. I urge this Parliament

to exercise maximum oversight to ensure that everything is above board. The DA Government has been in office for over six years and it is still in the planning stage in the 2015/16 financial year to implement Provincial Strategic Goal 3. Provincial Strategic Goal 3, namely increasing wellness, safety and reducing social ills. This is completely unacceptable. One wonders how community participation will be conducted in the new project in Drakenstein Municipality, because this DA-led Government knows nothing about democratic processes, particularly [Interjection.]

Mnr L H MAX: Haai, haai nee man. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms D GOPIE: Particularly the concept of public ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not want to hear the truth. Never! I am going to keep on... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms D GOPIE: ...particularly the concept of public participatory democracy. [Interjections.] An aggressive awareness campaign is needed throughout the province to ensure the general public can live positive and healthier lifestyles. Is this department winning the fight against HIV/Aids and tuberculosis? Many claims are made but we need more intervention. Is

R164 million for HIV/Aids and R226 million respectively enough? We think this time that the issue of treating young people who suffer from substance abuse and drug abuse should get attention in this department. Have the number of drug rehabilitation centres increased from eight in 2008, five of them residential, to 28 in 2014, nine of them residential as well, promised in 2013/14 financial year?

An HON MEMBER: That is rubbish.

Ms D GOPIE: I do not see the allocation of funds to vital medicine in order to resolve the repeating shortage of especially chronic medicine for elderly patients with chronic disease. Just yesterday in Bishop Lavis, their hospital, there was only one doctor during the shift serving multiple of patients. This is not hearsay... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Unacceptable. [Laughter.]

Ms D GOPIE: ...but reported by a member of the Health Committee, the overworked doctor could not even go to the bathroom due to the stress and crisis cases. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms D GOPIE: And while the MEC was visiting the Delft facilities as she was telling us, I hope she did go to Bonteheuwel Health Facility where the files

are in the passage because there is no administration to pack back the files when patients have been there...

An HON MEMBER: The number of patients [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Payback. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: [Inaudible.] ...and how these shortages will be addressed. In Programme 2, why is there R335 million rand dedicated to non-profit institutions? Similarly why is there another R52 million dedicated to non-profit institutions in Programme 3?

If one looks at Programme 8, health facility management, why is there a district increase of Emergency Medical Rescue tripled to R24 million in 2015/16? What is the expenditure on other facilities? This department has a huge intake of contract workers, more than 2 500 over a period of three years. Why are these workers not permanently appointed? Because in most of the hospitals or day-care centres or district hospitals, there are a lot of contract workers and they do not work only for six months, but they work for a longer period up to three years.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: Why is that happening?

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Mr M N PAULSEN: They are breaking the law.

Ms D GOPIE: Does this government believe in job insecurity? Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to conclude by saying the ANC for these reasons that I have mentioned, does not support this budget. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order! The hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Good morning Mr Deputy Speaker. This department only has one responsibility and nothing else to ensure a healthcare system in this province that is free; of high quality and accessible to all. Annually we spend millions of rands training students and putting them through community service, but cannot give them full-time jobs despite the number of vacant posts in nursing in this province. This is wasteful expenditure. Not only are we wasting taxpayers' money but we give the students false hope and we waste their time. We let people in our communities die in their thousands while we have qualified unemployed young men and women in a province with over 67% youth unemployment.

This vote must commit itself to fill all vacant nursing posts by the end of 2015 and end all contract work and labour brokers. TB is the number one cause of death in this country and South Africa is the only country where TB

incidence is rising. It is not enough for us to have tuberculosis hospitals. We need to invest in facilities and research units to ensure TB and HIV/Aids are detected at a sufficient rate to avoid transmission and re-infection. Current services are not even able to accurately estimate the number of people infected with TB and HIV/Aids and cannot determine high risk communities. This department needs to commit to the deployment of environmental health inspectors, to RDP houses, industrial sectors and community businesses to ensure that they comply to health standards to prevent the spread of diseases. Until this department concentrates more on prevention than cure we reject this vote.

Asbestos roofs and partitions have caused cancer, lung damage and other diseases in poor communities, but we still have houses with asbestos roofs in this province.

When teenage pregnancy occurs the burden for not using contraceptives is only put on mothers as if they are solely responsible for conception, rendering men invisible or absent, thus absolving them from taking any responsibility for their sexual relations or their children. This department must take some responsibility for fathers being absent in the children's lives and should reconfigure its approach. [Interjections.]

It is also important to admit that teenage pregnancy is a symptom of bigger problems in society such as extreme poverty and children living on their own while their parents are in the City for work or have died. This is the case for

other health related issues as well. That is why it is important for us to acknowledge... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, just finish, your time has expired; just the last sentence.

Mr M N PAULSEN: That is why it is important for us to acknowledge that in order to combat the health crisis we cannot ignore the socio-economic factors.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has expired.

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

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports Vote 6, the Health Appropriation Bill. [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: No.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi, mooi, mooi, mooi!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I do not have a lot of time... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Because you do not prepare.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I just want to comment on two things. The one is, Minister, you must not even take note of hon member Mr Paulsen, because he is never at committee, so he does not know what is happening. The work is in the committees.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, you do not know what is going on.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So that is the first point and then I want to complement hon member Ms Gopie, because she said the Department is doing a good job and the previous MEC and all of that, and then she took out her ANC speech and attacked the DA Government and not the Department... [Interjection.] So I do not know how that works, but hon member Ms Gopie, you at least gave acknowledgement to the Department and to the work well done... [Interjections.] ...but the ACDP... [Interjections.]

Minister, may we just... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We are very excited about the Wellness Programme. We think... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just hold on one second. Hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just on a point of order Mr Deputy Speaker, we are after all dealing with a health vote and our issue of our ears and the health of our ears is a very serious issue. I would ask whether you could not try and ask the sound technicians just to decrease the volume... [Interjection.]

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

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...because it is actually really affecting us.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I get the point, thank you. [Laughter.] Hon member Mr Christians, it is up to you to assist us or not. Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP believes the Wellness Programme is a good programme.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But I want to ask the Department and the Minister to look at the following.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, let us look.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I think a lot of problems that we have is because of premarital sex and infidelity. You must have one partner. Men, ladies, you must have one partner. That will solve some of the problems. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I cannot speak. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I cannot speak! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Mr Christians your time is running out. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, so we urge the Department and the Minister to prioritise public awareness to promote abstinence from premarital sex - premarital sex and promote fidelity. [Interjections.]

Minister, I looked at the foreword; the gripe that a lot of people have is the waiting times, and I am glad there is some initiative looking at waiting times when patients are ... [Interjection.]

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

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want clarity, does hon member Mr Christians know, dat almal wat “Here, Here” skree gaan nie noodwendig hemel toe nie? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Christians, that is not a point of order, you can continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Okay. Another important thing is also when you visit the clinics and hospitals ... I am glad about the initiative to be more supportive and caring for the staff, because that is important, they work long hours. They are not appreciated, but I am glad at least there are initiatives of looking after the staff in our clinics and hospitals. I thank you.
[Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That was a... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Minister Mbombo to respond.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please keep it like that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Mbombo. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can we get order please. [Interjections.] Minister, before you start, can we get order in the House please. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you to my Chair of the Standing Committee for strengthening the debate and also highlighting some other important issues that we have to consider as a department, so that we could be accountable. Thank you for that.

Responding now to some of those that have been mentioned from the hon member Ms Gopie, thank you for your preamble in terms of praising the Department for what it does and I also thank you for raising some of the other issues and I see that as an opportunity, probably maybe also for orientation, although I am new in the portfolio,

NHI is part of the NDP and NHI, if you look at the NDP in terms of the priority goals that need to be achieved, Priority 1, it says: “Address the social determinants that affect health and disease.” I am talking about health as defined within the NDP. That is Priority number 1, which is in this department. That is what we are saying. That is why we are saying that health is not only a Department of Health issue, hence we work transversally; hence we have inter-sectoral collaboration; hence we work to strengthen the

communities and the individuals, so Priority 1 we have met in terms of the NDP.

Priority 2 of the NDP, strengthen the health system... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But does the DA strengthen [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Strengthening the health system, the building blocks of the health system starts from the leadership and governance, as of now most of our senior members have been in this service for more than ten years plus and unlike in other provinces for example... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not go to Pretoria. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Unlike in other provinces, for example in the Eastern Cape... [Interjections.] ...where they have in one year about five heads of departments.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Five, within one year, for example.

Mr M N PAULSEN: We had two ministers in one year.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis ook weer waar.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Two ministers in one year.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So we are stable and then the other building blocks to strengthen the health system... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...is the health information system...
[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Two ministers in less than a year.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...which you have alluded to in terms of the technology.

Mr M N PAULSEN: But you are the right... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The other issue, we want to strengthen the health system, you talk about the issue of the availability of medicines, which I have covered in terms of the Cape Depot and all of those electronic dispensations, and then all other issues without even going further, because I am still trying to explain NHI. It is going to be a long day for NHI, and then the other Priority number 3 is “improve the health information system”, which I have alluded to.

Priority 4: prevent and reduce the disease burden and promote health. I have mentioned the quadruple burden of disease.

Priority 5: financing universal coverage. Priority 5 is universal. That is where the NHI fits in.

An HON MEMBER: It is your version of... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is one of the five priorities within the NDP.

An HON MEMBER: Now you must lecture there.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Now where is NHI? National Department introduced the policy and the Green Paper. As of quarter three, yes, on the Cape Third Quarter Report, what is the progress of the NHI? Still there is no White Paper. Still there is no Bill and we hear that even within the SONA it was hardly mentioned and where are we now?

If we look at the National Health Department report, when it was questioned that when is it to be introduced, it has only been at the level of the piloting in eleven districts, with Eden as one of the districts. Where is it now? It is because there is no Bill. When they have to respond, there is no Bill, because there is no White Paper and also in terms of the other things that are supposed to be in place, before that still nothing has happened. There has

been no *gazette* because of the final logistics in terms of the fee legislation and also if you talk about the essential medicine lists, specifically around the revision of the Paediatric Expert Review Committee, all of this have not happened, but in summary it is still within the pilot so when you pilot, you pilot so that you do the MNE and then if it works then you apply. If it does not, you can review and then take it back or delete. So within the Western Cape we are piloting in Eden and using the GP Project in terms of the financing of the private GPs, so the debate about whether the Western Cape is going to implement NHI - there is no NHI. There is no NHI.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So nobody now must ask me about NHI.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Now in terms, taking further... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not want to.

An HON MEMBER: You do not want...

Ms S W DAVIDS: You do not want to.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And then the report... [Interjections.] In terms of the report on the NHI in the pilot district... [Interjections.] In terms of the approach... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Lecture, lecture free.

Ms M N GILLION: That is why. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: All other provinces except... [Interjection.]

'n AGBARE LID: Luister man, luister!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! There are too many comments from this side.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: All other provinces... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...except the Western Cape... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Mbombo, just one second. There are far too many unnecessary comments from this side. I am looking at the hon member Ms Gillion, hon member Ms Davids and hon member Ms Makeleni. I

am not sure. [Interjection.] The other two at least, please contain yourselves.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not so easy. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So in terms of Eden, of the GP project, long, long ago we used to have the District Surgeon system where you will get all these private GPs and people even go to visit, you send them to the house or the surgery there.

Now with the pilot of the NHI it is in our province in the Eden District where we use the GP project, now with the other provinces, how they approach it is that the NDOH, which is the National Department of Health, go straight from the NDOH to the province, to the district, and they contract those GPs directly. Do you know what has happened, if you look at the report now, those GPs do not see that they have to account to the province. [Interjections.]

You have a situation where the GPs only talk to the national and yet they do not even account nor even implement what they are supposed to implement. Now how do I see the role of the Provincial Government? In that case if now you have people as health workers working here, but they account to the National, and remember the National Government does not own hospitals, the hospitals, the clinics health facilities and the health workers as according to

the constitution, as according to the National Health Act, they are within the province, so that is why it has failed now. If you look at the last week's report it has failed in other provinces in terms of the implementing the GP project.

Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Uh-huh, skande.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: But within us, as mandated within the Constitution we are... [Interjections.] We have a competence so we have contracted them directly. That is why we can be able to review. You can be able to take them into account because at the end, whilst they are private they are the face of the public service. [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Luister. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And the other thing now, why it is now failing, if you look in terms of that Bill they are supposed to have been across I think R300-and-something, but they have only reached about those available R170-and-something across nationally. Now the issue is because even there national, what they are offering, it is not acceptable according to the GPs because I am not sure of R300+ per hour depending in terms of the seniority, but if you are looking now in terms of how they pay them, they do not pay them the travelling time, they only pay the time at the facility, but now, most of these are in the rural areas. Just picture in terms of Slangriver, a doctor from Slangrivier in Eden has to visit Slangrivier three times a week. It is a

Satellite Clinic there, and probably that doctor stays in George.

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He stays in George. The distance or maybe even in Riversdale, the distance from let us say Riversdale to Slangrivier is about 40 kilometres, so 40 kilometres to and 40 kilometres back, you are not paid, you have left your people, your patients in your surgery and then you go there, so the national has not considered that. That is why now they fail dismally in all other provinces, except the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Well done!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The vacancy rate about the six posts...
[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Except the Western Cape under the DA Government.

An HON MEMBER: Advise other provinces.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Actually... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members, there is a speaker on the floor.
Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The cancel rate in terms of the sustainability, we are not sustaining critical service delivery. The population, as I indicated that between the last Census and now we are about - if I stand to correction - at 5.34 and now at about R6.1 million in the Western Cape, and if we look in terms of the district the Metro has about 64% of the population. There has been an increase and then followed by the Winelands and all of those, but in the Metro you will see that the Helderberg area is also over-populated.

In terms of the sustainability, also with the quadruple burden of disease we get people who are uninsured. It means the utilisation of our services has increased but you will find that in terms of the staffing it still remains the same, because as I indicated with not only the fiscal cleave but the budget constraints in terms of the budget allocated from the National. So at what extent will we be able to manage this, the overcrowding, with the kind of the budget what we have? So what we are saying is that until we do something differently it means that we want to avoid a situation where there will be a time where three or four people will compete for one bed, and then find that now there is no bed because everybody is sick, with the quadruple of disease, it is not only a person that has got hypertension only but you get people with multiple conditions, hypertension, diabetes, mental health and all of those. So what we are saying now is that instead of overloading, overcrowding the

central hospital or the regional district hospitals, why do we not focus at the level of the individual? For example, you know, the issue about the obesity, the issue about the alcohol and also the fiscal inactivity sedentary lifestyle. So why do we not focus on that as well so that we do not overcrowd. For example the regional hospitals, these are specialist hospitals, so why do you want to overload the specialists with some conditions that could be managed at the primary healthcare level? So that is what we are saying and that is beyond our control in terms of the in-migration.

An HON MEMBER: How people understand that... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, again in-migration.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Complaints mechanism: as I indicated, as I indicated with the complaints mechanism... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is all the in-migration.

'n AGBARE LID: Luister!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I indicated that at the end each and every health professional in terms of the - as a professional... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...has a responsibility. When I was teaching health professionals we always spoke about the issue of the brain, the face, the heart and the hands. The university, higher education institution or a college can provide you the brain in terms of the knowledge, and then in terms of the skills the hands, but at the end your face, how you deal with the patients, your heart. We are talking about our intake, these young ones who end up being doctors and nurses; these are people who are coming from the dysfunctional societies. So at the end you will still find in as much as that we have to instil the culture of caring and there is expectation that as a nurse or a doctor, whoever, you are supposed to show some care. You will get cases where you get people who will not be able to show that care, so as I said initially that there is no justification for the bad attitude, but the question is: what are we doing about that when we know about this bad attitude? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] dysfunctional society.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So hence I mention, yes, people, we have a dysfunctional society... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where? Where?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: South Africa, South Africa.

Ms M N GILLION: Joe!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We have seen many cases of the fact...

[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And what are you doing about it?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We have just mentioned in terms of the absent fathers. This is dysfunctional, neglect, child neglect. That is dysfunctional.

Ms S W DAVIDS: What about the absent mothers?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The abuse of the alcohol or all of those.

Die MINISTER VAN MENS LIKE NEDERSETTINGS: Luister, luister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: That is dysfunctional.

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: But the point I am trying to make, what are we doing about it? [Interjections.] What are we doing about it, hence the issue of the caring attitude in terms of the value... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Mbombo, kindly speak to the Chair please. Order please, members.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your time is up gorgeous.

The SPEAKER: Order, please members. [Interjections.] You may proceed please, speak to me.

An HON MEMBER: The EFF has no experience about that so this...
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So the issue of installing those values so that people can show some care, in terms of the complaint mechanism we have got the complaint mechanism. When I look at all the complaints, whilst we may have had a lot of complaints, I find it is quite strange that actually the compliments are more than the complaints, but as I am saying that, I am not dismissing those complaints, whether they are one or two or three. They are complaints and they are real for them. We deal with those, but what we also need to acknowledge, you will find that we also do have the compliments, and as I indicated, we will be implementing the Complaints Committee to deal with some of those cases. If you even use your cellphone now and you dial the 07-number, "please call", of 086142142 now you will see the responses will be within a few seconds, so that is what we are dealing with.

An HON MEMBER: Right, dial the number.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And those who have got access to the internet,

the service is at WesternCape.gov.za so those things are in place and then...
[Interjections.] The community awareness, how are we going to deal with that; with the community and the involvement and all of those, the public participation? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. Hon member Ms Davids.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I did mention that we will have several processes for example the Committee of Indaba, which is where we bring all the stakeholders together, but also noting that we do have existing structures in terms of committee involvement. Starting from the district, within the district we have the District Health Council which are all the Mayors participating with the representation from the ward councillors. Within the hospital we have the hospital facility boards. Half of those members are from the community. Within the health committees we have the majority of them as the members of the community, so we have all of those, the representation of those; these are the ones that are serving in the Provincial Health Council where the Minister chairs, also the Provincial Health Consultative Forum. So I have those members, and then the issue about the NPO allocation, 335 to the NPOs, Programme 2, District Health Services. District Health Services talks about the primary / the personal primary care clinics, and then in terms of the delivery of the primary care and the rehabilitative and all of those, and then you have the intermediate care and all, but the point I am trying to make is that the home-based care, the rehabilitative care is mostly rendered by the community health workers, the home-base. They are community health

workers and then how do you get those, because we know that in terms of the District Health System Act those people are not formally within the Health System as was mandated by the White Paper by the National Department, so it means that now we have to get those 2 000 plus of the community health workers through the NGOs, for example the Red Cross and all of those. Will they train them, because they are not part of the University and all? So they train them. It means that we commission them asking them to give us those community health workers so to render this home-base care to those people we are talking about and also for those and for intermediate care. Let us say their children have been discharged from Red Cross after invasive surgery and then they go home. In terms of that space, somebody needs to take them, because they cannot be at the hospital but at the same time you cannot just dump them. You need those community care workers. The same as with those for the DOTs and all of those things, so those NPOs are those people who assist us with the community healthcare workers.

EMS, why is the budget high? As I indicated it is not only the ambulance, the air-ambulance, and even with the firefighting in which they participated, but the issue there is with the budget. You see that the technology is needed in order for the response to improve when a person calls. How it works, a person calls that there is an emergency. In terms of the intervention the distance or the time between the call and also the response is crucial but you need a network. You need a technology. If probably for example 112 - 112 on your phones especially in the rural areas was working properly, it will reduce some of all of those things, because most of the times especially in the rural

areas, they do not even have the landlines. They have to ask someone or they have to go to the nearest point to call.

Ms S W DAVIDS: They do not even have cellphones, some of them.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: But at least in terms of the access the cellphone is the one that has got more access than the... [Interjections.] ...because with Telkom it will take 20 years for them even to be installed, but the issue of the 112, the reason that it is delayed, if you ask why, it is because of the digital migration. It does not work. Now who is responsible for the digital migration for the technology? Who is responsible because it has to work, once they put in that phone, although we talk in terms of the TV and so on, that should also work because they use the same network, and then whose fault is that?

An HON MEMBER: The ANC, blame the ANC. There is... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Ask Faith Muthambi. So the reason for the increase there is to increase that network... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...for all those in terms of the technology, for example for the rural; for the urban we want to achieve a 75% response rate so it takes about 15 minutes within the urban and then within the rural it

takes about 40 minutes in terms of response, so we have to improve in terms of the technology around that. Also as I have indicated, it is again about active citizenry, the issue of creating awareness and educating the residents, especially in those rural areas, for them to have this first aid first responder, whatever course. So that whilst they are waiting for that... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are closing the rural clinics.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Whilst they are waiting for the ambulance to arrive... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are closing the rural clinics.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... they need to apply first aid, so that is it. I think I have covered all the areas, and then ComServ. The ComServ, probably maybe if you, hon member Mr Paulsen, could probably have done a little bit of research. You will also identify that when it comes to the student training in this province compared to the others there are challenges in other provinces, but for us as I indicated that about R79 million we will spend on bursaries for medical nursing and EMS and all of those. Then what we do is that let us say for a nurse, for the four years that a person would be awarded a bursary then that person works back those number of years again, and after completion there is a one year ComServ for the nurse and then there is a Cosmo for the doctors. After that they work for the duration of the bursary, so I am not sure when he speaks about those students not being placed and

then the challenges that we have this year, I think there are about 365 that have completed, 300-and-something for January. Out of that 300-and-something we gave 24 to the Northern Cape so at the end we are assisting other provinces. We gave 24, fourteen and ten to the Northern Cape and then there are those that we gave to the Eastern Cape, because at the end, some of them when they are placed in the rural areas or if it so happens that there are no posts, you will find that the other province keep on asking for our products and do you know what we do? We even waive the bursaries, whilst they are supposed to work for the four years, we end up waiving them, especially in the case where you get a motivation where the person says “no, I just got married” and whatever, all of those, “I will not be able to work, I need whatever”. So we render that assistance.

In terms of the TB rate and all of that, as far as I know that when it comes to the treatment rate, for example with the new cases, it is more than 87% in terms of the treatment rate for the new cases. I am not sure when you are saying that we are the worst because I am aware that KZN, when it comes to TB incidence, it is far higher than us. And then the teenage pregnancies, okay, this one... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you not sure about that?

An HON MEMBER: You are not sure about. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: This one is - teenage pregnancy...

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Teenage pregnancy, as I indicated that health is a [Interjections.] It goes beyond the healthcare. You have to look at the determinants of health which is as he has indicated... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. Sorry, if I may, interjections are allowed. No running commentary please. There is a speaker on the floor. You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Okay, the last part, determinants of health include as he has mentioned the issue of the sanitation, the water, housing and all of those, hence I indicated that it cannot be the health problem, because most of these health related illnesses are the things that are related to the social aspect of it, hence we are saying that all hands on deck for everybody and even at the international level. Hence we have moved away from the MDGs medium development goals to sustainable goals, where we have to look at it in terms of development and also to improve the status of an individual so that the person can be able to take responsibility. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this vote. We will allow a minute or two for the officials to move on. Thank you.

Business of the House paused for clearing of bays.

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. The Secretary will read the third Order of the Day.

3. Debate on Vote 11 – Agriculture - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*
[B 2 - 2015].

The SPEAKER: I recognise the honourable Minister of Economic Affairs, Alan Winde.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Minister of wine production.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, Madam Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of this Legislature, to the HOD and the Department that are here, to the members of the media, to my special guests who are filing in, a very, very warm welcome here to this Budget vote debate. I am delivering today's Budget speech during a very, very exciting time specifically in this sector.

We are in the midst of a successful harvest season, where it has been reported to me that the quality of our produce is higher than ever before. It has also been a productive harvest, where employers and employees have worked together to get the job done.

Die MINISTER VAN VERVOER EN PUBLIEKE WERKE: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: All of these positives, amongst others, point to a sector which is fast becoming very serious business for our region and our country.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order please hon member Mr Paulsen, interjection is allowed, no running commentary. Please cooperate. The Minister is on the floor. Thank you. You may proceed Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you Madam Speaker. I think in this sector it is time to start dreaming big.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: My vision is for a future in which agricultural produce from the Western Cape plays a major role in feeding the world.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In this budget we are putting forward a set of practical action plans, linked to measurable targets, through which we aim to achieve just that.

In total, R742 million has been allocated to Vote 11 to create an enabling environment in which our farming and agri-processing operations can grow in the agricultural economy and create employment in the sector. Creating jobs for the people of our rural areas is the only way in which we can sustainably address one of our biggest challenges and that is poverty.

Our over-arching goal is to increase sustainable agricultural production by at least 10% over the next ten years, through a set of innovative interventions, the most important of which is to radically increase the pace of transformation in the sector.

Enhancing diversity in our agricultural sector is the platform upon which we can build a stable and more productive and growing sector. That is why over the next five years we will work to ensure a 70% success rate in all of our land reform projects. [Interjections.]

The Farmer Support Development Programme will receive R256.9 million in

2015/16 to help new farmers build successful agri-businesses.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The funding will amongst others be used to deliver a full suite of post-settlement support services to land reform beneficiaries, equipping them with the skills they need to run successful operations. We will also aim to support 4 600 farmers with advice to take their enterprises to the next level.

Successful land reform can only happen through collaboration and growing meaningful partnerships... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Expropriation [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and will be critical in delivering the targets that we have set. To this end, we will participate in all the National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform's District Land Committees.

I am particularly excited to announce that as from next month, we will begin to welcome clients at our newly established Land Reform Advisory Desk. This is the first in South Africa.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor, hoor.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This service, which is situated at the Casidra head office, will provide support to emerging and existing farmers in the industry on the different ways in which to structure land reform deals, because obviously this is something that has to be driven in partnership. We have to create the environment, but we also need agriculture itself to play a key role and if those remember the National Development Plan and specifically the words of Professor Karan, we need the agricultural sector, the private sector to take a major and play a major lead in this process.

Mr C M DUGMORE: National Government is supporting the NDP, the district plan.

An HON MEMBER: We are the first, the Western Cape is the first.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In this little space, yes. To illustrate the power of partnerships I would like to tell you more about Chamomile Farming Enterprises in Philippi. Now I am not sure if Chamomile Farming Enterprises is here yet. There we go, excellent. Welcome!

The story that I want to tell you is about Wadea Jappie, who is here today, and the other day when I visited her enterprise - Premier I see you are looking around. She is sitting in the right-hand corner in the front.

When I visited Chamomile Farming Enterprises and I heard her story, that is one of the real reasons why I enjoy this job that I do, because I had this opportunity to listen to someone who started off with if I remember correctly, twenty chickens and looking for supplying of eggs for her own use and suddenly realised that the eggs that the 20 chickens laid today could not all be consumed in one day and tomorrow they had 40 eggs and so it started growing and so her neighbours were supplied and before long she was supplying coffee shops and there was a need and she decided, “There is an opportunity here and I need to grow the business.”

And this is where the partnerships and the support of this specific unit in the Department comes into play, so she realised there was an opportunity. The Department came along to help with that opportunity. A mentor within agriculture came along and said he along with his business was prepared to be a mentor and a market came along, Pick ‘n Pay came along and said “we will buy your products.” And now when you visit that farming enterprise there are 5 000 chickens laying eggs with the capability of over the next few weeks another 5 000.

Mr M N PAULSEN: So why do you want to take the credit for that?

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: So within a short while there will be 10 000 chickens.

The PREMIER: No, we are giving credit to Ms Jappie. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: There will be 10 000 chickens laying eggs in an amazing...

Mr M N PAULSEN: Talking about chickens, that is Chamomile.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: ...in an amazing farming operation. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is her chickens. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: And Madam Speaker, I want to... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But now why are you claiming it.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: Madam Speaker, I want to commend Wadea.

The SPEAKER: Members order please. Sorry Minister. There is too much

noise. Can we please tone down? Allow the Minister to speak.

Mr M N PAULSEN: But it is not me Madam Speaker, it is on that side there.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, please compose yourself and respect the speaker on the floor. Thank you. You may proceed Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I want to commend Wadea with her drive and energy. I hope the Standing Committee has a chance to visit and you will feel that drive and energy. I want to commend the team in Agriculture who helped that come about because this is what partnerships are all about. This is how we actually are going to deliver on this huge project that is in front of us called Land Reform and Redress.

During my first year as Minister of Agriculture I have visited a number of National Government land reform projects, and have witnessed firsthand how many of these operations are set up to fail. They initially are set up and we need to turn this around. Government in collaboration with the private sector, must ensure that we give beneficiaries the best chance of success and so funding gives young black farmers the boost they need to be part of the growth story of this sector, the growth story that is going to play a major role in this province and in this country.

I would like to share another story with you. This story is about one of the

Western Cape's successful young tea farmers.

Andries Slinger had a passion for agriculture and wanted to pursue an agricultural course after he matriculated in 2002, but he did not have enough money to afford the fees.

Instead, his dad - with a huge amount of faith in his son - took out a land bank loan and bought a small farm in Clanwilliam to help him get started.

An HON MEMBER: You must come and see my tea in the Eastern Cape.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: With support from the Department, Andries has been able to grow the farm into a successful enterprise, and today he has a contract with Rooibos Limited Company to deliver 25 tonnes of tea over the next five years.

We want to see the Wadea's, the Andries' and so many more farmers in this province, we want to see these successes duplicated across the whole province... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Only if you support them.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and that is why this money in this budget is so very, very

important.

An HON MEMBER: Give them something... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In the coming financial year we will engage with banks to encourage them to become a little less risk averse when it comes to granting agricultural loans... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Nationalise that... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and perhaps at this space I must thank the banks for the energy in which they have engaged us this far; the energy in which they have said that they will look ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. Hon member Mr Paulsen, kindly refrain from having a debate. You are beginning to become an irritant here today. Sorry, hon member Mr Paulsen, yes, I saw exactly what transpired. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: You only attack me; you do not even see anybody else.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, I am sorry, please compose yourself.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I am composed.

The SPEAKER: And refrain from interjecting.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The problem is you must be composed.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, do not address me in that fashion. I am asking you to compose yourself. You were sent out yesterday and if you do not manage yourself you will be sent out again today.

Mr M N PAULSEN: You have been instructed to do such [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, I am doing what I am required to do in terms of my day job.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The SPEAKER: So you will respect the Chair and you will manage yourself. Thank you. You may proceed Minister Winde.

An HON MEMBER: He is looking for [Inaudible.] to send him out. He is looking for that rather.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So if I can say again, I

am most encouraged in the way that the banks have engaged with us and I want to commend them for that, because we will be looking to playing a major role with them in this sector as we go forward. Government does not have enough money to reach the targets that we need to reach and we need to partner between government and the private sector to fund this specific space.

New farmers are often challenged by the lack of business networks and links to the domestic and export markets. It is our goal to improve market access for all agri-businesses in the Western Cape.

The Western Cape produces over 50% of South Africa's agricultural exports and we will support agri-business to strengthen their export position by growing exports from their current value or their current value-add of R16.3 billion.

Agricultural Economic Services receives R22.8 million to deliver support to both commercial and smallholder farmers to help them move to the next market category.

Research has found only a five percent increase in the value of deciduous fruit and table grapes exports will create 4 261 new jobs and 2 073 new jobs respectively.

The same research shows that a 5% increase in wine exports will lead to 986

new jobs, and two thirds of these jobs will be off farm jobs.

Mr M N PAULSEN: And a lot of hangovers.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: To make this a reality, we need to radically increase market access to both our new and traditional markets. The National Department of Trade and Industry must become a key partner if we are to achieve this. We are operating in a competitive global environment.

In the BRICS group, we are facing fierce competition from countries such as the United States of America, Europe and Australia.

Recently China signed agreements to start cutting tariffs on Australian and Chilean wine and currently we are paying tariffs of between 14% and 30% when we export wine to China.

Simply put, we have to start leveraging our position as South Africa in the BRICS to put smart agreements in place that will give Western Cape exporters an edge or at least that this partnership means something to our businesses as we grow our economy together.

In addition to better trade agreements, we must also address non-tariff barriers. Environmentally friendly and socially responsible practices are becoming increasingly important for markets such as the European Union. We

also know that farming this way is the right thing to do for our planet and our people. In this respect, we aim to ensure that 1 200 farmers and farmworkers in this sector receive ethical trade training.

In addition, to the BRICS, we will place huge focus on growing our African market. African countries are already our top importers for food and beverages, with exports to Angola growing by 30% over the past year.

We are also major exporters of meat. To ensure that our animal population remains healthy, and in the event of an animal disease outbreak, we can respond speedily, the Veterinary Services programme receives R76.2 million.

Going forward, consumption on the continent is set to increase dramatically, driven by rising GDP, growing middle classes and urbanisation.

Linked to our African expansion we have a vision of hosting Africa's biggest agricultural congress, where we want to discuss the future of food security and food opportunity on the continent. Africa has the world's most unfarmed and arable land and we need to make sure that Africa talks about this space, this food insecurity space over the next long-term within the global context and we need to do it on Africa's terms.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Do you fight with your own government?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: And the Mining Indaba has just done that, right here in the City of Cape Town where 7 000 delegates congregate to represent 110 countries across the world to talk about the mining industry or the mining industry across the planet. This is what that same vision will be. How do we bring this together, but specifically how do we bring policy makers within Africa together so that we can actually start talking about food security on our continent and the role that we play in the world.

As we increase our global market share, agri-processing presents a significant opportunity to stimulate further growth and job creation in our region. As it stands, we have not explored the full potential of adding value to our goods, often exporting the raw product.

Project Khulisa - our project to reduce poverty in the Western Cape - identified agri-processing as a high-potential sector, which, if it receives dedicated attention and support from all sectors, could add up to 100 000 jobs and generate R26 billion for the economy under a high-growth scenario and this over the next medium term.

Agri-processing holds particular potential to increase employment in rural areas. Offering support to residents living in rural areas is a key priority of our Rural Development Programme and receives R21 million in the 2015/16 financial year.

This month the Western Cape Government, in partnership with the private

sector, hosted a design laboratory with industry, to workshop a set of proposed levers to dramatically accelerate growth and jobs in this sector.

These include, amongst others:

- Addressing the availability of water and energy resources required by the sector for growth;
- Developing specialised agri-processing parks;
- Driving campaigns to promote Western Cape products on international and domestic markets;
- Improving the regulatory and enabling legislative environment in agriculture and in agri-processing

Agri-processing's dependence on water means that we will also collaborate with Provincial Strategic Goal 4, which is focused on building a resilient, sustainable and inclusive living environment.

We understand that growing our agricultural sector starts with looking after our land.

2015, Madam Speaker, is the United Nations International Year of Soil, which raises awareness about the importance of soil for food security. To look after this vital resource, the Sustainable Resource Management Programme receives R75.2 million.

As with resource management, innovation is also a priority for economic growth across all sectors.

To ensure that we are able to lead the technological revolution in the sector, Research and Technology Development Services Programme receive R108.8 million in the 2015/16 financial year. In May, the Department will host a Media Wow Day, where we will showcase the cutting-edge innovation being produced by public sector innovators in this province's agriculture department and perhaps I can also pause there, Madam Speaker. The other day I had the privilege of attending a day arranged by this department where private sector players as well as the individuals that are in this specific component with the Department of Agriculture, where they spoke about innovations and agriculture across the world, but at the same time we could see innovations that were coming out of the Department that were being showcased and that is why I think the word Wow Day really comes into its own, because I can assure you that when people get together on that day they will be blown away by the kind of product that is being put on the table that assists agriculture; product that uses satellite technology, that helps us become cutting-edge globally and I think I really do look forward to that specific day and an ability to showcase some of the great things that this department is doing.

As we embark on these initiatives to speed up growth, we have to make sure the people of this province are appropriately skilled to enter into and take the agricultural sector forward. The average age of a farmer in our province is 60

years old, and we are also facing skill shortages in the agri-processing sector and if we want to become a region which feeds the world, we have to develop the talents of our young people, and develop their interest in this sector.

It is my pleasure to welcome Samantha Smiles here today. I am not sure where she is - there we go. At 24 years old, Samantha is one of the shining stars of agriculture in the Western Cape.

Die PREMIER: Mooi! [Applous.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: With her family, she runs a successful agri-business focusing on farming sheep and cattle.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: With funding from CASP, Samantha was able to purchase infrastructure and animals and receive training from the Department.

An HON MEMBER: It is a national programme [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I commended Samantha for her efforts last year when she won the Ministerial Achievement at the Annual Female Entrepreneur Awards.

An HON MEMBER: That is National Government.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: She joins another group of my special guests here today, the Student Representative Council, the Chair, Sabelo Ngcobo and the rest of the SRC team from the Elsenburg Training College.

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, these are young people that in the very near future will be leading our agricultural sector.

Ms P MAKELENI: Shine!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: One of the best investments we can make is in our young people, and that is why we have allocated R56.9 million to the structured Agricultural Education and Training Programme in the 2015/16 financial year.

And finally to play a role in feeding the world we need to create an investor friendly environment. Some of our agricultural and agri-processing businesses have started to lose faith in the system, and particularly in

government.

Farmers lose courage and trust to invest when politicians make policies such as the 50/50 proposals. They put them on the table. Then they remove them off the table and then they bring them back and put them back on the table again. This yo-yo kind of policy really does not create the right environment.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is a yo-yo, there is a policy; you do not even have a policy.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They lose courage and trust to invest when government regulations... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

An HON MEMBER: Spaza shop.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They lose courage and trust to invest when government regulations stop making economic sense.

In Saron, a factory employing over 1 000 local residents, and in the agri-processing space, has got to a size where rules and regulations say they need to trans-locate that factory to an industrial area to Epping, for example in the

City. Now really, that does not make sense.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Give the reason. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: What are you going to do with those thousand people who earn a living in the remote rural area? [Interjections.] So we really, really need to look at how we address these rules and regulations.

They also lose courage and trust to invest when things like the BEE codes continually change. We need to transform the sector so that it is inclusive and reflective of a modern and diverse society. But the only way we can create an investor-friendly environment is through consistency, clarity and certainty. Farmers say that if we give them the rules and stick to them at the same time, and at the same time make laws work, they will work for our economy. They will make sure that they play their part in this sector.

An HON MEMBER: Stop complaining about [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have to bring honour back to agriculture.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: And with that we have to then create that space of hope and honour in this sector so that together we can build a far better sector. We can build and feed the world “Better Together”.

Madam Speaker, with that I would like to conclude by a few thank you’s, not only wanting to thank all of those guests who have taken the time to come and join us here today, but I also want to thank specifically being in this position for only ten months, the HOD and the Department for really helping me to understand this sector as quickly as they have, for allowing me to bring some perhaps different views to the sector, hopefully add some other energy to the sector, but really I want to thank you. You are an outstanding team, and you lead an outstanding department and I really want to thank you for that.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, there goes the glass of water.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I also want to thank... [Applause.] Madam Speaker, I also want to thank Casidra, I saw them here, I wanted to thank them for the role that they played in delivering much of what we do, but I also want to thank the agricultural sector. The agricultural sector from the commodity bodies, from the various businesses that play leading roles in this sector who partner with us, I want to thank them as well because it is through those partnerships that we actually are able to deliver what we do.

I also want to thank my office. I want to thank Tammy and the Khulisa team on the new work and the new area that they have embarked on. I want to thank Vuvu Njalo. I am not sure, I have not seen her, for accepting to head up my office and the rest of the team. I can see, there we go at the back.

An HON MEMBER: Hi Vuvu.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The rest of the team at my office, you really are that backbone when we put agriculture along with economic development, it really did increase the burden on our office and I want to thank you very much for the hours and hours and hours that you put in to offer the support and the backbone that this Ministry needs. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B SCHAFER: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand before you today to talk about a budget that represents one of the key sectors of our society: a sector that is crucial to bring about the transformation that we need; a sector with the greatest potential to bring hope and a future to the poorest of the poor in the Western Cape.

Agriculture and land is close to the heart of many South Africans, but most particularly to the people of this province.

The proof is that the DA-led Western Cape puts agriculture and redress at the top of our agenda. It is a fact that even when the national Department of Agriculture and Fisheries cuts budgets to our department, the Western Cape Government manages to add more than R80 million rand to the budget, targeting spending where it will make a real difference.

There are a four sectors I find especially important for agriculture in the WC:

- We need to improve and promote trading of our products;
- We need to drive the agri-processing industry forward to create thousands of jobs;
- And we need to assist and support more equity shares schemes that work, where women like Wadea Jappie can also benefit from land reform and where farmworkers can become successful commercial farmers.

Mr M N PAULSEN: There is no share. There is no share [Inaudible.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Land reform is a major focus for the DA-run Western Cape Government... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen - excuse me hon member Ms Schäfer. Hon member Mr Paulsen, interjection and running commentary, I am going to refer you to Rule 39:

“A member may not interrupt another member who is speaking except to

call attention to a point of order.”

Please hon member Mr Paulsen, your cooperation is required. Thank you.

You may proceed hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you Madam Speaker, is it not interesting. He was not even at the Budget Vote last week.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Schäfer, sorry, will you take your seat. Is it a point of order hon member Mr Paulsen?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Yes, Your Worship - your whatever. You are like Baleka Mbete at times.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, is it a point of order?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Yes, it is Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: So state your point of order please.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Yes, Wadea Jappie is not part of a share equity scheme.

An HON MEMBER: You do not “whatever” the Speaker, you do not “whatever”.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, it is not for me to deliberate on whether the member is part of a scheme or not. I am here to ensure that proceedings of this House run in a smooth fashion and all I can say is that your behaviour is disruptive to say the least. This is a serious business we are busy with. We are talking about building a country and we are trying to get... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, I think...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, please take your seat. I am addressing you. I am asking you to be compliant and to cooperate. We have guests in the House and we have a member on the floor. Your political ideology you can share when you get your two minutes. Please understand that you have to respect the rules of this House.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker but this is not going anywhere... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, everybody else is managing themselves as good public representatives should do.

Mr M N PAULSEN: You are becoming worse than Baleka Mbete today.

The SPEAKER: You are acting like a little boy in a schoolyard...
[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: No you must not [Inaudible.] ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: So please do behave yourself.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, I am not going to stand for those insults.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, kindly manage yourself. I am going to have to ask you to withdraw from the Chamber.

An HON MEMBER: Sit man, sit.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I will go.

An HON MEMBER: He does act, like he is looking for. Do not give him.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, please manage yourself.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, I think you should manage yourself. I am not... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, please, I am addressing you. Your behaviour is not going to be tolerated. Respect the Chair and understand that we are busy with the work of this Parliament and we need you to cooperate.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker there is... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Unfortunately you do not have a Chief Whip to guide you. I am appealing to your conscience to ask you to manage yourself.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker...

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M N PAULSEN: May I address you Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, I think it is very unfortunate that out of all the noise here you choose the one person that makes one or two interjections. You are becoming worse than Baleka Mbete today.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen...

Mr M N PAULSEN: And there is no Jacob Zuma here.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, we talked about aspersions on persons. Please do not go down that road. Just comply. Try to manage your emotions and retain and compose yourself. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, this is uncalled for. This is uncalled for. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Mr Wiley, are you raising on a point of order?

Mr M G E WILEY: I am Madam Speaker, I refer to the Rules; especially Rule 45 the member is obviously showing constant contempt for the Chair. I am going to ask that you go to the next step, either to ask the member to leave the House, failing which to name him, and we will call for his suspension.

An HON MEMBER: No, no Chairperson, no. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley, I have...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You are not the general here. [Interjections.]

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

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You are not the general here.

The SPEAKER: Order please. I have... [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Go back to the army.

Mr P UYS: [Inaudible.] your MEC. [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Go back to the army.

The SPEAKER: Order please members. I have appealed...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: This is not democracy.

The SPEAKER: I have appealed to hon member Mr Paulsen to be compliant and assist us [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Do not fight with us... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, so that we can get on with the business of the day. Please members, your cooperation is required. Hon member Ms Schäfer you may proceed.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you Madam Speaker. Land reform is a major focus for the DA-run Western Cape Government with its commitment of 70% success rate over the next five years. It is necessary to redress the injustices

of the past and to ensure that food production does not become a risk. We must therefore tackle land reform in a way that will give opportunities for all.

Land reform will not succeed because of a bigger budget. Instead it will require that we all work together – all levels of government, the private sector, the farmers and the farm workers.

Joseph Hendricks started as a hawker more than ten years ago, when he took the opportunity to buy two fruit farms with a loan from the Land Bank while at the same time receiving the necessary support from the Western Cape's Farmer Support and Development Programme. Today, Joseph runs a successful fruit trading company business in the province called Hendricks Vrugte. His story stands as an example when land reform projects with the right support mechanisms in place, ensure that individuals are empowered to succeed in farming.

Yet we see the wheels come off with Jacob Zuma's prestigious farming project in Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal. The President handed over 85 new tractors worth around R500 million without any contingency plan in place such as how the farmers were going to get the diesel and who was going to maintain the tractors. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: At least he is doing something.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: The result is that in Mpumalanga, only six out of the 32 new tractors are currently in working order. The National Government is still applying land reform policy practices that much of the rest of the world discarded in the 1980's. This type of example of land reform we do not need more of. [Interjections.]

We need to be more concerned when Minister Nkwinti suggests pushing through the potentially disastrous Land Holdings Bill, capping land, restricting foreign ownership and which clearly contradicts the National Development Plan. These types of rushed legislation will only do more harm than good for agriculture.

I am proud of how the DA-run Western Cape has put land reform on the top of their agenda, but it will be no mean feat as we tackle the immense task ahead of us. No amount of budget allocation will make this process any easier, but a focused commitment in the budget is the first important step.

Land reform we know is one of the biggest failures of the ANC-run National Government and we cannot sit still and accept the current failure rate across the country of 92%. This issue is too important to be left to partisanship and petty bickering about who should do what. [Interjections.] We need action, and working together is the only way forward. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You need to go to Pretoria [Inaudible.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: With this in mind I commend the Agricultural Department of the Western Cape for working through the 13 intergovernmental steering committees within the Rural Development Programme, and the DA is optimistic about the newly established District Land Reform Committees too in the WC.

The committees will be helpful to meet the National Development Plan's goal of 20% transfer of agricultural land to the previously disadvantaged by 2030; a goal we in the Democratic Alliance fully support. As the role of the Agricultural Department is one of support, we are therefore pleased with the establishment of Casidra's Land Reform Advisory Desk; a step in ensuring that the socio-economic needs within rural communities are met.

The DA-led Western Cape shows a firm commitment to the NDP's proposal for land reform through its increase of Casidra's budget of almost 44%. Casidra is the implementation and supporting arm of Western Cape Department of Agriculture and will assist the Department in speeding up land reform in this sector.

This government puts its money where its mouth is. The Western Cape will lead this effort of meaningful land reform in South Africa. With the current success rate way above the rest of any province, a focused effort and with an increase in budget for grassroots support, I believe that the Department is well on its way to achieving the target set of 70% success rate in five years.

Recently we have seen allegations in the media that only 1% of Cape farms are black-owned. The point is, although it may be possible, there are still no real statistics showing land ownership based on race. Instead of using cheap tricks to score political points, the DA invites all stakeholders in the agricultural sector to work together towards redress, including associations and forums such as the African Farmers Association.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You can never do redress, never.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: I would also like to mention the Department's success and contribution to redress with the equity share schemes in the Province. All of the 82 schemes are crucial to ensuring successful transition of the agricultural sector in the Western Cape.

The Adama Apollo Trust, which was established in 2008, is one such example. The workers became beneficiaries of the trust, with a 30% share in all the vineyards. In total, approximately 250 stakeholders and their families in the Leliefontein farming community and the greater Wellington area benefit directly from the Adama Appollo Workers Trust. This has empowered the beneficiaries of this scheme, and ensured a positive impact on agricultural production on the farm. [Interjections.]

These new farmers stand to benefit not only from improved access to capital, but also from the transfer of skills and knowledge that takes place between new and established farmers. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Schäfer, order please. Members, Rule 38, a member may not converse aloud during debate. Please kindly contain your comments so that it does not interfere with the speaker. [Interjection.] You may proceed.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Equity Schemes such as the Adama Appollo Workers Trust is the kind of redress we need -redress that works in agriculture.

As I have said, agriculture is at the cornerstone of the Western Cape economy. It actually constitutes one of the three most promising sectors to create jobs and give opportunities to people living in poverty. To achieve this we must invest in research and development, assist our farmers with veterinary services and promote export. In this way our farmers can increase income, employ more workers, pay better salaries, and increase productivity that can ensure food security. The DA is therefore very happy that the Western Cape Government has chosen to spend more than R13 million on research and development, multiplied by resources from research institutions and the agricultural sector itself.

We also welcome an increase of almost 11% on veterinary services, to fight one of the biggest trade barriers we face today, with more money allocated to promote agricultural trade.

Ms Wadea Jappie with her success at chicken farming, has done this on the

basis of her own hard work and the opportunity she has got to grow her business through different funding mechanisms over the past seven years. But Minister Winde, in order for Ms Jappie to increase her trade, we need a poultry industry that is capable of exporting more; but because of poor support from National Government in trade promotion... [Interjection.] ...and the lack of veterinary services. [Interjections.] Our poultry export is poor. Yet we have all the potential in the world to turn this industry into a successful export one. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Minister Winde, how are you going to ensure that our chicken farmers become international players? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] it is not us.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: The DA welcomes the Western Cape Budget's emphasis on growing the agricultural economy with the emphasis on 'buy local to create jobs.' This will lead to improved market access in the next five years by strengthening the promotion of and the support for Western Cape agricultural products. Growing this specific part of our economy will give opportunities to those that deserve and need it most. It is our rural communities that are far away from access to economic hubs and to make a better living for themselves. By focused effort on more research and development, better veterinary services and export aid, the Western Cape will

create a better living for all. [Interjections.]

I am also very excited about the Western Cape's commitment to agri-processing. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: The DA fully supports the strategy behind Project Khulisa. Agri-processing is not only crucial to our economy, but it is also a very important labour intensive industry. Currently it contributes more than R12 billion in GDP, and 79 000 jobs to our regional economy.

But more importantly is how it absorbs low-skilled employment in rural areas, where unemployment is at its worst. The potential of agri-processing is enormous, and with the right strategy we can add another 100 000 jobs to our province and increase the contribution to our GDP to R26 Billion rand. This is a strategy that nobody should oppose and we at the DA are happy to endorse it.

To grow our agri-processing industry, we must promote trade, increase access to energy and water and improve the logistics. These are basic but not simple solutions, they will work, and the DA Western Cape will deliver the opportunities and the 100 000 new jobs to the poor in rural areas with the strategies and targeted interventions that they have put in place.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wanneer sal hulle dit doen?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Finally Madam Speaker, in my speech today I have shown you why agriculture is so important... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ...to the DA-led Western Cape.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Dyantyi interjections, running commentary. Thank you. You may proceed.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: We believe that the way the Budget is structured will deliver the much needed transformation and jobs to those who need it most. The Democratic Alliance puts agricultural production and redress on the top of our agenda. It is so important that even when the National Government cuts transfers to our department we still have R80 million more to take this sector forward and make a meaningful change. [Interjections.]

I commend, Madam Speaker, Minister Winde and his department for a pro-poor budget; a budget that talks to the heart of redress; a budget that talks to reconciliation and a budget that talks to poverty alleviation in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

I am confident Minister, that with your drive and dedication, and the

commitment of this department, the future of our agricultural industry will achieve the growth and the jobs we need to support the people of this Province. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the hon member Ms Davids.

Me M N GILLION: Gooi kole!

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members! There is a hon member on the floor.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker, before I start with my speech, I just want to go to hon member Ms Schäfer, the Chairperson of my Standing Committee, with the comment that she made that the ANC, especially our President Comrade Jacob Zuma, is not doing what he is supposed to do. If that is the case, why did the farmers of the Western Cape especially the two [Inaudible.] that you are talking about go to Luthuli House and say; they said to the President and to the officials of the ANC in Luthuli House that the Western Cape Government, who is the DA, only came to them for campaign money during election time but they are not prepared to undertake transformation in agriculture in the Western Cape. They handed in a document and I will give you a copy of that document in our Standing Committee. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Skande!

Ms S W DAVIDS: They said that with their own words.[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order Minister!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Fritz, do you work in Social Development? Please, this is Agriculture. [Interjections.] It has been recently ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, Order please hon members. Kindly speak to the Chair. Hon members you are supposed to be honourable; address each other as honourable when you speak and also hon member Ms Davids please speak to the Chair would you?

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am going to do that. Thank you, Chair. Madam Speaker, it has been recently reported that Blacks only own 1% farms in the Western Cape, despite the Equity Share Scheme being operational in South Africa. According to the African Farmers Association of South Africa – AFASA - there is a lack of transformation and land reform in this province. If this budget is pro-poor, it has to speak to land reform and restitution in the Western Cape if anything. There is a reference to train farm workers in the agricultural industry and promote career opportunities in agriculture. How is this going to be realised in practical terms? The Farm Support Development says nothing about assisting Black farmers to enter the agricultural industry in term of ownership patterns or marketing strategies or how the Department is going to promote Equity Share Schemes to realise the transformation of farming in the Western Cape.

Rural Development is silent on promoting and facilitating transformation on farms in the Province. If this matter is not approached in ways that proactively propagate for

change, all endeavours made will be void. The much anticipated Rural Youth Development in education and training initiatives must equally focus on how the youth can have access and own land in order to farm because it cannot be sustainable if it confines them to be farm labourers forever. The R257 million rand must therefore include assistance on how they can form co-operatives and have start-up programmes. Farmland must be made available for these projects. The farmers' settlement and development must include Equity Share Schemes. This will go a long way in realising the ownership patterns farms in the Western Cape. The appalling conditions on the farms and rural townships in the Western Cape mean that hundreds of thousands of workers across the province are poor and live in poverty.

The evictions of farm workers and dwellers must come to a stop and if MEC Winde can remember when he and MEC Fritz were at the meeting with the Deputy President in Paarl, it was said that evictions must come to a stop but they are still happening. This Department must take a stance and ensure that there are no more evictions in this province. They must go to the extent of creating a team within the Department dedicated to monitoring evictions in our province. They must report to the Department and to the Minister on what steps must be taken when evictions take place. I want to give a few examples. Madam Speaker, I was so disturbed yesterday when hon member Ms Gillion was speaking about the three farm kids in Riviersonderend that were killed in an accident by a by-passing bakkie driven by young farm boys. They did not even stop when they killed those three kids. They drove off with their bakkie and went and washed the blood off the bakkie. And then Madam Speaker, they left the kids there without going to tell the families that they did that.

An HON MEMBER: Skande! Skande!

Ms S W DAVIDS: You know what was so sad for me yesterday: hon Christians, who calls himself this high and mighty believer of God, did not even show any remorse; not even one of the DA members. For me things like this ...[Interjections.] it is not politics. They are human beings. [Interjections.] I am not playing politics, I am telling you what is happening on the national streets and in the farming community within our province. I am not playing politics with it [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...because the people are calling me and then I must drive to those places to see what is happening. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Order Please!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Dan wil ek sê agb Voorsitter, [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] please.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You know Joseph, you are also a believer [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...you must start to act like one.

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon member Ms Davids you may proceed.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must really start to act like one.

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, the hon member Ms Davids is repeatedly calling hon members simply by their first name or their surname without – Madam Chair you instructed the honourable... The problem [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is not alright.

Mr M G E WILEY: The problem is she is casting aspersions on members. Just now she made the allusion that the hon member Mr Christians did not show any remorse yesterday for a killing that she alleges took place. But the fact of the matter is hon member Mr Christians was not participating in that particular action, so she cannot accuse him of that act.

The SPEAKER: Please, hon members, allow me address you. The point of order is around hon member Ms Davids. When you refer to your colleagues you need to refer to them as hon members. The other part of that statement that was not a point of order, it was merely a statement, so it is not for me to intervene. But hon members please your co-operation is required; there is a speaker on the floor. Allow her an opportunity to address the House; you may proceed hon member Ms Davids. [Interjections.] Order hon members!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, I just need to ask hon member Mr Paulsen again; he is going to say I am picking on him but hon member Mr Paulsen, there is a hon member on the floor. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, [Interjections.] Hon member Paulsen, do compose yourself and try to comply with the rules of the House. It is actually not funny anymore. Hon member Ms Davids you may proceed.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In this nice book that he just gave us now they speak about the successes in Stellenbosch and I agree that it is a success that farm story in Stellenbosch. And I also agree with what our Chairperson said about the farm in Wellington. It is a success story but it started in 2007 when the ANC was in governance of this province and it started with the partnership of the ANC government

in this province and the National Government of the ANC. I know those two farms because I was part of the establishment of that partnership. Thank you.
[Interjections.]

Dit is Bosmanplaas wat u van gepraat het Chairperson; jy het van Bosmanplaas in Wellington gepraat. In Lutzville, agb Speaker, is daar nou 'n ondersoek aan die gang nadat 'n plaaswerker wat 'n vrou en 'n kind versorg het verdwyn het en sy lyk is in 'n vlak graf op die buurplaas gevind. Die ANC het verseker gemaak dat 'n senior forensiese span van die polisie ingaan en 'n verdere ondersoek gaan doen na die vreemde dood van Adam Pietersen. Sy liggaam was so wreed vermoor, agb Speaker, dat hulle hom nie eers kon herken nie. En die huisie wat hy in gewoon se binne mure was vol bloedkolle.

An HON MEMBER: When did that happen? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, laas week.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, please speak to the Chair; you are not engaged in a debate with the hon members.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay. Die DA is net bekommerd as plaasboere vermoor word en daai is wat vir my seermaak. Hulle weet nie dat die grootste getal van mense op plase wat vermoor word werkers is nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

An HON MEMBER: Yebo.

Mr L H MAX: Alle moorde is belangrik.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Alle moorde is belangrik, ek stem saam honourable Max. Maar ek sê, honourable Max, ons moet dan alle moorde dan dieselfde aandag gee; dit is wat ek sê. [Tussenwerpsels.] 'n Jong seun ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members! Sorry hon member Ms Davids. Order please! Hon member Mr Fransman, you cannot talk to the Premier while you have a speaker on the floor so kindly respect your speaker and allow her to proceed. You may proceed hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ek raak baie emosioneel, Madam Speaker, veral as ek by die gevalle betrokke was, maar ek sê dankie vir u geduld. Ons praat van die mooi storie van Stellenbosch. Net langs die plaas van die mooi storie van Stellenbosch, is 'n ryk wynboerplaas eienaar, Johannes van der Westhuizen, wat net laas week 'n jong seun soos 'n hond doodgeskiet het – drie skote. En hy het nie eers die familie toegelaat om naby die seun te kom nie. Hy het die seun in die sloot geskop. [Tussenwerpsel.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Refugee.

Ms S W DAVIDS: En hy het die familie, hy en sy vriende en ek sal die vriende se naam noem agb Speaker. Sy vriende is: Maree Neethling was saam met hom en sy ander seun. Sy ander vriend was Francois Smit en die Francois Smit is ook soos ons in die outyd gesê het toe ons nog plaaskinders was, “die kneg” op die plaas, maar nou

sê hulle mos “bestuurder”. [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order please! Take your – hon member Ms Davids take your seat please.

The PREMIER: Is it parliamentary when the hon member Ms Davids is detailing such gruesome allegations for the hon leader of the opposition to point to me and say “dit is jou skuld”? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman did you indeed point your finger at the Premier? [Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Ek het gesê “jou skuld”. [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Okay so you never pointed your finger at the Premier?

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Not specifically. I did not refer specifically but really Madam Speaker, the Premier does not have a God-given right to decide when something must be dictated in this House or not; we will not allow that. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: You pointed straight at me. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, can we allow hon member Ms Davids to proceed. I did not see the interjection so unfortunately, I cannot comment but hon member Mr Fransman said he pointed – he did that instead of pointing, so... Madam Premier, I

will allow that, may we proceed please.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Agb Speaker, en die familie kon nie naby die seun toegelaat word nie; want hulle was met vuurwapens deur 'n sekuriteit company ook weggehou van die liggaam af. En weereens het die ANC op die “call” – ek het ook 'n nommer waar die plaaswerkers my kan skakel en hulle skakel my 24 uur 'n dag en weereens het die ANC gegaan en so seker gemaak dat daardie plaaseienaar nou in die hof gaan verskyn die 24 April vir die moord en hy is 'n DA lid. Hy is 'n DA lid.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Na 'n week. Nadat die moord 'n week plaasgevind is, is hy gearresteer. [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Ms Davids, please take your seat, there is a point of order. Hon member Mr Max.

Mr L H MAX: Agb Speaker, ek wil net vra of die agb lid me Davids bereid is om 'n vraag te antwoord? [Tussenbeide.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hon member Mr Max, just wait for Patricia to ask your questions thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, you may proceed.

Ms S W DAVIDS: What is this Department doing about the ongoing brutal killings of farm dwellers by White farmers recently in these areas. The ANC is forced to step in and assist these families and even if it is farm owners that are going to be murdered, we are going to step in and assist because a brutal killing is a brutal killing and it must not be accepted within our country, within the Western Cape. And then I want come to the MEC ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, sorry there is a point of order. Can you take your seat please?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Madam Speaker, there is an allegation they are going to take on the law on their own hands and I think that as a Member of Parliament you should not be insisting that the ANC is going to intervene in somebody's court case. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What is the point of order?

An HON MEMBER: Now what is the point of this?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Schäfer [Interjections.] that is not a point of order. You may proceed hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I love it when they are so excited. Now Madam Speaker, I want to come to the MEC of Human Settlements ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Ms Davids can I just ask going forward, these interruptions do affect the flow of your speech but it would be good if you could stay relevant to the actual budget debate so that we can keep it on track please. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is relevant because agriculture and farm workers are part of agriculture. [Interjections.] Then I want to come to the MEC of Human Settlements who boasted yesterday that this province is the only province that is building houses in the rural townships. Yes. Let me take you through memory lane. [Interjections.] Let me take through memory lane [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms S W DAVIDS: During the apartheid years ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon member Ms Davids, again there is an hon member on the floor. Kindly take your seat. Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: We have heard what you said about tolerance but the fact of the matter is that the hon member has not referred to the budget specifically once. [Interjections.] Now she is speaking on another vote's budget. This is not relevant to the Department of Agriculture. [Interjections.] She [Interjections.] constantly refers ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members, there is a speaker on the floor. Order please!

Mr M G E WILEY: She constantly refers to incidents which have nothing to do with the Agricultural budget. If she can refer to a single incident that she has mentioned now where the budget impacts upon that specifically, then I will withdraw but she cannot. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Our farm workers are relevant.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon members ... Hon member Ms Gillion please hold on. When we refer to each other we need to refer to each other as hon members; please I alluded to this earlier. We cannot refer to hon members as he and she, we are honourable members and then hon member Ms Davids, the question of relevance; try and bring it back to the vote please, thank you. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Let me finish the paragraph then they will see the relevance.

The SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. You may proceed.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon member Riley.

The SPEAKER: Wiley.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Wiley. You are not in the apartheid era, please come to the

democratic side.

An HON MEMBER: Come on.

Ms S W DAVIDS: During the apartheid years farm dwellers were restricted not to leave the farms. It is the ANC National Government who abolished those laws and made it possible to build houses in rural towns. That is why it was possible for the Kwazulu Natal Government to introduce the Agri-villages and build proper houses for farm workers and their families and also farm dwellers; a concept you have not started in this province. The Malloy family, along with 50 other families from the farming community of Diyatalawa, outside Harrismith in the Free State can look forward to a brighter future, thanks to a Free-State Provincial Government Department of Rural – listen, Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Housing Scheme that has proven successful in the area.

You are not the only province building houses in rural farming towns. You know actually why you are doing it; let me remind you: it is because of the big amount of evictions within this province and then you have to change the beneficiary list. You change the beneficiary list to take those evicted farm workers and put them in the houses. Like in Tulbagh you did it; the [Inaudible.] Municipality; you did it in Drakenstein; you put people in Drommedaris that were not supposed to be there because they were evicted as farm workers. [Interjections.] Just yesterday [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members!

Ms S W DAVIDS: So claim no easy victories Mr MEC, hon MEC.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order please!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Just yesterday, the Public Works Minister tabled a Land Owner Bill in Parliament and the DA was quick to object to it. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members, there is a speaker – a point of order, hon member Mr Davids. Hon member Mr Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, I would really like to ask the MEC to withdraw his comment “this woman”. It is wrong MEC. It is wrong, it is unparliamentary and it is undermining. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I withdraw and apologise and I will never do it again. I was referring to the hon member Ms Davids that she is completely off the radar. [Interjections.] She is not ... [Interjections.]

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: You know, Madam Speaker, [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids sorry, I have alluded to relevance. Hon members, please let us co-operate now. I have on two occasions alluded to relevance to bring it back to the debate. Your time will not be impacted whilst you are sitting. The clock does stop so you will get your full time. Hon members, please let us try and keep this relevant to the matter at hand and when the Minister of Housing has his debate ... He has had it already. Sorry so, you will have to forego that opportunity. You may proceed hon member Ms Davids. Order please hon members!

Ms S W DAVIDS: You will see it is of much relevance for the farm workers and the farm dwellers because in rural development you must do housing schemes for farm workers. If he reads the ESTA Law, he will see in clause 4, section 32 it states that you can do on-land development or off-land development. So I am speaking about on-land development.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: They are pushing off land.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes. Just yesterday the Public Works Minister tabled the Land Owners ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... Expropriation Bill in parliament and the DA was quick to object to it before the public participation process kicked in. It is clear that the DA protection of minority interests is unwavering. Even though the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Jeremy Cronin, has said the Bill aims to establish uniform measures for

and to respect the rights of property owners and their workers. He emphasised that not only farmers and rural people will be affected. The Deputy Minister explained that organised agriculture was very favourable towards this Bill. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is Public Works.

Ms S W DAVIDS: In this budget there is no allocation for the Department to assist victims of farm evictions. We all know the social effects of evictions in municipalities. They create a huge burden on municipalities because in the instances where they had to go to the Court, many municipalities are saying they do not have a place for these people to stay and they put people in halls instead of houses.

They end up living in informal settlements or in halls with no infrastructure services such as schools, ECD, sanitation, social activities, churches, community halls, youth clubs, sanitation, running water, lighting and many more services. Not to mention poverty, hunger and unemployment because they then had to change the clothing of the schools; they had to pay for that. They sometimes have to pay for their kids to travel to another school and all of that. Due to these social ills that the poor rural communities are forced to live in, criminal activities like gangsterism, substance abuse, drug abuse, theft and robberies, rape, elderly and children abuse, escalate in communities. The Deputy President of South Africa ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... hon Cyril Ramaphosa visited this province ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members! You may proceed hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I know your members do not like to hear the truth [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, no, hon member Mr Paulsen was [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Deputy President of South Africa, hon Cyril Ramaphosa visited this province last year and during this consultation engagement with rural communities, including farm owners, it was resolved that this Provincial Government must promote social cohesion. In this budget there is no mention of social cohesion activities – what a shame. Under Programme Five of page 567, there is no activity in terms of higher education institutions. Is there an explanation for this? Which are these MPO institutions where R2 million is budgeted for. Like other departments, expenditure towards legal cost, contractors, agencies and support, outsource services and property payments are a worrying factor.

And then hon Madam Speaker, I want to – ek wil na Casidra toe kom. Every year Casidra's budget just goes up and up and up and yes Casidra is giving us a report so that we can have an oversight role but we must really see to the effectiveness of Casidra. Is Casidra really effective enough for what the province wants to do? En dan wil ek praat oor geld wat gegee word vir Agri Mega. Hulle gee nie vir ons 'n verslag nie en so hoe gaan ons, ons oorsig rol hou oor hulle. So ek sal net graag vra dat die departement ook soos hoe hulle met Casidra maak dat Agri Mega ook vir ons

verslae moet aanstuur.

En dan, agb Speaker, wil ek aan die MEC sê dat hoewel ek nie by die komitee se budget proses was nie het ek die budget deurgegaan, so dit is nie dat ek nie dit – weet wat in die budget aangegaan het nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Maar al wat ek wil sê is [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms S W DAVIDS: MEC as ons regtig 'n verskil wil maak en u sê in u hart u wil 'n verskil maak [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon member Ms Davids, I am sorry to interrupt your flow, there is a speaker on the floor. Hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, the comments coming from the other side is regtig besig om mense aan die kant in die Huis te ondermyn. Sekere dinge wat gesê word is baie neerhalend. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion, what is your – sorry, what is the point of order because I have been listening to hon member Ms Davids, I was not keeping an eye on what was going on there?

Ms M N GILLION: My point is just Madam Speaker, control both sides of the House please.

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members! Order please, hon members! Hon member Ms Davids you may proceed.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to say to the MEC that the District Land Reform Committees that are in place now and that we must form, we must really make use of them to make sure that everything that we said when we were in Gauteng happens. That we make sure that the equity schemes happen and not only one or two like the book is saying; yes it is good to have successes but we need more successes. We must also make sure, hon MEC, that we put a team in place for the evictions in our province so that evictions can stop and that we also put a team in place that will make sure that farm workers become farm owners one day. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order, please! Order, please hon members! I recognise the hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Good afternoon. Welcome back, Madam Speaker. We have to applaud the efforts of Casidra. That unit and their staff are committed and dedicated to performing their roles as far as rural development is concerned. I have stressed many times my satisfaction with the professionalism of most officials of this Western Cape Government. I believe they would do exceptionally well under an EFF government here in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] Their mandate would be expanded as we empower many landless farmers to own the fruits of their labour. We do not hold Casidra responsible for that immoral and very cruel competition Farm Worker of the Year that seeks to glorify the landlessness of our people. That is the makings of this

DA government.

I am also not surprised, Madam Speaker, that the Chairperson of this committee praises the province's strides in the National Government Share Equity Scheme. This scheme, Madam Speaker, pays these usurpers of our land to give landless farmers a share in the profits of the farm. I challenge the Chairperson and the Minister to speak to the beneficiaries about their experiences with these schemes. [Interjections.] The EFF is active in the rural areas and have visited many farms. The conditions of landless farmers are horrific. Agriculture should not be about the farm, the farmer and the produce, hon member Ms Schäfer. The people that work that land and toil, rain or shine, should be a priority. Their children should be given proper education and should not be deemed as feeder stock for future farm labour.

The Hex River Valley is a perfect example of land reform in the Western Cape. Out of 12 500 hectares of table grape farmland, only 48 hectares are black owned. This shame does not only belong to the Western Cape Government but should be laid squarely on the doorstep of the National Government. [Interjections.] In fact, it was in Ceres just before the ANC's 103rd year celebration that I found the Secretary General of the ANC collecting money from a farmer there in Ceres, where the people were living under horrific conditions. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, your time is up; kindly finish your sentence.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Last sentence.

The SPEAKER: Your time is up.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I have a last sentence Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Your time is up hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, it is only land expropriation without compensation ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Your time is up.

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...that will be the solution to land use. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I recognise – order please hon members! I recognise the hon member Mr Christians. And hon member Christians in anticipation of your presentation try and keep your voice down please. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, let me publicly say that it is with sadness that I heard what hon member Ms Davids said about the family that lost their loved ones and hon member Ms Gillion. So, on behalf of the ACDP, we send our heartfelt

condolences. So I hope that makes it up. But, Madam Speaker, I just want to know: I saw in the Burger the other day that hon members Davids and Paulsen were not there. It is their portfolio but they were not there. They have got a lot to say but that is the problem [Interjections.] because the cameras are here but in the committees where the work is done they are absent from the committees. The public must know that where the work is done they are not there. They are absent.

So, Madam Speaker, when it comes to the Agriculture sector ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians, sorry there is a point of order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, you know when you ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, sorry a point of order please.

Ms SW DAVIDS: Madam Speaker, a point of order; a priest must not lie. I was not in that budget programme because I had a family death [Interjections.] and I gave my apologies to the Chairperson.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, that is not a point of order. Thank you. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: The hon member Ms Davids just accused the member of the ACDP of lying and I believe that she should withdraw. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. [Interjections.] Colleagues and hon members, the reference to Christianity and preachers; we are all hon members and public reps in this House. Please kindly try and keep the conversation and the debate limited to the status of hon members in the House please because it does not help, next thing we will go to another occupation and it could get quite nasty. So, please kindly compose and let us keep it strictly to the business of the House. Hon member Mr Christians you may proceed.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, I was telling the truth; she just confirmed that she was not there and that is what I said. [Interjections.] But let us continue Madam Speaker. Agriculture plays a major role in the economy of the Western Cape and to politicise this sector is dangerous, very, very dangerous. We cannot make silly comments, foolish comments because this sector is a game-changer as the MEC said. It is a game-changer because when you talk about potentially employing 100 000 people it is a game-changer because it addresses the poverty of this country and you know, Madam Speaker, the one thing that I said; the ACDP welcomes that because it focuses on rural development and therefore addresses urban migration by encouraging local economic development. That is what we say.

So, Madam Speaker, I cannot understand that everything that the ANC and the EFF does is vote against. You cannot vote against job creation. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You cannot vote against the National Government's plan and they need to realise that. But you see they must change their speechwriter I think because they come with prepared speeches. [Interjections.] You see, Madam Speaker, this ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...this sector addresses – there is a food security it addresses, agricultural exports and also this sector has a role to play when it comes to the economy of this country. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr L H MAX: I also come off the farm. I was a farm worker [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members, order! Hon member Mr Max. Thank you. I recognise the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and thank you very much to everyone who took part in this debate. Before I get to answering the debate, I actually have to just start with this one point and that was around a story that was told by the hon member Ms Davids about a hit and run and people leaving the scene of a crime and going to wash blood off bakkies and things and if she has that kind of detail, I would really like to ask her for the case number and I sincerely hope that you are –

that that detail is given across because we need to make sure that that is dealt with properly. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: That one in Stellenbosch and Lutzville [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members do not debate across the floor. Hon Minister, kindly address the Chair.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The second point I want to make and did not actually make reference to it when I spoke and that is to this book that has been handed out. I think first of all and it was mentioned behind me that good to see some of the traditions from my predecessor Gerrit van Rensburg and you will see a couple of his pictures in here. Absolutely I think this is a great tradition and is very good. It is good considering this debate and specifically some of the heated moments in this debate. I think hon members should take the chance to go and actually have a look and read some of these stories because there are some really good stories on how we are actually going to build this sector better together.

Mr L H MAX: The Western Cape story.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, I want to thank everyone who has taken part in this debate. I think I will start with in order of the speakers, so first of all to the Chair of the Committee. I want to thank you very much for the role that you play as the

oversight and the leader of the Oversight Committee. I want to thank you for that role. I want to thank you for the energy and the way in which you have brought the Committee to most spaces that happen out across the province. You and the Committee are regularly seen throughout the province, throughout Agriculture and I commend you for that because very often it is one of those things that I think committees are accused of, of not actually being on the ground and seeing what is happening and you definitely do; you lead that process and there is definitely good oversight.

In reacting to some of the points that you have raised and obviously in support of trade and land reform and those kind of processes, I wanted to just mention one thing. I think you spoke a little bit about tractors and I just want to make a point that many of those tractors that are given, specifically in this province, come through the National Department and I can assure you that both the Department and Casidra are managing those assets exceptionally well because you hear some of these horror stories of how tractors just stand without diesel or all sorts of other horror stories. I can assure you in this province they are very well managed and they are there to create an enabling environment so we can actually get Agriculture to grow. So I just wanted to make that point.

I think you also spoke about the poultry industry itself and I mean we all know and you can read what is happening around the negotiations around Agoa at the moment which is also very, very important but you actually see an industry that is actually saying “hang on a second” and they are from another side of the world trying to block what happens. My message to the poultry industry first of all is we have got to build

competitive; we have got to build innovative; we have got to be cutting edge; we have got to build industries that are in that space that we can actually take it to other parts of the world. But then that is our job is to have a look at what those barriers are and I spoke in my speech about some of those barriers to some of those markets. And I think specifically in this space it is about in Africa and how we actually help our farmers get into the African market, looking at some of phytosanitary barriers that are in place and specifically some of the standards that are set in other markets and we need to really interrogate some of those standards and talk to other countries that we want to grow trade with and say well, “do we accept that barrier or can we negotiate our own barriers” and I think that specifically is the area that we need to focus on and it is one of the core areas of Khulisa, on how we are going to look at where those regulatory and those legislative barriers lie; those between country barriers because that is also exactly how we need to create that ease of doing business pathway in helping our agri-businesses to grow. Thank you very much for the role you play. I really do appreciate it.

Then hon member Ms Davids, I have got a whole lot of pieces of paper here to answer hon member Ms Davids. I wondered whether I should answer her at all but because she – I think at the end when she said that she could not be at the budget discussion and she had tendered her apology. It was interesting that your proxy only arrived sort of halfway through the discussion. We need to arrange that if we want to have proper oversight... [Interjection.] ...in other words the person you sent in your place. [Interjections.] The alternate, yes. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why do you use proxy? Why do you use that word?

The PREMIER: It is a shorter word. [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, we know that part of the space where there is actual interaction in the Standing Committee in the budget process that the ANC were only present for half of that discussion which is obviously a concern because this is where the actual oversight is and this is supposed to be the opposition. The opposition to this government. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In committees you need to be present if you want [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Ms Davids, you cannot engage the Premier. There is a speaker on the floor at this time. Hon member Mr Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you hon Madam Speaker, just on a point of order. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Winde, please take a seat.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I would like to ask whether it is parliamentary for an hon member of this House to use the words they do not give a “damn” and that implies to me - it is vulgar language and it is being used by the Premier and I would ask you to consider that and if possible, request the Premier to withdraw that language.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Christians, I see you. I do not know if – it is really difficult trying to keep this House to order but was it said directly to a hon member or was it just said, I would need to ask the question? Hon Madam Premier?

The PREMIER: Yes, Madam Speaker, I did say in general about the ANC as a whole; they do not give a damn because that is true and because we can say that outside the House and there cannot be less freedom of speech inside this House than outside the House.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mr Dugmore, it was not aimed at a specific hon member [Interjections.] as the Premier has indicated. She said it is as the ANC.
[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, could I ask just to address you on that briefly?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, I think it is fair comment that we are able to label parties and describe their characteristics. I have an objection to the word “damn”. I do not think that is parliamentary; I think it is a word which kind of borders on crudity. So that is the issue and I would like you to take this into consideration.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...and come back to the House on this point.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore, I will take guidance and I will revert to the House on that. Thank you. Sorry Minister Winde, there is another point of order. Terribly sorry. Hon member Mr Plato?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, the issue I want to raise I do not want to say the word by mouth.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Maybe I need to raise it separately with you but words out of the mouth of an hon member; completely out of line, completely out of context.

The SPEAKER: Which hon member are you referring to hon Minister Plato?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The hon member of the EFF. Maybe outside of this meeting I will have to address that with you; I give notice to that effect. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I hope you know you sleep most of the time.

Mr C M DUGMORE: What did he say?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Let me address your attitude hon member. You were acting the whole day yesterday and today like a spoilt brat, like a child.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: If you think you can attract ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Plato, it is a point of order please. Hon Minister Plato, your point of order? You alluded to Hon member Mr Paulsen, please take your seat. Sorry, take your seat. Hon Minister Plato you need to address the point of order,

the words that were used.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, he used the “P” word.

Mr M N PAULSEN: That is nonsense.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Madam Speaker, on a very serious note, I also heard the hon member Mr Paulsen using the word. A very, very rude word. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat, thank you. Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, that swear word was directed to me and I am offended because he said it openly and the other hon members heard it. So he must not lie here; he did use that word.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Take your seat please. Hon member Mr Paulsen, did you indeed use the “P” word?

An HON MEMBER: He did.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, I never used the “P” word and I did not use it at anyone else at anyone; whatever I said I did not say it to anyone. I never swore

here. This is nonsense here; they are lying and this is [Interjections.] this is typically the DA [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, there is no time for reflection on the DA, I asked you did you use the “P” word.

An HON MEMBER: He did!

Mr M N PAULSEN: No I did not.

The SPEAKER: Hon members I will have to – I will revert to Hansard; I will check the record and I will come back to the House on this matter thank you. Hon member Mr Tyatyam, a point of order?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I think it is important when we raise “P” words or “W” words, at least some of us do not know those words. We must be told in this House because it is raised in this House. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Tyatyam ... Sorry, hon member Wiley, please take your seat. I think in terms of the order and decorum of the House; in my view, I do not expect any member to use any language that is unflattering, whether it is the “P”, whether it is the “K”, whatever word, you are public reps, you have a duty to your guests to manage yourself.

The other day hon member Mr Paulsen used an “M” word which he had to withdraw.

So this is not the first time that we have had this issue and it actually borders on disgusting because we have television viewers who are watching us debating a “P” word and an “M” word when we should actually be getting on with the business of nation building. People we have a duty as public reps ... [Interjection.] Hon member Mr Paulsen, maintain and compose yourself. You cannot simply just shoot your mouth off and expect that you can hold this House hostage as and when you need.

Now in terms of Rule 41 it is my duty to maintain decorum, but three people have attested to the fact that you have used that word, yet you tell this House you have not. So who is being honourable is the question and I will revert to Hansard and I will come back with a ruling. Thank you. First hon member Mr Wiley and then hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, in his outburst the hon member Mr Paulsen said about the three people that identified that he used unparliamentary language – he said they were liars. That is a direct inference upon the integrity of the hon members and I ask firstly that that – that he withdraw that and secondly, I would like this matter to be referred to a Disciplinary Committee please. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I have noted your point of order [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Wiley, if you would like the matter to be referred to a disciplinary, it would need to be a substantive motion; it cannot be a point or order, thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I will table a substantive motion.

The SPEAKER: Thank you and then hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: It is just in regard to your ruling; could I also ask you to make a special appeal to the Premier who leads this House that by using words such as “damn” she creates an environment in terms of which vulgar language is actually used and I would like you to please address her as the Premier of this Province.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat hon member Mr Paulsen. Hon member Mr Dugmore, your point is taken, however as we said at the beginning of our sittings we need to look at context. So some people might say “do not give a damn”; some might say “do not give a hoot”; some might say “I do not give a continental and it really is [Interjections.] No sorry, if it is unparliamentary we need to rule it unparliamentary and I will consider that in my ruling when I come back to the House.

Hon member Mr Paulsen, the bigger point that has been raised, three hon members in this House have said that you have used the “P” word. So if you are saying you have not then you are by implication saying “they are lying”. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Paulsen, the table is just giving me guidance and I now need to clarify with you and say, did you say “they are lying”?

Mr M N PAULSEN: I said they are lying, yes.

The SPEAKER: Okay. Can you kindly withdraw and apologise, please hon member Mr Paulsen?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Madam Speaker, I did not call them liars but I did say they were lying.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, please withdraw and apologise.
[Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: I withdraw.

The SPEAKER: And apologise.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I apologise.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. May we proceed? Hon members we really need to bring some sanity to this House and we really need to bring a matter of seriousness and decorum. It is so important; we cannot simply carry on like a schoolyard, we have to get serious about the business of nation building. Hon Minister Winde?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members! I have just appealed for order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very, Madam Speaker, and thinking that this whole delay was around the word “damn” and at the risk of putting it back into disorder, I think “dam”

is a critical word and specifically in agriculture and in actual fact we need ...
 [Interjections.] We need the national department to give us a whole lot more dams in
 this province. [Interjections.]

So, Madam Speaker, getting back to the hon member Ms Davids, she said that we are
 silent on land reform ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members, there is a speaker on the floor.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
 TOURISM: Hon member Ms Davids said that rural development is silent on land
 reform. Well quite frankly, it is front and centre. So really, she needs to be more
 active in the Committees; she needs to read the documentation more because it
 definitely is front and centre. So what she is saying and what is actually reality within
 the budget documents, within the APP's are really contradictory. So you know, that is
 my point on it.

Then she spent quite a bit of time talking about evictions and perhaps linking it to the
 Deputy President's visit that we had here in the province. Now quite frankly, when I
 left Paarl that day after the Deputy President's visit, my feeling was that it was
 actually quite embarrassing because the Deputy President came to the Western Cape;
 not the first time, his predecessor came to the Western Cape a few months before that
 and it was driven by a whole lot of propaganda and political forces driving this
 specific meeting. It was an interesting meeting because the primary discussion of the
 Deputy President's meeting was around farm evictions. First of all, prior to that

meeting, he called for a briefing in which the five ministers who accompanied him and that is why I think it was quite embarrassing. You have got the Deputy President and five ministers and they had to be briefed by the departments, various departments in the room. And I will never forget the Deputy President's words after the briefing. "So what are we going to tell these people?" That was his words. There is nothing to tell these people.

So then what happened is he actually asked when we went in from the briefing session into the meeting, he asked the press to leave and the press had to leave that first meeting. Then in that meeting, there was going to be a presentation on evictions from the Department of Land Reform and I will just take you past the three top evictions in South Africa and where they come from. In that report that was tabled to the Deputy President that day around farm evictions the highest farm evictions in South Africa come from the Free State. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: A point of order Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Sorry.

Ms S W DAVIDS: My point of order [Interjections.]

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am raising a point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The point of order is previously the minister also used those totals and it was said in that meeting, it cannot be used because ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Your point of order?

Ms S W DAVIDS: It cannot be used because it is not the truth.

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. That is a statement, hon member Ms Davids. Hon Minister Winde, you may proceed. [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Davids, order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I shall speak the truth. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: And nothing but the truth.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So the first one was the Free State with 130; the second one was KZN with 73 and the third is the Western Cape with 62. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No that was not the totals.

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Now, there is a big issue Madam Speaker, between legal evictions and illegal evictions. That is the first issue that we really need to get into a debate on. That is the first thing. The second thing is that there is only one province in South Africa with a Farm Workers Support Unit that specifically steps in in these kind of cases or in any area where farm workers really need support and that unit is in the Western Cape, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And it is not working. [Interjections.] It is not working.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: That unit is in this [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...very province and I have just heard the interjection from across the floor, it is not working. I am waiting for the oversight question or I am waiting for the attendance in the Standing Committee when the whole department sits here [Interjections.] and that question can be raised to the specific officials [Interjections.]

who cannot defend themselves right now, Madam Speaker, to those kind of interjections.

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They are sitting in the box over there; they work very, very hard, specifically in this space which is a difficult space, specifically because it is politically stoked in this province time and time again. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But Madam Speaker, it is also very, very interesting ... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must work in your [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: All over [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...that is your problem. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids. [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Davids, you cannot point your finger. Hon member Ms Davids, you cannot. [Interjections.] You cannot point your finger and you cannot have your private little debate while we are in the middle of a debate hon member Ms Davids. If you have an issue with the Premier, I suggest you engage her outside of the Chamber [Interjections.] This is not the place and I did not see the Premier pointing a finger at you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No because she is sitting like this and she is [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Well I cannot account for where the Premier's fingers are, I am sorry. Hon Minister Winde? Madam Premier please keep your hands firmly on the desk so that I can see them. Thank you. [Interjections.] Thank you, Madam Premier. Hon Minister Winde?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I know that when the hon member Ms Davids was speaking, I did probably interject once or twice but I did listen to her when she was speaking, so perhaps the same courtesy could be afforded.

Madam Speaker, so this space is really politically aggravated and maybe following on the hon member Mr Christians's point and specifically in agriculture and what I said in the initial budget vote discussion - I said that agriculture needs to be supported to become that sector that we all want it to become, to become that sector that creates opportunities specifically for young people to see it as a sector that they want to get involved in. Unfortunately the politics that is brewing up and stoked all the time, is

creating a difficult space in which to operate but it is also very interesting because when you play in that space with fire, it is interesting how sometimes that fire comes straight back at you.

So, post the Deputy President's visit, there was a follow-up visit that took place a few weeks ago in De Doorns and it was quite interesting in the pre-meeting again, in that meeting, a huge fight broke out between ANC Councillors and ANC Ministers sitting in the front, not accepting the information that was being put on the table. So much so that even one of the Councillors stood up right at the very end and said those reports that have been put on the table from the departments is a lot of rubbish; 95% is incorrect which then created the space about how are we going to go and talk to the masses because there was a huge marquee tent set up on where again, four ministers had to go and report to the people in De Doorns.

Well, quite interestingly, then an ANC member but also someone who leads a Farm Worker Union in this province, stood up and said "I would suggest that you actually do not go to the hall next door and visit". That reminds me of the Deputy President's visit because at the open session, they were lucky if there were 50 people who came to see five ministers and the Deputy President. That is why it was so embarrassing. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Absolutely.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And a few weeks ago in De Doorns ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...after the meeting when these [Interjections.] four ministers had to go and report back to the masses [Interjections.] what happened? People said “we are sick and tired of listening to you, we voted for you, you did nothing for us, go away”. And then there was 100 people in a massive marquee tent. But anyway, that is what happens, that is a consequence of when you play politics in this kind of space. We need to build this sector; we need this sector to become a sector that young people who are sitting up here [Interjections.] can be really proud of and see a massive future for themselves. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids. Sorry, hon Minister Winde, order please. Hon member Ms Davids, you have had your opportunity to debate and you were afforded the privilege of being able to provide your address. Kindly afford Minister Winde - interjections are allowed but no running commentary. Hon Minister Winde, proceed please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In the interest of time and the guests that we have here, I think what I am going to – just the next point; I know that there were three other issues that the hon member Davids raised. She spent quite a bit of time on the housing budget. She spent a fair amount of time on the Public Works budget and a fair amount of time in the Schools’ budget and that probably is also

testament that she was not in the Standing Committee when we actually spoke about this budget.

An HON MEMBER: Ja I know.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But I think that at the end of the day [Interjections.] At the end of the day, I thank the hon member ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am trying to thank the hon ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...member for her participation in the debate today and hopefully I have answered some of the questions that she has raised. [Interjections.] I would then move .. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I would then move to ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Ms Davids, you cannot – Minister Winde, please take your seat. You cannot simply lunge into debate across the floor while there is a speaker on the floor, hon member Ms Davids. I know it is difficult; please compose yourself. Thank you. Hon Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Premier. Thank you to the contribution from the EFF, specifically the support for Casidra. On the other issues: if there are specific issues that are raised when you visit rural areas and you have issues that you want to raise, by all means bring them along, add them to the system, we will work as hard as we can to fix these issues and I see that you obviously following on directly behind the fundraising efforts of the ANC. But other than that [Interjections.] I want to thank the hon member from the ACDP. Thank you very much for your support and specifically ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...specifically again talking about policies and politics and I think that was the primary call that I made in the debate: is that we need to give this sector certainty, policy certainty and as much support as we can because this is a very, very important sector, not only for this province but for South Africa but this province and the Agricultural sector leads South Africa. Thank you very much too each and every person in this province that is involved in Agriculture. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Winde. That concludes the debate. The proceedings will now be suspended and resume at 2.15pm. Kindly note not 2.00pm but 2.15pm. Thank you.

The House adjourned at 13.10 and resumed at 14.14.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the fourth Order of the Day.

4. Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister, Mr Grant.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Deputy Speaker, Premier in absentia, my Cabinet colleagues, Standing Committee Chair, Honourable Members, Special Guests including my wife, Cheryl, senior officials and visitors.

It is my privilege to speak to the 2015/16 Budget for the Department of Transport and Public Works. In keeping with the nature of the challenging economic environment which has persisted stubbornly for some time internationally and nationally and with the commitment of the Western Cape Government to responsible and sustainable management of the resources at

its disposal, this budget at R6,76 billion is tight. While it is scheduled to rise slightly in 2016/17 to R7,10 billion it drops in the outer period of the MTEF to R6,85 billion – very close to the budget to which I am speaking to this afternoon.

This department is the custodian of huge immovable assets consisting of over 6 000 properties and buildings. Managing them is challenging and they are sometimes vulnerable. It therefore gives me great pleasure to welcome as special guests here today two of the wonderfully brave, dedicated fire-fighters who recently fought the extensive fires in this province. Welcome to you in the box. As a result of their efforts damage to provincial property was remarkably limited – Chapman's Peak and minor damage on the Porter Estate. Our thanks to Station Commander Germaine Carelse and Senior Fire Fighter Charles Royine. We are honoured by your presence here today and ask you to convey to all your colleagues our gratitude.

Our other special guest is a Deputy Director in the Department of Transport and Public Works – Danielle Manuel. In the latter half of last year she attended the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders as a young African leader under the age of 35 selected to develop their business and leadership skills at one of 20 leading American universities. We were delighted to welcome her back to the Department where she adds to the well of expertise and we are equally delighted that she is here with us today so welcome home.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as published, the Budget for the Department of Transport and Public Works does not include the considerable amounts which this department spends on behalf of education and health. I will refer to these amounts in more detail later in this speech. However, even a superficial reading of the already tabled Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure for 2015, the so-called Blue Book, will show that these amounts reflect a similar decrease in the outer year.

It goes without saying that a budget of this nature demands careful planning and management if we are to achieve our objectives and to provide the infrastructure needed for crucial services, including those aspects of public transport within our jurisdiction. This budget is not a framework within which to spend rashly or to take ill-informed decisions. But, and this is a big BUT, this does not mean that there is no space for innovation and the harnessing of new technologies in the work done by this department. Public Works, and this term usually includes transport, has been described internationally as a “*multi-dimensional concept in politics and economics*” as it touches on so many aspects of our society – education, health, government, transport, communications and even recreation. In fact, my 10-month period in this new portfolio has been as diverse as it has been instructive. Because this department interacts with and services these many aspects of society it would be failing in its responsibilities if it did not respond to the countless developments and new ideas in these fields, applying this new awareness and the new agenda wherever appropriate. As knowledge of environmental sustainability, the urban ecology, green building technology and alternative

energy resources increase, the Department of Transport and Public Works has to ensure the responsible incorporation of these developments in its day to day activities or be accused of creating infrastructure for a society which does not need it any more – a society which has moved on, so to speak.

So I am pleased to confirm that we will certainly innovate in a significant number of areas, some with macro impact and some at a micro level, including:

Firstly, with regard to financing, the implementation of our first formal PPP for the construction of new offices for the Western Cape Government - largely the Department of Education– in the central business district, - will release us from significant and costly lease arrangements.

Secondly, extending the reach of Speed Over Distance technology to improve the enforcement of speed limits in our on-going efforts to make roads safer for those who use them in the face of unacceptable acts of irresponsibility by some drivers. The high costs of road crashes to the economy of the Western Cape are well known at R21 billion in the year for which the latest survey was conducted.

The development – in conjunction with the private sector – of new Live Work Play residential models aimed at breaking down the persistent spatial patterns which are one of the more iniquitous legacies of apartheid. The first of these will be located on the old Conradie

Hospital site and the initial creativity for this took place yesterday in Cape Town.

Fourthly, the commissioning of a web-enabled permit application process for abnormal loads aimed at reducing the time for the issuing of these permits while ensuring that all safety requirements are met. These permits are becoming increasingly important because of the types of specialised economic activity developing in the Western Cape e.g. the construction of large luxury ocean-going yachts for the international market and the emerging wind farms.

I have already drawn a distinction between responsible innovation and irresponsible decision-making. In the built environment this is a crucial distinction because assets wrongly utilised rapidly lose their value to the government as much as the assets belonging to individual people lose their value if they are not carefully used. Equally, an asset once disposed of is no longer an asset whether it is private or government owned.

One of the important areas in which responsible innovation has to be undertaken by my department is in the area of its custodial duties concerning the property assets of the Western Cape. International experience has shown that the success or failure of the asset-management approach to public infrastructure is in the detail. There are success stories of the use of government assets to unlock sufficient value to finance the building of new facilities or the maintenance of others or the meeting of a government's

social objectives. However, there are also negative instances in which assets or future infrastructure revenues have been sold off without creating sustainable value.

Two examples involving metered parking will serve as illustrations. I have chosen metered parking as this is not something over which my department has direct jurisdiction and is clearly not a physical asset. However, the principles apply equally. In Indianapolis the city entered into a partnership with a large international company as well as with local businesses aimed at modernising the system and providing better service to the residents. The city will net in excess of \$600 million over the lifetime of the contract and every 10 years has the right to exit the arrangement. Appropriate technological updates are a requirement in the contract. All in all an excellent deal for Indianapolis. By contrast in Chicago, the city entered into a lease agreement for metered parking with a large international finance house. The city received a one-time payment of \$1.15 billion – crucial to plug holes in its budget at the time. The finance house has improved the system to a level where it now generates triple what the city was getting on an annual basis. Unfortunately for Chicago the contract runs for 75 years. So in that case it is not such a good deal!

So the threefold challenge to us is:

Firstly, how does a department unlock the value of infrastructure by improving efficiency and leveraging income streams.

Secondly, at the same time meeting the critical social outcomes of this government and thirdly providing the necessary services to our citizens.

I made the point earlier that the work of the Department of Transport and Public Works underpins many of the service delivery aspects of the Western Cape Government. It therefore comes as no surprise that this department has a significant role to play in all five of the Provincial Strategic Goals announced by the Premier and that the Budget to which I am speaking today reflects a pattern of expenditure which supports the importance of all of these goals.

To give effect to the five Provincial Strategic Goals my department has developed its own vision as follows:

Firstly, to lead in the delivery of government infrastructure and related services and its mission now reads:

“The Department of Transport and Public Works delivers infrastructure and services to promote socio-economic outcomes and safe, empowered and connected communities.”

How are then these goals as well as a number of critical challenges highlighted in the National Development Plan and reflected in the budget of this department?

As I referred to earlier in this speech, we are the infrastructure implementing agent for both the Department of Education and the Department of Health and in this way the Department of Transport and Public Works makes a significant contribution to both Provincial Strategic Goal 2 which is the improvement of education outcomes and opportunities for youth development and Provincial Strategic Goal 3 to increase wellness, safety and to tackle social ills. These departments allocate significant amounts for the building and refurbishing of schools and health facilities and in this budget year R1,427 billion by Education and R826,28 million by Health. Over the three year MTEF the Department of Transport and Public Works is scheduled to spend R3,996 billion on behalf of Education and R2,234 billion on behalf of Health. A full list of the projects scheduled to be undertaken or completed appears in the budget votes of these two departments and the strategic planning to locate facilities in particular areas remains theirs. The Department of Transport and Public Works is very conscious of the need to deliver these projects on time and in budget and constantly assesses its level of service in conjunction with these two important clients while maintaining dedicated infrastructure delivery structures for both the education and health facilities it provides. In the financial year under discussion here today my department has allocated R47 million for Education and R53 million for Health respectively for these delivery structures.

In addition to these contributions to the infrastructural requirements of PSG 2 and 3, my department has made provision for a range of services and opportunities which impact on the overall goal of improving education

outcomes and opportunities for youth development. These include the Masakh'Sizwe bursary programme currently with 246 bursary holders including 92 new ones for 2015, an additional professional development and mentoring programme and skills development as part of the National Youth Service. The budget allocation for these three programmes together is close to R30 million. In addition, the Department provides resources for road safety education in schools and dedicated learner and driver licence training. I cannot stress too much the importance of the education component of road safety if we are to succeed in reducing the senseless carnage on our roads. The events of last weekend - including 10 fatalities - are still very fresh in our minds.

I now turn to Provincial Strategic Goal 1 – the creation of opportunities for growth and jobs. Obviously the built environment lends itself to a range of exciting opportunities, both in the planning and construction of the infrastructure projects themselves and in the economic development which is underpinned by these projects. This is also, for obvious reasons, the Strategic Goal within which Project Khulisa will play a major role as it is aimed at identifying economic sectors with great growth and job creation potential and accelerating their development. All in all this budget in its various programmes provides in excess of R5 billion for projects and services which support such growth and jobs. This includes in this financial year over 13 000 work opportunities on infrastructural and maintenance projects and more than 6 000 such opportunities on roads and public transport networks. The Expanded Public Works Programme obviously constitutes a significant

segment of this. Of great importance to the Department of Transport and Public Works and to the broader construction industry as well as the many people seeking skills to be employed and to compete in this area of economic activity are the Contractor Development Programme and the Built Environment Artisan Development Programme. Yet another contribution by the Department of Transport and Public Works to skills development and to job creation.

The synergies between the Department of Transport and Public Works and Strategic Goal 4 are obvious as PSG 4 aims to create a resilient, sustainable, quality and inclusive living environment. This clearly goes beyond physical infrastructure and includes aspects of public transport, the re-using of grey water, the installation of energy efficient lighting and design and construction which embraces green principles. An obvious example of this is the Khayelitsha Shared Services Centre which is the first public building to obtain a 5 Star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council. The challenge is to ensure that new accommodation – either acquired or constructed – is certified to a minimum of a 4 Star Green Star rating.

The custodial role in relation to the immovable assets of the Western Cape Province puts this department at the heart of on-going debate in recent times about the shift from merely providing and looking after these assets to the utilising of these assets for economic growth and job creation. So while property management remains one of its core functions, the Department of Transport and Public Works also has to lead the way in developing policy for

and making recommendations about the acquisition of new strategically important assets and the disposal of certain others. Very importantly, this will include active participation in the development of certain sites with the private sector and other agencies in line with the social objectives of the Western Cape Government. I have already mentioned the so-called Conradie Hospital site in this regard but include also the various properties approved by the Western Cape Cabinet for inclusion in the regeneration plan.

The best use of the overall immovable asset portfolio is key and May will see the release of the third Property Efficiency Report which will underpin initiatives of this department to improve space utilisation in government buildings, rationalise leased-in accommodation and retrofit systems to support energy reduction and efficient water usage.

Of course our living environment also includes how we are able to move around in that environment. The need for safe, integrated transport systems involves the Department of Transport and Public Works in a range of activities, initiatives and obligations. Some have a direct bearing on the structure of that transport environment – such as the building and maintenance of roads – while others relate to the regulating aspects of the transport system, the licensing of vehicles and law enforcement. Time does not allow me to cover these complex aspects in any degree of detail. Three brief comments will have to suffice, as follows:

Firstly, we have an enviable asset in the road network under provincial control and management. Many visitors to this province comment on it freely and frequently. Of the just over 32 000 km of provincial roads, 20% is surfaced but this 20% covers 95% of all the traffic. Our roads are an asset with an approximate value of R68 billion and they are consumed over time. The R2,77 billion budget which provides for road construction and maintenance is money well invested and is crucial to future economic developments in this province.

Secondly, this department has, in close co-operation with the national Department of Transport and the George Municipality, successfully achieved the implementation of the first non-metro Integrated Public Transport Network. The pilot stage is running successfully and the formal launch is scheduled for later this year.

Thirdly, the taxi industry is an important part of the broad transport network which services residents in this province. Given its history and the competition for passengers it is not without its challenges. Some are of a regulatory nature in a framework which is currently managed between the City of Cape Town and the province – but which is due to migrate to the City once the national Minister of Transport approves this. The Department of Transport and Public Works interacts with various organisations involved in the industry and has a close working relationship with the South African National Taxi Council as an overarching structure and the developing metered taxi industry.

Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me in conclusion to touch briefly on the role of this department in relation to Provincial Strategic Goal 5 which is aimed at good governance and integrated service delivery. The Department has a broad responsibility for a number of the regulatory frameworks within the transport environment including the approval of the Integrated Transport Plans of the 30 municipalities in this province. It is the intention of the Department to legislate more clearly with regard to public transport given the constitutional concurrency of this function. It will also tighten up on aspects of road traffic administration aimed at reducing undesirable behaviour of road users.

Given the size and number of tenders which the Department places and awards, it is crucial that its supply chain management processes are effective, lawful and transparent and meet the applicable BBBEE requirements. The supply chain management environment is complex and, as a leader in this field, the Department regularly reviews its processes with the aim of simplifying them without reducing the ever-present accountability standards.

In the short time available to me I have tried to convey the complexity of this department and its significant role in supporting all the Provincial Strategic Objectives. It is an example of a department making its positive contribution to a government at work – the Western Cape Government is indeed a government at work and working.

Whatever the budgets and whatever the policies, a complex department of this nature requires high quality leadership and management. I want to acknowledge in the officials' box the presence of our extremely competent HOD and her senior team. Three of the five positions in this senior team were vacant when I assumed office and are now all filled by well-qualified, capable officials. The Department of Transport and Public Works will move ahead under their guidance in the service of the residents of the Western Cape, I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mr Max.

†UMnu L MAX: Ngoku ndiza kuthetha isiXhosa. Hayi, andizukuthetha ngoku. *Now I am going to speak Xhosa. No, I will not speak now.

†Hon Deputy Speaker, the mission of the Department of Transport and Public Works is to deliver infrastructure and services to promote socio economic outcomes and safe empowered and connected communities. In view of this vision, the key demands for the Department are, amongst others, the following:

- Creating opportunities for economic growth and empowerment through construction and maintenance of a sustainable integrated transport infrastructure that is safe, accessible and affordable.
- Job creation through construction.
- Industry innovation and empowerment.

- Provision of EPWP work opportunities for youth, women and people with disabilities.
- Safety and law enforcement through delivering effective and efficient traffic law enforcement by providing a 24/7 traffic law enforcement operational service.
- Focusing on driver fitness, moving violations, vehicle fitness, pedestrian safety and crime prevention.
- Developing a professional traffic police workforce through formal/informal and refresher training interventions as determined through a needs analysis.

We appreciate the Department's response towards these challenges in terms of the integrated transport planning, among others, provincial land transport framework; road safety initiatives for example an average speed over distance; George integrated transport public transport system and collaborative investment through public/private partnerships for instance the Cape Town Central City Regeneration programme.

Empowerment and job creation remains a very high priority on the agenda of the Western Cape's Government. During the recent interaction between the Department and the Standing Committee, members of the community raised their disappointment with the perceived [inaudible] of real empowerment. We had a person from Piketberg, they accordingly alleged that the Department is not serious in empowering people from the designated groups which is a matter of concern. However to the contrary the Department's

records indicates otherwise and that empowerment indeed took place in terms of the Masakh'Sizwe bursary programme which is aimed to build or to strengthen capacity in the Department, the graduate professional engineer programme, that enables graduates to meet the requirements for registration as engineers, apprenticeships, programmes for additional mechanics, internships programmes, training of traffic officers, learnership programmes for construction related trades and a contractor development programme that implements structural programmes facilitating the development of emerging enterprises.

It is clear from the aforesaid that much has been done towards real empowerment by this department and this government. However given the public comments as alluded to, it appears that the information with regard to these programmes are not readily available to the general public, especially to those in the rural areas. It is for this reason that I want to appeal to the Department to embark on a concerted effort to share these programmes and the successes thereof with our communities. It is in their best interest to know what the Western Cape Provincial Government is doing. We should at all times act in the best interest of the citizens of this province. Infrastructure is equally important for any government to deliver and we have noted hon Minister, the progress your department achieved in this regard.

However I would like to request you to have a special focus on the evaluation of contractors to prevent situations where infrastructure is now built and contractors went bankrupt like we experienced in Porterville where on a

Sunday afternoon I actually inspected the school Willemsvlei Primary School. That robbed our children of opportunities. The school where they are currently housed is dilapidated and is not fit for them and we have to prevent situations like that. The hon Minister of Education; she was also referring the people to me and said talk to Lennit Max, maybe he can put something there. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr L MAX: Road safety remains a serious challenge – not for the Western Cape Government only but for each and every citizen and road user of this country. Every year just before the festive season and Easter weekend, we are informed of traffic law enforcement initiatives but the carnage on our roads continue. In letters sent to the newspapers the community complains about the lack of visible traffic law enforcement and the relaxed and reluctant attitude of those officers – some of them they see. As the former Minister responsible for this challenging task, I am fully aware that some public criticism could be justified, however our considerable amount of criticism is not valid and could possibly be as a result of ignorance. However we cannot simply ignore the criticism, we should endeavour to investigate and analyse public opinion in order to ensure that the needs of those in whose service we are and stand are addressed.

Undoubtedly this department, under the excellent leadership of the hon Minister Donald Grant, does everything possible to ensure our roads are safe

with the limited budget and resources at their disposal. I would fail in my duty as the Chairperson of the oversight body of this department if I did not bring the necessary attention to this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order allow the member at the time to speak please.

Mr L MAX: I would fail in my duty as the Chairperson of the oversight body of this department if I did not bring the necessary attention to this House to the dire circumstances and the severe challenges which traffic officers' face on a daily basis. According to the information at my disposal there are currently 1 260 provincial traffic officers deployed at the 12 provincial traffic centres around the Western Cape. Only 483 of those 1 260 traffic officers are actively involved in traffic law enforcement to police almost 1,83 million registered vehicles on our roads at February 2015. In February 2014 we have had 1,77 million registered motor vehicles on the roads of the Western Cape. The increase of 56 000 over the past 12 months has amounted to an increase of roughly 5 000 registered motor vehicles per month. The ratio in 2014 per traffic officer and motor vehicles was 1 traffic officer for 3 657 registered motor vehicles. The current ratio for 2015 is 1 officer for 3 773 motor vehicles. These officers - that is custom to the Democratic Alliance - have to cover 8 110 kms of roads in the Western Cape.

Given these facts it is impossible for the Department to continue with the same human capacity and other resources available as we had in 2010. In the

directorates of traffic management and traffic law enforcement we expect to achieve a decrease in road fatalities with our road traffic steadily on a monthly basis. A further inhibiting factor of traffic policing is the poor salary levels of provincial traffic officers. I would like it to be placed on record that the National Minister's incorporation with other road regulatory bodies determined the salary levels of the provincial traffic officers and not the provincial Minister of Transport. The salary of an official should be equated with the importance of the job they execute. I do hope that the poor salaries which the average functional provincial officers receive is not simply a reflection of the National Government's perception of traffic law enforcement officers. Alternatively that is exactly what the National Government thinks of them.

The salary differences between provincial traffic officers and that of the officers of the City of Cape Town is as follows. Provincial starting entry level salary, level 5 is R123 738 per annum, after a successful year probation level 6 then they receive R148 584 per annum. In the City of Cape Town the starting salary of a traffic officer is R208 975 per annum. That represents a difference of R85 237 per annum at entry level. Therefore I would like to urge the hon Minister Grant to engage with the national Minister on the remuneration of provincial traffic officers for the Department to have a serious look at the human and other resources available with regard to traffic law enforcement. Provincial traffic officers also serves as a source to municipalities as these entities regularly attract trained provincial officers offering better salaries as indicated without having budget to budget for

training for traffic officers.

It is important to retain and sustain the human resource capacity as well as skills capacity to ensure the effective and professional service delivery by remunerating our provincial traffic officers accordingly.

Daar is 'n probleem op ons paaie. Die agb Minister het verwys na die uitdagings op ons paaie. Sigbaarheid is 'n fundamentele beginsel in misdaarvoorkoming. As ons praat van sigbare polisiëring is daar altyd twee faktore wat teenwoordig is by die pleeg van 'n oortreding of 'n misdaad. Die een is die presipiterende faktore en die ander is die deposenerende faktore.

'n AGBARE LID: 'n Ou polisieman!

Mnr L MAX: Dit wil sê daar is altyd 'n geleentheid en 'n begeerte om misdaad te pleeg. En wanneer 'n geleentheid bestaan en 'n begeerte kombineer, dan gaan die voornemende misdadiger of die oortreder dan oor tot aksie waar die misdaad gepleeg word. Daarom is dit vir ons baie belangrik om alomteenwoordigheid te hê van verkeersbeampies op ons paaie. Die stelsel van verkeersboetes oor spoed, dit werk regtig nie. Dit word deesdae gesien meer as 'n fondsinsameling vir die munisipaliteite.

'n AGBARE LID: Dis 'n "revenue".

Mnr L MAX: Dit het volgens my subjektiewe oordeel geen noemenswaardige

impak op menslike gedrag op ons paaie nie, want om 'n boete deur die pos te kry 'n maand later na die oortreding began is, het geen onmiddellike voorkoming en uitwerking op gedrag nie. Daarmee saam is die howe oorlaai en aanklaers trek dagvaardigings of hierdie boetes terug soos nog iets anders. Daar is geen erns regtig in die krimenele regstelsel, to deal with this particular transgressions. It has been regarded as inferior and it resulted in the death of people on our roads.

Despite the challenges that I have already mentioned the Department nevertheless succeeded to achieve a slight decrease in road fatalities during the last financial year. We thank them for their immense efforts as well as that of responsible road users who make the decrease possible. The only solution to the decrease of road traffic problems is to increase public transport. The problems which deter regular road users from making use of public transport such as trains and buses is public's concern about their safety when making use of that mode of transport. It is there where the challenge lies hon Minister to ensure, not only an effective public transport system but a safe public transport system. It is for this reason that cooperation between the Department of Transport and Public Works and the service providers as well as other law enforcement agencies is not negotiable, it is a must. If I came across too emotionally when it comes to law enforcement it is because I was a law enforcement officer for 27 years of which 25 years I commanded. It is an undisputed fact...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr L MAX: It is an undisputed fact that whatever we do in the Western Cape we do our best to do it right. In the Western Cape we are mindful that we use taxpayers money and we are mindful that taxpayers money is from the people for the people. The Western Cape does its best to provide the widest range of services to us as many people as possible in this province. However, because people see the Western Cape as the gateway to opportunities it places an ever increasing amount of pressure on the available resources of this province. People migrate to areas where they receive services, where their needs are addressed, where they are cared for and where a government gives them hope for the future and they find it in the DA Western Cape Government. †Xa sidibene singanikeza ithemba.* When we are together we can give hope.

I have no doubt that the budget allocated to the Department of Transport and Public Works will contribute to increase service delivery to the people of the Western Cape. It therefore creates a stirring in my heart to be a member of the Democratic Alliance and to be part of this government who at all times strive...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr L MAX: I have to repeat this Deputy Speaker, it therefore creates a stirring in my heart to be a member of the Democratic Alliance and to be part of this government who at all times strive to ensure a Western Cape which is free and fair and which continues to create opportunities to all who live in it.

I would like to thank the Minister and his staff for the unselfish efforts and commitment to render an effective and professional service to all the people of the Western Cape. Minister, the work your department does is not easy, the sacrifices you make are great, despite that you have shown that good governance is possible in South Africa. It cannot be disputed that it is always better when we work together and to the people of the Western Cape may you and the Democratic Alliance Government work together forever, I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, I see the hon. Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much Deputy Speaker. It is really...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please come to order before the member starts.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Deputy Speaker it is really very disappointing that neither the MEC, Donald Grant nor the Chairperson of the committee have referred to a single aspect of the report that was actually discussed in this committee and the pertinent issues that were raised, and I want to say not only by the members of the African National Congress but agreed to by the members of the DA, and the first and most fundamental achilles heel in regard to this whole budget, and I would like to read to this House the first key finding.

“The committee expressed its grave concern that the Department’s

current annual performance plan and strategic plan have no reference to set targets with regard to broad based black economic empowerment. In addition reference to the broad based black economic empowerment Act, Act 46 of 2013, was not recorded in the estimates of provincial revenue and expenditure 2015, the annual performance plan or the strategic plan. The failure to list the Act in the abovementioned documents was acknowledged by the Department, in the light of this the committee has requested a briefing by the Department and this essentially goes to the heart of what, potentially could be †Ndiyavuma Max uyabo siyafuna ukuba abantu beli Phondo laseNtshona Koloni banethemba. *I agree hon Max that the people of the Western Cape have hope.

This budget does not empower the historically disadvantaged individuals of the Western Cape and it is not only MEC Grant's fault, it comes directly from the Premier who prefers to fight with National Government and as opposed to the conciliatory approach that you have to, for instance, solve the problem of the disparity between provincial traffic officers pay and that of the City, and ask that we together try and solve a problem like that. Also in terms of the Premier's direction to this province there's no reference in regard to the issue of broad based black economic empowerment and I think hon members linked to this, which is a critical part of economic development and infrastructure development, can you see why the people of Gauteng not only have hope but †Bazakuphinda bavotele iANC ngo2016, bazakuphinda bavotele iANC ngo 2019. *They are going to vote again in 2016 and they are going to vote again in 2019.

This is what – and I want MEC Grant and member Max and the hon Premier specifically to listen to what David Makhura, the Premier of Gauteng indicated in his State of the Province about what the province should actually be. He says besides talking about the National Development Plan and Vision 2030 setting an annual growth of target of 5% and talking about how Gauteng needs to improve, although the fact that it has recovered to 2.2% growth, he then goes on to say that the key elements will be there to address the structural problems of our provincial and national economy and their application to Public Works and Transport are firstly:

1. To change the ownership patterns to bring black people into the economic mainstream and creating black industrialists. Wherever did you hear the Premier or anyone on that side of the house mentioning that?
2. To change the current industrial structure of our economy to privileged manufacturing and industrialisation through the processing of rich mineral resources and other raw materials. We might not have too many mineral sources but the point is...
3. The development of new modern innovation driven industries in the areas of hi-tech bio-technology in the green economy and the blue economy, investing in skills development, changing income distribution to ensure equity and decent living standards for all or transforming the apartheid spatial economy and human settlement patterns to integrate economic opportunities, transport corridors and human settlements.

Growing the SME sector as a key driver of growth and revitalising mainstreaming the township economy. Significant investment in economic infrastructure as the key stimulator of growth and investment and transforming partnerships between the private and public sector in addressing the development challenges outlining the NDP.

Now firstly, what that indicates to us is a myth and at least MEC Grant did not fall into that trap of saying that the National Development Plan is not supported by other provinces. I did a [inaudible] look of speeches of the Premiers of three provinces, all of those provinces indicate support for the national development but more importantly, when we then look at this budget you will see that what this actually refers to is the fact that when you look at the annual report of this department for 2013/2014, page 78 table 25, that annual report contained performance indicators for programme 3 Transport Infrastructure. The sub-programme on construction and the performance indicator in that annual report indicated that the value of previously disadvantaged individuals, sub-contract expenditure on larger contracts CIDB level 629, that that target was 5% of almost 1 billion rand, so in other words about 40 million. The actual achievement, and the Department claims it is in the annual report, was 10%, 93 million. Now these very low targets – and hon member Max, if he's honest and his other colleagues will remember this they raised alarm bells in our committee - the ANC challenged, the then new MEC Grant, to seriously address this lack of transformation by setting up a much more bold target for the 2015 Budget and the Annual Performance Plan. We as the ANC felt that we could not hold MEC Grant responsible for a

target set by the former MEC Robin Carlisle.

Our proposal was supported across party political lines and all of us were looking forward to the Annual Performance Plan and the Budget for 2015. You will recall when the Leader of the Opposition, hon Marius Fransman raised these particular concerns he was accused of racism and there was in fact an attempt to declare this criticism as unparliamentary, when he raised that particular issue. The shocking thing about this budget, given the commitment which was given to us by both the MEC and the Department in hearings last year to set bolder targets, is the fact that there's not a single target set in either the Annual Performance Plan, the [Inaudible.] strategic framework or the budget book itself, not a single target and in fact the reference to the Broad Based Economic Empowerment Act is not to be found under the normal references you would have in terms of legislation which guides this particular department.

So the response given by the Department was that they are guided by the provisions of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment for each and every contract but why then was there no reference to this Act in any of the documents? Why has the MEC not taken up the resolution of this Standing Committee led by DA member Leonard Max to actually set targets for HTI sub-contractors, in this instance construction industry board level 629? Why, because there's no political leadership and direction coming from the Premier, from this government to fundamentally change the ownership patterns. That is why the people of Gauteng, especially the historically

disadvantaged people, have got more hope in the fact that ownership patterns in regard to construction, roads, transport and public works will actually change, and let's look then at what does the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act actually say. It is very clear that when you look firstly at the objectives – and this is very important in the preamble and it says:

“And whereas, unless” – and this is very important – “further steps are taken to

increase the effective participation of the majority of South Africans in the economy the stability and prosperity of the economy in the future may be undermined to the detriment of all South Africans irrespective of race.”

So this is all of our concern, black and white but this particular government, because of its protection of privileged interest, has not had the courage to actually move in this way. If you look at the objectives of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, this is national legislation which this province should be embracing. It talks about promoting economic transformation in order to enable meaningful participation of black people in the economy and what's also significant, because of the attempts by some members on the other side of the House to promote “swart gevaar”. Hulle wil altyd die indruk gee die ANC is net vir swartmense. Look at the definition of black people, it is a generic term which means Africans, Coloureds and Indians, let's get that clear. So the objectives of this Act also talk about increasing the extent to which black women own and manage existing and

new enterprises and increasing the access. What happened to women in construction, what happened to the number of historically disadvantaged women actually drawn in to the construction of road, the construction of buildings, the construction of schools?

Promoting access to finance for black start-up, small, medium and micro enterprises, cooperatives and black entrepreneurs. This is simply not in the frame of reference of the Democratic Alliance, it simply does not resonate with them because they are committed to not changing the fundamental structural economic and equalities and that's what emerges when you guide your province with the policy which says, open opportunity for all. It cannot be open for all when the historical inequalities are not addressed by clear programmes of redress and that is what we are saying. So we do not see Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment being included in the State of the Province Address, we do not see it being included in the budget speech neither MEC Grant and hon member Max – I did not want to contribute to your political downfall at all but none of them, hon members, actually talked in their budget speech about this. It is clear then that DA members are embarrassed by their own committee because when we were drawing up the report those members talked very strongly about what they feel in their own communities about the lack of opportunities, the lack of setting of targets, that's why we adopted this report together, but now the Minister doesn't respond to it and so on. We have to ask whether this has anything to do with the fact that a Chairperson like Leonard Max is not taken seriously because we know that MEC Grant has a greater access to Premier Zille than he does

and because he's leading a campaign and our members of this committee actually experienced how internal dynamics within the DA is affecting our ability to do oversight work.

Brett Heron from the City simply refused to acknowledge the request to come to this committee meeting, he simply refused and all the rumours that we pick up from the City Council says, why must he go and account to Leonard Max and everyone knows that he's supporting. Deputy Speaker, I want you to note that your members are actually conducting factional battles which are impacting on our ability to, for instance, investigate why the DA and the City refuses to even consider alternative routes which in all likelihood are going to be safer and less cost effective in the My City Phase 2 situation. That is what we are actually dealing with in this particular situation. Then if we go further, if you look at this report and none of the issues raised by us have even been addressed by the MEC or the Chairperson. The issue of guidelines...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Dugmore, is it a question or a point of order?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask whether the member is prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member is not prepared to take a question. He is shaking his head.

Mr M MNQASELA: On what he is addressing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He says no. So the answer is no.

Mr M MNQASELA: It was ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr M MNQASELA: That is fine.

†UMnu C M DUGMORE: Mhlawumbi xa ndinexesha ndiza kukuphendula xa ndigqibile ukuthetha. * Perhaps when I have time I will respond to you when I have finished speaking. †Alright. So now the second point that was raised was that we need guidelines to identify expanded public works beneficiaries. This is a critical component... [Interjections.] ... and there are national guidelines that have been gazetted but in municipalities like Hessequa and others they simply ignore those guidelines, do a so-called shake-shake method of picking names out of a hat...[Interjections.] ... even thought that might not advance...

An HON MEMBER: What?

Mr C M DUGMORE: It is like a lottery. That is what an open opportunity society is, it is a lottery. [Interjections.] If you win you win, it is a lottery. And despite the fact that we asked the MEC to investigate this last year... [Interjections.] ... he has not come back to the committee ... [Interjections.]

... he has not reported on that so once again this is what we are seeing.
[Interjections.] And hon Deputy Speaker, you know hon Max in a very polite way...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... referred to the fact that a school in Porterville is not completed. Now, what he was actually trying to say, that is one of the three Filcon Schools.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, it is a Filcon School.

An HON MEMBER: Oh [Inaudible.].

Mr C M DUGMORE: Now what this MEC has still not informed this House...

An HON MEMBER: That is an old problem.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... is he has still not, firstly, responded to the fact as to why Filcon was appointed despite the fact that at least three liquidation applications against Filcon were lodged in the High Court before that contract was awarded. He has never been able to explain that because he cannot explain it... [Interjections.] ... because clearly the truth is being ... and secondly he has never indicated, and hopefully he will do so today, because the Premier is here as well... [Interjections.] ... whether the DA has

received funding from Filcon or any of its affiliated companies, Saul Loggerenberg as an individual or associated companies. [Interjections.] Let us get that response yes or no today.

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thirdly, I wonder if the MEC is aware of the fact that as we speak, through his colleagues of the DA in the City of Cape Town received money from the Province in regard to the revamping of the Manenberg flats which remain uncompleted almost going on to three years now. People are still living in containers, and do you know that ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is [Inaudible.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... the contractors, Good Hope Construction that were appointed because of the Filcon mess, are owed R9 million as we speak, and that the implementing agents at the City have not paid them, saying that they are waiting for transfers from this Provincial Government under which budget this ministry is responsible for. So the point is, those contractors that lost out, those small contractors that built those schools, that started building the schools under Filcon, they have not been paid yet. How much money was paid to Filcon? What attempts are being made to recover that money? This is the lack of political will to actually deal with the privileged contractor who has clearly abused the situation, and the DA is failing to actually emerge.

Then when we come to the actual issue where the MEC has indicated we are on a tight budget, we have got to save money. Now I want the MEC to commit to investigate this in front of all of the House. In South Africa we have locally made products for bathroom solutions, which were used in the construction of the Mitchell's Plain Hospital and by using those particular products we saved over R1 million, yet in the construction of the Paarl Hospital there was a decision by Health and the architect and the Department of Public Works to instruct the builders to use products manufactured overseas at a greater expense than it would cost, but yet he says the budget is tight. I have got all the information about those who are alleged to be involved in this. We hope that there is going to be seriousness in regard to an investigation... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Public Protector.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... of this particular situation.

An HON MEMBER: Yes [Inaudible.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So we face a situation in this province where this incredibly important portfolio, over 6 billion plus the money allocated for instruction in health and in education, is not being located in terms of the key strategic priority of growing this economy, changing ownership patterns and ensuring socio-economic freedom. All that is stated in the outcome is simply

socio-economic outcomes, but there is no content given to that. And I am afraid that this particular legacy that we are being left with is started by the approach of the Premier who is not serious about dealing with structural inequality in this province, ignores institutional racism and with all due respect... [Interjections.] ... we acknowledge the work ... [Interjections.] ... of many of the officials of this department. [Laughter.] But it is simply not acceptable that... [Interjections.] ... after two years the Department is not giving us a plan as to how to become more representative of all the people of this province.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr C M DUGMORE: That does not undermine the role of any particular individual official but it is simply not acceptable... [Interjections.] ... that this department is not representative. [Interjections.] And that is why one begins to think that this failure to actually support ... [Interjections.] ... black economic empowerment, arises from the fact that there is not a consciousness that is actually embracing this critical historical need to transform ownership patterns in the way that we procure goods and services,.

And then I want to also ask about another issue referred to in the report that is tabled before this House: how are priorities determined when it comes to road construction; why is it that certain voices are heard about completing roads or tarring roads? The community of Slangrivier has been battling over many years to motivate for the conclusion of the tar road that goes into the

town... [Interjections.]... and links up with the Witsand/Fort Beaufort road. [Interjections.] And it is only through the pressure of our members that we finally got an acknowledgment from the Department during the Budget Committee hearing, that after Geelhoutboom is completed, after Swartvlei is completed, then the community of Slangrivier will benefit. How do we decide on these priorities? Is it the voice of wealthy retired people that is listened to or is it the voice of rural communities who need access to public transport and to good roads and effective roads? What voice is actually being listened to? [Interjections.] If you for instance look, and you can compare the Premier of the Eastern Cape's speech... [Interjections.] ... you can compare ... [Interjections.] ... the Gauteng Premier's ... [Interjections.]... what you have there in terms of this portfolio is a commitment to actually transform... [Interjections.]... to transform ownership patterns. We can also look very clearly at how...[Interjections.] ... this Provincial Government, when the MEC refers to energy efficiency, do you know that in Gauteng as a government department, part of Public Works, they are installing rooftop solar panels for all government buildings? They estimate that there are 8 million square metres of rooftop space. How many schools have rooftops where we could put solar? Why are we not hearing this from this department? Where is the creativity of Gauteng? Where is the hope that Gauteng is giving to its people? They are implementing a Triad Generation programme in six hospitals. Triad Generation is a technology able to produce electricity for heating... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Lekker!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... in hospitals in Gauteng.

An HON MEMBER: Is dit?

Mr C M DUGMORE: And instead of blaming...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]. You can continue. I am trying to get the member next to you to be a little bit quiet because she speaks into the microphone.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And you will see that for instance Gauteng is initiating the Ways to Energy Programme, they also continue with energy efficiency programmes, but all we have from this department is a blame and complain. I suggest the Premier, the MEC – he is talking about innovation creativity – go and visit Gauteng. Do yourselves the favour and actually look at what a government of the ANC can actually do, because that is why there is hope in that province and that is why... [Interjections.]... because you do not address broad-based empowerment, that the majority of people in this province who are not privileged, who are not wealthy, who do not have it all, do not feel inspired. All that is happening is a programme of race hate and divide between Coloured and African... [Interjections.] ... that is keeping this DA alive. But the hope does not actually exist amongst the people of this province. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. [Applause.] Member your time is expired unfortunately. [Interjections.] There is no time for a question unfortunately. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you hon Deputy Speaker. Before this department dishes out tenders to well-off private companies who do not care about our people, to build infrastructure that will mostly benefit businesses and advantaged communities, this province must take note of our peoples' plight, hear the cries and act fast. Measures to ensure a fully integrated, affordable, efficient and safe public transport system is what this department needs to provide so that this province can address the current transport crisis and breach the apartheid spatial divide this current government continues to reproduce. The common trend on all of these performance plans is none of them are people centred or encourage full participation of our people. So much for "Better Together" hon Max.

Now hon Deputy Speaker, I'm not a member of the Standing Committee, before member Christians asks why I don't attend that committee. [Laughter.] I am not a holy spirit hon Christians, you must look elsewhere. [Laughter.] But I have read the APP... [Interjections.] ... and the strategic plan and it is a way better than that 488 page National Development Plan document.

An HON MEMBER: What is it?

Mr M N PAULSEN: The APP and the strategic plan are easily readable.

An HON MEMBER: Good!

Mr M N PAULSEN: We are all aware of how apartheid push black communities far away from the CBD where most work opportunities are, to separate blacks from whites, but to keep them close enough to be cheap...
[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Whose fault is that?

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...labour feed for all the sectors that generated income for the apartheid regime and its beneficiaries. Not much has changed since then besides the over abundant supply of labour and alas, no feasibly way to transport it to work. If this department were to have a slogan and it was involved in public transport I am sure it would be "thou shalt kill."
[Interjections.]

Where there is public transport and black people, whether it be a bus terminus, a train station or taxi rank, there is bound to be people queuing in their hundreds, running late, trying to make their way to work or a hospital or a job interview, while some are seeking work, some are sitting on multiple warnings and retrenchment threats. Although it is a national entity, Metrorail or Prasa must be held accountable for the train system being in shambles and

this department should do something about that. Just like ESKOM, Metrorail prioritises shoving fat cheques into management's pockets.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please finish off. Your time has expired.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Hai! No man. Okay. Trains have very low accident rates, hence they would be perfect as a primary long distance mode of transport. This department must collaborate with other stakeholders and work on a railway system to transport people... [Interjections.]... to and from the Eastern Cape safely.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member. That is the end of your speech. Your time has expired. Hon Christians. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I am your worst [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Deputy Speaker, I just need to say that hon Paulsen does not attend any committee, so that is no exception. [Applause.] Not any committee. Deputy Speaker let me just continue... [Interjections.] [Laughter.]... let me just continue.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Christians you were looking for that. Hon Paulsen, I am listening to you.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, member Christians is a Christian I believe.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Get to the point.

Mr M N PAULSEN: He should not deceive this House with lies...
[Interjections.] ... trying to score cheap political points.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Christians, order, order. You are on very thin... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: I do not want the Scopa Chairperson... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. You are on thin ice now. That is not a point of order first of all. Secondly you must withdraw that reference to lies. You cannot say the member lied in the House. You must withdraw that. You can soften it. Hon Paulsen I can help you. You can soften it by saying it is an untruth.

Mr M N PAULSEN: It is a blatant untruth and I withdraw the lie part.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is still unparliamentary.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Okay, it is an untruth.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M N PAULSEN: And I withdraw the word “lie.”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, take your seat. Hon Christians.

[Laughter.] Hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Speaker...

Mr M MNQASELA: Deputy Speaker...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The hon Christians just called me a “boy”, Mr Deputy Speaker. I know he considers himself a member of the DA, so he would refer to a person as a “boy”.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not like that. Please take your seat.

[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You would be a boy [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. I am not sure who said that but whoever said that, must withdraw that. That is not in the spirit.

[Interjections.] Who said that?

An HON MEMBER: He said [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Christians please withdraw that.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I withdraw it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Continue please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Can I continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please – hon Mnqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Yes, hon Deputy Speaker, you were making a ruling and another hon member, hon Gillion, is saying it is indeed a lie. Please hon Deputy Speaker, make a ruling on that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear that. Hon Gillion did you refer to a specific member in the House when you said that?

Ms M N GILLION: I did not refer to a specific member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then it is fine. You can take your seat.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will take your word for that. Please continue hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Yes you did.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Deputy Speaker, I cannot continue with my speech if I do not refer to Mr Filcon, because he keeps on with Filcon, Filcon. I want to name him Mr Filcon, because the problem that I have with the debates from the EFF and the ANC, it is always about race. We cannot divide this province further by racialising everything. [Interjections.] You cannot! It is almost like you are obsessed with race, but the Minister has answered Filcon, he will answer Filcon later also.

So the first thing that I want to say is that when we at Scopa at our meetings called this department, this department...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second. Hon Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you Deputy Speaker. I just want to ask hon Christians if I can ask him a question. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not think he has got enough time; he has got one minute left. [Interjections.]. Hon Paulsen, what is that?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Hon Speaker is it parliamentary to refer to the hon Dugmore as Mr Filcon? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I don't have a major problem with that. He did refer to "the hon member" at some stage but it is his way of description because he referred to the Filcon issue, so I am happy with that. Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I don't have time, but I just want to say this department receives accolades year after year for good work done and we cannot come here and say they are not doing a good job. They are doing an excellent job under the leadership of the HOD and it is a fact. [Interjections.] Because money is well spent, they come year after year with clean audits, they come year after year with excellent financial reports but because I cannot speak for them, I must conclude, but this is what I want to say... [Interjections.] ... safety on our roads is of paramount importance but I know we cannot have a law enforcement officer on each and every street. And I have engaged in this House with the Minister already, when we talk about changing the behaviour of pedestrians and motorists, that is the way to go. We need to set examples and I have already asked in this House for the awareness campaigns, money must be directed in awareness campaigns so that we educate our drivers and pedestrians. We cannot have police on each

[Inaudible.] on the street. And just the other thing that I want to say is in March now we know that 30 people died on one weekend and 15 of those people were pedestrians. So I want to emphasise that I believe that you do not, you will not have money to do whatever, but what we want to say is when you have got this tight budget, it must be properly utilised and we as the ACDP want to support it as well.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. Your time is expired. The hon Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you Deputy Speaker, and I am sorry for my coarse voice; it is affected. Let me firstly say that I honour and accept and support the MEC of Public Works and Transport and his department for the work well done. [Interjections.] If you look at it, South Africa is a democratic country where people go wherever they want.

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes, in South Africa.

Mr N E HINANA: In South Africa. That is why we have people who are coming from all over the place, who are coming to the Western Cape. The main reason that they are coming to the Western Cape... [Interjections.]... it is better... [Interjections.]... to be in the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr N E HINANA: When they come to the Western Cape the Public Works... [Interjections.] ... has provided sufficient funds in order to absorb the influx of people who come looking for the better life, hence we have the very quality hospitals constructed and sufficient money provided by the Department of Public Works. [Interjections.] In Khayelitsha people benefit because Public Works contributed and made the province attractive to the people who are sick and for that we are very proud, and we are proud of saying whoever, wherever he is, if he is sick, he cannot get any sufficient medication, the Western Cape is the place for him to get a better and quality life.

An HON MEMBER: You cannot say that about Philippi.

Mr N E HINANA: When we go to Philippi itself we have the Philippi/Mitchell's Plain Hospital that accommodates more than 450 000 beds. Where the people that are sick coming all over the place in South Africa have got the right to get quality medication and they are getting it sufficiently in the place where I have just mentioned, which is Mitchell's Plan. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: You mean in Mitchell's Plain [Inaudible.]

Mr N E HINANA: Those people that are coming, are coming because the Department of Public Works provides sufficient resources to make sure that its citizens are catered for in terms of medication and to look after their

health. [Interjections.] Whenever you come to the Western Cape from wherever, whether they were coming through Beaufort West or they are coming from George, you would be impressed to see the quality of roads that they are coming along, and whenever there is an unfortunate incident... [Interjections.]... that there is an accident, the co-ordination between the Department of Transport and the Disaster Management is so quick to respond, and the access to the accident scene, it is so easy that people get picked up, transferred, flown to the hospitals, so that the maintenance of their lives is granted.

Deputy Speaker it is not...[Interjections.] ... a lie to say that the Western Cape is the best run province, because whatever it is being said or done...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, order. Hon Lekker – just one second – hon Lekker I am listening.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you Deputy Speaker. I want to check whether it is parliamentary for member Hinana to say it is a lie in the House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: The statement [Inaudible.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: [Inaudible.] a response from you Speaker, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes I will respond to that. You can take your seat. The hon member did not refer to any specific member in the House, it was a general comment, so that is acceptable. If he had referred to a specific member it would have been unparliamentary. Hon Hinana please continue.

Mr N E HINANA: It is not a lie to say Western Cape is the best run province. [Interjections.] That is justified by the influx of people who are coming. We can come from any side, you will find our roads...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr N E HINANA: ... accessible... [Interjections.] ... and the safety on the roads has improved. The safety in the hospital has improved because we are having a caring department... [Interjections.] ... that is run by the caring MEC. Even our schools, our schools are so full... [Interjections.] ... because the better quality of education that the people want, they know they get there. [Interjections.] You go to whatever school, you find that there is quality. In other words... [Interjections.] ... whatever we are providing as...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. There is too much noise from this side. Please contain yourselves. [Interjections.] Hon Davids I am busy asking for order, then you speak immediately.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The toilets, it doesn't [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am busy addressing you and your colleagues next to you as well. Please allow the member to continue with his speech. Please continue member.

Mr N E HINANA: It is this department's mission to deliver infrastructure and service to promote social economic outcomes and safe, empowered and connected communities. The success of the rollout of the bus service to Dunoon and eventually to Atlantis has proved to be successful. We ask all to work together to expand the services of the whole of the Western Cape.

I want to raise and say that if you take the road along what is called now Govan Mbeki Road, the robots have been destroyed, which are part of the infrastructures of the community benefiting. We are appealing to members of the Opposition that whenever they go to a protest, they must respect the property of the government. Today those robots are not there. It only happened two weeks ago, and car accidents are happening there on a daily basis and we are making an appeal; whenever people are protesting, protest within the jurisdiction of the law and respect the property, because that property is not belonging to Constantia where you are normally referring to, those properties are not belonging to Sea Point... [Interjections.] ... where you are mostly referring to, they are belonging to us ...[Interjections.] ... in the township. It is wrong for members to encourage people that whenever they have factional battles amongst themselves, they revert their anger and destroy the property, because that property belongs to everybody.

[Interjections.] And I think we need to say that we need to have a rehabilitation programme ... [Interjections.] ... where we are saying that ... [Interjections.] ... the brainwash of black people where they believe ... [Interjections.] ... to be destructive whenever they are angry with anything, it must come to an end ... [Interjections.] ... because all those things are ours. All things belong to a future generation, but if you are going to continue destroying the property ... [Interjections.] ... and claim that ... [Interjections.] your Premier Helen Zille doesn't care about us ... [Interjections.] ... Zille is not staying in...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon Davids please, hon Makeleni don't deny it. I am watching you. Please contain yourselves a little bit. [Interjections.]. He is almost finished. Hon Hinana continue. [Interjections.].

Mr N E HINANA: My appeal is going to be [Inaudible.] the MEC of Social Development. Madam you need to organise a rehabilitation programme where the community is going to be taught that you do not destroy the property that belongs to you because tomorrow you are going to need it. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. [Applause.] The hon Minister Grant to reply.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you. Allow me just to collect myself after that robust debate

and let me thank all the honourable members for their contribution to this Budget debate as well as for their questions. I will address as many of them as possible in the time I have but will ensure that the answers that are not answered by me this afternoon are given to the members, particularly in the Standing Committee, to the genuine questions that remain unanswered.

My budget address was structured around provincial strategic goals. The budget details and program are set out in the blue book for all to see. In my opinion it is important for people to understand how the budget is going to be applied to achieve the objectives of the government as elected by the majority of voters in this province. Let me now try and deal sequentially with the contributions from the various members.

Firstly, to the Chair of our Standing Committee, the hon Member Max, in absentia. I am sorry that he is not here but I will still nevertheless address him, in absentia. Let me just say that I have dealt with Filcon exhaustively in this House.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must be exhausted now.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Not at all.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I would like to thank him for the advice he gave particularly around traffic management. I would however like him to go and check his facts because according to my records we have 512 traffic officers not 483 ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You want Max to check.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No he must go and check his facts because he may be including municipal traffic officers in the number of 1 260. Those are not at my jurisdiction. However, the challenge he poses is nevertheless relevant and that is to make sure that all resources are aligned for maximum effect and then if we are to improve or reduce the number of smashes and accidents and fatalities, in order to change behaviour, there has to be consequences. That is the key area where we are working on particularly with drunk driving, breathalysers, the public prosecutor, the justice cluster, local government and we are busy with that. However it does take some time particularly when you have lost a court case which has put you on the back foot for almost two years. That is a tragedy.

Let me also say as to the traffic salary levels from the hon Max that my understanding is that there is a current engagement with the National Minister related to salary levels and that there is a commission that has been appointed to look at the disparity. But there is a problem because one is dealing with different spheres of government in terms of local authorities and provincial government and in our department we have to slice up the cake to

serve needs right across the government. That is why we do not necessarily have the financial resources to deal with what we need to, particularly in the fields of technology and ensuring that the 512 mobile traffic officers out there are gainfully employed and that they are visible and that they are acting as a deterrent to bad driving behaviour on our roads.

Let me move on to the hon member Mr Dugmore. I am terribly sorry that you are disappointed that the one report was not included in the Act. We apologised for that at the Standing Committee. The reason why I did not deal with aspects of yours today is - let me refresh your memory from the 24th of February 2015 in a debate in this House.

I spoke to performance and let us look at the facts rather than the hype. The average per year, under the ANC government, spent on tenders was basically R1,949 billion in the four completed budget years cycle. Under the DA administration we spent R3,704 billion, nearly double that of the ANC, average, in a shorter period and here is the key issue; the average value split between HDI's - because you are talking empowerment now - under your administration was 46% to HDI's and 54% to non HDI's. If you want the figures I have got a PowerPoint presentation here of 24 slides and you are welcome to come and have a cup of tea with me anytime and I will show you the facts. Under the DA administration, while we have been in government, we allocated 90% of tenders to HDI companies and under 10% to non HDI companies.

An HON MEMBER: Those are the facts.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Alright. Those are the facts and the facts are there for all to see.

An HON MEMBER: R3.7 billion!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: In the financial year, 2013/14 – this is just to refresh your memory. You can go and look at this in Hansard because this is what I said.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We want the facts, not the ...

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: These are the facts.

Mr C M DUGMORE: It is a speech [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: A value of R3,115 billion to BBBEE companies. So no-one is more interested in creating opportunity for small and emerging companies and enterprises than this government. [Interjections.] I think that is enough on that subject, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Let me, while I am still dealing with the hon member Mr Dugmore, let me just invite him again. After the Standing Committee meeting I walked across and all the other members in the committee heard me offer him a bet of any item in terms of his choice as to whether there were any irregularities in this contract. I am still waiting for the bet.

Then he mentions, and I have been to Gauteng. We are not too proud to learn from other people.

An HON MEMBER: Oh?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Okay, we have been there. I have been there. That is what matters and let me tell you something; their transport system showed a remarkable similarity to that of the City of Cape Town but nevertheless they are a differently configured province. They taught us something, we taught them something and that is the way government should work. Alright?

Then, let me also say around the hospital issues ...

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It was one consultant that [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The whole issue is that you boasted about Gauteng's buildings and health. Okay? In the Western Cape our hospitals subscribe to the 5 L's Agenda and I do not know

whether you have seen this document, courtesy of the Minister of Health, but the bottom line is that some of our hospitals are the first on the African continent to join the Globally Green Network and Health Hospitals Network and we commend them for that together with our officials.

As far as local products are concerned, let me say I am passionate about trying to get local as much as possible for the simple reason that we have got a weakening rand and an adverse balance of payments and I know enough about economics to realise that that is not good for either this province or the country. So, we will do anything we can to try and promote local content. But let me say that local content is covered in the PPPFA Section 9 – I can get you a copy of if you would like it – where it is stipulated that the Department of Trade and Industry may designate specific industries where tenders should prescribe that only locally manufactured projects with a prescribed minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered.

My department includes this requirement for the completion of any documentation related to local content in tender documents. So in other words it is embedded into the system and how can our officials who adjudicate tenders, in terms of targets, adjudicate those tenders with an open mind while having targets in the back of their heads? So yes, we are listening to you in the Standing Committee around that there was no commitment given to set bolder targets but the Standing Committee requested us to consider it. We did but we do not have to put everything in our reports

that you want us to put in our reports, okay? We do not write your minutes so I am not beholden to answer your minutes. Alright?

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

An HON MEMBER: Now you are talking.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Under preferential procurement; let me also remind you that the Act refers back to the BBBEE and the PPPFA was referenced in our documents. As far as sub-contracting, greater than 20% of the contract is not allowed in terms of the rules and we decided not to put targets in our APP because each project includes it. It is built into the DNA and that is why our performance, in terms of BBBEE and empowerment absolutely is three times what yours was. Okay? So we do things differently to you.

Right, I do not know whether I have quite finished with you but, oh yes, let me do tell you that Solar PV [Interjection.] No, but you must come and have a cup of tea with me. I think that is the best way ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] answer ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Well, I do not have to and I am not going to.

An HON MEMBER: Hayi!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I do not have to. I also want to say that as far as Solar PV is concerned, we have got it in our budget for 2016/17 and the estimated output in that year's budget is about 600 kilowatts.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister Grant. Can I just indicate that in terms of the time allotted for the debate you are entering injury time now.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Well, I have not even started with them but I will hurry it up. Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the hon member Mr Paulsen for his contribution and I am pleased that our plans are readable, even to you. [Laughter.] It is great to hear that.

And then, the ACDP, thank you for your support and also your advice and let me tell you, I do listen to your advice. So thank you very much. Education of our drivers is key. There are basically four elements in terms of road safety. The first one is evaluation, the second one is engineering, the third one is enforcement and the fourth one is the critical element around education. We are working with our schools, with Minister Schäfer, J P Smith and his people and the municipalities to try to help make our children aware of the dangers of being near our road network. It is a fact that of all of our

fatalities more than 40% of them are pedestrians which is a tragedy and we need to work on reducing that.

Hon member Hinana, thank you for your comments. The one thing I would like to say is that I do enjoy this Standing Committee. They are a real robust bunch and I would like to thank the hon member Mr Max, now that he is back ... [Laughter.] ... for his leadership in the Standing Committee and it certainly makes our lives exciting. I would also like to thank my department. As I said in my speech, we are a young, energetic team and we know we are not perfect. There is still a lot of work to be done and we will learn as we go and work with government, not only in Provincial Government but locally and nationally in order to try and make the lives of our citizens in the Western Cape better together. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Grant. That concludes the debate on this vote. The Secretary will read the last order. Sorry. Before we read the next order, can I just allow the departments to change the bays in the galleries and then we will continue.

The SPEAKER: Order, please members. Order. The Secretary will read the fifth Order of the Day.

5. Debate on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Honorable Speaker, Honorable Premier in her absence of the Western Cape, Provincial Cabinet Colleagues, members of the Legislature, if there are any Mayors, the Head of Department, the CEO for CapeNature, friends and colleagues of the environment and all officials.

Today I have the honour to present the 2015 Budget speech for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning as well as Biodiversity Agency, CapeNature.

Madame Speaker, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is constitutionally tasked to ensure that our beautiful landscapes, seascapes and natural environment are preserved for future generations. How we do this, depends on two things:

First, how we exercise our regulatory function and administer legislation in terms of our decision making. And secondly, concurrently our planning and environmental decision making must also ensure that we contribute to the reduction of poverty and uplifting of the people of the Western Cape.

The proper management and conservation of our environment remains a continued focus for us as a department. We are as a department most aware

that we are still redefining this country and we need to use every resource and skill available to us to do so.

As I mentioned yesterday and as my Cabinet colleagues have touched on in their budget speeches, the challenges of poverty, inequality, unemployment are very real in South Africa.

We must all work better together to get better solutions for the tough issues we face in order to improve the lives of every citizen in the province.

One of the issues the Department has to consider almost daily is the balance between conservation and putting food on the table. It is often tricky to convince communities struggling to put food on the table to buy into conservation and biodiversity. But when communities do buy into the idea and get involved and benefit from the process in terms of things like jobs – when that happens, everyone wins. One example of this type of success during the past year has been the declaration of the Knersvlakte as a protected area.

In 1999 the process started with the purchase of only 7 000 hectares. Today I am proud to say this area has grown to be a protected area encompassing 85 520 hectares. This project assists not only in conserving rare and valuable biological diversity in the Western Cape, but we are also seeing job creation opportunities for people in the neighbouring communities that have not been there before. I want to congratulate CapeNature for this wonderful project!

Agbare Speaker, deur middel van beplanning moet ons ons gemeenskappe integreer wat fisies en prakties 'n baie moeilike taak is. Ons sit byvoorbeeld met te min grond in die regte plekke. Dit beteken eenvoudig dat ons streek en stadsbeplanners 'n groot uitdaging het om ontwikkeling te fasiliteer wat ons gemeenskappe nader aan mekaar moet en kan bring. Die gevolg van die gebrek aan die “regte” grond wat ons nodig vir ontwikkeling, is dat ons sien dat stede en dorpe al hoe meer uitbrei anderkant die stedelike randgebied, or the *Urban Edge*.

Dit het weer verskeie ander impakte. Dit is eenvoudig 'n feit dat hoe meer uitgesprei ons nedersettings word, hoe moeiliker en hoe duurder is dit om behoorlike dienste te voorsien aan die nedersettings. Ek probeer sê ons moet begin gesels oor hoe ons ons nedersettings vorentoe gaan verander; ons moet eenvoudig aktief betrokke raak en meewerk om die nalatenskap van apartheid in ons nedersettingspatrone om te draai en uiteindelik uit te wis.

Die goeie nuus is dat ons reeds besig is in die Departement om na hierdie uitdagings te kyk. Wanneer ons kyk na die sleutelprioriteite vir die Departement oor die medium- en begrotingsperiode, is daar 'n aantal strategiese aanpassings ten opsigte van hoe ons dinge in die toekoms gaan benader om te verseker dat ons selfs beter beplan en meer en vinniger implementeer.

Hierdie departement sal in samewerking met die Provinsiale Tesourie onder dr Ivan Meyer en die Departement van Plaaslike Regering hard werk om groter samewerking tussen die drie sfere van regering te bewerkstellig. Dit sal veral gebeur op die vlakke van beplanning, begroting en implementering. Daar is reeds ooreengekom dat ons provinsie se benadering in die toekoms een van “planning-led budgeting” gaan wees.

Waar die drie sfere van regering saamwerk, met dieselfde doel voor oë, daar sien mens dikwels die beste uitkomst en sukses. 'n Meer streeksgebaseerde beplanningstrategie sal aangepak word; die doel hiervan is om beter korrelasie te bring tussen provinsiale en munisipale grondgebruik en beplanning.

Dit is in lyn met die nuwe SPLUMA wetgewing. Drie stedelike en twee landelike gebiede is reeds geïdentifiseer in die Provinsiale Ruimtelike Ontwikkelingsraamwerk of die PSDF. Die Departement sal ingevolge daarvan oor die volgende termyn fokus op die ontwikkeling van streeksbeplanning vir die drie funksionele streke, naamlik die uitgebreide Kaapse Metrogebied, die Saldanhabaai area, Die Weskus Streek en die George/Mosselbaai streek.

Madame Speaker, the Department has further been tasked by Provincial Cabinet to lead the implementation of the RSEP/VPUU Programme in the Western Cape. This Programme is a combination of the Western Cape Government's Regional Socio-Economic Projects (RSEP) or the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU). The programme is based on

the successes achieved in the VPUU Programme of the City of Cape Town in Khayelitsha since 2005. The City itself is now also expanding the programme to Hanover Park, Manenberg, Gugulethu and Nyanga.

The Department is very grateful for the joint funding received from the German Development Bank and the Provincial Government for this program. It will be piloted in five partnering municipalities, namely Saldanha Bay, Swartland, Breede Valley, Drakenstein and Theewaterskloof. There will also be collaboration with the City of Cape Town in its ongoing VPUU and Urban Renewal Programme.

The main goal of our Provincial RSEP Programme is to partner with active citizens to plan and to implement upgrading and safety projects in poor neighbourhoods in the province. Basically the project seeks to make communities safer and a better place to live.

These projects are being rolled out in some of the poorest and most affected areas in our province. This is yet another clear example of how this Provincial Government keeps investing in the most vulnerable areas of the province, striving to improve the lives of everyone who lives here.

Being more efficient with our resources is both a national and provincial priority. The latest Western Cape State of the Environmental Outlook Report (2013) indicated that in terms of our natural resources, land, inland water, biodiversity and oceans and coasts are under significant pressure. Climate

change also poses significant bio-physical and economic risks to the province. The mainstreaming of sustainability, resource use efficiencies and climate change response into provincial and municipal planning and programmes is therefore a strategic priority. In this regard, some of the key departmental interventions over the next three years will include:

- Expanding the Berg River Improvement Plan methodology to the Olifants/De Doorns and Breede River catchment areas;
- Assisting municipalities in their waste management programmes.
- Driving Sustainable Public Procurement.
- Increased municipal support on climate change and other sustainability interventions.

These are actionable things that are happening and will have a tremendous impact on the lives of everyone in this province. A simple example; consider the Berg River Improvement Plan. It has to do with managing one of our critical water catchment areas. As work in progress since 2013, its better management has meant better water security for the entire province, improvement in water quality and generally better management of the precious resource. It is a game changer of note.

Madam Speaker, when it comes to biodiversity management, CapeNature in line with the Western Cape's strategic goals, the National Development Plan and OneCape 2040 objectives, is primed to link this conservation focus to also promote economic growth and to contribute to the Western Cape's

Green Economy and also to establish a Biodiversity Economy and also to establishing a biodiversity economy.

The first of CapeNature's strategic goals for 2015-16 is to ensure biodiversity loss is reduced in the Western Cape. This includes maintaining and expanding the conservation estate in the province by various means, including addressing wild fires and the continued invasion by alien vegetation in mountain catchments areas.

Other strategic goals include ensuring better access for all of our province's unique and cultural heritage areas. We want to get people involved and make them proud of where they live. Lastly, CapeNature's goals also speak to creating more economic partnership opportunities with historically disadvantaged groups and ensuring continued good governance and organizational wellbeing.

In respect of biodiversity management, the Department and CapeNature's two key priorities over the MTEF period is:

- To develop a Provincial Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan by 31 March 2016;
- Complete a Biodiversity Law Reform process and submit a Final Draft Western Cape Biodiversity Bill to this Provincial Parliament by mid-2017.

We are currently repositioning the sector and with the involvement of numerous stakeholders the Department and CapeNature will be looking to expand the conservation focus into also promoting the biodiversity economy.

The Department has increased its financial support to biodiversity reserves during this financial year and also for the next MTEF period until 2017/18. The division of funds would mean that each of the biosphere reserves would receive more funding for operational support to execute their respective functions.

In terms of the implementation of the UNESCO - Man and the Biosphere Programme, the Western Cape achieved another milestone; the fourth biosphere reserve, the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve of more than 3 million hectares is soon to be approved at the Man and Biosphere International Coordinating Council meeting to be held in June 2015 in Paris, France. The three existing biosphere reserves are Kogelberg, Cape West Coast and Cape Winelands.

Agbare Speaker, die Departement van Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning sal vir die 2015/2016 boekjaar 'n begroting ontvang van R502 miljoen. Hiervan sal R243 miljoen toegedeel word aan CapeNature. Die Departement sal oor die volgende drie jaar 'n totale begroting van R1,629 miljard ontvang. CapeNature sal oor die MTUR periode R91 miljoen bestee aan projekte wat daarop gemik is om toerisme te bevorder in hierdie provinsie. Dit sluit in ses infrastruktuurprojekte by verskeie natuurreservate

soos die Groenvlei Ontwikkeling in die Goukamma Natuurresewaat en oornaghtte in die Grootvadersbosch Natuurresewaat. Die uitbreiding vorm deel van die provinsie se planne vir die ontwikkeling van die groen ekonomie.

Wanneer ons praat van die Groen Ekonomie, is dit 'n begrip wat nog ontwikkel maar waaroor daar geen twyfel bestaan oor die potensiaal daarvan nie. Die begrip resoneer onder die Provinsiale Strategiese Doelwit Een wat spreek van ekonomiese groei en werkskepping oor die volgende vyf jaar. Daar is egter ook 'n sterk verbinding met die Provinsiale Strategiese Doelwit 4 wat spreek van die ontwikkeling van 'n volhoubare en inklusiewe omgewing in die Wes-Kaap. Die Departement is die provinsiale koördineerder vir hierdie doelwit. Die Departement sal oor die komende periode in terme van die groen ekonomie fokus op die volgende kwessies:

- Die voorsiening van ondersteuning van die Wes-Kaap Regering in terme van die ontwikkeling van die groen ekonomie.
- Die ontwikkeling van 'n jaarlikse vorderingsverslag ten opsigte van die Wes-Kaapse Groen Ekonomie.
- Die ontwikkeling van 'n vennootskap met entiteite en partye wat betrokke wil raak by die inisiatief.

Die bestuur van ons oseane en kusgebiede word wêreldwyd al belangriker en die Departement sal ook hier 'n groter rol speel in die Wes-Kaap. Die fokus kom in reaksie op die groeiende behoefte om die volhoubaarheid van

gemeenskappe op ons kusgebiede te verseker en ook ons kwynende marine hulpbronne beter te bestuur.

Die Wes-Kaap het die langste en mees kosbare kusgebied in die land en die Departement gaan hard werk om seker te maak dat ons provinsie dié voordeel ten beste kan benut. Die Departement sal in die volgende finansiële jaar die Wes-Kaapse Kusbestuur Program finaliseer en aan my voorlê vir goedkeuring. Hieruit sal die provinsie se riviermonding bestuurprogramme dan ontwikkel en geïmplementeer word.

Agbare Speaker, soos wat ek belowe het in my begrotingdtoespraak verlede jaar, het die Departement en CapeNature die afgelope jaar weer uitstekende werk verrig. Ek is besonder trots op dit wat bereik is en ek wil weer 'n oomblik neem om die Departement en CapeNature se mense te bedank vir hulle werk, die gees van samewerking en die gewilligheid om die Wes-Kaap se biodiversiteit te beskerm en te bewaar vir nageslagte. Ek wil mnr Piet van Zyl en dr. Omar van CapeNature gelukwens met hul ongekwalifiseerde oudits vir die vorige boekjaar. Dit is werklik 'n plesier om met hulle saam te werk. Daarmee is dit my voorreg om die Begroting van die Departement Omgewingsake en CapeNature vir die jaar 2015 ter tafel te lê. Ek dank U.

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

Mr R B LENTIT: Madame Speaker, I rise in support of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning's budget of R503 million

for the 2015/16 financial year. The DA supports the vision of the Department and the Western Cape Government, which is to improve the lives of all the people in the Western Cape.

In the foreword of the current APP, Minister Bredell states: “Our vision is to build a province within which every citizen can access the socio-economic opportunities needed to improve their lives.”

I am sure that we can all support this vision of the Department, which is to see a Western Cape that has a vibrant, innovative and sustainable economy. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and its entity, CapeNature, briefed the Standing Committee during the APP discussion on its five year Strategic Plan and it speaks of hope. The inclusion and strong focus on innovation is one of the greatest economic opportunities the people of the Western Cape can benefit from, especially the poor. The Western Cape’s future economic growth and our competitiveness depends on its capacity to innovate and explore, and if the Western Cape innovates and explore new economic opportunities, South Africa wins.

The Department has the responsibility to administer national and provincial environmental planning legislation to make informed judgments and informed decision and to sustain the natural environment in ensuring that they make a contribution to the reduction of poverty through the cycle of growth and development.

I wish to draw attention to the decisions made in respect of some of the Department's budget for the new financial year. For Programme 1, that is Administration, there is allocated R58 million; Programme 2, Environmental Policy Planning and Co-ordination R90 million; Programme 3, Compliance and Enforcement R23 million; Programme 4, Environmental Quality Management R74 million. R261 million, which is 47% of the Department's budget is allocated to Programme 5 for the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board responsible for biodiversity in the province.

The Standing Committee have seen and experienced the important role of biodiversity on an oversight visit to some of our nature reserves in our province. Oversight over this programme is not going to be the same. Oversight will be part of your achievements, "We are Better Together." The province's biodiversity is an asset and the uniqueness of a biological diversity strengthens our ecosystem services, which is a foundation of the economy of the Western Cape – such as the tourism and agricultural sectors. CapeNature is constitutionally tasked through specific legislation to ensure that our landscape, seascape and natural environment are preserved for future generations.

CapeNature is also tasked to ensure that biodiversity, which includes the Cape floral kingdom, which is the most diverse in the Six Plant Kingdoms of the World, that occurs almost entirely within the boundaries of this province, and I have noticed that this will continue to receive the highest protection.

The National Development Plan speaks of transforming human settlements, the urban space economy and integrated and inclusive rural economy, and Programme 7 is Development Planning. This is a newly created programme and R64,8 million is allocated specifically to deal with the implementation of spatial planning and land use management legislation.

I have also noticed that the Department has aligned the NDP Guidelines through the implementation of its reviewed Provincial Spatial Development Framework, the implementation of planning law reforms, SPLUMA and LUPA, the bold environment support programmes and the municipal support programmes.

The intentions of the National Development Plan are evident in all the programmes of the Department, as it complements the DA's vision of an open opportunity society. The sustainable socio-economic development focuses on the efficient use of our resources that are associated with the Green Economy, these are welcome in the Department's business plan.

The Ministry and CapeNature have aligned sub-programmes to the guidelines of the NDP around environmental sustainability with new projects to be undertaken in terms of environmental impact management and coastal management. The Department will spend R21,3 million on the implementation of the regional socio-economic project and violence prevention through urban upgrading programmes as the Minister mentioned earlier on, in the new financial year.

Furthermore, the integrated catchment management approach adopted by CapeNature will continue to ensure that sustainability of water supply for the Western Cape, water for sustainable growth and development which focus on the Western Cape's sustainable water plan and the river improvement plan which will be rolled out in the Breede and Olifant catchment area, is due to the implementation of the flagship Berg River improvement plan.

Between sound management, strong political leadership and a budget that finances solid programmes, I am confident that the Western Cape will be able to realise the vision that the Department and government has for the province.

I want to thank Minister Bredell, the HOD Mr Piet van Zyl, Dr Omar and every official from the Department, CapeNature and the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board for their dedicated work. You can be sure that this annual performance plan will be a living oversight document. Our Standing Committee programme will be populated with these programmes and I would like to encourage the oversight members who serve with me on this portfolio, to study the content of this business plan to keep the Department accountable.

Speaker, for all the above reasons, I support the budget for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon Speaker that is [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: Order please. Order. I see the hon Dijana. [Interjections.]

Order please member.

Ms T M DIJANA: Hon Speaker, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is to promote environmental integrity that supports human wellbeing and economic efficiency towards sustainable life in the Western Cape.

The APP and the Strategy Plan as presented by the Department lacks vision and planning. The 2015 Budget from the Department illustrates the weak leadership and poor planning of this province. The Strategy Plan and APP targets are exactly the same as those which were presented last year. In fact it is nothing but a copy and paste from last year. [Interjections.] This budget...[Interjections.] ... does not respond to the needs of our people... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

Ms T M DIJANA: And it is nothing but a means to maintain the *status quo* within the sector. This budget fails to speak to the upliftment of communities and development of our rural areas... [Interjections.] ... to sustainable growth. [Interjections.] We are told about water for sustainable development... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

Ms T M DIJANA: ... as a so-called game changer. However, true to the tactics of the DA... [Interjections.] ... this game changer will not change the lives of those in poor communities.

The SPEAKER: Order please members. Sorry hon Dijana. Members there is a speaker on the floor. I would request that you compose yourself. Interjections are allowed but no running commentary please. You may proceed hon Dijana. [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Lentit you must pay [Inaudible.] as well. Inasmuch as the sustainability of the ecological environment is important it means nothing if this does not change the lives of those whom you are supposed to be delivering services to.

We are told of regional socio-economic projects and VPUU programmes which are supposedly to build safe and sustainable neighbourhoods of which R132 million is allocated over the MTEF period. However these are based in the Cape Metro region, with a promise to potentially introduce them in other regions. This therefore means those people in rural communities must wait until such time government sees it fit to uplift their lives – if that will ever happen. [Interjections.]

The budget speaks of an organisational refinement process undergone in the previous financial year. However, we do not see the actual benefits of this in terms of transformation and employment equity. The lack of transformation in the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is absolutely appalling. This year we see the same white male faces in the directorate of the Department. The directorate of the Department still remains 84% white and male dominated. There are only four females of the directorate of the Department whom are all whites. CapeNature which absorbs 47% of the budget also has zero black females on its boards. In fact the only black African on the boards of CapeNature is the general manager, while others are executive directors.

What is more concerning is that the Department does not seem to be bothered by these figures. The biodiversity sector remains largely untransformed with a dominance of white males. The colour and gender of the sector comes as a result of the continued legacy of apartheid which continues to flourish in this province.

When we say we want to transform society we speak of transformation on race, age and gender. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is simply not interested in the transformation of not only the Department but also of the sector as a whole. The staff complement of the Department is 543, while there are 109 posts which are not budgeted for. This is a similar case which we witnessed within the 2014/15 financial year, with no improvement. We continue to see an imbalance between budget

allocation and the personnel targets and vacancies in this department, this is done under the disguise of budget cuts and scarce skills in the Department.

The budget allocation for this department is filled with wasteful and fruitless expenditure. About 12% of the budget allocation to the Department goes to administration, while most of such funds go to things such as entertainment, catering and advertising, so then the 4,3 million of the total budget allocation to the Department goes to environmental quality management of which 20% of such allocation for this programme goes to payment of consultants and contractors. This trend is visible in all the different allocations across all programmes of the Department where you see at least 20 to 30% of the allocation for that particular programme being for consultants and contractors. This is another scheme by the DA government to further enrich their big business cronies at the expense of the poor people of this province.

The budget of the Department is split between the Department and CapeNature; 53% goes to the Department of the funds allocated to the Department for the 2015/16 financial year, 69% is allocated to compensation of employees. This therefore leaves just under 30% to service provision and delivery to our areas.

The Department has allocated 0,4% to environmental empowerment services. Environmental empowerment services are supposed to interact with stakeholders and empower communities to partner with government in implementing environmental and socio-economic programme. This

programme has the potential of having a direct impact on the lives of the poor. However this is relegated to less than half a percentage of the budget. We note that this allocation has increased from the previous financial year, however still remains extremely low in order to have a real impact on the socio-economic conditions of our poor communities.

The 47% of allocation of funds to CapeNature has yet to yield results for the poor and vulnerable, especially those in the rural areas. [Interjections.] The DA speaks of a whole of society approach. This budget does not even begin to cover their flawed notion of a whole of society approach. This budget is intended to fund white entities and companies under the appearance of development planning.

Madame Speaker, due to the above-mentioned challenges we as the ANC therefore do not support this budget. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Paulsen.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] the Speaker [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: Order members.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you Madame Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order.

An HON MEMBER: You must increase the levies of the DA.

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The main responsibility of this department guided by the Constitution is to ensure everyone has access to an environment that is not harmful to, and amongst other things enforce compliance with the law. Poor communities hardly receive any public services and do not benefit from most of the development that happens in this province, but the hardest hit by the consequences of such development, including environmental development problems that we experience. We have a government that is obsessed and prioritises profits of our environment and peoples' lives, especially those from poor communities. This government is very much capable of monitoring and enforcing compliance with environmental laws, but because it is mostly white owned companies that are responsible for the environmental degradation that is a direct result of development and industrial activity, they are unwilling to act as they should.

Until this department speaks about developing our ports, our shipping industry and our marine economy to be socially responsive and provide jobs, we will reject this vote. Until this department commits itself to reviewing fishing rights for the benefit of all and allowing locals access to perlemoen for private and commercial use, we reject this vote. A lot of communities were able to sustain themselves before all these laws sought to grab the little

that locals had and hand it to foreigners, as was the case with our land. Until this department commits to ensuring environmental impact from development and other activities, we will reject this vote. Where people in Taiwan Site C, whose yards are full of sewerage water and people in Vrygrond that have had to battle with floods after construction of roads, putting their lives in a much worse position than what they were, and many other communities which face the same issues. What is the Department's position on this?

South Africa faces an energy crisis today because government ignored warnings given over ten years ago. This province is going to... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... is going to experience the same problem soon.

The SPEAKER: Kindly finish. Your time has expired.

Mr M N PAULSEN: It will be water... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Finish your sentence.

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... and all the effects of climate change ... [Interjections.] ... and as always all the poor communities will be hardest hit. Why have we not done anything to protect our poorer people?

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Paulsen. Your time has expired.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Christians. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madame Speaker, the ACDP supports vote 9, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. It is very difficult sometimes to debate, because you have a department, officials doing a sterling job, they are there because of their expertise. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Ja, you attack the policies of a party but not the officials. I sometimes feel hurt for the officials when you talk about colours and figures.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Attack the politicians, attack the party, do not attack the officials. Yet again those officials come in front of the Scopa and get clean audits all the time. We must compliment them for that. [Interjections.] It is a fact. [Interjections.] And that is so, we must stop as politicians to fight with the officials, fight with the politicians, fight in this House, fight in the committees – I take strong exception when you attack the people doing a

good job. [Interjections.] But the important thing is, even my colleague of the ANC attacking CapeNature, I mean biodiversity is so important. [Interjections.] We need to protect our rich biodiversity and our ecosystem. We need to do that.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So now 47% is allocated to them and you have a problem with that. [Interjections.] Everything the Opposition mentions and the EFF mentions is race, race, race. Guys, if you move away from race and we work together in order to have a sustainable economy in the Western Cape, we will move forward. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. There is a speaker on the floor. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I read in... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. [Interjections.] Order! Hon Dyantyi are you standing on a point of order? Hon Christians there is a member on the floor. Would you take your seat please? Hon Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Can the member take a question to understand whether he is still part of the Opposition or he is on the other side.

The SPEAKER: He is not prepared to take a question, thank you. [Interjections.] You may proceed. Members order please, there is a speaker on the floor.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You see Speaker it hurts and that is why they will jump up and make such funny comments. [Interjections.] But the important thing is ... [Interjections.] ... when you have a tight budget like this, you need officials that can do the job efficiently, you need good leadership, and I – people say I am not on that committee, but Scopa, these committees... [Interjections.] ... these departments appear at Scopa ... [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... every three months and this is one of our best run departments. I thank you Madame Speaker. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. Hon Dijana you had a speaking chance and they afforded you the opportunity to speak without interruption. Kindly display that same respect to the speaker on the floor. Thank you. Hon Davids you are rising on a point of order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes. Really Madame Speaker, I think we must send the Scopa Chairperson for education about oversight.

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order hon Davids. Hon Minister you may proceed.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker, laat ek begin deur my kantoorhoof, Marius du Randt en die span te bedank vir hulle harde werk in die ministerie self. Weereens aan al die amptenary wat vandag hier is, die amptenary van CapeNature sowel as Omgewingsake.

Vergeet wat julle vandag hier gehoor het, hou julle net aan met julle professionele diens aan die mense van die Wes-Kaap.

We owe it to our children, we owe it to protect our environment, we owe it to the children... [Interjections.] ...

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] children.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... we owe it to our children, to all the children in the Western Cape... [Interjections.] ... to hand over an environment that they can also enjoy the beauty of the Western Cape. We owe it to our children to find the right balance between economic growth and... [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Order please members!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and protect the environment.

The SPEAKER: Sorry Minister. Hon Davids, interjections but not a running commentary please. Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: He must say our children, not [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: I am certain when the Minister says “ours”, he is talking inclusively of the Western Cape. I can’t speak for him but I suspect that is what he meant.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agbare Speaker ja ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

The SPEAKER: Members please afford the Minister an opportunity to respond.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek is gelukkig nie tydgebonde nie agb Speaker, so ek het baie tyd. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek wil ook vir die Media Departement baie dankie sê vir hierdie een bladsy opsomming van die begroting. Ek dink dit is ’n baie goeie idee. Ek dink dit kan baie help, so Rudolph vir jou en jou span, baie dankie. Dit is ’n baie mooi inisiatief, veral

ook dat julle dit so 'n mooi formaat gegee het dat selfs politici dit kan verstaan. Baie dankie. [Gelag.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] what it is. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker, aan die Voorsitter van die Staande Komitee, Rodney baie dankie. Obviously we want to create hope. I think that is one of the big issues in the Western Cape; we need to create hope, we need to create an environment where everybody benefits from. It is important, all the things you touch on the natural environment, the NDP and so forth, and the most important one is the resources, how to manage our resources between economic growth, the green population within the Western Cape, obviously our resource management is going to be crucial in future.

So dit gaan nie net gaan daaroor dat jy vir water en elektrisiteit kan betaal nie maar dit gaan gaan oor die beperkte hoeveelheid wat jy gebruik want ons gaan net soveel daarvan hê. Maar ek wil jou spesifiek bedank. Ek dink jy stel 'n baie goeie voorbeeld oor oorsig. Ek dink eerlikwaar, en ek dink al die lede in hierdie Parlement moet 'n bietjie dink oor oorsig. Oorsig vanwaar ek kom is jy kritiseer nie net nie. Jy gaan uit na 'n munisipaliteit toe ongeag wie in beheer is, jy bekyk die goed, jy bekyk dié wat nie so goed is nie en jy kom en jy het 'n konstruktiewe debat want ons wil die provinsie maak werk. En ek

dink Rodney jy stel 'n baie goeie voorbeeld, die Voorsitter van hierdie Staande Komitee, jy stel 'n baie goeie voorbeeld, ek dink jy was dalk so 'n bietjie teleurgesteld toe hy as die Voorsitter aangewys is, en gedink “jo! wat nou?” [Tussenwerpsels.] Maar Rodney het die vermoë om van alles 'n passie te maak. Hy raak opgewonde, hy vat 'n ding en hy maak dit werk. En ek dink dit is 'n baie mooi karaktereienskap en ek dink ons almal kan daaruit leer.

'n AGB LID: Ja.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: En Rodney baie dankie ook dat jy met ons kommunikeer.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Jy het die vermoë om ons pak te gee wanneer ons dit verdien en ons te komplimenteer wanneer ons dit verdien, so baie dankie daarvoor. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: On the ANC, the hon Dijana, I can actually only pray for you. [Interjections.]. I do not know, I really do not know. I do not want to be funny. I have never heard such nonsense.

[Interjections.] It is clearly you have not read the Budget. I think somebody in their office has ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister there is a member on the floor. Can you ... hon Paulsen are you raising on a point of order?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Yes I do. Is it parliamentary for the hon Minister to tell another member that they are speaking nonsense?

An HON MEMBER: It is nonsense. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Paulsen sorry, in the context of the conversation it is in order. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Chairperson when... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Excuse me hon Minister. Hon Davids are you raising on a point of order?

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am saying that is again a racial mindset.

The SPEAKER: That is a statement, not a point of order hon Davids.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is a statement. Hon Chairperson I will ask the member Dijana to raise these issues in the Standing Committee. She was part of the committee; she never raised this issue. So all of a sudden when it surfaces here... [Interjections.] ... it is obviously somebody within the ANC writing the speech. [Interjections.] Okay.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So I really cannot comment on these issues and I really want to ask the member also to... [Interjections.]... just go to her wannabe Whip, the hon Dugmore, so that he can give her the definition that he previously gave this House on race, on BEE within, or transformation. That might help her in the future.

Dan aan die agb Paulsen, agb Speaker...

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... ek kan darem sê dat die agb Paulsen woon die komitee by, nie soos hy vandag beskuldig is dat hy dit nie bywoon nie, so hy woon dit by, en dankie daarvoor. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ons moet almal probeer om alles wat ons doen, mense uit armoede uit op te lig. Ons

fokus is armoede... [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek is baie opgewonde oor die projekte wat gaan voortvloei uit ons programme om werklik vir ons agtergeblewe, en veral ons agtergeblewe kinders geleenthede te skep in ons parke, om hulle deel te maak van die omgewing. Ek dink met die nuwe leierskap in CapeNature ook het ons vir mekaar gesê toegang tot die omgewing is kritiek, ons moet daardie omgewing begin skep. Natuurlik kan ons dit nie oornag doen nie maar ek dink dat die bemarkingspan wat daar sit, die leierskap wat daar is sal ons groot dinge in die toekoms sien, wat ons agtergeblewe gemeenskappe geweldig baie voordeel uit sal trek.

Wanneer ons projekte loads agb Speaker, wanneer ons die water in die Bergrivier... [Tussenwerpsel.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Wanneer ons die kwaliteit water in die Bergrivier ondersoek ... [Tussenwerpsels.]... then we do it for ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please Minister. Hon Davids you cannot tell the Minister what his response is to BEE. He is responding to the debate so members, we have a right to respect the speaker on the floor... [Interjections.] ... members, we have a right to respect the speaker on the floor. Respect begets respects. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madame Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Members, we have a right to respect each other. I am not being biased. [Interjections.] I am saying that when member Dijana had an opportunity to speak, she spoke without interruption or constant heckling. [Interjections.] Okay? [Interjections.] So just afford the Minister his opportunity to respond please. [Interjections.] You might think he is talking nonsense but allow him the opportunity to respond please.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Speaker, it is important to realise that when we talk to the quality of the water within the Berg River, the people that will benefit mostly from that, is the poor. Otherwise 24 000 people will lose their jobs, and so forth, and so forth, and so forth.

To the hon Christians, thank you very much. You touch on a very important point. [Interjections.]. Yes, I can take it, I am a politician, let us focus then on the politicians but leave the officials out of the debate. [Interjections.] They are professionals, they do a professional job and I think this Western Cape is in good hands from the officials' side. Madame Speaker, thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Applause.] That concludes the debate on this Vote and it also concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

House adjourns at 16h44.