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THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2015

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The House met at 14:15

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

### **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

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

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. Introduction and First Reading – Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.

The SPEAKER: I recognise the honourable, the Minister of Finance.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor, hoor!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I tabled the Medium Term Budget Statement and Adjustment Estimates of Provincial Expenditure on 20 November 2014, I highlighted the fact that this government has implemented a financial governance model aimed at ensuring accountability for

programmes, budgets and delivery against targets.

Madam Speaker, the Presidency's Management Performance Reports over the past two years and the Auditor General's 2013/2014 audit report confirm that the Western Cape Provincial Departments certainly continue to demonstrate that this administration has embraced the idea of a capable state as highlighted in the National Development Plan.

The National Treasury's allocation of additional funds to the Western Cape is indeed an expression of confidence in the ability of this government not only to spend but to do so efficiently, economically and effectively.

In the Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure 2014, tabled on 20 November 2014, provincial departments were provided the opportunity to make adjustments to the appropriations voted in the Main Budget for the 2014/15 financial year.

Madam Speaker, subsequently, as part of the process at national level to reallocate funds derived from unspent national conditional grants originally allocated to provinces, an additional amount R26.956 million has been allocated to the Western Cape Province. In order to spend these additional allocations in the 2014/15 financial year, it is necessary to include the amounts in a second Adjustments Appropriation Bill for the 2014/15 financial year.

This second adjusted budget makes provision for additional spending as follows:

Firstly, the National Health Insurance (NHI) Grant: R6.956 million allocated to the Western Cape Department of Health as per Government Gazette No. 38375 dated 31 December 2014. The allocation is due to a conversion at national level comprising a shift from the NHI component of an indirect grant into a direct grant. The Western Cape Health Department will use the funds to implement the General Practitioner Contracting Project.

The project is part of the National Health Insurance (NHI) grant funding for the pilot project in Eden District.

Madam Speaker, the Human Settlements Development Grant: An additional amount of R20 million is allocated to the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements as per the Government Gazette of 16 February 2015.

In compliance with Sections 19 and 20 of the Division of Revenue Act, 2014, the following revised allocations by the National Department of Human Settlements, funds were re-allocated to the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements.

Madam Speaker, I now hereby table the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill 2015 for debate in this House as certified by Legal Services.

I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the Bill the first time.

The SECRETARY: Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.

The SPEAKER: The Bill, together with the papers tabled will be referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report.

Before we adjourn, I would like to remind members that the budget meeting will commence after the adjournment of the sitting and that will be in the chamber and that the Rules Committee will take place after the adjournment of the Budget Committee meeting in Committee Room 2.

I also need to alert all present that we have been informed that we are in stage two load shedding and this facility will possibly go down at 16:00 until 18:30 which, if it does go off, requires at least five to ten minutes for the technicians to make sure that the technology is up and running. A notice has been communicated in that regard.

That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

House adjourned at 14:21.