
THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2015

**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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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The first item on the Order Paper is Statements by Members. I see the DA first. Agb lid Me Marais.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Again we were alerted to the plight of emergency medical staff in recent media reports. The fact that our EMS staff who render invaluable lifesavings services are being threatened and attacked is cause for serious concern.

Early yesterday three paramedics survived a brazen attack at gunpoint while treating a five-year old girl who had suffered a seizure in the back of an ambulance in Khayelitsha.

Just after midnight the doors of the ambulance was wrenched open from the outside and the paramedics and the girl's mother were robbed of their cell phones and wallets. They also stole the vehicles GPS system.

Even though interventions were put in place to assure the safety of our EMS personnel much more needs to be done to create safer spaces in our communities. I will be again sending an urgent request to the Western Cape Department of Health, the Department of Community Safety and the South African Police Service and Metro Police Service to address the Standing Committee of Health to discuss the severity of this issue.

This discussion will create a space in which we could consider proactive alternatives in which to engage with the communities to address these life-threatening incidents; not only for the EMS officials, but for the public as well.

Communities should realise that EMS officials save lives and that attacking the very team who provides an essential out of hospital service for the wellbeing of the public is unacceptable. We will continue to raise this issue to ensure the safety of all public servants who dedicated their lives to render lifesaving service to the public. I thank you.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The ANC, hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Yesterday we witnessed the DA's denialism when it comes to the plight of farmworkers. The behaviour of the Democratic Alliance during yesterday's input on the killings of farm dwellers are an indication that the DA is simply not bothered by what is happening on farms in the Western Cape.

Yesterday the MEC of Agriculture in his budget vote reply issues challenges, as if such incidents do not occur or only exist once he investigates it. While the DA continues to pretend that the abuse of farmworkers by farm owners does not exist the community of Riviersonderend is up in arms over the murder of young farm dwellers by white farmers.

Three young farm dwellers between the age of 10 and 21 years old were knocked down like rabbits in a hit-and-run incident on a public road near Riviersonderend by racing farmers who sped off and washed the bakkie to destroy evidence.

The accused, who works for the Overberg Agri, was let out on bail for R5 000. This is an insult to those who lost their family members.

As a result, the families of the kids are very heartbroken and feel that they will come second if nobody, if the ANC is not going to assist them. The community of Riviersonderend have lost hope in the Provincial Government

and has resorted to taking matters in their own hands. This could result in a rising attack on farm owners by farmworkers because the Government is failing to intervene on the continuing abuse of farm dwellers. It will serve the MEC and DA better if they deal with this abuse and publicly tell Western Cape farmers... [Interjection.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ...take responsibility [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...who are predominantly aligned to the DA, that the continued abuse of farm dwellers has no place in our democracy.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order hon member Ms Davids, your time has expired.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I really think there needs to be some kind of ruling on the kind of information that we put out here as a statement.

An HON MEMBER: What is your point of order?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: In my opinion it is a point of order. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: We are misleading the House. This is hate speech.

Ms M N GILLION: What is the point of order?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Ms Schäfer, order. That is not a point of order, misleading the House. That is not a point of order. I see the hon of the DA next, hon Max.

Mnr L H MAX: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, alhoewel daar 'n geringe afname oor die Kersgety was in die aantal ongelukke op die Wes-Kaapse paaie, is dit geen rede vir die verslapping van maatreëls om padverbruikers meer bewus te maak van veilige verantwoordelike en vriendelike padverbruik nie.

Met Paasnaweek op hande sal die getal beserings en sterftes op ons paaie weer ernstig toeneem en druk plaas op die hulp en nooddienste van die Wes-Kaap.

Padongelukke en -sterftes het die Wes-Kaapse ekonomie verlede jaar R21 miljard gekos. Dit is meer as die hele begroting van 'n jaar van die Wes-Kaapse Departement van Gesondheid.

Dit is nie net die motorongeluk self wat bydra tot ekonomiese verlies nie. Dit is die verlies aan 'n broodwinner en die traumatisering van familieleden wat

agtergelaat word.

Dit gee op sy beurt weer aanleiding tot 'n toename aan uitgawes van die begroting van die Departement van Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling en Gesondheid. Daar is ongeveer R1.8 miljoen voertuie op ons Wes-Kaapse paaie en die Wes-Kaap is sesde op die lys van noodlottige ongelukke. Naweke sorg vir die meeste padongelukke en sterftes met Saterdag wat 23% bydra tot die statistiek. Die oorsaak van die meeste ongelukke is trompop-botsings en voetgangers wat bydra tot sterftes.

Dan natuurlik alkohol en dwelms se hoë bydrae tot die ongelukke en sterftes op ons paaie. Ek wil 'n ernstige beroep doen dat elke padverbruiker of u 'n passasier in of 'n bestuurder van 'n voertuig is om seker te maak dat u motor padvvaardig is, en of u motorvaardig is alhoewel u in die motor klim.

Laat ons mekaar en ander se lewers respekteer op ons provinsie en land se paaie. Laat ons ons vasgordel met veiligheid, verantwoordelikheid en vriendelikheid wanneer ons in ons motors klim en die reis aanpak. Beter Tesame is veilig tesame.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi.

An HON MEMBER: Well done.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The EFF.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. With Easter weekend upon us once again and the member before me spoke about people going away and the hazards they face on the road, I cannot help but think that the vast majority of us are not fortunate enough to be going away on a holiday.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We have to stay at home.

Mr M N PAULSEN: We have to stay home and we have to stay in our informal settlements, in our concentration camps.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You are not living in [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Minister Madikizela, you know, this is coming your way, because you remind me of that Tom Hanks movie, *Sleepless in Seattle*, with a slightly different twist, *Clueless about Human Settlements*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, order. Hon member Mr Paulsen, use your time to make a statement. This is the slot for a statement.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Yes, not in [Inaudible.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Yes. *Clueless about human settlements*. The problems of human settlements are not insurmountable but it needs creativity and the

Minister has admitted that he cannot address the backlog in housing, let alone meet the challenge of the increase over the next five years. It is very simple. The Minister needs a big dose of creative inspiration. This creativity may even assist in other areas or your life, Minister.

I tried to assist when I requested information of all vacant land owned by the province. Currently this department does not only offer housing but also housing opportunities. Now what is a housing opportunity?

Opportunity one: a vacant piece of land with services; opportunity two, a vacant piece of land with a foundation; opportunity three, a complete house. Now who qualifies for what? Here is the irony. Here is the irony.

An HON MEMBER: You do not know?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Those who can afford to pay for a complete house get a complete house.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Those who cannot even afford a plot - that is all they get. How are they ever going to build houses? It is Easter coming up and, you know, I like the significance of it and... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has

expired unfortunately. Your two minutes have gone. I see the DA.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA, hon member Mr Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Eskom should be discouraged from exploiting the poor by NERSA and SALGA in the Western Cape Government should take a leading role in stopping Eskom increasing the tariffs. The increase of 12.69% will not only be unbearable burden to the poor, but will also be devastating even to our economy.

The Minister of Finance, Nhlanhla Nene should encourage Eskom by giving them the bail-out which is perpetual all the time that they are in trouble. The increase will far exceed the 8% that is earmarked. The poor depend on Eskom for their domestic responsibilities.

We want to know who are the directors of Eskom? Who are the people who are sitting on the board of Eskom; why they are getting the bonuses when they have failed?

We cannot allow this monopoly of electric distribution by Eskom to go unchallenged. If Telkom force and face other service providers like MTN, Vodacom and the communication service providers, then Eskom should not be there, and Eskom should also face other energy, electric energy distribution.

Thanks Chairperson. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the ANC hon member Mr Fransman.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, politicians from different political persuasions has mastered the art of political differences, political fights and even at times political grandstanding. What defines the sound political context is when people can differ in a state-like way, in a way that is decent and in a way that it builds trust in the fibre of democracy.

What political activists generally adhere to is the practice of playing the ball, not the person. This is a key consideration even in the theatre of politics. The country has witnessed over the last couple of weeks and months an unacceptable indecent bullying, vulgar, crude, arrogant approach to the Opposition. In fact we have seen a particular onslaught on the media and on the integrity of our President from the Leader of the Opposition; from the leader of the [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: You are the leader of the Opposition.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The Opposition nationally; nationally, nationally, nationally. This is therefore... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The same thing.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: This is therefore what Eusebius McKaiser had to say on the first citizen of the Western Cape, Premier Helen Zille and I want to quote. I want to quote: “Helen Zille should...” [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Keep quiet.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: “Helen Zille should...” No, no, no, honourable. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I will control, but your own members are also contributing.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: But she is now [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: “Helen Zille should thank God that being arrogant and abrasive in public office are not a medical condition. If that was so, she would be in the ICU.” As we will be going into recess and enter a holy period for Christians all over the world... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: I pray that Premier Zille, not as the DA leader but as the Premier for all in the Western Cape, to deeply reflect on her type of

behaviour of the legacy that she started and where she will eventually end the race. We have witnessed over the last few days in the debates by speaker after speaker in the DA each one having to specifically thank the Premier.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: It is as if they were instructed to do so. [Laughter.]
[Interjections.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...where they have to plea. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: I have even picked up people like hon member...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Fransman, your time has expired. I will allow you one last sentence.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Hon member Mr Max and therefore we want to say the message to the Premier, "Long live the King. The King is dead." [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Your time has expired. The DA. Hon member Ms Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, for a while now the province and in particular... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Hon member Mr Fransman and the Premier, please allow the hon member Ms Wenger to continue.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you. For a while now the province and in particular the Minister of Community Safety Dan Plato has received reports that police firearms are being used by gang members, some of which had come through the Gun Amnesty period. This matter has been brought to the attention of the police management and I even put in Parliamentary questions to this effect.

I asked whether any police firearms had been given in during the gun amnesty. I was told that none had been handed in, but this week we learnt the shocking truth. It is now revealed in the media that firearms which had supposedly been destroyed had been sold by Gauteng police officers to gangs operating in the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, yes.

Ms M M WENGER: The *Star* newspaper reported that some of the weapons SAPS confiscated from gangsters which had their serial numbers erased, had actually been in the Gauteng Firearms and Liquor Control Unit. It was also

revealed that fraudulent firearm licences had been issued to suspected gangsters.

The PREMIER: There you go.

Ms M M WENGER: This revelation questions so many elements of policing.

The PREMIER: The ANC [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: ...that it is difficult to fathom how this could have occurred in the first place.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Annemarie, you showed us now... [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: ...solving gang problems in the Western Cape is difficult enough ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: ANC action.

An HON MEMBER: That happened in front of Plato.

Ms M M WENGER: ...without illegal firearms being given to gangsters by police officers.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, ja.

Ms M M WENGER: It calls into question the ability of the police to manage confiscated firearms as well as the Firearm Registry. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We are asking where is he... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: How many firearms... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just one second hon member Ms Wenger.
Hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it parliamentary for hon Minister Meyer to show to me he is going to kill me? [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: No man, sit down. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The Chair was not aware of that.
Minister Meyer, did you threaten anybody? Minister Meyer, did you threaten anybody physically?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, may I address you on that matter?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just - no, I want to finish this off.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...I am going to make a case against [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: In the West Coast where I come from...

An HON MEMBER: No man. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Meyer, I want you to... [Interjection.]

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

An HON MEMBER: What is this now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Meyer, just give me the answer, did you actually threaten the member as she indicated?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I said I will kill her argument, not herself.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Me M N GILLION: Aikona.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not going to allow a long debate on this, Minister Meyer I must take your word for that. Is that what you stand by?

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Meyer? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am asking you to investigate that because I am going to make a case against that hon Minister Meyer.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I will look at Hansard. If there is anything in Hansard I will come back. If the Minister did say those words.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No Mr Deputy Speaker, I think here the issue is the hon MEC made a sign and it was a derogatory approach to it and I think there is no - the Hansard will not be able to give you... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, the Hansard will not show the sign, I agree.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So I think that is...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But the Hansard will actually indicate whether the Minister said... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No it is not about... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: No we are talking about the sign. He did not say anything. It was this sign that he made.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: What was the sign? What does it mean?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister, I did ask you, did you use the sign?

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, he did.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you did use the sign you must to withdraw that.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, he did. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I indicated that I will kill her argument.

An HON MEMBER: No. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will accept that for the moment. Hon member Mr Fransman, I will accept that. If the Minister - if there is any new events coming forward I will come to the House.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, the issue here is it is going to be wrong if we are going to go and start giving each other signs.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: The point here is that same West Coast that the hon MEC Meyer refers to, has actually called him a sell-out in the apartheid era.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! No honourable... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: So that is what he was called.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Fransman, just take your seat.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Just for the order of the business of this House I withdraw the sign.

An HON MEMBER: Just sit down.

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: He is a sell-out. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order hon member Mr Fransman. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: It has become a joke. Do not... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I just appeal to the House, can I appeal to the House to refrain from making gestures to one another. These things can lead to all sorts of things and we do not want that. We want the decorum to be maintained in the House. Who was the last speaker? Hon member Ms Wenger, you are still on the floor. Please continue.

Ms M N GILLION: What is that sign [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. How many firearms that were supposedly destroyed have been handed over by the very organisation tasked to prevent crime, to organisations that perpetrate crime? The arrest of an officer is welcome... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: However, a full scale investigation into the Firearm Registry is required and stricter control measures put in place. This is possibly one of the biggest police scandals in recent memory.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the ACDP. Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP is very concerned, yet again with the understaffing of resources at all police stations in the Western Cape, receiving complaints from the community in Table View and Parklands about police visibility, the ACDP Chairperson in the area, Kelly Rau and myself visited on Friday night Table View Police Station and Parklands Satellite Station. To our shock, Parklands is a satellite station which is supposed to have 15 members on duty. They have one member on duty 24 hours a day. This is now not a satellite station any more. It is now a contact station.

An HON MEMBER: Viva ANC.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This is shocking because we know what happened in Klapmuts and the ACDP is calling on honourable Mr Lamoer, the Police Commissioner, to engage with the National Commissioner, because our Portfolio Committee already did that with no reply. We believe that the ANC must take the lives of the people in the Western Cape seriously. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: That is right.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja. Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the ANC, hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The DA has proven beyond reasonable doubt that it continues to be a party representing the interest of the rich. [Interjections.]

The DA will never tolerate the poor service delivery in Constantia like it does in townships like Khayelitsha. The example that sticks out is merely porta-pota overestimated bucket system. This undignified weekend camping and [Inaudible.] toilets have become a permanent fixture in the confined spaces of the poor between the bread and the baby. Even National Health

Minister Aaron Motsoaledi stood back as cleaning the toilet still smells when it was returned.

The reason why so many people still relieve themselves next to the N2, next to the national road, next to Khayelitsha and Site C is because the people reject the stinking chamber pot. They are not satisfied with it - when it was exposed to them in public view.

Adequate housing evades the poor as this government promotes so called service sites, basic service like water and electricity are also wanting too many cases. In the same Khayelitsha too many babies die every year of preventative disease due to inferior services. Many areas have been carrying winter flooding due to no or poor storm-water drainage. Fire victims are still stuck in so-called transitional or temporary housing or at Civic Centres.

Excuses blame shifting does not help as the DA evades leaders in public participation to find a solution to this problem. Both the City of Cape Town and Provincial Government failed to fund NGOs that were clearing alien plants that causes fire, such as Ukuvuka [Inaudible] The mountain fires are a direct result of lack of service delivery by this government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The grandstanding of the Premier on this matter by taking photos... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please conclude. Your time has expired.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I finish the sentence?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Finish your sentence, yes, finish your sentence.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The grandstanding of the Premier on this matter by taking photos with the fire-fighters does not take away from the fact that those fires could have been prevented if adequate funding had been provided to NGO as the ANC Government did previously in this province. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Your time has now expired.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the DA. Hon member Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I have asked a colleague whether I could use this statement time to address a couple of things. You know ours is a very fragile democracy and in many respects we are at crossroads. The climate setting that is taking place in the statements that I have heard here today and some of the points that have been raised like for instance the hon member of the Opposition calling people a sell-out, have very serious complications for people's lives in the townships. But we have already heard from another previous statement, a previous statement from hon member Ms Du Toit Marais, about paramedics being attacked in

townships.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: In fact you are supposed to... [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Now if you make inflammatory statements of this nature, like the hon member Ms Davids had done today, which is totally devoid of any truth. [Interjections.] The fact of the matter with regard to that specific incident, DA members, branch members were the first to comfort the families and sought out the culprits involved.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja.

Mr M G E WILEY: The ANC came after the fact, but the tragedy of it is because that member has now made a statement [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is your member that fuelled those things.

Mr M G E WILEY: The DA is now guilty by association.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Her comment for instance... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... working class. [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like protection please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: How do you know that?

An HON MEMBER: Do you know that?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, hon member Ms Davids please. [Interjections.] Please allow the member to finish his statement. Hon member Mr Wiley, continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: She complains that the DA is responsible for this because of our policy. The fact of the matter is that the justice department has allowed them out on bail. That is the first thing. [Interjections.]

Secondly the point has been made about how we are responsible for the consequences of the fire. This province is the only province with a most advanced disaster management system in the country. We have 28 aircraft. [Interjections.] We are being praised around the world for the ability to be able to respond to disasters of this nature. Hon member Mr Magaxa talks about services.

The National Government has praised this province for the standard and level of service to even the most impoverished people in this country. [Interjections.] In this province. The MPAT report... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: The HSRC, the CSIR, all praise the standard of services in this province.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your people run away.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, order!

Mr M G E WILEY: And yet the climate setting operations... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: ...abuse the space.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired unfortunately.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. [Time expired.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We now move on to... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You should not allow that... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! We move on to notices with motion.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The members on Thursday... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any motions where notice is given? Hon member Mr Dugmore.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House establishes a multiparty ad hoc committee consisting of seven members to investigate whether the Premier has deliberately misled this House when claiming on Thursday the 13th of November 2014 during an interpellation that the Provincial Department of Human Settlements had completed the development of a Provincial Housing Strategy as committed to by the Premier in her State of the Province Address on Friday, the 20th of June 2014 and further to establish whether the conduct of the Premier constitutes a violation of the oath of office as assented to by her on the 21st of May 2014. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The PREMIER: I will show you the strategy.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any more? Any further?
Hon member Mr Max.

Mr L H MAX: Is this without notice or?

Mr D JOSEPH: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice is given, where notice is given. Hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House deliberates on the growing inequalities and poor conditions of farmworkers in the Western Cape under the DA rule. I thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any more? Hon member Mr Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the audit outcomes of the Western Cape Departments and its entities for the 2014/15 financial year and the steps to be taken to improve on good records. Thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House deliberates on the uneven dealings by DA Government leaders with victims of disastrous fires.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any further? Nothing further? We then move on to Motions without Notice. Hon member Ms Du Toit Marais.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Me A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis medelye betoon aan ons voormalige hoofswep van die Provinsiale Parlement, Alta Rossouw en haar gesin met die heengaan van haar man, Casper Rossouw.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Geen beswaar teen die voorstel sonder kennisgewing? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self?

Goedgekeur.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid mnr Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House requests the Education Department to set up a rapid response team with trained negotiators to react to the emergencies protest especially the abuse by teachers in schools in order to prevent wide-scale dissatisfaction by communities.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? Is there an objection? There is an objection. The motion will be printed. Any further? Hon member Mr Max?

Ms S W DAVIDS: The MEC, jo.

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House condemns the barbaric actions of criminals who rob ambulance staff at gunpoint whilst they were busy saving the life of a five year old child yesterday morning in Khayelitsha.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself?

Agreed to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gopie.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hey, they must [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, hon member Ms Davids, you cannot talk all the time. I have already given this floor to the hon member Ms Gopie and I cannot hear her.

Ms D GOPIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes TB is still one of the biggest challenges of terrible diseases this province faces and that the growing number of patients show that more innovative methods of treatment and assistance to especially poor victims are needed. Therefore calls on the Department to

create more out of the box solutions to fight this curse.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself?

Agreed to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses our condolences to the family and friends of Senyaka Kekana, the legendary South African musician and actor who passed away yesterday.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself?

Agreed to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House condemns all forms of bullying and abuse at schools that lead to various forms of reactions like the recent case where a Montague learner drank agricultural poison; that the Education Department sets up a helpline for learners in distress and that this House furthermore sends the message to all schools across the province to discourage such acts in the strongest term and I hope this is not...

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? [Interjections.] Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, I object to it being put without notice. We have got a helpline already.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister Schäfer. The objection is recorded. [Interjections.] Order! Order! The objection is recorded not against the motion but to the fact that it is done without notice. That is the objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Any further? Hon member Mr Joseph?

Mnr D JOSEPH: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis gelukwense oordra aan die Albertinia Toerisme Vereniging wat 'n groep gemeenskapsvrywilligers gehelp het om 'n aanslag te maak op die *Guinness Book of Records* deur die grootste trui in die wêreld met hande te brei. Die trui wat die Suid-Afrikaanse vlag uitbeeld is 8.2 meter groot en het groot internasionale belangstelling gelok. Ek dank u.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie. Geen beswaar teen die voorstel sonder kennisgewing? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self?

Goedgekeur.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid mnr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House requests the Standing Committee on Education to investigate the report that the WCED is considering the establishment of a special institution to support students who have left school prematurely to complete their matric, giving the irony that the previous MEC Donald Grant closed down the Laguna Finishing School which was serving the exact same purposes, and did so despite widespread community objections.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself?

Agreed to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any further? Hon member Ms Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Minister Fritz on a very successful Provincial Youth Awards evening and congratulates all recipients of the Youth Awards on Monday evening.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself?

Agreed to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any further? Any further? For the last

time, no further motions? Then we continue with the Order Paper.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the first Order.

1. Consideration of Votes and Schedules - *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2014/15 Financial Year) [B 1 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now consider the votes, the two votes in the particular Act. If there are parties that want to make a declaration of vote they are welcome to do so, but please indicate that to the Chair. Are there any parties that want to make a declaration of vote?

If not, are there any objections to the votes, I put first Vote number 6, Health, is there any objection to the approval of Vote 6, Health? No objection? Agreed to.

The same applies to Vote 8, Human Settlements, any objection? Agreed to.

That concludes the decisions of the votes.

I now put Clauses 1 to 3 of the Bill. No objection? Agreed to.

I put the short title, no objections? Agreed to.

And I put the schedule to the Bill. No objections? Agreed to.

That then disposes of the Votes and Schedule. It is therefore agreed to.

The Secretary will read the second Order of the Day.

2. Finalisation of the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2014/15 Financial Year) [B 1 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, do you want to move that?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I so move.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You just move. I do not see a list of speakers here. Is there any objection that the Bill be finalised now? No objection? Agreed to.

The Secretary will read the Bill.

Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent. The Secretary will read the third Order.

3. Debate on Vote 5 - Education - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*
[B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister of Education, Minister Schäfer.

The PREMIER: Yes.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor, hoor.

'n AGBARE LID: Julle is baie enthusiastic ja. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I object. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Schäfer, you may proceed when you are ready.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Madam Premier, fellow members of the Provincial Cabinet, honourable members of the Provincial Legislature, the Superintendent General of Education and all senior officials from the WCED, invited guests from the education community, ladies and gentlemen.

It is my pleasure and privilege to present the 2015/16 Budget for Education

in the Western Cape. I am also pleased to welcome a number of special guests to this important occasion. First and foremost:

- My husband, Mark
- Dr Nasima Badsha - Deputy Chairperson of the Education Council
- Mr James Selfe – Chairperson of the Federal Council of the Democratic Alliance
- Desiree van der Walt - DA Shadow Deputy Minister of Basic Education

Thank you for joining us today.

I would like to start by taking a moment to acknowledge the recent passing of our Metro East District Director, Melvyn Caroline.

Mr Caroline epitomised what a public servant should be. He was accountable, hard-working and passionate about the people he served. He has left an impeccable and inspiring record as a teacher, a principal and as a public servant in his 40 years of service to the WCED. He will be dearly missed by WCED staff, his schools, his learners and all of us in the Education Ministry.

Mr Deputy Speaker, since I was appointed ten months ago, it has been a very challenging, but exciting time, filled with reflection, innovation and development.

From 2009 to 2014, the Western Cape Government laid the foundation for

solid improvements in learner performance and quality within the system. It is a matter of public record that learner performance in language, mathematics and the National Senior Certificate improved over this period, the retention rate increased, the number of underperforming schools decreased, administrative systems improved and more schools were replaced or built than ever before.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This, despite major changes in the curriculum with the introduction of the CAPS in 2011... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: In the Western Cape? Is that in the Western Cape?

An HON MEMBER: That is the right province.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...and the ongoing social challenges that this province and our learners and teachers face. The reason for such an improvement in the system as a whole was because of a combination of factors, which are set out in our 2009 Strategic Plan, with the overriding objective of providing quality education to all the learners in this province, which is the cornerstone of our vision for an open opportunity society for all.

In the past year, we have continued with this plan, but as an open and accountable government, we have been reviewing the objectives we set in

2009. This resulted in the development of our Strategic Plan. This year, we were also tasked with contributing towards the new and exciting Provincial Strategic Plan which comprises five Provincial Strategic Goals.

The second goal - “Improving education outcomes and opportunities for youth development” - involves the transversal co-operation between a number of departments including the WCED, the Department of Social Development and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

It is also the Provincial Goal that is responsible for two of the eight game-changers, announced by the Premier in her State of the Province Address, namely that of e-Learning and after school care, otherwise known as Youth with Hope. It also includes a “Living Lab” which aims to provide structured and focused support for improved learning in the Foundation Phase.

Die twee dokumente, sowel as ons Jaarlikse Prestasieplan en die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsplan, het 'n groot invloed gehad op die Begroting wat ek vandag sal aankondig.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Earlier this month, the Provincial Minister of Finance announced that within the MTEF, the WCED would receive over a third of the Provincial Budget - an investment in education of R17.7 billion.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This is an increase of over R1.1 billion from the previous year.

The bulk of the Department's funding is for public ordinary school education, with an allocation of 72.4%, which amounts to over R12.8 billion. This is followed by infrastructure development, with an allocation of over R1.4 billion.

This year, we will continue to support the process of transferring Adult Education and Training and Further Education and Training from the province to the Department of Higher Education and Training.

The Western Cape will continue to lead the country in the provision of Special Needs Education. 5.9% of the budget is allocated to special needs, which amounts to over R1 billion - an increase of R13.5 million from last year.

In 2015/16 we have committed ourselves to spending on projects, resources and people that will provide quality education to all the learners in this province.

Today I would like to highlight some of the exciting initiatives that we will

be introducing this year which are all directly linked to our three main indicators of success as outlined in our Strategic Plan, namely:

1. An improvement in the level of language and mathematics in all schools;
2. An increase in the number and quality of passes in the National Senior Certificate, and
3. An increase in the quality of education provision in poorer communities.

The importance of the development of language and mathematics skills at an early age cannot be over-emphasized. If a learner does not master these skills appropriate to their age and grade, they will be left behind in their later years, which ultimately results in poor quality results and high drop-out rates.

Therefore, improving language and mathematics in all schools will ultimately result in an increase in the number and quality of passes in the NSC, and undoubtedly a higher retention rate.

Whilst we have seen some progress over the years as a result of sustained effort, there is clearly a need for a more determined and focused approach to improve on these outcomes. A number of exciting and innovative initiatives have therefore been designed that aim to improve the level of language and mathematics in schools and increase the number of quality passes in the NSC.

One of my first requests as Minister for Education in this province was a

review of the language and mathematics strategy. It was clear that more focus was needed, particularly in Grades 1, 8 and 9 and over the past few months the strategy has been reviewed and refined.

Next term the WCED will begin to implement the new strategy in our schools and districts, which will compliment the existing district improvement plans.

One of the interventions in the new strategy is the introduction of diagnostic baseline tests for all Grade 8 learners in language, mathematics and science to determine learner gaps and to identify talent.

In addition, this year we are rolling out e-learning into our schools at a scale which is one of this province's game-changers.

The e-Learning programme is intended to assist in a number of areas such as contributing toward teachers' training and professional development and improving management and administration at schools.

It has the potential to greatly improve the level of language and mathematics in schools, as well as to increase the number and quality of passes in the NSC through various programmes.

It will also increase access to electronic resources in disadvantaged communities and prepare learners for the ever increasing technology-based economy.

The WCED has invested over R273.9 million in e-Learning in the 2015/16 financial year and over R1.2 billion in a five year period.

This will contribute towards the rollout of the Local Area Networks, called LANs, infrastructure, equipment and devices to schools.

This financial year, 366 schools will be connected to the Wide Area Network, 126 computer laboratories will be refreshed and 3 350 smart classrooms will be introduced in 248 schools.

I have seen first-hand what a projector, a lap top and connectivity can do to stimulate the classroom learning, and I am particularly excited about the potential of our e-resources catalogue in offering exciting products available for teachers, learners and parents, which can assist both during and after school.

It is critical that teachers and principals who will be benefitting from our e-learning game-changer are orientated and trained in the integrated use of the new technology and are able to incorporate it into the curriculum.

Similarly, it is also important that our teachers are provided with the necessary training courses on various teaching methodologies and innovative techniques for encouraging our learners to read, write and calculate.

This year the WCED will be investing over R81.4 million in teacher development and training... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...with a focus on ICT, inclusive education training, and improvement in language and mathematics teaching strategies with various courses on offer at the Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute.

We have also begun to roll out a comprehensive ICT training programme to educators and principals. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister Schäfer, just one second. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, is that a point of order or a question?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Apology Minister for doing this. I would like to follow the Minister in her speech in the same way the gallery is following her with the speech in their hands.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, I am not sure whether... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I would really like to do that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, it is not a requirement to dish out speeches to members, but if there are speeches available it would be helpful for members

to have some. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Also to understand... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, the point of being in the House is to listen to the speech, so I will provide them with a copy when I am finished.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Please continue.

An HON MEMBER: So why do guests have... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Why not? We have also begun to roll out a comprehensive ICT training programme to educators and principals. This includes basic training on how to ensure that the smart classroom technology is utilised and sustained, and courses on developing skills to produce content for lessons.

We are currently developing a teacher development plan that aims to strengthen pedagogical content knowledge of teachers in all subjects, and that provides in-service training that is focused, relevant and practical. We will also foster links with the universities on pre-service training.

While teacher development is vital to improving language and mathematics outcomes, we also need to ensure that we have quality school leadership and

management teams.

This aligns with the NDP statement that “Schools need to be well run by skilled and dedicated principals who foster a vibrant but disciplined environment that is conducive to learning.”

Die WKOD bied aan verskeie opleidingsinisiatiewe om skoolhoofde en aspirantskoolhoofde en bestuurspanne te ontwikkel en by te staan.

This year, there will be an increased emphasis on the appointment of quality principals.

It is of concern to me that despite the NDP stating that ‘changes should be introduced to the appointment process for principals, including administering a competency test for all candidates’, †INTshona Koloni isahleli ikuphela kwephphdo elikwenzayo oku. *The Western Cape remains the only province that is doing this.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Die PREMIER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The Western Cape remains the only province to do this.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor, hoor!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Last year, we piloted the use of Competency Based Assessments for shortlisted candidates... [Interjections.] ...for principal posts to ensure that the most suitable candidate is appointed, and that training needs are identified.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You think that we are impressed with that.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Hey, I am not finished yet. This year the WCED intends to expand Competency Based Assessments for the appointment of deputy principals and HODs. Stakeholder parties will be consulted before the actual implementation of this pilot.

Accountability and professionalism is key and we will continue to monitor the performance of our schools particularly those that achieve less than 70% in the NSC, as well as schools that perform poorly in the annual systemic tests. But accountability most certainly does not apply only to teachers, principals and officials. One of the key role players, if not the most important, are the parents.

'n Kern-element van die NOP 2030 visie vir skoolopleiding is dat ouers betrokke is by die skole waar hulle kinders skoolgaan.

While this Government has a major role to play in improving the quality of

education in this province, the importance of parental involvement cannot be underestimated. The unfortunate reality is that many of our parents have little interest in their child's education or participation in their schools.

†Namhlanje ndicela abazali ukuba babonise umdla kwimisebenzi yesikolo yabantwana babo, ukubakhuthaza ukuba bafunde, babale basebenze izibalo yonke imihla. Kwanokubandakanyeka kwabo kumatheko nakwimisebenzi yesikolo.

*Today I appeal to the parents to show interest in the school work of their children, to encourage them to read and count and work with numbers every day and their involvement in events and activities of the school. [Applause.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

An HON MEMBER: You are better than the Premier! [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! [Interjections.] Well done Minister Schäfer, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. [Interjections.] I will tell you later. I have recently appointed the second Education Council of this province... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order hon member Mr Magaxa, just one second.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I recently appointed the second Education Council of this province and have asked them, amongst other things, to specifically look at ways and means to get parents involved in their children's education. [Interjections.] Haibo!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, hon member Mr Magaxa you cannot enter into dialogue here across the floor. Please continue Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. We continue to face ill-discipline in our schools by some learners, some teachers and some principals. Parents, take responsibility for teaching your children discipline. The school should not have to tolerate the effects of bad discipline at home. Teachers and Principals, you are the adults and you are the leaders in the schools. Please set the right example.

In accordance with our priority of ensuring that our learners read, write and calculate at the appropriate levels, we have, over the last year, been investigating various strategies and best practices from around the world that have garnered success in improving these competencies at an early age.

I am therefore pleased to announce today that over the next four years, the WCED will be running a 100 school Living Lab Project for Grades R to 3. This aims at improving language and mathematics teaching and is based on

studies from around the world, many of which are informing our new maths strategy.

An HON MEMBER: Good.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The aim is to ensure that by the time our learners leave Grade 3, they will be able to read, write and calculate at the required levels.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Some of the recommendations which are common to these studies include:

1. The need for competency testing of foundation phase HODs;
 2. The presence and integrated use of reading materials;
 3. And the development of norms for reading, writing and mathematics;
 4. Teachers' capacity to teach English and mathematics, first additional language, should be assessed and the necessary training given.
 5. It is also recommended to providing qualified and trained maths teachers for dedicated teaching of the foundation phase. We will begin...
- [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Will we sound enthusiastic when we read?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, we do not want hon member Mr Paulsen as a teacher, thank you.

We will begin the process of determining the schools that will participate in this Lab, as well as the details thereof over the next few months, following consultation with their respective SGBs. It is envisaged that this will cost R150 million over the MTEF.

This year we will also emphasise improving the quality of learning and teaching in Grade R, early identification of learners who need remedial assistance and the roll-out of Grade R classrooms to schools.

Die WKOD het meer as 406 klaskamers in die afgelope vier jaar gebou. In die komende finansiële jaar sal meer as R29.1 miljoen op die bou van 82 Graad R klaskamers gespandeer word.

We cannot disregard the importance that after-school programmes can have on the outcomes of learners.

Over the past few years, the WCED has rolled out a number of after school tutoring and support programmes to both high and primary school learners to assist in improving their results. The after-school programme needs to go much further.

This past year, we have been working with DCAS, the DSD and the

Department of the Premier, to start developing the After School game-changer.

We are currently in the design phase and look to pilot this project later this year. It will involve a structured programme that will keep learners off the streets, but engaged in healthy and educational activities, access to technology and reading resources, skills development and career guidance.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

An HON MEMBER: And sport.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And sport.

An HON MEMBER: Good.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Language and mathematics will be a key focus area in this programme. The WCED will invest over R59.5 million in school infrastructure at MOD centres in preparation for the rollout of this programme next year.

Redress is important to this government, as we still sit with legacies of apartheid that make people feel excluded, even in our school system.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Yes, you hear, because we still sit with legacies of

apartheid.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It was recently brought to my attention... [Interjection.] We are going to nationalise hon member Mr Paulsen's house soon. It was recently brought to my attention during a visit to the Swartland district that during apartheid, schools were generally categorised according to race, with some former House of Representatives and Department of Education and Training schools being called secondary schools whilst the Model C Schools were called high schools. [Interjection.]

I believe there was a previous opportunity to change the names, but the fact that it was brought to my attention recently indicates that it is still a matter that requires attention.

As an extension of the City of Cape Town's recently launched Inclusive City initiative, we want to ensure that as a province, no school should feel that it is defined in any way on the basis of race.

Mr M N PAULSEN: But what about the people in Philippi?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As it is the prerogative of the school to make such an application, today I would like to appeal to any school in the province... [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: That school is in containers.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...that feels that the name of their school is still representative of an apartheid South Africa classification system, to now make an application to the WCED to change the name of the school to one that is inclusive.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, †Lo gama eyona njongo yethu iphambili ikukubonelela ngemfundo esemgangathweni kubo bonke abafundi kweli phondo lethu, ugxininiso ubukhulu becala lukubafundi bakwiindawo zasekuhlaleni zabahlwempuzekileyo.

*While our main objective is to provide quality education to all the learners in this province of ours the focus is more on learners from communities of the poor.

†This is evident in all that we do and will continue to do as seen in this budget.

In 2015/16 no-fee schools in National Quintiles 1 to 3 will all receive the increased amount of R1 116 per learner which will contribute meaningfully to improving resources and the quality of education at these schools. The WCED will continue to support 216 schools in Quintile 4 that have been declared no-fee schools. We will also continue to compensate schools that serve poor communities by the provision of over R39.3 million in fee

compensation.

The NDP states that “by 2030, feeding schemes in schools should cover all children in need and provide food that is high in nutritional content and rich in vitamins.”

I am pleased to announce that we are on track to achieve this goal.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Over 457 000 learners from 1 028 schools currently receive two nutritious meals a day in the Western Cape. Allocations to the feeding scheme have more than doubled since 2009/10, increasing from R112 million to just over R299.4 million in 2015/16. We will also continue to improve the nutritional value of meals.

In order to help assist over 50 000 learners in our poorer rural areas to get to and from school, we have allocated over R277 million for learner transport. We will also be investing over R48.7 million in school hostels so as to increase access to schools for learners living in the rural areas.

School Safety is an ongoing concern and challenge for WCED.

We salute the teachers who courageously face these challenges every day and strive to create a stable teaching and learning environment for our learners

when there is violence and fear just outside the school gate.

The reality is that the WCED cannot alone create stable environments within and around our schools. We therefore rely heavily on the assistance of SAPS, the City of Cape Town and the community safety fora. Again, parents have a major responsibility too.

This year, we will invest over R28.5 million into the Safe Schools Programme, which represents an increase of just over R1.5 million from the previous financial year. While this funding will not necessarily end violence in and around our schools, it will be used to provide targeted security infrastructure support to schools and assist with behavioural interventions.

We still experience far too much vandalism at schools, which usually occurs in our poorer communities.

Die PREMIER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This of course comes at a cost to the department... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Blame the ANC again.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...and diverts money away from our learners. In 2015/16, R20 million will be allocated to the Emergency

Maintenance Fund which will assist in repairing schools affected by burglary and vandalism. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: What do you expect when you remove security at school?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is not the school's job. We need to make a very obvious but important point. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please continue Minister Schäfer.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: (?) [Inaudible.] ...the job of the community to look after the school; not the security.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No, not the securities... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, Minister Madikizela, you are interfering with your... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.] ...cadres deployment.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: May I continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer, you can continue if your own

colleagues calm down.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is not my own colleague only Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela and hon member Mr Magaxa. Hon member Mr Magaxa, please allow the Minister to continue.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. We need to make a very obvious but important point. If we have 20 000 new learners migrating into the province each year, as we had this year... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Migrated?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes, yes, migrated. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Again, again.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This means... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Refugees!

Mr M N PAULSEN: Migrated [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is time you face the reality. This means

that an additional 15 to 20 schools are needed per year just to accommodate them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, back to 1652... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This obviously has financial and planning consequences with the cost for infrastructure alone amounting to half our annual infrastructure budget. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: You should have had Visa Regulations in 1652.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, that is the ANC that does the Visa Regulations that prohibits economic development.

Ms M N GILLION: Freedom of movement.

Mr M N PAULSEN: You needed in 1652.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This does not take into account the existing backlog, which we are still trying to address, and maintenance of all our stock, so we do not end up in an Eskom situation. It is also not possible to determine where people are going to relocate every year.

The WCED will again be investing heavily into school infrastructure to meet the above needs as far as possible.

I am delighted to announce that thirty-eight WCED and ASIDI funded replacement schools are being either built or completed in this financial year.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In addition, this year we will see the completion of eleven new schools, while an extra fifteen are under construction. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: How many did you close? How many did you close?
[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Though the [Inaudible.] that you closed is still open.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am going to close as many as we need to close.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Really.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Ja. The allocation towards new and replacement schools is just over R915.1 million... [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: [Inaudible.] those very schools.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, I really cannot speak like this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please continue.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The allocation towards new and replacement schools is just over R915.1 million this financial year, and R2.4 billion in the MTEF.

Maintenance of our schools is a top priority, with many of our poorer schools unable to keep up with maintenance and repairs. R338.5 million will be allocated towards maintenance.

The health of our learners is important. Health and Wellness mobiles are currently targeting our poorer rural schools which screen learners in Grades R to 1. These mobiles each include a consultation room where general health screening can be performed, a dental unit and an optometry unit.

In 2014, thousands of learners were screened and treated for health ailments.

This is a wonderful example of collaboration between the WCED, the Department of Health and the private sector, bringing healthcare to the doorstep of our poorer learners.

Our poorer schools will also be the first schools to benefit from the roll-out

of the LAN and the instalment of smart classrooms and lab refreshes. Our plan first targets all schools in Quintiles 1 to 3 and schools with special needs.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons is heel bewus van die verskeie uitdagings wat ons leerders met gestremdhede elke dag moet beleef. Een van die grootste uitdagings is die toenemende behoefte aan toegang tot ons fasiliteite.

In order to alleviate some of the pressure on our special needs schools we will be building additional classrooms to existing schools, utilising full-service schools for learners who experience moderate barriers and providing support packages and 40 learning support teachers to full service schools.

Two additional special schools for children with high support needs will be built in the current MTEF.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The CTLI will also be focusing on the training of teachers in inclusive education to support this demand.

In addition, we recognise that some learners' educational needs cannot be met in mainstream schools and instead are more suited to vocational or practical study fields such as automative services, building and construction,

manufacturing, hospitality, administration and personal care.

We currently have 18 schools of skill in this province with five special schools that have skills units attached, and are looking to increase the number of places in these schools in the coming years.

I have and will continue to place greater emphasis on schools that offer technical skills training so as to improve the employability for the learners in our province.

Finally, we will continue to provide opportunities for our youth who have repeatedly failed Grades 9 and 10.

I am extremely pleased to announce that this year's Education Budget supports the continuation of the Youth Focus Project, a project unique to the Western Cape.

In 2015, the WCED has matched 993 Grade 9 and 10 learners to FET colleges and AET Centres across the province.

The WCED will be allocating R37.596 million towards this programme.

Mr Deputy Speaker, †ndiwuvuyela kakhulu umbono wezemfundo eNtshona Koloni weminyaka emihlanu ezayo. *I am very happy with the vision of education in the Western Cape for the next five years.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I have no doubt that the interventions we are introducing will improve learner outcomes and the opportunities open to our young people.

I would like to thank at this stage the Superintendent-General, Penny Vinjevold, for her incredible support in bringing me up to speed on a very new portfolio, my ministerial staff led by Bronagh Casey Hammond for their incredible work in a very demanding ministry, and the WCED officials and staff for their dedication and commitment to making education Better Together in this province.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I would also specially like to thank my husband and family for their ongoing support and patient understanding; not always as patient, sometimes more than others, unfortunately. [Interjections.] I do love them. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

Unfortunately my daughters could not be here today, but I made them go to school. I also want to take this opportunity... [Interjections.] Can I please

stop being interrupted and harassed by the EFF here? I also would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to two of our staff members who are leaving us, Mr Eugene Meyer after 37 years with the Department.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And Mr Theo Hammond, who has been assisting us... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Sorry, who has been assisting us for 17 years with our examinations' administration. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Together we can improve learner outcomes and ensure that our vision of an open-opportunity society for all is realised in the Western Cape. Thank you.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Schäfer. I see the hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Now you can get colourful. [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon members of this House, SG Penny Vinjevold and her team of the WCED, the teachers' teaching fraternity, Mr James Selfe and his team; distinguished guests and the whole of the Western Cape community. Before I start, I am just a little bit curious... [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: You are very statesman like. You should be the Premier.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I feel the wear and tear. I feel a little bit tired today and I saw the ANC being so sprightly this morning, full of energy, and I just wanted to know what they had with their muesli or Weetbix this morning, so perhaps they could give me some added energy. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We had [Inaudible.] this morning!

Mr B D KIVEDO: I normally take Vital, three Vitals. [Laughter.] Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: ...this morning.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...for the tabling of the report. [Interjections.]. If improving education outcomes and opportunities for youth development is the

strategic goal, the DA welcomes and supports this Budget Appropriation of approximately R17.7 billion to the Western Cape Education Department and I think it is at these opportunities and outcomes that I just want to pause a little bit; outcomes not only in terms of chasing numbers in terms of statistics, statistics and bloody lies as they say, but it is all about broad socialisation.

Mr P UYS: Speak about the Budget. [Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: The fact remains is that we are not spoon-feeding our learners. We make them independent thinkers. It is not *tabula rasa*. In psychology they call it *tabula rasa*, making inscriptions on an empty slate and do not worry, ANC, your children are attending the same schools, hey, here in the Western Cape, so I am talking for all of us. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They go to a private school.

Mr B D KIVEDO: And it is about career pathing. It is about linking into job opportunities, about chartering the way forward to a new future, the breaking of a new tomorrow. It is about instilling hope in our kids.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

Mr B D KIVEDO: And that is what education is all about. It is also cross-cutting. It is cutting through all the sectors and departments in this Parliament or Government.

An HON MEMBER: Linking into the budget.

Mr B D KIVEDO: So take note, EFF, carry it over to your members as well. It will help them a lot, a specific member, perhaps.

An HON MEMBER: Member.

Mr B D KIVEDO: To your member. [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, this allocation will indeed assist the Department in fulfilling the core functions of the curriculum and assessment support, administrative and financial support and institutional development and support systems; structures and programmes within the public education sector. En ek dink dit gaan eintlik hier oor integrerende onderwys wat hier duidelik uitgespel word. Daar sit ons bekwame amptenary wat hierdie ding laat werk. Hulle is die enjinkamer wat kurrikulum en institusionele kapasiteitsbou en bepaalde uitsette bymekaar uitbring, fisiese beplanning en wat ook al wat met onderwys te doen het en dit moontlik maak vir skoon effektiewe doeltreffiende onderrig, opleiding en ontwikkeling en ek dink dit is vir my die belangrikste aspek, so baie dankie daarvoor. Ek salueer die amptenary, Penny Vinjefold en haar span, SG.

As a result of the population growing the Department is placed under increased pressure to provide quality education to a growing number of learners with limited resources, yet the Western Cape Education Department is exemplary in their management thereof. En luister, dit gaan nie hier oor mense wat vlug en mense wat immigrer nie. Vergeet van hierdie konsepte. Die feit van die saak is ons sit - we are sitting with the reality... [Interjections.]

Just a second, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are sitting here with a situation where we pre-empt, we can. We are proactive. We navigate through this situation in a very cool, calm and collected manner; the three Cs. [Interjections.] And we address the situation in terms of solving the problem. It has never been a problem for us. It has never been a crisis, hon member Mr Dugmore. You are part of the Standing Committee and I appreciate you as one of my colleagues in the Standing Committee, especially for your guidance and being former MEC for Education, so I just want to mention it and I think, the two of us had long discussions on this.

An HON MEMBER: Former MEC... [Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Opposition parties in this House will today perhaps criticise... [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Speak about [Inaudible.] this one.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Your voice is... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please

Mr K E MAGAXA: Who is “this one”?

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon member Mr Magaxa, listen carefully to what I have to say here. I am not picking on you brother, but I just want to say this. Opposition parties may today criticise the position the Western Cape Education Department finds themselves in on the best performance provinces list, based on matric passes. [Interjections.] I know this is a debatable issue, but yet, it is important that we become honest with ourselves and consider the qualitative aspects of the education provided and the calibre of those passes rather than chasing numbers in order to be placed on a superficial list. It is all about capacitation. It is all about reflective education. It is all about introspection. It is dualism. It is developing critical thinkers, hon member Mr Cameron Dugmore. It is about education for critical consciousness so that we can develop a world view, so that we can understand our existential issues, our very existence, and I think this is what the WCED is doing and we are doing it in a manner that is second to none.

The DA has no issue supporting the Budget appropriated to the Western Cape Education Department because we have all the confidence in them to improve

the level of language and mathematics in schools and I think Minister Debbie Schäfer has alluded to that, we are assured that they will increase in number and most importantly the quality of passes in the National Senior Certificate. We are also heartened that the Western Cape Education Department has made a concerted effort to increase the quality of education provision in poorer communities, so I think we have to make this distinction between quantifiable issues and numbers and stats and quality. We have to take this very seriously; not only as people in the Western Cape but people in South Africa. This is the only country that we are concerned about. It is the only country we have. We have to nurture this country. We have to build this country. We have an option - either we break it down or we build it up. Finish and klaar!

An HON MEMBER: Ja and we are going to... [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: And what we have here is excellent administration boosted by online services. Wat is uitstekende administrasie? Dit is doeltreffende administrasie, agb lid mnr Olivier, dit is effektiewe administrasie, deursigtige administrasie en doeltreffende administrasie. Dit is wanneer ons dinge laat werk en die ratte laat draai en die wiele laat rol.

Mnr R T OLIVIER: Presies.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: En die provinsie vorentoe neem en Suid-Afrika vorentoe neem. [Tussenwerpsel.]

A five year teacher development plan - I think this is important to keep our teachers abreast with developments especially in the IT age, in the technological age and other new developments especially in terms of curricula.

We have situations where a mother or father cannot even assist a Grade 2 learner, so moeilik raak dit. Ek sukkel ook met Grade 3 werk nou en dan; because it is away from *Boet, Sus and Daan*, and those things. It is difficult stuff.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Wait for Grade 8.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Excuse me?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Wait for Grade 8. [Laughter.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: I know. Provincial curriculum management strategies, I have already alluded to that and then good school management. I think this has to do with our philosophy and ethos in our schools in terms of buy-in of the community and I like this idea, that the communities take ownership of the schools. Om te sê dit is onse skool en ons bewaak en bewaar en dit, jaloers nè. Ons koester die skool want dit is onse bate en ons gaan dit beskerm, en ek dink dit is idee wat vasgelê moet word in al die gemeenskappe binne die Wes-Kaap en in Suid-Afrika, dat ons nie ons bates

sommer so vir 'n pot lensiesop loop verkoop nie.

Needs based education provisioning, and I think this is important, when we talk about needs based, it is specifically directed to a specific need. Dit is nie 'n skoot in die donker nie. It is nothing about trial and error... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member Mr Kivedo. Hon member Mr Paulsen and hon member Mr Christians, there is a speaker on the floor. You may proceed.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you Madam Speaker. So dit is nie 'n skoot in die donker nie. It is not trial and error, but it is well-designed to reach specific goals. This is a social support and a platform for youth development. I am extremely impressed with what is happening in the Western Cape in terms of not only developing the cognitive, but also the effect of incognitive dimensions of young learners, of young people, en om hulle in totaliteit te ontwikkel as volwaardige diensbare en dienswillige burgers van die land. Dit gaan oor burgerlike gereedheid en ook paraatheid om die land vorentoe te neem.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: H'm, groot woorde.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Mr B D KIVEDO: The barriers to learning and I think we have too many of

these and I think the Minister has alluded to this, where we have impediments and barriers and all sorts of obstacles that - wat ons onderwys “haywire” maak man, wat onnodig is en wat ’n bedreiging is vir die vooruitgang van ons onderwys.

Dit is internaliteite binne en ook eksternaliteite na buite wat negatief inwerk veral op die infrastruktuur en ook op die pedagogiese leerkultuur van skole en ek dink dit is dinge wat ons saam - en ek wil hê die ANC moet luister en al die opposisiepartye - moet hande vat en dit saam bepak en bestry. Dit is nie net die DA se werk nie. Ons is almal in een boot.

Quality Grade R. Ek het nou ’n seuntjie wat net na Graad R - en julle kyk my maar so, ek kan nog. [Gelag.] But Grade R - hy het so bietjie Grade R gedoen.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: I am just... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I think what is important - nee, ek is te vroeg gebore, therefore I am a little bit older. The WCED is in the first instance creating circumstances that are conducive for training, education and learning and development. Dit is wat ons doen. It is not handouts, en sê hier. We create

situations and where people can develop to their fullest potential, and I think that is the most important. Quality education should never be politicised.

An HON MEMBER: Absolutely.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Amen on that.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hallelujah. [Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: As the late great Madiba so rightfully said, education and I quote him: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." And quite frankly, the world most definitely needs to change and I firmly believe that together with the allocated R17.7 billion towards improving education outcomes by focusing on learner teacher and content development, the winds of change have already been blowing and will continue to blow in the Western Cape and this has nothing to do with Harold Wilson, hey, simply because the priority is the learner and what is best for him or her - not political grandstanding. It is not necessary. Political grandstanding, ons kan gaan grandstand op Nuweland as die Stormers speel, but we do not have to do it here.

We work towards a common goal. I think we have enough commonalities, things in common. We have a country to share. We have a province to share. We have families to share. We have our kids' interests at heart, investment in our children. We are not enemies. We should become bridge builders,

reconciliators in this country and nation builders. I think that is the most important, the most important issue.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, ja, I am under my 20 minutes, but it is alright. [Laughter.] I am breaking a record today. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You have got 36. [Inaudible.] You have got 36 minutes.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I have got 36, yes... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...but I will cut it down. No, I think you borrowed. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Proceed hon member Mr Kivedo. [Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: The Minister borrowed sixteen minutes of my time, ja. Ek wil by die geleentheid sê baie dankie aan die Ministerie van Onderwys, Minister Debbie Schäfer, baie dankie, en vir u span, baie dankie vir die volgehoute ondersteuning, die feit dat ons gedurigdeur teruggevoer het en ook vir ons studiegroepe. Thanks for the mutual encouragement. I think that is also being on a learning curve and I am glad that we could share and we could take this education excursion seriously in this province.

My Standing Committee members, thank you very much for our meetings and discussions, deliberations, and it is always a pleasure for me as Chairperson of the Standing Committee to have this inter-party Standing Committee and I think this is for me the most important thing, where we can deliberate, we can differ, we can, but we never fight. We never become personal and we join hands. [Interjections.] Our coordinators and support staff... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you very much for your contribution and I also acknowledge the significant role played by all and sundry and especially the learners, the teacher educators, the school community, the parents, the civic organisations, the NGOs, the religious fraternity, all people who have an interest in education. Thank you so much and may we take it from here and I will remain confident because I am an optimist. I believe in this country. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the hon member Mr Olivier. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am not going to mention names, but all protocol observed.

An HON MEMBER: Protocol [Inaudible.] to our left.

An HON MEMBER: The DA is much... [Inaudible.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Before I start with my speech, I want to get the important things off my table first, it is to just indicate to this House how excited we are that tomorrow the National Minister of Basic Education will open the next ASIDI school in Valhalla Park. I am sure the Minister is aware of that.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Ja.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And we are very excited about that, and this is the first step... [Interjection.]

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Well we built the school.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...in eradicating the “plankie” school in this province and in the country as a whole. So we are very excited. We are very excited. [Interjections.] And I am sure my Chair and the Minister are also very excited about this.

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am glad for you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Chair, but let us just look at what is the concerning areas within our education system at this stage and also linked to that, our social

issues or concerns within our own societies. Now the headlines, and I just want to raise a few or just reflect on a few before I start with this budget contribution, are that on 20 March, for example in *Die Son*, and Madam Speaker, I want to be progressive with this e-Learning thing, that is why I am reading my speech from this there ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Yes. [Inaudible.]

Die MINISTER VAN ONDERWYS: Mooi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: So you are supporting learning.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So it says and I read, and I am just referring to headlines and this is what we need to be focused on as a department in moving forward. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It says: “Tien onnies druipe LOL toets. Wolwe in skaapklere.” I think that is the first headline. This is what we see in our newspaper over the past week.

It further says in the *Daily Voice*, 20 March: “No school for 100 kids at Mfuleni.” That is the second issue that we see in the headlines and I see as a department we are getting too many headlines in the newspapers lately. Then

it says in the *Cape Times*, 20 March: “Teachers fear for their lives.” And this really speaks to your school safety programmes. It says: “Teachers need protection...” - the *Cape Times*, 20 March.

An HON MEMBER: They do not read the *Cape Times*.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And it says: “Special matric school, too little too late...” - the *Cape Times*, and I can go on, and because it is a conversation and it is not today a reading of a speech, I also want to just enter into that one and immediately start with the overarching goal, Goal 1, which is improving mathematics and language in all schools and maybe let us also look then at the challenging areas because I see both the Minister and the Chair have raised what is going good within the Department, but I think they have just omitted to say what the challenges are and what this department is faced with.

Firstly let us look at our own systemic test results. Yes, most areas are increasing, but let us just look at Grade 6 language and Grade 9 mathematics. From the Grade 9 it says 71 000 learners wrote and it gives us 10 600 passed and that represents a 14.9% and the means score is supposed to be 28.7%. That is a real challenge. That is in Grade 9.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

Mr R T OLIVIER: So that is a fundamental challenge and I think the

strategies that have been raised here, if that strategy really then starts to speak to those challenges, I think then we can agree that we are moving and that this department is doing a great job.

Then you go back to language. In Grade 6 72 000 learners wrote, 27 000 passed, which represents a 37.9% and the means score test is supposed to be 43.2% so it is below. So that is another challenge that we stare in the face as we are dealing with the improvement of language and mathematics in the province. So already you are sitting with that challenge facing us. So I think that is the area that we want to first deal with and that we are saying the Department should really be focusing, because it is a concern. The only results in this means test that are positive at this point is your Grade 3 mathematics, 85 000 wrote, 46 000 passed. It is a 54% and it is above the means score, which is 52. In all the other areas, your Grade 3 language is above 42%. It is supposed to be 45. 30% in mathematics in Grade 6 - it should be 41% according to the means test, and I am just referring fortunately to this booklet, Minister, that we just received, so it is in here. So I am just referring to that one so what we are then saying, if you are referring really to the issues of us improving mathematics and language I think there already is a glancing red light that indicates those are the focus areas because in fact it then affects the results, which I now must go to, which is Goal 2. You have so eloquently said we must not really look at chasing numbers, but unfortunately those numbers are warm bodies. Those are the learners that were at school, 47 700 wrote; 39 000 passed. We are 82%, 82.2% down from 2013 in the Matric results of 85.1% so there has been a decline there in the

results of matric.

Yes, we are not chasing numbers. We are chasing quality and whatever the other issues are, but unfortunately there are still quite a number of learners that fall through the cracks that, if we have 47 000 that write, if you want to be the best, we need to say our target should be that those 47 000 must go through the system and pass and create an opportunity for those in the lower grades, so that is the second aspect I wanted to just raise.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just take your time - do not worry.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, no, I have got 20 minutes and I do not share it with anyone. [Laughter.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just take your time.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Then Chair let us... [Interjections.] Ja, it is a conversation, I do not want to make a speech, because you have said here we must not politicise these issues.

An HON MEMBER: It is a very nice conversation.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So I just want us to engage so that if I am wrong you must be able to assist me as well. Then let us go to the performance of districts, yes, we agree that we have done well. That we do not take away. We have

done well, but let us then also look at where we are not doing well so that we then also do our work there. In Metro North... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Kom nou Theo, kom nou.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...when it comes to performance of education district from 2012 to 2014, then we see a slight decline. 2013 we see that it was 85.81% that passed in that district. When you then zoom into the district and we have in 2014 then 81% so it is a slight decline, so we are saying let us also look at what the problems are there, what assistance we need to provide as a department in those areas.

In Metro South the same: it was 83% in the previous financial year. It is 81%. I am just looking at those, so because we are saying in Goal 2, we must ensure that we increase our National Senior Certificate pass rates and so on, so I am saying those are elements that we also need to look at.

Overberg, which is my region I am coming from is doing well, quite well, I must agree. It is just a slight 1% decline. It is a smaller margin. We can do some work there. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: So it dropped actually.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And the West Coast has done quite well, but I am just concerned about the two areas, which is your Metro North and your Metro

South, which we really need to look at, but also with schools if you then look at schools per se you do not look at the schools with the pass rate below 60% and you just look at 2011. Obviously I know we will also use the argument that there has been more enrolment which is fine. We accept that, but if you look at 2012 schools below the 60% pass rate, it was 11% and we see now in 2014 it was 17% so there are more schools that begin to fall below the 60% pass rate and I can go through the region, because in the Metro region you will see 12. In the South Metro again which is the biggest cluster of schools, you see 5% there.

An HON MEMBER: That is your Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Somewhere there, so we are saying those are the areas that we really need to be looking at.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

Mr R T OLIVIER: So we are saying those are the areas that we really need to be looking at.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And I think if we are looking in those areas then I think our Goal 2 will really start to find substance. [Interjections.] Then let us look at - I am just looking at what the reports are, Chair... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, no, no.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ja, it is.

An HON MEMBER: Take your time, take your time.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Bear with me, Madam Speaker. I want to just go also into what the conditions are or the environment under which our kids have to learn, before I get to infrastructure and other areas. I just want to look at the R24 million that has now been invested into the Safe School Programme.

Yes, we agree it is not the responsibility of the school alone to deal with this issue and Chair, I am saying to those who then must deal with the issue because it is in our precinct. It is within those schools. Kids are not safe at schools at this point, and Chair, if you look at the Safe Schools Call Centre report, which you were given fortunately by the sub-directorate Education and Safety Management in February it says under abuses in 2013 - and at the Call Centre it might say many things - there is an increase in this incidence or reports. It was 394 in 2013 and at the same time this year 2014 it is 481, so that is a slight increase there, so it means there are “wolve in slaapklere by skole.” [Interjections.]

'n AGBARE LID: Wolwe in skaapklere.

An HON MEMBER: You are to [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes, yes, I agree with you. It is a conversation.

An HON MEMBER: A nice [Inaudible.] Take it easy.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Then you go to burglaries and yes, we agree that communities must begin to take ownership of the facilities once they are there, but however we see there is also an increase in burglaries at schools, from 1 054 to 1 098. It is not quite huge. It can be dealt with, but there is an increase there.

Then you look at crime, general crime incidence reports. It was 613 in 2013 but in 2014 it went up to 807. Those are the reports that come from the centre.

An HON MEMBER: And this is oversight.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And maybe we might then say the communities begin to report these things, but on the other hand it means this problem is worsening.

An HON MEMBER: It is getting worse.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Then gang violence, which seems to be particularly in the Cape Flats areas in the Manenberg and so on. You see in 2013, 137 incidents

were reported to our Call Centre; in 2014, 315. It is almost double. So hence it says R24 million - yes, it can go a long way but we need more. We need more in terms of addressing these issues. Our kids cannot be held hostage and not be able to be safe at school and ourselves as parents - wherever we are - are not relaxed that our kids are at school and they might not be safe.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ...their security.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So I am saying, Chair, these are the elements that one need to look at. Also with learner transport for example there is also quite a slight increase there. Nine incidents were reported; 11. So I am saying, Chair, if these are the areas that we need to look at and improving mathematics outcome, mathematics and language performance as well as our matric results, these are the areas that seem to be the holding us off moving forward, so we must look at these issues.

Then when you look at infrastructure buildings, the committee - and I hope hon member Mr Christians will also then agree with me - visited a few schools but the facilities, the infrastructure there are extremely bad.

An HON MEMBER: No, he disagrees.

An HON MEMBER: No he disagrees. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He disagrees.

Mr R T OLIVIER: He disagrees, but be it as it may... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Be it as it may, it is extremely appalling to those schools which we visited and we are saying, yes, there is quite a substantial amount being invested into infrastructure, but what we are saying, Chair, is that we cannot continue on the *status quo*. We still find, particularly in the previous financial year, about R138 million which was not used in terms of infrastructure spending and our concern is that with this R1.4 million, which the Minister has now indicated; we just want to monitor that one and hope that that budget will be spent this financial year. It will not again be a situation when we come to an annual report that we are sitting with funds unspent. It cannot be.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Of a variance or shifting within.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes, those big words of variance and so on and so on, I do not want to get to that one. The next issue which I want to have a conversation on, is the e-Learning and the broadband issue.

Now Chair, I am not sure, we must be assisted. I just got a small article here.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You still have time, do not worry. You still have time.

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr R T OLIVIER: The *Business Day*... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Calm down.

Mr R T OLIVIER: The *Business Day*, Chair, has raised a concern and this is the headline. I am not sure whether it is right or wrong but you know we are still raising it, so that we look at it if there are any real issues we need to look at, but what it really says and these are some of the experts in this kind of field for 30 years I see here ... they yet indicate that we... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is how we do this.

Mr R T OLIVIER: We are too ambitious in terms of rolling out this and I think also the Department under its risk areas raised the issue that we are too ambitious in rolling out this issue and strategies are really received with resistance from unions and so on, and this really says that we should engage teachers - because I think teachers must be those who really rolled out this and I think when you read this article it really speaks to whether we have a conversation with teachers when we want to roll this out. Are they really geared up? Once we are saying these are the 600 or whatever pilot areas we have, are we then able to roll it out with the full support of our educators? According to this article, it seems that educators seem to be resisting in

rolling out or... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that article in the *Cape Times*?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No it is not in the *Cape Times*. It is in the *Business Day*...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: So Chair, in a nutshell these are the areas that are concerning us as the ANC in saying that yes, things are moving in this department but there are quite a lot that still need to be done, that is still lacking behind and we must accept that we cannot remain behind and whether we are chasing numbers or not or whether we are chasing really the issue of quality... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: This guy speaks like an MEC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: An MEC, an MEC. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: But we cannot really be stagnant on number four, and we really rate ourselves as the best province when we speak. We must then occupy that number one spot.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He speaks like an MEC. It is a shame he is not sitting

that side... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes, there is too much, you know, Richard.

The SPEAKER: There is a speaker on the floor. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Then the last point is just to deal with a few areas in terms of the budget itself. We see that ECD has come up really strong, but we still feel that a lot of funds need to still be spent in that field, because I think the Minister has also alluded that that is the foundation phase that we really need to focus on, but I think R600 million really needs to be looked at. I think we can do more in that field in making sure that we start with that development phase so that once we get up to the higher grades we are able to say we have laid a firm foundation. Chair, just in closing here are all the areas, the figures that we are not really happy about. Yes, there are explanations, but the minor assets, your support and outsourcing, your fleet services, your inventory - those amounts really still are huge amounts, those percentages are still huge and we are asking the Department to really look into those issues so that we really do not spend such allocations to those. And Chair, the last point has to deal with database within the Department. If we are speaking about public participation and we are talking about parents taking ownership, I have asked a simple issue from the Department as to whether we have got a database of dates of when school governing body meetings are taking place.

There should be figures or stats or a report that is readily available, but I was then told the Department does not have those dates; with any elections, these are the third biggest elections in our country when you deal with elections, your school governing bodies. Of course your national elections and other elections are huge but this one is the third biggest one but still we cannot find the relevant information from our own department, centralised information that says at these school dates and times whatever is taking place. So that once you click a button here, when we go to e-Learning you are then able to see those. It was difficult to get those. In fact we got a report that we must then communicate with schools because they have got the specific dates. The only date available is the one that was proclaimed. And the last one, Chair, the schools, the Philippi issue, we are still concerned that when learners are standing up marching to the Department raising frustration they are confronted with rubber bullets and anything else, and I am saying, Chair, we must deal with these issues, we must respond to these issues.

The Philippi High School we see is not part of the plan. We were informed that once land and whatever have been obtained there will be funding available to deal with this but we could not pick up from the infrastructure budget as to where these millions will be going in terms of the school. Thank you. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you and good morning, Madam Speaker. I would like to continue where the hon member Mr Olivier left off, on 6 March, because I think we need to look at this a bit more.

On 6 March 2015 about 400 learners from Philippi High School went to the Department of Education to demand infrastructure and proper facilities for a favourable learning environment but the public or the police was unleashed on them.

The police threw stun-grenades at learners and the first stun-grenade landed in a schoolgirl's lap and burnt the skin off her leg. More stun-grenades exploded and a few more learners were injured in the process. Now I do not know who takes responsibility for calling or unleashing the public or the police on learners. I think someone wants to be the Cyril Ramaphosa of the Western Cape and have his own Marikana here.

Philippi High School is one of the many schools in the province that have no building or sports fields or flushing toilets and despite many attempts to get the Department to build them a school the learners still study in shipping containers which are unbearably hot in summer and extremely cold in winter. It is quite disturbing that such a department that should be upholding our children's constitutional rights to education, has not made provision to build this high school and many others facing the same situation including the many crèches made up of corrugated iron across the province.

On average 25 000 applications are sent to four universities in this province annually but there is on average about 4 000 available positions for first-years, which is not enough to admit the learners that pass matric in the Western Cape alone. This is a national trend, but the Provincial Government must call for the massive expansion of post-secondary education and training and the transformation of higher education.

Annually over 50% of learners drop out of secondary school for various reasons, mostly socio-economic such as poverty, being unable to afford a school uniform or stationery, being unable to cope with distance from schools, gang fights and territorial fights in communities, dysfunctional families.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has expired. Finish your sentence please.

'n AGBARE LID: Haai, so gou?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Are we not setting up our children to just be drawers of water and hewers of wood and nothing else? Thank you. [Time expired.]

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the ACDP believes that education

develops the nation's character and determines its future prosperity. When I heard the speech and when I engaged with the Department you look at what the objectives are and the objectives were - my manifesto of the ACDP says, are there reading skills, is that prioritised; numeracy? Yes, it is prioritised. Better schools; if in poor schools, no fees. That has been addressed. The only thing... [Interjections.] The only thing that the ANC disagreed with was the R24 million allocated for safer schools and I educated them by telling them it is not the main function of this department. They have other role players, but there is much to do. There is much to do. I was the person in the Portfolio Committee who brought... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not shout, [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...who brought it to the attention of the Philippi School.

The SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Paulsen. Sorry, hon member Mr Christians. Sorry there is a request for you to just try and tone down.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: That is the way [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I recognise that you are passionate. Just try and keep the volume down.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: On the Philippi issue, I was the person in the Committee that brought the Philippi issue to their attention. What did the Education Department say? As soon as we get available land we will have the school built, so this member was not there. Hon member Mr Olivier said nothing about it.

An HON MEMBER: Have you acquired the land?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So this is what was said. When the ANC mentioned about Mitchells Plain learners, they gave fictitious figures about learners not in school. The Department had three mobile units set up there to accommodate those learners. [Interjections.] So this is what the ANC does, they do not give the facts. They give lies. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: They give lies. That is what they do.

The SPEAKER: Order please, order please members.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I just want to say, this budget addresses new schools. It addresses infrastructure. What do you want more? You get that slice of the cake... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...and you must make use of it. The question today is do we support this budget, yes or no. We support it. The ANC does not, and the EFF does not. They must say that to the public that they do not support the budget, but the ACDP supports this budget, Madam Speaker. Thank you.
[Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Christians. I recognise...
[Interjections.] Order please members. [Interjections.] Can we settle down please? Order! I see the hon Minister Schäfer. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: We go to schools. This is what we send out.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Yes, briefly, hon member Mr Kivedo thank you very much for your comments. I also would like to thank you and your committee for the constructive engagement for want of a better word, that we have enjoyed over the last ten months and look forward to working together with you and the committee going forward.

Yes, you have also highlighted as have I, the growing number of learners with our limited resources and I think that our department is doing phenomenally well within these constraints.

Regarding the matric pass rate, we are worried about numbers. We are not chasing percentages. That is the crucial point. We are wanting good percentage passes but our main focus is getting more learners to pass matric and that is the issue and yes, we will congratulate those who do well. We will not congratulate those who get rid of their learners so they can get a higher percentage pass rate. So the only province that I really will acknowledge that has done fairly well is Gauteng, but the other two I will not.

I completely agree with you about the communities taking ownership of schools. I recently met with a very proactive organisation called the Ikamva Peacemakers working in Samora Machel who have made huge strides in reducing the risks to our learners in schools and if they can have more people like that I think it could assist a lot. I just on a lighter note have to refer to your information regarding your son in Grade R. There is a saying that says, “too much information.” [Laughter.]

Hon member Mr Olivier I would like to thank you for your constructive comments. Thank you very much.

We do share many of your concerns. I did raise many of them in my speech already, which I think you will now be able to see. To say that the ASIDI programme is a first step in eradicating ‘plankie’ schools though is not correct. We have started eradicating ‘plankie’ schools a long time ago, but we are very grateful for the National funding and I will be there tomorrow with Minister Motshekga. I sincerely hope this time though unlike with

Deputy Minister Surtee she will make sure that there are no people on school property in ANC T-shirts in contravention of the South African Schools Act.

[Interjections.]

As far as the headlines in the newspapers, there is a danger in reading headlines in newspapers, I have discovered myself, and suggest that you do not only rely on headlines.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He does not. Do not make that assumption.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: He said it is the headlines only.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He does not follow advice.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am not having a debate with the honourable ex-Minister Dyantyi.

The SPEAKER: Minister, speak to the Chair please. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As far as The Voice is concerned, “No school for 100 kids in Mfuleni”, we know what happened there. People arrived at the last minute. We cannot know when and where they are going to arrive. Schools are booked months in advance. We are asking parents to

register. For some schools' admission dates, applications have already closed for next year and we ask year-on-year, year after year after year after year for parents to please register their children in time so we can make adequate provision. It is a huge logistical operation to try and place a million children in school every year and I think our department has done extremely well wherever possible and we have made arrangements for those children. We also discovered that many of those children were in fact taken out of other schools and put in that tent. So we need to just look at the facts on each matter.

As far as teachers fearing for their lives are concerned, yes, this was related to a particular problem that we have experienced at Imvumelwano Primary School, where the teachers are ganging up because they want a sex-pest principal reinstated and it is a disgrace. We in fact asked those teachers to lay criminal charges against them. They have refused to do so because they are too scared and we are dealing with the governing body asking them to please take responsibility for that school. It is also their responsibility together with us, to make sure that order is restored at that school.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I agree with you there.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the only thing... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is a first, can we have that on record please.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The systemic tests, yes, there are concerns there. A lot of my speech was about our concerns regarding Grade 8 and Grade 9 particularly and that is a focus of us, of the Department.

Districts, yes, we have done well but we always are relooking everything we do. We have after the matric results had a very productive meeting with our district directors and they have been extremely proactive in organising the district's improvement plans and their school improvements plans. They are all ready. They are busy implementing. Only one of my district directors is here and he is a new acting one, so I am very glad he is here, but I am equally glad that the others are not, because they are busy out doing their work in the schools. So we always reflect on everything we have. The good thing about all the data we do have is that we use it to analyse our performance and see where we need to improve.

The schools pass rate: yes we were disappointed that more schools fell into the underperforming schools this year than they were last year, and we are working on that to try and ensure it does not happen. There are the ten serial underperforming schools and that relates to my point on accountability.

School leadership will ensure that we get schools running properly and if they are not doing that we will have to deal with that.

Safe schools, yes, I would love more money for safe schools. The thing is we do absolutely everything we can to try and make our schools safe. We are fully aware of the SAPS. I mean there is this organisation at national level called SAPS that has a R72 billion rand budget per year. They are spending this year R40 million on a music extravaganza that will include gala dinner, ballroom dancing, a cocktail party, cooking competitions... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you not want to speak about [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...and culminating in the police's leading music groups and choirs. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are going to Pretoria now.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: If we could have this R40 million in our safe schools project it would more than double our budget. [Interjections.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Kom terug.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So I would be very happy to have that, but unfortunately we do not.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So we are doing what we can with what we have. As far as gang violence is concerned we heard earlier about what is going on with the gang violence. Maybe if you can speak to your national colleagues and make sure that the police stop selling [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Speak to your colleague next [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...guns to our gangsters, then it would help us reduce the gang problem in the Western Cape.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar sit hy.

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Infrastructure is not extremely bad everywhere. In some places it is not good.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] Because they chase him away.

The SPEAKER: Order. Sorry there is a speaker on the floor members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Infrastructure is not extremely bad everywhere. In some places it is and we are dealing with that. I said we have

a backlog. You know what our constraints are as far as that is concerned. Trying to balance the needs of new schools and maintenance of old schools and we are doing the best we can there.

E-Learning, yes, of course the lesser engaged teachers are not going to work. We are busy engaging teachers. We have all along the SG consults with teachers all the times. She meets with the principal's forum. We have already started teacher training for our e-Learning programme and the feedback I have been given is that there is a huge amount of excitement about our programme. It is not pie in the sky. It is well planned. It has been discussed with the relevant structures in our province. I think Michael Rice was referring to another province in particular in this matter.

ECD yes, we would also like more money. We do not have it, unfortunately, and we have to balance all the different needs. We are wanting to improve. At ECD we are doing so every year, with Grade R in particular, and I know Social Development Minister Fritz is also looking at that.

We will also be doing a pilot with them in our Provincial Strategic Goal at about 100 ECD centres to increase the performance there.

Database - I am not quite sure why the ANC wants to have access to all the SGB dates of the elections. [Interjections.] Well why? It is actually for the schools benefit, the parents and the schools [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. Hon member Ms Schäfer, address the Chair please. [Interjections.] Do not engage the members in your response. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am addressing them through the Chair, Madam Speaker.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is national elections mos.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The parents need to know when they are taking place, and they do. The Philippi issue - well that is interesting in itself. We are equally concerned about any violence against children and we are waiting and I have an engagement with Minister Plato on that incident in particular to find out. He is awaiting a report from the police, but I will not get involved in excoriating the police when we do not have the full facts in front of us. I had some idea. I saw some of what happened because I can see from my office and I could hear the noise they were making and I could see what was going on. I could not hear what was said, but it is a concern, but at the same time it is also a concern when learners do not listen to the instructions of the police.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: What are they supposed to do? Now I do not know whether there was excessive force there and we are looking into that, but as far as the land issue is concerned, Philippi School was put there in 2007. Why did the ANC not build them a proper school at that point? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The need was not the same.

An HON MEMBER: That is the question.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The need was exactly the same. [Interjections.] The need was exactly the same than it is now.

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are saying [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The need was exactly the same.

The SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer, will you take your seat please. Member, our finger please, thank you. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Withdraw your finger.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I withdraw my finger.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Withdraw your finger. Put your hands on the desk where I can see them. [Laughter.] Minister Schäfer, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you very much, but yes, we have said as well and I will repeat it again, as soon as we can get the land we can build them a school. We have many needs to balance, but they are in line for another school as soon as we can secure the land. We cannot put it in our budget now for the simple reason that we do not know when we can spend it - until the land is secured, and if we do not spend the money that is our UAMP we get penalised by National Government because they will not give us money for building the following year. So that is why it is not there, but as soon as we can get the land - we are working on getting the land and we will do what we can to ensure that that school is built as soon as possible. Thank you Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor, hoor.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The SPEAKER: That concludes the vote on this debate. Members, if I might

ask, we have a really full programme today, so whilst the officials move along can we ask that the next team move in and then we will break. We will duly break at one o'clock so that we can then reconvene at two, but we have an hour to make up and I suggest we use it wisely. Thank you. Thanks.

Business of House paused for clearing of bays.

The SPEAKER: Order! The Secretary will read the 4th Order of the Day.

4. Debate on Vote 4 – Community Safety - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon Minister Plato.

An HON MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Honourable Speaker, hon Premier Zille, hon Cabinet colleagues, hon members of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, hon members of the Provincial Parliament, Provincial Police Commissioner, in his absence his team that is present, Municipal Police Officers, provincial heads of the Justice Cluster Departments, members of the law enforcement agencies, leaders of local government, MAYCO members, Director-General, Department of Community Safety and Ministry staff, members of the Provincial CPF Board, of CPF and Neighbourhood Watch members, Non-Governmental Organisations, our

partners in safety and that is many of them, Pastors Jack Mahoney and Koeries representing The Ark, Mr Charl Coetzee, Deputy CEO Northlink College. I also welcome in the House some of our Northlink students. I welcome some recovering addicts. I also welcome some Chrysalis Academy graduates.

The 2015/2016 Budget for the Department of Community Safety has, at its core, the focus of increasing safety in all of the Western Cape's communities. Our core philosophy, which Madam Premier Zille referred to in her State of the Province Address, is the concept of the "whole of society." Key to realising and giving meaning to the term "whole of society" concept is the shifting of programmes and activities towards an approach aimed at creating safety with communities instead of creating safety for communities. Our aim is to work with communities in formal partnerships to create safer environments and communities in which crime is less likely to occur. When we talk about the society as a whole and how it relates to safety, it includes government, government entities such as the police, private sector, public sector, non-governmental organisations and most importantly the communities, the public, themselves.

The queries and complaints my office receives on a daily basis makes one thing very clear: we are all very concerned about having safer communities. Violence in general, and particularly gang violence, is a major problem in many communities. For the last two years I have asked police intelligence to investigate where the guns are coming from. Police confiscate about 30 guns

per week and we have at least received some answers to the question with the breakthrough recently in Gauteng. The *Star* newspaper ran with this story, Madam Speaker, “Cop, guns linked to gangsters” specifically in Cape Town and that for us [Interjection.] is a major concern and I therefore asked the police intelligence to get to the bottom of this issue. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The Department of Community Safety believes that meaningful partnerships are at the heart of our approach to increasing safety and all role players involved need to constantly take one another’s hand as a united force against crime. It is meaningful partnerships that make a neighbourhood a community and which weaves a social fabric which cannot be torn by any obstacle or negative social behaviour, and that is why the Department of Community Safety reached out to so many communities to engage and to address all of these pressing issues and also to give them hope, and to provide our youth with alternatives; and our youth do grab opportunity and that is why so many of them are here today as a testament to that fact.

Included in the Province’s statement which this government’s Strategic Goal 3 “Increase wellness, safety and tackle social ills” intends to address is the realisation that social dysfunction has serious and wide-ranging consequences. There exists a lack of sense of belonging and purpose amongst frustrated youth with increasing unsafe habits and behaviours. At

the same time our communities as a whole are feeling more vulnerable. These are the needs and fears that require the transition from policy to practice with urgency.

The Budget allocation for the Western Cape Department of Community Safety for the 2015/16 financial year is R234,574,000. This represents an increase of R4,8 million when compared to the adjusted budget of R229,000,000. If the additional once-off funds amounting to R5,9 million which were received during the Budget Adjustments in 2014/15 are discounted, then the overall increase amounts to 4,8% which remains in line with inflationary increases, and in this I thank the hon Minister of Finance, Dr Ivan Meyer, for his considered approach in his resource allocation which enables my department to do its job. 53,9% of the total budget is allocated to the compensation of employees, followed by 32,7% for goods and services, and transfers and capital assets making up 11,4% and 2,0% respectively.

The 2015/16 Budget of the Department of Community Safety will empower our communities towards safer environments where we live, work and move about. This vision has given effect to the Community Safety Improvement Partnership with the key focus to improve safety for the people of our province in a manner which is fully aligned to the recommendations made in chapter 12 of the National Development Plan on building safer communities and which is aligned to National Outcome 3: all people in South Africa are and feel safe.

With the 2015/16 Budget and through its Community Safety Improvement Plan, the Western Cape Government, through the Department of Community Safety, will work tirelessly to achieve the following outcomes:

- Promote professional policing through systems of effective oversight;
- Ensure that all public spaces and buildings are safer;
- Build community resilience from within communities and in partnership with communities; and
- Deal with safety concerns through viable safety partnerships and innovative safety programmes and interventions.

Further to this the Department will continue with its efforts to fully implement the recommendations made by the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry, especially those relating to the Department and Western Cape Government. Key to our success in giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry is the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Department and the South African Police Services ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...which sadly remains pending as we eagerly await direction from the National Minister of Police. The following breakdown of programmes highlights some of the exciting initiatives which will give effect to our shared vision of a safer province:

Programme 1: Our administration will continue providing support services to the rest of the Department and will strive towards the attainment of our fifth consecutive clean audit outcome in 2015/16.

The programme shows an average increase of 4,94% over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework. The increase is in line with inflationary increases and is mainly driven by personnel costs. The Goods and Services budget for 2015/16 shows an increase of 22,14% when measured against the 2014/15 revised estimate and the increase is attributed to the anticipated increase on spending on minor assets and audit costs.

Programme 2: Provincial Secretariat for Police Services.

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa in Chapter 11 clearly states that policing is a national function. As the Western Cape Government we therefore have no operational control over the South African Police Services in the province. We do, however, take our constitutional mandate of determining the policing needs and priorities, conducting oversight, dealing with service delivery complaints against the police and promoting good relationships between the police and the communities very seriously. That is why we will continue to hold the police, and that includes the Metro Police and other law enforcement agencies, accountable and to also proactively work with communities to strengthen the capacity of community structures by means of formal partnerships. We are mindful of the fact that this cannot be

done in isolation and as is set out in the National Development Plan, requires an integrated approach.

I am pleased to report back that the budget structure of Programme 2 is now fully aligned with the uniformed structure proposed by National Treasury and which is aligned with the Civilian Secretariat for Police Services Act. The effect of this, however, is that comparisons with previous budget and spending trends are not possible; suffice to say that the R55,178 million investment made in this province is in essence aimed at the promotion of professional policing as is envisaged by chapter 12 of the National Development Plan. As the hon Minister of Finance, Dr Meyer, pointed out when he tabled the Budget, behind these figures are very real people with very real needs and challenges. This department's budget is about addressing those safety needs and challenges. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Policing needs and priorities.

Section 206(1) of the Constitution read with sub-section (2) calls on the Provincial Executive to determine the policing needs and priorities of people in that respective province and for the hon National Minister to formulate policing policies that are responsive to such needs and priorities. It is for this reason that my department aims to improve the impact of available policing and safety resources within the province by accurately determining

the provincial policing needs and priorities. This is done by means of consultative processes and by influencing the allocation and deployment of such policing and safety resources aligned to the needs and priorities that exist within the various communities.

Following these consultative processes the Department shall, during this year, facilitate Community Safety plans for communities in close collaboration with community entities such as the CPFs, as well as our neighbourhood watch structures supported by the municipalities within their respective Integrated Development Plans. Allocated budgets furthermore provide for research projects aimed at the improved understanding of systemic failures within the policing and safety environment to be conducted in an effort to improve on government policies.

Our Expanded Public Partnership:

Madam Speaker, key to our efforts to create capacity within communities is our Expanded Partnership Programme or EPP as it is commonly referred to. This programme gives strong recognition to the important statutory functions of Community Policing Forums as set out in section 18 of the South African Police Services Act. The EPP furthermore provides every CPF in the province with a dedicated budget and cost benefit analysis of the work that they perform. The benefits of this programme are now well documented as we are able to channel increasing amounts of funds to community structures, whilst at the same time ensuring high levels of functionality of such

community structures. Having said this, I must however emphasise that the day to day monitoring and management of CPFs remain beyond the mandate of the Department. Current regulations will have to be changed and updated so as to provide clarity between the roles of Province, the police and the Secretariat as it pertains to the day to day operations of the CPS.

The total budget set aside for the support of CPFs and the EPP programme for the 2015/2016 financial year amounts to R14,1 million. I am also pleased to announce the appointment of the new Director of the Community Police Relations directorate, Mr Thabo Shaku, who will join the senior management team of the Department as from 1 April 2015. Mr Shaku who has a strong social work background with extensive community empowerment experience will undoubtedly add much value to our efforts to empower communities to build strong, sustainable and cost-effective community structures.

Partnerships with the neighbourhood watches will be strengthened through a formal process of accreditation as is outlined in section 6 of the Community Safety Act. Accreditation will be supplemented with training and equipment with priority given to high crime areas and poorer communities. These measures, as described in the Community Safety Act, are crucial steps to the professionalization of the neighbourhood watches, to empower citizens to become responsive to their own safety and the safety of their immediate communities. My office is inundated with calls, comments and requests from the people of the Western Cape who have had enough of crime crippling their communities or holding their communities hostage. The professionalisation

of the neighbourhood watches will see the neighbourhood watch structures grow into the positive, supportive, community-led action against crime that is needed to rid our communities of crime.

Programme 3: Provincial Policing Relations.

This is a new programme to give effect to the initiatives taken by the Western Cape Government which are not provided for in the legal framework of the Civilian Secretariat Act.

The Constitutional Court in its unanimous ruling on the matter of the *National Minister of Police and the Premier of the Western Cape on the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry* stated, and I quote:

“The entitlements in Section 206(3) are recognition that, whilst a province has no control over the policing function, it has a legitimate interest that its residents are shielded from crime and that they enjoy the protection of effective, efficient and visible policing. That explains why the province has the authority and duty to raise its concerns on policing in the province with the Minister. Thus the entitlements accord with the province’s duty to respect, protect and promote fundamental rights of its residents”.
[Interjection.]

The Constitutional Court furthermore commented that nothing in the scheme of Chapter 11 suggests that the oversight and monitoring role of the province as envisaged in section 206(3) and (5) should be curtailed or supplanted by the role of a civilian secretariat under section 208 of the Constitution. To use the exact words of the Constitutional Court “Sections 206 and 208 serve different purposes which may not be unduly conflated.”

The Western Cape Police Ombudsman:

Thousands of people in the Western Cape receive excellent service from the men and women in blue on a daily basis ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, they do.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...and we must acknowledge and celebrate our police officers for this. Yet many serious crimes go unpunished because of poor policing, let me state poor policing service delivery, by the few police officers who are not committed to serving the people of the Western Cape.

In October 2014, the Madam Premier appointed Advocate Vusi Pikoli as the first Western Cape Police Ombudsman to deal with the complaints of all the people in the province relating to service delivery by members of the South African Police Service and/or a breakdown of relations between any community in the province and the police. The powers, functions and duties

of the Ombudsman are carefully articulated in sections 10 to 18 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act [Interjection.] which was yet another first for the Western Cape and also for South Africa.

During the 2015/16 financial year the necessary staffing will be finalised and the office space provided will be expanded. This will ensure that the office of the Ombudsman is fully capacitated to allow the Ombudsman to continuing giving power back to those who feel powerless and a voice to those who have suffered into silence.

This year the budget allocation made to the Ombudsman is increased by 32,8%, amounting to a total of R10 million. Again, I have noted the noise made by the Opposition in that they argue that complaints against policing should be dealt with by structures such as the Secretariat or IPID. This position remains, however, based on a lack of understanding of the statutory functions governing these institutions. Section 6(1) of the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service Act clearly states that the Secretariat may only, and I quote:

“Assess and monitor the police service’s ability to receive and deal with complaints against its members”.

They have neither the capacity nor the legal mandate to deal with complaints whereas the Constitutional Court confirmed the powers of the province to do so. Similarly, without discussing the challenges that have crippled the

effective functioning of the IPID over recent years, their mandate, as set out in section 28, clearly excludes them from dealing with service delivery complaints. It is for this reason that the Western Cape Government regards it necessary to invest in the Western Cape Police Ombudsman.

Watching Briefs: [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The Constitutional duty assigned to provinces, namely to monitor police conduct, [Interjection.] has been enhanced by the very innovative and successful Watching Briefs programme. This programme has resulted in significant numbers of serious crimes being placed back on the court roll and appropriate disciplinary steps being instituted against police officers who did not perform their duties as is required.

During the 2015/2016 financial year this programme will become a permanent function of the Department of Community Safety and be extended to at least 25 courts in the province. I also wish to acknowledge the continued support for this project from the Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Arno Lamoer, who has demonstrated that if given verifiable facts shall act against those police officers who are negligent in the performance of their duties and by so doing have allowed criminals to side-step the criminal justice system. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I also wish to acknowledge our strategic partner in this project, the University of the Western Cape, and Advocate J C Gerber for his specialised guidance of the project. Funding to the value of R816,000 is allocated for this project which is to be increased over the MTEF period.

Our Safety Kiosks initiative:

Many communities in our country have historically not had reasonable access to the services of policing or law enforcement. In the Western Cape some of our communities still suffer under the same lack of policing services. In an effort to address this, the Western Cape Government started with the deployment of safety kiosks in various communities two years ago. Initially this was done mainly by means of the strategic partnership we have with the City Improvement Districts, [Interjection.] but last year we started extending this programme to other partners, including the VPUU in Khayelitsha and some municipalities. Ultimately, we hope to ensure that these safety kiosks become safe zones, especially in our poorer communities that do not yet have police stations and in areas affected by violence, particularly gang violence. Due to the operational success of the safety kiosks and as a result of increasing demand, the Department of Community Safety will be deploying another 40 safety kiosks during the upcoming financial year. This will

ensure that we deliver on the promise Madam Premier Zille made to the people of the Western Cape in her State of the Province Address speech a couple of weeks ago.

Madam Speaker, here again I wish to acknowledge the commitments received from the Provincial Commissioner to work with the Department on this project. A joint task team has been established to negotiate the terms and conditions of such a partnership through a formal MOU or MOA to be concluded and I hope we will finalise that very shortly.

Our Chrysalis and the Youth Work Programme:

Two years ago the Department submitted a proposal to link the Chrysalis Development Programme with the EPWP work programme. As a direct result of this, the Department was able to secure significant additional funding from Provincial Treasury. The Department of Community Safety will continue to focus on implementing the Youth Safety Work Programme (YSWP) with emphasis on youth and women. In partnership with different role players it will demonstrate the enabling opportunities provided to youth at risk through various voluntary community activities by the youth empowerment and the Department's learning programmes.

Last year more than 1 450 young people were recruited from vulnerable communities. About 800 of them underwent an intensive three months' training programme at the Chrysalis Academy after which more than 95% of

them were successfully placed on a minimum work programme of nine months, many having since been taken up in permanent work opportunities. All of them benefited from the EPWP programme established by the Department of Community Safety.

The Chrysalis Modular Programme will be rolled out from the Wolwekloof Academy in the 2015/16 financial year with the aim to implement the best practices achieved by the Department through its Chrysalis Academy programme and thereby further expand the opportunities for youth in the Western Cape. The Department will increase the opportunities to a minimum of 1 600 youth with R25,1 million provided for Wolwekloof Academy over the MTEF. I wish to acknowledge the valuable work performed by the Chrysalis CEO and her team.

Sadly, the EPWP projects undertaken by the Department are not all good news. With a cut of 74% from the EPWP grant funds received from National Government we are forced to reprioritise our EPWP spending. The effect of this is a reduction of about 41 school safety volunteers, known as Bambanani as they are often called, who have been deployed at some schools. This will not affect any of the crime hot spot areas and shall not reduce our collective investment in schools' safety in partnership with the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Education Department. We hope that future national EPWP allocation will be restored.

To address the changing nature of crime which has escalated beyond the capacity of the EPWP funded volunteers, we are in the process of deploying highly capacitated school safety officers trained in the City of Cape Town's Law Enforcement Auxiliary programme. [Interjection.] These higher level Law Enforcement Auxiliary officers will be suitably equipped and mandated to respond to the threats in those communities. At the end of the day the safety of our school children is paramount.

Our Youth Safety and Religious Partnership Programme:

We have for many years known about the valuable work performed, especially in poorer communities, by our religious leaders and the religious fraternity in their tireless efforts to rebuild moral fibre and make our communities safe in partnership with the communities. It is for this reason that the Department entered into formal partnerships with 169 religious organisations during 2014 to run programmes aimed at keeping our youth off the streets specifically during school holidays.

With R5,8 million benefiting 27,000 children and youth thus far, we believe the value of this partnership between government and the religious fraternity has been demonstrated. This year we plan to increase the spending on this programme to R6,5 million, all of which will be spent in poorer communities who are most affected by crime.

Programme 4: Security Risk Management shows an increase of 11,38% for 2015/16 financial year period when compared to the 2014/15 revised estimate of R72,634 million. Over the two outer years of the 2015 MTEF period, the programme shows an average growth of 5,51% and this is brought about by the implementation of the Safety Security Strategy.

The Department remains intent on reducing opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour, creating safer and more secure operating environments. These include more effective access control strategies and operational deployment plans. Intelligent Access Control reports and surveillance footage will increasingly be used as tools to investigate losses and/or breaches. The efficiency of the system would, in time, also serve to be a deterrent and accordingly remove opportunities to commit crime through early detection of malicious acts. Two contract positions have been created to assist with the implementation of the Western Cape Security Risk Management Strategy.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, the Provincial Strategic Plan provides the Department of Community Safety with the direction of what must be done. Budget 2015/16 provides the Department with the blueprint of how this will be done. None of our past successes or future aspirations will be possible, however, if it is not for the dedicated men and women in the Department of Community Safety who ensure that the job gets done.

Every staff member in the Department deserves a special mention for the exceptional work they do and for being the face, voice and ears of government on the ground, and I want to thank them all for their dedication. I wish to thank the Chief Directors, Mr Morris, Mr Frizlar and Mr George for their contributions, leadership and guidance to make this department efficient, innovative and results-driven. My appreciation [Interjection.] is extended to each and every one of your Directors and Deputy Directors and other staff members. [Interjection.] A special thanks to Advocate Vusi Pikoli, the Western Cape Provincial Police Ombudsman, and his team for the dedication and vigour with which they have hit the ground running.

To the Head of Department, Dr Gilbert Lawrence, your retirement calls for reflection on your exemplary public service over quite some many years. [Interjections.] Your dedication ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...to the position and department, [Interjection.] as well as your humility, wisdom and contribution which has steered this department to new heights [Interjection.] and four consecutive clean audits, and I thank you for it. [Applause.] Sir, I want to thank you further for your friendship and wish you well in your days of much deserved rest and relaxation. [Interjection.] I believe that your successor, Mr Gideon Morris, will build on the good foundation you have laid.

I thank the staff in the Ministry, together with those on my outreach team, for the long hours you regularly put in. To my family, thank you for your never ending support.

I thank Madam Premier Helen Zille, and my Cabinet colleagues, for their continued support, guidance and friendship. To my colleagues in the SAPS, the City, the Standing Committee on Safety, thank you for your contribution. Even though, Madam Speaker, we may not always see eye to eye, our shared passion for a safer Western Cape needs to remain the focus in our service to the people of this province. [Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I want to thank our safety partners, the religious fraternity, Non-Governmental Organisations, neighbourhood watches, CPFs, Special Rating Areas with the City of Cape Town, Municipalities, Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade (VPUU), and many others.

I want to close with a special word of thanks to the most important safety partner this province has ever had, each and every member of the public who realises that safety is everyone's responsibility. I thank those who partner with the Department in whichever way to help create safer areas [Interjection.] where we all work, live and move about. [Interjections.]

And very lastly, Madam Speaker, I just want to point out to some of our vulnerable youth up in the gallery, Mr [Inaudible.] and his team are now reaching out to poor, vulnerable gangster-stricken areas of our youth sitting up there coming from the most poor of poorer [Inaudible.] and some of them are currently in their final year of studying electrical engineering. [Applause.] There are a number of them. I cannot and I do not want to mention all the names, but they are from Delft, they are from [Inaudible.], they are from George, they are from Grassy Park, from Ottery, from Bishop Lavis and all over ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Elsie River.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Elsie River, correct, and there are a number of them, some of them from Nyanga, ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...a number from Khayelitsha. [Interjection.] I want to thank you all for grabbing the opportunity provided to them. It shows you, if we want to engage in a meaningful way with the poorest of the poor, they will undoubtedly rise to the occasion and do what they need to do and that is to go and study.

Madam Speaker, thank you very much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] And now it is the hon member Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Department of Community Safety envisions a safe, open opportunity society for all the residents of the Western Cape. The Department aims to increase and improve safety in our province by promoting professional policing, by ensuring safety at public and government buildings and spaces, by facilitating safety partnerships and by building greater safety and security resilience. The Community Safety Act, which is the first ever provincial Act to deal with safety at a local level is now operationalised through this budget.

One of the key legislative innovations in the Act is the Provincial Police Ombudsman, the appointment of which this Parliament oversaw a few months ago. The Ombud, Advocate Vusi Pikoli, was on a radio show not too long ago about the role of his office and how the public can get in touch with the Ombudsman. Needless to say, the support has been overwhelming and the Ombudsman received a deluge of compliments and complaints. Many complaints came from other provinces, which indicates the desperate need for this service, not only in the Western Cape, but also in other provinces.

In terms of monitoring police conduct and efficiency, which responsibility the Constitution ascribes to provinces, it has been put in motion by court watching briefs. This team of legal experts sits in courts and observe proceedings and monitor police efficiency. In the course of this programme it noted that in one court in one quarter 20 cases of driving under the

influence of alcohol were removed from the court roll as a result of the blood alcohol reports not being available for court proceedings, some of which a year later. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Disgraceful!

Ms M M WENGER: After having read this report and the Police Commissioner's comprehensive report back, it was clear that the National Department of Health is letting the criminal justice system down. This has now been raised at a national platform and we hope to see improvements in this regard. Furthermore, matters of police inefficiency have been taken seriously by the Police Commissioner and several officers have been disciplined and cases put back on the court roll. It is welcome then that this programme will be expanded from five courts and will now be rolled out to 25 courts in the coming financial year. Another important factor the Department is taking seriously is the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry.

The Department notes in the Budget document that it:

“... needs to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement as a matter of urgency to enable the Department to monitor the implementation of the findings and recommendations.”

Ms M M WENGER: Our committee, in deliberating on the budget, learned that Recommendation 17 of the O'Regan Commission's report requires a

Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Community Safety and the South African Police Service. This was duly prepared by the Department and the MOU was sent to the Provincial Commissioner in October last year. The Commissioner sent it to the National Minister and since then there has been absolutely no response from the National Minister. [Interjections.] This MOU is fundamental [Interjection.] to the implementation of the recommendations set out in the Commission's report, and hence the concern of the Standing Committee, to the extent that we now have written to the Minister to request a report on:

- the reasons why there has been no response to the MOU;
- the current status of the MOU;
- when it will be signed; and
- what progress has been made in the implementation of each of the recommendations made in the Commission's Report.

The policy priorities of the Department of Community Safety are informed by several considerations. First, is chapter 12 of the National Development Plan, which sets forward proposals to build safer communities. Each programme in this department is linked also to the strategic goals of the Province, the Community Safety Act and the O'Regan Commission. These have been put into tangible deliverables in the Department's Annual Performance Plan for the year ahead.

The Expanded Partnership Programme, which the hon Minister mentioned, is a programme between the Department and community police. It is designed to improve safety in local communities by motivating CPFs to conduct structured oversight as contemplated in the SAPS Act, and thereby promote good community police relations. In the coming budget year CPFs will be further incentivised with a Matching Grant Project which encourages CPFs to apply for funding for local community safety projects. This kind of partnership is to be encouraged. Individuals and communities alike can be partners in safety and as the Department's slogan goes "safety is everyone's responsibility", and this includes neighbourhood watches and police reservists. The Western Cape Government is building partnerships and facilitating safety partnerships, for example, neighbourhood watches. The Department of Community Safety offers a two day neighbourhood watch training course throughout the Western Cape. The training is free of charge and all logistics relating to training is provided by the Department.

The Department has developed a new training module for community members in things such as rights and responsibilities, safety partners, the Neighbourhood Watch Code, patrolling, etc., and it is considered as basic training, which is compulsory for all neighbourhood watch structure. This will be complemented with further learning that will focus on how to remove opportunities to commit crime and crime prevention. This new training module is the first step towards developing a comprehensive curriculum for neighbourhood watch structures. The Department furthermore provides equipment for neighbourhood watches and it is now implementing the

accreditation of neighbourhood watches as set out in the Community Safety Act. This is the first time neighbourhood watches have been legislated and assisted in this manner anywhere in South Africa.

But Madam Speaker, while the Western Cape is building these partnerships, the National Government seems to be doing away with them. By way of illustration the Police White Paper, which is currently out for public comment, completely ignores neighbourhood watches. The National Government has totally written neighbourhood watches out of its policy proposal. This is both concerning and unacceptable! [Interjection.] Many individuals in communities across the province, across communities, sign up and volunteer their time [Interjection.] to be eyes and ears on the ground. [Interjection.] Many of these men and women walk in the wind and rain and into the early hours of the morning to help keep us safe. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We prefer [Inaudible.].

Ms M M WENGER: Many neighbourhood watch volunteers [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members! [Interjection.] Order! [Interjection.]

Ms M M WENGER: Many neighbourhood watch volunteers do so without the assistance of the police even though police and sector visible police are meant to assist and patrol alongside the neighbourhood watch volunteers. [Interjection.] Another example of how National Government does not

recognise community volunteerism in the fight against crime is in the area of police reservists. The new SAPS regulations only allow individuals who comply with the following criteria to become reservists:

- South African Citizen by birth. This is likely unconstitutional because the [Interjection.] Constitution prohibits discrimination based on social origin;
- 25 years of age, but below 40;
- In possession of a senior certificate;
- Be employed;
- Have a residential address;
- Not have a criminal record nor a tattoo which would be visible if the person wears a uniform. [Laughter.]

In addition, a person is disqualified to become a police reservist if, and Madam Speaker, I pray for your indulgence here because it is a very long list of categories of people that may not be appointed as a reservist, if he or she is:

- discharged as medically unfit from a previous employer;
- is a former member of the Police;
- is a member of the regular force of the Defence Force;
- holds a key position as determined by the Department of Labour;
- holds any post or office in a political party, organisation or movement;
- is actively involved in politics;

- is a full-time or part-time journalist;
- does not have a fixed residential address;
- is not in full-time employment;
- is a scholar;
- a bouncer;
- a member of municipal police;
- a sheriff or deputy sheriff; ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh my God!

Ms M M WENGER: ...

- in any manner connected to a brothel or escort agency; [Laughter.]
- is in any manner connected to a business which has contracted with or submitted a tender to the [Interjection.] State to supply the police; [Interjection.]
- is involved in the private security industry;
- trade of liquor;
- private investigation services ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: How much more [Inaudible.]?

Ms M M WENGER: ...

- which includes money lenders, debt collectors or financial institutions; [Interjection.]
- the operation of a scrap yard;

- micro lending;
- trading in second hand goods;
- tow or breakdown services; [Interjections.]
- gambling; [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms M M WENGER:

- physical security; [Interjection.]
- insurance investigations;
- trading in livestock; or
- in the business of a funeral undertaker. [Interjections.]

Now these regulations are so prohibitive that no one in this Chamber, or the media gallery, can become a police reservist! [Interjection.] So prohibitive are [Interjection.] these regulations, that the majority of people will be excluded [Interjections.] and well, [Interjection.] we may as well not recruit ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members! [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

Ms M M WENGER: ...any reservists at all. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: There are!

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms M M WENGER: This is truly concerning [Interjection.] because reservists play a valuable and [Interjections.] meaningful role in assisting [Interjections.] the police on a [Interjection.] voluntary basis and serving as a force multiplier. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms M M WENGER: And with the appalling number of vacancies and declining number of police officers to protect us, we would surely see recruitment of reservists being facilitated and not restricted.

Madam Speaker, the Department's focus [Interjection.] in the upcoming MTEF on reducing the negative impact of alcohol, and the inclusion of this as a game changer, is commendable. This includes alcohol misuse and alcohol abuse and the resultant crime. The "whole of society" approach being employed here can only show gains. By improving socio-economic conditions including maternal education and collaborations with the private and NGO sector. Similarly after school programmes, the FET College partnerships, the Chrysalis Academy, can all help youth development and keep our youth safe as well as provided with opportunities to make meaningful life choices and hand up out of poverty.

Finally, the Department has set aside budget for the development and implementation of a transversal safety and security policy which is well underway. [Interjection.] From all of this it is clear that the R243,5 million budget for the Department of Community Safety in the upcoming financial year is money being put to good use, with the safety of inhabitants of our province at the fore of every activity. Genuine care and concern for vulnerable crime ridden communities is evident in this budget. It only leaves me to say well done to this department for what they have achieved and for their constant innovations in policing oversight and safety partnerships. The DA certainly supports this budget.

And on a final note, I wish the outgoing Head of Department, Dr Gilbert Lawrence, a very happy retirement. Thank you very much for all your years of service to the people of this province. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Ms M M WENGER: And to the incoming HOD, Mr Gideon Morris, I wish you every success and the continued dedication of service, innovation and professionalization of the Department that you have brought in your current position. Thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon member Lekker. [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: [Inaudible.] Madam Speaker, as the ANC, we have noted that the areas with the greatest number of violent crimes were those identified as previously disadvantaged communities, the poor and the economically depressed. [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Surprise, surprise!

Ms P LEKKER: The socio-economic profiles of these areas are similar and there are few recreational facilities. The special blending of these areas still resembles the ratio divisions with little effort put into transforming these communities. The involvement of youth in criminal activities is largely a consequence of socio-economic realities. [Interjection.] Increasing safety for all the people in the province, and this budget vote has it not and rejected the very same voters that brought the DA to power as the Provincial Government. The abject poverty, illiteracy, unemployment and cheap labour is still the order of the day and other main causes of the high crime rate in the province. The budget lacks commitment to redress the ugly face of abject poverty that is breaking down the moral and strong family as a micro-chasm of the society.

Gangsterism is [Inaudible.], threatening and increasing the mortality rate of crime. Murder has increased by 12%, gangsterism accounts to at least 18% of murders. Children and youth die at the hands of drug sale and territorial

wars which are destroying the safety and security of our people. The Department claims to restore safety in the Cape Flats through VPUU initiatives while this is bearing little fruit even in Khayelitsha, which is a pilot project. [Interjections.] The bulk of the budget [Interjection.] is going to be spent on maintenance and upgrade of the fragmented social prevention strategy only in the suburbs. This budget entrenches inequalities through excluding the safety and security [Interjection.] of the previously disadvantaged, including the poor. [Interjection.]

It is the right of every citizen and in South Africa and its provinces to feel safe, as enshrined in the South African Constitution. [Interjections.] Unfortunately I cannot say the same thing for thousands of people living in the Cape Flats. The memories of a 14-year old girl from Blackheath is still fresh; she was raped, her eyes were gouged out and she was left to die in the bushes opposite Mfuleni court 11 months ago. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Killed.

Ms P LEKKER: To date the bush has not been cleared even though the matter was brought [Interjection.] to the attention [Interjection.] of the Ward Councillor, Mr Van Dalen. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ANC councillor. [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: The same community finds it difficult [Interjection.] to even do street patrols [Interjection.] because there are no street lights [Interjections.] as a result they are targeted [Interjection.] by the criminals [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: [Inaudible.] Sorry hon member Lekker. Hon member [Inaudible.] we have a speaker on the floor [Interjection.]. No, no, please members [Interjection.] do not engage in debate across the floor. Allow the speaker to complete her debate. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Correct.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon member Lekker, with your statement.

Ms P LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Interjection.] I was saying to date the bush has not been cleared even though the matter was brought to the attention of the [Interjection.] Ward Councillor of Ward 14 [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Keep quiet!

Ms P LEKKER: Councillor Van Dalen. The same community finds it difficult to even do street patrols because there are no street lights and as a result they are targeted by the criminal groups that are operating in the area. [Interjections.]

The School Safety Programme of this department leaves a lot to be desired. [Interjection.] Learners at Mandela High School in old Crossroads, Nyanga, are victims of the ongoing violence taking place in the area. [Interjection.] Numerous calls have been made to the Department to deploy volunteers, but this has borne no fruits. [Interjection.] A teacher was stabbed on the school premises by a learner. This behaviour does not surprise me. This DA-led department has killed the most effective tool ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Not so!

Ms P LEKKER: ...used by the ANC, the Bambanani programmes [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I'll show you all the members [Interjection.]

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

An HON MEMBER: It's that side [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] and she can pay people [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: But there are the community members ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is children [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: ...who were guided by a common purpose of ensuring safety in schools and in the broader society, worked tirelessly to combat lawlessness. The recent incident which took place outside Simunye High School is a clear indication that learners are not safe at all inside and outside the school premises because rival gangs sometimes attend the same school. This brings me to a conclusion that we need a multi-dimensional approach to redress or actually [Interjection.] required to address this [Inaudible.] Social crime... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Even in church [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lekker. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes [Inaudible.]

Ms P LEKKER: Social crime prevention programmes and community policing built in partnership with community structures are needed in order to achieve improved police accountability and community trust. If this can be done there would be no need for the provincial Minister and the Premier to call for the National Government to deploy the army to the Cape Flats. [Interjections.] I would have expected to see an expansion of this programme to all schools that are riddled with gangs and violence. The six schools identified in Nyanga are certainly not enough. I can only hope that the Department is not going to cut its budget allocation to this school safety

programme and demands that the hon Minister deploys the army.
[Interjections.]

I also wish to emphasise that I have actually requested the Metro Police that the school safety officers deployed in schools must also be extended to two schools that I have identified in Khayelitsha and those are [Inaudible.] and Masiyile High School. To date this has not happened. [Interjections.]

Whilst we agree again that prisons must not be turned into incarceration institutions, but rather focus on rehabilitation of the inmates, the Department is silent on how it seeks to offer opportunities to reintegrate the offenders into the broader society and as a consequence thereof, they become repeat offenders. [Interjection.] Both the Budget and the APP do not seek to address this issue. [Interjection.]

The youth safety and religious organisations that are in partnership with the Department have received a sizeable amount. The fact is 17 000 young people have benefitted out of this programme. The question remains whether there are any skills transferred to these young people which could be used to empower themselves. Is the programme sustainable to go beyond a feeding scheme, which is currently the practice, besides the fact that it is populated to have constructive activities? So much for an oversight role; the Department must develop a proper monitoring tool to evaluate the validity of these programmes. We live in these communities. We see churches cooking

meals for 150 youths and the rest of the money allegedly goes to church funding. We call on the Department to step up and follow the money.

It has been reported that under the leadership of Brigadier Vukile Ncaca, Nyanga SAPS, two detectives have managed to investigate and secure successful prosecution of ten murder suspects in various cases they were working on. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Good!

Ms P LEKKER: These were committed between 2014, 2013, 2011 and 2009 respectively, despite the challenges that they are confronted with. SAPS needs your support. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Definitely!

Ms P LEKKER: Yes! Not all members are dedicated to diligently perform their duties. There are a lot of SAPS officers who under difficult conditions change the lives of our people. [Interjection.] 27 year old Xolisa Nombhewu was convicted to 15 years straight imprisonment after he stabbed a woman from Kosovo. 20 year old Amele Kiywane from KTC was also convicted to 10 years when he stabbed a student, a learner from [Inaudible.] Secondary. 29 year old Wanda Diyeli and 32 year old [Inaudible.] were convicted of assaulting and fatally stabbing Bheki Khula after an argument in 2011. Wanda is convicted to 15 years, Musa to 13 years, [Inaudible.] up to 10 years

in jail. This was followed by a case of four men who were arrested after assaulting and fatally wounding Masixoli Dutha from Kosovo. The four men were all convicted to 10 years each. 35-year old Sanda Vukaza and Nkosinathi Nembe were convicted to eight years. Meanwhile Nkosinathi was also convicted for stabbing Manele when an argument erupted in Sweet Homes Farm. All these convictions were straight imprisonment. Four of the above cases were investigated by Detective Constable Lonyeli and one by Detective Sergeant Nyalshe and Detective Warrant Officer Cloete. [Interjection.] The station management applauded members for such achievements.

We, in Nyanga, have also seen, since Brigadier Ncaca joined the station, an operation conducted by both Metro Police and SAPS which is something that we did not witness during the festive season. There was no presence of the Metro Police, but I must say that with the proper leadership of Brigadier Ncaca, we are now seeing the fruits and we hope that we are going to continue working together in making sure that the community of Nyanga is safe. [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: Whilst we [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members! [Interjections.] Mr Fritz, order please! [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: The unfortunate part is Nyanga is at the centre of my heart
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjection.] You may proceed, hon member
Lekker.

Ms P LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I can only hope that the office
of the Ombudsman will identify gaps where there are still signs of police
brutality [Interjection.] as this is a direct form of violation. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Quiet please! Sorry, hon member Lekker. Minister Winde
and hon member Paulsen we talked about across the floor. There is a
speaker. Kindly refrain. Thank you. You may proceed, hon member Lekker.

Ms P LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I hope necessary steps will also
be taken to hear both the victims of such crimes and to advocate for a total
transformation of SAPS. At the core of this is the involvement of all
stakeholders, including other state departments and the civil society.
Recommendation 12 still remains a funny issue. Recommendation 12 states
that:

“The Department of Community Safety must facilitate a multi-
sectorial forum” [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Ms P LEKKER: And it has not been done. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is done [Inaudible.]

Ms P LEKKER: I wish it can be done soon because the schools in Khayelitsha are riddled with gangsters on a daily basis. [Interjections.] This brings me to the issue of the Chrysalis graduates. This seems to be a project really receiving attention from young people from different folks. I hope that those learners, inasmuch as they will be getting some form of permanent employment, will be deployed back into their communities and ploughed back. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

Ms P LEKKER: Because we do this, we want to change the behaviour of other young people. [Applause.] The budget fails to acknowledge that poor communities still bear the scars of apartheid. [Interjections.] The special designs of the residential areas [Interjections.] are with little opportunities for economic growth.

The SPEAKER: Order! Order please, members! Hon member Paulson, at the cost of being picked on I am asking you not to speak so loudly because I do hear you. Thank you. You may proceed. [Interjections.]

Ms P LEKKER: Clearly this results in high levels of poverty, unemployment and a huge gap of inequality. This gap continues to widen in the metro and in other rural areas. This budget does not have a meaning to my illiterate uncle ...

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Ms P LEKKER: It has no meaning to my disabled brother, it is bottled with quick fixes. There are no actual benefits of transformation and employment equity in this department. It is predominantly under the control of [Inaudible.]. More still needs to be done ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Ms P LEKKER: ...and as the ANC, we will continue raising these uncomfortable issues of transformation and employment equity to this department until it is realised. I thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: I recognise the hon member Paulson. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. After Gauteng, the Western Cape has the most reported crimes in 2014 [Interjection.] with over 486 939 crimes. Most of these occur in Mitchells Plain, followed by the CBD, then Kraaifontein. We understand that the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry was set up as a response to the escalating crime in the area, but the

communities mistrusted the police and other political motivations. We have notice, however, how mob justice is not only continuing in Khayelitsha, but also spread to other parts of the province. Evidence our communities still do not trust the police or the commission is a failing project, while more funds are being pumped into the Commission and why are similar commissions not set up in some of the crime precincts worse off than Khayelitsha?

We are aware that locking up people, deploying armies or community policing forums to every street corner will never combat crime. The amount of arrests here in the Western Cape increased dramatically in the past year, but so has crime. We are also aware of the widespread gangsterism in the Western Cape and how the police and government are unable to control it. Children as young as 14 are arrested on gang related murder charges and to my knowledge as young as nine as well.

The land grabs and relocations of people to home coloured areas by the colonialists and the apartheid regime have had irreversible consequences for all involved. The unending relocation and overcrowding of our people have not only created the gang culture, but continue to nurture conditions in which all gangsters from all walks of life can thrive. Gangsterism is not new to South Africa or just a reflection of post-1994 government's failure. Passing the buck between Provincial Government and National Government about who is responsible for gangsterism in this province is setting us back 10 steps. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Thank you! [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: We will never combat crime or make any progress without addressing the socio-economic issues that force our people to resort to crime. This budget does not speak to this and until it does and calls for the expropriation of land without compensation ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Paulsen, your time ...[Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...and equal job opportunities [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. [Interjection.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: We reject this budget. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Paulsen, thank you. [Interjection.] I recognise the hon member Christians. [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, [Interjections.] how can anyone with a sound mind vote against this budget unless it is not sound! [Interjections.] Unless it is not sound! [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, violent crime is rampant in South Africa because perpetrators ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...are not swiftly [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...apprehended, ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...tried and convicted ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Christians, [Interjection.] kindly take your seat. [Interjection.] Members, there is a speaker on the floor. I beg your indulgence. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Serious!

The SPEAKER: It is just two more minutes, please members! Hon member Christians you may proceed.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, I cannot understand that the members on this side do not understand that policing is a national function! [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: They must go to Policing 101; maybe they will understand because the Department of Community Safety has a limited function and I think under the leadership of Dr Lawrence they are doing sterling work [Interjections.]. I am going to say “well done, Dr Lawrence!” and retire well. But Madam Speaker, what I am really encouraged about in this budget is the money spent, ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...to connect with the vulnerable and to assist them because I think that is the solution that is ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...addressing [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon [Interjection.] member Paulsen. Sorry, interjection is allowed [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It makes sense!

The SPEAKER: Sorry, you are engaging the hon member in direct debate right in front of you, please tone down, and hon member Christians, try and keep your volume down please. [Interjections.] Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I cannot help that hon member Paulsen is not part of this committee. He is never there; [Interjection.] he does not know! I still respect hon member Lekker for her comments, she did not write that speech because when we visited [Interjection.] and oversight visits, when we engaged with the Department, we get satisfactory answers. We must understand the role of the Department, the role of the hon Minister, then you understand policing in the Western Cape, [Interjections.] but I believe, Madam Speaker, in closing, because I know my two minutes are up, with the money pumped into the academies, that is an example of how we can address the problem and not the symptoms. Symptoms are locking up, but addressing them, I think the Department is doing very well at getting people out of vulnerable communities, [Interjections.] putting them into jobs; that is the way to go; so the ACDP definitely supports this budget vote. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, at the cost of six minutes, which is hon member Kivedo's response, I will afford him an opportunity to respond and then we will break and reconvene at a quarter past two and the hon Minister will then finish after the break if that is appropriate. [Interjection.] We do

have a lunch schedule and unfortunately we do have the other speakers. Hon member Kivedo. [Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Madam Speaker, the vision of the Department of Community Safety is for the safer open opportunity in society [Interjection.] for all, building resilient communities responsive to safety needs. For this reason the DA welcomes and supports the approximate R234½ million appropriated to the Department. [Interjection.] So the very core of building the resilient communities in order to create a safer open opportunity in society for all, are education or institutions, our schools.

On Monday morning, 2 March 2015, Mr Frank Agulhas, Principal of Eurecon Primary School, discovered the school burgled and the computer lab raided. The following day, Tuesday, 3 March 2015 at 20 minutes past two in the morning he received a call from a resident close to the school informing him that the school was set alight and was burning. On arrival at the school, the school building was engulfed in flames. Consequently the Grades 1 and 2 classrooms which accommodated a total of 87 learners were completely destroyed. Then the perpetrators entered the principal's office via the ceiling, ransacked his office getting away with valuables *inter alia* technological devices, such as printers, computers amongst others. On further inspection, Mr Agulhas discovered that his staff room, administration building store room, had also been damaged and ransacked. His final discovery was that two learners' toilets were also destroyed by the fire.

Madam Speaker, school vandalism causes much monetary damage, yet the psychological impact on learners, staff and parents, is immeasurable. A whole community serviced by this school is now traumatised and paralysed by these incidents. Visiting the school on Wednesday, 4 March 2015, I was at a loss for words when I saw the carnage, however, I was in tears when the little Grades 1s and 2s were peeping through the fence at the burnt ruins and one asked me tearfully, and I quote:

“Oom, het ons nog ‘n klas en ‘n skool, Oom?”

I then realised that the impact of school vandalism is not only about damaging infrastructure, but damaging the very heart and soul of the children who hold the school and learning in such high esteem in preparation for their futures. This incident will have an everlasting impact on the learners’ young minds which at this point of development is easily tarnished by a barbaric act such as this. They will now always associate schooling and places of learning with destruction, devastation and disengagement with a relatively new love of learning. It is no longer only about brick, mortar and material assets, it is about destroying a child’s perception of learning and in turn the greatest factor of life as a whole. These perpetrators may have scored a few rounds in this hideous crime, but they have forever robbed these young children of an education they rightfully deserve. These vandals have chosen to commit malicious acts such as these in order to support their own devastating lifestyle. In the process, they are oblivious to the fact that they are depriving children from their right to education and their will to pave a

better future for themselves so that they do not end up with the same limited pool of life chances as the vandals. Causing further frustration, is that the perpetrators are damaging their own communities. This, in fact, implies that they intentionally deprive a family to whom they are acquainted from gaining opportunities for themselves through education to grow, develop and better equip themselves for the job market.

When confronted with issues of this nature, the “crab mentality” surfaces. As mentality that hinders community safety, the so-called “crab mentality” refers to someone who employs a selfish short-sighted thinking/acting strategy that boils down to the attitude, and I quote: “If I cannot have it, neither can you.”

It deals with people who will work hard, even go out of their way to hold others back and pull even their own family, friends and associates down rather than that person getting ahead or realising their dreams. This mentality breaks down the very moral fibre of our community. Mentalities of this calibre should have no space to flourish in a democracy, especially in terms of educating oneself or children. Frankly school vandalism is an unnecessary and preventable expense to the Western Cape Education and Community Safety Departments, the burden to society, which is ironically perpetrated by the very members of this society. The Department of Community Safety’s core functions and main service is aimed to prevent the constitutional and [Inaudible.] of civilian oversight over law enforcement agencies and we implement both national and provincial policies and safety

and security. They also want to build in community resilience to be actively involved, organise, share information, resources and have them aid in increasing it.

In conclusion, the statistics and cost, although high, fails to review the magnitude of the problem. Intentionally damaging and ransacking school property deprives children and communities from benefitting from other resources that could have been funded with the capital used to repair malicious destruction to educational institutions as Giddens said, a renowned sociologist, notably 1998, and I quote him: “Society only has form, and that form only has effects on people, insofar as structure” ...[Interjection.]

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...“is produced and reproducing in what people do.”
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo ... [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Far too long many communities ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo your time ...[Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...have stood by idly and allowed benefit ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...to society. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] I now recognise the hon Minister Plato. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, thank you very much, and I will briefly refer to most of the speakers and the comments they have made. To hon member Wenger, thank you very much. I think you raised most of the issues I raised in this as well. The ones you have raised, the commission, the MOU not signed, the National Development Plan. You also identify some of the other issues, the neighbourhood watch training and equipment; it is true. It is enshrined in the Community Safety Act as well that we will take the neighbourhood watches by the hand. The issue around the White Paper not making provision for neighbourhood watches. You referred to the police reservists, etc. I think the other issue you raised and most of the speakers, hon member Lekker and my other colleagues raised it as well, are partnerships. I see that as important. I am glad some of the partners are here with us today, some of our religious partners, our FET college partners, our Chrysalis Academy, The Ark. I am very glad, we will not be able, not even the police, to fight crime on its own alone. We do need partners with us.

So I want to thank all departments for the valid contributions. When we call The Ark, they are always there to make provision for drug addiction, youngsters, to house them, to rehabilitate them. Our FET colleges, when we refer our youngsters to the college to study, whatever they can do for us, they do that, and I want to thank them as well.

Hon member Lekker, you raised a number of issues. I think I want to concur with you. You were right, there are still a number of poor, vulnerable communities in the Western Cape, and we deal with it. Yesterday some of my colleagues, through their budget speeches, dealt with how they address poverty. You must remember and realise, we can also just contribute. Our role is safety primarily, but our budget, weigh that up against some of my other colleagues' budgets, is only R234 million and we have to do with that what we can. But you are right, that is why we reach out with our partners to vulnerable areas. What we can save on the Cape Flats, alternates for our youngsters, that is why I lead the charge for the communities myself. My heart goes out to the people, to provide them with hope, to encourage them never to give up and to continue to go and take up opportunities, and I think that is what we need to instil in the minds of our youth out there.

And for this thing of we must not engage with the vulnerable youth and the poor youth and the youth involved with gangsterism, I disagree with that. If we say we want to change behaviour and we want to change mindsets, will we be able to do that from a distance? You will never get it right. You can only do that if you have targeted interventions, targeted programmes, targeted

projects in the vulnerable communities, then we will see the change from within and that is the core of what we are saying in the “whole of society” approach.

The issues around, and that is why another valuable partner, the VPUU, Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading, it is an issue of saying it is a state entity, governmental entity, why not work together instead of saying VPUU will not work? It is a case of saying with your budget, with our budget, we can do a lot together in a poor, poverty-stricken community. And I agree, thousands of our people still do not feel safe and that is why we need to take hands. I would love to see the day when we are fighting crime, where we put our politics aside. And I want to thank the member, when I visited her area the other day, she was there from the early morning and she stood by me in her area of Nyanga; she was speaking so passionately about Nyanga; but that she could feel the strain in the heated sun, but we have done it, to reach out to hundreds of the Nyanga youth, and it worked [Interjection.] and that is what must happen across the political lines that we say, “put politics one side”, take hands and the result is the people of Nyanga responded in dramatic style and we referred those applications of those youngsters also to the FET colleges. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Let’s take hands. When are we going to go to [Inaudible.]?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Well, what about you? What about you? [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Be totally fair to others. [Interjection.] Madam Speaker, then the issues about bushes. I have said to the hon member, and I want to say it to other hon members as well, if you are of the opinion we can assist, yes we can. We can refer your complaint and we can keep track of it to see that the complaint is being dealt with. It is unheard of that a member of a legislature struggled to get the bush cleared, struggled to get a light fixed and that sort of thing. It must not happen! We are leaders and we need to drive these issues to the best of our ability.

We do not destroy Bambananis. I want to say that. Some of our Bambananis, old [Inaudible.] people, they cannot do the work anymore and we will bring in the auxiliary officers and we will make provision for them. It was never a case of we are saying to people “you are not wanted anymore”. We are looking at a new initiative where we can use some of the current Bambanani people. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Viva Bambanani!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The big problem with Bambananis is, they stand at the gate of a school in a gangster-stricken area;

when the bullets fly, what can they do? They must run for cover with the children at the specific school. They face the firing line in the dramatic style. That is why we want to come up with a better concept, with better trained people and that sort of thing, and then some of them could become part of that new drive.

The issue around the army. Look, I visited the Range area the other day, on a Friday, and Madam Speaker, I want to say to you, what I have seen in the Range, whether I watched the international TV station and so on of what is happening in the rest of the world, the comparison of that was exactly the same. For a period of about five minutes it was gunfire, gunfire, gunfire! How the devil can our people want to live like that? That area is lived in, the people are living in an abnormal society. It is an abnormal situation! We can never want to agree with something like that. We have to address it and that is why it is our duty as a government, and if the Opposition disagrees with this, it is your right to disagree, but it is just as much our right to say “we want that”. Because we have the state; the army belongs to the state; we call on the President, bring them in. We ask for that. We ask no excuse for that call [Interjection.] we are making.

But the truth is out! Now we see where guns are. We asked for two years, “where are the guns coming from?” [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Now you know.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Now we have some idea of where they are coming from, and we have never politicised this. I can politicise, I can say, “it is coming from the ANC cops” and that sort of thing, but I will never do that. I will never go that far! [Interjections.] I will never politicise that issue! [Interjections.] But if you were in our position, the ANC would have hit us for a six in that regard. [Interjections.]

The issue about reintegration of offenders, I want to thank hon member Lekker for that. To a large extent, I agree with her. That is something we need to look at. It means co-operative governance between different spheres of government at the end of the day.

The issue around the religious breakfast, I think we are talking about the June/July holiday period. It was 17 000. I think we must just get the figures right. My figures for December/January states 27 000, and I think that is the big difference and you said December/January it was 17 000. I think that is a bit wrong, but the validity of the programme? That is why I go and visit the programmes myself to make sure our monies are well spent. [Interjections.]

The Nyanga convictions, I applaud the police for a job well done in that regard, and yes, Metro Police and SAPS must work more closely together, but we have to remember, all communities ask for a Metro Police officer. I think there are only 730 Metro Police officers versus in the region of nearly 20 000 SAPS offices. So, it is less than a thousand, it means it is a tiny amount of

officers. They will never be able to cover an insecure area on the Cape Flats.
[Interjections.]

Ja, I think with the disabled issues and the poor issues, yes, we make provision as a department for disabled people. If we need to assist them, we assist them. We help as far as we can, and that is also where we reach out primarily to the poorest of the poor, to get them into education and for them to go the Chrysalis Academy, etc., etc.

Hon member Paulsen, thank you, the mob justice issue; it is a worry, and I want to agree with you, but we were overcome that not only via the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry, because it is still embedded in certain [Inaudible.] of communities, education, education, education! And that is what we are doing and we will continue to educate our people as far as we can.

Police unable to address gangsterism, is one of the statements you made. I think as a collective we try our best to address the issue. I am still of the opinion that our intelligence force can do much, much more to unravel for us the origin or the source of the supply of guns, and that is not happening. I would love to see a situation that some of our big drug lords, our big gangsters in the Cape; we know who they are; we have their names; why is our justice system not dealing with them in a very appropriate manner? And that also is happening in a very [Inaudible.] kind of a fashion.

Hon member Christians, thank you for your positive comments and that you also agree that we really try to connect with the real vulnerable out there. Basil Cupido, hon member, thank you for your positive contributions. Madam Speaker, thank you very much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, that concludes the debate on this vote. Proceedings will now be suspended and we will resume at 14:30 because we do have guests and unfortunately I can push for 14:15 [Interjections.] if hon members support 14:15? [Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Then the House will resume at 15:14. [Interjection.] Thank you. [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: Madam Speaker, before ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker.

Ms P LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to put the matter to the House that I do not take kindly to being undermined by a chauvinist male. [Interjection.] Hon member Christians has just said he does not think I wrote my speech and I take very seriously ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Take him on! Take him on!

Ms P LEKKER: ...as undermining me as a female. [Interjection.] He spoke an untruth and said that are three containers in [Interjection.] Kwakabo which is not the truth and there is nothing honourable about lying in the House! [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Apologise!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, the proceedings have been suspended, but your comment is noted.

The House adjourned at 13:35.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seats. The Secretary will read the fifth Order.

5. Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Voordat ek die agb Minister Botha aan die woord stel, Minister Botha baie hartlik welkom terug. Ons is bly om te sien u is in goeie gesondheid.

Die PREMIER: Ja.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie bly. [Applous.]

Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, baie dankie. [Applous.] Baie dankie mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Dit is lekker om terug te wees. Dit is lekker om al die gesigte te sien. Baie dankie. [Gelag.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the members of the Provincial Parliament, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, the head of department and managers of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, our partners in the sport and cultural sectors who are also here present today, the media and the residents of our province.

It is indeed a privilege to present to this House the allocation of the Cultural Affairs and Sport budget. I will set out how the budget will be used to reach its maximum potential within a greater strategy of creating opportunities for our people through the improvement of education outcomes and opportunities for youth development.

Our government's game-changer strategy can be compared to the strategy game that many of us know as chess. You can only checkmate your opponent if you have a better plan of action. Great strategic moves require a careful strategy and plans which support its aims to reach the final victory. The game requires mental and physical tenacity. Playing chess greatly improves the

mind's ability to develop a strategic approach and the best plan of action for every daily task.

That is what our government's game changers will ultimately enable - empowerment of people and development of their skills which we require as a society to bring the National Development Plan to fruition.

The game changer strategy has been carefully designed to gear the Provincial Budget of R52 billion towards the ultimate goal and that is to change the downward spiral that affects certain communities in our province.

I will now set out some of the elements of the R706.5 million Budget Vote for Cultural Affairs and Sport for 2015/16, and point out how the Budget Vote has been allocated to bring about a checkmate.

The Department's budget has been allocated to facilitate social inclusion and create opportunities for our people in the cultural and sport sectors. Our Mass participation; Opportunity and access; Development and growth, in short the MOD centres have been further developed to introduce new, community-based programmes. These offer learners life-skills training, entrepreneurship training, and opportunities to participate in the community development programmes. The MOD Programme is the fulcrum around which the department's youth development initiatives revolve, and we will only be able to reach our objectives through effective partnerships. The funding of sport federations and key cultural organisations is therefore vital.

Of particular significance is the increase in the budgets allocated to the Library Services and the MOD Programme. This aims to create opportunities for our people, especially our youth, to participate in sport, recreation, arts and culture and improve access to our libraries, museums and heritage and language services. In recognition of the importance of this, we have allocated R74 million to this area of our work.

The MOD Programme is hosted at 181 primary and high schools across the Western Cape. Generally, primary school-based MOD Centres act as feeders to their neighbouring high school-based MOD Centres. This year I will work with my colleagues in the Education and Social Development departments to develop a model that can be replicated throughout the province. This means that we will be able to facilitate structured and planned daily after-school recreation programmes for our youth that include the provision of fun-filled play activities and opportunities.

The Executive Summary of the National Development Plan 2030 says:

“The country’s rich cultural legacy and the creativity of its people mean that South Africa can offer unique stories, voices and products to the world. In addition, artistic endeavour and expression can foster values, facilitate healing and restore national pride.”

This speaks directly to the key role that this department plays in contributing

to social inclusion, nation-building and national social cohesion.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport activities are strongly aligned to the One Cape 2040 Vision and the Connecting Cape Strategy. This will contribute to the development of welcoming, inclusive and integrated communities.

R110 million has been allocated to Programme 2, which includes arts, culture, language, museums, heritage and geographical names.

The term of office of the Western Cape Cultural Commission ends in April 2015 and I have requested the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport to invite the public to nominate persons to serve on the Commission for the next term of office.

An accredited training programme for community artists has been negotiated with the University of the Western Cape and the Department intends these to be the benchmark for future interventions in music training.

Local young talent identified and nurtured during the 2014/15 departmental drama initiative from the Eden and Cape Winelands Drama Festivals will be showcased at the Baxter Theatre during March 2015, the ABSA Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees during April and Die Burger Suidoosterfees in May 2015.

Applications for arts and culture project funding close tomorrow for this financial year. Through this programme the department is able to assist organisations in the far corners of our province to practise various art forms or undertake cultural projects. Just over R14 million in subsidies will be transferred to successful applicants in the new financial year.

Die Departement gaan weer, met die samewerking van die professionele kunste-organisasies soos Kaapstad Opera en die Kaapse Filharmoniese Orkes, onderhandel om langtermyn interaksie en vennootskappe tussen die departement en landelike kunste-organisasies te verseker om voort te gaan met die uitbreiding van die teikenmark van die kunsdissiplines en genres in die Wes-Kaap. Verder gaan die departement die ontwikkelingsprogramme vir landelike kunste uitbrei om programme in te sluit vir die jeug op plase. Hierdie programme gaan in die Witzenberg Munisipaliteit geloods word.

Drama development will be expanded to the Overberg towns of Swellendam, Bredasdorp, Caledon and Grabouw in a phased programme from June to November 2015.

A dance development programme in the West Coast District Municipality will be conducted in September 2015, which is Heritage Month. This will provide youth with an avenue to give expression to their creative abilities in a safe and enabling environment.

During the 2015/16 year, the Department plans to train 110 artists in arts

disciplines such as dance, drama and music.

A professionally choreographed production will be presented in a professional theatre in Cape Town in August 2015. This will celebrate the talent and showcase the successes of the Department's arts programmes.

The Arts Week programme to be presented during February 2016 will take place in the City of Cape Town together with representatives from the rural areas. The aim is to promote those art forms that are less well-known in order to open up possible career paths for the youth.

During 2015/16 the initiation programme will expand its work beyond the health and safety aspects of the practice. It will facilitate dialogue with communities and stakeholders to establish whether there are other ways in which government can contribute to the preservation of this cultural practice. The department will also facilitate the interaction with representatives of the Western Cape Initiation Forum to ensure that preparations are made well in advance of the start of the winter and summer initiation seasons.

The 2011 Census indicated a sustained shift in the proportion of first language speakers of the three official languages in the Western Cape. While Afrikaans remains the first language of about half of the province's population, the proportion of isiXhosa speakers has consistently increased since 1996, and the proportion of Afrikaans speakers has consistently decreased over the same period. The proportion of English first language

speakers has remained consistent at about 20% since 1996. Slightly more than 5% of the Western Cape's population speak a first language that is not one of the three official languages of the province. These trends have provided clear direction for the department's language service component.

In April 2015 the Department will again offer intermediate basic communication South African Sign Language classes to a group of parents and family members of learners attending the Noluthando School for the Deaf in Khayelitsha. This training helps to bridge the gap between deaf children and their hearing parents and caregivers. This project supplements the capacity building activities of the Western Cape Education Department for hearing teachers at the school.

A seminar on South African Sign Language was hosted by the Western Cape Language Committee in partnership with the department on 27 November 2014. The aim was to consult with deaf communities about how the Western Cape Government can best serve the needs of South African Sign Language users. Recommendations for my attention were compiled by the Language Committee and included in the seminar report. A follow-up workshop with stakeholders is planned for June 2015.

Since its adoption in 2005, an annual survey has been conducted to assess the implementation of the Western Cape Language Policy in specific provincial departments. Departments of the provincial government were provided with resources to establish language units as part of the implementation plan for

the Western Cape Language Policy. During 2015/16, a survey will be conducted in all Western Cape Government departments to monitor and assess the progress made with the implementation of the Language Policy over the ten years of its existence. A final report and recommendations by the Language Committee should be available by the end of March 2016.

An English-isiXhosa booklet of government terminology was published in 2014. On International Translation Day on 30 September 2015 a new version of the booklet, with terminology in all three official languages of the Western Cape, will be launched. This booklet will support the uniform use of terminology among language practitioners rendering services to the Provincial Government.

Die departement gaan vergaderings van die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Taalforum fasiliteer. Hierdie liggaam bestaan uit taalpraktisyns en vergader ses keer per jaar om professionele ontwikkeling te ondersteun. Daarbenewens is die forum betrokke by die ontwikkeling van terminologie en ook aktief betrokke by die hersiening en opdatering van die bestaande ortografie vir isiXhosa.

The Western Cape Museum Policy makes provision for regional museums, a new category museum institution. The establishment of the Cape Town Museum was announced last year. This was the first step towards implementing this aspect of the policy. Negotiations to secure premises for the museum should be concluded early in the new financial year. The

department will provide infrastructure and technical support for the museum and is in negotiations with various stakeholders to make use of artefacts and collections currently being held by other heritage institutions and organisations to develop the first exhibitions.

Over the next five years, the Museum Service will adopt a programmatic approach to broaden and deepen its impact on museums and heritage sites. A master plan is being developed for each museum to guide upgrading and renewal of its sites and displays. This ongoing transformation initiative has contributed to making museums more representative of the cultural heritage of the diverse communities of the Western Cape. The introduction of new technology has improved the experience of visitors, as can be seen by the increase in visitor numbers. Over the next three years, exciting new exhibitions and upgrading of facilities are also planned for one of the most important museums in the Western Cape the Bartholomew Dias Museum in Mossel Bay.

Heritage Western Cape hopes to finalise the formal delegation of powers to the City of Cape Town for the management of Grade III heritage resources under the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) during the coming months. The draft memorandum of agreement is currently awaiting the approval of the City Council. This will be the first time in South Africa that a competent local authority will formally assume delegated powers for heritage resource management.

In October 2014 a service level agreement was signed with a service provider to develop a heritage information management system for the province. This R4.75 million project will run into the 2016/17 financial year and represents a major investment in the heritage sector in the province. Its completion will, through automation of many processes, lead to far greater levels of efficiency and greater transparency of process. Heritage Western Cape is the lead agency for this project which will be integrated with the province's My Content Programme and will also serve the needs of the Museum Service and Geographical Names Service.

Erfernis Wes-Kaap voorsien dat sy grootste taak tydens die boekjaar vir die verwerking van ongeveer 3 000 aansoeke gaan wees. Dit gaan bereik word tydens 36 vergaderings van sy subkomitees en 44 vergaderings van sy personeel se professionele span.

During the next five years, the groundwork will be laid for the establishment of a Khoikhoi heritage site in the Two Rivers Urban Park in Observatory, Cape Town. This will form part of the National Khoisan Legacy Project. The site will reflect the history of earliest contact between the Khoekhoen and colonial powers in 1510, in Observatory, and recognise the significant role of the Khoikhoi and their descendants in shaping our country.

The Western Cape Provincial Geographical Names Committee will continue with the verification of existing geographical names and submit these to the South African National Geographical Names Council. The Committee will

also consider applications received for the renaming of geographical features in the Western Cape.

In 2015/16 the Department's innovative Expanded Public Works Programme projects will continue to provide meaningful job opportunities for youth within the arts, culture, heritage, library and archives sector with an allocation of R13.454 million. The programmes are implemented across the province, including the rural communities.

Libraries and Archives form part of Programme 3 and has been allocated R360.6 million. The Library Service, which turns 60 in May 2015, has been working diligently to expand access to its services throughout the Western Cape. There are 361 library centres currently affiliated to the Provincial Library Service and, as new libraries are built and mini-libraries provided, this number will continue to grow.

Five new library facilities will receive funding for the initial phases of building in 2015/16. Those are:

- Du Noon Library, City of Cape Town
- Groendal Library, Stellenbosch Municipality
- Abbotsdale Library, Swartland Municipality
- Ashbury Library, Langeberg Municipality
- Herbertsdale Library, in Mossel Bay Municipality

Libraries that will receive second phase transfers and/ be upgraded are:

- Worcester Library and Avian Park Library, Breede Valley Municipality
- Kleinmond Library, Overstrand Municipality
- Suurbraak Library, Swellendam Municipality
- Conville Library, George Municipality
- Citrusdal Library, Cederberg Municipality

To address the unfunded mandate of public libraries, the department has been receiving considerable financial support from National Treasury and Provincial Treasury. National Government's conditional grant of R158 million for 2015/16 for the enhancement of community libraries will certainly provide huge financial relief. Of this amount, R142 million or 89% will be transferred to 25 municipalities that provide library services. The funding will be mainly used for staffing, new library buildings, and upgrades and book theft detection systems.

A total of 97.4% of the R60 million library service budget will be transferred to 15 Category B3 municipalities. This funding will be used to pay library staff, and to cover operational and minor capital costs.

The Rural Library Connectivity Project, which has been running since the 2008/09 financial year, is part of the Broadband Initiative of the Western Cape. This initiative aims to coordinate and integrate government action in order to provide telecommunication infrastructure and enhance skills and

usage. By end of the coming financial year, our rural library staff and users will have access to high speed internet. A total of R19 million has been allocated to this project over the 2015 Medium Term Expenditure Framework period.

The Library Service will procure an estimated 228 500 copies of library material to add to the current stock of 6.5 million library items in the 361 centres across the province.

Die Biblioteekdiens gaan voortgaan met opleidingsgeleenthede aan personeel en moniteringsdienste deur middel van gereelde moniteringsbesoeke. Ons gaan begin om elektroniese bronne te gebruik om sodoende tred te hou met die digitale revolusie. Die uiteindelijke doel is dat mense met behulp van hul biblioteek-lidmaatskap toegang tot hierdie hulpbronne kan verkry vanaf die gemak van hul huise.

Die oprigting van 'n verdere 27 biblioteke gaan die gebruik van openbare biblioteke verder bevorder en toegang verleen tot en ondersteuning bied aan die SITA Biblioteekinligtingstelsel.

Our services to the physically challenged remain a priority through assistive technologies, reading material and additional facilities. We aim to expand this service in the 2016/17 financial year.

A highlight on the library agenda this year is the International Federation of

Library Associations and Institutions World Congress that will be held here in Cape Town in August. It is expected to be attended by almost 4 000 delegates from 150 countries. It will be the third congress of its kind in Africa since its inception in 1927.

R36 million is allocated for the implementation of Electronic Content Management, the My Content to entrench sound records management and good governance. Part of this project is the digitisation of archival material which represents a major improvement in access to archive services.

R175.4 million has been budgeted for the Sport and Recreation Service of the department. As I mentioned earlier, the allocation of R74 million to the MOD Programme for youth form an important component of the budget.

R5.8 million will be transferred to 110 sport federations in the six districts of the province. Funds will be used for administration, development, and capacity building and transformation projects. During April I will be visiting the various regions to hand over the grants to the main role players.

In 2015/16, the department will transfer R1.9 million to the Drakenstein Municipality to build the Cape Winelands Sport Academy at the Dal Josaphat Stadium. The academy system is a key pillar of the National Sport and Recreation Plan and we believe an investment in this area will improve the lives of athletes from that area.

Tourism has been identified as a key driver for economic growth in the Western Cape. Our department will therefore support up to 50 major sport events in a diverse range of disciplines. R2 million has been allocated to major events. We are also proud to note that we played a role in securing the International Rugby Board Sevens Tournament for the Cape Town Stadium and that we will continue our support to the Cape Epic, the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon, the Berg River Canoe Race and the Cape Town Marathon, to name just a few. [Interjections.]

Part of our mandate is to honour our top athletes so that their achievements inspire thousands of others. To this end, the department will organise sport awards events in all six districts in November 2015, culminating in the Provincial Sport Awards in March 2016, of which the winners of these awards go on to the South African Sport Awards.

The Club Development Programme is a programme aimed at assisting sport clubs within the Western Cape to become self-sustaining, in line with the National Development Plan. In 2015/16 the department will support 300 clubs from 22 sports codes across the Western Cape. The clubs will be provided with attire, equipment, capacity building and support for travelling to away games. A total of R9.9 million has been allocated for this purpose.

In line with the Provincial Strategic Objective to promote wellness, the department will again convene the Regional Better Together Games. The games will be held in October 2015 in Oudtshoorn, Saldanha, Worcester and

Stellenbosch.

Various training courses will be facilitated by the department in the 2015/16 financial year and I want to highlight one in particular. The Department will train 50 municipal and federation officials through two courses in partnership with the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. The Facilities Management and the Events Planning and Management courses will ensure that municipalities are able to use the Geographical Information Service Database Facilities Management Tool. The end goal is to ensure the optimal use and sustainable maintenance of sports facilities in the Western Cape, reduce waste and mitigate the risk of vandalism.

Recreation is the platform from which sport, arts and culture develop and grow. It promotes a philosophy and ethos of healthy living and lifelong learning and it also provides activities via modified sport – indigenous sport; farm centre sport; community centre sport; senior citizen sport; and big walks. Recreational activities and modified sport are offered at a number of farm and community centres across the province.

The Department works with the preservation and conservation of indigenous knowledge through indigenous games such as jukskei, morabaraba, kho-kho and kgati. Local competitions will take place in 26 local and six district...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Morabaraba.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ...municipalities in April and May. See you there. [Interjections.] The best athletes will go on to participate in the provincial championships in June and July and the best of those will represent the Western Cape in the National Indigenous Games to take place in September 2015.

Speaker, indien ons verder as baie ander kan sien, is dit omdat ons op die skouers van reuse gestaan het of staan. Ons toekoms is gebou op die harde werk van ouer mense in ons provinsie. Ons vereer hulle hiervoor deur die fasilitering van hul deelname aan sport en ontspanning deur middel van die Goue Spele. Hierdie aktiwiteite skop af by die plaaslike huisgebaseerde sentrums gedurende die maande van April, Mei en Junie. Provinsiale wedstryde vind in September plaas en die nasionale wedstryde in Oktober.

Die Departement gaan vanjaar, om fiks en gesond te bly en in ooreenstemming met sy visie om te probeer om gesonde gemeenskappe en leefstyle te bevorder, 'n internasionale Groot Stapdag op 3 Oktober 2015 hou.

A Joint Provincial Task Team has been established to oversee school sport in the province. This task team brings together representatives of Cultural Affairs and Sport, as well as Education. It will meet at least twice per school term and regularly consult with the Western Cape Provincial Sport Confederation in its capacity as custodian of sport in the Western Cape.

This year will see the second Western Cape School Sport Indaba being co-hosted by our government. Funds have also been allocated towards the establishment and consolidation of school sport code structures at provincial and district level. This year we will once again support the promotion and coordination of inter-school sport leagues, and participation in the National School Sport Championships to be held in Pretoria in December of this year.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, when playing chess, the final moves are a matter of implementing the strategy that was planned right from the start. A good player anticipates what their opponents might do and plan their moves to stay one step ahead. In the challenges that face our country, the opponent is not the opposition party, but the well-being of our people. As a government and as a department, we need to bring about measurable change in the lives of people who depend on our facilities and our services. The budget I present today boasts a suite of services, which will touch the lives of individuals and will help us to build an inclusive society.

To move to checkmate I will need the support of the department, stakeholders and role players from the private sector, towards our common goal of opportunities to all our people in the province.

I so move. Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor, hoor.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Transport - and Sport, sorry, Minister Botha, welcome back.

An HON MEMBER: Transport?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The HOD and the various officials, welcome to the tabling of this budget vote today.

'n AGBARE LID: Transport. Jy is deurmekaar.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the United Nations defines sport as follows, and I quote:

“All forms of physical activity that contribute to physical fitness, mental well-being and social interaction, such as play recreation, organised or competitive sport, and indigenous games and sports.”

And the Minister just spoke to that and some of the highlights in his budget speech speaks to exactly what we want to achieve in the coming year.

Sport is a universal language. It fosters inclusivity and it promotes social cohesion. It instils competitiveness, discipline, endurance and high premium performance, which in itself is a culture.

Mr M N PAULSEN: What sports do you play?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker there is no doubt that the Western Cape Government is a government at work. Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the DA to support the budget appropriation of the R706 million allocated to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA supports this budget appropriation as it will indeed assist in creating a socially inclusive, creative, active and well-connected Western Cape.

The fact that the Department encourages excellence and inclusiveness in sport and culture through the effective, efficient and sustainable use of their current resources bodes well for the future.

In striving for excellence, the department creates the opportunity for access and mass participation, talent identification and skills development.

We know that this department is probably one of the departments that received the least amount of budget, not only in the Western Cape but countrywide. In fact compared to some of our peers around the world that we constantly compete and beat against, the Australia's and the New Zealand's of the world, we spend less than 10% on sport. Australia for example spent about five billion at last count on their school sport, but we spend less than 10% on that. So we shout, we fight far above our way.

Further, our substantiating for this budget is that Cultural Affairs and Sport are tools used to assist nation building, not only in the Western Cape, but countrywide as well. People keep on underestimating the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. They always refer to it as the smaller departments nationally and provincially.

This is the department with the biggest responsibility in doing social cohesion, because we deal with sport and cultural affairs, two of the biggest contributors of social cohesion in the country. [Interjection.]

As a result of language playing a critical role in democracy, integration and diversity, which is the epitome of the Western Cape, we commend the Western Cape Language Committee on their efforts to redress communication barriers through the evaluation of linguistic practices. In terms of the Department's support to the Western Cape Language Committee, the Western Cape Language Committee actively promotes the principle of multilingualism in the Western Cape.

They actively promote the marginalised indigenous languages such as South African Sign Language.

This budget allocation will also ensure the department support the Western Cape Cultural Commission to preserve, promote and develop culture in the Western Cape through the registration and de-registration of cultural

councils. The provision of financial assistance to registered cultural councils and organisations.

We therefore commend the department and the ministry for recently meeting with the various traditional leaders, such as the Khoisan, the AbaThembu Traditional Royal House of the Western Cape.

It is important that dialogues of this nature is open, so we can come to a production outcome in preserving, promoting and developing culture in the Western Cape. The DA commends the Department for that.

In order to increase wellness, safety and tackle social ills to enable a resilient, sustainable quality and inclusive living environment the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport through the various sport and recreation programmes, creates job opportunities for people living in the community such as the EPWP programme; such as the School Sport programme, the Siyadlala Community Mass Participation programme, the Club Development Programme, the academies and last but not least, the MOD programme.

The MOD Centres are an excellent initiative in getting children to school and to keep them occupied after school with productive activities rather than with delinquent behaviour on the street. We have throughout the last financial year visited quite a few of them and found them to be functional and effective.

This groundbreaking initiative by the department creates a space for where

youth at risk are currently becoming youth with potential and that is the important part, because we keep on blaming everything on government. If things go wrong we blame government. If things do not succeed we blame government. It is the role of all of us as members of this House and as the community at large through the MOD centres and through parents to encourage their kids after school to go to the MOD centres to partake in the sports events. It is not only the government initiative. Government can have the best policies but it is us as members of this House do not encourage parents in our constituencies to get involved it is not going to help if government has the best MOD centre in the world.

We are confident that the department will this year, as the Minister allocated now recently more money to the MOD centres, will consolidate the MOD centres and we will work on increasing the impact and the number of activities that are provided at these centres.

We acknowledge the necessity to improve the functioning of the MOD centres as to the great initiative and the progress at work, but they have reached quite a lot of milestones last year. That cannot be ignored.

A couple of weeks ago with the Cape Town Carnival, over 70 youth partook in the Cape Town Carnival. Those are success stories from the MOD centres and we want to thank the Western Cape Government for indeed being a government at work and for creating opportunities for growth and jobs as a priority.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA is not only a party acknowledging the excellent management and in turn the service delivery by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. National Government and Federations again has recently shown their faith in the Western Cape Government Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the City of Cape Town, as the Minister announced, by bringing the World Rugby Sevens Series to Cape Town for four years starting this year.

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: This shows a lot of confidence in the province as a City because it was taken away from another province who have shown incapability of running it properly.

An HON MEMBER: Haibo.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it speaks volumes by the confidence they have in us in the Western Cape and the department in itself.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It was taken away... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Shut-up! We are aware that the ANC will vote against this budget appropriation. [Interjections.] This budget is pro-poor and the majority and children and youth will benefit from this budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, “shut-up” is okay in this sense.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You can continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, ja.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And the majority of poor people will benefit from this budget. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: How do you know that? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And the people from the traditional rural areas will

benefit from this budget. So by voting against this budget the EFF and the ANC who claim to be pro-poor, are voting against the poor. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: How can you pre-empt... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...and we will go out to the poor and tell the poor that the people who voted against this budget was the ANC and the EFF and they must show it at the next election to them. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Are you threatening us now?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: We will personally convey this message. It is not a threat, it is a fact. We will go to the poor and tell the poor, the people who voted against this budget are the people who claim to be representing you.

Ms M N GILLION: Why are you... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon member Ms Gillion, relax.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: Are you there... [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: No man, thanks.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the department, the officials from the department and the Minister representing this pro-poor

Cultural Affairs and Sport budget that we as the DA support, and I challenge the members who will vote against this budget. We will go to the poor and tell the poor.

Mr M L FRANSMAN: You do not have a choice. You do not have a choice.

An HON MEMBER: We are there.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Ms Makeleni. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Eh Makeleni!

Ms P MAKELENI: Ndiyabulela Somlomo. Mr Deputy Speaker, let me take the opportunity to welcome the hon MEC Botha. I am glad to see that the political game changer that the Premier wanted to play on him did not bring him down or break his spirit. [Laughter.] [Applause.]

I am glad to see him here facing his challenge. [Laughter.] Let me also welcome the department and the HOD and all entity representatives. You are welcome. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me state unambiguously that the ANC does not

support this budget and we are not ashamed of that and we are going to tell the voters why. [Interjections.]

This budget must be assessed against the following:

1. What it purports to want to achieve in the strategic objectives;
2. Whether it meets the expectation of the people of the province.

The ANC is observing that the department is given a total of 1.4% of the total budget which is very little considering that these are two departments combined into one and its core responsibilities.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms P MAKELENI: This department has a huge responsibility to change the mindset of many people through sports and culture. One of the cornerstones of our democracy is nation building as was championed by the first democratic elected black President, the Late Tata Nelson Mandela. He said five years ago after the very first Rugby World Cup victory:

“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that nothing else or anything else does.”

This department is entrusted with the responsibility of uniting the people of this province, recognising their diverse backgrounds and prejudice through

sports and culture. The growing racial tensions and attacks can be addressed through programmes from this department on the role of sports and culture in uniting the people.

In your stated objectives it is said that “to promote social inclusion as well as building respect for each other’s heritage and talent.”

In the budget there is very little reference and dedication programmes in [Inaudible.] to realise this object. At the centre of this department’s mandate is to build social cohesion and unity and diversity but the budget is silent on the mass participation programmes that promote social cohesion and unity and diversity. There is no mention how the diverse culture groupings will be truly supported.

I make these points to illustrate that the budget falls short on demonstrating on people centred initiatives that promotes cultural diversity and sporting programmes. I have on numerous occasion questioned against overly relying on MOD centres as the messiah of youth development. The number of people at risk is about 20% young people in the province. Even the 181 MOD centres are not enough considering that public schools are more than a thousand in this province.

The original concept of MOD centres was to introduce multicultural sporting activities and educational activities in communities where youth is at risk. It was in the stage that these centres’ activities would then take the children

away from the streets while parents are still at work.

The centres are generally seen as feeding schemes, not that the ANC does not support feeding the poor, but the reality is that the MOD centres are ill-placed. What about other related activities that were meant to be part of the MOD centre activities?

During last year annual report session it was reported MOD centre has failed to record success on the following activities: music, drama, career guidance and life skills.

The Standing Committee has been postponing the oversight visit to the MOD centres. In fact the Chairperson that once spoke before me... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, yes.

Ms P MAKELENI: ...is always irritated and agitated when this matter is discussed, denying us the opportunity to do our oversight role. [Interjections.] I suspect that the DA is avoiding massive embarrassment of poor on non-performance in this regard. [Interjection.]

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

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, a point of order, the member was

absent when we went to Highlands School and the MOD centre. She was not even there at the meeting.

An HON MEMBER: No, sit down.

Ms M N GILLION: Ah, sit down, MacKenzie.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Mackenzie, you know well that is not a point of order. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Sit down. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Take your time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue. [Interjections.] Please continue hon member Ms Makeleni.

Ms M N GILLION: You know that is not a point of order.

Ms P MAKELENI: The DA is avoiding massive embarrassment of poor on non-performance in this regard. [Interjections.] ...after multimillions of rand was pumped into this bottomless pit. There are many legends from a variety of sporting codes and cultural groupings, who can and must be engaged and provide better and proper services to the youth at these centres. We need more role models to emulate.

The hon Minister Botha must ensure that MOD centres are not used as a reward for DA cronies but as an effective tool to empower young people as a whole. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, yes. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: I call on Minister Botha to ensure that MOD centres are streamlined and have a structured curriculum in order to ensure maximum output... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mamela.

Ms P MAKELENI: ...of the intended outcomes in all MOD centres; not just in a few. The Department is not supposed to be spending money on MOD centres. Instead its financial allocations and resources must be redirected to be properly utilised right into sports and cultural programmes. [Interjections.]

In education these MOD centres - there is no evidence that these centres contribute to education outcomes. The much reported achievements of only five young people whose talent was identified through MOD centres, for them to participate in higher levels, while it is commendable, but it is a drop in the ocean considering the high number of young people in need.

As this stands, the following departments namely Health, Education, Social Development and Cultural Affairs and Sport are all reporting on MOD centres, yet very little has been achieved. This is not a desirable situation. It is unacceptable and it needs to be jacked soon or closed down.

It is for this reason that I am calling on this government to decide as to which department must lead the MOD centre project.

Ms M N GILLION: Ja.

Ms P MAKELENI: This project must not be everywhere with less performance record across the board. In fact during the budget vote debate there was an indication from hon MEC Fritz that MOD centres should be under education. There may be merits on this proposal because school infrastructure is already available as schools and does not have to be leased to create another burden to the project that siphons money off, that should go directly to the benefit of the youth at risk. More learners would have access and participate in numbers. It is therefore clear that the departmental allocation of the budget towards MOD centres in its current form is not supported.

This department must work hard in ensuring that no supporting codes and cultural activities are preserved for certain racial groups, fluent communities and upper-classes under the guise of “elite sport”. All people of the Western Cape must benefit, especially those from previously disadvantaged

communities.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But you just said [Inaudible.]

Ms P MAKELENI: This bias is laid down in White Paper on sports and other policies but we do not see much interest to do just that.

An HON MEMBER: That is racist. It should be [Inaudible.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Is this department not supposed to worry about the state of Sports Federation in this province? Many structures are not functioning optimally. The fact that they are in conflict with their national counterparts and even among some codes that have to co-exist here. It must be a concern to us all that this is the state of the affairs.

There are funds allocated to mediate in situations like these. The local athletes are the ones who stand to suffer, especially those who are not affiliated to the strongest of these contending groups. They do not receive funding or sponsors or the required attention to support their activities, including provincial and national tournaments from this department.

We commend the efforts of the National Minister of sport, Minister Fikile Mbalula in supporting the schools with sporting equipment like he did in [Inaudible.]

This effort helps to unearth the talents of learners from grassroots level. [Interjection.] The R110 million for this programme of which only R32 million budgeted for Arts and Culture is not enough. How does this department plan to retain and attract artists who run away from this province to KwaZulu Natal and Gauteng for survival?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: What?

Ms P MAKELENI: Too many professionals feel unwelcome in this province. Does this budget talk to this challenge? The R4.9 million for language services is a clear indication that cultural diversity has a potential danger of swallowing smaller cultural groups. Their identity, languages and customs wither away and perish without everyone noticing.

It is therefore the responsibility of this department to promote and protect all cultural groups and tribes of this province. In this province there is a growing population of Basotho speaking residents. Does this department embrace them in terms of ensuring that their identity and language is protected, promoted and integrated into official languages spoken and written in this public domain... [Interjection.] ...or are they merely seen as refugees? Does the department's programme invest in bringing commonality in the use of this language in every sphere of our society? [Interjections.]

I am also very worried that the government's communication in many cases like many report and budgets do not meet the requirements of the

Constitution, Section 6.1(A) that “it has to be in at least two of the official languages.” Why does it mostly get published in English, the smallest of the provincial languages? To write in the report: “It is available in another language upon request”, means it is not published or available from the onset.

The first in the fact that the state includes the second sphere must take practical and positive measures to evaluate the status and advances, the use of indigenous languages of our people. Where does this leave us with Khoikhoi, Nama’s and Sign Languages? In fact it was reported that there is only one Nama speaker that is fluent fully in this province. We do not see that these budgets plan on, plan or report. The province must also constitutionally monitor the use of official language to - amongst others - to ensure parity of esteem and equitable treatment. This legislature must demand a full report on this in the financial year.

On the issue of multilingualism we see a lot of effort by the department and Language Commission. That money goes into language issues. We do not deny that, but we are still missing some key constitutional imperatives and pointers as stated above. That is why I initially said the funds allocated to MOD centres can be best used in projects like this in the department, or is this department not supposed to invest or contribute towards rehabilitation of sporting personalities who suffer from substance or drug abuse? I say so because increasingly many athletes become a victim of drug addiction and are not supported enough. It would seem that in this department there is no support for people like them and it is easily for them to be lost in the system.

We note that R60 million allocated to municipal replacement funding and R5 million for broadband library connection and an additional R1.5 million for library services. We will keep a close eye in terms of oversight role in ensuring that all our libraries especially rural are connected.

On heritage, Mr Deputy Speaker, how is this objective on Programme 3 on archive services going to be realised in this current budget of R51 million? We are still wondering. Access to archives remains a concern to ordinary people from far rural. This budget must talk to speedily digitalisation as it is important in today's democracy to know where we are coming from.

I hope the chess game that the Minister is making an example of is just that and not a reflection of his part on how serious he takes people's lives. Thank you. [Applause.]

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I also rise to support this budget, but before I do that I welcome my colleague hon Minister Theuns Botha back into this House and we can assure you, you were always in our prayers...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Which faction are you? Just tell us that.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...and very welcome.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just tell us that.

Mr B D KIVEDO: And also hon members... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: From the previous faction.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport officials, all the DCAS fraternity. I also note the presence of hon Kobus Marais, LP in the National Assembly and also shadow Minister for Economic Development and an executive member of SASCOC.

I think I am going to reiterate what I have said before. This department forms the cornerstone and underpins all other departments, because it speaks directly to the national, the unresolved and national question.

An HON MEMBER: Are you saying Theuns was promoted?

Mr B D KIVEDO: It speaks directly. We are talking about inclusivity, social cohesion, but I am asking today bring me the glue. [Interjections.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, nou praat ons.

Mr B D KIVEDO: So that we can keep the pieces together.

An HON MEMBER: Social cohesion.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Because it is either “*united we stand or divided we fall.*”

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are a comrade. I can hear that. [Laughter.]
[Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: The fact remains, that sport is such a unifier, and I mean these issues were resolved during the negotiations at CODESA 1 and 2...

'n AGBARE LID: Hoor, hoor.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...in terms of nation building.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It was not this side.

Mr B D KIVEDO: In terms of restorative justice, in terms of restitution, reconciliation and the healing of this country.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not know that [Inaudible.] not from this side.

Mr B D KIVEDO: But now what has happened to the Rainbow Nation? It has aborted on somebody's drawing board. Where? I do not know. Let us find out! [Interjections.]

The fact is we have to turn it around irrespective of. I must emphasise again for the benefit of this province and this country. It is the only country we have. Where are you going to run to?

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nêrens nie!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member just - order. Just address the Chair as well.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, thank you.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, thank you, Chair. The fact is that sport is a unifier. If the Springboks run out on Newlands under the singing of *Impi* of Johnny Clegg or *Shosholoza*, and they win; and we know what happened in 1995. We know what happened in 1996 with AFCON, with the AFCON win and we also know what happened yesterday when we lost.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief, moenie daar gaan nie. [Tussenwerpsel.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Yes.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Moenie daar gaan nie.

Mr B D KIVEDO: So we were heartsore. We felt there was a South African tragedy. That is what sport does... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: We are still united.

Mr B D KIVEDO: In this instance. I must also say that sport speaks directly to the - in the face. It actually laughs in the face of discrimination.

An HON MEMBER: Haibo!

Mr B D KIVEDO: Ja, and marginalisation of people it wants to rope in. It is a human right. It is a constitutional right, just as heritage, culture, diversity of, cultural diversity and minority rights and these things have to be respected. It is based on the Constitution whether we admit it or not. My point is this: that I think South Africans, especially politicians, should become more involved in sport.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Especially daai kant.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Then it will, you know a healthy spirit and a healthy...
[Interjection.]

'n AGBARE LID: Met al daai... [Onduidelik.] [Tussenwerpsel.]

An HON MEMBER: Kickboxing.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...a healthy mind and a healthy body will bring us very far.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I know [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...in terms of politicising even sport. Then we have too many blacks, then too many whites, then too many pales and that but what about merit? [Interjections.]

If the Stormers want to choose me from the bench tomorrow as a fly-half, then let them choose me. I will go onto that field. [Laughter.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Is that what you are going to do.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Getting back to heritage, hon member Mr Dugmore, getting back to heritage, the same, the same, it is a sensitive issue. It is about customs. It is about rituals. It is about expression of feelings and emotions and that is what we have to respect. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, we educate...

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...in terms of different spaces where we find ourselves.

An HON MEMBER: So we must grow the sport.

Mr B D KIVEDO: These are the things that mess up this country if we disrespect it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

Mr B D KIVEDO: If we do not have respect for it, this is what messes up South Africa. [Interjections.] You know what, if only we can start listening to one another.

An HON MEMBER: Yebo!

Mr B D KIVEDO: If only we can start embracing the real an authentic ideas, feelings, emotions and the authenticity of existentialism; why we exist in South Africa.

An HON MEMBER: Eh we.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Those are big words for a small man.

Mr B D KIVEDO: It does not matter, but it is the truth and tell your EFF members especially one member, it is the truth. [Laughter.] Tell him I am talking the truth.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Which member?

An HON MEMBER: No false... [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: What is also important, I believe and this is my belief because I am optimistic about the province. I am optimistic about the country, that sport in its true form, its authentic form, as a unifier will bring people together. It speaks in a universal language.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I agree with that, I must agree.

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: Has it expired?

'n AGBARE LID: Baie jammer, baie jammer.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Paulsen, now it is your official time to speak. [Laughter.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have to concur with the other speakers, sport when managed correctly can build bridges and connect all the communities of the Western Cape, far better than the Department of Transport and Public Works ever could.

I am keen to see how the newly appointed MEC Botha for this portfolio adds his personal touch to it. It is unfortunate that this government sees this portfolio as a parking bay for funds until it can be applied elsewhere. All over South Africa this portfolio is seen as a safe one with almost no risk of failure.

I also agree with the Minister that we should as a government strive to unlock the true potential of this portfolio. Sports and culture is truly a game-changer, Minister Botha, and I am very happy that the Minister is back.

There is something else so unique to the Cape and Cape Town in particular that could play a vital role in uniting all of us in this province, even in South Africa. It is sad to see that this is not even mentioned in the budget or budgeted for, for that matter.

The rich history of the Minstrels warrants serious attention. Local authorities has renamed this festival the Cape Town Minstrel Carnival as foreign tourists find the term “coon” derogatory and it is “coon” because they used to paint their faces black and the eyes used to look like racoons. So there is nothing derogatory about it.

In the 17th and 18th Century slaves were sent to the Cape of Good Hope from Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, India and East Africa or Madagascar, creating a melting pot of culture and influence. The British garrisons of the

era influenced the marching processions of the minstrel troops and a substantial collection of songs draw their origins from the Netherlands.

The Cape slaves together with the local Khoi population were known to sing in choirs as part of the celebrations. Traces of African, Asian, European music can be heard in the coon music.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Waaroor praat jy nou? Jy moet 'n bietjie verder gaan. Daar is net twee minute.

Mr M N PAULSEN: So hon Mr Deputy Speaker, the Cape Minstrel culture should be owned by all of us collectively. We must protect this...
[Interjection.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Kom terug, kom terug nou.

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...as a culture and a part of our common heritage, unlike that Cecil John Rhodes statue that is an insult to all of us.

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

Mr M N PAULSEN: Okay. [Interjections.] This portfolio must preserve that culture and ensure that the Minstrels march, elke tweede Nuwejaar.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Paulsen, you have had your injury time already.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Wenger.

An HON MEMBER: Join the [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As mentioned before the DA supports this budget appropriation allocated to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

An HON MEMBER: She is speaking on that now.

Ms M M WENGER: It is pivotal to acknowledge the function of the department as this justifies why we support this appropriation. Mr Deputy Speaker, the department works tirelessly to provide strategic managerial support and coordination of the EPWP programmes in the environmental and culture sector, facilitate the development, preservation and promotion of arts and culture in the Western Cape through effective and vibrant arts and culture structures, activities and environments and through providing support and assistance to the Western Cape Cultural Commission to execute its legislative mandate.

The department seeks to promote, preserve and develop our heritage by providing museum services and by providing professional support to the governing bodies of affiliated museums. We have seen some of the good work done in some of our oversight visits.

The department also promoted, conserves and develops heritage resources of the Western Cape and facilitates matters related to world heritage concerns in our province and assists with heritage resource management by the implementation of relevant legislation. This department provides the critical service of libraries in partnership with municipalities. By promoting a culture of reading and lifelong learning our youth are given the gift of the love of reading. Through reading we learn and grow our understanding.

Charles Eliot once very appropriately described the lovely relationship we have with books. He said:

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors and the most patient of teachers.”

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will agree. I will agree with that. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport is also responsible for access to archival heritage and to ensure the proper management and care of public records. It also promotes recreation activities as well as specialised services for sport and recreation.

By creating access to and opportunities in sports for all schools and their learners as well as after school activities our youth and their physical and emotional development are a key concern for this department.

My colleague spoke at length about the MOD centres so I shall not repeat. However Mr Deputy Speaker, our Committee has conducted oversight visits to MOD centres both in the metro and in rural areas. Unfortunately not all members who should have been present were in attendance to see the real and meaningful work of the MOD centres and the service that they provide.

The Department is also tasked with advising and working with PanSALB, its substructures and the Western Cape Cultural Commission on language matters affecting the Western Cape.

The Department has undertaken to forge partnerships to develop multilingualism in the Western Cape and contribute to social inclusion by ensuring access to language and good communication through supporting translation and interpreting in our three official languages.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion this budget allocation most certainly will assist the Western Cape to protect and promote our heritage resources for all of our communities and encourage sports for the benefit of present and future generations. Thank you. [Applause.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Botha to reply.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to everyone who contributed to this debate.

I really appreciate. I am not going to respond to everyone individually but to a few issues that were mentioned and I am going to speak more in general, except to start off with what hon member Ms Makeleni has quoted from the late Nelson Mandela, former President of the country in terms of the value of sport and what that can do for a nation and I think that is common knowledge and we should really cherish that. I think if you would be able to determine how or what component of the society is involved either as a supporter or a participant in sport, arts, culture in any way, you would most probably get very close to 100% of the community, so it is so that this department has got a very small budget, but it is involved and represents a very large industry of the population and in that sense it is quite important with what it can do and achieve. We have many, many challenges in our government and obviously it is impossible to allocate the budget that we would want to have also in this department as in any other department in government in our country.

Much was said also about youth at risk and I think the main objective is that we should recognise that the youth at risk needs an opportunity.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And this government's plan for that opportunity was MOD centres and I was part of the initial plan to create MOD centres or what became MOD centres and really, I have thought about this much since then, many years ago when we decided or resolved to do this and also since I have now been allocated to this department; whether there is any other viable solution than to really create an opportunity for our youth afters school where we can influence their lives to become more productive and not to be at risk but rather to have a challenge and therefore it was mentioned that we must evaluate MOD centres and if it does not work we must close it down and so on.

I really welcome the oversights and I want to ask the committee through the Chairperson that you really report to us in the department what you find during the oversights, because dear colleagues, we have to make this work, if this is not going to work, I do not know what is going to work, and we are facing a generation that can be lost and that is what is at risk here and there is definitely not enough money, but there are many, many stakeholders who I think would be willing to become involved in the private sector and that is also - it is a debate that we can have where this must be placed and in which department it must be, but I can promise you it is a transversal issue. So it does not really matter where you place it, it remains a transversal issue. We need social development. We need safety and security. We need education and so we need health, we need all the major departments to be involved

here. [Interjections.] ...and so I really think that we should refrain from actually even mentioning that this is a failure. Obviously there are many lessons to learn and not all these MOD centres have been successful. We have got to recognise that and we have got to make it work, so I am more than willing to acknowledge the failures, but to find the solutions.

Mr C M DUGMORE: It is breath of fresh air... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The mentioning about the languages... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You speak like a leader; that is why you are the MEC.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The language issue is that the 20% English-speaking population in the province refers to the home language of 20% of the population, but English remains the common language. It remains the common language. I do not speak English to impress my Afrikaans colleagues, or to the benefit of my colleague Alan Winde, who is English-speaking. I speak English to the benefit of those people who are not Afrikaans or English-speaking.

An HON MEMBER: Uh-huh, I agree with you.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And those are many and in our province mainly Xhosa-speaking people and that is the

recognition... [Interjection.]

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi, mooi!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ...and the appreciation that we should have for each other and, you know, maybe we have got another language in South Africa called “bad English.” Let us speak it. I am part of that language. [Interjections.] So what we must do and accept is that we need to have documents available and the department has given me a note here to say that all the documents are available in all the languages, but let us acknowledge that English is the common language that bring us all together and that can do what we need to do in one language.

There are many things that I can respond to but I am going to refrain from responding to too many issues, except to say that this department has a huge challenge in creating the opportunities that we want, and in creating social cohesion in our population in this province and I think we should grasp the opportunity to become the front runner in the country as one nation. There is no province in this country that has got the richness in culture, in sport performance and in arts in South Africa. That is a unique comparative advantage that we have. Let us make the most of that.

Thank you very much. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

AGBARE LEDE: Mooi, mooi.

Die PREMIER: Mooi!

'n AGBARE LID: Mooi man.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please clap now. Mooi, mooi! [Tussenwerpsels.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That concludes the debate on this vote. The Secretary will read the sixth order.

6. Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Before we allow the Minister to speak we will allow the bays first to be vacated and we will wait a couple of minutes before we start.

Business of the House paused for clearing of the bays.

The SPEAKER:

5. Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just to announce that we are expecting a load shedding at four o'clock so Minister Minister Winde if you are busy by then too we will have to suspend business for a couple of minutes to allow the systems to be set up for when we have a power interruption and we will resume immediately after four but if you are ready, you may then start.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Premier Zille; Cabinet colleagues; officials; Members of this Legislature; residents of this province and finally and specifically, every entrepreneur, every employer, every employee, every young person on the verge of entering our economy, this budget is for you.

Madam Speaker, growing the economy and creating jobs is not the easiest job at the best of times. But when you throw in policy uncertainty, unreliable electricity supply as you have just mentioned now, [Interjections.] and restrictive regulations it becomes almost impossible. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, yet despite all of this, in the Western Cape, we are making the impossible, possible. In the past five years we have made great strides in getting our economy to work for the people of the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: Mooi.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Today over 200 000 more people have jobs than in 2008. Our Red Tape Reduction Unit has resolved more than 2 000 cases, helping businesses to expand their operations and removing blockages in our economic system. Over the past five years, we have increased the value of new foreign investments by R25 billion.

An HON MEMBER: What?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have given over 26 000 entrepreneurs the support they need to make this economy grow. [Interjections.] At the start of a new term, we are building on this momentum to give even more hard-working residents the chance to play a part in achieving the Western Cape dream. Our dream is of a province where companies are growing and where jobs are plentiful. Where people have the wherewithal to take up these opportunities, and to escape poverty if they work hard and use these opportunities given to them with the likes of this budget.

Mr Deputy Speaker, today, I am tabling that budget aimed at creating the enabling environment to achieve just that. In total, The Department of Economic Development and Tourism receives R518 million to drive the Western Cape's first Provincial Strategic Goal and that is creating opportunities for growth and jobs.

To start, we have taken a whole new approach to deliver by becoming a much more focused and by earmarking on the deepest – by embarking on the deepest consultation process ever conducted by a provincial government before deciding on its budget plans. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Really?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: While we will of course continue to support the entire economy, we have pulled out special areas – those with the greatest potential to accelerate growth and job creation for our residents. We are giving them dedicated attention. These are Tourism, Agri-Processing and Oil and Gas. This process is called Project Khulisa, the first economic game changer of the Western Cape Government and under a high growth scenario, and with full support of government, across government and the private sector, this project can deliver over 200 000 jobs.

If we are going to back your ideas by investing resources, we want to know that you and now I am speaking to the private sector, that are prepared to also invest into these ideas because this consultation is bringing those ideas along with government's into the room where we make these tough decisions and we want to partner in this better together plan.

In tourism, to facilitate the implementation of a ramped up growth strategy for Tourism, the Tourism, Arts and Entertainment programme receives R42,4 million in the 2015/16 financial year. This sector is transforming the lives of people who live in this province, giving young people the opportunity to start their own businesses and providing livelihoods for hundreds of thousands of households. It is our sector with the highest growth, and it is where most of our jobs come from. That makes it BIG business.

Today I have the honour of welcoming Nisreen Bulbulia here. – This – want to see whether she is here yet. [Interjections.] You know Nisreen in this House that she is a 26-year old and has her own company, the airport shuttle called Citihopper. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Through the business development support rendered by our Department and her own hard work, Nisreen's business has grown from strength to strength. Nisreen is no stranger to these chambers, having attended the Premier's State of the Province Address last year. She is also no stranger to accolades, having won a major prize at the national tourism awards ceremony in 2013. Nisreen is one of the 204 000 formally employed in the tourism sector of the Western Cape. And Mr Deputy Speaker, through Project Khulisa, under a high growth scenario, we can grow this sector so

that it provides jobs for 324 000 residents of this province and generate R28 billion for our economy.

Over the next few months, the Western Cape Government, in partnership with industry, will host a series of engagements to investigate and design comprehensive actions plans to take this sector to the next level. Possible interventions under investigation include, amongst others:

- Driving low season tourism by promoting business tourism, events, special niche offerings which are not weather dependent like heritage tourism and perhaps at this stage I should pause by saying that we are in the midst of our tourism events season where we have just hosted many events like the major cycling events that have taken place, the mining indaba; this weekend we will be hosting the jazz festival. These are major events, we are going to be hosting very soon, the World Travel Market Africa. We will also be hosting We Are Africa, a high-end niche market tourism platform and we even host things like 103rd birthday celebrations. But those events are all around our high season and we really need to start growing these events over into our low season [Interjections.] times because that is how and one of the levers that I have been speaking about; how we will expand and grow the economy.
- Another point would be to expand our cruise tourism offering. This is a lucrative niche industry, with cruise liner tourists spending upwards of R1000 a day while docked in our city. Possible initiatives include VAT refund centres and transport links to other retail areas, such as the Cape Town CBD or even further afield into our Winelands and recently I think

everybody would have seen that Transnet has announced that it will be selecting the successful bidder for the cruise liner terminal shortly. This is excellent news for the industry and we must capitalize on this;

- Then of course there is improving air access to this destination. Research shows us that this is a clear link between improved access and economic growth. In this financial year, we will develop an implementation plan focusing on developing direct routes to key source markets; and
- then of course there is decreasing regulatory burden affecting the travel and destination markets by lobbying the National Government to relax the job-killing visa regulations it put in place last year.

Through these initiatives and others, tourism is poised to become the shining star of the Western Cape economy.

Then our second focus area is agri-processing of which I did speak about yesterday. During the Department of Agriculture's budget speech, I reported the key points discussed at the agri-processing design lab held last week. Agri-processing presents great potential to provide economic opportunities for families living specifically in our rural areas. To support this sector, I am happy to announce today that we are set to launch a new fund to help kick-start small businesses in agri-processing. A R6,6 million Cape Capital Fund will provide 44 businesses with the support they need to buy equipment and improve their business processes. It further supports agri-processing businesses, we will also select high-potential small businesses for a concentrated incubation programme.

This incubation programme also extends to our third and final Khulisa sector that being Oil and Gas. The Oil and Gas sector, underpinned by the designation of the Saldanha Industrial Development Zone, is projected to be a powerful economic catalyst for the region and the country. Focused specifically on upstream and midstream services such as rig repair, this sector already provides 35 000 formal jobs opportunities in the province and through Project Khulisa, we have the aspirational goal of adding a further 60 000 formal jobs in this sector and increasing its economic contribution to R11 billion, from the current R5 billion.

We seek to grow this sector by transforming Saldanha into a world class rig repair hub by equipping local residents with the skills they need to take advantage of opportunities that will arise. To help us achieve this goal, the development of local suppliers will be an important economic priority. Entrepreneurs in the industry have to be ready to service the increased number of port vessels arriving along the West Coast. This is a budget which recognises that small businesses in all sectors, with the right support and the right environment, can take their ideas to action.

The Integrated Economic Development Services programme receives R59,2 million to foster an enabling environment for emerging and existing businesses. For them, unnecessary red tape poses the biggest threat. To help us break down these barriers and to make it easier to do business in our province, the Red Tape Reduction Unit receives R10 million this year.

Engaging National Government on regulations has been identified by Project Khulisa as a key enabler. As I have said in the tourism sector, international best practice shows that relaxing visa restrictions has a direct impact on increasing tourism numbers. In Laos, entry visas were offered at selected checkpoints, and international arrivals grew fivefold over four years. We have seen the effect what it is already happening in this tourism space to China, India and Africa and in actual fact I saw that some figures released a short while ago from Stats SA, was showing that and I will just get that; was showing that we already have seen a marked decrease from specifically our BRIC friends. We are already seeing – this is Stats SA figures that were released yesterday, they show that from China arrivals have dropped between 2013 and 2014 by 24,6%. Arrivals from India by 8,4% and Brazil by 14,6% and in actual fact in BRIC's we should be growing these numbers, not dropping. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: So what the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So what is that?

An HON MEMBER: Our nations.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: If you do not know what the relation is between visas and the drop in tourism numbers by now, then that exactly shows what the problem

is. [Interjections.] It is exactly the problem. [Interjections.] It is not only in tourism that visas inhibit inhibit growth in our system. Perhaps to add to that point that has just been raised, do you know that we have just had a case raised through the Red Tape Unit where an individual came to South Africa and received his visa from Germany. This individual came to set up a training academy within the Green Economy space. This individual then needed to re-apply because this training centre is not in place yet. It is R110 million investment. It is not in place yet. You must see the paperwork for this individual to actually renew his visa so that we can continue with developing this skills training operation for the Green Industry or the Green Economy and make sure that this R110 million investment lands in this province.

This individual despite toing and froing between the Home Affairs Department, the Red Tape Department, this individual how many times had to go to that office, he has now had to return to Germany. This is the kind of direct impact that this crazy, ridiculous piece of regulation has on our economy.

There are also sections of the Custom and Excise Act, Act 91 of 1964 which affect the temporary importation of oil and gas vessels and parts. So we have got lots of rules and regulations that we really have to deal with. And in this financial year, the Red Tape Reduction Team will conduct a study to determine the cost of unnecessary regulations in our three high-potential sectors. The finding of this study will tell us where we need to focus our

efforts, and will allow us to monitor the impact of our red tape reduction efforts.

Other regulatory blockages in the sector include delays in obtaining abnormal vehicle registrations and abnormal load permits.

Another critical enabler for our economy is a stable supply of energy. Alongside Project Khulisa, this is our second game changer, and we have already made great strides in this area. The Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town and business in our region are working closely together to find solutions to minimize the impact of load shedding on the economy and our economic growth. In tandem, we will continue to foster the supply of alternative energy, and our work in landing Liquefied Natural Gas in our province continues and I must actually thank the Department and Green Cape for the role that they have played thus far in this space.

In a major development for renewable energy, we are soon to apply for the designation of the Atlantis Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The draft SEZ regulations have been opened for comment, and we will be following this process very, very closely because we need it to be effected as quickly as we can. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I support that.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. But are you going to support the budget

that is the main thing? [Interjections.] A reliable water supply [Interjections.] Well then you do not support the SEZ. A reliable water supply is also essential to support economic growth. [Interjections.] As we focus on resource efficiency, we will analyse the availability of water and lobby for interventions to improve availability. [Interjections.] We will do this in conjunction with our sister Department, local municipalities and the National Government, which holds the mandate for this resource.

As our economy continues to grow, we have to make sure our residents have the skills they need to take advantage of it. To illustrate the projected demand for one area – Oil and Gas, 1 500 people from 30 different occupations are needed to repair just one rig. By the time the IDZ comes online... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...there will be demand for 18 000 jobs in Saldanha Bay. We currently fall far short of this and must encourage the development of new artisans. Then the agri-processing sector is also experiencing skills shortages in research and development, specifically in testing, labelling, new product development and disease prevention. [Interjections.] The Skills Development and Innovation programme is allocated R51,2 million in the 2015/16 financial year.

Broadband is another enabler I would like to speak about. It's also one of our strategic priorities because studies have shown us that fast, reliable and affordable internet results in economic growth. In her State of the Province address, the Premier outlined the progress of our plan to connect every resident to broadband. [Interjections.] And just last week, we launched a new home for tech entrepreneurs called the Barn, which is located in Khayelitsha. Through this facility, local entrepreneurs will be able to grow their businesses ideas. [Interjections.]

We are also in the final stages of developing the I-Can Centre in Elsies River, which is set to launch in the next few months. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who got the tenders?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This digital access centre will provide the space for the entire community. Residents will have access to Wi-Fi hotspots, meeting rooms, video-conferencing facilities, training workshops, study rooms and sound-proof recording booths. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Viva Elsies, viva.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: By July next year, over 2000 Western Cape Government sites will

be connected through our partnership with Neotel and the State Information Technology Agency. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Elsies River.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But through our pilot Wi-Fi project in Delft, Robertson, Atlantis and the Garden Route, these pilots have already connected over 50 000 users in this province. And in the next three years, we will roll out these hotspots in every single ward in this province – every single ward. [Interjections.] At the same time as we are rolling out fibre infrastructure, we need to make sure that residents and businesses can make the most use of this access. To do this, we will implement an e-skills project which residents can learn to use the internet effectively. For businesses, we will develop a tool-kit which provides mentorship on using broadband to increase business competitiveness. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We need targets for the roll out, not just numbers.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And the final key enabler will focus... [Interjections.] We will focus this year; the final key enabler is promotion. A key part of growing our economy comes through exporting our goods to world, to markets and through drawing investment and visitors into our region.

Our produce and our tourism industry are achieving international acclaim. And just last month, the Groot Constantia's 2013 Chardonnay was named the best in the world by the 22nd annual Chardonnay du Monde competition. Just this week, Cape Town was again ranked amongst the top ten visitor destinations by voters on Tripadvisor. This shows that we are already doing a great job marketing our province. [Interjections.] It is now time to put the Western Cape front and centre on the world stage. [Interjections.] And to drive our strategic initiatives like broadband, and to promote our province through Wesgro, the Trade and Sector Development programme receives R257 million in the 2015/16 financial year. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, today I have tabled a budget which invests in our jobs and growth agenda. This budget seeks to give more families opportunities to escape poverty. It seeks to create the right environment for investors and entrepreneurs and it continues to build a Western Cape in which residents can take control of their own economic destiny.

I would specifically at this stage like to thank Mr Solly Fourie and his dedicated team, many of whom you see sitting here before us today and specifically for the leads of the Project Khulisa who during this period, as a team we have pulled it together and it is always interesting when you watch a team when you have to step out of the comfort zone, where you have to do things a little bit differently. I want to really commend this team for pulling that together and making sure that we have done it with across departments. Because it is not only this team that has to deliver it, it is across departments

and that might also include the work that we have done at local government level and at national level. So I really, really want to thank them for the time and effort that they have spent in these changed spaces but then also helping us craft and develop this budget that we have tabled today.

I would also like to thank the Premier and my colleagues in the Cabinet and the departments for which we are working together even more closely and for their continued support. Delivering on an economic vision of this scale is requiring input and hard work of the entire government and I have no doubt that the results are going to be well worth the effort and we are going to see over the next five years, as we have seen over the last five years, continued growth in our system and jobs, but in actual fact what we are also going to see in those specific sectors that we have chosen, we are going to see a ramp-up in jobs created in that space. I thank you.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Ms Schäfer before you start, I think this is an opportune time now to interrupt the business. As I have indicated before, we are expecting load shedding to kick in at four o'clock and the technical people need some time to set up the systems to ensure that we have uninterrupted power and recording facilities. We will suspend business now and resume soon after four; the bells will ring to indicate the resumption.

The House adjourns at 15H52.

The House resumes at 16H12

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. I see the hon member Ms Beverley Schäfer.

Ms B SCHÄFER: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, today I speak about a budget that has an enormous impact on the growth of this province. With almost 25% of the population unemployed, of which 65% are young people without work, unemployment in South Africa is South Africa's largest social challenge. It is hardly a good story to tell. The Western Cape has the lowest broad unemployment rate in the country, with 10% lower than the national average, with the lowest number of discouraged work seekers in South Africa of 22 000 - way better than any other province. Provinces such as KZN top the list at 616 000. But what this means is that more than 4 out of 5 people who join the Western Cape labour force are finding jobs here. As the Western Cape economy continues to improve through the implementation of sound economic development policies, more and more people in the WC will have access to job opportunities, benefiting the lives of all who choose to live in the Province.

Economic Development in general relates to economic growth, which leads to job creation and ultimately poverty alleviation. But let me state this. It is not the job of government to create jobs. It is the job of government to create an enabling environment which will stimulate the economy through the private sector, and in that way create the much needed jobs the country needs.

The budget for Economic Development and Tourism speaks directly to the pressing matter of unemployment - front and centre. At every level, the DA-led Western Cape Government is focused on how to stimulate an environment for job creation. The DA commends the Western Cape on its bold step of taking on a new approach – to work more cleverly with the money they have and to focus on key sectors that can produce the greatest growth. Project Khulisa is a well-researched, focused strategy that the DA believes will take this province forward over the next 5 years. Project Khulisa is in line with the broad strategy of the National Development Plan but for the first time takes a real targeted view and plan of action to the next level. I believe that this is the first approach of its kind from a government in South Africa. This must be acknowledged and commended. And once again the DA run Western Cape government is taking the lead.

The World Bank's Doing Business report evaluates government laws and regulations which cover the ease of doing business within a country and ranks them according to an internationally recognised scale. The report states that government has the power to either support, or bring down, a country's economy. Their 2015 report cannot go unnoticed as South Africa shows a decline of six places in the Ease of Doing Business rankings, from 37th in 2014 to 43rd in 2015. Mr Deputy Speaker these reports are very often used by investors, economists and business advisors in deciding whether to invest in South Africa or Kenya, In South Africa or Angola in one in South Africa or one of the BRICS countries.

Project Khulisa will be at risk of achieving its full potential if regulatory burdens and Red Tape are not undone. Red tape is being blamed for 70 percent of South Africa's new SME's failings within their first two years. It is estimated that it can take new start-ups up to 90 days or longer to complete all the regulatory procedures needed to open shop. In 2013, the SME Growth Index revealed that SME's spent an average of 75 hours a month dealing with red tape – an equivalent of eight working days. It has been estimated that Red Tape comes at a cost of approx. 6,5% of South Africa's GDP. Yet government wants more entrepreneurs to help grow the economy.

With this in mind, we support the increased budget by 45% for the Red Tape Reduction Unit as it deals with the unnecessary blockages in our economy. An immensely important initiative essential for economic growth and job creation and ease of doing business in this province. But policy uncertainty does not encourage investment into a country, nor does it grow an economy. And if we cannot grow the economy we cannot create an environment for job creation, no matter what budget we throw at it. Legislation plays an enormous role in the economy for jobs and growth. [Interjections.]

The ideological divide within the ANC results in inconsistent and job-killing legislation from Ministers such as Rob Davies and Ibrahim Patel. Minister Davies', Business Licensing Bill completely contradicts the National Development Plan. It increases our already horrible regulatory burden and red tape on business. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Paulsen, hon member Mr Grant, please give the hon member a chance to speak.

Mr D A C GRANT: I am just getting irritated.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beverley Schäfer you may continue.

Ms B SCHÄFER: Thank you. When the National Government says they want to boost SME business, the Minister of Trade and Industries does his best to crush them with more regulations. The DA opposes this Bill, and we will continue to work closely with our members in National Parliament to fight legislation like this that leads to more job-destruction.

Furthermore, the new Codes of Practice for Broad Based Economic Empowerment that will come into effect next year, will also make it harder to employ skilled people and does not create an enabling environment and ease for doing business. [Interjections.] Legislation such as this, hampers the much needed growth the country needs. I would like to commend the Western Cape for taking a cabinet decision to introduce Regulatory Impact Assessments to determine the economic impact of new and existing legislation within the Province. These set of guidelines set by the Department of the Presidency fail to be implemented at National Government level and

more and more legislation just gets pushed through without any inclination or understanding as to the impact it will have on the economy and this country.

I challenge the Western Cape local and Provincial Governments to on a yearly basis, publically list the pieces of legislation that has been repealed or rewritten because it hampers ease of doing business. Business in the Western Cape needs to know how much our DA-led governments, both in provincial and at a local level, are working towards creating a more enabling environment. Minister Winde I ask you, how can the Western Cape work within the current onerous legislation that the National Government implements, those which hampers SME's and entrepreneurs from doing business in the Western Cape?

Mr Deputy Speaker, 50% of the budget allocated to this department goes to the trade and sector development. This is where economic growth can be measured and where hundreds of thousands of jobs will be created within the next five years. We welcome Wesgro, the promotion and investment agency of the Western Cape, playing a major role in achieving the objectives Project Khulisa has set out to achieve. This will not be an easy task to accomplish within a slow lagging economy but the DA believes that the Wesgro under its new leadership, with its increase in its budget and an added support will be able to facilitate and increase job creation through their mandate of tourism, trade and investment promotion in the Western Cape.

I too congratulate Cape Town with its incredible recognition of the world's best tourist destinations that was awarded last week. Beating cities like New York, Barcelona, Sydney and Dubai. Tourism already accounts for more than 10% of the regional economy, or R17 billion last year with 204 000 people make a living from it. The Western Cape is still the top province in terms of total paid bed nights with a growth of 18% since 2012 in South Africa.

Tourism is a key focus of Project Khulisa for the next five years. The Western Cape relies heavily on tourism for economic growth and to create jobs. We cannot ignore the fact that one in 10 jobs in our Province is a tourism job. The budget in tourism must help to create more awareness, increase accessibility and attractiveness, and counter the seasonality nature of the industry. The potential for our tourism sector is enormous, and with project Khulisa the DA-led government will add more formal and seasonal jobs to the sector and contribute another R11 billion to our economy. The DA cannot ignore the importance of this sector – a sector with real impact and real opportunity.

But last month an editorial titled 'Killing the golden goose' printed in *The Economist*, which describes the current South African visa regulations as "baffling". South Africa new visa regulations it said, could destroy the only "bright spot in an otherwise dismal economy". It goes on to say and I quote, "But a defiant Malusi Gigaba, the Home Affairs Minister, is adamant that the rules will come into effect come what may; despite the Tourism Business Council of South Africa saying that the policy could cost more than 100 000

jobs. Even South Africa's Tourism Minister has said the sector's huge benefits could melt away. He says "we have to make it as easy as possible for a person to come to our country." [Interjections.] Derek Hanekom told a parliamentary committee. "People have choices." He said. These regulations are hampering the targets which is set out in the National Development Plan and indicate that by 2020, the tourism sector should be able to create the 225 000 new jobs and create a direct or indirect contribution of almost R500 billion to the GDP. These regulations are impacting on the world's two largest potential markets, our BRICS countries and the potential of tourism within and on our African continent. Is our message to the world saying that South Africa is Closed for Business, please go elsewhere?

This is the kind of legislation we do not need in South Africa and already the president has called for a review on the visa regulation in his SONA address. Project Khulisa needs tourism to grow tenfold. I believe that over time enough pressure will ease the regulations as they impact on a sector which South Africa knows can be one of the least challenging spaces to grow jobs.

Agri-processing is potentially the most important priority to alleviating unemployment in rural areas. That is why it is so important that the DA-led Western Cape has picked this sector as one out of three priorities, increasing its production to R26 billion and another 100 000 formal direct jobs. I am therefore happy to see the budget focus on agri-processing, helping the industry with market access, alleviating issues around water scarcity, and improving infrastructure within this sector.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape not only needs jobs in high intensity labour sectors. We also need to develop areas where we can create jobs with higher wages that requires education and skills. The DA therefore supports the oil & gas sector as one of three focus areas in project Khulisa. The Saldanha's IDZ will become a world class facility and put the region onto the international map. We believe that over the next 5 years, economic growth will spurt on the West coast and for the many unemployed people living there, an opportunity to change their lives for ever. This project cannot work to its fullest potential without the cross-governmental support both local and national level. We welcome the collective support and the financial investment from all three levels of government in order to achieve the desired outcome of a vibrant Oil and Gas Industry along our West coast.

While artisan skills are sorely lacking along the West coast, we welcome the partnerships that this Department is creating with the FET colleges and the private sector in artisan skills training. With effective skills and apprenticeship programmes developed by the industry, we can create opportunities to those who deserve it, creating the necessary jobs and the growth for the Western Cape. However I must point out that while skills training institutions are doing their part, it is not helpful when students have reported waiting up to two years for their certificates from South African National Accreditation System. No certificate means no employment and I question whether the ANC National Government is serious about job creation. Bureaucratic red tape is totally unnecessary and we must be urgently looking

at if we are able to achieve the necessary opportunities for young people to find jobs.

The DA-led Western Cape is already a leader in broadband access. The initiative to provide broadband services to approximately 2 000 government sites including schools and libraries and health facilities, is whole-heartedly supported by the Democratic Alliance. We know that a 1% increase in connectivity results in a 10% increase in GDP. Increasing internet connectivity to our communities is incredibly important. The R14.5 billion budget planned for the rollout of broadband in the Western Cape is therefore a game changer and will create the necessary opportunities for our economy to grow. It is also crucial that government through their cluster sectors, provide seed money for tech businesses in its critical phase of start-up. I commend the DA-led Western Cape for taking this role seriously. In contributing to connecting our province, it also supported an SMME company called MFI Data. After being retrenched in 2005, the owner started up his own company, installing networking solutions in Mitchells Plain. With his own initiative and 50 000 invested by the ED Grant fund, he could take his business further and employ more people. This is the kind of government the DA represent in the Western Cape, a supporting and enabling government giving opportunities for all.

Instead of the ANC trying to legislate growth, the National Government should take on some of the good practices that are implemented here in the Western Cape. Good governance, sound policies and effective service

delivery is the foundation for a healthy vibrant economy. I challenge the ANC government to give the Western Cape the freedom to implement our own legislation, so that we can remove the onerous red tape that hampers business, and we will show you how to take the economy forward into the next cycle. [Interjections.]

The DA wants to give people opportunities Mr Deputy Speaker. To our citizens that will step up to the challenge if we give it to them. And may I compliment the Minister and his Department on his bold approach to Project Khulisa. I am confident that the DA-led Western Cape will deliver the desired job numbers through a targeted approach and an enabling environment. But let me emphasise once again, in my final words; it is not the job of government to create jobs. It is the job of government to create an enabling environment for jobs to be created. [Interjections.] I believe this budget is well on its way to achieving just that. I thank you.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you. Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. This year is the 60 years of the Freedom Charter and part of the Freedom Charter it says one of the clothes that people shall share in the country's wealth. [Interjections.] It further says ... [Interjections.] ...the monopoly industry shall be transferred to the ownership of the people as a whole and also other industries and trade shall be controlled to assist the well-being of the people. The people shall have equal rights to trade where they choose to manufacture

and to enter all trades craft and profession. This is what the Freedom Charter envisions. But it is clear our popular province †Apha kule province kusekude engqinibeni asisondelanga kwa ukusondela kuba iMonopoly yile isa excluder abantu abaninzi yiyo ephetheyo apha kweliphondo. *Here in this province it is very far from the elbow, we are not even close at all because the monopoly is still excluding a lot of people. It is still in power here in this province.

†The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa further recognises that all citizens have a right to self-determination and emancipation. These principles are the backdrop of Constitutional Democracy of this country. Therefore, all the states or governments have a responsibility to create conditions for the prosperity of all South Africans, regardless of race, class and gender.

Clearly here in this province †Kusekude engqinibeni asikakazufika kulomba sithetha ngawo kuba eliphondo eli eliphondo eli under IDA likhokhela phambili, likhokhela phambili ekwenzeni iyantlukwa-ntlukwana phakathi kwabantu.

*It is far from the elbow we are not even close with this issue we are talking about because this province, this province under the DA is leading in making separation between the people. The racial divisions †liphambili kakhulu. *It is very forward.

†The NDP [Interjections.] The NDP rightly points out that [Interjections.]
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Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Order! Hon member Mr Mackenzie and hon member Mr Paulsen, please. Please continue hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The NDP rightly points out that the fragility of South Africa economy lies in the distorted past tense of ownership and economic exclusion created by [Inaudible.] policies. And here we are told that we support the NDP we support it and this is what we are saying, you must be able to address this issue. The effects of decays of racial exclusion are still evident in both employment levels and in company financials. This is what we want this budget vote must speak to and it has not spoken to that. The [Inaudible.] of this differentials are the principle racial defined but also includes skills level and gender and location. This therefore for me is that many remain excluded and are not active in the economy of this particular province but here in the Western Cape. Sustainability and economic growth can only be realised when all citizens are active participants in the economy.

Economic growth must be accompanied by address and transformation. There cannot be economic growth if you are not addressing all the [Inaudible.] and the problems of the past. We must address those issues. We must be able to transform economy so that economy does not belong to a particular race. This is what we do not get from this budget vote. The economic policies of

this Devil Alliance under the Madam, do not address structural...
[Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...inequalities in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: Oh okay.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear clearly what he said, just repeat...
[Interjections.] Just one second, are you taking a point of order by what he said?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you just repeat what you said hon member Mr Tyatyam when you referred to somebody there, I... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why is this a point of order?

Mr S G TYATYAM: No I can repeat – I can repeat. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What is the point of order?

Mr S G TYATYAM: The economic policy of the Devil's Alliance under the Madam... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, no that is not parliamentary if you refer to the hon member.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Oh it is not? It was said here. No one was actually – in fact the MEC... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are all members and hon members in this House.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No it was said here "Madam". It was said here – MEC of – Meyer... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Of Finance.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Of Finance.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I was not aware of that. I would have ruled that unparliamentary as well. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: At the moment let me say it because until you rule it. Because the problem is that... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Tyatyam if you want to continue I want you to withdraw that.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Okay, I withdraw if you are saying it is wrong. I guess the Deputy Speaker who is supposed to be the beholder of all the rules... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam please continue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ja I continue. [Interjections.] I will do it because of you. By economic transformation, we mean economic policies which are geared towards the competitive, fast-growing and developing economy which creates sufficient jobs for all job seekers. Not because they job seekers is a member of the DA, therefore must be prioritised as we have seen. [Interjections.] As we have seen in most of the EPWP programmes and many other programmes... [Interjections.] in this Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: The CEO of [Inaudible.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: The redistribution of wealth. The economic policies must talk to the redistribution of wealth, income and opportunities in the favour of the poor and the historically disadvantaged people. Therefore, you must have a policy, you must have a plan that speaks to that redistribution

and yet from what we have heard, we are far from that in this province.

[Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Please listen man.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The notion of [Interjections.] The notion

[Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...of an open opportunity society, lacks the underpinning principles of true economic transformation. It is empty of commitment to substantive and genuine equality and this budget is a testimony that it – we are not – this budget is not genuine to equality for all people of the Western Cape. [Interjections.] On the one hand the Department acknowledges the debilitating consequences of poverty, poor education, lack of access to basic health care and employment. However, unless you are not reading your APP... However, the remedy which is offered by the Department... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order hon members! Order! Please hon members of this House, please allow the hon member Mr Tyatyam to speak freely. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: The Department... [Interjections.] The money of the Department should facilitate and promote as we have said, economic growth and create and promote creation of employment in terms of policies... [Interjections.] with the commitment to focus enhancing inclusivity in the Western Cape economy. This is what we do not see also in this budget because we do not see how all the up-growing, the small, the SMME's are being encouraged, create a platform for all of them to be inclusive and go further to create to improve our economy. [Interjections.] Of course the policies of the DA however, maintains these inequalities. [Interjections.] Let me give you some of the examples because... [Interjections.] You lead with – the Department... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: The Department is silent on informal and second economy where the majority of Black people are active. There is nothing on the development of township economy on this budget. [Interjections.] The Department does not tell us about the integration of informal businesses, particularly informal businesses of foreign-owned people to be mainstream in the economy. Because unless the Department is saying that they happy that foreign-owned people must be always be attacked, there must be a mechanism that is done to make sure that there is an inclusivity there and we allow a space for all also the foreign people to be able to participate meaningfully. [Interjections.] And also, there is no, you know... [Interjections.] Another issue that is not addressed in this budget vote... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, hon Minister Winde, you will get your chance to respond. Hon member Mr Magaxa give him a chance please, your own member wants to speak... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Re-industrialisation and support of Black industrialists should also be prioritised by the Department. It is not there, we are not talking about industrialisation. How do we make sure that Black people, Coloureds, Indians, Africans, are participating as industrialists in this economy. It is not there because it is not the interest of the DA to do that you know. [Interjections.] The Department simply does not have a plan to place for such a programme because the development of Black industrialists does not serve the class interest of the DA government. The DA picks and choose which clauses of the NDP they must use. They are taking as NDP as a whole. [Interjections.] For instance, let me tell you which is not addressed here. The NDP recognises women as central in job creation and economic growth, is not addressed. The Department is however silence on the development of [Inaudible.] in general, particularly those from the previously disadvantaged communities. The NDP also speaks... [Interjections.] of the emancipation of the people with disabilities in the economy. The DA is also silent on this one. The MEC should really stop playing cheap politics and to take some time to read the NDP. It is going to help him quite a lot. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: Nobody accepts you when you talk.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The Department of course they have introduced [Interjections.] a project which is called Khulisa which of course, most of it is derived from our national policies as the ANC, you know. [Interjections.] Of course we talk in this policy about agri-processing. We supposed to target small business development you know, but... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We do not know.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...where in terms of the Department, most of these agri-processing we can check in terms of the reports last year; we can check in terms of the APP. The majority that are currently playing there in terms of businesses are White people.

An HON MEMBER: Really?

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is a fact. [Interjections.] The Department will tell you that because the reports are there. [Interjections.] In terms of the Oil and Gas as one of the enablers, the Department has caused the infrastructure and job creation in this sector. However, in terms of the [Inaudible.] 30.45 [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: ...just listen.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... we must also say that as they normally say, it is national. It is also National Government even this one but the responsibility is upon the province to make sure that IDZ is working. But also you must also ask if the responsibility is within the province. Let us ask do we have the Board already? They were supposed to be a Board, an election of the Board is to run and implement, there is no Board currently. Amongst other things that are there, even there today, we must ask how many companies or contractors from the community that are involved in that project. You will find there is nothing. [Interjections.] So the other thing that are not spoken to here in terms of the Minister; we are not speaking how the environment [Interjections.] is going to be affected in terms of the hazard and all other things that are coming with that programme.

We will have to speak to those things because we must not say only after 10/20 years that it is something that you could have addressed. We must address them – you must create a platform as government, as province who are implementers to deal with this issue now as we have done, as you have done as the DA at National Assembly, when you were opposed to the Karoo Shell gas which led to the National Department of Mineral Resources which could not on time have the Act or the Amendment signed. That is the reason that today we have Shell deciding to leave the Karoo Project. And we must ask is it because one of your funders of the DA were the one that we opposed to that project, leaving many people not to have jobs because that area – that

programme was going to create jobs that was going to create infrastructure and change the complex of Karoo.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Is this that your problem as DA? [Interjections.] On Tourism, I want to follow [Interjections.] the Department focuses on many foreigners who want to come. Many foreigners who want to come to South Africa. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: The DA focuses on foreigners who want to come to South Africa. [Interjections.] When we go outside to other countries as South Africans, we apply for a visa. [Interjections.] We apply for visas. [Interjections.] Why must it be a problem for any other person...? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: ... hours.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Why must it be any problem for other people to want to come to South Africa and then apply for a visa when they are inside; it cannot be.

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: People must apply where they are... [Interjections.]
because that is where you get people who are terrorists... [Interjections.]
Maybe for the DA, the DA... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, there is too much talk on this side now.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes they... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Members please. Hon member Mr Paulsen – order Minister Madikizela. While I am speaking I want silence on that side please. Please allow the hon member Mr Tyatyam the last few minutes in silence. Hon member Mr Tyatyam continue, his time is almost done.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The DA is fine when there is a massacre in Kenya in a shopping mall through someone who has passed through here in South Africa. The DA is fine about that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Because there must be no visas you know. [Interjections.] So the point is [Interjections.] there must be a process that we must go to follow but also the Department is not at risk also. What we must have internal in terms of making sure that we are not only looking at

visitors who are coming outside. As a province, we must create a platform for our people to visit areas. There are many people who have not visited, we must cut costs and make sure that our people are able to be visitors in different regions of our region. There are people who have been here in Cape Town who have not been on Table Mountain. [Interjections.] There are many of them. So the point is... [Interjections.] So we must create that opportunity. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: We must not only create opportunities... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The noise level is too high in the House. Order! Order! Please continue hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: We must not only create opportunities for our deployment like in Wesgro and we know what Wesgro is doing. [Interjections.] They are only focusing on making sure that your friends of the DA who wants businesses and tenders are able to do that freely. [Interjections.] And that is what Wesgro is doing under Tim. So you must not go around and look for cadre deployment, it is done here you know. [Interjections.] Maybe I must say that in the last minute that I have... [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: No you do not have to.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is very difficult. Economic development is not about advertising [Interjections.] the province [Interjections.] to foreign nationals. We must create and ensure that we include, we create an inclusive economic development for all our people in order to participate meaningfully. Therefore Chair it is a pity that the ACDP is not here. I do not understand if maybe they understand the concept of economic [Interjections.] of the economic development or not or is it because that they are sorted, they have been made Chairperson so they think they have arrived. [Interjections.] They have arrived because now that they are Chairperson, they are getting lots of money, so they do not care about the people that actually voted for them. So in conclusion the budget and policy outlook... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...of the Department does not seek to create inclusivity economy. [Interjections.] It is bias to big business and seek to maintain the economic exclusion of the masses and maintain structural inequalities. The ANC will never support this budget; over my dead body.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Tyatyam, your time is expired. Order! Order! Order, can we come to order before the next hon member speaks. Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Thank you very much hon Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, there is the economy and there is development but there is very little economic development. There has been no dramatic shift in the patterns of ownership of the economy post 1994, especially here in the Western Cape. I hear there is a new buzz word “game changers”; here is a potential game changer. We have to as a provincial government ensure that industrialists here in the Western Cape benefit from the R1 billion rand seed capital being made available by the National Empowerment Fund, the Public Investment Corporation and the Industrial Development Corporation, as announced at the inaugural Black Industrialists Indaba yesterday – it is for Blacks only.

I have to concur with Lionel October, the Director General of the DTI who said “the only path for prosperity that successful countries had was through industrialisation. Until you make your own goods and services and stop being an exporter of raw materials – this is to the ANC, you will not achieve prosperity”. We as the EFF believe that this is only possible with the implementation of the following EFF cardinal pillars- there are seven, I am going to give you three;

- Cardinal pillar number 1; Nationalisation of mines, banks and other strategic sectors of the economy, without compensation.
[Interjections.]
- Cardinal pillar number 5; massive protected industrial development to create millions of sustainable jobs, including the introduction of

minimum wages in order to close the wage gap between rich and the poor. Close the apartheid wage gap and promote rapid career paths for Africans in the workplace. [Interjections.]

- Cardinal pillar number 6; massive development of the African economy and advocating for a move from reconciliation to justice. No reconciliation, forget that. Here in the Western Cape an outlier here or there is just that an outlier. It is not as a result of any dramatic shift in the economic policies of this government. Minister Winde must not claim victory for the tenacity of outliers like Ms Jappie. I agree with you Chairperson that agri-business can unlock the great potential of this province and could very much deliver a great portion of that 6 million real jobs that... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M N PAULSEN: ...the hon Madam Premier promised during her election campaign. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank hon member Mr Paulsen, your time has expired. Your time has expired. Hon Minister Winde to respond.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I wanted to speak about the... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Mr Paulsen, order! Order!

An HON MEMBER: Thank you for the agri thing.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Winde you can continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker, yes, sorry I think first of all I hope that everybody noticed the whole irony of the debate stopping on economic development while we waited for the generators to kick up so that we could continue under very expensive diesel-driven [Interjections.] electricity supply. And anyway, I am going to try and answer some of this debate. I think first of all I just want to say to the Committee Chair, thank you very, very much for the role that you play for really playing that oversight role, making sure that you get the Committee out to see exactly what happens on the ground; get the feedback into the system and across all of the portfolios that I have, it is really appreciated that you do exactly that.

In answering you I think the first thing you started speaking about was the job stats and it is quite interesting because I was hoping that the hon member Mr Fransman was going to be in the House because if you will know [Interjections.] at the start of this budget process, he spent quite a lot of time talking about job stats and you know the big problem in our system is where politicians selectively bring out job stats. But it is also very interesting that we know the reason that the hon member Mr Fransman is missing because he actually went down to go and welcome a whole lot of

protesters outside and it was interesting that as he walked out, he was told to “voetsek”. [Interjections.]

So and I have seen... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Is it parliamentary to use the word “voetsek” Mr Deputy Speaker? No but you do not have to repeat it here.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please take your seat. Order! I think the Minister Winde did not refer to any hon member in this House sitting here. It was not said to a hon member in the House, so I am quite happy under the circumstances it is okay. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Can I address you on that?

Mr M N PAULSEN: No Mr Deputy Speaker, it did refer to the hon member of the official opposition – he did. He did.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! He referred to what somebody else outside had said. The Minister Winde is prepared to withdraw the remark and then we can continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I actually referred to the group of people standing outside as they are the ones that told the hon member Mr Fransman to “voetsek”. But if that is classed as unparliamentary, I shall withdraw it and apologise.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Minister Winde – you are assisting us.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But that is obviously why the hon member Mr Fransman is not in the room. But perhaps even though he is not in the room, he very selectively pulled some job stats out and these job stats were used on two occasions. The one by the hon Minister for the Economy in the National Assembly, as well as the hon member Mr Fransman and they used these stats. But it is quite interesting that in the run-up after those stats and the press, even though that some of the Departments have already discontinued some Cape Times publications, but it was interesting to see how even they in that

process were quoting some of the stats and then quoted the hon Chairperson of this Committee and right here you will see it says the fact and it is an apology for some of those – for some of the misrepresentation of the words of the hon member.

But perhaps while we are talking about the job stats, let us actually have a look at the last term and job stats. So in South Africa quarter four 2008 to quarter four 2014; unemployment in South Africa went up by 1,36 million people. Unemployment went up – that is the narrow unemployment rate that gets measured. But in the discouraged workers space, the discouraged workers went from an existing 1,168 million to 2,403 million. So while we are selectively using these stats, we actually need to go back and look over a period of time and see exactly what is happening in the economy, in the space where we have got this unbelievable void of policy certainty, of really trying to give the economy that space in which to happen.

Now it is interesting that the hon member Mr Dugmore makes that statement because he should go and have a look at exactly the same time. He should go and have a look at exactly the same time and discouraged workers over that same period, where in South Africa, went from 1,168 million to 2,403 million. Discouraged workers in the Western Cape went from 38 000 down to 22 000.

The PREMIER: There you go.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: That is discouraged workers who have stopped looking for work. At the same time, real jobs as the hon member Mr Dugmore says, real jobs, at exactly the same time, 218 – I said over 200 000 in my speak, but it is actually 218 000 more jobs over that time created in this province. [Interjections.] So you see now I took it over the term and the stats that were mentioned in the hon leader of the Opposition; let us wait until the next quarter on quarter numbers come out and then we will debate this again. Because you see, you selectively use these figures but at the end of the day, what we have to do [Interjections.] in this country is create the right environment that we can create jobs; we can allow the businesses to do what they need to do. We have got to set that ecosystem and that is the big problem that we have got in this province and in this country.

The hon member spoke about red tape but of course this is one of those big drives of the Department, we really are working very hard at trying to find and remove those blockages on looking at ways in which we can make this environment more efficient and more attractive. And you also mentioned RIA's and RIA's are one of those tools that we need to use. It is very interesting when you talk about RIA's and you also spoke about the Business Licencing Bill and a number of Bills and sometimes national departments do use Regulatory Impact Assessments and some of those departments are like the DTI. But it is interesting when the Regulatory Impact Assessment on the changes in the last BEE Legislation, they did not like the Regulatory Impact Assessment. So guess what, they shelved it and they continue with the

Legislation. So we sometimes selectively use in our national departments these kind of pieces of assessment.

You spoke about visas and I think visas were also spoken about by the hon member Tyatyam. I am not going to go further into this except just to say that I was absolutely flabbergasted when the person who is trying to become the new leader of the Opposition in this Legislature, actually said “what is the problem with the visas?” [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who was that?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I really... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who was that?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The one that is trying to become – well I know we think it is actually the hon member Mr Dyantyi who is looking to become the next leader in the ANC here. But quite frankly, [Interjections.] when he made that statement I had to think about it; he was probably either trying to align himself to Minister Gigaba or the President and that is probably how he thinks he is going to secure his future seat in this House. [Interjections.] The hon member also spoke about skills [Interjections.] and about the delays specifically in a number of areas around certificates, qualification

certificates and it is a very, very big problem across a lot of sectors, where certification is not coming through into the system and that is also holding many, many people back from jobs and even increasing their income viability within a job that they are in at the moment.

You spoke about funding and funding of TEK and I think that it is going to be very interesting to see what the outcome of this last Funding Fair that the Department partnered with Deloitte in. The Funding Fair – when I walked around the Fair itself, there was a couple of billion rand potential to fund businesses in this region that was in that session. So I really look forward to seeing the outcome and see how many of the 600 applications, narrowed down to 40 and how many of those 40 who made pitches, actually matched partners in funding for their future of their companies.

Then let me move on to the Opposition and the presentation made by the Opposition and I see that he is not even here. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He is not here.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Now that is exactly what happened [Interjections.] Now that is exactly Mr Deputy Speaker, what happened when the whole Department came and sat here to answer any question on the budget; [Interjections.] any question on the ATP. It was evident from his speech that he has not read the ATP [Interjections.] because half the questions he was asking are addressed

in it. Half the questions here asked on the budget is aligning exactly to those questions that he is asking and saying they do not exist. But he is not even here to hear the reply; he was not here when it was the time for getting a presentation on the budget, interrogating the budget, doing exactly what an Opposition member is supposed to do when you put a budget on the table. [Interjections.]

And in actual fact, it is quite interesting because he is not even the primary member on this Committee. The primary member is not here either. He is the proxy to the primary member. [Interjections.] But perhaps what I should do is just address one or two of the issues that he has raised. [Interjections.] And the first thing I want to address is [Interjections.] you know, and I did say it when we started. This issue of Eskom and us sitting now with expensive generated electricity, reminds me or links me back to this front page of the *Business Day* today, where it says “Zuma link to Eskom inquiry”. [Interjections.] So it is quite interesting [Interjections.] this whole mess that we find ourselves in where exactly what has to happen is proper strong political leadership in a country where you are sitting with an energy generator in tatters. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The politics or the system is just continually being driven. [Interjections.] The politics does not stop... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This one's members on the board versus that one's member on the board; new CEO four months, then gets suspended. You read that the existing Chair says he does not know why the person is being suspended. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order Minister Winde, there is too much – order! Order! Too many hon members are talking different things in different spots in the chamber or playing off the ball. Please concentrate on the Minister Winde's speech. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is total political shenanigans that is pushing the economic viability of this country down the toilet. [Interjections.]

Mr L H MAX: Precisely.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And you know, [Interjections.] when you halted proceedings today because of load shedding, I made a comment and I said to the hon member Mr Dugmore across the way here, “we have probably moved from

R80 billion and now to R81 billion”. Now those are the words of the Minister Lynn Brown who said “this is the kind of cost that the blackouts or the load shedding is costing the economy of this country”. And you know, I mean 80 billion, it is quite easy to stand here and say R80 billion but what would R80 billion buy? And I know the hon member Mr Tyatyam moved away from the economy and moved into health and all sorts of other places but perhaps that will allow me the scope to look at the hon Minister Madikizela who is responsible for delivering housing in this province. If we had to give him the R80 billion that has now been lost to the economy because of the downfall of Eskom. [Interjections.] From that he could purchase the land; he could put in the infrastructure backlog and [Interjections.] he could give a house to the 521 000 families in this province – the whole backlog would be wiped out in one shot, just from the failure of Eskom and that is let alone the reputational cost of the brand damage that that is doing to our – the possibility of growing, attracting investment and growing our economy.

But while I am actually holding this piece of newspaper up, I look at another [Interjections.] I look at something on the other side of the President’s face which says “state to set to provide R1 billion to create Black industrialists”. [Interjections.] I am going to say that again; “state to set to provide R1 billion to create Black industrialists”. I welcome this money, we need to make sure that this money gets put into the right place, into the right hands to make sure that we do create these industrialists. But I am sorry, when I read this piece of headline in the newspaper and I looked at it next to this

photograph, it does not tell me that that is what is going to happen with that R1 billion. I just look at the photograph; I look at the statement and I think of the Shaiks, I think of the Guptas and I wonder how many new industrialists are going to come out of that R1 billion – I really do wonder. [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So Mr Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] I... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: *Business Day* [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I perhaps do not really know how to answer the rest of the hon member Mr Tyatyam's statement. I look at the one thing he said when he spoke about agri-processing, and he said "I do not see anything in the budget about how we are going to get these agri-processing companies to get working, I do not see specifically Black..." This is what he said to me in the speech. [Interjections.] Now two minutes earlier I read a speech, that was before the blackout so maybe he did not remember that far. I said and here is my speech again, I will read it again to you the hon member Mr Tyatyam. "A R6,6 million Cape Capital Fund will provide 44 businesses with the support they need to buy equipment and improve their business processes. It further supports agri-processing businesses, we will also select high-potential small

businesses for a concentrated incubation programme”. That was about agri-processing. So he was not even listening when I read the speech, let alone read the documentation or the budget. And this is the Opposition that we have to deal with in this province. I do not know if I want to deal with any other issues that he brought up. [Interjections.] perhaps suffice to say that he speaks about policies and small businesses and then that reminds me of the Minister who is responsible for small businesses and in her statement she says “stop looking for jobs”. That is what she said. She said “stop looking for jobs, start your own business”. [Interjections.] I mean you know, this is just crazy and [Interjections.] this is this ANC government that we have got to deal with... [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But as I said in my speech Mr Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: As I said in my speech the environment in which we have to operate is not an easy environment. The environment is actually quite difficult. But we will continue to push against these boundaries that are created in ignorance I think. We will continue to push against them and work as we have been doing and even harder and even faster to create the jobs that

we need. I think the last thing I want to mention is the hon member stood up and asked some questions about the IDZ Board. I would very much like him to go and speak to his colleagues at national. But perhaps just to quickly outline that the Chairperson of the Board is a retired official from this government. His name is Dr J C Stegmann. He is my nomination on that Board. I had the nomination of two seats; I agreed with Minister Rob Davies that we would not nominate two seats, we would give one of the seats off of the Western Cape to Transnet and he agreed that one seat would go to the DTI and he would also give off one of the DTI seats and give that to the IDC. So there is the Board and of course you have got local government and civil society on that Board as well.

The next thing that has to happen in this process is that we in this House will be passing the legislation because that licencing company is already put in place. Wesgro set it up. They have set up the licencing company. It is in place and the next thing that is going to happen is the Legislation will allow that company to now go out on its own. If you want to know the detail of how many companies have put their names down, come to the Standing Committee and ask the question or at least come to the Budget Committee and you could have asked that question when everybody was sitting here ready to answer you, but you did not even pitch to that Standing Committee.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I think with that I want to end and say thank you once again to the Department for the dedication and hard work in really trying

circumstances to get this province to the level that we want to, to push for those growth rates and those job numbers that we need. I thank you.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. Before we ask the Secretary to read the next order, can we just allow some time for the bays to be changed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, can we – order! Order! Can we come to some sort of order? The Secretary will read the next order... [Interjections.]... the 7th order.

7. Debate on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament - *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Deputy Speaker, hon members and guests, thank you for the opportunity to present the budget of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

On the 1st of April 2015 we will commence with a new 5 year Strategic Plan. The vision that underpins the plan is “a dynamic, effective and efficient parliament supporting constitutional democracy”, which is aligned with our constitutional responsibilities. To give effect to this vision of ours we have set two strategic goals which are:

- To promote sound governance and improve strategic corporate support; and
- to provide effective procedural and related support to members, committees and the House to make laws, conduct oversight and facilitate public involvement.

Before I get to the details of the budget for 2015/2016 financial year, I would like to engage the members as to our purpose as representatives of the people of the Western Cape.

As hon members we need to take ownership of this House and conduct the business of the House in a way that befits this august institution, and more importantly reflects our commitment to the people of the Western Cape who have elected us as their representatives. Lately we seem to have strayed from this path. I appeal to members individually and collectively as political parties to assist the Presiding Officers in this regard.

The budget for 2015/2016 for the WCPP is R117 180 000 which is a 4.8% increase on the revised estimate of 2014/2015. This is not a big increase but we are mindful of the juggling act the Minister of Finance and his team in Provincial Treasury has to perform to ensure services are delivered to the people of the Western Cape, who are and should be the main beneficiaries of this Budget.

As a matter of interest the 2014/15 budgets for different legislatures were as follows taking into account the membership of those legislatures:

I shall start with the smallest; the Northern Cape has 50 members. Their budget is R134 877 000.

An HON MEMBER: A thousand million.

The SPEAKER: A thousand million. Free State has 30 members, R154 548 000. North West has 33 members, R234 221 000. Mpumalanga has 30 members and their budget is R248 536 000. The Western Cape has 42 members and we have a budget of R11 722 000. [Interjections.] Limpopo... [Interjections.] ... Limpopo has 49 ... [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: Limpopo has 49 members ... [Interjections.] ... with R198 713 000. [Interjections.] The Eastern Cape... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members just, order, order. You must please allow the Speaker... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: ... has 63 members.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Speaker just one second. Please allow the Speaker the freedom to speak and not make too many comments in between. Please continue Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Eastern Cape has 63 members and their budget is R377 486 000. Gauteng – we are moving to the big numbers now – Gauteng has 73 members and their budget is R537 205 000. [Interjection.] KZN has the most members, 80 000, and their budget is R397 349 000.

This Provincial Parliament in the previous financial year received between R24 million to R130 million less than two legislatures with a membership of 30 members. So it is evident that we still have the smallest budget compared to other Legislatures and whilst we often say in the House with a level of pride as we are and have been doing more with less for some time, it seems we need to appreciate the equally important role the Provincial Parliament plays in the lives of the citizens of this Province. We are however mindful of the pressure on the Provincial Treasury to balance the books and will continue to engage the Minister in a positive spirit of cooperation.

An HON MEMBER: And we've got more money.

The SPEAKER: Absolutely.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] that promise.

The SPEAKER: The 2015/16 budget allocation for the WCPP per program is as follows: Programme 1, which is the Administration, is R52 384 000 and that is an increase of 5.94%; Programme 2, which is the facilities for members and political parties is R41 219 000. That is an increase of 4.74% and Programme 3, Parliamentary Services is R23 577 000 and that is 2.86 increase. So we are looking at a total budget of R117 180 000 which is a 4.8% increase.

If we look at the budget as per economic classification, it is as follows:

Compensation of employees increases by 8.89% in 2015/2016 from the 2014/2015 revised estimate of R47 485 000 to R51 755 000. This is the provision of salary adjustments as well as the strengthening of the internal control function. Compensation of employees represents 44.16 of the budget. Goods and services increased by 2.92% in 2015/2016 from the 2014/2015 revised estimate of R26 977 000 to R27 764 000. This incorporates the once-off funding requirements relating to a new accrual based accounting system.

It must be noted that although the increase on goods and services for 2015/2016 seems well under inflation, during the 2014/2015 financial year an amount of R1,3 million was added to the budget to finalise once-off expenditure projects. These expenditures included the refurbishment of members' offices as well as the procurement of new IT equipment for new members. Goods and services accounts for 23.69% of the budget.

Departmental agencies and accounts increase by 5.56% in 2015/2016. and this is an inflationary increase. Departmental agencies account for 0.03% of the budget.

Foreign governments and international organisations:

Here we essentially refer to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association subscriptions, which increases by 4.17% and Households increase by 5.10% in 2015/2016, which is an inflationary increase.

Non-profit Institutions; that in this instance is political parties - increased by 4.58% in 2015/2016, which consists of the payment to Political Parties. Non-profit organisations account for 29.73% of the budget.

What are our key focus areas for the next financial year?

One of the key cost drivers for the next three years will be the implementation of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act 2009, as amended, and I shall refer to it as FMPPLA, which comes into effect on the 1st of April 2015.

Prior to the passing of the Act, the Financial Management of Provincial Legislatures were not explicitly regulated, but were operating under the spirit of the Public Financial Management Act. FMPPLA requires Parliament and

Provincial Legislatures to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with the standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice, which I shall refer to as GRAP going forward.

Currently the WCPP and some legislatures prepare the annual financial statements in accordance with Modified Cash Standards. This will have major implications for the WCPP and other legislatures both financially and in terms of human resources. Besides formal training of relevant staff on the GRAP requirements, WCPP is planning orientation programmes with other institutions where GRAP have been successfully implemented.

The difference between Modified Cash Basis of accounting and accrual accounting (GRAP) is the time at which various transactions are recorded.

Under the cash method, income is recorded where cash is actually received and expenses are recorded where they are actually paid. With the accrual method, transactions are recorded when the order is made or when the item is delivered or the service occurs, regardless of when money for them is actually received or paid.

Our current financial systems are not accrual accounting compatible, hence the need to migrate to a new system. In order to successfully migrate from a Cash Modified System to GRAP, an Enterprise Resource Planning business management software is essential. I will refer to that as ERP. These systems are costly, with the Rolls Royce of the systems ranging anything between 40 to R60 million. A project plan and resources have been put in place to ensure

that the system is procured and implemented to give full effect to GRAP timeously.

As a matter of interest, I attended the Speakers Forum meeting on Tuesday and I was informed by my colleague from Limpopo that they funded their ERP system by moving 10 million from their goods and services budget. Can you imagine that! [Laughter.]

Mr DYANTYI: You did not walk out of that meeting now.

The SPEAKER: No, I had no need. The transitional arrangements for the implementation of GRAP... [Interjection.] ... the transitional arrangements for the implementation of GRAP is set as the 1 April 2017 and the Administration have already commenced with work in this regard. FMPPLA also requires the establishment of an oversight mechanism to oversee the performance and financial management of the Provincial Parliament. The Rules Committee has on Friday the 20 March adopted certain rule changes to create the Parliamentary Oversight Committee and to redefine the role of the Rules Committee and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Let me categorically state that the establishment of this oversight mechanism does not detract from the important role of SCOPA. SCOPA will continue to perform oversight over the financial management of the remaining 13 Votes. In relation to oversight over the financial management and reporting of the Provincial Parliament, we have proposed a “one stop” shop so that the same

members who assess how the WCPP spends its budget can link this to the actual performance for which the funds have been allocated. I have made a commitment that the parliamentary Administration will submit the quarterly performance reports to this Oversight Committee for consideration.

The Rules Committee will be more focused in terms of dealing with the review of Standing Rules as well as the internal arrangements of the WCPP as envisaged in section 116 of the Constitution. In compliance with good governance practices the Deputy and I have made a principled decision that we will not be part of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee, although allowed by the Act to do so, as it is not good practice to be both player and referee. It seems that most of the Speakers in other provincial legislatures share this principled approach and at the same time they have had no concerns whatsoever as to whether the ruling party should chair the Parliamentary Oversight Committee.

The FMPPLA also regulates... [Interjection.] ... FMPPLA also regulates reporting timelines for the submission of strategic plans, annual performance plans, budgets and the Administration will soon embark on this process to settle the Annual Performance Plan for the 2016/17 financial year.

Risk management is another area of good governance that will be a key focus areas for 2015/2016. The legislative environment is changing, and with change comes opportunities but it brings along with it new and emerging risks – the disruption of parliamentary sittings is a good example of this. As

an institution, we will have to re-evaluate our risks and internal controls to ensure that we stay on track to deliver on our vision of a dynamic, effective and efficient parliament supporting constitutional democracy.

Mr C R DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] walks out [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: To facilitate this the WCPP will appoint a Risk Officer on its establishment. [Interjection.]

Communication: WCPP will improve its internal and external communication by reviewing its communication strategy and optimising the newly established website. In addition, we will also be looking at how to further enhance and utilise our social media presence and use these platforms to engage with the citizens of the Western Cape. Last year, in an effort to improve the consistent application and use of the WCPP logo and to develop the WCPP brand, we developed a Corporate Identity Manual. All the corporate stationery, marketing material, website and social media channels, and our publications have been brought in line with these prescriptions and we will continue rolling out the corporate identity during the course of the year.

Let's talk about security. Security within the building remains a concern... [Interjection.] ... and the WCPP... [Interjection.] ... will have to work more closely with its partners, the South African Police Services and the Department of Transport and Public Works to minimise the risks to members.

A security plan has been developed and has been vetted by the State Security Agency. It will be referred to the Rules Committee for consideration.

The WCPP is also currently defining the boundaries of its precinct and a proposal will be submitted to the Rules Committee for deliberation and consideration. Once the boundaries of the parliamentary precincts have been declared, it will enable the Speaker to exercise better control over the precincts as it pertains to security. We will have to monitor the implementation of the security plan and evaluate security in general in the parliamentary precincts.

Occupational Health and Safety: We are mindful of our responsibility towards members, staff and visitors to the Provincial Parliament to ensure that you all have access to a healthy and safe work environment. This is not an easy task as we share a building and where the building itself does not belong to the Provincial Parliament. I am aware that the discussion of a defined Provincial Parliament building has been on the back burner for a while but I would want us as political parties to take up this issue as it is often at the heart of the ability of the Administration to deliver and support us as members.

On the health and safety front the Administration is in the process of electing new health and safety representatives as the term of the previous representatives have expired. I would like to extend my gratitude to these representatives who have a key role to play in our day to day health and

safety. We have had a successful fire drill last week and I am awaiting the report thereon to ensure that we have crossed all the t's and dotted all the i's. The Administration will schedule an organization wide fire drill for later in the year.

I need to address the concerns raised around the asbestos incident as it has been suggested that the Administration attempted to hide this incident. This could not be further from the truth.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Nou wat is die waarheid?

The SPEAKER: Members there is a detailed report on this in the pack of documents...

Ms M N GILLION: Where is the report?

The SPEAKER: ... that were disseminated in response to the Rules Committee requests on the discussion of the Budget Vote. To my knowledge, the Administration acted swiftly and in partnership with the Department of Transport and Public Works addressed the matter. The blue asbestos has been removed... [Interjection.] ... and a clearance certificate to this effect has been issued. The testing of possibly affected staff and other individuals who may have been exposed will happen in consultation with the Departments of Transport and Public Works and Health.

The Administration has planned initiatives to keep health and safety issues on the radar and it would require regular communiqués to members and staff to keep us abreast on these initiatives.

In terms of Information Technology we will continue to maintain a stable and reliable network infrastructure. I have approved the creation of a permanent post of Network Administrator that will contribute to our objective of a stable and reliable network. ERP as mentioned earlier, is a key priority for ICT, as well as day to day IT users' support and the availability of a disaster recovery plan. ICT is in the process of implementing the e-Filing system within the whole of the Administration having piloted this in the previous financial year in 3 sections. This is an attempt to move away from the plethora of documents we produce and digitizing the creation and storage of parliamentary documents. I hope that we will soon extend this to the House as we have all the technological gadgets available to ease the load on the trees in the Western Cape.

Human Resource Management: I actually want us to steer clear of this terminology which suggests that our staff are resources and similarly Human Capital that has the same connotation. Instead I have given the Administration the challenge of not only reinventing themselves but also the Provincial Parliament of becoming a highly agile client-centric team. This will necessitate a re-look at our Human Resources Management, to move away from a rule bound, formalised structure and centres of decision making to building a client-centric team, empowering managers and staff to make

decisions, encourage a culture of continuous learning, teaching managers to coach and mentor and develop others in the process as our members who are our core clients, will reap the benefit of a top notch parliamentary support service. The strategy for the next five years will therefore focus on *inter alia* the following:

- Digitising and integration of HR processes and information;
- prioritisation of HR functions considering financial and human resource constraints;
- policy review of outdated policies; and
- improving the ability of employees to perform by implementing the WCPP Skills Development Programme.

In the coming financial year we also need to look at the optimising of our staff in view of the limited budget we have and we may well have to conduct an organisational development exercise. A number of fixed-term contracts additional to the fixed establishment expire at the end of the month and will not be renewed due to budgetary constraints. Once the organisational development exercise has been concluded, however, and a possible realignment of positions have taken place, affected contract staff will be considered first for these positions. In the meantime, I will continue to engage the Minister in this regard for possible funding for critical positions.

Mr DYANTYI: So you will not be retrenching.

The SPEAKER: The WCPP is aiming to modernise the claims procedure for members by considering and developing on line services where members can submit claims on line from outside the WCPP. In addition to the LSS members' Capacity Building Programme which will take place between May and November 2015, WCPP have developed an Internal Capacity Building Programme addressing the practical needs as identified by the members.

Talking about members' capacity building I had the opportunity to attend a Professional Certificate in Parliamentary Affairs Capacity Building Program in the United Kingdom in December last year. The program was organised by the *International Centre for Parliamentary Studies* which exist to promote effective policy making and good governance through better interaction between parliaments, government and other stakeholders in society. I have caused a report on this trip to be ATC-ed and I would want to suggest that the monies spent on this training was well spent. The course has been designed for all those who have professional interest and involvement with effective functioning of parliaments and assemblies in their respective countries. I would like to think we all share this interest. I intend on making this training and similar Commonwealth Parliamentary Association training available to members, as the invitation arises. Apart from this, clusters of Standing Committees are also scheduled to go on study tours during the June school holidays with a view to engage with counterparts on relevant portfolio matters.

Regarding legal services; our Legal Services Unit continues to provide quality legal support to the Speaker, Secretary and Standing Committees. Legal Services has developed a Performance Management Framework to further improve the tracking and management of this support. The High Court matter between SCOPA and members of the House where the processes followed by SCOPA of the previous parliament are being challenged is still pending.

Also on the horizon, and of importance to all the legislatures in South Africa, is a pending Constitutional Court matter by the Land Access Movement of South Africa where the public involvement processes followed by our legislatures in passing the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act 2014 will be considered. [Interjection.]

In terms of Facilities Management, we will continue to ensure that our facilities provide a conducive, healthy, safe and inspiring environment. Facilities requirement will be addressed through an integrated approach, that comprehensively take into account people, processes, space and technology. Resolving challenges such as the refurbishment of the auditorium, day to day cleanliness and proper functioning of our services, including the lifts, remain high on our priority list. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell and hon Paulsen please calm down. Speak you may continue.

On the Parliamentary Services side, where we deal with our core Constitutional mandate of law making, oversight and public participation, the Administration commits to continue to provide professional support to the House, Committees and members. Our Committee Section is almost fully staffed and will continue to provide professional support to our standing committees. The Section has finalised the review of its Standard Operating Procedures and this should assist to streamline support services to committees. The Research Section has grown with the appointment last year of another researcher to a staff complement of 4 and we can rely on good quality research reports. To further assist committees and plenaries we will finalise the customisation of the Sector Oversight Model so that our citizens can benefit from effective oversight over the Executive. I will arrange for this matter to be referred to the relevant committee.

Our Plenary staff are also in the process of finalising a Standard Operating Procedure to streamline procedural support services for the House. With the assistance of the ICT Section we have introduced the Lync service to assist the Presiding Officers during sittings with procedural advice. We will embark on full scale Rules Review process this year to address the functionality of rules in the House and Committees.

Public Education and Outreach Section will also finalise a Standard Operation Procedure to guide the work of the Section to achieve our constitutional mandate. The Section will as from the 1 April have

representation of all 3 official languages of the Western Cape and this will assist us to reach a bigger audience of our province.

The Section on its own however will not be able to bridge the gap between those who know about the WCPP, its workings and how to participate in our activities., and I therefore call upon members to become ambassadors of the work of WCPP in their constituencies and to host workshops in your constituencies to educate them about our role. Many members have benefited from such workshops in their constituencies and I would strongly suggest that all members partake in this initiative.

Many of our tertiary institutions continue to integrate our education programmes as part of course work. These institutions are: The School of Journalism of CPUT; The Ecology Department of the University of Stellenbosch; The Political Science and Business Management Departments of UWC and the College of Cape Town. Similarly we partner with the United Nations Association of South Africa and Project Citizen of the Western Cape Education Department who include our education workshops in their programmes. Through our partnerships, we reach many more citizens and institutions with our limited resources.

To build on this foundation on a policy level, we need to customise the Public Participation and Petitions Framework developed by the Legislative Sector Support with the assistance of public education practitioners of all legislatures. This strategy document will replace the 2009 Strategy which

has become dated and should provide greater guidance to the PEO Section on how to go about educating and encouraging our citizens to participate effectively in our legislative and committee processes.

I can thankfully say that our Hansard services has stabilised and we are very grateful to the Hansard team for the quick turnaround time in making the Hansard available. We look forward to the publication of the Hansard books with the backlog being erased at the end of March.

Language services: Our attention to producing documents in all three languages of the province has gained momentum with the appointment of (1) an Afrikaans/English language practitioner, albeit on a contract basis. Our interpreting database has been finalised and the services are vetted regularly. Approval has been granted for the establishment of a permanent post of an Afrikaans/-English Language Practitioner on the establishment with effect from 1 April 2015.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Deputy and all the members as well as my office. I would like to thank Jannie Uys, Khaya, Genevieve, Olivia and Max for all the hard work they have done and still will continue to do. And on behalf of myself and members in our role as public representatives, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Administration for their continued support, professionalism and commitment to drive this organisation from good to great! To our newly appointed Secretary Ms Fakira and the

management staff, be assured of our commitment as we lead the Administration into 2016. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Chief Whip, Mr Wiley

Mr M G E Wiley: Thank you Deputy Speaker. And I would also like to add my congratulations to the Speaker on her maiden budget in this house, as well as to Mrs Amira Fakira, the newly appointed Secretary, but I would also like to make use of this opportunity to thank Mr Royston Hindley who has just been replaced by Mrs Fakira for the hard work that he has done over the years in the position of Secretary.

Deputy Speaker, the budget of the legislature is of critical importance in any functioning democracy. The ability of the legislature to oversee the work of the Executive must be rigorous and thorough. There can be little doubt that the imposed austerity measures, together with the scheduled structural changes – whether financial accounting or internal governance - to this institution, will put this House in a vulnerable position for some time. This should not be unique to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament as the whole country has to tighten its belt if we are to survive our low national growth and increasingly negative other economic barometers. It remains to be seen whether the other Legislatures and even the National Government manages to bring about proper austerity measures. The Western Cape government has, across the board, implemented austerity measures.

The Speaker has already articulated some of the concerns she has relating to the consequences of these actions and I wish to expand on some of these matters and also deal with the Rules Committee report on the budget. But before I do so I want to contextualise the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in relation to other Legislatures in South Africa, which is both instructive as well as a guide for our deliberations for the future. I

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You already have.

Mr M G E WILEY: I do not want to repeat what the Speaker – I do not want to repeat the statistics, as the Speaker has already given it to us. However, I do want to say that with the fifth lowest numbers in the 9 legislatures, we have the lowest budget of R111 million and 99 personnel. I want to congratulate the staff for the exceptionally professional service they render... [Interjection.] ... with limited budget... [Interjection.] ... and with the small staff complement in relation. However before one immediately says that we are an under resourced parliament... [Interjection.] ... may I say that Mpumalanga, which has got 30 members and a budget of R248 million, has currently a population – and that is a projected population following the 2011 census – of 4,2 million. This is the same population that the Western Cape had in 1996. The Western Cape population is now projected as 6,1 million and given the guide of one Legislature member per 100 000, one can immediately see that at some stage in the future all parties and members in this House will have to have discussions relating to adequate public representation in this province.

These facts notwithstanding, this parliament is probably the most dynamic when it comes to the activity of its committees, the number of sittings and the legislation that it gets through.

It remains a worry however that certain essential posts have been filled by contract employees for some years now, the majority of whom will be finishing up at the end of the month. A thorough work study, based on the new organogram, must be carried out at the earliest opportunity and the Minister of Finance must be equally lobbied to assist in remedying this shortfall. And just to give an indication of some of those posts that will become vacant at the 1st April is the Network Administrator, receptionist, HR officer, Risk and Internal Control Officer and language practitioner.

This is in no small way a tribute to the competence and industry of the staff of this legislature. The efficiency is impressive and in many ways has contributed to the ability of members to go about their work in a meaningful way. However it must be a very frustrating experience for some to witness the antics displayed by some members and their tolerance of the staff and impartiality needs to be applauded. Their enthusiasm and dedication was demonstrated last week when a practice fire drill was efficiently carried out.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, it was postponed for so many times.

Mr M G E WILEY: Ja, it was postponed for so many times but practice makes perfect. They practiced and they made it perfect. [Interjection.]

An area of some concern is the funding of the new Financial Management Act which will see significantly increased levels of scrutiny over financial controls and accountability. Given the excellent Auditor General results of the last few years it cannot be allowed to be put under threat because inadequate funds are provided for a seamless transition. The Rules committee has felt strongly regarding this legislature, its budgetary constraints facing it, as well as the future governance models. Where we are in the DA is in disagreement with the ANC is how we achieve the desired outcomes.

The ANC feels strongly...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Speak for yourself.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...that the new Oversight Committee will replace the Rules committee, a replica of SCOPA, with a Chair from the Opposition ranks. They are not satisfied with the DA promoted suggestion that the Speaker and Deputy Speaker recuse themselves from the committee and allow ordinary members to populate it.

Mr P UYS: That is not true.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is a deep irony...

An HON MEMBER: The ANC [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... that the opportunity arose for the ANC to put their lofty ideals into practice during the Bill stage in the NCOP, but they opted rather for the 'judge and jury' route over there.

The PREMIER: Ja.

Mr P UYS: That's not true.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is true. So we now see, once again, that a DA run province acting in the spirit of neutrality and fair play while some ANC provinces and the National Assembly insist that Speakers Chair the committee that is tasked to oversee the Executive of the Legislature. Maybe this unacceptable situation is the reason why ANC Legislatures are so bloated with staff - with budgets too much – yet the quality of service delivery to its citizens remains a matter of grave concern to all citizens of this country. And this is borne out by the various independent and Chapter 9 Reports.

This selective morality also applies to the ANC's concern for the item covering legal fees and the increase thereof. They blithely ignore the fact that a considerable amount of this total will go to defending this institution from the best efforts of key ANC members of this House whose apparent sole aim is to avoid being held accountable to the House and its committees.

The PREMIER: Sies!

Mr M G E WILEY: This even to the extent... [Interjection.] ... of insisting that the State Law office represent them – forcing the legislature to incur high legal costs... [Interjection.]... despite the fact that the relevant committee, SCOPA, is simply putting up an Auditor General as per its mandate. [Interjections.]

The question was raised just now about what happened to the legal opinion in this regard, and I would just like to read to the members the point that was raised in the reply from the Speaker.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] correct one, just make sure it is the correct one.

Mr M G E WILEY: This is the advice that by mistake the Secretariat forgetting to report to the members of the Rules Committee just before the sitting.

“The external legal advice was asked for and obtained in two incidences; an advice was obtained from Adv Meyer on the submissions by the Minister of Home Affairs that a summons served on the Minister by Provincial Parliament was unlawful and defective for various reasons.”

The second matter was that Webber Wentzel was appointed to represent the Speaker of the Chairperson of the SCOPA in the review application of *Fransman v The Speaker and Another* in the Western Cape High Court.

Webber Wentzel is still providing legal service. For interest to the members, Adv Meyer charged R9 000 for his advice with regard to the first item and Webber Wentzel has now invoices us for R150 000...

An HON MEMBER: Ooh!

Mr M G E WILEY: ...157,38 just from August 14 to February 15.

An HON MEMBER: Okay.

Mr M G E WILEY: Just because members who are meant to be upholding democracy... [Interjection.] ... and the rights of this institution... [Interjection.] ... are prepared to contest it.

The PREMIER: Sies man! [Interjections.] You must come to SCOPA.

Mr M G E WILEY: Similarly, the faux concern regarding the perfectly legal and sanctioned use of private security by the DA to ensure uninterrupted function for its guests has been criticised by the ANC. [Interjections.] This after the debacle seen by the gross misuse of SAPS in the National Assembly and the constant, probably illegal, use of paramilitaries at all their events and otherwise by the ANC. [Interjections.] This is mind blowing hypocrisy... [Interjections.] ... and a real undermining of our democracy.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] securities.

Mr M G E WILEY: I wish to just refer to the legal opinion which was also handed to us just before the sitting which the ANC requested, and it was about the legality of the use of private security by political parties in the precincts of parliament and how this impacts on the protocol, since the precincts is a National Key Point. [Interjections.] And I will withdraw certain matters from it.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It's useless.

Mr M G E WILEY: Firstly the adoption of the separation of powers will require at the least that Provincial Parliament controls the space within which it operates free from Executive interference.

Mr P UYS: That's true.

Mr M G E WILEY: And should the speaker not wish to have the security services present on the precincts and by them the security services are the police or Defence Force, the Intelligence Services... [Interjections.]... the Speaker may secure the parliamentary precincts by other means.

An HON MEMBER: Not [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Where the National Key Point... [Interjections.]... imposes obligations and asserts Executive authority ... [Interjections.]... over the owners of the National Key Points... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... it imposes obligations and asserts Executive authority over the Speaker acting on behalf of the Provincial Parliament. Bear in mind separation of powers.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] the DA.

Mr M G E WILEY: This is where the National Key Point and the Powers and Privileges Act is fundamentally different. The PPA provides for co-operation between the Executive and the Legislature but acknowledges in no uncertain terms that the authority of the Speaker prevails in the parliamentary precincts. Section 3 of the National Key Point Act imposes various obligations and asserts various Executive powers over the owners of the National Key Points.

I just want to conclude on this with regard to the conclusion of the legal opinion. Neither the PPI nor the National Key Point prohibits the use of private security in the provincial precincts... [Interjections.] ... with the permission of or under the authority of the Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Absolutely.

Mr M G E WILEY: In terms – yes but unfortunately you have contested it throughout. [Interjections.] The Speaker was not [Inaudible.] as were the police. In terms of the PPI and the adoption of separation of powers Provincial Parliament has the authority to control the security of the parliamentary precincts free from Executive interference. And lastly... [Interjections.] ... to the extent that the National Key Point purports to empower the Executive to exercise authority over South Africa's Legislature, the National Key Point conflicts with the PPI and violates the doctrine of separation of powers.

The interesting thing is, over and above that the use of private security is fully exonerated, it raises other issues relating to the National Key Point relationship and this parliament.

The fact of the matter is that the security of this Parliament is a cause of concern. There has been a serious decline in SAPS numbers... [Interjections.] posted to this National Key Point over the last few years... [Interjections.]... I think it is about 50% in five years. Standards at times have been patchy and the inability of the role players to clearly identify the precinct of this legislature is problematic. And I am pleased to hear that the Speaker says that this matter will now be finally addressed.

This must be seen in light of the dramatic increases of protests – some violent, many instigated or assisted by the ANC outside the legislature and at venues where parliamentary committees visit. Interestingly, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition as has already been pointed out by hon member Winde, felt so at ease with today's Seskona protest that he deserted the House for their warm embrace.

Has the time not arrived for the Legislature to investigate... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Whoo! [Inaudible.] Nothing new.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... an ability to retain the services of dedicated security officers... [Interjections.]... to contribute towards members' safety... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... at the Wale Street and during outreach visits. I understand this much has been suggested by some in SAPS. It is serious misuse of scarce police resources, especially in this province, to exclusively use operationally trained officers for access control duties and floor patrols.

The matter of public education and outreach and participation also exercised the minds of the committee. There is too much lack of clarity how effective

this important function is and how it can be maximised. Quite rightly, we have asked for a report on the matter.

Deputy Speaker, this Vote is of critical importance and we, the members, are tasked to ensure that it functions as designed – to hold the Executive to account, to pass and amend legislation but also to encourage healthy debate... [Interjections.]... produce responsible and informed public representatives and to be champions to protect and promote democracy. [Interjections.] In conclusion Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order honourable... order hon Dyantyi.

Mr M G E WILEY: The greatest threat of democracy within our ranks is the ability of our members to understand the work that they are doing. Max Sisulu, who is the former Speaker of the National Assembly tweeted today that members of Parliament urgently need training. I would urge all members who have the time available to make use of this additional training that is going to be paid for by Parliament in order to be able to increase their skills.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr M G E WILEY: More importantly that, in the old adage of your former Minister of Education in this, time on task is critically important. They have to attend committee meetings...[Interjections.] ... they have to read the documentation before meetings take place... [Interjections.] ... they need to

make themselves acquainted with regard to their role and function before they stand up here and remove all doubt about their foolhardiness. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr P UYS: Who is this [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Mr Uys. Order, order.

Mr P UYS: Thank you hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you to the Speaker as well. In the 2015-2016 budget we see an increase from R111 million to R117 million and we heard that from the hon Speaker. But that is only an increase of 4.89% and that is well below inflation. But if we look at the next year and the outer years in the next financial year there will only be an increase of R1 million and I mean that is really shocking.

At the same time the officials and the Deputy Speaker gave us a very bleak picture when they addressed the Rules Committee. They reflected on the list of policy options and there was no reference really to that policy options and how that would be funded. Although critical, could not be financed.

And this is very important, because this was emphasised in the Rules Committee and that includes the following: an accrual-based accounting system, a cost more or less of R6,2 million; not R50 million or R100 million, but R6,2 million and that is substantial. An additional post to the Service Establishment of R6,6 million. No funding to refresh Aids and Infrastructure

to cope with increased demand on IT services. We were just picking up on IT services and now we are going to get a major drop in IT services – R2,2 million where we will have to replace the network again in the Legislature. No funding for annual maintenance agreement for Microsoft Software insurance - R650 000.

No funding for an increased media campaigns to educate citizens and advertise the public hearings. And this is important and this is what we will take back to the public hearings – R320 000. And very important, hon Deputy Speaker, funding of shortfall in translations and transcriptions of Hansard. And again, as Hansard was picking up, we are dropping the ball in terms of that. And there was reference, hon Deputy Speaker, that five contract posts will also have to be terminated and that will happen now next week 31 March.

We see an ever increasing in cost in the GMT and that is a major concern to us. If we compare what is happening in the office of the Speaker and the Administration. The Administration ought to be spending more on government motor transport, but it is just the other way around. And maybe it must be considered by the DA not deploying the Speaker to Beaufort West wasting a lot of money and the Deputy Speaker also that far. It is costing R16 000 at least for the Speaker and that of the Deputy Speaker per month [Interjections.] Hon Deputy Speaker, the allocation of the office... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr P UYS: Hon Deputy Speaker, we saw there is just an increase of 4,8% in the total budget; but if we look at the allocation of the Office of the Speaker, it goes up from R4 million to R5.3 million - an increase of 28% and the Speaker will have to explain to us why the increase specifically in the Office of the Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, if we look at Travel and Substance allowances, that will increase from R6 million to R8 million and in Program 1 - and Program 1 is where we find again the money for the Speaker - it will increase from just under R1 million to R1.9 million – an increase of 93% in the Office of Program 1 and that is majority going to the Speaker there.

It also reflected on the Finance Management of Parliament and Legislatures Act, but it was not really stating what are the implications of that and we all know on 1 April 2015 that will come into effect and it will have profound implications for this Legislature. First of all it will replace the PFMA and that in itself will be a major challenge to have training of our staff and to get everybody on board and also the politicians.

Financial statements will have to be changed to the GRAP system and at the same time we will have to establish an internal audit unit. Internal audit unit, hon Deputy Speaker - and I will really ask the Speaker to look at this - must not again be piggy backing on the Premier's office.

This is important; if we go a separate route, let us establish our own proper

internal audit unit and of course the enterprise resource system that must support this. In 2015 Budget No Allocation must wait for the implementation of this and we can ask the question here why was there no allocation made in the budget for any of the implementation of this legislation, and the first question could very well be: did you put a proper case to the Provincial Treasury, did you do it timeously, did you understand what was going to happen. Or even more important, the question would be: was there a reluctance on the side of the Speaker to really secure money. Because let us take ourselves back just a year ago, this DA opposed this legislation, they are not supporting this legislation, so I would not be surprised if they do not want to and they are reluctant to implement this legislation. And of course we will really carefully look at this.

This is a very serious matter and the Western Cape Provincial Legislature is way behind most of the other provinces. There is just two other provinces that is in your category, hon Speaker and that is Northern Cape and Limpopo. The others are well, well ahead of that of the Western Cape and here we see it clearly and it has been stated by yourself as well. Additional Human Resource Capacity will have to become available and the Speaker, hon Deputy Speaker, referred to an organisational design process.

And it was important that we discussed this in the Rules Committee and I want to convey this to the Speaker, because she was not there; and this is important to say this that we do find a tendency that you are not going to do a proper organisational design and a professional work study, but it is going to

be an in-house process. This can never be and it will never be a proper process if you go that route. We have the commitment both from the officials and the Deputy Speaker, it will be a holistic proper process, not cherry picking not looking at one program, but looking at the whole organisation and really sort out the organisation and we will really keep you to that.

In terms of the Finance Management Act, we also know and the dates and times have been really moved forward if we compare it to the Public Finance Management Act, because already by 31 March next year, the first draft of the APP for next year must be available and the final draft to the second draft must be available on 31 May this year. Therefore, we will ask the Speaker whether that is on track and of course we will keenly await the documentation to engage with that.

The Provincial Legislature's strategic plan for 2015-2016 up to 2019-2020 is just a repeat of this year's APP. And I am very concerned about that, because the impression was created by the Speaker that there is really a vision, there is really a strategy taking us forward. But please, hon Speaker, again look at your foreword – you will see it is exactly the same words as in the APP for one year looking forward than in the five years that you are supposed to look forward in terms of a strategic plan and therefore there are no proper targets been set in the strategic plan and there is no vision that is been reflected there and of course no strategy around the implimentation of that.

Looking at the APP, we have seen targets that have been set, but how can you

set a target and then say you are only going to achieve 80 or 70 or 90 percent of the target? A target is there to reach the target. If you cannot reach a target, if it is not a proper target, you lower the target and say this is the realistic target for this APP and this is the target that we are going to achieve. Speaker, more than once you referred in the APP and the Strategic Plan – today you corrected yourself – but you referred to this representative democracy and we all know what is the situation.

Couple of times there has been reference to that, but Mr Deputy Speaker, we must say to the Speaker and she did correct herself, this is not a representative democracy, this is a constitutional democracy and please then correct what you have said in your strategic report if you believe in that and also correct what is in your APP. Because there is a major difference between a constitutional democracy and the one you are reflecting on there.
[Interjection.]

A constitutional democracy ... and that hon Premier said she believes in the Constitution when she took the oath, and now she is against the Constitution. Just give us a moment in that. Mr Deputy Speaker, a constitutional democracy favours public participation. That is the one distinction and a very, very important distinction that we find in the constitutional democracy. And that is the major gap that we find in this legislation. And that is of course you know and we all know that that is not happening. As I already said it is a pity that the Speaker could not be here and we understand the situation around that when we discussed in the Rules Committee, point by

point and page by page and interacted and there were really members who wanted to ask you questions and they were quite disappointed that you could not make it that day; because one of the issues that came quite clearly to the fore was the public participation process and strategy was last looked into in 2009.

After 2009 we know the DA came into power in 2009, there was nothing done around it, absolutely nothing. Five, six years now and it also shows you what is the priority of the Democratic Alliance and of course the Speaker. [Interjections.] But at the same time, at the same time 2009 the whole Petition Unit was scrapped by the DA in 2009. We see a clear failure of the Legislature to get the public involved. And that is true, do we get the public involved when we go out in public hearings? Why don't we get them involved, what is wrong, and the question is are we really serious about public participation and getting the broader community involved in our activities?

I want to briefly stop with the petitions. Petitions we know are a very important part of and component of public participation. But if we look at the total 2014-2015 financial year, there was not one, not one petition referred to the Petition Committee and the question that you then can ask is where is the problem? Is the problem with the people out there that they do not want to submit petitions, or what is the problem or do they get blocked, or stopped, or not supported to submit petitions.

We all know there are major challenges out there and Premier, you know there are major challenges, there are issues out there and people want to submit petitions. But not one petition and then you say you function in terms of public participation and petitions. You are not functioning and it is not working. And if there is a problem with the format and if there is a problem with the legislation and if there is a problem with the beaurocracy in your department, change it, support the people. But for not one petition to be submitted to the Petition Committee, don't find the blame, don't find the problem out there in the community.

Really do some soul searching around that and you will find the problem within your own department. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Speaker was invited and I must mention that, because what she said here in the House was really not accepted. The Speaker was invited to the State of the Nation address. She was invited there as the Speaker of this Provincial Legislature of the Western Cape. [Interjection.] She walked in there, she walked in there with all the other Speakers and they sat there with all the other Speakers.

But when the DA, and they planned this of course, decided to walk out, what did the hon Speaker do? She walked out with the DA. [Interjection.] So therefore again, Mr Deputy Speaker, what do we see here? We see not a Speaker who is impartial; we see a Speaker who is partial and we experience that every single day here. But ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order! Hon Premier? Just one second.

The PREMIER: I would like to ask if the speaker would be prepared to take a question. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, are you prepared to take a question?

Mr P UYS: Time is too short. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, he is not prepared. Order, order! Hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr P UYS: Bang vir wie?

Mr MGE WILEY: On a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr M G E WILEY: The comment made by the hon Chief Whip of the ANC reflects directly on the integrity of the Chair, on the Speaker. and that is contrary to the Rules of this Parliament and I would like you to rule on the matter. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order! Generally, ordinarily, that would be true. Rule 60 determines that you cannot criticise or reflect on

somebody whose selection is dependent on the resolution of the House and that includes the Speaker. But I having a debate in the House is totally different, there is an opportunity for the Speaker to react to that, so if the member goes too far and it becomes a personal attack, the certainly Chair will stop the member. But if it is a reflection in a professional sense related to the work of Parliament, I would rule that in order. But that applies to this debate only, because this is special debate. Hon member Mr Uys, you may continue. [Interjections.]

[Business suspended due to load shedding.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry for the interruption. The hon Uys still has about six minutes left. Hon Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Ja, 'n mens voel amper soos die Proteas wat nou die dag vir die reën moes gewag het. Let us continue, hon Deputy Speaker. I quickly want to say that in spite of all the budget constraints, there is real evidence of unnecessary spending which we still had and this is a serious issue that the Speaker and yourself will have to consider. Last year you attended a NCSL summit from 18 to 22 August 2014 in Minnesota in USA and the total cost of that was R255 000. That is a cost of R51 000 per day attending a conference in the USA and I think that is totally unacceptable.

And as the Speaker reflected as well in her report, she went on a capacity

building exercise. A capacity building exercise that you can do in South Africa and you can actually do in Cape Town as well. There is no reason to go to the UK to actually do that and the cost of that was in different ways. First it was the monetary cost and that was R149 000; the report we received today for the five days there.

But add to that, the Speaker came back and put all effort in to undo the progress that has been made here in her absence. And that was maybe one of the biggest concerns that we have of her going away. Number one of wasting the money and that flowed from there. Hon Deputy Speaker, I am happy to hear that the quarterly reports were submitted now and we had promises last year already. There was not one single quarterly report submitted to this House submitted from your side, hon Speaker, from all the departments we received that, but not that of your department.

But let me move on and get to the next point and that point is very important to us and it has been a reflection on that and that is the question around private security and the DA's private security here. Hon Speaker, you are not answering the question and there is a ducking and diving around answering this question. Why do you not just say yes, it happened; yes, I approved it; no, I didn't approve it; yes, I was aware; no, I was not aware; I am sorry for a mistake. We will move on, but no, that is definitely not happening and we do not see that happening here. Because, hon Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order! Order! Hon Minister

Madikizela?

The MINISTER FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Is it parliamentary, Mr Deputy Speaker, for hon member Mr Uys to call the Speaker a “darky”? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear that, hon member Mr Uys, you can confirm whether you have said it, I did not hear it? [Interjections.] Order!

Mr P UYS: That might be ... let me rather say nothing. Now Mr Deputy Speaker, let me continue. The hon member Mr Wiley wrote in an open letter to secure the service of three executive level protectors, to protect the 60 guests of the DA would not be so because there was a possible problem. And what it also said is the Speaker was informed, as was the Sergeant at Arms. Now he is saying there is a problem. [Interjections.]

The Speaker can take care of this Legislature and the precinct of this Legislature. It is not for the Chief Whip of the DA and of the Legislature to bring in private security and pay for them. But the big concern that I have here and that is a major concern: I did, Mr Deputy Speaker, I did write a letter to the Speaker in this regard and the Speaker responded. And the response of the Speaker was the following: she said “I am not interested in the guests of political parties.” Almost like to say this House don’t understand what is happening. What happened is very clear. They were not guests of a political party and if they were guests of a political party you

must address that specific political party very clearly. They are not allowed to bring in public protectors here.

And then of course we heard all names being put to the protocol office and this and that. It is very clear hon member Mr Wiley said they were executive public, they were executive protectors that came in here and Mr Deputy Speaker, I think you will have to really to protect your own integrity here, to come out clean on this one. Did you approve it, or did you not approve it. Did you support it, were you aware of it, or were you not aware of it?

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am rushing and I must just stand and quickly refer to the issue around the fire drill and what happened here. There was a fire drill planned, everybody knew there was going to be a fire drill, the committees finished their work well in time for that to happen, no political party was informed, and it was purely just cancelled. Speaker, you were not present, you were not here, but there was a decision taken. And the decision taken was under the influence and instruction of hon member Mr Wiley. He was not happy that the staff were ready for that specific drill and I think that it is wrong.

If you speak to the staff, it came out very, very, clear we were ready and even if we are not 100% ready, this was a drill, this was a exercise to really point out the problems. [Interjection.] But please, let us ask now the hon member Mr Wiley. Stop interfering in the administration. You are not the Speaker, you are not the Deputy Speaker, so please stop interfering in that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, what I see happening here and yes, it is a nice gloss and veneer that we heard from the Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: ...and hon member Mr Wiley here but what I see happening here is really a closing down of our democracy and I don't know how the Speaker is going to manage this, but I just see she is taking a cue from the Premier and very soon I can see she is going to get small groups of people around here, it is going to inform her in closed meetings, I will even not be surprised as the hon Leader of the Opposition said, that you will start closing off sections of your passage there where nobody can access and nobody can come in.

Those are all things that are going to happen. But what are also going to happen, you are going to find very soon that there is going to be staff leaving this organisation. Not because of anything else, because of the way you treat the staff. And I am asking you and I am pleading you really, stop interfering in the administration, let the administration do their work and let they do it in a proper way. Otherwise this Provincial Legislature with the little money that is available, R170 million, we will not be able to take it forward. But the question today we must put to the MEC of Finance as well: why are they not increasing the budget of the Legislature, what is wrong with the Legislature, do they really want to cut money off the Legislature ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: ... to close down democracy and not have profit debate taking place here. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Order! The hon member Mr Paulsen.

Mr N PAULSEN: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. this part of the debate is usually done by the DA's sleeper that sits behind me. Cecil John Rhodes had a vision for expanding the British Empire, painting the map red as he put it, to construct a railway from Cape to Cairo and bring Africa under the British flag. We can help you with painting the map red at least.

In his book Confession of Faith he said: "in every colonial legislature, society should attempt to have members prepared at all times to vote or speak and advocate the closer union of England and the colonies to crush disloyalty and every movement for the severance of our Empire". This is why you are behaving like this, you are inspired by Cecil John Rhodes. So while UCT students have declared war against Rhodes' legacy and mobilise to end oppressive space created and maintained by UCT and its racist make-up, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament has through all the budgets presented itself to carrying on with Rhodes' legacy by any means possible.

This Parliament worships the Westminster system as he did and by literally transforming this province into little Europe. If this little Europe was being built for all, it would have been fine, but like Rhodes, this government has many times expressed its disregard for Black people and its subservient role in this Parliament as members, staff or general members of the public, this is why year in, year out ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order! Hon member Mr Paulsen, I am trying to get the relevance to the Provincial Parliament vote. Is that your point of order, hon member Mr Wiley?

Mr N PAULSEN: This is about Parliament, and this is why it is such a horrible institution. Can I continue, please? [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr N PAULSEN: This is why year in, year out the Premier and her choir boast about the best run government. This is the best run government, because it has kept White privilege intact at all cost, by keeping a firm hierarchical stature in this Legislature in awarding the most behaved slaves. The administration in this government is unmatched by any government institution, I agree. However, the bedrock and the heart of this Legislature, the staff are treated like second-class citizens and do not receive the accolades they deserve. Our staff cannot eat with members in the dining hall and they have to assume a “Yes, Baas” attitude, yet they work with us the

most and we wouldn't be where we are today as this Legislature were it not for them. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, your time has expired.

Mr N PAULSEN: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Order! Order! I ruled earlier today when somebody else said "shut up" that it was OK and I am not going to change my ruling in this case. Order! But I want to say it does not add anything to the dignity and decorum of this House, so don't try and do it again, please. Hon Speaker, you may respond.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all hon members who have participated in the debate on the Provincial Parliament's Budget Vote. As the executive authority of the Parliamentary Administration, I welcome all input aimed at improving our service to the members and wish to assure members of Mr Deputy Speaker's and my commitment to ensure the WCPP remains at the forefront of ensuring that our constitutional mandate is fulfilled. Members will appreciate that most of the matters raised in their speeches were covered in my opening remarks and that the Rules Committee have also tabled its resolutions to which the Administration has already responded, or will respond in due course.

I cannot help but conclude that the vast majority of issues raised today have

either been resolved or are in the process of being resolved. I am committed to deal with issues affecting WCPP as a whole outside of party politics and for the benefit of all members. Equally, I expect of members to do the same and not rely on second-hand information from whatever sources to try and score cheap political points and not take the issues at hand any further. Unofficial sources of information are often unreliable and most of the time nothing more than corridor gossip with sinister agendas attached to them.

Allow me to deal with some of the issues raised during the course of the debate. I am fully aware that the austerity measures of the Government, both National and Provincial, will impact the legislative sphere and we have accepted the challenge to work smarter with fewer resources. This will require a combined effort and buy in on the part of all our members as we reprioritise our work going forward. In this regard I wish to thank hon Minister Meyer for his continued support and understanding of our peculiar needs and for the good working relationship between our respective offices.

I have alluded to the challenges facing us with the implimentation of the new ERP system and will liaise with members through the different structures and keep them informed.

Allow me to add that we are in receipt from a directive from the Accounting Standard Board, which specifically deals with transitional provisions for Parliament and Provincial Legislatures as to the implementation of GRAP. Although we have to adopt the GRAP standards by 1 April 2015, full

compliance evaluation of assets and liabilities as well as preparing of annual financial statements in accordance with GRAP standards, will only be applicable from 1 April 2018.

However, despite this contingent arrangement, WCPP will make all efforts required to fully comply with GRAP standards as soon as possible. Our Standing Rules are in need of review and I have requested dates from the Programming Authority for workshops in this regard. Standing Rules govern our day to day activities and it is essential that they comply with relevant law and are also in line with developments in other jurisdictions.

I would also like to remind members that the rules are the rules of the House and not that of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

Mr M N PAULSEN: The Rhodes Rules.

The SPEAKER: The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker interpret the rules and give rulings based on the interpretation. That follows, hon member Mr Paulsen, that members must accept and adhere to rulings, and if they do not, must follow the prescribed procedure.

Importantly, there is consensus amongst presiding officers in the legislative sector that proceedings should not unnecessarily be disrupted under the guise of procedural disputes. I do not have to give you examples in this regard. Both at National and at Provincial level we had experienced disruptions

falling in this category.

An important milestone has been reached with the establishment of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee by the Rules Committee. For the first time, a proper role definition of the different management structures pertaining to the WCPP has taken place to ensure proper oversight of its administration. No longer will the roles of the Rules Committee and SCOPA overlap, but a single entity called the Parliamentary Oversight Committee will conduct proper financial oversight and performance oversight.

Importantly, both the Speaker and Deputy Speaker will not form part of this committee on the basis that you cannot be judge and jury at the same time, which was supported by all members of the Rules Committee. Interestingly though, when an amendment was proposed by the WCPP to National Legislation through the NCOP process to do exactly that, it was rejected by the ANC at provincial and national level. While hon member Mr Uys and hon member Mr Tyatyam now support the idea back home. In fact, they want to take it a step further and ensure that the Chairperson should be given to the Opposition. Indeed strange times that we live in. Be that as it may, as the Executive Authority of the WCPP we are looking forward to working with the Oversight Committee in the near future.

In terms of members' exposure to international best practice, the Deputy Speaker and I are committed to ensure best practice nationally and internationally on the structured basis to perform the constitutional functions

optimally. My attendance of a training course in the UK towards the end of 2014 was primarily to equip me to fulfil my role as Speaker to the full. I could tell you about a certain Speaker who during his term, I am informed, travelled excessively.

But in fact, I have an article here dated September 2008, where it says: “High flying Beyleveldt travelled to 51 countries.” Let me quote ... [Interjections.] No, no, we are talking about travel. [Interjections.] “The relevance of this response is to travel and how members extend their travel and I take my guidance from history, so it says the reason why our legislatures attend certain international conferences with all other South African legislatures is firstly because it believes” – and this is the ANC response to the article – “in the strategic goal of building strong international relations as this enhances the building of strong democracy. Secondly, it debunks the myth that the Western Cape is an island on its own which is different to the rest of the country and such a notion is harmful to the project of Nation building.”....unquote. [Interjections.]

So, I am informed ... [Interjections.] ...what I will consider in future ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The SPEAKER: And I think I will in future invite hon member Mr Uys to come with me, because it seems like he also has a lot to learn about the

institution he elected to serve.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, my word! Oh my word!

The SPEAKER: I have alluded in my opening remarks to the so-called private securities' presence on the fifth floor on the day of the State of the Province address. I have received legal opinion on the presence of private security in the precincts of WCPP as requested by the Rules Committee and the opinion has been distributed. I want to make it absolutely clear, hon member Mr Uys, that I did not authorise any private security to be present on 20 February and that there was no breach of any of our own or SAPS protocols with regard to security on that specific day. If parties wish to invite people to assist with their internal protocol arrangement on the floors where they are situated and provided no security protocols are breached, then quite frankly, I have no issues with that whatsoever.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The SPEAKER: A very successful evacuation exercise was conducted on Friday 20 March and I would like to commend our Security and Facilities Management as well as our fire marshals who conducted the exercise very professionally. The shortcomings identified previously and which resulted in the cancellation of a planned fire drill were adequately addressed. In terms of hon member Mr Uys' question regarding the 93% increase in the Speaker's budget, I am certain, hon member Mr Uys, that you know that S&T for

members as well as overseas travel for members ARE included in the Speaker's budget. Hence the 93% increase, because we do have two overseas travel trips for later this year and that amount covers out of the Speaker's budget.

In terms of the principles, in terms of our APP and our targets, smart principles were applied. However, we cannot target 100% as many or some of the targets are dependent on external factors. So one cannot go for 100% if you are at the mercy of external factors.

In terms of Public Education and Outreach, I will admit that I cannot talk for what happened since 2009. However, we are engaging at an administrative level regarding a more focused strategy to deal with public participation as well as petitions. As I have said during my introductory remarks, the WCPP face a number of challenges. But with our Management Structures, hon member Mr Dyantyi, now being formalised and with the committed staff complement, I am confident that we can continue to deliver good services to our members.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank the Secretary and her staff for their support and hard work. I can assure them it does not go unnoticed and is valued by all our stakeholders. If there are any matters that I have not dealt with in my introductory remarks or reply, we will respond in writing to the members concerned. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. As we conclude this debate, I am reminded of the words of Speaker Lentil in the House of Commons in 1642 when he said; “I have neither eyes to see nor tongue to speak in this place whose servant I am.” So I could not speak today, but Speaker, well done. Thank you very much.

We will now go to the next Order of the Day, Order number 8. The Secretary will read the Order.

8. Consideration of Vote and Schedule Western Cape Appropriation Bill B 2/2015

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I want members to please pay attention now, we are going to consider the details of the Budget and it could be technically challenging in some cases, so please bear with us. I am not sure whether any parties, I am looking at the ANC particularly, would want to give a declaration of vote specifically, I am going to put the votes one by one; do you want to do a general one, hon member Mr Uys, on all votes like before?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, yes, we would like to not give a declaration on each of the 14 but just on the first.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will allow you to do it now.

Mr P UYS: Can We proceed?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The ANC pleaded for equity in education, even more for the war against crime, drugs and gangs. Better facilities for sport in poor areas, more to keep people off the streets and decent jobs. The ANC begged for more rural development in the poorest areas, land reform and better conditions for farm workers and dwellers. We demand better support for poor municipalities. This is what the ANC wants for the people of the Western Cape. The ANC wants more for the poor, marginalised and destitute of the Western Cape from the Provincial Budget of R52 billion.

The ANC welcomes the majority of funds from the National Government, but it wants more from the DA to alleviate poverty, bring adequate housing, move people from temporary housing structures, bring proper services to all, better assistance in floods and fires, dignified sanitation, shorter lines in clinics and hospitals, better care for the frail, constant availability of chronic medicine and less babies to die of preventative disease and TB infections be reduced dramatically. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: It is because the DA cannot convince us it is indeed doing more for the poor that we have to vote against the Budget submitted by the DA.

Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order! Order! I will now put the votes one after the other. Order! If parties want to object to the votes, they must please indicate so.

I put Vote 1: Premier - the ANC's objection will be recorded. The EFF as well.

I put Vote 2: Provincial Parliament - the same two parties objecting. This will be recorded.

I put Vote 3: Provincial Treasury – the same.

I put Vote 4: Community Safety – ANC and EFF's objection recorded.

I put Vote 5: Education – the objection will be recorded of the ANC and the EFF.

I put Vote 6: Health – the objection of both parties will be recorded.

I put Vote 7: Social Development – same objections will be recorded.

I put Vote 8: Human Settlements – objections of the parties will be recorded.

Order! Order! Order!

I put Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – the objections of the ANC and EFF will be recorded.

I put Vote 10: Transport and Public Works – similarly the objections will be recorded.

I put Vote 11: Agriculture – yes, the objections will be recorded.

I put Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism - objections will be recorded.

I put Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport – objections will be recorded.

I put Vote 14: Local Government – the objections will be recorded.

That completes the decision of the Votes.

I now put Clauses 1 - 10 of the Bill – any objections? The objections to the clauses will be recorded as well.

I now put the short title – any objections? No objections to that.

I put the Schedule – any objections to the Schedule? There is an objection to

the Schedule. The EFF's objection will be recorded as well.

The Secretary will then read the ninth Order of the Day.

9. Finalisation of the Western Cape Appropriation Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer, are you going to move?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. When drafting this budget, we agreed that behind the speakers of this budget are people, real people with real needs and real challenges. Mr Deputy Speaker, we delivered the 2015-2016 Budget under the theme "Implimenting the National Development Plan – A Province at work."

That work starts today. I further highlighted that this budget mainstreams the objectives of the National Development Plan, the Medium-term Strategic Framework and the Provincial Strategic Plan. Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the hon members who participated in the debates of the respective votes for their contributions and support for this budget. Thank you for supporting a pro-poor budget. Thank you for supporting a pro-rural budget.

Thank you for supporting a pro-development budget. Mr Deputy Speaker, I also want to thank the Premier as a member of the Budget Policy Committee and members of the Cabinet and my colleagues for putting together this budget under the current fiscal environment. In addition I want to thank the

Director General, heads of departments and the Provincial Treasury staff for putting together all these technical data and schedules contained in the 2015/2016 Budget Appropriation. Mr Deputy Speaker, I now move that the Western Cape Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 be finalised. I so move.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Meyer. Are there any objections to the Bill being finalised? There is no objection. I am going to put the question. Those in favour will say “aye”.

Hon MEMBERS: Aye.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against “no”.

Hon MEMBERS: No.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I am not convinced, I want a division. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the “ayes” have it. Unfortunately you need some more support for a division. The “ayes” have it and so they have. The objections of the ANC and the EFF will be recorded.

The Secretary will read the tenth Order. Sorry, the Secretary will read the Bill.

Western Cape Appropriation Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the last Order.

Consideration of the Report of the Rules Committee on the Amendments of the Standing Rules, dated 25 March 2015.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not have a speaker but I sense there could be an opportunity for a declaration of votes. The ANC?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We had a deliberation and discussion in the Rules Committee on this. Although there were technical amendments made by the ANC, the whole thrust of that is that we support the amendment to the Rules. It is necessary that we do it before the end of March. It is necessary that there is an oversight mechanism, whether it is called the Parliamentary Oversight Committee or whatever, it is important that we put that in place as quickly as possible. This is a legislation that we supported. I think it is been wrongly reflected in the ATC there.

What we did oppose, was that the Chairperson, and this is not being reflected here and it is not supposed to be reflected in the ATC, coming from the governing party, the DA and we said this is going to take up the responsibility of SCOPA for the vote to and therefore we would not support that, although it is not part of what we consider today and therefore we support the Amendment to the Rules.

Thank you, no further comments on that? That then concludes the debate on this report and there is no objection to the report being adopted? The report is therefore adopted.

That concludes the business of the day and it also brings the House to adjournment. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:56