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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: Please be seated. Good morning, hon members. It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome you. To our guests in the gallery and also the staff, welcome to the sitting today. I just need to remind the guests in the gallery, we appreciate your being here, however you are not allowed to participate in the proceedings of the House. I will now ask the Secretary to read the First Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 11 – Agriculture – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: I see the honourable, the Minister, Minister Winde.

[Applause.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of this House, the Head of Department and the Department of Agriculture, the citizens of this province:

It is impossible to stand here today and address you on the state of agriculture in the province and not mention the drought. Madam Speaker, I know you have not seen me here in a jacket of late, so if you do not mind, I am going to take my jacket off because, as this House knows, from 1 February or Level 6B water restrictions, I have been wearing jeans and a T-shirt to work for three days in a row before I wash them. Today is day three for this shirt so hon Ministers around me, I apologise.

I, in my own household, in the month of January, used 42,6 litres per person per day and in the month of February 32,2 litres per person per day and the message is that we all have to continue to use as little water as possible right into winter so that we can make sure that we give our dams the opportunity to fill when the rains come.

This once in 400-year-event has made everyone from the mega-farming enterprise, to the subsistence farmer, to the man on the street, equal. It has also brought with it important lessons which will hopefully prepare us for a

more resource efficient, sustainable future. As we have said there is a whole new water economy developing at the moment.

The most important of these is standing together and creating partnerships that will help us to not only withstand the challenges that come our way, but also to nurture the green shoots of possibility.

Agriculture has been hit hard by the drought. This sector is one of the most important in our economy, and without it, food security and rural household finances are under serious threat. This, coupled with several other knocks like avian flu, and a number of agricultural pests, means the sector has had a very rough time and are still having a very tough time going forward.

Agriculture and agri-processing contribute a combined R54 billion to the provincial GVA. Of all the province's exports, 52% come from the agriculture and agri-processing. As a sector it represents 10% of the provincial GDP and employs 340 000 people, mostly in rural areas.

We estimate that the impact of the drought on agriculture or the agricultural sector will run up to R5,9 billion, with the total production volumes likely to be 20% down or smaller this year.

Agriculture is one of the major employers in the rural areas of our province, and for many agri-workers their jobs are their lifeline. We have also seen a year-on-year loss of 57 000 agricultural jobs. We expect these losses to hit

our female seasonal workers the hardest, who are often the breadwinners of the households ensuring young people are fed, clothed and educated.

In a bid to minimise the impact of the drought on farmers and agri-workers, we have provided over R100 million in relief funding which has been used to buy feed for livestock for farmers to ensure that they are able to keep farming. In some rural areas we have assisted with the drilling of boreholes and the provision of clean drinking water for rural communities. We have also partnered with the Department of Social Development to ensure that humanitarian support is provided for those in need.

Our agri-worker household census which we conducted last year has provided us with valuable details which will help steer resource allocation to where the greatest need exists. We have requested R136 million in disaster relief funding from National Government for the 2018/19 year. Following the declaration of the ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Welcome, hon member Dyantyi, it is good to have you here. I am sorry that you were late and missed the beginning of the speech but welcome. If you listen you will pick up the rest of the detail.

We have applied for R136 million in disaster relief funding from National Government for the 2018/19 year, following the declaration of the drought as a National Disaster earlier this month and we will be engaging the National Government on possible additional funding, especially to use existing EPWP projects and change the conditions of employment to include agri-workers in the affected areas.

This sector is vital in sustaining rural economies and we have had to ensure that we are able to support it through this difficult period. But, even when the rains do eventually come, South Africa remains a water scarce country and the Western Cape is only set to get drier. We have to prepare for a future in which climate change is a reality.

This is why we have been conducting pioneering research into conservation agriculture at our Langgewens Research Farm. These techniques, which are showing excellent results where they are being implemented, include minimal soil disturbance, crop diversity and permanent soil cover.

We also partnered with industry and academia to develop our Smart Agri Plan in 2016. This plan serves as a roadmap for a future in which climate change is certain, laying out potential responses to potential shocks like drought.

We have also developed FruitLook as a tool, in partnership with our crop farmers, which allows them to access satellite images, and soon drone-gathered imaging, to determine which crops need irrigation and when,

resulting in much smarter use of water. When we launched Project Khulisa, we set ourselves a target of creating 100 000 jobs in the agri-processing sector. By the fourth quarter of 2016, we had exceeded that target, however, the outbreak of avian influenza and the drought last year impacted on this sector heavily. We are currently reporting a net gain of 37 370 agri-processing jobs and 60 000 agriculture jobs since Project Khulisa began, mitigating some of the losses experienced due to the drought.

Madam Speaker, perhaps I need to highlight, there are so many job numbers flying around, 57 000 jobs this year which we have lost due to the drought. At the end of the year, these are Statistics South Africa numbers, we clawed back 32 000 jobs because coming into the harvest, although as you have said 20% depressed. We know through the BFAP research that we did, which looks at the whole drought impact across multi-years, that 30 000 jobs in our system, are at risk. And these jobs are both permanent and seasonal jobs. Madam Speaker, because of the economic and jobs impact of agri-processing, we will continue to prioritise support for this sector.

Over the medium term, we will continue to focus on the promotion of South African Halal products in strategic markets and our plans to position the province as an Halal hub. This year we completed investor prospectuses for three potential Halal sites and are now aggressively marketing these sites to the private sector. We are also mapping best practice certification methods globally to ensure our practices meet world standards. In doing so we will be

opening the doors for our produce to export markets, growing the strength of this sub-sector, and creating additional jobs in this space.

Last year we had to cull millions of our province's layer hens as a result of a national outbreak of avian influenza or avian flu. This had a devastating effect on the poultry industry which is still being felt as farms await the all clear to start restocking. Farmers are very, very nervous. They are nervous about taking the risk in restocking. They have lost R800 million thus far in culled birds in the system. And they are specifically worried because winter is coming.

The Western Cape is not yet free of avian influenza, but we have contained infections in the commercial poultry sector and no new infections have been recorded since late last year but the virus continues to spread in wild birds and in particular sea birds such as terns, and now as everyone sees, also in the penguin colonies.

The current incidences of avian influenza, Fall Armyworm, Oriental Fruit Fly and Tuta Absoluta are clear indications of the impact of climate change and, accompanying our water and heat conditions, on animal and plant disease complexes. These plant and animal diseases, if not contained, could have a serious impact on our market access opportunities and our role as a global agricultural player. That is why we have ramped up our vet services. We have vamped up the programme which continues to communicate with the sector to implement joined up mitigation plans.

We also recently launched a Drought Portal on our departmental website where farmers and industry stakeholders can access up-to-date, practical and useful information such as weather warnings, research information, disaster survey forms, dam levels, podcasts and drought-related information.

The drought has also forced us to look at alternative crops as a way for farmers to diversify their offerings. Through our alternative crop research fund we have been able to pinpoint crops that are water smart, labour intensive and which fetch good prices on the export market. These include cherries, berries, pomegranates, fynbos and honeybush.

Cherries and berries, in particular, have shown tremendous growth. Cherries, for example, use half of the water to irrigate than apples and export numbers have quadrupled market share over the past four years.

One of the targets we set ourselves with Project Khulisa, to create more jobs and growth, was to double the exports of Western Cape wines to China and to Angola. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the export of wine to China has grown by 9,5 million litres, an outstanding 109 percent growth in four years. This is a direct result of the excellent partnerships which we have had to build up between ourselves and Government, between the wine industry as a whole and these new markets.

Going forward, I would like to see these exports not only grow, but to also change from bulk wine sales to bottled wine sales, so that we can market

Western Cape wines as brands. Of course, when you send out wine in bulk, it gets repackaged with different labels, and we have no real control over that. When a brand leaves our shores in a bottle, it has a higher value, a higher price point and there are far more jobs in that value chain. So this makes a lot of sense. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wine needs water. [Inaudible.] The job you must do. [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Are you finished?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am coming back.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Are you coming back? Good. Madam Speaker, our wine sector is not the only one in the world that has had a difficult season. All three of the top wine-making destinations in the world have also been affected by adverse weather conditions. What this means now is that this is the perfect time to market our product to the rest of the world, to help fill that gap in the market. These are Spain, Italy, France, the biggest producers of wine in the world and of course, climate-change affecting them hugely. So there is a huge opportunity or a silver-lining in this space for us.

In addition, to how we are navigating through this drought, the issue of land reform is equally important in this sector right now [Interjection.]. Are you going to support the Budget though?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Yes, excellent.

The Department of Agriculture's Strategic Goal 2 is to ensure that at least 70 percent of all agricultural land reform projects in the province are successful over the next five years. Our last study to determine the success of our land reform projects indicated that we are currently sitting at 62 percent.

This year, the Department will once again be undertaking an external land reform study to determine the performance of all our projects since 2014. This evaluation will look at access to markets, the existence of sales and production records, the ability of the farmers to reinvest profits back into their businesses, the existence of updated business plans and compliance with tax and labour laws.

This is one area where partnerships are extremely valuable. Since 2014, the commodity organisations have appointed 173 mentors who have partnered with smallholder farmers to guide them and offer advice, at no cost to the emerging farmer.

In the audience with us today we have some of these farmers and their mentors. Alfreda Mars and her business partner Evan Matthews currently farm wheat, small grains and livestock on a 266 hectare farm in Moorreesburg. They have a 30 year lease on the land under the PLAS system and their main goal is to establish a sustainable commercial enterprise. They have been partnered with mentor farmer, Frans van Wyk ,who assists with technical advice when necessary. Welcome. [Applause.]

The mother and daughter team of Algina Wholesale Nursery started as a backyard enterprise selling seedlings in 2009. Today they sell their seedlings to farmers across the Cape metropole region. They have been partnered with a mentor with years of undercover farming experience, who we are delighted to say, is also an Elsenburg graduate.

At the Iqhude Supply Company, five members of the Mxokezi family farm, who farm grain, cattle, sheep, tea and fynbos have approached the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform for assistance and now farm 1237 hectares under the PLAS system. They are mentored by neighbouring commercial farmer, Liohan Giliomee, and receive business coaching from Chris van Schalkwyk. So thank you very much for all that support and for taking the risk and going out there and becoming food producers for our nation. [Applause.]

We have also identified 50 black commercial farmers who will receive dedicated support in the coming years to solidify their commercial status.

This will be done with the full support of commercial agriculture through the commodity approach.

This year we have also entered the third year of the Jobs Fund Commercialisation Programme for black farmers in the fruit sector. This has allowed us to expand our support to 18 fruit farmers in the province in partnership with Hortgro and the Deciduous Fruit Development Chamber. To date a total of 190 hectares of deciduous fruit has been established with 483 jobs created.

I am also delighted to announce today that, together with Hortgro, the fruit sector has been awarded a R600 million loan facility by the Jobs Fund to provide value chain finance to black-owned entities with more than 51% black ownership. This will help to fast track black economic empowerment in the fruit value chain and will be targeting the fruit, wine and table grape sectors in the coming years in the Western Cape and five other provinces, who are also involved. This would not have been possible without the partnership we have built with this commodity approach.

Madam Speaker, much of the debate around land reform rightly centres around the availability of land. But agricultural land means nothing without access to water to irrigate it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Which you are doing nothing about.

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, please talk to me.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I hope Hansard got that.

Madam Speaker, the current drought crisis in which we find ourselves only serves to highlight this.

We are grateful that the National Government has moved to declare the drought a national disaster and we are aware that R6 billion in funding has been made available for the drought stricken provinces. While it is yet unclear how much of that will be coming our way, our plea is, that funds are allocated towards the Brandvlei and Clanwilliam Dam projects. You can do something about that hon member Dyantyi [Interjections] You and your party can do something about that. [Interjections].

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, the Brandvlei Project is likely to cost around R15 million, that is all. R15 million will allow the irrigation of a further 4 400 hectares and the creation of around 8 000 jobs ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This project is about land reform as much as it is about water. One of the significant contributors ...

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, sorry would you take your seat please. Hon member Olivier, I see nothing has changed since I have been away. Hon member Mitchell please do not engage the member directly on the floor. We have a speaker. Please allow the Minister to proceed. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you. Perhaps I should just go back to that again, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] The Brandvlei project which will cost a mere R15 million – I promise you if the National Government does not want to give it, we will find it – but just sign off.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: A mere R15 million will give us 4 400 hectares of irrigable land, 8 000 jobs and this project is about land reform.

One of the significant contributors to the success of land reform projects and the transformation of this sector in the province has been the training offered through our Structured Agricultural Education and Training programme. The

majority of training beneficiaries are land reform beneficiaries, linked to our Farmer Support and Development projects.

In 2017, 105 young people registered for the accredited learnership training offered by our Department. 79 have successfully completed their qualifications. 62 students have registered for the programme this year. The primary target group for this qualification is agri-workers and their children, and unemployed rural youth.

Of last year's successful 79 candidates, 26 went on to higher education programmes where they were offered the opportunity to pursue a tertiary qualification. We are also proud to say that a learnership in aquaculture was offered for the first time in Hermanus in collaboration with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.

We also presented short skills courses to 2 631 beneficiaries across the province last year, with the majority of these being agri-workers and small-holder farmers for land reform projects. In 2017, we offered seven agri-processing short courses ranging from beer brewing to making essential oils, to 69 beneficiaries.

Madam Speaker, last year 138 students graduated from the Department's Higher Education and Training Programme, with an average pass rate of 89 percent. We have had record enrolments at the college this year and during 2017 we offered financial assistance to the value of R2,27 million to 43

deserving bursary winners. Our selection criteria for bursaries include a household income of less than R120 000, academic performance and demographics.

Our Elsenburg students also did us proud at the Veritas Wine Competition where wines entered by our students won seven medals including three golds, our best performance yet, since we started entering this competition in 2014.

Our students are not the only ones taking home the silverware. At last year's DAFF Female Entrepreneur Awards, three Western Cape women walked away with four of the evening's top prizes. Caroline de Villiers from Themba Trees won the top commercial entrepreneur prize, Carmen Stevens from Carmen Stevens wines won the best entrepreneur in the export markets and the Tesselaarsdal Wines, Berene Damons, won the best entrepreneur in processing as well as the ministerial award. I would like to send my deepest congratulations to all of these formidable women in agriculture.

As we transform this sector, we believe that our Department should reflect that transformation, which is why it gives me great pride to inform you the Department has now reached 50 percent women or females in top management. In addition to that, the Department Head, Joyene Isaacs, was also a recent recipient of the Vice Chancellor's medal at the University of the Free State's graduation ceremony in December last year, proving once again that women are leading the way in this sector. Congratulations HOD.
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

An HON MEMBER: Did you take your Ritalin this morning?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He did not take his Ritalin this morning, it is obvious. [Laughter.] Madam Speaker, if I may continue. The introduction of listeriosis has raised many questions about food safety and the safety of food entering our province from other countries. Currently all ships docking at Cape Town harbour with imported food stuffs undergo rigorous testing before cargo can be offloaded. One of our Khulisa projects has been to establish a residue testing facility which will help detect an array of substances in very minute quantities.

So far we have taken delivery of equipment and performed the necessary upgrades to the facility. We are currently in the recruitment process and once have this is finalised, the facility will be commissioned. This will allow us to meet some of the strict testing measures put in place by many regions, including the EU and opening up new export markets to our sector.

This Department has been pioneering in its responsiveness to new and emerging trends. This is most clearly demonstrated in its response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution which is firmly upon us. This revolution characterised by hyper-connectedness and massive technological advances can either be an opportunity or a hindrance.

There is no doubt that it will cause fundamental changes in the way we farm. And while there will be benefits including increased efficiencies and alternative production techniques, there could also be negative consequences such as loss of jobs to automation and increased competition.

For this reason we have contracted the Stellenbosch University Business School to conduct a diagnostic, design and impact assessment which will guide the sector in maximising the opportunities and minimising the negative impacts of this new state. We have already received the draft report and the final report is due soon.

We, as a department, would not be where we are today without the partnership that we have built in this sector. Agri-Western Cape, Hortgro, VinPro, Afasa are all collective participants in the Rural and Agriculture Sector Support Committee.

During this drought Agri-Western Cape helped facilitate the donation of 1 500 bales of fodder which was also transported at no cost to us, to farmers in the Western Cape. They have also donated a further R2,5 million towards drought relief. And it was the farmers in the Groenland Water Users Association which helped the City of Cape Town push back Day Zero by donating 10 billion litres of water from their Eikenhof Dam.

In the interest of transparency, Madam Speaker, I want to address the issue of the audits of this Department.

The Department has received consecutive clean audits for a number of years now and prides itself on its high level of fiscal responsibility and accountability. However, there has been a delay in the release of the Auditor-General's Final Audit Report due to a difference in technical interpretations around certain payments.

The Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape uses Casidra and Hortgro as implementing agents for a number of its programmes. Casidra carries out projects around flooding, drought and land reform and thus is an important partner in agriculture. Hortgro is the deciduous fruit commodity body and is supporting our emerging farmers.

Historically payments have been made to these two organisations and recorded in the financial statements as transfers. However, there was a recent change in the accounting guidelines made by the National Treasury and the Auditor-General's office believes these transfers now need to be recorded as payments for goods and services. The Department of Agriculture disagrees.

We have had lengthy engagements with the A-G's office on the matter but we have yet to find common ground. The A-G has approached the National Treasury on the matter. We have also sought a legal opinion. [Interjections.] This delay will not impact on our ability to deliver service, but we are very, very keen to have this matter resolved speedily and efficiently. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Arrogance.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible.] coming from you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: Just say that again, a bit louder.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] taking on the Auditor-General.

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Can you ask the MEC to address me, through you, not directly please. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, your point is sustained, but similarly, if you wish to direct anything to the Minister, please direct it through the Chair. It works both ways. [Interjections.][Applause.] Thank you. You may proceed hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker, despite the arrogance. Perhaps I should go back, again. This delay will not impact on our ability to deliver services but we are very, very keen to get this matter resolved speedily and efficiently and those members that attended the Standing Committee, we were asked before the Standing Committee, to come and explain as well as the Auditor-General and so they would have heard and had chances to ask questions. But again I reiterate that we would like the Auditor-General to complete this speedily if possible.

Madam Speaker, the Department has received a budget of R834,34 million this year:

Programme 1: Administration receives R124,49 million.

Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management is allocated R91,134 million. Programme 3: Farmer Support and Development receives a budget of R278,5 million.

Programme 4: Veterinary Services is allocated R96,85 million.

Programme 5: Research and Technology Services will receive R126,28 million. Programme 6: Agricultural Economics Services is allocated R27,92 million. Programme 7: Structured Education and Training is allocated R65,01 million. Programme 8: Rural Development is allocated R24,134 million.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Department and all its staff who have worked tirelessly under very difficult circumstances this year to ensure

that this sector is supported so that it may grow and create jobs for our residents.

I would also like to make a special mention of Mr Danie Niemand who retires this year after 41 years of service in Government. Danie has worked tirelessly in the public service and his contributions to the well-being of agri-workers and to the Department are an example we must commit to taking forward.

Thank you to the Head of Department, Joyene Isaacs and her formidable top management team, for guiding this sector toward a new future, one which is more sustainable and one in which opportunities to participate in, are open to all. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Winde. I now see the hon member Schäfer

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Gooi kole!

[Mr D G MITCHELL: Throw coals!]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We need not look further than the Western Cape ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. Hon members can we just get ourselves to order. There is a member on the floor.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: We need not look further than the Western Cape to realise that global warming, once a far-removed problem from the African continent, now has a devastating impact on our climate. Three years of unusually low rainfall and a successive increase in global temperatures are to blame for the current drought in our province.

Our agricultural sector is the first to bear the brunt of this phenomena prompting Government to look at agricultural sustainability and economic growth through a new lens. But this is certainly a resilient sector of the economy. No matter what challenges this sector faces, a sector that has many times over, grown the province's jobs and achieved South Africa's lowest rural unemployment numbers at 14.4%.

So it is with great sadness that 57 jobs are and will be lost and more-so, among female seasonal workers, hon Minister. It is a dismal state of affairs. As a result of the 2015/16 drought, economists have indicated that farm debt has increased to approximately R160 billion, a rise of about 2 percent per annum. This is definitely not a sector for sissies. These are dedicated people committed to farming and so we commend those farmers who have diversified their crops in order to ensure that the agri-workers do not need to be laid off work. We thank them all for their contribution and commitment to jobs and food security for both the Western Cape and South Africa at large.

We also thank this Department, who from the very beginning ensured that our emerging grain farmers were supported and over the past three years, our livestock farmers were supported, and for really taking a stand, 100 per cent, for all of our people involved in the agricultural sector in this province.

It is truly remarkable to see this dedication, which you have spoken of, hon Minister, at all levels in this Department. But I know our Committee will be pleased to see that our vets are being assisted in this Budget as they have to deal with those very new diseases and viruses on a daily basis over and above all the other work that they do. From food safety inspections, especially at abattoirs, processing plants and dairy establishments to export certification, they are involved in it all.

Madam Speaker, so while the debate on land will hopefully be tabled in Parliament very soon, I will reserve that opportunity to really unpack the land issue and give it its rightful place as a stand-alone debate. This Government is the only to have a Farmer Support and Development Programme, predominantly to facilitate, co-ordinate and provide support to black small-holder and commercial farmers through sustainable development and land reform initiatives in this province.

Within this programme, the Department even facilitates the appointment of mentors to assist small-holder farmers. Casidra's Land Reform Advisory Desk has been advising and facilitating advice on land reform initiatives for some time now and we note the current 35 projects that have been facilitated.

We welcome Minister Winde's target of the 70% success in land reform projects, again, from the 62% we have already seen. We note, again, that the Western Cape has set the bench-mark for what is possible and achievable when land reform is properly supported through a structured and carefully managed approach. We look forward to seeing that success become a reality. After all the Western Cape and this Government support land reform and its beneficiaries. I also look forward to hearing the findings of the six-month long study into the agricultural footprint and viability of the Philippi horticultural area which will be presented to our Standing Committee this year.

I want to reiterate my support for the PHA to be classified as an Agricultural Development Zone where this unique, self-irrigated land can function as the bread-basket of the City of Cape Town with a massive opportunity for investments and skill-development in the surrounding communities. Investing in this agricultural oasis must take precedence as we move into an even dryer climate in our province.

However, I must raise this, Madam Speaker. We, as a Committee, have called for the National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform to urgently intervene in the 21-year-long land claim by the Ebenezer community, the largest rural land claim in the Western Cape. In terms of the outstanding Ebenezer land claim, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform has failed to appoint the implementing support agency, comply with commitments of financial support in their 2015 settlement agreement,

transfer the title deeds of the land to the CPA, communicate with and co-ordinate between the various organs and state and make provision for the complexity of taking over a new business of this magnitude. It is cases such as these that beneficiaries no longer want the land but rather choose to have the funds. It is a frustration to all and to the many beneficiaries that have waited and families where beneficiaries have already passed. [Interjection.] Madam Speaker, I know we have a date set for the Department to unpack the recent completion of the 3-year agri-worker household census which involved 42 928 residents ...

The SPEAKER: Order. Please hon member Olivier.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... with our Committee. We understand that this is the most comprehensive database of agricultural workers in South Africa. By understanding the socio-economic needs and gaps of our agricultural workers, only then can meaningful intervention programmes be implemented. This year our Committee will take a more in-depth approach and focus on youth opportunities in the economy and so we welcome the Agricultural Programme for Youth Development that has been set up to respond to the need for skills, particularly in the agricultural sector.

It becomes crucial, looking at the average age of a farmer, to see the need for creating a sustainable pool of new emerging farmers and so we welcome the bursaries and the scholarships awarded, although not as many as we would like to see, but to see that there is a focus to youth development for

agriculture.

I would like to thank the Minister and the Department for briefing the Committee on their dispute with the A-G over the technical terms of interpretation regarding the 2016/2017 Audit Report. We hope, as a Committee, that the A-G will resolve this issue at the soonest and we will continue to ask for updates going forward. On behalf of all my members and as Chair of the Committee, I would like to thank Minister Winde, his HOD, Joyene Isaacs, and their Department for this Budget which continues to grow the agriculture sector, take great care in enhancing its relationships with its sector-based partners and contribute to poverty alleviation in the Western Cape. In conclusion, Madam Speaker, the DA supports Vote 11, The Western Cape's Appropriation Bill for the Department of Agriculture. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Schäfer. I now see the hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The Annual Performance Plan and the Budget Appropriation comes at a difficult time for this particular sector. As the drought continues to ravage this sector, I hope Madam Speaker, the DA leader will not call it witchcraft. It is not witchcraft. The contribution of the business community in this sector must be acknowledged. Without them, thinking up-front, worse could have happened because they are the ones that used their resources to save water without getting support from Government.

Let me also say, when FruitLook came to present to the Committee in 2015, we were told that the farmers of the Western Cape faced greater competition for irrigation water with other sectors. We were told that rainfall was becoming less and less and it would be difficult to predict as climate change was taking place. We were clearly told. This is not witchcraft as science bears testimony to it. They even indicated that going-forward there was a need to change farming patterns, clearly indicating that movement is required in the current spatial plans, in terms of farming.

So, I tend to agree with academics and our people when they say that this current drought is purely the failure of the DA to manage water. Professor Michael Muller said:

“I think what happened is you had a couple of good years of rain in 2012, 2013, all of a sudden the demand went down. The City fathers and mothers said, ‘Oh look how clever we are, we are reducing our water use’. They didn’t recognise that because it has been raining so much, people weren’t watering their gardens as much, so when you have a hot summer, all of a sudden people start watering gardens again, consumption goes back right up to what it used to be and you are caught short.”

That is what happens when you have leaders that lose the sight of the ball and preoccupy themselves going around monitoring when former President Zuma goes to the toilet. That is what happened. They lost sight of the ball.

Madam Speaker, to manage water resources you need to manage the available resources, not to manage the hope of getting water sometime, not to think that because it is going to rain in June you will get water. It does not work like that. You manage the water resources you have and the province and the municipalities under the DA are supposed to have done that. You must stop shifting the blame on this matter. All of a sudden you look at the Atlantis aquifer, you look at the Table Mountain aquifer, you look at the Cape Flats, where you are supposed to be getting more water, but hydrants and meters and valves are getting stolen. Whose responsibility is that? Whose responsibility is that?

Mr D JOSEPH: National.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You push it to National. [Interjections.] It is very stupid.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is really very stupid. You must do your work, you know. If you look at the PHA in Philippi, Madam Speaker, there is currently an escalation of informal settlements there. There is rubble dumping taking place and you do not see law enforcement making sure that that these things do not happen because you know what, because in that study they are doing, they want to run a narrative that says the land there is useless, the aquifer is useless, let us build properties there. That is the reason that they are not

treating that area properly, you know. And I want to ask the MEC ...

The SPEAKER: Please do it through the Chair, hon member Tyatyam. Thank you.

Mr S G TYATYAM: When is the MEC joining the PHA in their court application for rezoning to stop what is going to happen? The MEC must also indicate when he is opposing the application of property developers for that area. We are worried that this is the Cape's last basket of food and yet we have our MEC not doing his work. So it is appropriate to ask the MEC to start doing his work so that we can protect our food basket.

In our Committee meeting the MEC complained that funds were reduced in Programme 2 but though we have a drought disaster there are also floods and disasters in other areas which must be attended to hence the shift in terms of those allocations.

But, also, MEC, you are silent about Programme 3, in terms of funds, which continue to be increased marginally. In terms of this programme there are supposed to be three state farms that were supposed to have been developed for the majority and given to community trust. We have not seen that taking place. It is more than four years now that that development has been taking place and we have been requesting the Department to go and visit those farms to see what is happening themselves but nothing has happened thus far.

The Department goes underground on this matter. This Budget and the APP also do little in terms of supporting women and youth. Engaging with the farmers in De Doorns and engaging with the farmers in the PHA, they are ready to work with women co-ops or close corporations that could be developed to assist women and to assist young people, but this Budget that we are dealing with is really quiet around those issues. This is a loud statement by the DA that it does not seek to achieve the NDP 2013 quota of one million jobs. When the Committee invites them to come and present to us on this matter they must be able to put and clarify, step-by-step, the phases of achieving this particular goal.

Madam Speaker, the window-dressing must come to an end. The window-dressing in the wine industry, in particular, must come to an end because you have many women, black and coloured, who are involved in the industry but who are not given opportunities to move beyond just owning brands, to move beyond and be able to be farmers and to be able to be involved in the value chain that has a lot of money.

When the Russian captains were here many of these companies could not secure contracts as they could not confirm supply sustainability of their products. They could not say they were able to sustain their programmes in this manner because they do not have farms, they do not own the factories that produce these wines. We have many of them, and some of them are here today: Lathitha Wines, Ses'fikile Wines, Thandi Wines, Libby's Pride, Land of Hope Wines, Seven Sisters Wines, Women in Wine, Thokozani Wines. So

let us walk the talk, hon Minister. Let us walk the talk and I hope, hon Minister, that when we finish here, you will not leave without actually going to meet them, these women who decided today to be here, to come and hear you committing to assist them to be able to be proper role players in this particular industry.

This Budget should be speaking of funds for the transformation of land to provide equity of the farm land. This Budget does not speak of that. Many black and coloured people want to farm too. It is not only white people or Boere who want to farm. Black people also want to farm, coloured people want to farm. There is no space. Many people also want to be involved in the hunting industry. It is an industry that makes billions in turnover but you do not find black and coloured people in this particular industry. Why? Yet those people are a majority in this province but they do not benefit from it. [Interjections.]

We must also say here that the issue of land reform needs to be put it into the correct perspective. When you take a population sample of 153 out of a population sample of 246, it is clear that you will get that 62% because you have decided to choose a small population. But the population in the province is about 16 851. Why are you choosing a small population when you are doing a survey? Clearly you want to use this as you get a greater percentage and yet that percentage is out of a small, small population.

So, we must say that this 64% is neither here nor there. The Department must

do a proper survey and get a broader, bigger sample in order to determine that. Is it correct to say that we are achieving, when only 1% of land has been reformed in the Western Cape? So we must say that the Department is not doing us favours on this one and the day that we discuss land expropriation must come sooner rather than later because you think that we must beg for land that was stolen. People were murdered, now we must beg for land. It is not going to happen. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. †Dis nou van een HoofswEEP tot die ander. Bedaar asseblief. [That is now from one Chief Whip to the other. Calm down, please.] †You may proceed.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, it cannot be a matter of technical interpretation as the Minister put it. It is not interpretation. The Department were informed a year before that this transformation would take place, to prepare themselves. They were told. Again last year, in July, they were told that these records had been entered incorrectly and to rectify this thing, three times up to November. They did not. [Interjection.] I do not think so, they did not do it.

Why are they saying they are prepared to go to court? Why? Why do they not abide by the rules of the A-G? Why must only certain people abide by these rules? The problem with the DA is that they are only able to demand clean audits but they are not prepared to work for them. You must earn a clean audit, not demand one. [Interjection.]

Go to Court and we will see what the Court will say about you and your clean audit. [Interjections.] Go now to court.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is a bad move. [Inaudible.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: So, Madam Speaker, I think what is also important and is not addressed in this APP and Budget is the whole issue of community abattoirs that we have been raising in the Committee. Now we complain about Listeria and other diseases but we do not do simple things like make sure those abattoirs in the communities are also monitored. People must be taught how to use these places. Everyone is braaiing, killing goats, sheep and other animals without any inspections.

So, if we are really serious in this Department, if we really want to deal with issues of disease – no. [Interjections.]

†Le makuzanywe elinye icebo ngayo, ‘le list yalo sisi’. [Kuyaqhwatywa.] Siyafuna uba makudilishwane nayo, but MEC zama elinye icebo. Sifuna ‘le list yalo sisi’ ihle.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[We would like a plan to be made about this listeriosis. [Laughter at pronunciation.] We want it to be dealt with. But MEC, please deal with it some other way. We want this listeriosis to decrease.] [Interjection.]

Lastly, Madam Speaker, this Budget can only be passed by people who believe in witchcraft. [Interjections.].

Mr R D MACKENZIE: No, man.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Only people who believe in witchcraft will pass this Budget because it is not speaking to the people.

An HON MEMBER: It is a pro-poor budget.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. In the absence of the EFF and the ACDP I see the hon, the Minister. Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. First of all to those in the debate, the Chair of the Standing Committee, thank you very much for your contribution and not only your contribution in the debate, but also your continued support of this Department, your continued being there. Whenever there is an event, wherever it is, you are always there and we really do appreciate that.

Also making sure that those committee meetings are held with in-depth presentations that are really keeping that oversight over us, the Department,

and making sure that we are doing our job in spaces that are really desperately needed in this province.

You highlighted specifically the Farmer Support and Development Programme and of course we say thank you very much to those that are involved in this programme, the only department who has these programmes and also, for example, the Agri Worker Support Unit. I think the Department sees where those pressure points are in the system, and makes sure that we are putting programmes in place to support the risk areas or the weaknesses in this system, and that is of course why they do it.

Something that we have not spoken about, but that the HOD drives very hard, is how we bring young people in to see what agriculture is about.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is such a saver in that Department, in spite of the MEC.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: She really makes sure that young people get to see what is exciting in agriculture. To see that it is a science, that it is a future career, and it would do Mr Dyantyi a lot of good if he came along to one of those visits to see exactly what goes on in agriculture. [Interjections.].

The Chair mentioned the PHA and the study, and I will get to talk a little bit more about the PHA, because the hon member Tyatyam also raised it, but of

course it is an important space and we as a Department have to continually make decisions about the PHA. The PHA is also a space that gives opportunity to land reform. The PHA is also an opportunity that give space to food security, so it is something that we must look at and, as has been said, we have completed the study now. It is in the last phases, making sure that we are communicating and working – we have already taken it to Cabinet. We are working with the Department of Human Settlements, working with the City, so it is in those last phases and we will bring it as well of course to this Committee.

Then of course the hon member spoke about land reform, about Ebeneser specifically, but it is not only Ebeneser, it is a number of land reform projects and it was interesting, because while the hon Chair of the Committee was speaking, I wrote down the statement that was made by the hon member Olivier, and I quote, he said:

“That is how we feel about our land.”

You said that, right?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: “That is how we feel about our land.” Now that is really interesting, because if the ANC felt so strongly about the land then we would

not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, sorry. There is a speaker on the floor. If you could take your seat. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, through you ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI : [Inaudible.] He is all over.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... there was a question directed to me. Do you want me to respond to it? [General laughter.] Because he might have his own assumptions. So can I respond? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Olivier ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He can answer.

Mr R T OLIVIER: He is asking.

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please. The Minister made a statement, but you may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Anyway, I wrote that down when he said:

“That is how we feel about our land.”

But if that was really how the ANC felt about the land, then I would not have to year after year write all of these letters, come to this House [Interjections.] with these documents on [Interjections.] specifically, first of all, the policy position on land.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Because up until now the policy position is not to give land.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: It is actually to give a lease, and then of course we do not give a lease either. We are constantly battling trying to get leases out of the National Department so that people can farm on the land, and of course it would be way better if we could give a title deed rather than a lease.

So I would urge the hon member within his own political party, if that is how he feels about “our land” ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: ... he needs to make sure that he ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... interjections.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: ... drives it with such passion and make sure. [Interjection.]. Yes.
Title deeds are what should be handed out. Do not ... [Interjections.] Do not
just give the promise ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.] Okay. Minister Winde, kindly
take your seat. Hon members on both sides of the floor ... [Interjections.]
Hon members ... [Interjections.] Order please, hon Premier. Hon member
Davids ... [Interjections.]

Hon members, this is certainly not becoming of the dignity and decorum of
the House to have hon members having a slanging match at each other.
[Interjections.] I am addressing both sides of the House. We have a Minister
on the floor, we have had a debate. The least you can do is display the
courtesy not only to your fellow colleagues, but to our guests in the House.
You are being disrespectful and it is unacceptable.

So I am calling you all to order and asking to you cooperate and try to

maintain the dignity and decorum of this institution, because what has just happened here is completely unacceptable. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And in ending off when I speak about leases, this document which this House knows a lot about, because I raise this so often in this House, and every time you see a red line, which is predominantly red lines on these documents, guess what that is? That is where no lease has been finalised or approved, and every single one of these names on this list, every single one of these names are previously disadvantaged individuals who are trying to farm and get access to land. That is what this is about. It is so simple and so easy, and in actual fact do not give a lease ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... give a title deed.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Then if I can move on to the hon member Tyatyam. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly take your seat. Hon member Olivier, you run the risk of me invoking Rule 44 if you continue with your continuous diatribe. An interjection is allowed, but you are chirping nonstop.

So I am asking you to cooperate, otherwise I will have no option but to ask you to leave the Chamber for the rest of the day. Hon member Davids, I am putting you on notice too at the same time. [Interjections.] An interjection is allowed but ongoing commentary is not going to be tolerated.

Ms P MAKELENI: And the Premier.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, may I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I respect your position, but, Madam Speaker, there has been many assumptions thrown at me by the MEC, and I have asked you whether I can respond, but that continues, and there is a list now of leases that is not there, but that comes from a point that I have made, and you have not given me an opportunity. I want to address that issue ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: I want to address that issue. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Kindly ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: That issue – Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat please. I am not going to engage the issue ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No, take your seat please.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... please, hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat! I am not going to engage you on the content of a debate. I am here to ensure that, procedurally, matters flow accordingly.

If Minister Winde makes a statement, I have no control over that statement.

So if you had a chirping engagement, I would recommend you discuss that after this debate, outside the Chamber, but the Rules of the House do not allow you to stand up and defend an argument. So, accept that and allow the Minister to proceed. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: May I address you ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I am sure I am allowed to interject, so I will interject. I am not sure whether that is allowed within the Rules.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, the Rules allow an interjection ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thank you, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... but your constant chirping is becoming a bit of a problem.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Those are interjections not chirpings ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, it is interjections. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. To the hon member Tyatyam, thank you very much for taking part in this debate. Initially I was wondering whether I was in a City Councillor speech, because it was about valves and aquifers and it sounded very City focussed to do with the drought, but then he got onto climate change and FruitLook and Smart Agri, which is the right space to be in, but then he spoke about:

“The drought is the failure of the DA to manage water.”

Now that is quite interesting. One wonders if the drought in the Eastern and the North Cape is also as a result of the DA in those provinces failing to manage the water.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The second thing that I wonder about ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... is whether the hon member knows which department is responsible for water under the Constitution of this great country of ours, South Africa. [Interjections.]

One wonders if he knows who that is and who is actually supposed to be managing this water. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, the hon member then moves on from ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... water and witchcraft ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly take your seat on that point of witchcraft. I see the hon member Tyatyam and then the hon member Gillion.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Just on the point of witchcraft ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... does Minister Winde want me to respond? He has

been asking questions. It is similar to what he was doing to ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... and I want to respond.

The SPEAKER: ... the Rules do not make provision for you to elaborate on witchcraft.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I want to respond. He is wrong.

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat please.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is a wrong assumption.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, may I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Ms M N GILLION: Part of the Rules of this House, Madam Speaker, †is dat ons moenie *aspersions* op medelede gooi nie of hulle *undermine* nie. [is that we should not cast aspersions on fellow members or undermine them.] The MEC is constantly undermining the intelligence of members this side of the

House with his comments and I think you must really come to the defence of members †as hulle integriteit so aangetas word. [if their integrity is attacked like that.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Gillion. Your point is sustained. Hon Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am just responding to what was said in the debate. So, again, what was said is:

“The drought is the failure of the DA to manage water.”

And of course I asked the question whether that applies to the Eastern Cape and the Northern Cape as well, or if those provinces are different? And, again, who in actual fact, under our Constitution, is responsible for the management of water? And, of course, that goes to the National Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation but I move on to the hon member raising the PHA, the Philippi Horticultural Area.

The first question that he asked of me in his ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: ... debate, the first question he asked is when am I going to oppose the applications for housing developments in the PHA?

Now, for the record, once again, it has been raised a number of times in this House, that every single application, our Department of Agriculture has opposed every single one, because we are the Department of Agriculture and when a farm is going to be turned into houses, we oppose it. It is a standard practice of this Department, but we have also embarked on a study in the PHA to give us the information on which to base our decisions, and that is what I spoke about in the reply to the hon member Schäfer.

It is something that we have been talking about for a while, the Department has embarked on this study of the PHA. That study is in its final stages. In other words, it has been completed and it is now going back to the farmers in the area. Every single person, they were consulted in the process, they have been consulted in the post-study process, and now we are taking it through the Government process at the PHA, because, as you say, it is an area that produces food, it has a number of seasons per year and it is also an area where we find a number of specifically new black farmers finding traction, and we need to make sure that they get as much support as they can to be sustainable and viable.

Then the hon member says that we are silent on state farms, and I presume that is the farms that he is referring to, because we have two kinds of farms, we have our research farms and of course that is like Langgewens that I

spoke about, but we have a number of a research farms which we will continue to do research on.

But then we have a number of farms which fall under the responsibility or the management of Casidra, and they are in a process - and if the hon member was at the Standing Committee the other day, when Casidra reported on the process of actually getting these farms managed and handed over to those communities in which they are responsible for - and they have already reported to the Standing Committee on that process and how it is evolving. I can assure you that we want to get these farms handed over to those communities as quickly as possible

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Go to your congress, not to your ... [Inaudible.][Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Then, the next point that the hon member made was one million jobs. One million jobs by 2030. One million jobs by 2030. We are already over 600,000 more jobs in the economy since this Government came into power, number one.

Number two, if we have a look - I said it in the speech earlier - at the number of jobs that we are up in the target areas of Khulisa, which is agri-processing and tourism, we are in excess of what we would determine our share, and I am not sure what the exact share of those million jobs would be as a

province, somewhere probably round 10 to 14%. We are 14% of the economy, so probably let us say 14% of the jobs, although in the division of revenue we only get about 9% of the funding, but let us take 14% of the jobs. We are already in excess of our share of creating those jobs, and if the hon member does not know, despite being three years in a drought, we are still the province with the lowest – the lowest – unemployment rate in South Africa at 19,5%.

The hon member will also know that in the last year we are 106,000 jobs up year-on-year, despite three years of a drought, the pressure on our economic system, 106,000 jobs up year-on-year. The highest number of jobs created in any province in South Africa.

Gauteng being 35% of the economy of our country, lost in the last year while we gained 106,000 jobs, almost one year, our 10% contribution to the million jobs, while Gauteng lost over 70,000 jobs. [Interjections.].

So the hon member must not come here and ask these questions when in actual fact he, well, should research the answer before he comes and then he would not ask the question, but if he asks the question, he has got to understand that he is going to get the answer.

Then of course we move to a very serious topic, and that is the topic around brands to farms, wine labels to farms, and this is a very, very serious topic. This is exactly what I spoke about in the speech, this is part of land reform.

Land reform cannot only be on the leases of land, which we spoke about just now. How many pieces of land we can actually get to farmers in the system, leased, owned, etcetera.

That is a very important component, but there are other very important components of land reform, and that is involvement in the value chain, and of course wine labels and the hon member will know that in the economic development debate I actually quoted all of the names of these wine labels who are black-owned wine labels, and Bongiswa sitting over there, who works really, really hard at getting these companies into new markets, takes them year after year to show after show, to help these companies gain more market access and through more market access – and as I said the land component is one very important one. How do you use that business to reverse back into finding a way to build your company, whether it is owning land or not.

So perhaps let us talk about the R13 million that we put into promoting these wine labels. The R13 million in getting them to get to more market access. One thing – and I did hear, I am sure I did hear 1% land ownership in this province mentioned by the ANC? [Interjections.] No-no, I am getting to the 62%, I am getting to that now, but the 1%. Well, our term is not over yet, but of course there has been 400% growth in that in the last four years. Because ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.] Donald Trump.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... the hon member Nkwinte, who has just left the Department of Land Reform, has just finished a land audit, and go and have a look at the results of the land audit of the Western Cape. There is a 400% increase.

So 1% no longer, but we will get to – Hon Premier, I do not want to make too much of this, because we are not at the end of our term, and let us see what happens by the end of our term.

The PREMIER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Then of course the 62% that you spoke of. Now 62% is the measure of success, it is a measure of making sure that land reform is not a failure. You see so many people in this country with our system get set up to fail. Now we cannot allow that. Just as I complain all the time about whether we give a lease or not. When we do give a lease and we do give support or – remember a lease many of the times come from the National Department, because that is where the funding sits.

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, I need to stop a conversation between Minister Fritz and the hon member Olivier. It is becoming distracting and it is drowning you out. Hon members, please. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Because of course that is where the funding sits. You know, whether in the last few years where the funding went to land reform or it actually went to, now it goes to Agri Parks, that was land reform money that was supposed to be buying land to transfer to people who need land, who – what did the hon member Olivier say? Something about “our land”? That money is supposed to be going to buy that land. It now goes to a whole lot of other projects. It does not go to buying that land. Another big problem that we have got in the system. [Interjections.]

But, of course, when the land happens to fall within our constitutional mandate in this Department, they go above and beyond trying to make sure that that business is not set up to fail, because so often it is. It is set up to fail and you need to support it, and that is why we do the study. That is why they did the study before I got there. When I got there in 2014, the 62% study had been completed. An independent study of those farms, and you heard me say it in the speech: market, market access, growth, paying tax, paying unemployment levies, a responsible business. This Department is there to give help to those businesses to become successful, and you know that normally with entrepreneurs, in global terms, 80% is kind of the failure rate of getting to five years of in business.

So a 62% success rate of those businesses is a phenomenal number. It really, really is, and it is because of the help that this Department gives to those properties in helping them become successful businesses. So a phenomenal

number. I know that when I came in, this study had been done and now we, I mentioned it, are busy now with the second time. The Department will tell you that I asked how we could push this to 80%. It was a big debate and we have settled on 70%, because even 62% that we received last time is a phenomenal success rate and a phenomenal success number.

In actual fact, last Friday I think it was, when I was at the Minmec, I again handed a copy of that to Minister Zokwana, because he has been asking questions about it, and a whole lot of other topics that he has been asking me about and we have invited him to a number of our events here in the province. I will not digress too much into that Minmec space. So that is the 62%, and of course they are fully available to anybody who wants to have a look at it.

Then of course the hon member ventured into the audits, and saying since July, etcetera, etcetera. Now the interesting thing there is that we object to having this process put on it. I have told you why, but let me go into a little bit more depth. I spoke about these amazing partnerships that we have. So, for example, when we do research into alternate crops, we do not just do it ourselves, we do it with the industry, with our universities and the best place to do alternate crop partnerships, specifically around horticultural products, would be with the horticultural body which is Hortgro, a national body who receives funding via a percentage tax that goes on our export cartons, etcetera, etcetera. A phenomenal body that actually represents the whole of horticulture in South Africa. And we partner with them. We put our little R7

million into research, and they come along with R80 million. They come along with major money that really takes this research into new levels, which creates huge opportunity for this sector called agriculture, for creating space for land reform, for really driving economic spaces. [Interjections.]

Now we do that because we can, because we partner. We do a transfer to this organisation. It is not as if there is a whole lot of these organisations that can tender for this process, so we could actually do what the Auditor-General says and hold our R7 million and not transfer it anywhere, and then our R7 million becomes R7 million worth of research instead of R80 million worth of research.

So it does not make sense, and I can say the same thing for Casidra. These processes do not make sense to us, but of course if the hon member really wants to go into the reasons, the hon member should go and ask the other provinces ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, stay here.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... who have received qualifications from the Auditor-General, and this is where the difficulty stands. [Interjections.] The difficulty is for the Auditor-General, who is using his audit, to uncover corruption where funds get spent from the Free State for weddings and dairies and all sorts of things [Interjections.], and now he wants to try it in this province, and

unfortunately we find value in this space, and that is why we will fight for it.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We do not want to close this down, we want to increase the value so that we can offer better and better services to this sector, so that this sector can grow and find potential.

And perhaps what I want to end on, and I would gladly interact with any farmer that is in this room today, that is in the audience, how can we work with you to take your business to a new level, specifically if you are a wine label merchant and you want to grow, because there is some amazing stories amongst wine labels, amongst partnerships. I have got a number of them here, but perhaps – I actually did not see Denise here. You said Thokozane was here. Is Denise here?

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So what I said about when you get a market and you start reversing back into the value add, for example, in Thokozane where you have now got restaurants and guest houses - if Denise was here she could correct me if I am wrong - but I think the ownership now is getting to 85%, and she is working at getting to 100% of ownership in that space.

Jan Harmsgat, that is 100% owned; Compagnesdrift, there again is how an agri-processing process actually starts to reverse back and if you have a look at Compagnesdrift where you are starting to see purchasing of further land, moving into other commodities and agricultural sectors moving – wine was the basis on how to grow that economy, but they are now investing into new areas.

I think something that Carmen Stevens managed which was really amazing, where she worked as a winemaker at a number of prominent, high profile farms, and then was approached by Naked Wines, and through crowd funding she managed to raised 120,000 Pounds in which to get her own wine business going, and these are phenomenal, phenomenal stories of how entrepreneurs take risks and get involved in this sector.

Agriculture is not easy, agriculture is tough. That is basically the common thread of what we have been talking about now. How drought, how avian influenza and Fall Army Worm and you just name them, these diseases attack you. It is just a very, very tough space in which to operate a business, and when entrepreneurs come up and they get into this business by finding a wine label, some support and being able to then take that and take their business to a next level, we really want to make sure that that story is escalated across this province, that we actually start to find more and more major success stories so that we as a province can become more and more proud of these entrepreneurs in agriculture, who really, really every single day and night go above and beyond making sure that we grow jobs ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: On their own.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... going above and beyond, making sure that we grow our competitiveness, we increase our foreign earnings of dollars and pounds and euros and yen, that we make sure that this industry plays an important role in food security for the people of our region.

And with that I would like to end and once again say thank you very much to the Department of Agriculture for the phenomenal job that they do, and to all of you in agriculture, for the phenomenal job that you do in this tough space. Please keep it up and we will be behind you to help you in whichever way that we can. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Winde. That concludes the debate on this Vote. This House will be suspended for three minutes to allow the officials and guests to vacate and then come back in, thank you.

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House suspended at 11: 31 and resumed at 11:35]

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

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 6 – Health – Western Cape Appropriation

Bill [B 3 - 2018].

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

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, please stand [Inaudible.][Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, honourable Premier, Helen Zille, Cabinet colleagues and members of Provincial Parliament, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, the Head of the Department and the management that are here, our partners at the academic institutions, civil society, the health sector, the clients, our special guests representing local communities, our consumers of healthcare, our partners in the private sector and most importantly, the citizens of the province, the media, if it they are here: good morning.

My speech will not be long. For the first time I will not have a long speech but it will be centred on showcasing the Department's resilience as it continues to provide health services 24 hours, 365 days a year to over 14 million patients, when you consider the headcount per annum, amidst the current economic climate and the systems challenges.

Mr Deputy Speaker, health continues to face a growing prevalence of disease in a growing population. The disease profile has become increasingly

complex over the last decade as patient co-morbidities have been seen to be increasing.

We also face unintended consequences like the fire disasters at the Swartland Hospital, Knysna Hospital last year, and recently the Groote Schuur ward and the Mitchells Plain ward, as well as the drought. So there is fire; there is also a water shortage.

The Department has a Water Preparedness Plan in place, as water is an essential part in terms of rendering health services. Hospitals are large consumers of water and many of the essential services can only be provided if there is a supply of potable water.

In co-operation with the Department of Transport and Public Works, we have already commenced with drilling boreholes at several hospitals as a precautionary measure. This is in addition to other water saving mechanisms, for example, theatres, surgical and scrubbing.

A number of priority sites have also been identified, based on the importance of the site in the health system – how many people served, for example – as well as the local availability of municipal water.

So far we have prioritised almost 72 of the sites according to their phases. For example, some Phase 1 sites are the Tygerberg Hospital Estate, Groote Schuur Hospital Estate, Red Cross, Lentegeur as well as other rural district

hospitals.

Recently I visited the Lentegeur Hospital Estate to inspect the water security efforts on the ground, and I am pleased with the progress made to date. The Lentegeur Hospital Estate, just for those who are not familiar, consists of a rehabilitation centre, which has more than 300 beds. There is a school there and it also caters for the Mitchells Plain Hospital that is next-door, plus also the Lentegeur Mental Health Hospital.

Boreholes were part of the Phase 1 and already the estate has 10 boreholes in total, existing and new boreholes, and the installation of a 800 metre long, 160mm in diameter main pipeline, that is underway. They are also installing a booster pump, and working towards re-commissioning an almost 700 000 litre reservoir of water.

We also face outbreaks like listeriosis that claimed 29 lives in the Western Cape to date. That is why it is important for us to continue to create awareness amongst communities outside the health facilities. I also need to mention that when we do outreach in these areas, for example, going to the taxi ranks, to the train stations and all of those, they do not form part of the headcount that we are being funded to do. So these are things that we do in addition to all the other things that we are supposed to do.

Now in response to service pressures, the health system, for example, has implemented various strategies. We are implementing short-term efficiencies

and cost savings to address the Budget shortfalls.

We acknowledge, firstly, our coalface staff members who experience pressures at various facilities. Those who have witnessed the conditions under which the health professionals have to work, where we find gang violence continuously flaring up, will understand how tall a task it is for health professionals to always place the needs of the patients above their own. I just want to commend every staff member for their resilience within this high-pressured working environment. We know the conditions that they work under and we know that it is not easy, it is definitely not easy.

However, there are things that we have put in place. For example:

- The mere fact that we are the only province that has prioritised and revised junior doctors' commuted overtime to reduce stress;
- For the first time, we pay danger allowances for those health professionals, nurses specifically, working in selected mental health units.
- As part of a National Directive also, we have paid danger allowance to the Forensic Pathology officers, in addition to appointing additional Forensic Pathology officers, plus also their registrars, to relieve the pressure on the current FPS officers.
- We are currently also revising the organisational structure because it is crucial to make it a point that you protect the clinical side and unfortunately we have to reduce the administrative part of it.

And in spite of all of these challenges we have found that, in terms of the Barret Survey, in terms of the entropy levels, it actually shows that staff morale is getting better, compared with previously, where it was really bad. So we want to commend the staff for always having a positive attitude, in spite of all of all of these challenges.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we have undertaken some of the initiatives, as I indicated, in terms of our transformation strategy, which is the Management Efficiency and Alignment Project (MEAP), which aims to improve the efficiencies in administrative structures, functions and processes across the various levels and offices within the Department. The overall aim is to achieve at least a 10% saving in managerial and administrative support services, so to protect clinical side of the service.

In addition to that, because I have mentioned that I am focusing on the Department's outstanding resilience, what is it that we have put in place? We cannot keep on complaining and complaining and then not do something about it.

Last time I spoke about introducing e-Vision, which is digital innovations in the health system environment. Since the implementation of e-Vision last year, we have made great strides with a road map of priorities.

We are close to achieving full coverage of the basic IT systems across all 52 hospitals in the province.

If you recall, last year I spoke about the e-Discharge, the e-Referral, the e-Pharmacy; so I now want to share about our Electronic Continuity Care Record project, the ECCR. We have made significant progress with the roll-out of the system and it has been implemented at 80% of the fixed health facilities, hospitals and primary care facilities in the province. The overall aim is to improve the continuity of care of the patient between hospitals and primary healthcare and also allow for the recording and capturing of vital information about the patient encounter, which helps to inform the burden of disease.

The other digital space is the unique patient identifier. In practice, this means that when a patient's details are created initially at any of the province's hospitals or primary healthcare facilities, or any of the local government healthcare facilities, that patient's information is immediately identifiable and available at all other public health facilities within the province. This reduces waiting times for patients, assisting in improving the patients' experience. Meaning, Nomafronch Mbombo attends a clinic in Beaufort West; even if she goes to Vredendal, there is no need now to take a lot of time getting more information and then starting to ask about the history. You can just look into the system, there will always be one Mbombo.

The other thing, Mr Deputy Speaker, is public, private partnerships. Government cannot do it alone, we have to work in partnership with others. So I am proud to share what we have done over the last years in terms of access and quality of health services for the population, working with

private.

One example is the Children's Hospital Trust, where they have completed an upgrade project to the value of R130 million at the Red Cross War Memorial Hospital. This included, amongst others, the Paediatric ICU and first ever radio station by children for children which is broadcasting from the Hospital.

The Children's Hospital Trust is also upgrading the Neonatal Unit of Groote Schuur Hospital to the value of R46 million and it will be completed in February 2019.

The other partnership is PetroSA, which has been invaluable for upgrading and expanding the existing clinic facilities in Mossel Bay. The project was accrued to the value of R6,7 million. Another key one that they are busy with is the building of a new clinic in the Asla community to the value of R16 million and estimated completion is within this calendar year.

Also the academic institutions, for example UCT, where they are funding the development of a Neuroscience Centre at GSH over the next 4 years.

Mediclinic – I see Mediclinic is here – for example also continue to provide support. Recently, I witnessed Da Vinci robotic surgery in action at the Mediclinic Durbanville that was used as part of the ongoing relationship between them and the Western Cape. Together with our urologist Dr Gawie

Bruwer they provided cutting edge prostate surgery to a patient that was on the Tygerberg Hospital's urology waiting list. I must stress that you take patients who are already on the waiting list and then they are assisted in terms of reducing the slate.

Other current partnerships include over 400 contracted service providers, for example the Clicks Group and Dischem – I see that Clicks is here – and other retail pharmacies, rendering health services using state stock. These services, for example, include family planning, immunisations, HIV counselling and testing. So the collaborative service models between public and private sector have proven to increase patient access to care.

We are exploring further collaborations, not only with the private sector but also with NGOs. I am also proud to announce that currently we are in discussions with the Hospitals Association of South Africa, which is a group of private hospitals, to explore the possibilities to pilot universal health coverage, that is favourably known as NHI. So universal coverage will be the first in the Western Cape, although it was not necessarily the Western Cape policy there.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the need for transformation and redesigning the way we do business, has become a critical and urgent imperative. That is why we are working towards redesigning service. The whole service needs to be redesigned; we cannot do business as usual. Two of those that I can mention is what we call Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC). The primary

healthcare platform is a priority area; hence you will see it has the bigger slice of Health Services in the Budget.

COPC is also a priority in terms of achieving universal health coverage because it includes the total population in your geographic area around the primary care facilities, also involving other service providers, for example the municipalities; in the Metro it is the City, the private sector. Furthermore, it necessitates the strengthening of home and community-based care. This approach also further enhances the promotion of visible management at the coalface. We no longer see our managers sitting somewhere in their offices. They are part of the Community Oriented Primary Care.

The other approach in terms of service design is a Whole-of-Society Approach. In short, we call it WOSA. The Whole-of-Society Approach is a reinvigorated way of addressing the challenges we face within communities. This also will form part of PSG 3. If you recall, we introduced Provincial Strategic Goal, which is number 3, Health, which aims to provide safe, socially connected, resilient and empowered communities. We want to provide communities with equitable access to services and opportunities through the alignment of resources, collaboration and partnership by all spheres of government.

The Head of the Department, Dr Beth Engelbrecht, is leading the team of five HoDs, because it is crucial that we have to have a transversal approach,

showcasing how we work transversally across the departments to achieve our goal.

Within WOSA you will find that we have targeted different geographic areas. In the Metro we have Khayelitsha, specifically around the town too; we have got the Manenberg and Hanover Park side and in the rural areas we have Saldanha and Drakenstein. Of these five HoDs, each and every one is in charge of each area and in terms of the work we do all the projects are happening there.

For example, if we look at the progress of PSG 3, we are determined to continue with our health-led PSG 3 and our projects that are currently there as part of PSG3: the Young Women and Girls, the First 1000 Days, Western Cape on Wellness – I am only mentioning those that Health is involved with and also the Alcohol Game-Changer.

I am happy, for example, that Wow is one of the projects we successfully implemented and the aim was to focus on the upstream factors targeted towards non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and obesity. There have been numerous notable achievements seen in participants on whom the GSH performed ground-breaking surgery by successfully treating a brain tumour through an eye socket. Such an operation has never been performed in the world, I am told.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Where has your passion gone?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: GSH performed its first ever bilateral sequential lung transplant in the Western Cape.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is not the [Inaudible.] I know.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... and the first in the state sector, national. [Interjection.] At Tygerberg Hospital, for example, Professor Pierre Goussard, a paediatric pulmonologist, performed the first bronchial balloon dilation on a premature baby weighing 2kg.

I have spoken about robotic interventions and at Victoria and Mitchells Plain District Hospitals, robotic knee surgeries were performed for the very first time at a District Hospital level.

I also want to acknowledge Professor Heather Zar named as the 2018 Woman in Science Laureate, in recognition of her wide-ranging contributions to child health, which have improved and saved children's lives across the globe, as well as shaping international policy. The prestigious award is given annually to five women scientists worldwide, one from each continent.

We thank all our clinicians for their hard work and dedication to improving the lives of all our people.

Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to come to the infrastructure. In the past financial year we have built and replaced and upgraded, and I cannot list all

of them, but, for example:

- Hill Side Clinic – replacement in Beaufort West;
- Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital – that is the Paeds ICU Upgrade in partnership, of course, with the Children’s Trust;
- Khayelitsha Hospital - CT Scan and the ward that has been completed;
- Prince Alfred Hamlet Clinic, that is replaced.

I am just mentioning a few and in this financial year the District Six Community Centre is already functioning and it will be officially opened this year.

Napier Clinic in Overberg District which was completed late last year will also be officially opened this year. It is about a 5 000 m² facility replacing the existing one, which was too small, and now it is bigger and better and more equipped to respond to the needs of the community.

George, you are also not left behind. Thembaletu CDC is also going to be completed, and will be opened this year.

Other major projects in the Metro are for example the Observatory Forensic Pathology Lab, which is well underway and will be ready for commissioning in February. All the details about infrastructure are in the APP.

Now lastly, regarding the staff safety: Mr Deputy Speaker, the safety of our

staff members remains a challenge. Staff safety has been seen as a priority since the attack of 95 EMS staff members during the previous financial year, as well as threats to health professionals in high crime areas and we are pleased to report a decrease of just under 50% over the last financial year with the number of events reported now having declined to 49 for the EMS. We also want to acknowledge the role of the SAPS and also some of the witnesses who made it possible for the conviction of some of these criminals.

We would also like to express a special word of thanks and appreciation to our colleagues in the City of Cape Town, with a special mention to Mayco member J P Smith and his team, for their commitment and support to our men and women in green. Through our collective efforts, we have been able to commission our EMS desk with the City's Safety and Security Cluster and the Transport Management Centre, and in so doing, create a network of support that enables EMS to those citizens, especially serving in those red zone areas.

The desk is staffed by a member of the team who is able to, at a moment's notice, mobilise resources from within the City and SAPS but, more importantly, through the City's neighbourhood watch desk. This illustrates my belief that the provision of effective health care involves all stakeholders – partnerships – not only the citizens but everyone. I want again to acknowledge the SAPS and the Department of Community Safety for making such a collaboration possible. It is really truly an example of a connected and committed government.

Whilst I mention the EMS, we also take into cognisance our staff members there in health facilities hospitals, at clinics, where they are constantly being attacked; it is not only the EMS.

Now going to finances, Mr Deputy Speaker, again firstly to thank the HOD and her top management here for their hard work and dedication. My heartfelt thanks to you and your team for ensuring that we do not let the people of the Western Cape down in spite of there being Budget cuts and also the economy that is not improving.

I would like to commend them for the 13-year record of an unqualified audit. We are the only Provincial Department, nationally, to have such a record, clean audits in terms of financing for the past three years.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But you do not go to court.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: A clean finance audit. For the first time we are the only Health Department, at a national level, in terms of the provinces. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: At least you do not go to court for it.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: This reinforces public trust in the way that we manage the public purse. [Interjection.]

So I rest easy now when I table the R23,064 billion Budget, knowing that it will be treated with the utmost care and spent to the benefit of the people. Just taking a note that Health received the largest Budget allocation from the Province.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Make it clean.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Also the Department of Health in the Western Cape is the one that gets more funding from its province, whilst the others are below the national norm. So 37% of the provincial slice comes to Health. [Interjection.] Of course, we have a shortfall of about R430 million but we also want to thank the Premier and the Treasury for trying to meet us halfway around that.

Now in terms of the Budget allocations, from an economic classification point of view, the Budget allocation includes:

- R13,6 billion for compensation of employees; remember we have about 32 000 staff members, 59% of the total Budget goes there;
- 32% of the Budget, which is 7,3 billion, goes to goods and services;
- 6% of the total Budget, which is about 1,3 billion, goes to transfers and subsidies;
- 3,25% of the Budget, which is 747 million, goes to capital assets.

We also receive National Conditional Grants:

- National Tertiary Services Grant, at R3 billion;
- Health Facility Revitalisation Grant, at R678 million;
- Health Professional Training and Development Grant, at R574 million;
- Comprehensive HIV Grants, which is R1,5 billion, which has been reduced nationally.

And now in terms of the programmes:

Programme 1: Administration is allocated 3,95% of the Vote and this amounts to an increase of approximately R42 million, which is a 4,93% increase.

Programme 2: District Health Services, which is the biggest, is allocated 40,6% of the Vote. This amounts to a nominal increase of about R551 million, which is a 6,33% increase.

Programme 3: Emergency Medical Services is allocated 4,7% of the Vote and this amounts to a nominal increase of approximately R49,4 million, which is a 4,7% increase.

Programme 4: Hospital Services is allocated 15,7% of the Budget, a nominal increase of about R161,3 million, which is about a 4,72% increase.

Programme 5: Central Hospital Services is allocated 27,92% of the vote, a nominal increase of about 4,73%, that is R287,5 million.

Programme 6: Health Sciences and Training is allocated 1,47% of the Vote with a nominal increase of about R19,3 million which is about a 6,09% increase.

Programme 7: Health Care Support is allocated 2% of the Vote and this amounts to a nominal increase of R18,4 million or 4,18% increase.

Laundry Services is allocated 23% of the Vote and that is a nominal increase of approximately 1,39% and it is R1,4 million.

Engineering Services is allocated 21,65% of the Vote and this is a nominal increase of approximately R4,3 million and a 4,86% increase.

Forensic Pathology Services is 38,72% of the total Budget and this amounts to a nominal increase of approximately R11,3 million, a 7,26% increase in nominal terms.

Programme 8: Health Facilities Management is allocated 3,53 % of the Vote and this translates to approximately R30,8 million or 3,69 % of the vote.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, I now table the 2018/19 Budget for the Department of Health. Whilst the economic climate remains a challenge, as well as challenges within the health system, as a government, we are committed to add public value by providing quality healthcare to the people of this province.

We cannot afford to rest on our laurels. We need to come up with innovative ideas on how best we can alleviate pressures in the public health system which is under current financial constraints.

Most importantly, we need to keep in mind the needs of the clients that we serve. None of the incredible work we have done would have been possible without the support of the staff. We do know that there are so many things, there is a lot that needs to be done because our population has increased, as I indicated, but at least we are doing something.

So that is why I want to thank the Premier and Cabinet colleagues for allowing me to moan and throw tantrums, when I demand budgets and all of that. So they heard my tantrums.

And also the members of the Provincial Parliament, specifically the Standing Committee, for holding us to account and also for their presence because when we ask them to come to some of our events and all of those – they are sitting there, thank you.

My Ministry office staff for their commitment and resilience. They know that there are more than 24 hours in a day; you only sleep when you are dead.

And lastly, my family and loved ones for their support and understanding that the work of a Minister is never done.

I table the 2018/19 Health Budget of Western Cape. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Lorraine Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I commend Minister Ivan Meyer for ensuring that the largest chunk of the Western Cape's Budget is allocated to the Provincial Department of Health.

I therefore welcome the appropriation of just over R23 billion as this appropriation will assist the Department in achieving its vision by ensuring that residents have access to person-centred quality care.

With the growing population in the province and the majority without some form of medical aid, this sector plays a vital role in providing health services to residents of this province. Minister Nomafrench Mbombo highlights an important point in her foreword of the Annual Performance Plan for the 2018 financial year. She states, and I quote:

“The demand for health care continues to grow and this is unlikely to change in the short-term, given the trends in the social determinants of health and wellbeing. A worrying trend is the increase in people that are presenting with multiple, interacting and compounding health problems. This situation places the provincial health system under enormous strain and in the context of significant budgetary constraints and the drought, 2018/19 is likely to be a very challenging year.”

Mr Deputy Speaker, what I have just mentioned highlights the reality of what

we are faced with in the Western Cape.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What have you just mentioned?

Ms L J BOTHA: Yes, we have received the largest chunk of the Government's Budget, but the question is: will it be sufficient to address the healthcare needs of patients seeking public healthcare?

In the Western Cape we aim to address these types of questions. It is with this in mind that I am pleased to note that as part of the 2018 financial year the Department developed a transformation agenda to give full effect to the strategic vision of Healthcare 2030. This particular agenda is based on three pillars. In summary, these three pillars include the core business of service delivery and patient care, with the focus on service design, strengthening leadership at all levels of the Department and finally improving the quality of governance, both internally and externally, through the Management and Efficiency Project. This speaks directly to person-centred quality care. As challenging as the year might be, and amidst all the challenges that the Department has experienced, person-centred quality care will be delivered in the Western Cape.

What is important, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that all of our patients should experience the same level of service at each of our facilities. When we talk about person-centred quality care it should not only be lip service, but an actual experience for that person who is using our facilities.

It is for this reason that I am pleased to see that more and more patients and their families are making use of the complaints and compliments call centre. It is vital that we are kept informed about the level of service that our residents are receiving, but also vital for the Department to work on improvements.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department's 2018/19 Budget consists of eight programmes as alluded to by the Minister and when we refer to providing person-centred quality care we have to ensure that the relevant and necessary infrastructure is in place to achieve this vision.

I would therefore immediately like to attend to Programme 8, Health Facilities Management. This particular programme's purpose is to provide new health facilities while also refurbishing, upgrading and maintaining existing facilities. This also includes Health Technology. Allow me then to welcome the allocation of over R378 million to this programme.

This particular programme also has sub-programmes. I am especially pleased to note that, as part of the District Hospital Services sub-programme, the upgrade completion of Phase 2B of the Vredenburg Hospital will be underway.

I am also pleased that the new Observatory Forensic Pathology Lab, which is replacing the Salt River facility, will be under construction. One can never underestimate the important role forensics plays in the health sector. It is,

therefore, vital that our facilities are constantly improved to address the various needs that may arise. Furthermore, as part of our community health facilities, nine of the 20 envisaged projects will either be under construction or be handed over.

However, hon Minister, in the past the timelines for the completion of infrastructure programmes have had their fair share of challenges where projects have not been completed in the projected timeline. We are fully aware of the fact that you work hand-in-hand with Public Works and we would therefore like to hear from you about how the two departments will ensure that these challenges will be addressed.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there are challenges but this Department's commitment to providing person-centred quality care within high quality facilities tells us about the caring nature of the DA-led Western Cape Government.

Given the Budget allocation to the City of Cape Town, hon Minister, I must inform you that I am looking forward to hearing about the progress that is being made with the establishment of the Joint Steering Committee pertaining to the integration of health services between the City and the Province. I mentioned earlier that it is vital that at each facility the same person-centred quality care is experienced.

Another sector in the Health Department, the Emergency Medical Services, had it quite tough over the last year or so. The Minister has also alluded to

this. This is one of the most critical services within the Health Department as they are on the frontline ... [Interjection.] and especially the broader community for assisting in the safekeeping of our EMS staff. We have already seen how severe our courts have been with those criminals who sought to violate, attack and harm our EMS staff.

I am also pleased to note the increase, albeit a nominal amount of just over R62 million, for the Emergency Medical Services. I am of the view that it will further assist the EMS to continue being effective in their work. We need to continue ensuring that our EMS staff remain safe, wherever they are working, and I am therefore looking forward to hearing from you, hon Minister, as to how this increase will not only assist in the safety of EMS personnel when they execute their duties, but also assisting in reducing the number of red zones that we currently have.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there are times when we take the development, training and empowering of our health workers for granted. Programme 5, or the Central Hospital Services, which includes the Provincial Tertiary Hospital Services, says that it is vital that a platform is created for the training of health workers, while also conducting research.

Further, this programme also prioritises the improvement of service delivery, the quality of care and patient experience, whilst strengthening the health system.

Hon Minister, one of the complaints that we also receive from communities is that healthcare workers have bad attitudes. When we then refer to training, are we also ensuring that this is and will be addressed? Person-centred quality care must be a lived experience.

With an allocation of just under 28% of the Department's Budget, which amounts to an increase of over R356 million compared to the previous year, this will enable the Department to achieve the programmes' set outcomes.

Allow me also, Mr Deputy Speaker, to welcome the 15% allocation to the Provincial Hospital Services. The allocation is an increase of over R210 million. It is a nominal increase but, given the programmes, particularly aims of ensuring of that Hospital Services are accessible, appropriate, effective and are able to provide general specialist services, I am of the view that the increase will assist the Department in achieving its aims.

Given our water crisis and the understanding that health is a critical service, I commend the Department and Minister Mbombo who has, since November 2017, been proactive with a Water Preparedness Plan. Amongst others, more than R14 million has been allocated to boreholes at health facilities, the continued installation of water storage tanks and the combating of leaks are some of the interventions at health facilities.

There are also ground water projects and other engineering initiatives that are continuing into this new financial year. The Department is committed to

conserve water, reduce its usage, so that they are also able to mitigate the effect on service delivery.

No other province is as proactive in the health sector as we are in the Western Cape. [Interjection.] No other province is as caring as we are. [Interjections.] We are fully aware of how the sector is falling apart in places such as KZN and I hope the ANC looked at television yesterday when it was highlighted, where the Oncology Department in KZN is non-existent. Then there are places such as Gauteng and the Eastern Cape where civil claims, due to negligence, are running into the billions. [Interjections.]

The colleagues across the floor are fully aware that it is only under a DA-led Government where person-centred quality care can be, and is, experienced. And by no means are we saying that there is no room for improvement. However, we have to ensure that we seize the opportunity by continuing to improve on how we deliver health services.

I commend all staff at the coalface of service delivery within this Department and the Department for the innovations they explore. Mr Deputy Speaker, as the DA-led Western Cape Government, we will continue to provide equitable access to quality health services, in partnership with the relevant stakeholders, within a balanced and well managed health system, to every resident of this province. The DA supports this vote. [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: [Onhoorbaar.] luister. Ons gooi nou kole, warm kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] listen. We are throwing coals now, hot coals!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, allow your own member to start please.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker I wish to remind everybody in this House that we are in holy week. The hon MEC has talked about the Voice of the Patient Programme and I want to remind the hon MEC that on the appointment of the board, not a single member this side of the House has been appointed.

†Dit laat ons nogal baie wonder of die gemeenskap buite net deur die DA gedien word, maar ons gaan terugkom met daardie een na ons Staande Komitee toe. [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[That makes one wonder whether the community out there is serviced by the DA only, but we will come back with that one to our Standing Committee. [Interjection.]]

Contrary, Deputy Speaker, to what this Department is telling the people, the ANC welcomes the increase in both the equitable share and the conditional grants from the National Government.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms M N GILLION: It shows that indeed the ANC Government is a caring government.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: What we cannot welcome is this Department's move to retrench staff across the province. With the critical skills shortage in this local health sector, we are opposed to the move to decrease its Budget for Programme 6, Health Sciences and Training. It is also cutting expenditure for machinery and equipment as well as software and other intangible assets in Programme 2, 4 and 5. That is concerning, since this means that apparatuses most needed will not be in our district hospitals and community facilities. But the Department is telling a different story, painting a rosy picture that all performed well. If one were to believe the words of the hon MEC and the DA ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is leaving, it is getting too hot.

Ms M N GILLION: ... then we would have to be forgiven for believing that

here we have one of the world's best-run health departments. The only problem is that what is happening on the ground, which is what people experience, does not correlate. The reality is that here we have a department mired in crisis and this Budget gives an indication that things are going to get worse. I believe that this is a budget to tumble down and collapse the healthcare system in this province.

Instead of dealing with the issues head-on, the Department is sugar-coating things and coming up with plans and excuses. These excuses and ineffective plans are outlined in the APP which will be supported by this Budget. These include the community-orientated primary care, service redesign, service priorities, leadership and culture and the Management Efficiency and Alignment Project, MEAP.

With all these plans, we still witness marches by nurses to the Legislature, like the one yesterday. How can all these plans fail to address the issues raised by the nurses in front of the Legislature yesterday? They came to represent the views of the people about this Department as well as the plight of nurses in this province. They basically say this Department does not care about the wellbeing of nurses; this Department is violating the rights of workers and mistreating its workers. All this was summarised in the words of two qualified nurses, Sister Charmaine de Villiers and Staff Nurse Charlotte Pietersen, for wearing a gilet as part of the uniform.

†UMnu Q R DYANTYI: Haibo, Nomafrench!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: No man, Nomafrench!]

Ms M N GILLION: Many petitions were forwarded to the Department ... [Interjection.] opposing this decision, yet the two nurses, breadwinners for their families, are still out of jobs. And it is not a joke, hon member Mackenzie. Florence Africa, the previous director, sent a letter during the arbitration stating that the Directorate did not support the sanction of dismissal. Key to her opposition of the decision was that there is no uniform policy in the country. Everybody agreed that dismissal was not the proper way to deal with the matter at hand. Yet, this Department dismissed the two because they were outspoken and criticised things that were not right about this Department.

Hon MEC Mbombo was sent many appeals, according to them, and never responded to any of them. The dismissal of these two will go a long way to highlight the abuse of nurses in this Department and our critics are silenced, using dismissal as one of the weapons in the Department's arsenal.

It clearly shows that to this DA-led administration, health personnel are just mere robots who do not have rights, who do not have families to feed and who do not get tired and are not deserving of any rest. This Department does not care about the plight of nurses. It certainly does not care about their feelings and wellbeing. It is not surprising why this Department has one of the highest rates of absenteeism which, in their words, can be ascribed to workload and other related matters.

The Department also has one of the highest staff turnover rates. It has also admitted that the recruitment of qualified and skilled help and technical professions pose a challenge due to scarcity of skills; yet Nurse De Villiers has got a Masters degree and is one of the very few best-trained nurses in this province, but this Department dismissed her just like that.

It does not only end here. This Department is also cutting the Budget for Programme 6 which deals specifically with training and bursaries for healthcare personnel. Where is the logic? You complain on the one hand that there is a crisis of skills shortage, yet on the other you cut the Budget for developing those skills. You complain about the difficulty to recruit and retain skilled employees, yet you ill-treat and in the end complain about the high staff turnover. Sadly, the people who suffer the most due to poor leadership are the poor patients and the destitute.

The biggest crisis in this province is not the water shortage, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Huh?

Ms M N GILLION: But it is healthcare and poor leadership qualities displayed by this MEC. [Interjections.] When the DA ousted the past MEC Theuns Botha because of internal factional fights and replaced him with an academic with no governance experience we raised these complaints. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible] ... an expert.

Ms M N GILLION: We are vindicated because now this Health Department in the province is on the brink of collapse ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yoh!

Ms M N GILLION: ... and there is a leadership crisis. [Interjections.] The leadership failures are visible in how this Department poorly handled the present listeriosis outbreak in the province and resulted in the second-highest number of deaths and the concealed 2015 outbreak where at least three patients died.

It is also visible in how it has handled the crisis in the EMS programme. It is said, and I quote – and I do my oversight work with pleasure and with love. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, ja.

Ms M N GILLION: I open this quote and this is in the words of an EMS personnel member:

“The management of the Department is out of touch with reality on the ground. Money is wasted outside of key objectives. There is a huge shortage of ambulances and equipment. The control room has a vast

shortage of staff.”

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that true, French? Give us answers.

Ms M N GILLION: The DA always brags about the Broadband Game-Changer ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!]

Ms M N GILLION: ... And how it has availed internet access to many, especially in important Government departments, but the EMS personnel are denied access to internet to do their work better. Instead of developing productive Apps, it bans it. Many doctors use Apps in their work, why not other staff too?

These claims are proven correct as the Department cuts its Budget under Programme 3. The Budget for Planned Patient Transport, which already caused headaches to the health practitioners in the province, will be cut by a further 4%. Again we ask: where is the logic in that? EMS personnel are attacked everywhere in the province, which makes it difficult to reach certain areas fast. The communities expected that at least there would be a programme to provide some form of security for the EMS personnel; there is none in this Budget.

An HON MEMBER: Mmph.

Ms M N GILLION: Instead, this Department decreases its expenditure in the programme. It is really shocking and disappointing to have this situation. The real losers are the patients that sometimes have to wait for five hours and more to be assisted.

I want to relay a story which I saw on a Facebook page on 22 January, and I quote ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is fake news.

Ms M N GILLION: “Amy, a young child broke her hip and they called the emergency ambulance number several times from 19h30. She had to continuously explain to the same person that kept on answering the phone, that they could not move the child as they did not know the extent of the damage. She explained further that the child has osteogenesis imperfecta and the other name for that is brittle bone disease...”

Am I right, doctor?

“... and the hip looks badly broken. She lay in the sand and it is starting to get cold and dark. The control room operator kept telling her: an ambulance will be on its way as soon as one is available.”

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Uh, uh, uh.

Ms M N GILLION: Only at 21h15 ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: From 7 o'clock.

Ms M N GILLION: “She finally said: an ambulance is on its way, but at 22h00 she was told that nobody was available. She asked the operator if she was expected to just leave the child to lay in the sand overnight, after which she called a private ambulance service, even though Amy and her mother cannot afford medical aid. Both private and Metro ambulances finally arrived at 22h30 with the Metro EMS driver’s female partner sleeping in the front seat.”

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yoh, yoh!

Ms M N GILLION: “Pain medication had to be brought by another ambulance as he did not have morphine. It arrived 30 minutes later. At midnight Amy was finally lifted off the ground. According to the Metro EMS staff they got a call with a code that it is not too urgent and a note that the child was having muscle spasms. The Metro EMS female made excuses for sleeping, saying they just do not have enough staff so they have to work 12 hour shifts, five nights in a row.”

There are many similar stories out there about the poor services rendered by the EMS personnel. Just read the daily reports in the newspaper. This Budget's response to such challenges is through cutting expenditure.

The DA, through this Budget, is also saying to the people of this province that the shortage of emergency personnel will worsen this year. There is no provision for the hiring of more forensic pathologists.

With all the bad state that our hospital buildings are in, Programme 8.5 which is responsible for planning, design, construction, upgrading and maintaining of central hospitals is being decreased by a further 16%. I want to remind the hon MEC that GF Jooste Hospital has been destroyed by this administration. It lied to the people and said it would be refurbished. It lied again and said they were going to rebuild it. Then it said it is relocated to another site. To this day, the people of Manenberg are still clueless as to where this new hospital will be built. The hon MEC must tell the people where the hospital is. I am very worried, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the open land where GF Jooste was will be occupied by land-grabbers.

That just highlights one of the worst mistakes of this administration. With the expenditure cuts on sub-programme 8.5, there are more hospitals that may just vanish in the same manner as the DA Government destroyed the GFO GF Jooste Hospital. [Interjection.] The ghost of GFO GF Jooste will haunt this Department for many, many years to come. [Interjection.]

The plight of Manenberg's people is not different from the one of the people who are serviced by the Woodstock and Robbie Nurock Community Day Centres which have been closed and people forced to go to the District Six Community Day Centre. There are a lot of challenges in that clinic. People wake up very early in the morning so that they can receive medical attention. Clients are forced to go home without their prescribed medication; they have to return on a later date to fetch it.

This is one of the issues that were highlighted by the nurses who came to protest in front of the Legislature yesterday. They claimed that it is due to a shortage of staff at hospitals, especially nurses and pharmacists. This challenge may be worsened by the Department's move to decrease the Budget for the Cape Medical Depot which is assisting in improving service delivery to facilities as well as ensuring the timely purchase and distribution of adequate stock.

This Budget portrays a Health Department that is not managed well. It tells us that critical staff shortages will worsen, especially with the plans of this Department, retrenching staff, which is already underway. The NHI is not a priority for this sub-national Government which is trying to hard to convince itself that we are a federal state.

The service delivery presence which led to the death of a medical intern ...
[Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: We are doing the best we can.

Ms M N GILLION: ... Inna Marquardt, who died in a tragic car crash on her way from a long shift in 2016, are set to worsen. The plight of medical interns who are overworked will not be addressed.

In this regard, I want to advise this MEC to stick to the basic rights. The usual story of clean audits is not helping as this Department regressed in the last financial year. Money needs to be taken to where it is most needed for effective service delivery to the poor and vulnerable communities of the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

The ANC rejects this Budget. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Minister Mbombo to reply.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, firstly, just to the Chair for the input, especially in terms of highlighting some of the issues related to the infrastructure. That is why we now have an inter-ministerial task team which is the Minister, Health, Education and people who are putting more into infrastructure, the Treasury, plus also the Department of Public Works. It is part of the Cabinet service meetings. So we highlight some of the priority infrastructures and then we keep on monitoring and evaluating. This is also happening at HOD level. So that is why we have managed to utilise all our

Budget. Actually, last year for the first time we utilised the whole of the infrastructure Budget because we have put some of these things in place.

The City of Cape Town, yes, we are continuing in terms of consolidation of some of the services, for example, where services are between a two kilometres radius in terms of access, so that people can access a comprehensive package; but also at the managerial level, because you will have, for example, two or four directors, some from our Department and also some from the City within one geographic area, within the sub-structure. So it is still in progress, but I am aware that the Standing Committee did ask the City to come and present.

I am not sure how far that is that with the Standing Committee ... [Interjection.] because it is in another sphere of government that we are unable to interfere in, but we are continuing to provide the City with the allocation in order to render some of the services that they have been rendering as part of a service level agreement.

Now, going to hon member Gillion, again thank you for your input. Although it will be difficult to respond to each point because when you only talk about one patient it becomes difficult because, as I indicated earlier, we see about 40 million patients.

Ms M N GILLION: Examples, hon MEC.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So therefore what I am going to respond to are the general system issues.

Number one, in terms of acknowledging and thanking the ANC for the Budget. Again going back to the basics ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just say thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... of the equitable share, which is in terms of the monies that come through the taxpayers and then being allocated according to the taxpayers. [Interjections.] So whoever, whatever government that is in place, it is part of the obligation in terms of the allocation. So therefore it is money, whether – any government ... [Interjections.] Okay, do you want me to respond? Can I be protected, or probably ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I will protect you. Hon member Makeleni, allow the hon Minister to respond, please, and your colleague next to you as well. [Interjections.] Hon Minister, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So either I respond or I just say thanks and leave. Firstly, as I indicated, in terms of the equitable share, again compared to the number of the population in 2011 where there were about 5,3 million or so in the Western Cape, we are now sitting at about 6,5 million. 75% of those people are uninsured; they are utilising Health services.

So the Budget that we are being allocated from the National Treasury does not meet the requirements. Hence the Provincial Government gives us more money so that we are able to do our function. So it is not in real terms, in terms of the allocation. The mere fact that the population has increased, the mere fact that there has been a lot of immigration and Stats SA has shown almost 8% of the population of the Eastern Cape has been moving to our facilities. You can ask the National Health Minister in terms of showing the stats around that. So the money does not follow the patient, as I always say.

The PREMIER: That is the problem.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: As I indicated earlier, compared to the other provinces, for example in Gauteng, they invoice Mpumalanga and Limpopo for the patients that come and utilise their services. The Western Cape does not invoice ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... for that. Also in addition to that it is about risk factors. So whilst the Western Cape has managed, for example, diseases such as TB, our successful treatment rate for new cases and also our patients that are kept longer, those on ARVs, compared to the other provinces. That does not mean a guarantee that just because you are good children you are going to get more allocation.

And also the other issue is, because of the service pressures we cannot only sit back and more people come into our facilities. That is why we render services even outside the facilities, through home and community-based care services, of which in most instances there is not much recognition of the work that we do outside the formal services, inclusive of seeking treatment, for example, in churches and all of those. So we are working around that.

So what you see is not the complete picture. There are other things that we do beyond that. The mere fact that we have the best health outcomes, the maternal mortality – I think it was 70 during the time that I checked – compared to others where it even triples in other provinces where women die during childbirth. [Interjection.] It is because of the input, going outside and doing most of the things beyond that. [Interjections.]

In terms of a national evaluation that was done, for poor people to access health services – people who earn less than R1,200 are poor people – almost 90% of people are able to access our facilities, compared to other provinces ... [Interjections.] where a person has to walk or take transport going from Libode, going to St Barnabas. I am just giving an example. So we are doing as much as we can. As I indicated, things might not be at the best level but we are doing something.

Also to remind you that when the economy of a country drops, the area that is most affected is health because the price of medicine is very expensive. Most of the medicine comes from outside South Africa. It means that there are a

lot of costs that are incurred – meaning you have to reduce, rob Peter to pay Paul because of the prices of medicine.

So if the economy was better, if we were not having this low growth of economy, health would have benefited. So the question is: whose fault is it that the economy is so low? It impacts on us. [Interjections.]

Unemployment impacts on health as well because people who are unemployed are unable to access medical aids. So it means that they depend on the state for the health services. So one has also to consider such.

Now in terms of the complaints system, there is a 25 days policy in terms of responding to complaints and this has also been embedded within the performance of senior management within the Department. So, for example, when there are issues that have been raised, we make it a point that we respond. It can take seconds, it can take two days, it can take – but it is overall 25 days. So some of these examples that the hon member has raised, those need to be reported because we cannot allow a situation where you end up blaming everyone but once we have an example of who has done this, if something happens we need people to account. [Interjection.]

On the issue of the turnover, there is no evidence that there is a high staff turnover within the Western Cape Health Department. The people who are sitting in management have been there from the time the ANC was in government. Most of them have got over 30 years' experience working here.

So that is why this Government is so stable because there is no turnover.

[Interjections.] It is the same people. It is so stable.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You can ask anyone. Dr Engelbrecht, when did you start? You can ask her. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Please continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Most of the people who are in the Department of Health have been there throughout, so that is why are so stable around that. [Interjections.]

Now, on the issue of the EMS, when there are public hearings I always make sure that I check on TV or whatever, who is involved in terms of the public hearings. I do not recall a member being part of any EMS public hearings. [Interjections.] I do not recall. I make it a point to check but nevertheless that is not the point ... [Interjections.] It is not the point; the point is ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The point is that... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member, order. Hon Minister, just one second. Hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: A point of order. The hon MEC does not have to go and check on TV to see if I am there; I was there. She must be there with me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, the point is taken. Hon Minister, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I used the words “I do not recall that” but the crux of the matter is, as I indicated in my Budget speech, the issue of the EMS. Again, when I go into the areas I always create awareness because there is a perception or an expectation from some of the community members that you call an ambulance when you need to access health care but an ambulance is for an emergency. For example, if they have been ill for two weeks and all of that and then you call an ambulance... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Minister, just one second. There is too much conversation going on in the House and the noise level is too high. [Interjections.] I am talking about the DA corner there, please, contain yourselves.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: As I indicated it uses international standards in terms of responding to issues but again there are a lot of other ways in terms of people raising these issues and we make it a point that we respond to

such. Hence we have Healthnet pickup points for those people who might have appointments and we have even changed it to more pickup points, in a safe environment, in order to bring the services of EMS to the people.

The hon member has spoken about many other things but I believe some were just a platform in terms of ventilating so I will not be able to respond to such. But what is important, and the hon member can attest, we are assisting many of the nine provinces with their health systems in terms of building resilience. Because at the end, health is too important; we cannot reduce it to a football game because, as I indicated, that if now there are more patients coming from the Eastern Cape to the Western Cape, how do we ensure we assist to build the health system in the Eastern Cape?

The same applies, if now there are no oncology services in KZN, how do you deal with a cancer patient? So we cannot sit here and do nothing. So it means we assist when KZN asks us send registrars, or ask if they can refer other patients to us, or ask how they can develop their budget.
[Interjections.]

So if the hon member is now raising political issues ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... it needs a political response.

And then lastly, again I want to thank the Standing Committee and I am also looking forward to having more engagements related to all that has been raised because she has raised the issue of health service training, the issue of MEAP, some of these projects, noting that some of these were already presented to the Standing Committee and we have been engaging with them in terms of answering and responding to their questions.

And also the issues about – because I did not want to go into it but probably let me address this issue of the gilet. The gilet is, what is it called, like an †onderbaadjie. [waistcoat] [Interjections.] Yes, something like that. Initially there was an informal policy about such based on research, even ties for the males, because it is handy that you can change those on a weekly basis. International research shows that these things can carry infection. So when it started at that time, one or two of them ended up being people where, in that particular hospital, they breached or transgressed the law.

So that is why the response was bad, but I must state that this case went up to the Labour Court and it was not about the issue of wearing the gilet, it was about issues relating to the disrepute and all of that. I must stress that. It was not about that because when I heard about the policy I said that this cannot happen in terms of such a policy – now it is no longer a policy but it was not an issue related to that. As I indicated, it went to the Labour Court; it also went to the Public Service Commission. So it went further. It did not only remain there.

Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will now suspend proceedings and resume at 14:00. The House is suspended.

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House suspended at 12:57 and resumed at 14:00]

The SPEAKER: Good afternoon, welcome back to the second session. To our guests in the gallery - thank you, your presence is appreciated - just to draw your attention to the fact that you are not allowed to participate in the proceedings of the day. To the administrators, welcome! I now ask the Secretary to read...

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the honourable, the Minister, Minister Marais. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†n AGBARE LID: Gooi daai kole! Warm kole!

[An HON MEMBER: Throw those coals! Hot coals!]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Honourable Speaker, it is indeed an absolute pleasure and honour to once again present to this House and the greater Western Cape community, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport's Budget for the 2018/19 financial year. I will elaborate on how the Department has allocated the appropriated R 760 734 000 to enable a socially inclusive, creative, active and connected Western Cape. The following presentation embodies our commitment to responding to the needs of the communities we serve. It also highlights the instrumental role the Department fulfils in nation building, in inspiring hope and in the holistic development of the individual through sport and cultural affairs.

Madam Speaker, we find ourselves in an ever-changing socio-political climate, one characterised by a national nonchalance to the dire straits our people face on a daily basis. As a result, a new culture of hopelessness and despondence has left our youth uninspired and unmotivated to be better versions of themselves. This is evident in the realities our youth act out on stages through our various drama festivals across the province. Stories of unemployment, teenage pregnancies, substance abuse, absent fathers, gangsterism, abuse and the lack of viable opportunities take centre stage when our youth are afforded the platform to express themselves. A mindset shift is urgently required to grow as a people and to offer our youth better prospects. It is the duty of this Department and Government as a whole to allow our people to critically see their environments differently and to establish their rightful place in taking ownership of their circumstances and

communities, which inculcates a sense of belonging, pride and will to prosper, which in turn lets our children dream bigger and imagine better futures for themselves.

The question that arises - how do we then deliver on our mandate with less than what we had when we already started with the bare minimum? The four programmes within the Department speak directly to redressing the damaging effects of hopelessness and social ills as they contribute to positive youth development and negotiate a collective identity: one which inspires prosperity to accelerate unity, hope, reconciliation, respect, pride and a celebration of our diversity and simultaneously creates an enabling environment for all who call the Western Cape home.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Vir die 2018/19 boekjaar word Program 1: Administrasie R66 365 000 toegeken. Hierdie toekenning stel die Departement in staat om diensuitnemendheid te bereik deur voortdurende verbetering van finansiële bestuurspraktyke. Hierdie toekenning sal ondersteuning bied aan alle ander programme en stel hulle in staat om dienslewering aan almal in die Wes-Kaap te verbeter. 'n Toegewyde R32 363 000 sal 'n algemene finansiële bestuursondersteuningsdiens aan die Departement verskaf, insluitende finansiële bestuursdienste aan die drie openbare entiteite wat aan my kantoor rapporteer - die Wes-Kaapse

Kultuurkommissie, die Wes-Kaapse Taalkomitee en Erfenis Wes-Kaap. Al drie hierdie entiteite is vandag in die galery verteenwoordig.

Ek maak van hierdie geleentheid gebruik om die amptenare van ons bekroonde Departement teenwoordig vandag en in die Departement onder die leiding van ons Departementshoof, mnr Brent Walters, te erken. Ek dank u almal vir die professionele gees waarin u die inwoners van die Wes-Kaap deur middel van Kultuursake en Sport beïnvloed. Die toegewyde ondersteuning van die ministeriële personeel wat ook vandag in die galery verteenwoordig is, word baie waardeer en gaan nie onopgemerk nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: For the 2018/19 financial year, Programme 1: Administration is allocated R66 365 000. This allocation enables the Department to achieve service excellence through continuous improvement of financial management practices. This allocation will provide support to all other programmes and enable it to improve service delivery to all in the Western Cape. An allocated R32 363 000 will provide a general financial management support service to the Department, including financial management services to the three public entities reporting to my office – the Western Cape Cultural Commission, the Western Cape Language Commission and Heritage Western Cape. All three of these entities are present in the gallery today.]

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the officials of our award-winning Department present today and in the Department under the leadership of our Head of Department, Mr Brent Walters. I thank you all for the professional spirit in which you influence the citizens of the Western Cape through Cultural Affairs and Sport. The dedicated support of the Ministerial staff who are also present in the gallery today is greatly appreciated and does not pass unnoticed.]

†Contrary to the popular belief that knowledge is power, I am of the opinion that the power instead lies in the expression of that knowledge and more importantly in it being understood by another. The 2005 UNESCO Global Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions recognises that culture contributes to development holistically, both socially and economically. The convention affirms that cultural diversity should be celebrated and protected. By making diversity accessible to all, it increases our range of choice, and helps "nurture human capacities and values". It argues that when diversity is celebrated, it allows for a more complete realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms central to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Cultural diversity can be protected and promoted only if human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of expression, information and communication, as well as the ability of individuals to choose cultural expressions, are guaranteed.

Programme 2, Cultural Affairs is central towards achieving these goals, creating the enabling environment for expression to flourish through arts,

culture, museums, heritage and language-related services. For the 2018/19 financial year, Programme 2, Cultural Affairs is allocated R111 917 000. Madam Speaker, this amount may seem significant in rands but the increasing number of requests from communities and organisations immediately informs us that the demand certainly outweighs the supply.

We are forced to become innovative with the very little funds available to us. Our Department continues in its resilient efforts to rebuild a once divided nation through cultural affairs and sport. We strive to promote, advocate for and preserve cultural affairs and we cannot do so successfully and more importantly, sustainably without the support and partnering with those who ardently drive this very vision, mindful of all who call the Western Cape home. In achieving sustainability we have increased our efforts to encourage collaborations to expand skills and opportunities. We have also reviewed and reconsidered cultural services and programmes offered to the youth so as to make provisions for relatable engagements to assist in navigating through the Western Cape's diverse cultural landscape, fostering understanding, tolerance and mutual respect for differing cultural backgrounds.

Madam Speaker, our long standing partnership with Artscape, represented by its CEO, Dr Marlene le Roux - and they have staff in the gallery here this afternoon - and the Baxter Theatre, represented by Fahiem Stellenboom in the gallery today, is testament to this very goal. Both theatres have made considerable strides in diversifying and transforming theatre stages so that it

integrates and reflects realities that resonate with our youth and communities within the Western Cape.

The Baxter Theatre Centre was bursting with song, dance and the exuberance of youth at this year's Zabalaza Festival. The awe-inspiring celebration of award winners as well as nominees at the Festival's closing ceremony induced goose bumps of pride and augmented the urgency in which we need to create an even more enabling environment for our developmental artists to flourish.

Madam Speaker, during the past financial year, in excess of R18 000 000 was invested in professional organisations, NGO's, cultural tourism as well as the umbrella bodies of the Minstrels, Christmas Bands and Malay Choirs. We received 227 applications for funding to the value of approximately R103 266 388, a clear indication of the need for support in this sector. Through partnerships and collaborations, youth were exposed to various environments where the arts are at the forefront of job creation and skills development.

The funding of cultural organisations has allowed us to facilitate the interaction between the larger professional companies, festivals and community organisations and break the rural-urban divide. Through partnerships, twinning and exposure we have advanced both the artistic and organisational capacity within communities and promoted social inclusivity at various levels through our initiatives.

One of our beneficiaries to receive funding from Programme 2, Cultural Affairs, performed only but a screenshot of their expertise during lunch. Represented by its co-founder Laurence Estève and Tania Majavie in the gallery today, Zip Zap Circus School combines their skills to contribute to a better South Africa by developing the leaders of tomorrow through creating a safe space for children and by practicing and teaching equality, kindness, respect, good manners, love and compassion for one another - all of which is currently lacking in many of our communities.

With humble beginnings under, in and swinging from a tree in their founders' backyards and through ongoing collaborative efforts, children and youth who were previously labelled "failures" in conventional school settings are now performing for world leaders and travelling the world to represent our beloved country. They are succeeding at growing into independent adults who contribute positively to the economy and they personify actual role models for others, empowering our communities with empathy and hope. The various programmes run at Zip Zap indeed support our provincial strategic goals of improving education outcomes and opportunities for youth development as they are the first in South Africa to develop a professional circus qualification to provide vocational apprenticeships to at least 50 learners between the ages of 16 to 26 years old by 2020. Our Department thrives on ensuring that the organisations we are associated with achieve their ideals and objectives and especially in the arts, we celebrate artistic excellence when achieved.

The organisation over the last 26 years has left a mark in the Cape Town art sector and the circus industry worldwide. Their school touches 2000 youth each year in nine different programmes - absolutely free of charge. Zip Zap has proven its worth of every investment and as a matter of fact they continue to give back on a regular basis. Last year Zip Zap started an innovative collaboration oration of their craft with another of our beneficiaries, the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra, which has fused the genres.

It is clear that with the R34 313 000 appropriated to Arts and Culture, we will continue to improve the self-esteem of our youth and identify in them talents they would otherwise not explore, while creating economic opportunities through the arts.

Madam Speaker, in the coming year we will steer a Choral Music resurgence in the Central Karoo together with Cape Town Opera, Western Cape Choral Music Association and communities in the Beaufort West region. It is our intention to maximise the potential of Choral Music in the Western Cape, through drawing our partners closer and strengthening networks we have made.

Our collaborative work has afforded youth an opportunity to experience both the artistic, professional stage and technical aspects of the arts. A new approach to craft development has been introduced whereby museums will be used as outlets to promote, market and sell crafts. Our aim is to ensure the upward mobility of crafters throughout the value chain.

In order to succeed we need to further nurture and develop our relationships with the national and provincial Departments, professional organisations, municipalities, academia and key persons in the arts fraternity who to date have never faltered in their support for all we do. For this we profusely thank them.

†Agbare Speaker, Museumdienste sal R60 443 000 van die algehele 2018/19 Departementele begroting ontvang. Museums neem gewoonlik klein getallemense in diens maar verteenwoordig 'n toegangspoort tot die toerismiekonomie vir die meeste klein dorpie. Die ontwikkeling en bevordering van toerisme kan dus sosio-ekonomiese toestande verbeter. Toegang tot museums vir voorheen gemarginaliseerde gemeenskappe is belangrik om die visie van 'n maatskaplik inklusiewe samelewing te realiseer. Gegewe hierdie doelwitte is museum aanbiedinge uiters belangrik. Die Museumdiens sal dus voortgaan met sy program van transformasie deur die hernuwing van uitstallings en gemeenskapskonsultasie by geaffilieerde museums. Aan die einde van die 2017/18 boekjaar is 'n nuwe Raad van Trustees vir die Kangogrotte aangestel. Ons vertrou dat die nuwe raad die negatiewe gevolge van die destydse ANC Regering se wanbestuur suksesvol sal teenwerk. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Die Houtbaai Museum is besig om 'n samewerkingsooreenkoms met die Denis Goldberg Legacy Foundation Trust te stig, wat daarop gemik is om die House of Hope, 'n nuwe Kuns en Kultuur Onderwys en Opleidingsentrum in Houtbaai, te bou. Professor Denis Goldberg het aktief gewerk aan die bevryding van Suid-Afrika, en is 'n bekende anti-apartheid- en menseregte

aktivis. Die Museumdiens sal voortgaan om 'n wesentliche bydrae te lewer tot werkskepping deur middel van die Uitgebreide Openbare Werke Program, of soos meer algemeen bekend, die EPWP.

In 2017/18 is meer as 170 werkseleenthede binne museums moontlik gemaak. Die Museumdiens sal kyk na opsies om werkskeppingsgeleenthede verder uit te brei in 2018/19. Die Museumdiens sal twee nuwe reisende uitstallings ontwikkel om museums te ondersteun in hulle pogings om besoekers te lok en te behou. As deel van die aktiwiteite wat daarop gemik is om inklusiewe gemeenskappe te bou sal die Drostyd Museum, die Montagu Museum en Stellenbosch Museum hul aanbod uitbrei deur verhale wat voorheen ontoeganklik was, soos die Khoekhoe geskiedenis en slawerny te behandel.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Madam Speaker, Museum Services will receive R60 443 000 of the total 2018/19 Departmental Budget. Museums usually employ small numbers of people but represent a gateway to the tourism economy for most of the smaller towns. The development and promotion of tourism can therefore improve socio-economic conditions. Access to museums for previously marginalised communities is important to realise the vision of a socially inclusive society. Given these goals, museum presentations are extremely important. The Museum Services will therefore continue its programme of transformation through the renewal of exhibitions and community

consultation at affiliated museums. At the end of the 2017/18 financial year, a new Board of Trustees was appointed for the Cango Caves. We trust that the new board will successfully rectify the negative results of the past ANC Government's mismanagement. [Interjections.]

The Hout Bay Museum is establishing an agreement of cooperation with the Denis Goldberg Legacy Foundation Trust, aimed at building the House of Hope, a new Arts and Culture Teaching and Training Centre in Hout Bay. Professor Denis Goldberg actively worked for the freedom of South Africa, and is a well-known anti-apartheid and human rights activist. The Museum Services will continue to make a real contribution to job creation through the Extended Public Works Programme, or generally better known as the EPWP.

In 2017/18 more than 170 job possibilities have been made possible within museums. The Museum Services will look at options to further extend job creation opportunities in 2018/19. The Museum Services will develop two travelling exhibitions to support museums in their efforts to lure and retain visitors. As part of the activities aimed at building inclusive communities, the Drostdy Museum, the Montagu Museum and Stellenbosch Museum will expand their presentations by dealing with narratives that were previously not accessible, such as the Khoi Khoi history and slavery.]

†For the 2018/19 financial year, Heritage Resource Services will receive R8 705 000. In the past financial year there have been significant developments in the Province's commitment to identify, conserve, protect

and promote the heritage resources of the Western Cape Province. In this regard, our Department has steadily worked to promote significant archaeological sites, as part of the country's tentative listing of a World Heritage Site serial nomination for the Early Modern Humans, Pleistocene Occupation Sites, which includes three sites in the Western Cape - Diepkloof Rock Shelter, Blombos Cave and Pinnacle Point Site Complex. Integrated Conservation Management Plans have been developed for each of these sites and the Department is working to establish the Western Cape management authority structure for these sites over the next few months. The development of a nomination dossier for the Western Cape sites is in progress, and all these efforts form the basis for the further development of an Archaeological and Palaeontological Heritage Tourism Route, which aims to promote heritage tourism in the province.

The Department has been actively involved in the Technical Committee of the National Resistance and Liberation Heritage Route in respect of three sites in the Western Cape. These sites include the Robben Island Prison Landscape and sites related to Nelson Mandela's Route to Freedom. These include the Mandela House at Drakenstein Correctional Facility and Cape Town City Hall, and finally, the site related to the first confrontation between Khoi herders and the Portuguese in 1510, referred to as †“Tussen die Riviere”, [“Between the Rivers”], referring to the Liesbeeck River and the Black River.

A Provincial Heritage Resources Management Bill is currently being drafted, which the Department envisions will create much required certainty in as far

as how development and heritage conservation can co-exist in order to promote economic growth and job creation.

In recognition of and in celebrating the province's diverse heritage, the Department, through its entity, Heritage Western Cape, has declared the site of the Rocklands Civic Centre in Rocklands Mitchells Plain as a provincial heritage site. The significance of the site relates to the national inaugural launch of the United Democratic Front at the locale on 20 August 1983. In addition, the Auwal Masjid in Bo-Kaap, Cape Town has been declared a provincial heritage site as the oldest mosque in the Southern Hemisphere. Moreover, Heritage Western Cape will proclaim Hostel 33 in Lwandle as a Provincial Heritage Site. Hostel 33 is a reminder of the brutality of the migrant labour system and is currently used as part of the Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum.

Madam Speaker, geographical names provide a sense of identity and belonging to our communities. A highly emotive aspect of debate is the ongoing transformation of the heritage landscape in South Africa through changes in existing geographical names. There are more than 12 000 geographical names in the province of the Western Cape. In order to establish how communities feel about these names I am proud to announce that the Department has launched an audit of all offensive names in the Western Cape. The deadline for submission is 31 March 2018.

Furthermore, the standardisation and verification of all 12 000 geographical names in the Western Cape is progressing well. This process involves researching the historical background of every name, capturing the information and correcting the spelling of geographical names, where necessary.

Madam Speaker, I am delighted that our Oral History Initiative, aimed at documenting the oral histories of Western Cape residents for future generations to celebrate their heritage, is going from strength to strength. Much of the history of our communities is preserved only in the minds of their storytellers. Oral testimonies recorded on video are available at the participating libraries and the Provincial Archives.

The OHI is one of the Department's most welcomed projects across the province. After each roll out more residents are keen to be interviewed to share and document their stories.

Since its launch in 2015, approximately 193 interviews have been documented as the OHI has already been rolled out in each district. Following the success of the OHI, the couple Diaan Lawrenson and Jody Abrahams approached us in late 2016 to assist in the production of the Via TV series, "*Wat is in n Naam?*" in which they explore their roots through their families' stories. Some of the episodes were filmed at the Western Cape Archives and Records Services, where they researched the content. The Western Cape Archive and Records Service provides family history, research

assistance to the public who are interested in tracing their family history using archival records. Oral history seeks to provide a missing narrative in the history of the people of the Western Cape, which may have been carried from generation to generation through oral tradition. Both these services are indicative of our Department's dedication and contribution to social history and inclusivity.

The series, "*Wat is in 'n Naam?*" promotes the services available at the archives and shows in real terms the importance of tracing and knowing your family history. The production has garnered much attention and continues to increase its viewership, which resulted in the inclusion of Emo and Michelle Adams' personal history journey as well.

Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to Diaan and Jody for their ongoing support and passion to drive social inclusivity through arts and cultural affairs.

†Agb Speaker, met die R5 377 000 toegewys aan die Departement se Taaldienste sal ons voortgaan om taalsteundienste in al drie die amptelike tale van die Wes-Kaap in al die departemente van die Provinsiale Regering en tolkdienste, waar moontlik, te verskaf, insluitende Suid-Afrikaanse Gebaretaal-tolking en Nama.

Dit is ons mandaat om kultuur binne die Wes-Kaap te bewaar, te bevorder en te ontwikkel. In ooreenstemming met die mandaat is die tradisionele manlike inisiasieprogram ingestel en die program het sedert 2008 geweldig uitgebrei.

Dit het beteken dat samewerking met gemeenskappe, praktisyns, staatsdepartemente en entiteite soos CapeNature, munisipaliteite en tradisionele chirurge en versorgers nodig was.

Agb Speaker, laat my toe om my meegevoel aan die familie en geliefdes van jong mans wat in die somerseisoen gesterf het, uit te spreek. Ek wil almal die gerusstelling gee dat die Departement en sy vennote in die gemeenskap sal voortgaan om stelsels en meganismes in werking te stel om risiko's te verminder en uiteindelik 'n veilige en gesonde inisiasie deurgangroete te verseker. Gedurende die nuwe boekjaar sal die Departement sy intervensies en ondersteuning versterk insluitende die registrasie van tradisionele chirurge en versorgers.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Madam Speaker, with the R5 377 000 allocated to the Department's Language Services, we will continue to provide language support services in all three official languages of the Western Cape in all the departments of the Provincial Government and interpreting services, including South African Sign Language interpretation and Nama, where possible.

It is our mandate to preserve, promote and develop culture within the Western Cape. In accordance with the mandate the traditional male initiation programme was introduced and the programme has expanded enormously since 2008. That meant that cooperation with communities, practitioners,

government departments and entities such as CapeNature, municipalities and traditional surgeons and carers were necessary.

Madam Speaker, allow me to express my condolences with the family and loved ones of young men who died during the summer season. I would like to give all the peace of mind that the Department and its partners in the community will continue to put systems and mechanisms in place to reduce risks and eventually ensure a safe and healthy initiation passage. During the new financial year the Department will strengthen its interventions and support, including the registration of traditional surgeons and carers.]

Library and Archive Services are allocated R349 566 000 to promote, develop and transform sustainable library, information and archive services. In 2009 the Western Cape had 330 public library service points. I am happy to announce that we now have 371, which translates to 41 more communities being empowered.

We also currently have 222 rural libraries with 1076 PC workstations with free internet access to the public. A total of 184 of these libraries are part of the Western Cape Broadband Project and 125 have 24/7 Wi-Fi outside the library. Since 2009, 26 new libraries have been built, 17 of them with full funding from the Department's Conditional Grant.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our Department supports the holistic growth of individuals through sport, development and sport promotion. In addition to promoting cultural affairs, we allocated R185 523 000 to Programme 4, Sport

and Recreation, to use sport as a tool to offer our youth an alternative to the social ills ravaging our communities.

In the wake of the worst drought to hit the Western Cape in decades, sport participation has been negatively affected. There are an estimated one million sportspeople in the City of Cape Town and the greater Western Cape who play one or more of the 73 recognised sporting codes. There are also approximately 120 000 learners who participate in school sport. It goes without saying, due to the water restrictions there has been and will be a decrease in sporting participation in sporting events, in income for clubs, in sporting tourism and we then subsequently run the risk of the possible increase in social ills as our youth are not as involved in their respective codes as they once were.

Sport fields and the maintenance thereof falls under the ambit of either the relevant municipality or school. Sport clubs and federations making use of these facilities have to adhere to the water restrictions implemented by the municipality as well as the water saving efforts agreed to by the various federations. To date, in support of continued sporting activity, our Department engaged with the custodians of sport in the Western Cape, through the various sport federations. The Cape Town Sport Council held a meeting with their federations with representations from the City of Cape Town sharing challenges and successes. Different clubs have become innovative in their measures to ensure continued sport participation while water restrictions have been imposed. A rugby club in Kylemore instead

positively considered the challenge as a team building exercise and has since February 2018 requested each team member to bring at least two litres of their grey water to practice sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays in a bid to maintain their grounds to allow for future games to be played at the facility. To benefit the upliftment of clubs and communities, it is indeed important to incorporate a whole-of-society approach as we all have an instrumental role to play in reducing demand on our natural resources.

Madam Speaker, to further our support of continued sporting activities in the province, our Sport Directorate has also allocated R540 000 to the Drakenstein, Cape Agulhas, Laingsburg, George and Saldanha Municipalities. Each municipality is to receive R108 000 to drill a borehole at a facility crucial to allow sport to continue. This amount will cover the costs of drilling the pump as well as a reservoir tank.

With the appropriated R45 468 000 the Sport Directorate will support 131 sport federations - an additional 11 more than the previous financial year; six district sport councils - all of which are represented by their respective chairpersons in the gallery today - and the Western Cape Provincial Sport Confederation, through transfer funding. The Club Development Programme continues to support 180 clubs through provision of capacity building, transport, equipment and attire.

An amount of R5 473 000 will support the 131 federations of which R260 000 will be allocated for transformation projects. R400 000 will be set aside for

the assistance to athletes and administrators performing international duty. This financial support to accredited sport structures enables the various federations and sport councils to fulfil their mandate by promoting and developing the respective codes in the Western Cape. The funding of the federations promotes greater participation in sport, social inclusion and contributes to a healthier lifestyle amongst all who call the Western Cape home. Through their respective development, administrative, transformation and capacity building projects, sport federations will nurture and develop athletes with potential from grassroots to elite levels. These athletes, coaches and administrators participate at national and international spheres and serve as role models and beacons of inspiration, which contribute to the overall empowerment of our communities, particularly the disadvantaged areas.

Madam Speaker, to ensure that the Western Cape Provincial Government's objectives are achieved, sport federations have accepted that a sport development, growth and transformation agenda will be followed. Therefore, the following historically disadvantaged sectors of the Western Cape Sport community will be given preference in terms of development programmes - our rural areas, our youth, our women and sport for people with disabilities.

In April I will personally be presenting the following funds to the six sport councils and district municipalities in support of their respective federations:

- Cape Winelands: to receive R1 170 000
- West Coast: R 530 000

- Eden: R1 390 000
- Cape Metro: R1 740 000
- Overberg: R280 000 and
- Central Karoo: R90 000

For us to constructively contribute to nation building and to offer better prospects to our youth, we have to invest in community building first. We have established various partnerships to encourage community support, participation and unity. Amongst many others, the Department has strengthened its partnerships with Nedbank, Old Mutual and other organisations.

In the past year we have also engaged with various stakeholders who are genuinely determined to uplift communities through sport and we will continue our collaborative efforts to offer our youth the very best we possibly can. I look forward to further engagements with the Bonga Cycling Academy managed by the 27-year old, Mr Bonga Ngqobane and team in the gallery today. I was fortunate to visit the academy in Makhaza, Khayelitsha and was left hopeful and inspired by their remarkable efforts, selflessly conducted in the area with the buy-in of the community to create greater opportunities for their fellow youth through sport and education.

To boost economic growth and job creation in each district, we will again provide financial support to major events in this financial year. These include mega events like the Cape Town Cycle Tour, Two Oceans Marathon Race, the Cape Town Marathon, the Outeniqua Wheelchair Challenge, ABSA Cape

Epic, the Foot of Africa Marathon, Sevens Cape Town Tournament and the Western Province Ice Hockey International Championship.

In partnership with the respective municipalities and district sport councils we will continue to support municipalities in the provision of sport festivals in Knysna, Oudtshoorn, Mossel Bay and George.

†Ek is bly om te bevestig dat ons Departement die Golden Games in die Wes-Kaap vir die 2018/19 boekjaar sal ondersteun. Die implikasie van die begrotingsbeperking en beperkte finansiële hulpbronne is dat hierdie ondersteuning beperk word tot geleenthede op distriksvlak. 'n Bedrag van R80 000 vir elke distrik is geallokeer om die leemtes in die logistieke reëlings van die projek te vul. Ons Departement waardeer ons munisipale vennootskappe en ons het die grootste lof vir die verbintenis om ons senior burgers in elke distrik in die provinsie as geheel te ondersteun.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[I am pleased to confirm that our Department will support the Golden Games in the Western Cape for the 2018/19 financial year. The implication of the budget restriction and limited financial resources is that this support is limited to opportunities at district level. An amount of R80 000 is allocated for each district to fill the vacuum in the logistical arrangements of the project. Our Department appreciates our municipal partnerships and we have

the highest regard for the commitment to support our senior citizens in every district in the province as a whole.]

†Madam Speaker, R33 337 000 is allocated to school sport. I congratulate our school athletes who in spite of adverse circumstances achieved outstanding performances this year, some who are present here today. I do not want to mention all the names. I will greet you at our tea and coffee just after this Budget Vote.

†Agb Speaker, ons MOD Program word regoor die provinsie by laerskole en hoërskole aangebied. Oor die algemeen funksioneer primêre skoolgebaseerde MOD Sentrums as die voeder vir hul naburige hoërskoolgebaseerde MOD Sentrums. Op hierdie wyse word die leerder die geleentheid gebied om deurlopend toegang en blootstelling aan geleenthede wat deur die MOD Program aangewend word, te ontvang vir 'n tydperk van minstens twaalf jaar. MOD Sentrums is hoofsaaklik in kwesbare gebiede. Dit is die konteks waarin die meeste, indien nie elk van die MOD Sentrums, geleë is.

Agb Speaker met die R53 807 000 toegeken aan die MOD Program sal ons proaktief stappe doen om maatreëls in plek te stel om elke sentrum te verbeter afhangende van hul spesifieke behoeftes.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Madam Speaker, our MOD Programme is offered all across the province at primary schools and high schools. In general primary school based MOD Centres function as the feeder for their neighbouring high school based MOD Centres. In this manner the learner is offered the opportunity to continuously receive access and exposure to opportunities that are applied by the MOD Programme for a period of at least twelve years. MOD Centres are mainly in vulnerable areas. It is the context in which most, if not each of the MOD Centres, is situated.]

Madam Speaker, with the R53 807 000 allocated to the MOD Programme we will proactively take steps to put measures in place to improve each centre depending on their specific needs.]

†The Western Cape Government is leading government innovation to ensure low- and no-fee learners are able to access expanded education opportunities through the provision of comprehensive quality after-school programmes. These offer learners an opportunity to find their passions, build confidence, learn valuable life skills and improve educational outcomes. By expanding opportunities, the After School Game-Changer aims to provide young people with positive, constructive activities after school hours and reduce risk taking and anti-social behaviour. We create opportunities for learners to thrive and become active productive citizens.

In achieving this goal, we are targeting a footprint in at least 300 schools in the coming year. The Ministry and the After School Game-Changer

Directorate have been engaging with various stakeholders such as Heal the Hood, Impact through Sport, Cad4All and Oasis to contribute to the sustainability of the MOD Programme as well as to offer our learners increased options to which they can relate.

Not only does sporting activities create a sense of belonging, teamwork, respect, self-confidence, passion, pride, hope and unity, it also provides focus, direction, purpose, expression and especially hope for the future. It is for this reason that sporting activities have been identified as a contributing factor to the Western Cape Government's Game-Changer of tackling alcohol abuse. If our youth are occupied with positive development programmes they can be deemed youth with potential rather than youth at risk as anti-social activities such as substance abuse and gangsterism fail to then become a priority. In collaboration with Oasis Reach for your Dreams, our Department launched a pilot project of the 4-A-Side Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer program in Khayelitsha and Gugulethu to test the response to such an initiative.

At the venue in Khayelitsha stronger security measures and neighbourhood watches were introduced to encourage participants from rival conflicting gang areas to join us on a Friday and Saturday night. Pamphlets were also distributed in the area to encourage youth to join. The objective here was to create a healthy sporting alternative on a Friday and Saturday night to those who would typically frequent local liquor outlets, therefore positively occupying at least 30 participants per night, per venue for four to five hours.

Attendance and participation in the programme increased over a 10-week period, totalling approximately 168 participants in Khayelitsha and 162 in Gugulethu.

We are grateful to the Oasis team led by Mr Cliffy Martinus and coaches Bongani Mathiso and Sergio van der Ross. They have undoubtedly made a significant impact in the lives of those they supported and will continue to empower in this coming financial year.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, our Department plays a fundamental role in the social inclusivity of our diverse population, which inevitably opens the much needed dialogue on identity, allowing for respect, understanding and cultural acceptance, all of which creates a sense of belonging. I can go on and on about the long lasting impactful work this Department does for our communities. However, the time limit does not allow for me to elaborate on all of this. The people on the ground must however know about the positive developments amidst the controversy. Our youth must be provided with beacons of hope as they find themselves in vulnerable spaces and these role models exist in our sportspeople and rising arts and cultural stars. Our people are in dire need of renewed hope that as a nation, we are united in our will to flourish and progress.

†Hierdie Departement het toegewyde personeel en ons konstruktiewe programme het die vermoë om lewens in die Wes-Kaap te verander en die galerye sit vol vanmiddag van al ons organisasies, wat ek nie kan noem nie,

wat betrokke is om die Wes-Kaap se gemeenskappe te verander en hoop te bewerkstellig. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[This Department has dedicated staff and our constructive programmes have the ability to change lives in the Western Cape, and the galleries are full this afternoon of all our organisations, which I cannot name, that are involved in changing the Western Cape's communities and are creating hope. I thank you. [Applause.]]

†'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you hon Minister. I now see the hon Max.

Mr L H MAX: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, on 16 February 2018 President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered his maiden speech... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr L H MAX: ...at the State of the Nation Address commonly known as SONA. This piece was welcomed like rain on dry land and like a summer's day in the middle of winter, a speech I assume not only inspired many South

Africans and the rest of the world but also in particular inspired me. This was not only a speech that gave people hope and shape expectations of a better government for the people, but also a speech that created fear amongst the corrupt few. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier.

Mr L H MAX: I recall the lyrics, Mr Deputy Speaker, of the late musician, Mr Hugh Masekela, which the President shared during SONA.

“I wanna be there when the people start to turn it around; when they triumph over poverty I wanna be there, when the people win the battle against AIDS I wanna lend a hand, I wanna be there for the alcoholic, I wanna be there for the drug addict, I wanna be there for the victims of violence and abuse, I wanna lend a hand. Send me, Thuma mina...”

An HON MEMBER: Thuma mina.

Mr L H MAX: The President, in so doing, brought culture into the main arena of nation building and I personally want to thank him for that. The message of the President and the message of the late Hugh Masekela is a clear indication of how culture as well as sport unite South Africans behind the common vision of one nation, inspiring them to put the people first, *Batho Pele* principles.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly, exactly!

Mr L H MAX: This aim is not to criticise any course of action taken by elected officials but to lend a hand to ensure a better South Africa for all who live in it. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, I have no doubt that when the late Mr Masekela put these lyrics together he had a DA-led Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports in mind. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Like Mr Masekela, this Department's vision is to create a socially inclusive, creative, active, connected Western Cape, to achieve excellence and inclusiveness in sport and culture through the effective, efficient and sustainable use of our resources and through creative partnerships. To move towards excellence requires making the Western Cape the sports and culture centre of South Africa. The DA will create the conditions for this through access and [Inaudible.] participation, talent identification and skills development. I look forward to seeing this achieved during this financial year as the DA-led Western Cape Government is on track to spend more than 99% of its 2018/19 Budget allocation. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, I know that the DA-led Western Cape Government will achieve its vision because the DA goes above and beyond. During 2017 and 2018 financial year alone this Department provided 347 jobs through the

Expanded Public Works Programme to unemployed and unskilled individuals as mentioned by the hon Minister. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: When are you taking over? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni!

Mr L H MAX: The DA-led Western Cape Government goes above and beyond. The DA-led Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs is able to achieve its vision. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon member Max, sorry, I just need to ask your support as to just tone down a little so that we can actually hear you. [Interjections.] There is too much noise. Hon members, your cooperation, please. [Interjections.] You may proceed, Thuma mina.

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, the DA-led Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports is able to achieve its vision due to the coordination offered by its first programme, Administration. The aim of this programme is to provide financial and strategic management and administrative support. This Department goes above and beyond as it will address its small budget allocation by incrementally increasing its budget over the next three years. [Interjections.] Thus the DA has a long-term commitment to ensuring that its vision is realised, despite the challenges that are faced. [Interjections.]

I am pleased to see that the Department's aim is to provide arts and culture, museums, heritage, language-related services to residents through its second programme, Cultural Affairs.

Ms P Z LEKKER: That is for the Premier.

Mr L H MAX: These crucial services, Madam Speaker, are in turn supported by public entities including Heritage Western Cape, Western Cape Cultural Commission, Western Cape Language Committee, Geographical Names Committee and proclaimed statutory bodies. Allow me once again to remind my colleagues that the DA goes above and beyond. [Interjections.]

The Department demonstrated their commitment to achieve their vision through their second programme... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L H MAX: ...which calls for an audit of all offensive geographical names in the Western Cape. [Interjection.] The Minister also alluded to that. This will assist in fostering social cohesion and encourage inclusivity while also enhancing a common national identity. Furthermore, it demonstrates the DA's commitment to redressing and to heal the scars of the past. [Interjections.]

In addition to this the audit gives residents and stakeholders a sense of ownership as they become actively involved in the transformation of places

and spaces. The names submitted will redress any streets, squares, parks, suburbs, other geographical areas rooted in colonialism, apartheid, racism, violence and bigotry through the third programme, the Library and Archives Services Programme, and the Department aims to improve on its comprehensive library and archives services in the Western Cape. This includes amongst others, the management of library services and archives, which are vital for the transformation and transferring of knowledge from one generation to another. The DA-led Government in the Western Cape's commitment to excellence and supporting all residents, is evidenced by its implementation of 232 libraries in rural areas. This year the library and archives programmes propose new libraries and renovations to existing libraries. [Interjections.] How does the DA go above and beyond? Not only our libraries and archives... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier!

Mr R T OLIVIER: Sorry, Madam Speaker.

Mr L H MAX: ...maintained and sustained but they are also being upgraded with broadband through a Municipal Replacement Funding Programme of R345 million. Madam Speaker, the fourth programme, Sports and Recreation...

An HON MEMBER: The fourth one.

Mr L H MAX: ...aims to provide sporting recreation activities available for the inhabitants of the Western Cape. The DA once again goes above and beyond. This programme's aim will be achieved through its subprogrammes which include management, recreational activities, school sports and mass participation, opportunity and access, development and growth.

Madam Speaker, allow me to focus on the MOD Programme. The DA-led Western Cape's commitment to going above and beyond is demonstrated as inspectors are sent fortnightly to ensure that these after-care facilities, which provide recreational activities including sports and arts, are working effectively and efficiently. The success of this programme is evidenced by the stories of Kaylin Jordaan and Unathi Makhambe. Kaylin started participating in the MOD Programme at Sentinel Primary School in 2009. She continued participating when she moved to Hout Bay High School MOD Centre. She attended the programme daily and moved to the next level participation by joining the Hout Bay Football Club. She was called up at a national level in 2016 after attending trials and is currently attending TUKS University High Performance Centre in Pretoria. Just two months ago she was selected as the captain of the Under-17 South African ladies team and led them to qualification for the Under-17 Women's World Cup taking place in Uruguay in November 2018. Unathi... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Unathi.

Mr L H MAX: ...attended the MOD Programme at Walter Teka Primary School.

Ms P MAKELENI: Walter Teka.

Mr L H MAX: While attending Linge Primary School he received a scholarship to study at Chris Hani Arts and Culture Focus School. Unathi continued to attend the MOD Programme often at Oscar Mpetha High School... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Oscar Mpetha.

Mr L H MAX: ...where he received training by coaches after school. [Interjections.] After matriculating he received a bursary to study at the University of Cape Town. He is currently completing his diploma in dance education, that once again proves the DA goes above and beyond. [Interjections.] This Department's commitment to providing services that benefit all of the province's residents is further seen as the Department's partnership with the University of the Western Cape... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: We understand.

Mr L H MAX: ...to facilitate a music literacy programme. [Interjections.] This programme nurtures the musical talent of students from disadvantaged backgrounds by teaching them to read music. To date 20 persons have

graduated from the three year programme. Another success story of the DA-led Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports is its focus on rural sport. I welcome the Club Development Programme which aims to revive and revitalise clubs that have become non-functional due to a lack of administrative capacity... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: That is a cut-back.

Mr L H MAX: ...access to funding for transport, training kit and equipment. This opportunity is a step in the right direction as it provides more opportunities and access for sports to poorer communities and will create transformation within our national sporting teams. Madam Speaker, as a DA public representative I would fail in my duty if I do not further commend the Department under Minister Marais' leadership for once again achieving a clean audit whilst coordinating various successful programmes. I commend Minister Anroux Marais for the Cool To Be Me Project in Gugulethu. This provides our children with an alternative to a life of crime and an opportunity to develop a future as sports heroes with a high emotional intelligence.

It is clear that the DA goes above and beyond. The HOD, Mr Brent Waters, is also to be commended as he was the recipient of the Bronze Medal for the Best Functioning Department in the country. This is not a case of potluck but is indicative of the extraordinary political commitment and leadership of my colleague, Minister Anroux Marais.

Minister Marais, please note the following... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L H MAX: Minister Marais, please note the following and I quote:

“The best leaders do not come down harder on people whose performance is lacking. They come to their aid.”

That is you.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr L H MAX: It must be noted that Artscape under the leadership of the CEO Dr Marlene Le Roux has received a clean audit for five consecutive years.

†Die PREMIER: Mooi!

[The PREMIER: Good!]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

Mr L H MAX: Artscape values its staff and is a frontrunner in transformation, fraud and risk management. During my visits at the institution it was clear that Artscape aims to bring the theatre to the people.

It serves not only a particular group but people of all walks of life, hence last year more than 300 learners saw professional productions at their school in Grabouw where the Voice winner Robin Peters also performed.

Well done to Dr Le Roux, the CFO and other seniors for their unselfish commitment to the service to the people of the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is that Marlene?

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, I would like to state unequivocally and without fear of contradiction that whilst President Ramaphosa and the late Mr Masekela asked others to take action and to lend a hand, the DA's Minister Anroux Marais and her Department were already in action in helping and interacting [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr L H MAX: Her presence, the presence of the audience here today is testimony of the Department's involvement and the leadership of Minister Marais. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr L H MAX: In conclusion Madam Speaker, I fully support this Budget and I would like to thank the Department, the HOD, civil service for their hard

work and in particular I would like to thank my colleague Minister Marais for a job well done. [Interjections.]

I want to lend a hand, send me, Thuma mina.

An HON MEMBER: Thuma mina.

Mr L H MAX: I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Max. I now see the hon member Gopie. If we can just calm down. We have a member on the floor please. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Premier did not clap, Max. She is watching you from this side. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members, you have a speaker on the floor. You may proceed hon Gopie.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole, warm kole! Gooi!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals, hot coals! Throw!]

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi! †Bedaar, asseblief! [Calm down, please.]

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you Madam Speaker. This debate comes during the time in which South Africa is celebrating Human Rights Month.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: On 21 March we celebrated Human Rights Day, a commemoration of the Sharpeville massacre. It is important to highlight that fact because Marcus Gawai is reminding us that:

“A people without the knowledge of their past history or religion and culture is like a tree without roots.”

At this stage allow me to relay a message from the Lynch Royal House. The message is saying:

“Pleading with this Government to recognise the Korana and other tribes as indigenous people in the Western Cape...”

They are also saying:

“Our Khoi language must be acknowledged and digitalised so it can be available on the internet for easy access to all. We have youth who are

willing to engage in the advancing of the culture, heritage but funding remained a huge challenge.”

This request is in line with Section 5.3 of the Western Cape Constitution. It is also in line with Section 30 of the Language Culture, as well as Section 31, Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communication of the South African Constitution.

This Department is failing the indigenous people in this regard. The Western Cape Language Policy aims, amongst others, to promote multi-linguism amongst the people of the Western Cape and to elevate the status and advance the use of those indigenous languages of historically diminished persons such as those of the Khoi and the San language.

It is sad that this Budget does not make provision to support the elevation of advancing indigenous languages. This Department is also responsible to ensure the promotion of equal status of the three official languages of the province. It is really disappointing that the APP of this Department was only in English. There were no translations of isiXhosa and Afrikaans. When we raised that issue in the Standing Committee, they referred us to the discs that were available, but not in books. That is not their only failure. This Department is responsible for creating a socially inclusive, creative and a connected Western Cape. How do you create a socially inclusive society on the foundation of a most unequal society such as the Western Cape? The gap between the rich and the poor is widened by the day.

The DA's unwavering support and determination to protect the property clause is contributing enormously to maintaining spatial apartheid. The Department that is still in existence today, not only maintains the tale of Two Cities, the better served Northern Suburbs and Southern Suburbs and the tumbling down Uitsig and other Cape Flats societies, where young people are facing a bleak future.

The Minister, in her speech when speaking today, mentioned the need for development of youth in the communities we serve, yet in Uitsig there are no recreational facilities. The DA is closing down the only high school the community had. There are no libraries. The Department, with close to 50% of its expenditure on libraries, did not even think to build a library in such a community. It is really not surprising that the youth in Uitsig and other Cape Flats communities turn to a life of drugs and gangs.

That school could have been a beacon of hope for that community, if it was assisted by a Department that is thinking of developing such communities, in terms of providing them with computers, access to Wi-Fi, but no, instead they are told that the school will be closing down.

This Department is failing on its mandate and consequentially pushing many young people into an undesirable life of crime. Put differently, many young people end up in gangs as a result of the failure of this Department and the Provincial Government, to fund new development initiatives.

The MEC is lamenting that the EPWP integrated grant has been decreased by the National Government. She omitted important information, that both the Equitable Share and the Conditional Grant from the National Government increased by more than 271%. This is really commendable from the National Government.

The people's Government indeed continues to show its bias towards the poor and the marginalised. What is regrettable, Madam Speaker, is the huge decline in the total departmental receipts. This is reminiscent of a Department with a serious leadership crisis.

The Department must take ownership of its failure and not shift the goalposts by wanting to blame the National Government.

Mr D JOSEPH: Who wrote that speech?

Ms D GOPIE: Let me reiterate, Madam Speaker, we welcome the increase in both the Equitable Share and Conditional Grant. Let me also tell you what is not welcome. The decrease in the Budget in sub-programme 2.2, Arts and Culture, which aims to facilitate the development, privatisation and promotion of art and culture in the Western Cape.

It is really unacceptable. Maybe if this Department prioritised this programme, such pleas and complaints and the [Inaudible.] I open, would not be there. Maybe the culture of the Korana people in the Western Cape could

be promoted and preserved.

Under Programme 2, I note that transfers to NPO's have been decreased by over 16%. This is a direct onslaught on the Arts and Culture group in the townships, who are responsible for taking youth out of the streets and rehabilitating them through drama and other activities.

28% of this Department's Budget goes to compensation of employees. 50% is transferred to municipalities and entities. That is 78% of the expenditure. 33% of the 50% goes directly to municipalities. This is mostly used for the Library and Archives Services. This relegating of the Department's core function to municipalities is unacceptable.

Programme 3, Library and Archives Services is a mandate of the Department. Why is the Minister then taking an important task such as this to the municipalities? If the Department is unable to execute its responsibilities, it must ask for assistance or even better, the Minister can ask to be relieved from her duties if she is not up to the task.

Programme 4 of this Department deals with Sport and Recreation. Under the programme you get the major events component, with specific focus on hosting which contributes to the GDP of the province. It includes the academies, club development, recreation as well as the MOD programme. I want to speak briefly about this programme.

This Department is planning to decrease the budget for clubs in the rural areas. This can be picked up in what they say, that 50% of the Budget is dedicated to the rural programme. Therefore a repositioning is necessary for club development.

This Department, under the programme, endeavours to further the establishment of an environment within the MOD Centres that promotes regular and sustained participation by the learners in after school activities, which contributes towards positive youth development.

It is really troubling that a lot of money is being pumped into this programme yet it fails to address the plight of young people, who are forced to a life of drugs and gangs, while the Minister speaks of building self-esteem of youth.

With all its aims mentioned about this programme, [Inaudible.] the Budget for school sport, a critical component of youth development. This Department is also decreasing the budget for the MOD Programme. It is highly disturbing and disappointing that this Department is decreasing this budget, despite receiving additional funding from the National Government for this sub-programme. The Minister spoke about MOD Centres for primary and high schools but here is a school that did not receive any assistance from this Department.

The MEC and the Department through this Budget are communicating a clear message that they are against youth development in the province. This

assertion is further supported by the Budget cut on the training for library services.

Under Programme 4 the compensation of employees is decreased. Is the Department retrenching staff? The budget for social contribution is also decreased. The budget for Training and Development is decreased. By its own admission, the Department says it spends a lot of money on catering, on departmental events. Also, the MOD Programme and the after-school activities require a lot of catering to sustain.

Over and above these issues, there is a VAT increase, which may affect the price of the food. On all its programmes except for Programme 1, the Department is decreasing its expenditure on catering, on Departmental activities, unless [Inaudible.]. It is really shocking and the MEC needs to explain this. Are they scaling down on the MOD Programme or are they planning to decrease the number of activities for the Department?

I also see that the Chair spoke about Unathi that attended a MOD Centre at a high school in Hout Bay. So, my question is, is this community of Uitsig not entitled to have a MOD Centre, where our children in such communities can be assisted in order for them to develop like other kids? [Applause.]

Having said all the above, this Budget cannot be supported. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Gopie. In the absence of the EFF and the ACDP, I now see the honourable, the Minister. [Interjections.]
Order please.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, agb Speaker. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]]

†Mnr Q R DAYANTYI: Viva [Inaudible.] Viva! [Inaudible.]

[Mr Q R DAYANTYI: Viva [Onhoorbaar.] Viva! Onhoorbaar.]]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi. [Interjections.] Minister Winde, it is in the next session. I really hope we can hold on until then, hon member Dyantyi. You may proceed, Minister.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Dankie, agb Speaker. Eerstens wil ek sê, baie dankie aan adv Lennit Max vir sy volgehoute ondersteuning en die wyse waarop hy die Staande Komitee lei en ook aan die Staande Komitee lede, vir julle professionele oorsig en die konstruktiewe terugvoer. En ek wil noem, dit is vir my jammer dat die EFF en ACDP nie vandag in die Huis is nie. Miskien is daar goeie redes voor, maar ek dink dit is jammer want ek beskou hierdie portefeulje as een van die belangrikstes in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie.

Dan wil ek noem, agb Gopie, ons het 'n biblioteek, die Adriaanse Biblioteek is in stapafstand in Uitzicht. So daar is 'n biblioteek beskikbaar en hulle kan soontoe gaan. Dit is nie ver van hulle af nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Firstly I want to say, thank you to Adv Lennit Max for his continued support and the way in which he leads the Standing Committee, as well as to the Standing Committee members for your professional oversight and the constructive feedback. And I want to mention, it is a pity that the EFF and ACDP are not in the House today. Perhaps there are good reasons for it, but I think it is a pity because I regard this portfolio as one of the most important in the Western Cape Province.

Then I want to mention, hon Gopie, we do have a library, the Adriaanse Library is within walking distance in Uitzicht. So there is a library available and they can go there. It is not far from them. [Interjections.]]

The Speaker: Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: En dan ten opsigte van ons taal. Alle dokumentasie is in al drie landstale beskikbaar en ons onderhandel of ons is betrokke met die Korana-mense deur middel van ons Kultuur Kommissie. So, ons gee erkenning en ons het

Hulle is ook besig. Nama word nie meer so baie gepraat nie, maar Nama word wel in ons Department na gekyk en hulle is besig met 'n vertalingsboek daaroor ook. Dan wil ek sê, dis vir my jammer dat u politiek speel met hierdie portefeulje. Ek verstaan waarvandaan u kom, maar ek dink nie dis nodig nie.

Ons moet in ons gemeenskappe kommunikeer, veral in hierdie portefeulje. [Tussenwerpsels.] Op 'n manier,

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And then with regard to our language. All documentation is available in all three official languages and we are negotiating or we are involved with the Korana people through our Cultural Commission. So, we acknowledge them and we have engagements with all our different culture groups.

They are also busy. Nama is not spoken so often any more, but Nama is indeed being looked at in our Department and they are also working on a translation book about that. Then I want to say to you, it is sad for me that you are playing politics with this portfolio. I appreciate where you come from, but I do not think it is necessary.

We have to communicate within our communities, especially in this portfolio.

[Interjections.] In a way,) †I know we are politicians, but this [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: But this portfolio is not all about just politics. We must communicate with our people in a more far reaching way [Interjections.] than only to get a cross on a ballot paper. That is all that I want to say to you.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: I want to say, thank you so much for each and every one in the gallery. As I have said, there is about 100 people that accepted the invitation. 95 or 90 of them are people that are involved in the communities on all levels, Music, Arts, Sport. On all levels, in difficult circumstances and therefore I applaud you, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. That concludes this Vote. The House will be suspended for five minutes, to allow guests and officials to exit and we will resume in five minutes. Thank you. [Applause.]

[Business of the House suspended at 15:14 and resumed at 15:18]

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

†Die SEKRETARIS: Debat oor Begrotingspos 14 – Plaaslike Regering – Wes-Kaapse Begrotingswetsontwerp [W 3 – 2018]

[The SECRETARY: Debat on Vote 14 – Local Government – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 – 2018]]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Ek sien Minister Bredell, Minister van Plaaslike Regering.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Bredell, Minister of Local Government.]

†AGB LEDE: Hoor-hoor.

[HON MEMBERS; Hear-hear.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, agbare Premier, Kabinetskollegas, lede van die Parlement, Departementshoofde, eregaste, dames en here. Goeie middag en baie dankie vir die geleentheid.

Ek wil begin deur die statistiek voor te lees wat handel oor die hantering van die ergste droogte in 400 jaar in die Wes-Kaap. Soos u bewus sal wees, die Wes-Kaap Regering bestry reeds die afgelope vier jaar hierdie droogte regoor die hele provinsie. Ek wil graag een hoogtepunt uitlig van die hantering van hierdie ramp.

In Februarie 2015 het die Stad Kaapstad elke dag 1,2 miljard liter water gebruik. Drie jaar later, in 2018, toon die jongste data dat die stad nou 510 miljoen liter water per dag gebruik.

Binne drie jaar het die stad, met meer as 4 miljoen inwoners, dit reggekry om watergebruik met meer as die helfte te verminder. Ek wil die publiek, die media, die sakesektor en elke ander instelling en persoon wat hul deel bygedra het, bedank en gelukwens met hierdie prestasie. In 2015 ...
[Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Parliament, Heads of Department, honorary guests, ladies and gentlemen. Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity.

I would like to begin by reading statistics about dealing with the worst drought in 400 years in the Western Cape. As you are aware, the Western Cape Government has been fighting this drought for the past four years across the whole province. I would like to point out one highlight in dealing with this disaster.

In February 2015 the City of Cape Town had been using 1,2 billion litres of

water per day. Three years later, in 2018, the latest data shows that the city now uses 510 million litres of water per day.

Within three years the city, with more than 4 million inhabitants, managed to reduce water consumption by more than half. I want to thank and congratulate the public, the business sector and every other institution and person that have contributed on this achievement. In 2015 ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, just one second. Sorry, is it a point of order?

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to inform you that there is no English translation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I did not listen to that. I will follow that up. Can the Serjeant please check on that? Minister Bredell, you may proceed.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: In 2015 was die gemiddelde huishoudelike gebruik sowat 209 liter per persoon per dag. Vandag is dit minder as 87 liter per dag per persoon. Die situasie is weer 'n bewys van die feit dat Kapenaars kan saamstaan as dit saak maak.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: In 2015 the average domestic usage about 209 litres per person per day. Today it is less than 87 litres per day per person. The situation is again proof of the fact that Capetonians can stand together when it matters.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, as leaders of our communities we have the responsibility to ensure that we make an impact on people's lives. I am proud to say that as the Western Cape Government we have made strides in improving the living conditions of people of this province.

The Province continues to be the leader in the country when it comes to access to basic services. This is despite the continued population growth, Budget constraints and environmental disasters. My Department continues to strengthen its investment in infrastructure. We are at all times mindful of poverty, unemployment and inequalities, and the impact it has on our communities and we seek to continue to redress this situation.

When I look back in the past year, I am proud to say that my Department has introduced a number of programmes to enable people to improve their living conditions. These are the building blocks to creating more resilient cities.

One of such programmes is the Department's continuous commitment to strengthening the interface between communities and the municipalities. In collaboration with the Hans Seidel Foundation, the Department has embarked

on a civic education campaign on public participation. The purpose of this project is to educate and empower citizens with information that would enable them to meaningfully and effectively participate in the affairs of local government. This programme is built on the foundation of ensuring resilient communities in which citizens, civil society and business can partner with Government.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, nog 'n inisiatief waarop ek trots is, is die vertaling van die wykskomiteehandboek na al drie amptelike tale van die Wes-Kaap sowel as braille. Dié inisiatief is voortspruitend uit interaksie met wykskomitees en die gemeenskapslede waar die behoeftes geïdentifiseer is. Die braille handboek is reeds versprei na alle munisipaliteite in die provinsie met die versoek dat die boeke beskikbaar gestel moet word in alle plaaslike biblioteke en ander openbare ruimtes waar gemeenskapslede vergader.

Hierdie vertaling na braille toe was 'n eerste vir die land. As gevolg van die groot belangstelling van elders in die land het ons ook besluit om die braille afskrifte beskikbaar te maak aan ons ander provinsies vir gebruik daar. Deur mense met inligting en kennis te bemagtig is 'n groot stap na die opbou van 'n volhoubare gemeenskap.

Deur die Departement se Thusong- en gemeenskapsontwikkelingsprogram het meer as 1,2 miljoen mense in hierdie provinsie toegang tot regeringsdienste en inligting.

Daar is nog 'n behoefte om meer te doen om plaaswerkers en plaasbewoners in landelike gebiede te bereik. Die gevolg is dat die Departement, tesame met georganiseerde landbou en munisipaliteite, spesiale Thusong uitreike gaan doen aan dié deel van die gemeenskap.

As deel van die uitbreiding van die Thusong Program, as spilpunte vir armoedeverligting, werkskepping en gemeenskapsontwikkeling, ondersoek die Departement die moontlikheid om Thusong Sentrums te gebruik as implementeerders van kapasiteitsontwikkeling en die ontwikkeling van klein ekonomiese ontwikkelingsprojekte.

In hierdie opsig is daar reeds voorlopige sukses behaal met 'n mentorskapsprogram vir 10 jong entrepreneurs in die Grabouw area. Die Thusong Program van die Wes-Kaap word nasionaal geloof as 'n model om na te streef. Ons mik deurlopend om verder te verbeter deur diensleweringstye uit te brei en meer rolspelers teenwoordig te kry.

'n Hersiening van dienste en bedryfsure is reeds voltooi en sal die besluitnemingsproses lei.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, another initiative of which I am proud is the translation of the ward committee handbook into all three official languages of the Western Cape as well as braille. This initiative is the result of interaction

with ward committees and the community leaders where the needs have been identified. The braille handbook has already been distributed to all municipalities in the province with the request that the books be made available in all local libraries and other public spaces where members of the community assemble.

This translation to braille was a first for the country. As a result of the great interest from elsewhere in the country, we have decided to make the braille copies available to our other provinces for use there. By empowering people with information and knowledge is a big step in building a sustainable society.

Through the Department's Thusong and community development programme, more than 1,2 million people in this province have access to government services and information.

There is still a need to do more to reach farm workers and farm dwellers in rural areas. The result is that the Department, along with organised agriculture and municipalities, will conduct special Thusong outreaches to this part of the community.

As part of the expansion of the Thusong Programme, as hub for poverty relief, job creation and community development, the Department is investigating the possibility of using Thusong Centres to implement capacity development and the development of small economic development projects.

In this regard provisional success has been achieved with a mentorship programme for 10 young entrepreneurs in the Grabouw area. The Thusong Programme of the Western Cape is nationally lauded as a model to strive for. We are continuously aiming for improvement by extending service delivery hours and getting more role players to be present.

A revision of services and operating hours has already been completed and will lead the decision making process.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, an important pillar to building resilient communities is municipalities who embody good governance. My Department's role in this regard is to exercise oversight, support and strengthen the capacity of municipalities to execute their mandates. We conduct extensive training with councillors and municipal officials on various initiatives in order to maintain effective governance. My Department also supports municipalities to adhere to legislative prescripts, by having a dedicated team that avails itself in improving legal advice to municipalities, hosting intergovernmental forums with municipal legal advisors as a platform in addressing legal challenges, and creating an opportunity for shared knowledge and best practices.

In the new financial year, my Department will continue helping to improve governance within municipalities. This will be done by continuing with training programmes for staff and the Department, a toolkit that will enable committee members to effectively perform their functions. A personal

highlight when it comes to supporting municipalities in the Western Cape is the remarkable turnaround of municipalities like Kannaland and Oudtshoorn.

At the start of 2016 these two municipalities owed service providers like Eskom many millions in old debt and were in danger of being cut off. Several interventions since then have contributed to the fact that neither of these two municipalities owes Eskom, or any other service provider, outstanding payments.

During the 2017/18 financial year, the Back to Basics Programme reached its third year of implementation. As part of this programme ten municipalities in this province were assisted with customised support plans tailor-made to each municipality's needs. Municipalities, which required intensive support, were provided with more hands-on assistance, not only from the Department, but also from national sectors as well as the private sector. The Department monitors the progress on a monthly basis, where all implementation agents are requested to report on progress made.

I am pleased to report to this House that that the municipality of Cape Agulhas has in fact already officially exited this programme successfully due to the completion of most projects on the support plan. Another municipality, Swellendam, is ready to exit in the 2018/19 financial year.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dit is noodsaaklik dat inwoners betrek word by die besluitnemingsproses van hul munisipaliteite. Die samewerking verbeter nie

net die publiek se persepsie van die munisipaliteit nie, maar lei ook tot beter en meer gefokusde dienslewering wat weer mense se lewens verbeter. Die Departement maak goeie vordering met die ontwikkeling van 'n kultuur van aktiewe burgerskap deur die gebruik van tegnologie waartoe mense toegang het.

Die Thetha Nathi/ Praat met Ons/Talk to Us selfoon toepassing is ontwikkel en word steeds in vyf munisipaliteite getoets. Die plan is om die toepassing uit te rol na al 30 munisipaliteite in die Wes-Kaap teen die einde van die 2018/19 finansiële jaar.

Gedurende die 2017/18 finansiële jaar moes die Provinsie nie net 'n verlamme en verwoestende droogteramp hanteer nie, daar was ook groot brande in Imizamo Yethu en in Houtbaai, en by die Swartland Hospitaal. Ons was ook getref deur 'n ernstige storm wat reuse skade veroorsaak het. Een gevolg van die storm was die verwoestende brande wat uitbreek het in Bitou en Knysna in Junie 2017.

Die skade het ingesluit 973 huise wat vernietig is en net nog 560 huise wat beskadig is. Meer as 2,000 werksgeleenthede is geaffekteer. Die Tuinroete Herbou Inisiatief is gestig om al die rampverwante aktiwiteite te koördineer. Dit sluit in aktiwiteite soos die rehabilitasie en rekonstruksie. Die herbou inisiatief se leuse van "Build Back Better" word deurlopend geïmplementeer.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, it is essential that inhabitants are involved in the decision making process of their municipalities. The cooperation not only improves the public's perception of the municipality, but also lead to better and more focussed service delivery that improves people lives. The Department is making good progress with the development of a culture of active citizenship through use of technology to which people have access.

The Thetha Nathi/Praat met Ons/Talk to Us cellphone app was developed and is still tested in five municipalities. The plan is to roll out the app to all 30 municipalities in the Western Cape by the end of the 2018/19 financial year.

During the 2017/18 financial year the Province not only had to deal with a paralysing and devastating drought, there were also large fires in Imizamo Yethu and in Hout Bay and at Swartland Hospital. We were also hit by a severe storm that caused huge damage. One result of the storm was the devastating fires that broke out in Bitou and Knysna in June 2017.

The damage included 973 houses that were destroyed and another 560 houses that were damaged. More than 2,000 jobs were affected. The Garden Route Rebuilding Initiative was established to coordinate all the disaster activities. This includes activities such as the rehabilitation and reconstruction. The rebuilding initiative's motto of "Build Back Better" is continuously implemented.]

†It is estimated that people living in informal settlements have on average less than two minutes to get out of their dwellings once a fire starts. In October 2016 my Department launched a smoke alarm campaign in the province, aimed at reducing deaths and injuries from home fires through the installation of smoke alarms. Together with our partners we have already saved many lives by installing more than 8,000 smoke alarms in high risk municipalities.

I am pleased to indicate that, since the installation of the smoke alarms in areas including Wallacedene, not a single fire death has occurred in areas where we installed the smoke alarms. This success attests to the impact that smoke alarms can have on saving lives in these communities and this is one way my Department seeks to make communities to be more resilient against fire hazards.

Owing to severe weather conditions, water scarcity became a reality in the province. To this end a Provincial State of Disaster was declared in terms of the Disaster Management Act. This required all the key players to work together in developing plans and strategies to prevent water shortages. The Western Cape Government assisted drought-stricken municipalities with disaster declarations and provided support in respect of drought mitigation and water augmentation.

The Provincial Integrated Drought Response Strategy focuses on three areas. Firstly, it supports municipalities to prevent water shortages by providing

technical and financial assistance to municipalities with regards to water augmentation programmes as well as water conservation and demand management.

In the past year my Department appointed geohydrologists to assist municipalities with the geohydrological services and to oversee the installation of borehole data loggers to ensure the long-term sustainable abstraction of aquifers. In addition, municipalities were supported with water augmentation measures such as the drilling and equipping of boreholes and the associated linking to infrastructure.

Secondly, the Department's Disaster Management Centre established various working streams responsible for preparedness planning to ensure that the province is ready in the event that there is limited or restricted water supply.

The third aspect of the plan relates to long-term water planning to ensure resilience within the province, given the impact of climate change in the future.

An amount of R108 million was allocated towards drought relief support during the 2017/18 financial year. In addition, we assisted with continuous awareness campaigns making use of various media platforms in our drive towards driving down the demand and thereby providing adequate time for the various water augmentation schemes to come into effect.

On 13 March the provincial disaster was escalated and a national disaster was gazetted.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, in die afgelope jaar het die Departement van Plaaslike Regering 98,4% van sy vorige Begroting spandeer en het die Departement sy vierde skoon oudit agtereenvolgens ontvang. Ek wil die Departementshoof, mnr Graham Paulse, en sy hele span gelukwens en bedank vir hulle onbaatsugtige werk. Skoon oudits beteken iets. Dit is 'n aanduiding vir die publiek dat hul belastingbetalersgeld aangewend word volgens die reëls en voorskrifte wat in plek is. Dit is al meer belangrik in taai ekonomiese tye soos vandag waarin ons onself bevind. En ek wil 'n oomblik neem om te herhaal wat my kollegas aangeraak het, in besonder dr Ivan Meyer.

Dr Meyer het aangedui in sy begrotingsrede dat die Nasionale Regering se begrotingdruk 'n groot impak op hierdie provinsie gehad het met groot besnoeiings. In sy begrotingsrede het dr Meyer byvoorbeeld aangedui dat die Wes-Kaap vanjaar R144 miljoen minder van die Nasionale Fiskus sal ontvang.

Dit is duidelik dat Suid-Afrika agteruit boer en dat die mense wat daaronder ly is die publiek en in besonder die mees kwesbare tussen ons wat afhanklik is van die uitbreiding en verbetering van dienste. In my Departement is ons ook bekommerd oor hierdie besnoeiings. Die Departement het vir die nuwe boekjaar R253 miljoen begroting ontvang.

Ingesluit in hierdie begroting is die uitbreiding van die vermoë om rampe te bestuur in die provinsie, insluitend brandbestryding vir 'n bedrag van R9 miljoen. 'n Bedrag van R11,2 miljoen is geallokeer aan watersekuriteit en rampbestuur in reaksie op die droogte.

Dan is daar R13,7 miljoen vir munisipale ondersteuning en in besonder die versterking van korporatiewe beheer op munisipale vlak. Daarmee saam is R2,7 miljoen vir die Thusong Program allokeer.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, in the past year the Department of Local Government spent 98,4% of its previous budget and the Department received its fourth consecutive clean audit. I want to congratulate and thank the Head of Department, Mr Graham Paulse, and his whole team for their unselfish work. Clean audits mean something. It is an indication to the public that their taxpayers' money is applied according to the rules and prescriptions that are in place. It is all the more important in tough economic times like today in which we find ourselves. And I want to take a moment to repeat what my colleagues touched upon, particularly Dr Ivan Meyer.

Dr Meyer indicated in his Budget speech that the National Government's Budget pressures had a great impact on this province with large cuts. In his Budget speech Dr Meyer for instance indicated that the Western Cape this year will receive R144 million less from the National Fiscus.

It is clear that South Africa is going backwards and the people suffering from it are the public and in particular the most vulnerable amongst us who are dependent on the expansion and improvement of services. In my Department we are also concerned about these cuts. The Department received a R253 million budget for the new financial year.

Included in this budget is the expansion of the ability to manage disasters in the province, including fire fighting for an amount of R9 million. An amount of R11,2 million was allocated for water security and disaster management in reaction to the drought.

Then there is R13,7 million for municipal support and in particular for the strengthening of corporate governance at municipal level. Along with that, R2,7 million was allocated to the Thusong Programme.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to take this moment to reiterate the call to continue to save water in our province. We must be wary of complacency and we must seek, all of us, to adapt to long term behaviour change when it comes to water and in general the way we live. In the long-term I am going to drive a program to seek answers to the question of how we build resilient and sustainable cities. This will include looking at ways to prevent the dumping of sewerage water in any water source, including the ocean, in the future. I will include looking at waterless toilet systems and I will look at new bylaws to assist towns and cities to become more water resilient.

With those couple of words, I want to table the 2018 Budget. I thank you.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Hon Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I stand here this afternoon in the stead of the Chairman of the Standing Committee, who is unfortunately in Mossel Bay, fulfilling his duties both as a Constituency Member of Parliament and also as the Chairperson of the Local Government Committee dealing also, amongst other things, with disaster management.

So he gives his apologies, but he would like to assure you that he does support the Budget, and I am sure that ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... my colleague, Tertius Simmers, just now will do the same.

An HON MEMBER: What is he doing in Mossel Bay?

Mr M G E WILEY: He is doing disaster management, because as you know, Hermanus has been brought to a standstill in the last number of days ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not Mossel Bay. Mossel Bay is in [Inaudible.].

Mr M G E WILEY: Hermanus has been brought to a standstill in the last couple of days, and the extent of the damage at this stage, as far as infrastructure is concerned, is the library has been burnt out, a police station has been burnt out, other municipal buildings and vehicles have been a set alight. Private businesses were attacked and looted, businesses closed and vandalised, RDP housing infrastructure was destroyed last night while I watched, but more importantly it was an attack on people.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Chief Whip, just one second. Hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Would you just please remind him that I am speaking after him? [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, that is not a point of order. He is well aware of that.

Mr M G E WILEY: I thank very much the hon Organ Grinder's assistant. But again, Mr Deputy Speaker, this attack was an attack on people. People were going about their legal activities, shop owners, small shop owners, school children, homemakers, and elderly people. Over 1,000 people, mainly foreigners, had to flee their homes and seek shelter in community halls where the local disaster management, and I would like to praise Hermanus' and Overberg's disaster management for the outstanding work that they did, were hard-pressed to keep these people safe and fed.

Churches, welfare and NGOs were mobilised, security, private security and neighbourhood watches were deployed to cut off rampant groups of lawless anarchists. SAPS, from a wide radius, were called in to quell the situation, and I am pleased that they did so, and I think almost 100 people have now been arrested, and I hope that the justice process will go through and exert its fullest extent on these people.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am sure you would like that.

Mr M G E WILEY: Who has done this dreadful thing in a formerly peaceful coastal town? Who is going to pay for this destruction ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The taxpayer.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... to the municipal infrastructure? And I would like to ask the Minister: who is going to pay, from your budget, for the municipal infrastructure that has been destroyed? We do not carry insurance, so do you budget for this sort of destruction? Because on the face of it, it would appear to be a little bit of early electioneering that is taking place, and I understand that Parliament is going [Interjections.] to go into recess now in May until August. What on earth for? Have we got an election coming up? [Interjections.]

Who is going to repair the relationships that had harmed and been strained through this action in the last 48 hours? [Interjections.] Who is going to

rebuild the community where the one group was pitted against the other?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ask Madikizela what ... [Inaudible.].

Mr M G E WILEY: Yesterday the Coloured community had to stand in lines to try and protect their environment. The elderly had to stand behind walls to try and protect their environment.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ask Madikizela ... [Inaudible.].

Mr M G E WILEY: Who on earth set this thing in motion? [Interjections.] The Minister cannot reward the lawless for their murderous and destructive intent. Let us not be fooled by who is behind these actions ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Go stand there [Inaudible.].

Mr M G E WILEY: ... which is designed to destroy Government at municipal level.

Ms M N GILLION: Why do you not go there?

Mr M G E WILEY: The EFF, without a doubt, was definitely involved, and I think, Mr Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] the time has come for us to ask where is our hon member the EFF, who is conspicuous by his absence in everything that this Parliament does. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: This organisation has demonstrated itself recently to be the ultimate betrayer of the poor by trying to foster coalitions again with the ANC in defiance of what the voters have said and bringing local government into disrepute in those municipalities. For the first time this province has got clean audits in virtually ... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Maybe you must ... [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... every municipality, where in 2009 we never had a single clean audit.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, Mr Dyantyi, you can nod your head, ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am coming!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Without a shred of doubt factions of the ANC were involved, but unfortunately they then started chasing the legitimate ANC councillors out of their houses, and they had to be sheltered. Minister Bredell, I would like to know, in your budget, do you have ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: What is this man ... [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... do you have a protection ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: Do you have a protection quantity to protect councillors that get chased out because of the factions of the ANC?

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.] talking about now? What faction of the ANC? I am from there. Why do you not go there?

Mr M G E WILEY: Well, the amazing thing, Mr Deputy Speaker, was the stunning silence from the ANC ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... throughout the 72 hours.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

Mr M G E WILEY: Nothing from the hon Leader of the Opposition. Hon member Dugmore, who is the Constituency Member for the ANC in Overberg, only arrived there at 11 o'clock this morning. When the peace was being negotiated. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Now peace is being negotiated. There were 5,000 people and they were – the residents [Inaudible.] have now said they want to have peace. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: They want nothing to do with this violence. But I must ask the hon member Gillion [Interjections.], I must ask the hon member Gillion who were those trucks of agitators that came from Grabouw last night? [Interjections.] Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second, hon member.

An HON MEMBER: They were bused in from Grabouw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Lekker. I am seeing hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it a point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, I just want to address you on the point that ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On a point of order?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is not a point of order, can I address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then – no, you cannot address me if it is not a point of order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: On a point of order then, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I think the hon Chief Whip - is it parliamentary ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... to mislead the House?

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And maybe ... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: That is not a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you are talking about the details of the speech, that is a debating point, it is not a point of order. [Interjections.]

The hon member has 10 seconds left for his speech.

Mr D JOSEPH: It is not a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And I want him to finish his speech.

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.] his speech. Maybe he should finish [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have got a speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have a speaker following him. He can rebut. Hon member Wiley, you may continue.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Cameron has got ... [Inaudible.].

Mr M G E WILEY: I repeat what I said earlier and that on the other side they do not have politicians, they just have paid employees of the ANC.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member's time has expired.

[Interjections.] Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

Mr M G E WILEY: We are not going to allow this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana. Please come to order. Hon member Mackenzie, I see you.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member keeps pointing at hon member Wiley. That is not parliamentary. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Dijana, hon member Nkondlo, please come to order now and stop pointing to members across the floor. The next speaker is on the floor is hon member Dyantyi. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mr Deputy Speaker, maybe just before I start my speech, I want to, on behalf of the ANC, in response ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Condemn that violence.

Mr M G E WILEY: Which faction?

An HON MEMBER: Hayi man. It is [Inaudible.] faction.

Ms P MAKELENI: Your [Inaudible.] faction!

Mr D JOSEPH: Condemn the violence.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Your own members are now taking your own time, so please continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: Satisfaction.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I just want to maybe appeal to you - that perhaps let us ask – hon member Wiley is very angry ...[Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Condemn the violence.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is very angry, and I am not sure whether that is the solution to anything. Please calm down. [Interjections.] I think that is the

first thing I want to say: please calm down. [Interjections.] Because, hon member Wiley, this country was on fire for more than 40 decades. [Interjections.] People excluded from participating in their rightful land. We went through that experience. Please calm down. [Interjections.] I really want to start there. That is not part of my speech, but I am responding.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Are you going to condemn the violence?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But secondly, Mr Deputy Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please come to order now.

Mr M G E WILEY: Keep going, do not stop.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Secondly, Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC has been very consistent ...

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Are you condemning the violence?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... throughout ...

Ms M N GILLION: Keep quiet [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... in making the following points: that as the ANC we respect the rights of individuals of communities to express themselves in

terms of exercising their freedom .. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Peacefully. Peacefully! [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We go further as the ANC, very consistently, that any damage to property, it does not matter who you are, where you are, is condemned ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, it is not.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... always.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Why did you not say it in the last 72 hours?

An HON MEMBER: Where were you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am going to help them because the reason hon member Wiley seems to be angry, he is angry because ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Gillion, you are interfering with the microphone next to you where the member is speaking.

Ms M N GILLION: But that man is interfering ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am talking to you now. I am talking to you first.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Quite clearly his anger is on property.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Up to this point he is angry about property. He does not care what the root cause is of what has happened. He has no interest in that. [Interjections.] If there is injury, there is loss of life, it is not his business. [Interjections.] His business is property. So we must help you, because here we are building a nation, we are a building a country. This country is not going to be built by property, it is built by people who are going to use that property. [Interjections.]

They key issue therefore is that whatever we do we must address the root causes of problems in this country, and not deal with symptoms. [Interjections.] Do not come here and be angry with symptoms as hon member Wiley is doing. Let me leave that. Because now he is asking who is going to pay. Maybe Minister Bredell will tell him who is going to pay. [Interjections.]

Let me therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, make this point, because it is so appropriate now, that the DA received overwhelming support in the 2014 and

2016 elections.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let us remind you of these good moments, because they belong to you as the DA.

An HON MEMBER: It is yours.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: People voted for you in 2014 and 2016 because they wanted land. They voted for you because they wanted houses, they wanted employment. They did not vote for you because they wanted clean audits.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is not what they were queuing for.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: They wanted good governance and clean audits are part of good governance.

An HON MEMBER: There we go.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And your sweet victory in 2014 and 2016 was made possible by increased support in the Coloured communities.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have got cherish this. You have this victory, 2014, 2016. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The question people are asking today ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member, just one second. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Could the hon member mention the Budget every now and again please? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.][Laughter.] Order! Hon member Dyantyi, you may continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will mention the Budget, thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Speak through the Chair please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Laughter.] And so the important point is just a year before elections many communities out there

are asking themselves what did we vote for?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, the ANC asks that. It is not the communities, you ask that. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because the DA has shown its colours again. You have deprived these communities who put their trust in you across the province in many municipalities of the necessary services and development opportunities. Poor living conditions in these communities lead to increasing TB and crime. The Khayelitsha Commission – call it the Zille Commission – said this is the main problem. Funds meant for these areas are not spent where the need is. Hon MEC, the City of Cape Town has seen chronic underspending on the urban settlement ground, USDG.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: For several years now. The City of Cape Town has decided to give R176 million back to the Treasury.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They took it from [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It says we do not need R176 million. This is what the City of Cape Town said. Voted overwhelmingly over two years.

Mr D JOSEPH: We do not steal it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me explain to you what they have sent back.

Mr D JOSEPH: We do not steal it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The USDG in the Metros is meant for infrastructure development which means your sports and recreation; infrastructure for human settlements; paving of streets; bulk electricity; bulk storm water infrastructure; bulk sewer infrastructure; waste water treatment plants. The City said they have all of that - take back R176 million.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: No, that is not true.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: For not spending the USDG money. [Interjections.] Then tomorrow they are going to come and ask why people are protesting. I am helping hon member Wiley.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: If you want people not to protest, spend the money on the vulnerable, on the poor people.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Free lecture.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The R176 million would have helped improve living conditions in Marikana in Philippi. In the [Inaudible.] living conditions in the BM section in Khayelitsha in Tafelsig, but it is sent back. In the glare of poverty, in the glare of homelessness, in the glare of joblessness, there is money being sent back by the City of Cape Town. Under your watch, MEC Bredell.

†n AGB LID: Ons kan maar net *watch*.

[An HON MEMBER: We can only watch.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The City of Cape Town has been allowed to inflict further wounds on the vulnerable communities who needed this money. To make things worse the 2018/2019 Budget is earmarking further reductions on infrastructure, and again the poor will suffer the most. I am reminding you.

The aim of your Department, in case you have forgotten, is to monitor, coordinate, support municipalities to be effective in fulfilling their developmental mandate, and facilitate service delivery and disaster resilience through engagement with Government spheres and social partners.

Let me take your foreword in your Annual Performance Plan, because I was so impressed with what I read there. Let me quote. In your foreword in the 2018/2019 Annual Performance Plan, you make the following assertion and I quote:

“South Africa is conceded to be a water scarce country. This implies that we must manage water resources and if not, the demand is likely to exceed supply at some point.”

I completely agree with this assertion. I am with you 100%. I agree with you, MEC Bredell. In fact, I want to take your point further in agreeing with you. The issue is management and use of water. Do you agree?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Whilst water is increasingly becoming a scarce resource, demand for water is also increasing. Do you agree? [Interjection.] Do you further agree with me therefore that this situation requires effective leadership and governance? Do you agree?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Infrastructure ... [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now in your monitoring role as MEC for Local Government in the Western Cape, the water crisis, especially in the City of Cape Town, has and continues to be managed very badly under your watch.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: No.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just – we are not even far from your foreword. You have raised a beautiful thing, but just life, this is what is happening. I do not know

if you agree with that one?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It would be very interesting.

Mr S G TYATYAM: He agrees.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: How the water crisis has been managed so far demonstrates poor leadership. I am sure you agree with me on that?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me demonstrate to you why I say there is poor leadership.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Please include [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Why do you keep [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... share with you, there are seven DA Zero Angels.
Seven DA Zero Angels.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Seven?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Seven DA Zero Angels. We have witnessed the following seven people failing on this issue of the water crisis.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] call it witchcraft.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Our poor Mayor, Patricia de Lille, Xanthea Limberg – they are changing each other – that is number two; Ian Neilson – even you are zapping the powers of the Mayor, running and addressing water and there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

An HON MEMBER: That is the word of the [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: J P Smith the next day becomes the one who speaks on this issue. Where is MEC Bredell? He is in the wilderness, he is quiet.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Underground.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The MEC for Local Government – that is number five.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: He is working for South Africa.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Number six, the Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille, wakes up, I do not know from where, and she shouts: “Disaster

declaration,” on this issue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is her job.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is your number six. [Interjections.] Here is the beautiful one.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Minister without Portfolio.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Then comes Mmusi Maimane.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, ho!

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ja, the witchcraft.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... who becomes a Mayor and a Premier on the same day, indicating how Day Zero must operate. [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The MEC for Local Government is present because what Mmusi Maimane is doing is interfering with the state and party issues. We have seen that in front of us. We were told of Day Zero. When it comes to Cape Town, Day Zero changes. There is no Day Zero. So today we do not have a Day Zero because Mmusi Maimane has decided the conference is

closed, he does not have a Day Zero.

An HON MEMBER: He is a rain maker.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The drought crisis brought with it new challenges ...

[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... and opportunities. It seems that you are not on top of this, MEC Bredell. Boreholes are a new challenge and I have listened to you speaking about boreholes in your speech. The MEC and his Department seem to have no clue about boreholes. I asked them questions when they came to us, and these are the questions I asked: How many boreholes do we have in the province? Now you see my question? You are supposed to know how many boreholes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: But they will never [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay. The next question: In which areas do we have these boreholes? [Interjections.] Then the next question: How many of these boreholes are public boreholes? Okay? Then the next question: How many of these are private boreholes? The last question: How many are legal boreholes?

I do not have an answer to those questions but he did speak about boreholes. You could not answer these questions then, MEC, but I am sure you have an answer now.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Did you repeat the report?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Or you might need more time to do your homework on the boreholes. I believe you when you say you are still counting. Now this requires leadership and proper governance.

Mr M G E WILEY: You are right. At least [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: To play your role as an MEC who monitors, who plays an oversight, who supports municipalities. It is happening right under your watch. Right under your watch. I am coming to the Budget now, hon member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We have a R100 million in reserve, Head of Department, that has been earmarked by the other MEC, that I am not going to mention. The Department has been allocated R100 million in reserve for 2018/2019, but all of that is subject to the finalisation of plans. So there is money available to help, but you take too long just to put up plans. I hope now you will be able to say that you have plans to utilise the R100 million so that it

does not become another R176 million that has not been utilised and be sent back to the Treasury.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Trust me, they will give it back.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So I am asking you to be consistent with your foreword. Remember what you said, very upfront in your foreword, unless you do not believe what you said yourself. Then let us talk about corruption in municipalities.

†n AGB LID: Vra vir julle. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Ask you. [Interjections.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, dis baie seer, daai is baie seer. Jy moet so sê.

[Tussenwerpsels.] Daai is baie seer. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, it hurts, that hurts a lot. You must say that.

[Interjections.] That hurts a lot. [Interjections.]]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There are increasing fraudulent and corrupt activities in several municipalities across the province.

Mr M G E WILEY: And you have reported them all to [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am saying increasing.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Did you report them to the police?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: All of these under your watch, MEC.

Ms L J BOTHA: And the [Inaudible.] case?

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can you speak to hon member Mackenzie. Every time there is running commentary from our side we are called to order. Hon member Mackenzie is doing it the whole time now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for that.

Ms M N GILLION: Nobody is calling him to order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will keep an eye on that. Hon member Dyantyi, you may continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Maybe let me start this way. MEC, when you came before us you told us that you have an anti-corruption strategy. It seems that it is

not working if it exists, or it is simply toothless. Let me throw a question to you. Did the George Municipality or anybody in the George Municipality speak to you this week to report the corruption happening in George round your Go George fleet management issues, to you as an MEC? Did anybody speak to you? And maybe when you rise you will respond to that.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Same as Cape Town.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am coming there.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Oh, okay.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In your speech you had little or nothing to say about how, as the MEC for Local Government, you are dealing with the issue of the City of Cape Town. I am not going to say the Lentit thing, so do not worry. I will not say that.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Say it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The City of Cape Town, besides the drought and the water crisis, is bedevilled by corruption within the DA that is running that municipality.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Things have been in the public but we have not heard a word from the MEC for Local Government about what he is doing to stem the tide in the City of Cape Town.

An HON MEMBER: They keep quiet.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will not speak about Oudtshoorn, because Oudtshoorn was helped by the intervention of CoGTA to bring Camchetti – to expose things in Oudtshoorn. If Oudtshoorn was not under administration we would not have known ...

An HON MEMBER: Go to Knysna.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... about that. I am going to Knysna, do not be in a hurry.

Ms L J BOTHA: Go to Cederberg [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am going to Knysna.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just go through the Chair before you get to Knysna.
[Laughter.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, sorry. My apologies, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Bly op die pad, man.

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: Stay on the road, man.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will go through to Knysna through you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Ms L J BOTHA: And Cederberg [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I have put the Knysna issues to this House. Today as I stand here we have no progress on those issues, ISDF, and some of the fingers are pointing to you as the MEC for Local Government.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It will be good to shed light on those issues in your response.

The next point, which I missed from your speech, is the Khoisan, the Traditional Bill. You came to the Standing Committee and in a very good way made an input about it, and you committed to support the Bill, which we appreciate, but you also said, there are written comments that you have. I suspect now that is a DA, because we do not know what is the content of those written comments that you have, that have not been revealed, and the question is: Do you embrace this Bill and this process? And if you do, what is it that you are hiding and not sharing with us? Those written comments

that you spoke about. It might be a good opportunity to share in terms of how you are embracing that going forward. Certainly the ANC does embrace that and we support it.

One appreciates your point about the Back to Basics programme and the progress around that, especially as it relates to Cape Agulhas and Swellendam, so I will not say much on that. The National Minister of CoGTA, in the last week, raised alarm bells and some key concerns about a number of municipalities across the country that are dysfunctional. I heard the response from the Western Cape that said we have no dysfunctional municipalities in the Western Cape. Would you confirm that, that we do not have dysfunctional municipalities in the Western Cape? Because we certainly do have dysfunctional municipalities in the Western Cape and we will point those out to you and we will start in Cape Town actually and go to other areas about those dysfunctional municipalities. It is important that you share that with us.

Let me come back to this issue of the clean audit again.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes. Effective governance.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This old song, it is very broken.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is the ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, your time has expired, but you can finish off quickly with one sentence. [Interjections.] Summarise that clean audit.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: [Inaudible.] thank you very much.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will give this summary. This is what the DA says ... [Interjection.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Just say thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... to the citizens out there: "Do not worry, we have got your votes, we will see you in 2019." That is the DA.

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Simmers.

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, baie dankie. Voor ek my toespraak begin, ek wil eintlik net vir agb lid Dyantyi baie dankie sê vir 'n baie, ek dink 'n baie komiese toespraak, en ek gaan hom nou probeer, op van sy punte wil ek hom net reghelp dalk, en dalk 'n bietjie meer breedvoerig vir hom dit duidelik ook maak.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you. Before I start my speech, I just want to thank hon member Dyantyi for a very, I think comic speech, and I am going to now try and perhaps help him on some of his points, and perhaps explain it a bit more broadly to him.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, jy kan maar jou *speech* [Onhoorbaar.] Ja.
[Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, you can [Inaudible.] your speech. Yes.
[Interjections.]]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Nee, ek gaan hom lees. Ek het mos die reg om hom te lees.

[Mr T A SIMMERS: No, I am going to read it. I have the right to read it.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is actually ironic that our Chief

Whip addressed the issue of Hermanus and the ANC member actually also highlighted certain points about that, because from time to time we have to remind certain individuals that the primary responsibility of any municipality is to deliver services to its residents.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We agree [Inaudible.].

Mr T A SIMMERS: This delivery must be done with integrity ...
[Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes.

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... and in a caring and competent manner.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Agreed.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Where the need arises the municipality must be innovative to address or improve on its service delivery, to ensure that it is responsive to its residents. [Interjections.]

†Ek is bly jy stem saam, ek is baie bly.

[I am pleased you agree, I am very pleased.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy is op die regte pad.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are on the right path.]

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Hulle is op die pad.

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: They are on the path.] †This DA, ja.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Furthermore residents must at all times hold municipalities accountable for what they are doing in the various communities. †Dis hoekom ons amper al die munisipaliteite beheer. [That is why we control almost all of the municipalities.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is good governance.

Mr T A SIMMERS: I highlight these points, hon member Dyantyi, as it is vital that everyone is informed that these are the values of the Western Cape Department of Local Government.

An HON MEMBER: Address the Speaker.

Mr T A SIMMERS: And because – †jammer. [sorry.] And because these are the values of the Department, it tells you that their vision of enabling well-governed municipalities to deliver services to the communities in an integrated and sustainable manner, shows that they care. I therefore support the Budget allocation of more than R250 million for the 2018/19 financial year.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is for exactly that. That is why [Inaudible].

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, staying with the caring theme for a moment. This Department, through its monitoring, coordination and support of municipalities, as the previous speaker so politely highlighted to us, are ensuring that municipalities are developed and empowered for effective service delivery, while becoming resilient in the ability to deal with and handle any disaster that might come their way. We have just observed this since yesterday.

It is for this reason that we have seen a remarkable turnaround in some of the municipalities since they came under the DA's administration. [Interjections.] Most notably would have to be the Oudtshoorn and Kannaland municipalities.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr T A SIMMERS: Towards the end of 2017 they were able to settle their Eskom debt and no guesses, a debt that was incurred while they were under ANC administration.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: Just recently the new Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Dr Zweli Mkhize, highlighted the [Inaudible.] that of all the municipalities across the country, 31% are almost

dysfunctional, 31% are dysfunctional ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... and a further 31% is reasonably dysfunctional, and only 7% are classified as fully functional. †Dis eintlik 'n skreiende skande as 'n mens daaraan dink. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek is op pad daarnatoe, ek is op pad daarnatoe. [It is actually a crying shame if you think about it. [Interjections.] I am going there, I am going there.]

One thing that was missing, Mr Deputy Speaker, from his announcement, ironically, was the actual naming of these municipalities. [Interjections.] The hon members across the floor will know why their Minister did not mention these municipalities, as they are fully aware of the fact that 80% of the municipalities who receive clean audits are DA-led in the Western Cape. †So raai-raai aan wie behoort die meeste van die 7% wat hy nie die name wil noem nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [So guess to whom belongs the most of the 7% that he does not want to name. [Interjections.]]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I did not compile this report. The Auditor-General did. [Interjections.] And if my colleagues have issues with this report ...

Ms S W DAVIDS: There is no [Inaudible.].

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... then they need to take it up with the A-G.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as a quick review of the previous financial year ... [Interjection.] I am pleased with how the Department has responded to the drought that is plaguing our province. I am also pleased that the Department provided technical support to municipalities by appointing four geohydrologists, assisted them with water augmentation measures, while also supporting municipalities with water saving awareness campaigns, and they have been very effective, to say the least.

It was also welcoming to note that working streams who are responsible for preparedness planning were established, while a long term undertaking was made that our province becomes water resilient, given the challenges with climate change that is a reality, which ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your Day Zero.

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... sadly some hon members present here do not wish to acknowledge it exists. This Department is not resting on its laurels, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] scheme Day Zero.

Mr T A SIMMERS: On the contrary, it is proactive in addressing issues, so that service delivery to residents is not affected.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hear-hear.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, let us remain with the drought. The 2018/19 Budget clearly indicates that addressing it is still a priority for this Department, as more than R38 million has been allocated for drought relief and water augmentation initiatives.

Part of this allocation focuses on the combatting of fires, while just over R18 million of this allocation is meant for support to municipalities so that they are strengthened to be more effective in their municipal functions.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as the DA we are known to govern with the people. [Interjections.] This is why I am also so pleased ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where is your [Inaudible.].

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... to note that as part of this year's Budget, the Department, through the Thusong Programme, wants to continue ensuring that more residents have access to Government services. In fact a key focus of the Department will be to reach and service farm workers and other residents living in some of the remote areas in the province. [Interjections.]

Furthermore the Department will also continue to provide support to councillors in the form of training and workshops so that they are able to effectively carry out their tasks [Interjections.] while being efficient in the fulfilment of their duties. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, these interventions tell us that the DA in the Western Cape remains committed to improving the lives of all residents in this province.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] cannot even spend money.

Mr T A SIMMERS: I must however highlight my concern ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ah!

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... about the Budget decrease by more than R9,6 million for the 2018/2019 financial year. [Interjections.] When we refer to service delivery we have to ensure that our municipalities have the necessary resources and the support to be effective. As much as I am concerned though, I have the utmost belief in Minister Anton Bredell and his Department to continue being effective in their support of municipalities, as I am convinced that we will now see how creative and innovative they are in supporting municipalities across this province. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the difference between a DA led government and that of the failing ANC, is that we do not allow changes ... [Interjection.]

†Me S W DAVIDS: Haai shame.

[Ms S W DAVIDS: Hey, shame.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... and in this case a cut in the Budget will not deter us from delivering basic services. [Interjections.] Instead we see these challenges as opportunities to find new, effective and innovative ways to address issues. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, when I started I actually thanked hon member Dyantyi. So, Mr Deputy Speaker, every resident, including our ANC members across the floor ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... are enjoying the effective governance of the DA on a daily basis. [Interjections.] So I would like to say to the hon members ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... it is our pleasure as the DA to serve you as you are also residents of this beautiful, DA governed province. Thank you. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please come to order before I see Minister Bredell. Minister Bredell to respond. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Sjoe, ja. Mr Deputy Speaker, let me start off by thanking all our Mayors and the speakers that attended today, for their hard work and their effort to help to rebuild this country. It is not an easy task. We can shout at one another, we can differ with one another, I can tell you out there it is not an easy and simple task. So thank you for your compromise and your hard work on a daily basis.

I also want to start off, Mr Deputy Speaker, by really thanking my Department, the officials. I actually do not have words because they are highly competent people, sacrificing a lot of their personal lives to help to rebuild this province and this country, and I really want to thank them for their contribution.

Mr Graham Paulse and half of the team are up there, so thank you again for your contribution in helping us, and always seeking to find new ways to improve ourselves and to improve service delivery. I think, within this group we have acknowledged a long time ago already, that no single one of us has the sole mandate on what is right or best for this province. As a collective we debate the issues and in this team, yes, they do fight a lot, but it is to the betterment of the province at the end of the day.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I do not think any one of us –† daar is niemand in hierdie Huis vandag wat enige vorm van geweld kan goedpraat nie. [there is

no one in this House today who can condone any form of violence.] I really do not think we must enter that. I think we need to declare that people do have the right to stand up, but we do not have the right to break down, and I think we are all on that path.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are.

An HON MEMBER: We are.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I need also to stress that, hon member Wiley, thank you for stepping in for the Chairperson ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hy is baie kwaai.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is very angry.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... that we ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hy is baie kwaai.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is very angry.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... need to realise ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek is bang vir hom.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am scared of him.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... that ... [Interjection.] [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief, help vir hom. Hy is swak.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please, help him. He is poor.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... in these difficult circumstances
[Interjections.], especially financial constraints, we need to rebuild the
country. [Interjections.] We cannot break it down or burn it down.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And therefore, we do not budget for
things like that. [Interjections.] We cannot budget for it, and the thing is that
when you repair, you repair it out of a budget that should have gone to other
services, because we are in the building phase.

So we cannot redo and rebuild a library, for instance, because there are
hundreds of towns who do not have the luxury of libraries. I think when we
interact with our communities, all of us must collectively take the

responsibility of promoting the stance that people have the right to stand up, but not the right to break down. Otherwise we will not rebuild this country.

To hon member Simmers, thank you very much. Thank you – †dankie, my kollega, dat jy ingestaan het, dat jy altyd daar is en dat jy jong energie inbring met 'n eerlikheid en 'n reguit-*ness* wat vir ons almal op ons tone hou, en ek gaan jou veral bedank in jou ander portefeulje. Jy het, omdat jy Plaaslike Regering ook baie goed ken is jy redelik *spot on*. Ons is –

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Thank you, my colleague, that you stood in, that you are always there and that you bring in young energy with an honesty and straight forwardness that keep us all on our toes, and I am going to especially thank you in your other portfolio. You have, and because you also know Local Government quite well, you are fairly spot on. We are –]

†we are value driven, we need to focus on our values, because that will stay with all of us. The naming of the dysfunctional municipalities, I want to touch on, when I get to my colleague [Interjections.], and the hon ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek is afgedank.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I have been fired.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and the hon member Richard Dyantyi, campaign manager for his campaign of becoming the ANC's provincial leader. [Interjections.] So I am bit worried that they spend so much time here. You must get out in the field, because hon member Dugmore has got a day on him now.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: DA.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: But we will sit around the table, colleague. With me as your campaign leader we will catch up with hon member Dugmore, do not worry.

So let me look at a couple of issues here, and also in his absence to the hon member Masizole, thank you very much for your oversight role, and good luck out there, because it is difficult out in our communities currently.

Hon member Dyantyi, the root cause of what is happening, let us be honest with one another. What is the root cause? One thing. Corruption.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Ja. [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Because if the ANC had clamped down for the last nine years on corruption ... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: The DA stole [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... we would have had money to invest in infrastructure, we would have had money to build houses, we would have had money to do a lot of things. [Interjections.] But the ANC in itself was so corrupt and, colleagues, we need to acknowledge it. If we do not put the problem on the table we will never fix it. I can promise you that the price that this country has paid for the past nine years is going to go on for the next 20 years plus.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Because you will not catch up, I can promise you that.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Like you did not catch up with our [Inaudible.].

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die 2014 – natuurlik het ons goed gedoen en die DA gaan beter doen in 2019.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, the 2014 – of course we have done well and the DA is going to improve in 2019.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek weet nie van daai nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I do not know about that. [Interjections.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: En ons gaan sien ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And we will see... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Kom volgende jaar.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Come next year.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... ons gaan sien, want u sien, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die kieser raak ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...we will see, because you see, Mr Deputy Speaker, the voter becomes ...]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit sal die laaste een wees [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: It will be the last one [Inaudible.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... die kieser raak al meer intelligent en die kiesers stem nie meer vir yskaste beloftes en vir huise beloftes nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...the voter is becoming more intelligent and the voters do not vote for fridge promises and for house promises any more. [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die kieser in die Wes-Kaap weet wat hy het [Tussenwerpsels.] en ons as Regering in die Wes-Kaap herken ons moet beter doen [Tussenwerpsels.] en ons sal daar kom.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The voter in the Western Cape knows what he has [Interjections.] and we as Government in the Western Cape recognise we must do better [Interjections.] and we will get there.]

†Me T M DIJANA: Julle sal dit nie gemaak het nie [Onhoorbaar.] Patricia [Onhoorbaar.]

[Ms T M DIJANA: You would not have made it [Inaudible.] Patricia [Inaudible.]]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You have asked about crime. You ask about good governance and you asked if people realised what they voted for, and then you mentioned crime. Crime is a national competency, that is why

they vote for you, because you cannot solve it. It is as simple as that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when the hon member Richard Dyantyi talks to you as DGB, you see this is now politicking, and that is the part that I do not like. I had it here now between all my papers, but there is [Interjections.] – Free State ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek is in die Wes-Kaap.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am in the Western Cape.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... only spent – the ANC [Interjections.]
...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: But I will get to the Western Cape ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I will get there.

†'n AGB LID: Praat van die Wes-Kaap.

[An HON MEMBER: Talk about the Western Cape.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I just want to mention this, and this is where we get it ...

†'n AGB LID: [Onhoorbaar.] bly in die Wes-Kaap.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] live in the Western Cape.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Luckily I have got ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, order! Please allow Minister Bredell to respond now.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The Free State only spent 20% of their Budget. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Listen ANC.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: eThekweni was the Metro that spent the least. [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: They do not have to account to you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Okay, in the country. That does not mean that we can say that the City of Cape Town's R176 million that they did not spend is nothing. It is a problem. [Interjections.] And we need to address it. It is a serious problem. If any Council does not spend their money, it is a serious problem.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daarsy, daarsy.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That's it, that's it.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: But ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis 'n goeie begin, daai is 'n goeie begin.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a good start, that is a good start.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... where I have got a problem ... [Interjections.], where I have got a problem is when a National Minister in the newspapers, and that is the National Minister of Finance ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] R300 million.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... goes to the media and says DA Metros did not spend R540 million. The principle, if you do not spend your money it is wrong, irrespective of whether it is the DA or the ANC.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis wat hy sê, dis wat hy sê.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what he says, that is what he says.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Now why does he then just pick out the DA? [Interjection.] Because the ANC is so bad that he could not even speak to that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He did not do that.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And that brings me to the dysfunctional municipalities, hon member Dyantyi.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, asseblief.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, please.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: When the Minister announced the functional municipalities, 7%, and the dysfunctional and the completely

dysfunctional municipalities, I asked him if I could have the names of the municipalities. So he did not want to tell me. So I claimed that all 7% is in the Western Cape. [Laughter.] So he can now come and prove me wrong, hon member Dyantyi.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I will keep on claiming it until he tells me which municipalities are not the functioning ones. [Interjections.] So, hon member Richard Dyantyi, and I was very serious when I asked him that, because with this team we can fix those municipalities.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: With the team we have got here we can fix those municipalities, but I must know.

So if the Minister has got information – but you see, the problem that we have got, colleagues, we sit now with the sixth Minister in nine years.

Mr D JOSEPH: Sjø.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So there is no stability. There is no intelligence that is moving forward, carrying over from one Minister to another. They are completely dysfunctional municipalities, and that is why we see SALGA trying to step in, that is why we see other people trying to fill that gap, because National cannot fill their own gap and their own mandate.

When Minister Gordhan was there, yes, I acknowledge, we went to Oudtshoorn, we stepped in, we fixed it. There is more than we can do, but the ANC National Government play like – †jy weet, wat is hierdie? *Musical chairs*. [Tussenwerpsels.] Hulle skuif die stoeltjies rond, en dan gaan alles tot niet op die ou einde van die dag. Die agb lid Richard Dyantyi het toe verder gegaan na waterbestuur. [you know, what is this? Musical chairs. [Interjections.] They shift the chairs around, and at the end of the day everything breaks down. The hon member Richard Dyantyi then went further to water management.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die wat?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The what?]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Water management.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, okay.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, if we are honest with one another, it is because of the good management of water in the City of Cape Town that we managed to pull through. Less than 15% loss on water. There is no city in this country that can come near to that, okay?

Then he touched on Mmusi Maimane coming in. Now I have tried to explain this and I am going to try explain it to them again.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mmusi Maimane cannot fix the water problem. He is the custodian of the DA brand. [Interjections.] And I wish your President ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... Cyril Ramaphosa would take ownership of the ANC brand and stop corruption. [Interjections.] Then we will fix this country.

Ms S W DAVIDS: He is not here.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: If he stepped in. But no way do you hide and run away.

The Day Zero concept, colleagues, I can explain it to you, because it seems like they do not want to understand, I do not know, because it is a very simple concept.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is called DA [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The Day Zero concept is there to protect the water resource for next year. But you see, the ANC do not think about that. That is why so many towns in this country reach a Day Double Zero, in other words there is no water. [Interjections.] In Cape Town we will not reach Day Zero because of the competency of our officials and our politicians who respect that expertise and who will support them, and that is why we will not reach Day Zero.

Yes, we do know where all the boreholes are. We have got – that is part of using the geohydrologists. We have got a map, we have plotted it ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gee my die lys en die *map*.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Give me the list and the map.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... en dit lyk soos 'n naaldekussing, en ons is baie bekommerd daaroor ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...and it looks like a pin cushion, and we are concerned about that ...[Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai is die probleem.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the problem.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... en ons gaan dit saam met u bestuur, maar wie gee die lisensie vir 'n boorgat?

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...and we are going to manage it with you, but who gives the licence for a borehole?]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai is die probleem.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the problem.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb lid Dyantyi ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon member Dyantyi ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis die ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the ... [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Dyantyi ... [Interjection.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die agb lid Dyanti – mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die ag lid Dyantyi het my baie vrae gevra. Wie gee die lisensie vir 'n boorgat?

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The hon member Dyanti – Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member Dyantyi asked me a lot of questions. Who gives the licence for a borehole?]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Gee hom 'n les, gee hom 'n les.

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Give him a lesson, give him a lesson.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek het nie daai gevra nie.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I did not ask for that.]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Luister, luister [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Listen listen [Onhoorbaar.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ja, jy het nie daai gevra nie, ja, want dis

Nasionaal, so kom ons gaan nie daar nie.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Yes, you did not ask that, yes, because it is National, so let us not go there.]

So, Mr Deputy, I am not going to stand here the whole day, I am just going to touch on the corruption within municipalities. Corruption, it does not matter on what level, it is wrong. I have never backed down from any challenge when it pertains to corruption. We are busy with four or five forensic investigations. But I think it is wrong to use this platform to badmouth and to take all the rumours out there as if they are true.

If there is anybody with his hands or her hands in the till, we will cut it off.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek kom terug, ek kom terug.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am coming back, I am coming back.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: But we will need to get to the facts, and you know it hon member Richard, it is difficult to get there, but we have got a team working on that, and we will not tolerate corruption in any of our municipalities.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek stem saam met jou, maar ek kom terug vir jou.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I agree with you, but I am coming back for you.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And on the Khoisan Bill, Mr Deputy Speaker, we support the rights of individuals to practice their cultures, and it is my right also to say within the Bill what I see is problematic. It is a problematic Bill and we will make use of the public consultation, but we will not lie to the Khoi and the San. We will not before each election put it on the table and after the election forget about them. [Interjections.]

So, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: *Support julle dit?*

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you support it?]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... met daardie paar woorde wil ek weereens almal bedank vir hulle deelname en ek hoop dat die agb lid Richard die ANC se opdrag sal ignoreer en die Begroting sal ondersteun. Ek dank u.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... with those few words I want to again thank everyone for their participation and I hope that the hon member Richard will ignore the ANC's instruction and support the Budget. I thank you.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will now suspend business for a few minutes to allow for the exchange of officials, and the bells will ring again to indicate the start of the next Vote. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House suspended at 16:29 and resumed at 16:35]

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

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I again see Minister Bredell. Minister.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, hon Cabinet Colleagues and members of the Parliament, the Head of the Department and the Head of CapeNature in their absentia. They are both sick. Invited guests, colleagues and friends:

As a Department with a broad mandate that includes environment and development planning, the past few years have become increasingly difficult under prevailing environmental conditions.

We are sitting in the middle of a once in 400-year drought and the impact has

been devastating, particularly in the agricultural sector.

Despite the workload increasing and the pressures mounting, we see that budgets for this vital area of government keep getting sliced thinner and thinner.

As an example I would like to highlight one statistic from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Under the current budgetary constraints and conditions, the Department currently has 544 approved positions on the organogram. Because of funding constraints and frozen posts, 180 of those posts are currently vacant and there is no money available to appoint more staff. The result is that our work is constrained to some extent. Despite that constraint, the Department has met all its targets in the past year and the continued output by the Department remains world class.

†Agbare Speaker, die verlamme droogte bly bo aan ons gedagtes soos wat ons hier vergader.

Die droogte en die gepaardgaande ramp is harde houe wat ons vat, waarvoor ons nie gevra het nie, maar wat ons bestuur so goed as wat ons kan. As provinsie het ons geen rol by die uitrol van water-infrastruktuur nie. Dit is n nasionale regeringsverantwoordelikheid en dit maak my bang as ek moet kyk na wat ons nasionale kollegas sê en doen, wat betref nuwe waterprojekte vir

ons provinsie.

Daar is op die oomblik bykans geen nuwe werklike projekte aan die gang of beplan vir langtermyn watersekerheid in die Wes-Kaap nie, ten spyte van die langdurige droogte wat ons tans ervaar.

Die enigste groot projek waaraan meer as R2 miljard reeds spandeer is - die verhoging van die Clanwilliam Damwal – is gestaak en gaan nie langer voort nie.

Ons moet vra wat aan die gang is in die nasionale departement en ons moet begin gesels oor die werklikheid van water en die bestuur daarvan op provinsiale vlak.

Dit is internasionale beste praktyk dat waterbeplanning en ontwikkelingsbeplanning geïntegreer word en dat water op provinsiale vlak bestuur moet word, met gepaardgaande begrotings. Dit is nie tans die situasie in Suid-Afrika nie. Ook nie hier in die Wes-Kaap nie, waar ons watersake grootliks deur amptenare in Pretoria bestuur word, met min kennis van die provinsie se algehele ontwikkelingsdoelstellings en behoeftes.

Ek wil die gesprek begin met die nuwe Minister in die portefeulje en met ander nasionale regeringsvennote om te kyk na die moontlikheid om water oor te neem as 'n provinsiale mandaat. Ons moet meer beheer kan hê oor ons eie toekoms in dié opsig.

Ons is hoopvol op 'n goeie reënvalseisoen in die komende wintermaande, maar daar is nog niks konkreets om aan vas te hou nie. Daarom doen ons 'n beroep op die gemeenskap om saam te werk en water te bespaar om te verseker ons bereik die 2019 seisoen met water nog in ons stelsel beskikbaar.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

Madam Speaker, the paralysing drought is upermost in our thoughts as we assemble here.

The drought and the accompanying disaster are hard blows we are absorbing, which we did not ask for, but which we manage as well as we can. As province we have no role in the roll-out of water infrastructure. It is a national government responsibility and it scares me when I have to look at what our national colleagues say and do, regarding new water projects for our province.

At the moment there are hardly any new real projects on the go or being planned for long term water security in the Western Cape, in spite of the long continuous drought we are currently experiencing.

The only large project on which more than R2 billion has already been spent – the height increase of the Clanwilliam Dam wall – has been halted and is no longer continuing.

We have to ask what is happening in the national department and we have to start talking about the reality of water and its management at provincial level.

It is international best practice that water planning and development planning are integrated and that water has to be managed at provincial level, with related budgets. This is not currently the situation in South Africa. Also not here in the Western Cape, where our water matters are mainly governed by officials in Pretoria with little knowledge of the province's general development aims and needs.

I want to start the discussion with the new Minister in the potfolio and with other national government partners to look at the possibility of taking over water as a provincial mandate. We need to have more control over our own future in this regard.

We are hopeful of a good rainfall season in the coming winter months, but there still is nothing concrete to hold onto. Therefore we appeal to the community to cooperate and save water to ensure that we reach the 2019 season with water still available in our system.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, Vote 9 for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning amounts to a total Budget for the year of R604 million.

50% of that amount is allocated to CapeNature – the Western Cape Government’s custodian of biodiversity in the province. I want to touch on budgetary challenges and note that in the 2017 Adjustment Budget, Vote 9’s allocation was reduced by R38,8 million as part of the Provincial Government’s reprioritising of budgets to tackle the impact of the ongoing drought disaster.

The priority spending areas for this Department over the upcoming MTEF period includes an amount of R41 million that has been prioritised for drought management and water security initiatives.

The current drought has put the spotlight on the importance of water security. Ongoing focus and awareness around water planning and management in the province is crucial.

In this regard we are proud of our achievements with projects in the Berg River Catchment areas and the plan to roll out the project to the Breede River kicked off in the last year.

Amongst others, this work speaks to:

- promoting sustainable land-use practices across all sectors,
- Reducing the impact of agriculture on the Breede River’s water quality to acceptable levels and to promote sustainable agriculture.
- Enhancing the rehabilitation of alien plant cleared areas.

The Department's ongoing climate change response plans have been allocated R22,8 million over the MTEF period.

Current climate change initiatives being driven by the Province include assessments of the Economic Risk and Opportunities of Climate Resilient Investment in the Western Cape, as well as ongoing municipal support to the five district municipalities to enable them to develop and to implement a climate change response strategy for each district in the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Green Economy falls under PSG1 and also contributes to PSG4 which speaks to enabling a resilient, sustainable, quality and inclusive living environment.

One of the exciting initiatives in further developing the Green economy includes a project called the *Waste-Preneur* programme.

Through this program, the Department aims to support formal and informal resource collectors through the development of a business diagnostic tool.

†Agbare Adjunkspeaker, programme wat kyk na die afval en vullis in ons provinsie gaan al meer belangrik word want die volgende krisis in die Wes-Kaap naas die heersende water krisis gaan 'n vulliskrisis word.

Ons is besig om uit plek uit te raak regoor die provinsie vir die storting van vullis. Daar is 'n dringende gesprek wat benodig gaan word rondom wat ons

moet doen om ons toenemende volumes vullis te hanteer. Om aan te hou om soveel te begrawe gaan nie veel langer 'n volhoubare opsie wees nie.

Alternatiewe opsies sluit in reuse herwinnings- en verbrandingsaanlegte. Dit gaan egter gepaard met sy eie uitdagings soos die koste om dit te ontwikkel en om die gemeenskap te kry om daarin in te koop.

Ek wil nietemin van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om 'n beroep te doen op u en die publiek daarbuite wat reeds so baie doen om water en krag te bespaar, om ook hulle denke te verander rondom vullis. Ons het nodig dat almal saamwerk om 'n gedragsverandering te bewerkstellig aangaande die herwinning van vullis.

Van my kant af het ek die Departement gevra om ondersoek in te stel rondom die uitbreiding van herwinningsfasiliteite en die bekamping van afvalplastiek in die provinsie.

Ons wil onder meer 'n beroep doen op groot besighede wat groot volumes plastiek en papier gebruik, om saam met ons in ons munisipaliteite te werk aan die ontwikkeling van grootskaalse herwinningsprojekte. Dit is ons visie om in elke dorp en stad in die Wes-Kaap 'n groot herwinningsaanleg te vestig.

Ons wil en moet 'n kultuur van herwinning begin ontwikkel. In dié opsig ondersoek ek tans die plastieksak- en plastiekstrooitjie probleem. Ek wil my

nasionale kollegas vra, waarheen gaan die plastiekheffing? Ons neem kennis, dis in die jongste nasionale begroting weer met 50% verhoog.

Ons wil vra dat die geld omhein of geringves word om te sien dat dit gaan waarvoor dit bedoel is – die uitsluitlike doel waarvoor dit ingestel is: Die skep van 'n herwinningsfunksie in die provinsie om van die afval ontslae te raak. Ek hoop dat ons nasionale kollegas dit sal oorweeg om 'n deel van dié geld aan ons te voorsien sodat ons 'n projek kan begin om die probleem behoorlik aan te spreek.

Indien ons nie groter samewerking en antwoorde kry nie sal ons moet ons opsies oorweeg. Dit kan insluit die ondersoek na die moontlikheid om 'n algehele verbod te plaas op produkte soos plastieksakke en plastiekstrooitjies in die Wes-Kaap.

Ek wil terloops besighede soos die Ocean Basket franchise gelukwens met hul besluit om weg te doen met plastiekstrooitjies en ons wil ander besighede aanmoedig om soortgelyke besluite te neem.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, oor die MTEF periode sal R79 miljoen gebruik word om verder uit te brei aan die bestaande en hoogs suksesvolle RSEP en VPUU projekte in die Wes-Kaap.

Die bestaande drie verkose dorpe in die RSEP, VPUU Program sal binnekort die bestaande opgraderings in hul gemeenskappe in terme van die RSEP

Program voltooi.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, programmes addressing the waste and rubbish in our province are going to become more important because the next crisis in the Western Cape after the existing water crisis is going to be a garbage crisis.

We are running out of space all over the province for the disposal of garbage. An urgent discussion will be needed around what we have to do to handle our increasing volumes of garbage. To carry on burying so much will not be a sustainable option for much longer.

Alternative options include huge recycling and burning plants. That, however, goes hand in hand with its own challenges like the cost to develop it and to get the community to buy into it.

I nevertheless want to take this opportunity to appeal to you and the public out there who are already doing so much to save water and power, to also change their thoughts around garbage. We need all to cooperate to effect a behavioural change with regard to garbage.

From my side I have requested the Department to investigate the expansion of recycling facilities and the reduction of plastic waste in the province.

Amongst other things I want to appeal to large businesses using large volumes of plastic and paper to cooperate with us in our municipalities in the development of large scale recycling projects. It is our vision to establish a large recycling plant in every town and city in the Western Cape.

We want to, and will have to, begin to develop a culture of recycling. In this regard I am currently investigating the plastic bag and plastic straw problem. I want to ask my national colleagues, where does the plastic levy go to? We are taking note, in the latest national budget it has been increased again by 50%.

We would like to ask that the money be fenced or ringfenced to see that it goes to what it has been intended – the exclusive goal for what it has been established: the creation of a recycling function in the province to get rid of the waste. I hope that our national colleagues will consider to provide a part of this money to us so that we can start a project to properly address the problem.

If we do not get greater cooperation and answers we will have to consider options. It can include the investigation of the possibility to place a total ban on products such as plastic bags and plastic straws in the Western Cape.

By the way, I would like to congratulate businesses such as the Ocean Basket franchise on their decision to do away with plastic straws and we want to encourage other businesses to take similar decisions.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the MTEF period, R79 million will be used to further expand the existing and highly successful RSEP and VPUU projects in the Western Cape.

The existing three chosen towns in the RSEP, VPUU Programme will soon complete the existing upgradings in their communities in terms of the RSEP Programme.]

†The 2018/19 financial year should see the RSEP Phase 2 in full swing and being landed in all seven new municipalities. A number of infrastructure projects should commence in these municipalities. However, the focus is on “change of mind sets” and insights into how municipalities can plan towns differently with a planning-led approach and also to address the spatial realities of the South African past more coherently.

It will also be about planning better with other line departments, specifically the social cluster. Work in collaboration with PSG 3 should come to fruition. The existing three RSEP municipalities should be near completion of their projects in the originally selected towns of Vredenburg, Malmesbury and Worcester.

This financial year an organisational development investigation for the institutionalisation of the RSEP program into the Department, will be initiated.

In terms of the VPUU, the programme is nearing an end as the main thrust of the programme ends in June 2018. However, some possible exchange rate gains on the remaining funds from the German Development Bank may provide opportunities for additional projects being considered beyond June 2018.

†Agbare Adjunkspeaker, as dit kom by die Kaapse Natuurbewaring se begroting vir die jaar wat voorlê, is die teiken om R401 miljoen te spandeer. Die grootste deel hiervan word toegedeel deur die Provinsiale Tesourie, maar die res sal ingevorder word deur dienste soos oornag-akkomodasie in reservate aan toeriste te verhuur.

CapeNature se prioriteit bestedingsareas in die komende jare sluit in tegnologiese opgraderings van inligtingstelsels met die oog daarop om meer doeltreffendheid te bewerkstellig.

Ekotoerisme bly 'n top prioriteit en dit is veral 'n riem onder die hart om te sien hoe beleggings in infrastruktuur by CapeNature oorde oor die afgelope paar jaar vrugte afgewerp het.

Reservate soos Cederberg, Kogelberg, Rocherpan en Grootvadersbosch is besonder gewild en lewer 'n groot bydrae tot die inkomstestrome van CapeNature.

Kogelberg byvoorbeeld se besettingsyfer is 87% - 'n uitstekende prestasie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, with regard to the Cape Nature Conservation budget for the year ahead, the target is to spend R401 million. The largest part hereof is allocated by the Provincial Treasury, but the rest will be collected through leasing services such as overnight accommodation in reserves to tourists.

CapeNature's priority spending areas in the coming years include technological upgradings of information systems with the aim of establishing higher effectiveness.

Ecotourism remains a top priority and it is especially encouraging to see how investments in infrastructure at CapeNature resorts have been bearing fruit over the past few years.

Reserves such as Cederberg, Kogelberg, Rocherpan and Grootvadersbosch are very popular and make a large contribution to the income streams of CapeNature.

Kogelberg's occupation figure for instance is 87% - an excellent achievement.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, CapeNature is committed and will continue to focus on invasive alien plant clearing efforts in the mountain catchment areas.

In the past three financial years, CapeNature has cleared out more than 250 000 hectares of alien vegetation in its nature reserves. These efforts will be up-scaled in priority areas to ensure maximum water reaches our dams.

In addition to providing millions of litres of more water to our strained systems, these clearing initiatives also create valuable employment opportunities for SMMEs and people, often located in remote and rural areas.

CapeNature manages about 6% of the total surface area of the Western Cape Province with large parts of it encompassing the high yielding water catchment areas.

These vast areas are prioritised and cleared of alien vegetation according to an integrated strategy, as resource constraints do not allow us to clear the invaded areas at the required rate.

As additional funding becomes available more opportunities will be created to upscale operations and employ more people in this regard.

†Die Departement en CapeNature se amptenare het weer oor die afgelope jaar uitstekende werk onder toenemende druk verrig.

Die Departement het weer 'n skoon oudit behaal. Dit is nou reeds meer as tien jaar wat die Departement dit vermag en ek wil vir die Hoof van die Departement, mnr Piet van Zyl bedank en sy hele span gelukwens met hierdie prestasie. CapeNature het ook in die afgelope boekjaar 'n skoon oudit verkry,

‘n verbetering op die vorige jaar se ongekwalifiseerde oudit. Dr Razeena Omar, baie geluk in jou afwesigheid en ons wens jou alle sterkte toe met jou gesondheid. Baie, baie dankie. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The Departement’s and CapeNature’s officials have again done excellent work over the past year under increasing pressure.

The Department has again received a clean audit. It has been more than ten years now that the Department has achieved that and I would like to thank the Head of the Department, Mr Piet van Zyl and congratulate his whole team with the performance. CapeNature has also received a clean audit over the past financial year, an improvement on the previous year’s unqualified audit. Dr Razeena Omar, congratulations in your absence and we wish you all the best with your health. Thank you very, very much. [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agb lid Simmers.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Simmers.]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker.

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.]

†It is a great pleasure to stand here today to address this House in my role as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Environmental Affairs and

Development Planning, but it is also exceptionally important that I and we perform our oversight function with integrity and in the interests of the people of this province.

It pleases me to hear that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning remains committed to developing a responsive and efficient organisational culture in order to promote a resilient, sustainable and inclusive living environment for the people of our province.

Today, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to use this opportunity to not only welcome but also support the R604 611 000 that has been allocated to the Department for the 2018/9 MTEF period.

In the light of ongoing climate change which has been exacerbated by several factors – †daar gaan die Engelse sout [Tussenwerpsels.] [there goes the Epsom Salts [Interjections.] –] the Department has taken the necessary steps to develop a resilient and sustainable environment that will also be enjoyed by future generations.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the key challenges facing our province at this particular moment in time is the issue of water security. †Ons het nou al baie gehoor die afgelope twee dae – [We have already heard a lot over the past two days –] water is a key enabler of future, provincial economic growth and environmental sustainability.

Surface water is currently our province's main source and will be under increasing pressure with the expected decrease in the province's rainfall levels. The ongoing drought has forced our Government to be far more resourceful around our water usage and we have put in place a number of controls to address this risk. One of them being the protection and improvements of vital water sources in our province.

Through the ongoing improvements and investments being made in the Berg River Improvement Plan and the Breede River Environmental Resource Protection Plans and the projects, the Department firmly believes that these projects will play an integral role in creating healthier river systems, which will enhance the economy of the Western Cape by creating more permanent jobs in the agricultural sector and new industries, such as the agri tourism sector.

Furthermore, increased job opportunities will be created due to the vast improvement in the quantity and quality of water within the Berg and Breede River system.

With the ongoing drought, ensuring that we have healthy and resilient ecosystems is even more difficult and complex than ever before. Not only is our province one of the most ecologically complex and biodiverse areas in the world, we also are home to more than 70% of one of the World's Six Floristic Kingdoms, but it is also one of the primary water catchment areas in South Africa. It is on this note that I would like to commend the Department

for allocating as much as R302 533 000 over the MTEF to CapeNature. Our public entity has a statutory mandate and responsibility for biodiversity conservation in the Western Cape, and I know that Dr Omar and the team at CapeNature will execute this responsibility diligently and effectively.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the 2013-19 MTEF will see CapeNature continue its job creation footprint and facilitation of social development and functional training interventions across the province where EPWP projects are implemented in their nature reserves.

It envisages that a total of 450 EPWP employment contracts will be entered into by these recipients with CapeNature during the reporting year. Already over 60% of the EPWP participants in CapeNature, are mainly female youth. It is also welcoming that CapeNature has maintained the stance that appointed participants that will continue to come from different communities across our province.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Minister Bredell, the HOD and all staff in the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for their ongoing commitment in protecting our rich and diverse biodiversity within a cycle of tighter fiscal policy.

As the governing party in the Western Cape, we remain committed to enabling spatial resilience and planning of human settlements and infrastructure that are effective in pro-actively protecting critical national

resources, as well as ensuring long-term sustainability and resilience.

The future depends on the choices which we make today. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vreet hulle! Vreet hulle!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Chew them! Chew them!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I said Dijana, not Dyantyi. [Laughter.] Order. Hon member, you may continue.

Ms T M DIJANA: The Constitution in Chapter 2, the Bill of Rights, provides in Section 24:

“Everyone has the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through reasonable legislative and other measures.”

The role of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is two-fold: safeguarding the natural environment of the Western Cape for future generations, while sustainably developing the landscape in

which we live.

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is to maintain oversight over the executive member and his Department and its entity, including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and consider and report on legislation, other matters and annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

The Executive authority of the Western Cape Government lies with the Premier and the executive authority of the Department lies with the MEC. Both these political heads have failed to comply with the Western Cape Constitution and implement Section 71 of the Western Cape Constitution 1997.

Both these political heads have failed to create enabling legislation to give effect to Section 71 of the Western Cape Constitution. The Commissioner for the Environment is an independent and impartial Ombudsman.

Now, more than ever, it is necessary to have an impartial watchdog in the Western Cape, due to the Cape water crisis the DA has created. We are witnessing the unsustainable over-abstraction of ground water, desalination of contaminated sea water, and the pollution of the Cape Flats aquifer with waste water.

By failing to comply with the Western Cape Constitution, the Premier and MEC violated Section 133.3 of the National Constitution of South Africa. It states that,

“Members of the Executive Council of a province must,

- a) Act in accordance with the Constitution and if a provincial Constitution has been passed for the province, also that Constitution.”

The Speaker of this Legislature also has a duty to comply with the Provincial and National Constitutions. The Speaker does not hold the Executive accountable in that. The Provincial Legislature and its members must comply in terms of Section 107 of the National Constitution, before members of a Provincial Legislature begin to perform their functions in the Legislature.

They must swear or affirm faithfulness to the Republic and obedience to the Constitution in accordance with Schedule 2 and not a party. Members of the DA in the Legislature who will be supporting this Vote today, know that you are breaking your oath of office and you are violating the Constitution of the country and the province. Shame on you!

The MEC acknowledges that the Western Cape has some of the driest areas on the planet. What has the MEC done to combat climate change and related issues in this regard? This Budget provides no program to battle the effects of climate change and efforts to mitigate against the fourth year of the worst

drought the province has seen in recent history.

The whole Day Zero will not happen in 2018. Things has been a bit strange as nothing has changed in terms of the supply augmentation or rainfall. Media reports and independent water consumption websites conflict with the City of Cape Town and Provincial Government or Mmusi Maimane, depending on what day you ask, “Who is leading the water resiliency plan in the province?”

With the current usage and dam levels it has been reported that the Cape’s dam levels will reach 10% on 21 June 2018. One then wonders how much rainfall did the DA Government budget for the announcement that our dam levels will not reach 10%.

The biggest dam in the province, the Theewaterskloof Dam, stood at 10,7% on 19 March 2018. Voëlvlei Dam at 14.8%. These are indeed worrying figures. This brings the credibility of the DA’s #Day Zero into question. Too much of a PR crisis to announce the complete removal of the Day Zero label, which only the Western Cape uses during a water shortage. Only uncertainty and more sad news.

In July last year, meters and valves were stolen and damaged at aquifer drillings sites at the three major aquifer projects in Atlantis, Table Mountain and the Cape Flats. Why was equipment, worth millions, not safeguarded for our water security needs?

“Water is a key enabler of future provincial economic growth and environmental sustainability.”

However, many waste water treatment works are not operating optimally for a variety of reasons, one of which is the lack of skilled personnel to manage and operate the works properly. This comes from the Blue Book.

Is it guaranteed that the communities will be getting clean and safe water, as required by the Constitution and the National Development Plan? The Annual Performance Plan speaks to water growth and development. Acknowledging the water crisis is one thing, what initiatives have been implemented which add an additional supply of water?

Water sustainable growth and development has decreased by R2,1 million from 2017. This DA really has no plan. This Budget shows no relation to the problems facing the environment and how allocated money will improve the environmental challenges we are facing in the Western Cape.

We welcome the increase of equitable share funding from National, which led to an increase of R48 million. This includes the R16 million for CapeNature’s Kogelberg Project and additional funding for three evaluations to be conducted. Also, we welcome the inclusion of the seven municipalities to the RSEP VPUU program. However, we are concerned that the Department did not include the whole Central Karoo District Municipality, considering the high unemployment and crime rate in that area.

The Departmental Budget has no mechanism to address past imbalances relating to employment equity. Whites make up 50% of senior and top management. They are over represented, compared to their economically active population. Only one black African is not sufficient when they make up 40% of the provincial economically active population.

What will the Department do to promote employment equity in a province where 72% of the land is owned by whites? Coloureds only own 15% of the land and Africans, again only, 1%. The DA is really not representative in running and who effectively owns resources in the province? It must be tough to be a coloured or black leader in the DA when they will make you stand here next month and require you to speak against the expropriation of land without compensation.

Imagine MEC Albert Fritz standing here and saying, whites must own 72% of the land. [Laughter.] We are successful as the DA to have Coloureds owning 15% of the land, whilst the Coloureds make up 45% of the Western Cape population. Imagine DA leader, Madikizela, telling Africans that this 1% is good that Africans own, while they make up 40% of the Western Cape population.

This will be evidence that the DA is a party of whites. [Interjections.] As former President Nelson Mandela once said,

“You must not be misled by a party that only cares for blacks on the eve

of elections. No white party can run this country. No matter how they cover up by getting a few black stooges, the whites remain bosses. They remain a white party.” [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.] Order! Just take your seat. Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, as amusing as the other side might find it, I think there has been a ruling or there is a pending ruling on these racial epithets and I ask that you consider this matter please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I will consider it. I am listening very carefully. The member must also get back to the actual vote.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Do not waste my time, Chief Whip of the DA. [Interventions.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, please continue.

Ms T M DIJANA: In conclusion, as the ANC we are calling for equal access and enjoyment of our natural resources. Our environmental rights must be equally observed when natural resources are consumed. The people share and work the land. I thank you. You must listen. [Applause.][Interjections.]

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

Order! Hon member Nkondlo, hon member Dijana. Hon member Dijana, you have just had the opportunity to speak and you continue speaking. I see the Minister to reply.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Sho! Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Let me start off by thanking my Department. I see they are scattered all over. Thank you very much. We are really fortunate to have this quality – that is all the Department’s officials sitting here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I really want to thank them for their dedication and hard work towards the Western Cape and towards South Africa. They lead, and they work with our national colleagues and they lead a lot of the national programs. So, thank you very much for that.

To the hon Chairperson of my Standing Committee, hon Tertius Simmers, thank you very much. You have touched on all the important points. The water, the health of our eco system.

†Jy het veral gepraat ook van ons Bergrivier- en ons Breederivier programme, en natuurlik is ons riviere en die kwaliteit van ons water in ons riviere ongelooflik belangrik.

So ook is ons lugbesoedeling en die kwaliteit van ons lug wat ons inasem – alles wat hierdie Departement aanraak – sal bepaal of ons ‘n beter en ‘n gesonder toekoms vir ons nageslag nalaat. So, baie dankie vir jou *commitment and dedication* en dat jy ons tot verantwoording roep. Ons waardeer dit. Ons besef dis nie ‘n rol om populêr te wees nie, maar ons respekteer daardie oorsigrol en ons sal alles in ons vermoë doen om saam met julle te werk as ‘n Staande Komitee.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[You have especially spoken about our Berg River and our Breede River programmes, and of course our rivers and the quality of our water in our rivers are unbelievably important.

So also is our air pollution and the quality of our air that we breathe – everything that concerns this Department – will determine whether we will leave behind a better and healthier future for our next generations. So, thank you for your commitment and dedication and that you call us to task. We appreciate that. We realise it is not a role to be popular, but we respect that oversight role and we will do everything in our power to cooperate with you as a Standing Committee.]

To the member Dijana, I do not know what to say, to be quite honest with you. That you [Interjections.] That a member of the ANC dare to quote the ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: That a member of the ANC dares to quote the Constitution of the Western Cape, where none of their provinces even have a Constitution you know, it is just mind-boggling. [Interjections.] And then to quote something ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And then to quote something outrageous like the “Commissioner would have prevented us from a water crisis.” Shame! [Interjections.]

But she also goes on to contradict herself [Interjections.] by mentioning [Interjections.] and acknowledging the fact that, we have in our ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! There is too much interjections now. Please come to order. The Minister has got the opportunity to reply now.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And then going on to contradict herself by acknowledging the fact that we are in the fourth dry year. So, and again

colleagues, and ladies and gentlemen, and Mr Deputy Speaker, let me again try and explain Day Zero.

The whole Day Zero is that, and that is what the difference is between the ANC and the DA. We plan for next year to safeguard the source for next year. [Interjections.] And therefore, when the dams reach 13.5%, we need to make it very uncomfortable for people, so that we can protect the source for next year. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Part of managing the system, Mr Deputy Speaker, is to shift the water between the dams. Fortunately, we do have very good engineers that are able to do that and that is part of managing the system.

To reduce demand, and I can tell you now that the Day Zero concept worked. All of a sudden, the message landed within our communities. It is not a popular message, but we are not there to be popular. We are there to protect the source and for the first time ... [Interjections.] For the first time and [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: For the first time, and I do not know of any other place in the world who managed to reduce their water consumption from 1,2 billion litres a day, down to 550 million litres. I do not know of another place that has managed to do that. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member Dijana touched on personnel and the quality of personnel and so forth. I just want to mention to the hon member Dijana that the Department of Water Affairs had 250 engineers in 2004. Today they have 80 engineers of which 60 of those engineers do not have five years' experience – and then she wants to point a finger at the DA.

And then I want to state, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we do not run on a race base, colour base, because we believe that people [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And honourable, if you want me to talk to the [Inaudible.] let me talk briefly to that then, †aangesien die agb Swkatsha junior so slim is, laat ek hom net gou reghelp, agb Adjunkspeaker. [Gelag.] Uit die nege provinsiale leiers van die DA is daar net een wit persoon [Tussenwerpsels.] Nie dat dit saak maak nie, maar dis hoe ons stem. [as the hon Swkatsha junior is so clever, let me quickly inform him, hon Deputy Speaker [Laughter.] Out of the nine provincial leaders of the DA

there is only one white person [Interjections.] Not that it matters, but that is how we vote.]

We are the most diverse party and we are very proud of that. [Interjections.] Member Dijana mentioned that we only care before the election [Interjection.] Well ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Minister, just one second. We cannot continue the way it is going now with the four ladies at the back, continuously speaking at the same time as the Minister. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Ja. Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am watching you, hon member Lekker, but your colleagues next to you on both sides are definitely guilty. Please contain yourself.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me end off, because I think that the ANC is thinking this is joke. This is very serious. The DA will protect the environmental rights of this province with competent personnel and staff working with us. We will foresee that we give our children a good and clean province in future. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this Vote.
That also concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:13.