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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: Good morning hon members. Good morning to our guests in the gallery. Good morning to the Administration. Feel welcome. Just a few words around the rules of the gallery - we appreciate your being here. However, you cannot participate in the proceedings of the House, which means you are not allowed to clap, do any interjections or intervene in the discussion in any way and also please kindly ensure that your cell phones are now placed on silent. Thank you.

I would like to call the House to Order. The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1 - 2019].

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear! [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: I now see the honourable, the Minister, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Madam Speaker, and Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier in her absence at the moment, and Cabinet colleagues, and really, really amazing Cabinet colleagues. I have worked with them for nine years. Yes, they are amazing! [Interjections.] Absolutely amazing!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Amazing!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Honourable amazing members of the DA caucus sitting behind me with hon member Mark Wiley as the Whip, and then hon members from the ANC, very honourable members. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Are we not amazing?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Some people really became good friends! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Have you seen amazing?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mayors present, Mayco

members and I specifically see Dr Zahied Badrodien and Councillor Pophaim. Also a dear friend of mine sitting in the gallery, Mr Jabar from DevSAT, a very warm welcome to you and to my own staff, but I have a very, very special welcome to my other family this morning - all our youth sitting within the gallery. It has become a very special family to me and it is so great to have you here to support me this morning, so a very warm welcome to you guys. [Applause.]

Honourable Madam Speaker, I rise to present the Western Cape Department of Social Development's 2019/20 Budget. Madam Speaker, with a total budget of R2 464 379 000 this Department will continue to ensure service delivery excellence. This is safeguarded as this DA-led Government is guided by the rule of law, by evidence-based programmes, by public value and accountability and I want to emphasise that. We are further directed by core legislation, policy mandates and the Provincial Strategic Goals of this Province.

In this DA-led province we are building a capable state, Madam Speaker, and strengthening the capacity of our departments. Unlike the ANC, we do not destroy state institutions through cronyism and corruption. We do not allow for our officials to go unpaid indefinitely such as those that were in the West Rand District Municipality and that is the first sign of a failed state when officials go unpaid... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] did not pay.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And that is exactly what happened with the ANC Government where they rule.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Drakenstein workers also did not get paid.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The general election on 8 May places the Western Cape and South Africa at a critical juncture with only two options: either we vote for the DA who provides service delivery excellence... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, you are campaigning.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Or we vote for the ANC who will ensure that we become yet another failed state... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, you are campaigning. You are campaigning.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...unable to deliver any services. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: We must campaign.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I do not even want to talk this morning... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: We only worry about you coming back. You are not coming back.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, you are campaigning.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I do not even want to talk about the ACDP or the EFF who are non-existent in the House and I hope the voters see this to see what their vote means for them. It is a waste of time.
[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Those are voters from [Inaudible.] Your voters are voting for them.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, your vote as well, hon member Dugmore. Do not worry, do not worry. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Your voters are going to run away. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, allow me to

explain how unlike the ANC the DA ensures... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon members, Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat please. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You are victimising Patricia. That is why they [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat please. Hon members, too much noise from both sides of the House. I can understand your enthusiasm. It is the second-last day of this term. We need to get through a pretty long day. Let us not use up all the energy in this first session; if you could compose yourselves? You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, allow me to explain how unlike the unlike the DA ensures service delivery excellence.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your excitement is good. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Since 2009, remember we came in. The ANC - they were voted out in 2008, remember that election?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And then we came into

governance, this Department and the Government has increased its provincial footprint by 176%. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You will remember 2019. You will be voted out again.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You had two offices for the poor... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to service the poor. We increased our footprint a 176%. We have grown from one head office and 16 districts - one head office and 16 districts, Madam Speaker, in 2009, to a head office overseeing six regional offices with 45 local offices and a number of point services for people, so that poor can access services. [Interjections.] That is what the ANC means. It means failure. This has brought services closer to communities, assisting those in need. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We can see whatever you are doing is not working. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And assisting those most in need. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Children are still doing drug abuse and alcohol abuse.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, because... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not working, whatever you are doing.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, running commentary now!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Conversely, the ANC has submitted its list of political candidates whose credentials in theft, thuggery, brown envelopes Rasool and factionalism were honed through the Gupta crisis and BOSASA crises. [Interjections.] You are personified by theft. That is what the ANC is.

Ms S W DAVIDS: So you are afraid of Rasool!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Why would we be afraid of Rasool? †Vra vir – [ask the] [Inaudible - shouting simultaneously.]

The SPEAKER: Minister, Minister Fritz, please kindly engage the Chair...

[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Why would we, hon Madam Speaker, why would we be afraid of Rasool? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You know why... [Inaudible - shouting simultaneously.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: With his reputation in tatters, who would be afraid of him?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Tell us why. He is not here, why are you speaking of him?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Poor, yes [Inaudible - shouting simultaneously.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Social Development... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are the Minister.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Do your work, Social Development!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Children and families - they become the social services, hon Beerwinkel. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Just do your work.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: A key aspect of service delivery ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, sorry there is a member on the floor.

An HON MEMBER: Haibo!

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat please. Hon member Makeleni. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I really feel sorry for you.

Ms P MAKELENI: Can I request that you ask hon Fritz to calm down. Once he calms down the House will calm down.

Mr M G E WILEY: Coming from you!

Ms P MAKELENI: And we can hear him properly. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Coming from you, ja. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I think your point is sustained. Minister Fritz, it is your presentation, you can do as you wish.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: However, I am going to caution you upfront and ask you to manage your finger please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Laughter.] Okay.

The SPEAKER: [Laughter.] Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will use my fist!

An HON MEMBER: Get it! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Okay. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Davids.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The key aspect of service delivery for us is protecting children and supporting the family institutions and this morning, Madam Speaker, another child was murdered in Elim in our

most peaceful community. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Can I ask you, what are you doing to prevent that...

[Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: In the most peaceful community, if you want the Government to be everywhere... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What are you doing to prevent it?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...in everyone's kitchen, in everyone's house. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We must really look at that. Everyone must take responsibility for that child that is murdered. Stop pointing to the Government. That is why children are continued to be murdered.

An HON MEMBER: That is good.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let us, everyone, take responsibility. [Interjections.] Let us stop the murder of our children. That is why the Department has allocated 31% of its budget to the Programme

Children and Families.

Early Childhood Development Centres: in line with the Provincial Strategic Goal 2, the aim of improving educational outcomes, R1,1 billion has been committed over the 2019 MTEF to improve Early Childhood Development and I am saying over the MTEF, Madam, hon member, at 65 sites where school readiness is poor. This will enable 7 000 to 8 000 more children to attend ECDs. It is a very important point because that first phase of a child's life needs that development. Yet again, this Department is ensuring service delivery excellence by establishing a centralised ECD Unit in the next financial year. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What is the Department doing about that?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am coming to that point. Rapidly growing numbers of ECDs and onerous registration requirements challenges, challenge the NGO Sector and this Department. It really challenges us also. Municipal zoning and building plans, and I am happy the Mayco member is here to listen to this.

Ms S W DAVIDS: But what is your plan?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...that the municipal zoning and business and building plan requirements in the Children's Act prevent many ECDs in informal areas from registration. For this reason hon member

Dauids... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, I am listening, I am listening.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and Madam Speaker, through you, I have written to the National Minister, Susan Shabangu, to ask her to ease these regulatory requirements... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, and you threatened.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...discriminating against the most vulnerable in our communities.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is good.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Meanwhile, my Department will deploy additional resources because this is how an enduring state is managed. Child Care and Protection: in the 2019/20 financial year, R230,1 million has been allocated to promote the well-being of children and families through the Child Care and Protection Sub-Programme.

This example of how the DA delivers is contrasted with the ANC's failure to provide services to disabled children residing at a youth care facility in KwaNzimakwe, KwaZulu Natal.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I cannot understand why the ANC is being blamed for the Western Cape's failure. You are the MEC!

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Despite receiving R1,4 million a year, funds, and this is how the ANC governs.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must blame yourself.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I just want to make the point, Madam Speaker. The ANC governs like this. They get R1,4 million. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are governing here, not the ANC [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: All the money disappeared. The children were lying hungry in there and other departments had to come and sort it out.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You can fool some people some time but not all the time.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And we really want to say people who are still wasting their vote on the ANC, I do not know what happened, with Ramaphosa and his party. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You can fool some people some time but not all the time.

The SPEAKER: Sorry Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Do not worry, the same applies to you.

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat please. Hon member Davids, in terms of the Rules, interjections are allowed...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The SPEAKER: But when your interjections become a running commentary...

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, I only did two now, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: No-no, okay. Hon member Davids, I have been ticking here and they were certainly not two.

Mr M G E WILEY: You have had two breaks between your comments.

The SPEAKER: So I think there were two breaks between the interjections.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, I did do two, and I take a break, and I did another two.

The SPEAKER: Okay, but I also heard you compliment the Minister and say something good, so can we just manage ourselves please. You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker.
†In Afrikaans, die waarheid maak baie seer. [In Afrikaans, the truth hurts a lot.]

†Me S W DAVIDS: O, daai is nie die waarheid nie. Die waarheid is die waarheid.

[Ms S W DAVIDS: Oh, that is not the truth. The truth is the truth.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, when it comes to adoptions, the ANC-led National Government's favourite tool in state collapse is centralisation. They centralise everything and they centralise key... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And you are doing nothing!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They have done this before with our Chapter 9 institutions and they plan to do this again with our land, National Reserve Bank and adoptions, even the adoption sector they want to centralise.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Our child protection services

are threatened ... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Because you are doing nothing. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... by the Children's Amendment Bill. Do not let me say †“hou jou something, nè.” [keep your something, nè] [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, don't you... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Our Children's Amendment Bill to the Children's Act, proposed by the National Government, the Bill will make it illegal, Madam Speaker, for accredited child protection organisations, social workers, lawyers, psychologists and medical professionals to charge for their expertise. Only the State's over-burdened social workers will be able to facilitate adoptions. Consequently, the figure of 3,7 million vulnerable and orphaned children in our country... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Appoint more social workers!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...will increase and yet another important service in our country will collapse.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Appoint more social workers!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We must really get this right now. We are taking it up. We are fighting the centralisation and we hope to win this because our children need homes. They do not need to be in institutions and in foster care. They can come into adoptions but this ANC Government makes everything impossible. They mess everything up.
[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are not doing your work, MEC!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Davids is sitting there making a noise.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are not doing your work!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: What work! We are fighting it man!

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Go to your office and you will see people are busy adopting ... [Inaudible - shouting.] [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: O hene!

[An HON MEMBER: Oh, my!]

An HON MEMBER: Madam Speaker!

The SPEAKER: Alright, sorry Minister Fritz... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are not a specialist!

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat. Hon member Davids, you have had 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 interjections in the space of less than three minutes.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

The SPEAKER: Now if that is not a running commentary then I have to say you need to manage yourself otherwise you are going to run the risk of me imposing a rule that might see you leave the Chamber for the rest of the day. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, apologise on that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I want to now speak about disability and I want to contrast the reason why I am doing it Madam Speaker, I want voters to see when in 2009 when we came in here what the

situation was and how it has improved. You know, this useless ANC Government that used to rule here before just messed everything up and so people can see what they must do.

This caring DA Government has allocated R186,3 million in the 2019/20 financial year to continue empowering persons living with disabilities; including the deaf sector, which received R9,1 million last year.

We have had unparalleled success in increasing our services to persons with disabilities. In 2009 just 120 - †n kale 120 mense – [a mere 120 people -] 120 people with disabilities received specialised services. Today, 88 000 people receive specialised services. Unlike the ANC, this DA-led Government understands what true transformation means, it means *nie* changing colours *nie*. It means, includes everyone... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, there is nobody going out there. [Inaudible.] Nobody does.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It includes everyone. Transformation means inclusion, not just colour. It means people living with disabilities and that is what they must get into their thick skulls. It is not a tool to benefit a few and destroy the State.

Madam Speaker, over the next five years we plan to strengthen our services by making gainful employment opportunities available to persons with

disabilities through strong public-private partnerships because this is what an enduring state does. We are not trying to do everything on our own. We do it through partnerships.

Restorative Services: In line with PSG 3's aim of tackling social ills; the Department's Restorative Services provides substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation and victim empowerment.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation: Substance abuse is a significant issue in our province caused by the complex interplay of environmental and genetic factors. My Department has allocated R66,7 million for the 2019/20 financial year to address and prevent substance abuse; benefitting 12 000 clients and Madam Speaker, I want to say, this never ever becomes enough so we must really fight the causes of it. In the next five years, we look forward to working with our NGO partners to implement more preventative programmes for youth in high risk communities. [Interjections.] Remember Marius Fransman also said that and he is even out of Parliament. [Interjections.] He is not even here, he is out of Parliament. So be careful.

Mr D MITCHELL: But she is also going, she is also going.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Be careful what you say.

†Jy weet, ek is 'n *prophet*. [You know, I am a prophet.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am not Marius Fransman, hey.

Mr D MITCHELL: But you are going.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Victim empowerment.

Mr D MITCHELL: You are going.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Victim empowerment. You remind me of him. Victim Empowerment Programmes: my Department remains committed to uplifting victims of abuse. The Western Cape DSD currently funds 16 shelters that provide safe accommodation, therapeutic services and skills development for up to three months; and four emergency shelters that provide safe accommodation for up to seven days for women who are absolutely in need of care.

In the next five years, we look forward to working closely with the Department of Human Settlements and the City of Cape Town to ensure both victims of abuse leaving our shelters and young people leaving child protection facilities have safe alternative accommodation and viable work opportunities.

Today we have a lady in the gallery, I am not sure whether she is still here, but I saw her this morning, who after serving a particular period within a Child and Youth-Care Centre and turned 18, can be put out and put on the

road. We are so happy that we have an amazing network of young people who could capture her and put her in Safe, but we must take responsibility for that.

An HON MEMBER: What are you going to do?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Next year, I further look forward to working closely with the new provincial police force. We are going to have our own police force.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to facilitate the seamless delivery of social services to those who need it most.

Ms S W DAVIDS: In your dreams.

Mr D MITCHELL: You will not be here next year.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Because you have failed our people. Initiatives for Young People: Madam Speaker, the development of young people is paramount in this Department. This is why my Department spearheaded the Provincial Youth Development Strategy, which helps youth, particularly those Not in Education, Employment or Training, improve their outcomes and really become something. Hence, Youth Development will

receive R24,1 million for the 2019/20 financial year to implement the PYDS.

Youth Cafés: Guided by the PYDS, this Department has launched eleven Youth Cafés in the past five years across the province, which is testament to our service delivery excellence. I am pleased that R1,8 million has been set aside for the establishment of three new Youth Cafés in Metro North, Metro East and the Overberg / Cape Winelands region and so we are really looking forward to that.

Cape Youth@Work Programme: Madam Speaker, addressing youth unemployment has been a strategic priority for this administration. Over the past year, the Cape Youth@Work Programme has upskilled 100 interns from Mitchells Plain, Manenberg, Khayelitsha and Philippi East. I am pleased that over R4 million has been allocated for this financial year for this programme in 2019/20. Unlike the ANC, the private sector is not our enemy.
[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, it is like a record now. You must stop it now.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: In fact, we work closely together to ensure that young people are employed. This is why the DA-led Western Cape and the youth unemployment rate is 17% lower than the national average. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ten years in Government and you are still complaining.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Evidently, the DA is the only party that can save South Africa from being yet another failed state.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The only party! [Applause.]

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I have highlighted, South Africa and the Western Cape are at a critical juncture. Either we vote for the DA who provides service delivery excellence, or we vote for the ANC and we will ensure that we become yet another failed state. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, the people are not listening to you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Regardless, we are working hard to sustain and expand our services. Granted, this is difficult when the ANC-misled National Government cannot even keep the lights on. We are all in darkness because †hulle kan nie eers vir Eskom reg hou nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [they cannot even keep Eskom running. [Interjections.]]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ooh, blame the ANC!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let me take this opportunity,

allow me now, Madam Speaker, to take the opportunity to thank the Premier in her absence for her outstanding leadership over the past two administrations - the only Premier in South Africa that served ten years, by the way, the only one. †Hulle kan nie eers hulle Premiers in poste hou nie. [Gelag.] [They cannot even keep their Premiers in their posts. [Laughter.]] If you are not murdered, you are kicked out. [Laughter.]

I would also like to thank my Cabinet colleagues and I really want to use the opportunity to thank my Cabinet colleagues sincerely, we were probably the most amazing group that I worked with.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Please if you could really [Inaudible.]. Do not blame everything on the ANC [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Absolute great human beings, always remain like that. Be humble and retain humility, †moenie dat *private security* vir julle - na julle kop toe gaan nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [do not let private security become to you – go to your heads. {Interjections.}]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But you start with yourself.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Start with yourself.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Well, if I knew you may just not be in Parliament again, so do not say anything.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, start with yourself.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I want to also use the opportunity to thank my Head of Ministry, Mr David Abrahams and my Ministerial staff and I want to specifically say a very big thank you to Alex for the nine years that you have worked with me... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Why can you not be like Meyer, because you are not a doctor.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thanks to you, and for your future where you are going... [Interjection.]

Mr D MITCHELL: Are you a doctor?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are going quite far. [Applause.] Thank you. I would also like to thank my Head of Department Dr Robert Macdonald and every single member of my senior staff, amazing guys, we work well together. Thank you, guys. †Hulle kan sê wat hulle wil, julle is die beste. [They can say whatever they want, you are the best.] Okay. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Even if we do not think so we must agree.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And then I want to thank all the NGOs and the NGO partners that I work with. I want to thank all staff everywhere, also the parliamentary staff, thank you for everything and Madam Speaker, most importantly I would like to also thank my wife, Dianne, and my son, Charlton Fritz. Thank you for your constant support and inspiration. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to table Budget Vote 7 on Social Development.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It gives me great pleasure to go and sleep now, MEC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, and keep quiet. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Who is making a noise here? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, you have not settled in, you have not greeted; you have not even said good morning to your colleagues and you are already performing.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You have just arrived!

The SPEAKER: You have just arrived and yesterday you were the epitome of calmness, you told me you are calm.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Magaxa. Let us be calm, thank you. [Interjections.] May we now... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, I know, I know [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: May we now continue with the debate on Vote 7. I now see the hon member Botha.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Applause.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the Minister said it all, Madam Speaker. Hon members of this House, all our guests in the gallery, welcome.

First, Madam Speaker, I want to start today's speech by paying special tribute to Delvina Europa, a six year old girl whose body was found yesterday in Elim near Bredasdorp. I would also like to express my deepest condolences and I would like to ask the House to join me in doing that to

young Delvina's family during this difficult time.

I want to thank the SAPS and community members who together conducted the search throughout the night and early hours of the morning until the body was found. It is important that the perpetrators of such heinous crimes get the justice that they deserve.

Madam Speaker, yet again, this death is one child again too many. I would also like to call on the assistance of Minister Fritz for his Department to provide the necessary social services for Delvina's family during this exceptionally difficult time and I call again on caregivers, parents, community, take heed, practice "your child is my child", we have to look out for all our children within our communities.

The very nature and essence of Social Development is about putting people at the centre of development and not putting people at the centre of exploitation and destruction, which we are remarkably knowledgeable about, because we hear this happening all the time. It is welcoming that the R2,46 billion will be appropriated over the 2019/20 MTEF to ensure the provision of a comprehensive network of Social Development Services that enables and empowers the poor, the vulnerable and those in need of various special services.

Madam Speaker, the Western Cape serves as a great example regarding what it truly means to adopt a people-centred approach to Social Development

practices. Under the trusted leadership of Minister Fritz and his capable Department we have been fortunate to bear witness to the adoption of development policies and programmes, that benefits people's day-to-day lives.

Our Department is well aware that poverty is more than just having a low income. It is also about vulnerability, exclusion, powerlessness and exposure to violence. It is in this light that the Provincial Department continues to promote social inclusion by building cohesive and resilient societies and making its public institutions accessible and accountable to the ordinary resident in our province.

A key function of the DA-led Western Cape Government and in particular the Western Cape Department of Social Development is ensuring the delivery of social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with key stakeholders and civil society organisations. A key issue in any developing or emerging economy, especially in a nation with such unique history like ours, requires developing community development services that empowers the individuals living in our urban and rural communities.

I must pay tribute to the hardworking social workers across our province working tirelessly and selflessly to improve the lives of those vulnerable individuals in our society. These are our unsung heroes who without their help maintaining community stability would practically be an impossible feat. Slow economic growth being experienced nationwide, has not prevented

the Department from fulfilling its mandate.

Madam Speaker, it is welcoming that under Programme 2 just over R1 billion in 2019/20 is due to expansion of social welfare services, the provision of increases to NPOs in disabilities and older person's programmes; the funding for the provision of extra bed-space at Sivuyile and the introduction of an allocation for a Sanitary Dignity Framework.

The establishment of a Sanitary Dignity Framework at a provincial level is a first in South Africa. The lack of a policy or framework pertaining to the provision of sanitary products and adequate menstrual hygiene management for females may have implications relating to their education, health, empowerment, employment and social activity. So well done to this Department.

Furthermore, there are growing concerns that the work of non-governmental organisations and several other organisations will not be able to provide the resources necessary for the girl-child to not only manage their menses appropriately but also the effect it has on our female learners to acquire an equitable education over a long term. Thus Madam Speaker, where the ANC has failed to address this pertinent issue, I have no doubt that our caring Provincial Government will deliver on this programme.

The 2011 Census highlights that our province is home to slightly over two million youth between the ages of 15 and 34 years. Moreover, it has been

calculated that roughly 13% of these youth, and that is approximately just over 277 000, can be classified as Not in Education, Employment and/or Training. In addition more than 60% of the unemployed youth have less than a matric standard of education. In light of many of these youth lacking adequate role models, in far too many cases we do find these young opting for a life of involvement in criminal activity. We are well aware that the affects of crime on society tends to negatively impact those members who are already the most vulnerable. The increase of crime disrupts the population sense of social cohesion and is well-known for breaking down crucial social associations, affecting household's behaviour negatively. Even the fear of crime is as damaging as the act of crime itself.

In order to tackle crime holistically Madam Speaker, the Department is making use of preventative measures for those individuals who are at the highest risk. The establishment of Youth Cafés which serves more than 10 000 young people every month, the network of funded substance abuse treatment services from a mere seven in 2009 to 53 working at 81 sites across the province, are just a few among many other measures which are being implemented to support our youth from running wild on the streets and thus being exploited and manipulated into joining gangs.

Madam Speaker, I must commend the Minister and his Department for their commitment to establishing the relevant probation and diversion services to children, youth and adults in conflict with the law in high risk communities. I am also aware and welcome that the Department has dedicated as much as

R753 million - that is just over 30% of its budget - to help families; in particular in servicing children and women from our poorest and most needy communities across our province.

Furthermore, funding has been dedicated to much-needed services which include victim support services, including the provision of shelters for victims of crime and violence and these are predominantly for women and children, special accommodation for victims of human trafficking and prevention and early intervention services for communities and families and individuals.

Madam Speaker, in promoting an inclusive society where all individuals feel a true sense of belonging, the Department works night and day to ensure that those with disabilities are also accounted for. Since the DA took over this Government, and it was said by the Minister, in 2009 - 88 000 individuals now have access to specialised disability services compared to the mere 120 people under the previous ANC administration. It is ultimately through the work of our Provincial Department of Social Development we have experienced massive progress towards building an inclusive society.

Social cohesion continues to be at the epicentre of established budgets promoting peaceful and safer environments within neighbourhoods and communities. Over the past decade of DA governance, social accountability exists to the extent that citizens' voices are expressed and heard by the respective Government authorities.

I must commend the Minister on his achievements up onto this point, Minister, in the face of an increasingly constrained budget environment while also facing escalating levels of poverty and unemployment.

To all my colleagues serving on the Standing Committee, thank you. A special thanks to Nomonde Jamce and Mary-Anne Burgess but also to all the coordinators in the Committee Section. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Madam Speaker, I am confident that the officials in the Department of Social Development are fit for purpose. There is no reason to believe that these officials are not only performing their constitutional obligations with the necessary pride, skills, expertise and commitment but that this Parliament can be really proud that our province has officials of this calibre.

A special accolades, Madam Speaker, to all our social workers and child- and youth-care workers who are at the forefront and frontline to restore hope within our communities in our province.

Without further notice then, Madam Speaker, and with all this said, the DA in the Western Cape supports this budget. I thank you.

†Die PREMIER: Mooi!

[The PREMIER: Good!]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Botha. [Applause.] I now see the hon member Makeleni.

†'n AGBARE LID: *Wow, gooi warm kole.*

[An HON MEMBER: *Wow, throw hot coals.*]

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you Madam Speaker. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: †Phezu kwabo. [On top of you.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Hon members, this year marks 25 years since the end of apartheid. We must use this time to reflect on the progress we have made, the challenges we have encountered and mistakes we have made.

The Minister in his foreword states that the primary focus for his Department is to maintain good governance practices that are geared towards effective service delivery. A call on him to explain to the House how did the Department become one of the three highest contributors to the increased irregular expenditure in this province, which increased by 91%? He must also explain about the measures put in place to avoid reoccurrences of this increased irregular expenditure.

He further mentioned that the Department has introduced a number of innovations including the Eye-on-the-Child Programme. This innovative idea looked very familiar to me. Then I realised there is nothing innovative about

this programme. This is the Child Welfare Programme started in 1994, 1998 rolled out in areas like Lotus River, Khayelitsha, Cloetesville, Idas Valley and so forth and that was presented to the Standing Committee - the Eye-of-the-Child, Iso Labantwana, I am sure you remember, hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Yes, yes.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is a programme which has a serious component that I wish the Department - as they copy this programme - will not leave the fact that it engages with communities, empowers them to partner in the prevention of abuse and neglect of children.

Hon members, †kunjima futhi kubuhlungu ukukhulisa abantwana... [it is hard and painful to raise children ...] in this province. The Western Cape has the highest number of child murders. As mothers it pains us when we leave our children going to work, as we do not know if our children will still be alive, if not raped, on our return.

Mr D JOSEPH: Blame the ANC!

Ms P MAKELENI: 279 children have been reported to have been murdered in this province in recent years. I asked myself what kind of a society we live in. Minister Winde yesterday responded that it is the kind that we have [Inaudible.] This is what happens when we have a province that is governed by people who are aloof, that are not in touch with what is happening in the

communities. [Interjections.] We have social problems here. We need a responsive and innovative government that understands that we live in poverty.

People of this province are frustrated. Over 1,32 million people are unemployed. They turn to drugs and alcohol for comfort, which leads to violence, crime and a high incidence of child maltreatment.

Out of the R2,4 billion that is allocated to this Department they saw it necessary for the Childcare and Protection to be only allocated R230 million. In this Blue Book the Department states that child protection is the most important priority, yet the Department reduced the budget for Sub-programme R3,32 million. To see this, compare the Main Appropriation and the revised estimate on [Inaudible.] and 37, sorry.

Sub programme 3 deals with children and families. We see this year an expansion of ECD Programmes. Its primary goal is to provide daily practice and therapeutic assistance to children and families. This is a National Programme that claims success in addressing poverty and reducing inequality; partnering with over 400 NGOs, training 10 000 CYCWs. It creates safe space for children where they can play, do homework, receive a meal and access counselling and support services. We have seen this programme reaching to disabled children. We have seen it work in James House in Hout Bay. We are hoping it will expand further to Khayelitsha and Delft soon, as promised by the Department.

The expansion of *Isibindi*, the Courage, is allocated R12 933 000. While we welcome the 8% for ACDP... [Interjections.] [Laughter.] ...for ECD and partial care. It is important to stress that this allocation is not enough. [Interjections.] The Western Cape is home to 610 000... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: ... children under the age of four years. Of this number only 73 053 are in funded ECD Centres, while the remainder is unaccounted for by this Department. Others are found loitering in the streets with visible signs of malnutrition and neglect. This budget today will further lead to further neglect of these children. Those who are in the ECD Centres will enjoy R364,7 million budget allocated to this programme.

At this moment I want to welcome the R40 million ECD grant from the National Government. It will be a welcome addition. I also want to welcome the announcement by the President of a two year of compulsory ECD for all children, before they enter Grade 1.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Yes.

Ms P MAKELENI: The seriousness of this Department about youth development can be seen on the meagre R24 million allocation for Sub-programme 5.6. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, give us the money.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is seen as if NGOs in the Metro South have monopolised the funding of this Department at the expense of incapacitating NGOs in the Metro East and other rural communities. One example that is...
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Who wrote your speech? Who wrote your speech?

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is none of your business, Sir.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, who wrote it?

Ms P MAKELENI: One example is that the same NGO that are founded for implementing Youth Cafés have also funded other programmes like Ministerial Awards. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: Instead of funding the same organisation the Department must consider partnering with civil society structures responsible for youth development and emancipation, including or for example the Khayelitsha Youth Development Council. We have been calling for this Department to look at the model of Youth Cafés as we believe it is unsustainable and more

consultation with youth is required.

Mr M G E WILEY: What is your party's suggestion?

Ms P MAKELENI: Even the Minister conceded to this, but we have not seen action.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh my God, you see here...

Mr M G E WILEY: Well what is your suggestion?

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms P MAKELENI: For instance the Vangate Youth Café has poor attendance because its allocation is not accessible to the people to the young people; the same as the Rockland Youth Café that had to be moved to Mitchells Plain. In George the Department had to strike a deal with Go George to transport youth across the region. This clearly shows the Department has to actively involve youth in planning of these Youth Cafés. Have you ever heard of “nothing for us without us”?

This would help them to understand how youth thinks, where they are at, and what they want. I wish that at the same stage the Western Cape will be able to reach the level of Gauteng Province where half a million young people have benefited from bursaries, learnerships, internships and entrepreneurial

training through the Tshepo 1 Million Programme. Now this is the real meaning of youth development. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other half is still [Inaudible.]

Ms P MAKELENI: On Women Development, Sub-programme 5.7 of this Department is called Women Development, and there is no funding for it. I am really dismayed that this Department has a zero budget for women. I call upon all women in this province to stand up to challenge the status quo. It is time for business unusual. A concerted effort is needed from the Government and community at large to be serious about empowering women. Women have fallen victims of abuse, sometimes at the hands of their partners and other times at the hands of complete strangers who rape and murder them. Lest we forget that we are a leading province when it comes to women murders.

The only funding in this budget is R51 million for the Victim Empowerment Programme. This means that in the province you first have to fall victims before the Department can take the plight of women seriously.

As I conclude my last speech, hon members, during my participation in this Fifth Parliament, I have enjoyed my time representing the people of this province in particular Khayelitsha, Kraaifontein and Hout Bay. I have grown so much as a person and I have learnt a lot from the African National

Congress leadership.

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh my goodness.

Ms P MAKELENI: I made friends across the political parties. In fact my best friend is sitting on that side, hon member Mitchell. [Interjections.] We have worked well with my colleagues in the Committee, thanks Chair, to keep this Department accountable.

Thank you to the members of the Committee, the Minister and the Department for sharing information which made it easy for us to do oversight. I also want to thank my family, my sisters, Ayanda, Rosa and Fezi as well as my son, Yonda. They have been my best support system. As for the African National Congress, thank you very much for this opportunity. To the people of the Western Cape, let us join President Ramaphosa in his call for growing South Africa together. [Interjections.] I thank you all.
[Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Amandla!

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Makeleni. Sorry, I see hon member Uys on his feet.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, sorry, I did not want to interrupt the hon member but she was the only member as from yesterday till today where there was no

focus of the camera on her. It was just the broad one here and I think it is just unfair because her constituency was watching today as well and then we just see the broad shot of the whole of the Chamber and I think there is something wrong or it is deliberate. I do not know what the reason is.

An HON MEMBER: It is that man over there. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mark Wiley!

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is Mark Wiley.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, that comment is... [Interjection.] Hon member Magaxa that comment is completely out of order, hon member Magaxa.

Mr M G E WILEY: I do not even know who controls these things.

The SPEAKER: I am responsible for the administration of this institution.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is you then, it is you then.

The SPEAKER: So I accept responsibility, but you need to withdraw.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I must rectify that.

The SPEAKER: Yes, you need to withdraw the comment you have made to hon Wiley now please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No, I said the other man.

The SPEAKER: No-no-no-no. You said Wiley, hon member Magaxa. Please stand up and apologise.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I apologise, my brother.

The SPEAKER: Thank you and I will follow up with the Administration as to the comment that was raised by the hon Uys. Thank you. Let us proceed. I now see the Minister, Minister Fritz.

An HON MEMBER: Where is the ACDP?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker.

Mr M G E WILEY: Sorry.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Fritz.

Mr M G E WILEY: I do apologise, Madam Speaker, for interrupting the Minister. I just want to once again bring the House's attention and our objection to the fact that the ACDP and the EFF are missing from these

important budget debates, where debating the welfare of this province is now being missed.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In your constituency.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want also to start off where I speak to hon member Botha as Chairperson to just sincerely thank her as the Chairperson of the Committee, the Standing Committee for Social Development and hon member Mitchell, hon member Wenger, hon member Makeleni, every single one, hon member Gillion, in her absence, she is also never here - in her absence. [Laughter.] I really say thank you for all, for the robust way we have interacted. No sweetheart questions, we had very serious debates because the people's lives are at stake here, so thank you very much.

I also want to give you the assurance that we are already busy with the Delvina Europa case in Elim, giving the support to the family and again calling on the community to really take ownership of the safety of our children and it is again that same area, it is almost like, you know, †n vloek wat oor daai plek is. [a curse that is over that place.]

So really, thank you very much hon Botha. I want to make this one important point and I really want to link it to what hon member Makeleni also said, that poverty must never be allowed to take the human dignity. [Interjection.] It must never be allowed to take the human dignity away from our people and it is in that regard while we have responded to honourable - I see Simmers and the Kannaland droughts, and the area where there was an urgent intervention needed, and I want to say we immediately signed off a relief package, not politically motivated stuff where SASSA pops up when it is election time, but to people who are really poor and who need the relief, who are hungry - people who are hungry ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, you fed them bread.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] Election time.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I want to make that point.

Ms P MAKELENI: And the focus is on the DA stickers.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I really want to make that point.

Mr D MITCHELL: Photoshop.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I also want to confirm...

The SPEAKER: Sorry Minister Fritz, I see the two best friends are debating while you are talking.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes.

The SPEAKER: If I could caution them both please. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I also want to thank and concur with hon member Botha to really thank every social worker in this province to thank every social work supervisor in this province, every social work manager, because it is under their guidance and their management that we get cases resolved. We had one case where the social worker was charged recently in the court, criminally, for negligence. So it is very important to also look at both, that we will not stop if there is negligence. If you do not report it, and a child is murdered in that particular case, then we act, but I want to sincerely say and to community development practitioners, who work in our province, to go out and to make sure that people are safe, specifically during disasters and those kinds of issues.

I also want to remind the House, and I did not mention because I always think NGOs are so part of our lives. They are partners. 52% of this budget, R1,1 billion goes to NGOs. It is, and we have 2 200 NGOs that we fund and they are doing amazing work, but we will hold them accountable. You cannot give them like your empowerment programme we are talking about, the ANC said you have empowerment programmes, hon member Makeleni, in the

previous government, when they give R3 million for a snail project. Up to today we do not know where the R3 million is, we do not know where the snails are - nothing can be found.

The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: If you go to Nelspoort where member Dugmore likes to go to his cronies there, we gave them a whole farm and an abattoir. †Daar was nie een bees geslag nie; [not one head of cattle was slaughtered;] not one cow or bull was being slaughtered.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, in Nelspoort.

An HON MEMBER: Nelspoort.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You know about Nelspoort. That definition of empowerment is a farce. We do not give to the elite, to our friends. We give overall empowerment.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You only give to your DA people there. You know that. You give to your DA people.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So unlike your kind of

projects.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You give to your DA friends.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other point I just want to make, thank you for talking about our Dignity Project. The Dignity Project has become very important, and I want to say thank you to Minister Meyer for the allocation that he gave and again not only Social Development... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Not Gauteng's Province [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Not Social Development alone; not Social Development. Education, the Department of Sports and Culture, the Department of Health, all of us work together in getting that project off the ground and we have amazing officials in research and the proper distribution of it so that children do not stay at home because they do not have sanitary towels. So I really want to say thank you for the support in that regard and thank you for all of that.

And now to come to hon member Makeleni, I really wanted to say, I want to really make this point and I sincerely mean it. I really enjoyed working with you, we really enjoyed it. You know a lot of stuff I can see like the other day you just had to say it because poor Cameron Dugmore then told you, you have to say stuff, but you do not mean a word that you say... [Laughter.]

Because you are also part of, you are one of the few people who is always in the Committee in the Standing Committee.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Always.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And a number of the questions that you have asked here, we have dealt with extensively in the Committee.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have pointed out the difference between irregular and the reasonable and irregular and the other issue of...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Speak your mind.

Mr D JOSEPH: Do not listen to the ANC. Just speak your mind.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry, the irregular expenditure and then illegal expenditure, you know, where we pointed that, where it is wasteful, where it becomes wasteful.

An HON MEMBER: Wasteful.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I just want to make that point, and we have put mechanisms in place to not let that happen so I think that is the first point. The other thing, we will always take a good model, whether it comes from whoever; if the ANC has a good model somewhere we will take it or we do not have a principle problem about this because it comes from there. The Eye-on-the-Child is a Child Welfare Programme.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have taken it. We never claimed it is our programme. We took it from them.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is not innovating.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We never said it is our programme.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is from the ANC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, whatever, if the Child Welfare now becomes your ANC... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I was a Commissioner there. I was a Commissioner on that one. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: But the point I want to make, we will continue with that... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is an old programme. It was done by the ANC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And we will take it - yes, and we never said it was innovative. We said we will go on with it and we will use that. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Continue your point... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other point, the other programme... [Interjections.] Honourable, I am coming to you now member Davids.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Just respond.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other programme, the Isibindi Programme, we must also really keep all our programmes accountable.

Do not say stuff and I see hon member Lekker is out, but do not say Isibindi is good when it suits us in the House, because many a times it is not. Remember I had to go do unannounced visits and I found nothing there, because they are all connected to National, you know, ANC buddies there at

National. So I am just making the point, let us always also be fair to every programme so it is going very well now... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Like oversight in James House, ja, it works perfectly.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Isibindi is going very well. We must continue with that.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja, in Hout Bay it works perfectly.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Makeleni, I am very afraid of boards like Khayelitsha Child Youth Board. They become the gatekeepers, if you do not work with them... [Interjections.] Yes, if you do not work with them, they say “oh you cannot work here because they are not...” We work with all our youth - every young person and we do not need a board. They can just be themselves. They can come to us straight. They do not need to work through a board or through anyone. They are just gatekeepers. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja you do not like us what we are doing. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let me just... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You do not want organised communities.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja-ja, not organised, gatekeeping communities.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] Gatekeeping for what?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let us also talk about the Vanguard Youth. You know it has for a long time been closed. It did not work. We do not like the ANC keep on with something that does not work. That one youth place was not working, so we put it away. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: But they have done consultations, you have known about this.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have gone somewhere else. We have now eleven. We are going to do three more this year.

Ms P MAKELENI: Where you lose money for this.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is a very, very good programme so we are going to continue with that good programme, and then I just want to also say within this whole ANC debate and the point you were making... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: What did the ANC do, just talk about your Social Development. Do not talk about the ANC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Honourable, my friend here, yes, but in the context of Social Development. [Interjections.] Hon members Davids, you know, the Paarl Branch actually nominated hon member Lekker to the Parliament, not you. They did not elect you. [Laughter.] So that is an important point. You are talking a lot here. [Laughter.] The second point is the ANC is so ashamed of the white member Dugmore that they cannot make him the Premier Candidate... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...because he is white! So he cannot be on the posters. They hang Ramaphosa on the posters, unlike us, we have Alan Winde, and we are not ashamed of Alan Winde, whether he is white or black or pink or purple or blue or whatever. [Interjections.] [Applause.] All day he hangs on our poster! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He hangs on our poster. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But you, if he is white, you cannot have it! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, we have processes.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...a white person as your leader. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have processes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Why can you not take him, because he is the best MEC.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: There are processes.

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Finally, finally...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Davids!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Finally, we are not like - we do not appoint people by the way. Let me just finally say Mr Deputy Speaker,

thank you, it was a great privilege to deliver my speech. I thank you, but they are useless. [Applause.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No man, you do not have a leader, man. Here is your leader, the MEC. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Magaxa, hon member Davids, please allow the Chair to speak. That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will now suspend business for about four or five minutes to allow the galleries to be vacated and taken over by new staff and new guests. The House is suspended. [Interjections.]

[Business of the House was suspended at 10:58 and resumed at 11:03]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Please be seated. The Secretary will read the next order, the Second Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1 - 2019].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Grant, Minister of Transport and Public Works. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Deputy Speaker, the hon Premier in absentia, Chairperson and other hon members of the

Standing Committee, Leader of the Official Opposition, hon members, Head of Department Jacqui Gooch and senior officials, guests and visitors.

Given the limited time available this year for the debates on the various Departmental Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, you have been supplied with a short, illustrated brochure covering the extent and variety of the activities of the Department of Transport and Public Works as provided for in Vote 10. This record has been designed, created and produced internally by the Communications Division of the Department and I thank all concerned for their efforts.

In his foreword to the 2019 Budget Overview, my colleague the Minister of Finance, highlights the fact that this Provincial Budget is focused on Consolidation for Maximum Citizen Impact. And this is precisely how it should be, Deputy Speaker. If a government in a democratic state does not have the wellbeing of its citizenry at the top of its agenda, it cannot claim to be either legitimate or representative of the people.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Or, as an article in this week's *Economist* puts it: 'the goal of economic progress is after all to help people lead more satisfying lives'.

In making its various presentations to Provincial Treasury in the finalisation of the 2019 Budget, my Department has ensured that this centrality of the citizen has been in the forefront of its planning – both technical and financial.

In this regard it is of more than passing interest to note the increasing attention being paid in many countries to the outcomes of the relatively new Social Progress Index which highlights the capacity of a society to meet the basic human needs of its citizens, establish the building blocks that allow citizens and communities to enhance and sustain the quality of their lives, and create the conditions for all individuals to reach their full potential.

And so, Deputy Speaker, the compact booklet you have already received today illustrates what a government concerned about the wellbeing of its citizens can and must do in the built and transport environment. Roads, education and health infrastructure as well as transport and traffic management are not ends in themselves. They are the basis from which citizens draw key elements of the lives they desire to lead.

Before I move onto other aspects of the 2019 Budget itself, it may be of interest to hon members that the 2018 index included 146 countries and that South Africa is ranked 77 with an average score of 66% across the 51 indicators used. The leading countries score an average of well over 90%, so we have a lot of work to do.

Let me now turn to the overall Vote 10 budget for 2019/20.

The total amount to be appropriated for Vote 10 is R8.1 billion. The increase of R338 million on the previous budget is marginally below inflation and of the total budget R1.7 billion consists of own revenue. Approximately a quarter of the budget amount is linked to conditional grants.

The Department operates using various programmes. The allocation to the six programmes within the Department are as follows for the 2019/20 financial year:

- Administration – R229 million;
- Public Works Infrastructure – R1.99 billion;
- Transport Infrastructure – R3.66 billion;
- Transport Operations – R1.37 billion;
- Transport Regulation – R795 million; and
- Community-based Programmes – R64 million.

As the Department of Transport and Public Works is the implementing agent for both Education and Health infrastructure in the Western Cape, the Department is scheduled in the financial year under discussion to spend on behalf of these crucial delivery departments, the following amounts:

- Education – R1.23 billion; and
- Health – R729 million.

A total of just under R2 billion.

These amounts for Education and Health include funds for capital works and scheduled maintenance. The strategic decisions about these Education and Health infrastructure projects remain with those departments and the three departments co-operate to ensure that their budgets go as far as possible without sacrificing quality and safety standards. In the existing tough economic times, this co-operation is essential to service delivery.

Mr Deputy Speaker, having unpacked broadly the quantum of Vote 10, it would be remiss of me not to alert this House to two factors which can and will impact on the real effectiveness of this budget.

The first is undoubtedly the inability of the Government at national level to guarantee the provision of electricity through Eskom, the state-owned enterprise which has been under its control and stewardship for the last 25 years. The fact of control needs to be stressed, given the National Government's recent attempts to make the shambolic state of affairs at Eskom a shared responsibility. Let there be no doubt, Deputy Speaker, that this grossly cosseted entity – protected at the expense of the tax-paying public – has been allowed to reach this dismal and dangerous situation while under the executive authority of a series of Ministers in the National Cabinet. These Ministers have at best been incompetent and uncaring. Only judicial processes, if allowed to run their course, will reveal whether they have been, in fact, complicit.

The additional failure at national level to resolve the impasse around the entry of independent power producers to the market ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... despite the readiness of our many local governments to interact with these IPPs – is, under the existing circumstances, absurd.

Apart from the obvious implications for society generally, my Department and I are painfully aware of the impact of unreliable power flow on many infrastructure projects as well as the dangerous interruption to critical traffic management systems.

The frontline victims of this sort of economic undermining are the many small and medium-sized factories and service providers in the construction industry – the very undertakings which our contracts are designed to encourage and support. The market is awash with reports of these businesses shutting their doors. This is damage which will take years to fix and which will lose us many capable citizens to emigration.

The second of the inhibiting factors to which I referred, Deputy Speaker, is the overall state of the construction industry and the financial failure of a significant number of leading, long-established companies and groups. Many of these companies were, because of their industry rating and classification,

precisely the companies which had to undertake the large projects crucial to taking our economy forward. While this debate is not the opportunity to examine the reasons for their demise, we need to be aware of the lengths to which the Department will have to go to ensure that these projects can still be completed successfully. This includes the breaking up of large cost-effective undertakings into smaller units requiring careful co-ordination with a resultant reduction of economies of scale. The Department has also had to manage increasing risks of the failing of contractors already engaged in work for it and the implications of this for the calling up of guarantees, the sourcing of suitable replacements and the possible delays to project completion, possibly with cost implications.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the overall mandate of this Department is one which requires a range of skilled, qualified staff at all levels and in a variety of disciplines. Staff of this quality are not easy to obtain and retain. As a result, the Department has instituted a variety of processes to upskill its existing staff and to equip potential employees with appropriate skills sets. The Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Scheme is a well-known and highly respected example of these processes. However, today I want to recognise staff of the Department whose career paths have been less usual and really challenging. In the Special Guest seating we have today four valued members of our staff.

Ms Thabisa Mayekiso joined the Department in 2009 as a cleaner and has recently been appointed as a Finance Assistant in the Directorate Financial Accounting. [Applause.]

Mr John Titus was a gardener at Leeuwenhof before being recommended for further employment. He is now an Assistant Director in our Property Management Team. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr Bongi Tshendu was also on the ground staff of Leeuwenhof before applying for a position in the Provincial Public Works Branch. He is now a Senior Administrative Officer in the Immovable Asset Registry. Thank you. [Applause.]

Finally, Christina Sako joined the Department in 2006 with a National Diploma. She obtained professional registration and her Bachelor Degree through the Professional Development Programme and is today an Architectural Technologist in the Works General Branch. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Deputy Speaker, I tell these stories because ... [Interjection.]

Ms L M MASEKO: That is empowerment.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... the creation of jobs is critical. Finding and developing our people to fill these jobs is as important and I want to thank these special, highly valued members of staff for being here with us today and for the outstanding work they do in the interests of our citizens.

In closing, I want to comment on two initiatives taken by the Province in relation to the commuter rail system – a system which is clearly unsuitable for the needs of our society and for a modern economy. It is a further example of the failure of the Government at national level to manage a state entity with even a semblance of competence.

Firstly, the weekly reports issued by the partnership between the Province, the City of Cape Town and PRASA in providing additional security on the rail network, indicate that with proper planning and resourcing the security situation and the safety of passengers can be improved. And I want to pay tribute to that Rail Enforcement Unit, Deputy Speaker. They are doing an amazing job.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Secondly, Cabinet has approved for public comment a Draft Rail Bill from my Department. This will be gazetted soon and is aimed at enhancing the authority of the Province to monitor commuter rail performance and to hold the system accountable. The importance of an efficient, reliable commuter rail system is critical to the overall public transport system and to relieving the congestion on our road network. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. Let me, before I proceed with my speech, welcome the presentation under the leadership of the hon MEC Donald Grant and also to welcome the management of the Department of Transport and Public Works and all the transport entities that are being represented here, and also to the leadership, the capable leader Jacqui Gooch who has led this Department up to this area.

Let me just say, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the success of this Province depends on many departments, just like the Department of Transport and Public Works. If we are going to talk about the success of the Department of Education we will have to deal with the performance of the Department of Transport and Public Works, whether it provides adequate assets so that the education can be conducive for the learners to learn successfully.

If we talk about the better life and our health facilities, we have to make sure that the quality of the production that the Department of Transport and Public Works provides as infrastructure in the Department of Health, is adequate so that the health of the people is maintained and restored.

So the Department of Transport and Public Works under this Ministry has got a mammoth, mammoth task of making sure that everything that the Department delivers adequately is of quality, so that the success is indeed what the people of this province are going to achieve.

With the Appropriation Budget of just over R8 billion for the 2019/2020 financial year the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works receives one of the largest chunks of the provincial budget, and rightfully so.

Under the DA-led Western Cape policy mandate, the construction and maintenance of sound economic infrastructure is the centrepiece of a capable state. Ensuring that a network of roads is built in the province, that the state-owned buildings and facilities are maintained and that the Western Cape has enough schools, hospitals and clinics to meet the growing demands of the province is a service which forms the backbone of our governments. And it has always been our public call that the people of the Western Cape must provide leadership in terms of maintaining those assets, not that when they want to expose their frustration they burn the assets and that, the very asset that they are going to look after to get the services.

It does not make any sense for any person, whatever service delivery problem the person has, to use his or her anger to destroy the very self-same infrastructure.

It is pleasing to see that a substantial portion of the Provincial Budget has been allocated to this Department.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the days the Department engaged in a public meeting in the area called Kwa-Faku in Philippi where the issue of the schools was the fundamental issue, the communities were protesting about so

violently that they wanted to shut down the school, but because of the capable leadership of this Department of MEC Donald Grant it continued. As we speak now I had the pleasure of visiting the area yesterday so that I can talk about something that I practically foresee, that the school in Kwa-Faku is a very, very progressive start that is happening and it is near to its completion. And for that I want to convey the message to say that the people of Philippi are indeed happy; as I previously reported, they are happy and together with the teachers, despite the fact that they were here protesting, they are happy today to see that the progress is there and the foundation of their kids is being laid and the quality of education is coming. So whenever the MEC of Education talks about the quality of education, he must remember that the foundation has to be solid so that the outcome of education becomes what is admired nationally.

In terms of Programme 3, Transport Infrastructure, I welcome an earmarked allocation amounting to R3.2 billion for the 2019/2020 financial year which includes the Provincial Road Maintenance Grant and the Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for provinces.

I further welcome the following allocation for the 2019 period for the Catalytic Infrastructure Development. R28 billion towards Infrastructure Investment; R156 million towards the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone as a key catalytic driver in the oil and gas and marine engineering sectors; R96 million towards the Atlantic Economic Zone for the Manufacturing of Green Technologies and Related Services and R25 billion

towards construction and maintenance of public works and road infrastructure.

And finally, Deputy Speaker, I welcome an overall R12.1 billion towards the infrastructure budgets from the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works, which amounts to 42% of the 2019/2020 budget.

Deputy Speaker, the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works under the DA-led Government, under the leadership of the capable Mr Donald Grant, in the administration of this Department ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes.

Mr N E HINANA: ... has committed to intervene in the ailing railway transport service in our province as a result of the ANC poor mismanagement and maladministration at a national level. [Interjections.] And it is something, the corruption and all the mismanagement of funds, that is always happening. [Interjections.]

I am glad to say that over the 2019 MTEF the Department will save R255 billion to address the public transport requirement for the rail enforcement teams.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this is a particularly important allocation as it empowered the Provincial Government to manage services in the Western

Cape which the ANC has allowed to collapse.

Whenever everything that the ANC touches ... [Interjection.] turns to ashes, and it has to be the responsibility therefore of the capable Democratic Alliance to say that for anyone who wants to save South Africa, must never trust the ANC which continues to destroy this country. [Interjections.] And therefore the future of this country depends on the capacity and the capability of the Democratic Alliance, an example is there. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear. So true.

Mr N E HINANA: I do want, Mr Deputy Speaker, to say that anyone who disputes anything that has been put forward by the MEC on the achievements of the Department, the person is allowed to go and approach even the Auditor-General for the Department. It is not misleading the public on the achievements that the DA has done, that is not so, because we do not want people to dispute but not challenge. If you disagree, challenge. Blow the dispute and say that the DA is misleading. Up until now it is capable and bold enough to say that the DA delivers. The person must do the honour and shut up. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, even with the substantial budget allocation by this Department towards infrastructure development and maintenance, it is crucial to see what this entire administration has achieved over the past decade. Since 2019, R4 billion has been spent on capital infrastructure and R2 billion

on infrastructure maintenance in the Western Cape. This includes new district hospitals in Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain, 10 emergency centres that were replaced or upgraded, 14 new primary healthcare facilities that have been completed and 11 new ambulance stations that have been created.

In addition, Mr Deputy Speaker, 132 new schools have been built over the past two years since the DA was elected to government in the Western Cape. The main reason being that the MEC of Education, in conjunction with the agreement with the MEC of Transport and Public Works, have committed themselves that in the Western Cape we will never have children, who are the future of this country, learning under the trees and are at risk of falling in the toilet latrines.

This solidifies the commitment by the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works to building and maintaining state-of-the-art infrastructure in this province, which serves a variety of needs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as you consider this Department's budget for the 2019/2020 financial year, it is safe to say that we know this money will be spent well, considering the sound and clean expenditure of the past decade, and the Auditor-General agrees.

Moving forward, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would encourage this Department to consider a provincial subsidy for the taxi industry for greater regulation and we sustain an already sound relationship with the taxi industry in the Western

Cape, as this industry is responsible for moving thousands of commuters to all areas on a daily basis.

I want to emphasise that in the townships we have transport that is called Amaphela and I still maintain that we need to have a serious intervention, that those service providers are being regulated ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But you have been saying that for years.

Mr N E HINANA: Because we cannot shy away from the fact that ... [Interjection.] we will never get rid of the Amaphela but all that is needed is that they must be regulated so that they can operate within the framework of the law and so that the safety of the commuters is always guaranteed and protected.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department is one of the most important wings of Provincial Government when it comes to underpinning the service delivery and excellence, under the leadership of the DA Government. [Interjection.]

Considering this Department is now on its umpteenth clean audit, I am also very happy to say that this wing of Government is able to deliver without the corruption we see in other provinces across South Africa.

And for this – it will be my concluding remark – I want to thank all the people who have contributed to the Department of Transport and Public

Works Standing Committee, from the co-ordinators, from the colleagues that I work with in the Department and I say that all that we have been doing was to make sure that the quality that has been provided to the Western Cape citizens is of utmost value. And whenever we say that, anything that is happening in any other provinces, we do wish that people can copy what is happening in the Western Cape because the intention is that the people who put the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape must extend that appreciation by putting the DA across the country and get rid of the corrupt, Bosasa-aligned ANC. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr K E MAGAXA: According to your white ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is interesting that both the MEC as well as the Chairperson of the committee could not resist the temptation of wanting to make political speeches here today. [Interjections.] And I think, you know, as much as the MEC and as much as the Chair of the committee would try and discredit or nullify the achievements of the ANC Government since 1994, I think the main reason why opinion polls are indicating that the ANC is likely to get over 60% of the vote nationally is, in the first instance, that actually despite the problems which all of us acknowledge ... [Interjection.] and the unacceptable conduct

by some of our members and leaders, the reality is that since 1994 – and we are talking about infrastructure here – 3.2 million houses have actually been built in this country, not like MEC Madikizela who says: I will not give you a house, you must just save and I will give you some land.

The reality is, and that is why the housing backlog has got bigger in the Western Cape ... [Interjections.] that the ANC Government has built 3.2 million houses.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... that only 36%, despite the unacceptable situation in Eskom, which the MEC has referred to, despite that situation only 36% of people in our country ... [Interjections.] only 36% of people in South Africa had access to electricity in 1994. The reality now is that over 86% of South Africans have access to electricity. [Interjections.] And the problem is that when the DA MEC and the Chair forget the achievements of, for instance, the fact that in 1994 we had a situation where only 54% of South Africans could read and write. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Over 97% of South Africans are now literate. So despite these problems, we cannot ignore the fact that achievements have been made.

And the other factor is that South Africans, even those who have become disillusioned with the ANC, see in President Ramaphosa ... [Interjections.] a leader who is able to renew this country, and so on. And I think it will be more important ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... when we want to talk about corruption, let us make it very, very clear, Deputy Speaker, that MEC Grant should not be worried that judicial processes would not conclude. Our organisation, the African National Congress, will make sure - [Interjection.] you raised a concern that they might not conclude – that every single South African from whatever political party, private sector, Government, is going to face the full might of the law when it comes to corruption and the abuse of State resources. And a public prosecutor has been appointed and that is the process which is going on. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And I think the MEC should rather come to us today and say that when millions of rands were squandered by Filcon ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... why has his political leadership not been prepared to introduce a private delictual claim for damages from Filcon? No, absolutely not. [Interjections.] They have not been prepared to do that and taxpayers' money in this province has been wasted. [Interjections.] So MEC Grant should not come here and talk about issues of corruption and incompetence. He, as political head of this Department, had the authority to go after, introduce prosecution and a damages claim against Filcon who squandered over 100 million. That developer has got off scot-free and there has been no political will from MEC Grant to deal with what was clearly an abuse of taxpayers' money.

We are very happy, MEC, that you have acknowledged Ms Thabisa Mayekiso, John Titus, Mr Bongsi Tshendu and also Christina Sako here today. I think it is fantastic that there is an acknowledgement of people within the Department that have actually progressed. But this should not hide the fact that in the entire province when it comes to senior management – we have had a situation in the Western Cape where basically when the ANC governed, for instance, there were 61 senior officials at management level from the African community. By the time the DA has finished this term, which is now in 2018, that number has dropped to 40. [Interjection.] There has been a 30% decrease in the number of African senior managers.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is racism. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So we support the advancement of officials but we

should not, like the hon Premier, come to this House and say representivity is not important. [Interjection.] Because in the senior management of this Provincial Government we have seen the decimation of African senior managers of a 10-year period. [Interjections.]

So if people want to come here and say: Vote DA, effectively what they are arguing for is the decimation of capable African leaders in this province ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And that is the legacy of the DA which we should never forget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Just one second. Hon Mnqasela?

An HON MEMBER: No, that is ... [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, †ingaba umhlonipheki obekekileyo uyafuna ukuthatha umbuzo na? [May I request whether the Hon member is prepared to take the question?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I cannot hear you. Hon Magaxa, please. The Chair is trying to hear what hon member Mnqasela is saying.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, is the hon member prepared to take a question? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, are you prepared to take a question? [Interjections.] Not now.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So the issue is that when we want to be effective in our governance we have to work towards what our Constitution says, which is redress. We want to see success stories like we have seen here today introduced to us, but we want to see a representative senior management.

The legacy of the DA is to decimate African senior managers ... [Interjection.] and that the only group in this province who is represented above the provincial demographic are white males. Coloured males are under-represented, African males, African females are under-represented. So let us not come and create a rosy picture. This DA stands for preservation of privilege and the undermining of senior management from the African community. [Interjections.]

But when we look at this budget of 8 billion ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... across the various programmes from transport infrastructure to transport operations, community-based programmes and

transport regulation, it is critical that we ask questions about whether this budget this year and in previous years has helped us to deal with public transport that is efficient, safe and affordable; has it contributed to road safety in our province and will it do so; the state of our infrastructure; whether we have utilised our provincial assets effectively and whether we have actually committed to transformation in this particular Department.

Now when it comes to public transport – and I would like to address the MEC through you – I think also lacking in this budget has been an overall vision for public transport in our province, especially in the City of Cape Town.

The reality is that Capetonians, compared to all other South Africans, spend the longest time in their cars, an average of 162 hours a year, which is worse than any other city in this ... [Interjections.]

So that points to the issues: what is our vision, what is our strategy towards public transport? [Interjections.] But very often, and fortunately this MEC is not always to blame but very often, instead of trying to have a co-operative approach, the DA tends to blame and complain and not actually seek solutions. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: I wonder where the people came from?

Mr C M DUGMORE: The problem that we have now is a confusion because there are posters which go up ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ANC confusion ...
[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... which talk about provincial rail service.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Those posters talk about provincial rail service but when you, for instance, look at the Draft White Paper on the National Rail Policy ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: [Inaudible.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... it is very clear that that talks to metropolitan authorities, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, being able to take control through metropolitan transport authorities in regard to public transport. But we have confusion now because the MEC referred to it as well about provincial legislation which is supposed to actually regulate public transport, but when it comes to rail it is very clear that the Draft White Paper nationally talks about devolving that over a process of time to metropolitan transport authorities. But now for populist campaigning purposes, there are posters which say a provincial rail service whereas the reality of policy which has been developed over the years talks about the metropolitan transport authority which takes responsibility for ticketing across rail, across buses and across taxis. [Interjections.]

So what we have here is political populism actually undermining the very intent of the Draft White Paper and that is not going to help us, MEC. [Interjections.] That is not going to help us.

So we need to move away from political populism and actually look at what is the content of policy guiding our country and seeing how we can do this, and there is no quick fix.

We also commend the partnership between PRASA, the City and the Province in terms of the unit that is focusing on rail enforcement. That is definitely contributing but we believe, instead of making promises that we cannot keep around a provincial rail service, we should be looking at those powers currently with PRASA that should actually be devolved to the Metrorail management. If, for instance, procurement decisions, decisions around appointment of staff were actually in the domain of the Metrorail management, those would be practical ways of beginning to deal with some of these problems, as opposed to simply making a call and following it with legislation which pretends that this Province can create a provincial rail service.

That is not what is going to happen. We are moving towards a metropolitan transport authority ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: We are moving towards ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... move towards that. So I think it is unfortunate; this confusion within the DA policy is actually going to impact on effective public transport in our province. [Interjection.]

I think when we talk about public transport I also want to talk briefly about MyCiTi and Go George. We have a situation, Deputy Speaker, where the National Department of Transport allocates funds directly to the City of Cape Town and they are responsible for the running of MyCiTi. We have a situation in George, however, where both this Department is directly involved and also you have a situation where the National Department of Transport allocates funds to George but those funds are essentially then allocated back to the Province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, your time has expired. I will allow you to finish off quickly.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So the issue that we want to raise here is: when is the capacity of the George Municipality going to be built so that it is actually effectively able to run that service.

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

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not see the EFF or the ACDP here. I will

then – Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I once again rise to note, to complain that the ACDP and the EFF are once again missing and avoiding their constitutional responsibilities in accounting for the budgets.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Grant to respond.

[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to start off my reply by thanking the two other hon members who participated in this debate today and to say firstly to the Chair of our Standing Committee, thank you to you and your team. When I say that, I am talking about all members of your Standing Committee over the years.

And I want to just say ... [Interjection.] with regard to the Filcon issue, hon Dugmore, I would just like to advise him of the fact that the failure of contractors is not a criminal offence. [Interjections.] It is not a criminal offence, okay?

Then secondly, in terms of the issues around the equity, we are one over - one – in terms of our provincial establishment for white males.

[Interjection.] One.

And then we are under-represented in terms of African males and females but that is a thing which, over time, is going to have to be corrected. In a highly technical department like this – and I can tell you and this House, we do everything we can to try and attract and then the difficulty comes ...

[Interjection.] to retain black members in our Department where we compete with the private sector and the City of Cape Town. It is a damn difficult job.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon member Magaxa. Hon Minister Grant, just one second, you have a colleague behind you on his feet. Hon Mngqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] ... sorry.

Mr M MNQASELA: I think there is a very serious overture that is unacceptable in this Parliament. Hon members must be addressed as hon members. You cannot talk to another hon member and say: you are talking nonsense, in this Parliament. I think you must make a ruling on that.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I hear what you are saying. I did not hear the comment but certainly we are all hon members and members must be addressed in such a way. Minister Grant, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, then on the issue raised about the law following its course for those who have broken the law, in response to that I want to say that we have not built any more jails in the Western Cape since 1994. And we are going to have to look at the court capacity to actually process all of those who have broken the law and had their hands in the till since 1994. If we go back, it is a massive job that lies ahead for the new head of the NPA and her team – and may God help her in that task. [Interjections.]

Then, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think this is an occasion where I do not want to go into too much detail. I can advise the hon member Dugmore that the whole George matter is under control. There are many groups; as you know, there is 4A and 4B which are due to be rolled out but in terms of the Section 71 Committee of George, they have made certain recommendations and we as Province and the National Government will back that up going forward.

I want to also say a number of thank yous. I firstly want to say to the hon members and the officials of this House, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for

your support for my Department during the tenure of the Fifth Parliament. I want to just say it has been great working with all of you.

Secondly, to our Standing Committee: thank you for the robust discussions that we have had and debates and, in particular, to the Chair; on a personal level I will say it has been great working with you and I wish you well in the National Assembly and I am sure all the experience that you have picked up in Transport, I hope you will use it in the National Assembly to guide the way forward at that level of government. [Interjections.]

Thirdly, I would like to thank my Cabinet colleagues for their wise counsel and their support and the hon Premier for her leadership over the 10 years of great governance. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Fourthly, I would like to thank my Ministry for their support and guidance and, in particular, Mr Clive Roos, for keeping me out of most of the trouble I would have got into ... [Interjections.] and for advising me on what I needed to know, not what I wanted to hear.

Then penultimately, my Department. It has been a privilege to serve with you this term. It was not an easy transition from Education into the highly technical and diverse fields of endeavour within the Department of Transport

and Public Works. You are really an amazing team and I want to thank each and every one of you for the time over the years.

Please continue down the road less travelled, champion innovation, particularly in the spheres of big data, technology, property environment, the built environment, particularly in our new catalytic projects. Roads, I have learnt so much from our Roads team and unfortunately lost many arguments with them over the years. [Interjection.]

Then road safety, I cannot not mention that and the results, frankly, a disappointment to me and the cost to South Africa of R162 billion a year weighs heavily on the Minister in this Department and should do so on the National Department as well.

And lastly, our nemesis, Public Transport. All I want to say is: much work lies ahead in this regard.

Then finally, I just want to thank my family for their sacrifice and support over the last two terms. For me it has been easy because I have had the support of our team and time flies when you are having fun and dealing with tough problems. It is not so easy for your family who are at home alone or are woken up regularly in the middle of the night.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have the privilege to table Vote 10 for consideration by this House. I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The House will be suspended for a few minutes before we start with the next order.

The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 11:48 and resumed at 11:53]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the next order, that is the Third Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 5 – Education – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1 - 2019].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Schäfer. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Hear-Hear!

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will see about shebeens now.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: †Hayibo! [No man!]

Hon Premier in absentia, fellow members of the Provincial Cabinet, Chair of the Standing Committee and other members of the Provincial Legislature, Superintendent of Education, Mr Brian Schreuder, CFO, Leon Ely and my other two colleagues who are not on holiday and Education Department officials, ladies and gentlemen.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the last five years it has been my immense privilege to work with this Cabinet and the Western Cape Education Department in improving education outcomes in this province. I am proud of what we have together achieved.

As a government, we are committed to ensuring a quality education for every learner, in every classroom and in every school in our province.

This is given expression through three overarching strategic goals, which have all improved, namely:

- Improvement in the level of Language and Mathematics at schools;
- increase in the number and quality of passes in the NSC and;
- an increase in the quality of education provision in poorer communities.

So let us take a quick look at these improvements:

Since I took office in 2014, there has been an improvement in Grade 3, 6 and

9 in both Mathematics and Language in the systemic tests. And I am particularly proud of schools that have worked hard to achieve excellent results, some in very difficult circumstances.

In Mathematics, when we compare results from 2014 to 2018, the Grade 3 learners' pass rate improved by 2,6%, grade 6 by an impressive 12% and Grade 9's by 8,1%.

In Language, when we compare results from 2014 to 2018, the Grade 3 learners' pass rate improved by 3,4%, Grade 6 learners by 0,6% and Grade 9's by 5%.

I am also pleased that we have seen a steady overall improvement in the 2018 systemic tests, when comparing them with the results of the baseline tests in 2011.

In addition, I am especially proud that in the category of "Excellence in Academic Performance in Mathematics: Grades 3 and 6" this year, all three top positions were won by schools from previously disadvantaged communities in Philippi and Gugulethu. These schools are Zanemfundo Primary, Siyazakha Primary and Sonwabo Primary.

Moving on to our matric results – the results over the last five years of this administration have built on the progress of our previous administration. Since the DA took over in 2009, we have seen significant improvements in all

quality indicators.

The total percentage of candidates who passed matric has increased from 75,7% in 2009 to 81,5% in 2018 - an increase of 5,8%.

Our key quality indicators reflect the same trend:

- Since 2009, the Bachelor pass rate has increased from 31,9% to 42,3% - a remarkable increase of 10,4%
- The Maths pass rate has increased from 64,9% in 2009 to 76% in 2018 - an increase of 11,1%
- The Physical Science pass rate increased from 52,9% in 2009 to 79% in 2018 - an impressive increase of 26,1%
- The Western Cape has established itself as the leading province in Maths and Science results, given that our percentage pass rate performance in the NSC remains in the top three in Mathematics and Physical Science.
- When we took office in 2009, the matric pass rate in Quintile 1 schools, deemed the poorest, was 57,5% - in 2018 it was 70,5%. Pass rate increases of 10,6% in Quintile 2 and 15,6% in Quintile 3 schools during the same period were also recorded.
- The proportion of Bachelors passes in Quintiles 1 - 3 has more than doubled since 2009. This is most significant in Quintile 1, where the Bachelors' proportion went from 8,7% in 2009 to 24,2% in 2018.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Welcome Premier. [Laughter.]

- Only 12% of SA's population lives in the Western Cape, yet 64% of the NSC Special Needs candidates came from the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We have achieved these improvements while also improving the retention rate in schools. Our retention rate from Grades 10 to 12 is the highest in the country, by a long way, at around 63%.

Mr Deputy Speaker, today I present to you the 2019/20 Budget for the WCED, against the backdrop of an economy with slow economic growth and high unemployment, and where the effects of rampant corruption at a national level are felt across the province in all departments and especially in Education. The WCED however remains vigilant and continues to place emphasis on fiscal consolidation, cost cutting measures as well as streamlining and rationalising projects, whilst remaining committed to our vision of quality education for every learner, in every classroom in every school.

We are committed to improving the lives of our youth, and to giving them the best possible opportunities in life.

In order to be able to do this, and deal with the ongoing pressures we face, we need a mindset change. We can no longer continue with “business as usual”. I am therefore pleased with the evident shift in culture in the WCED over the past two years. The WCED is aiming to be a values-driven organisation and has identified “Values-Driven Learning” as a key theme for our five-year plan to change the mindset of teachers as well as learners. Part of this is to instil respect for each other. This theme focuses on the six values of the Western Cape Government and schools have been asked to identify 12 values that symbolise and characterise the values that they want to espouse and then showcase these values in various ways.

In 2017, under the theme “Values Driven Learning”, we celebrated the Year of the Teacher which sought to raise the status of teachers and gain the respect due to them by learners, parents and communities.

In 2018, the theme adopted was “the Year of Values Driven Learning” which helped strengthen the province’s culture of excellence in teaching and learning. This year we are focusing on the “Year of The Learner” where all our efforts are focused on preparing them for successful lives and to ensure that they become valuable contributors to society. I am proud of this initiative and what we have managed to achieve so far.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I must congratulate our CFO, Leon Ely, and his Finance team for once again achieving a clean audit for the fourth consecutive year for the 2017/18 financial year. [Applause.] Yes, thank you. You can clap.

This is almost unheard of in education, so very well done.

Earlier this month, the Provincial Minister of Finance announced that, for the 2019/20 financial year, the WCED will receive an amount of R23 669 billion.

This represents an increase of R1,519 billion from the previous financial year.

The bulk of the Department's funding is for Programme 2, Public Ordinary School Education, with an allocation of 75% of the budget. This is followed by Programme 6 Infrastructure Development, with an allocation of over R1,758 billion which equates to 7,43% of the budget.

In the Western Cape, 5,66% of the budget is allocated to Special Needs, 6,6% to Administration and 2,76% will be allocated to Early Childhood Development in Grade R.

And on this note, the National Government's decision to move ECD to Education, is going to have huge financial implications, both for staff and infrastructure, and I have raised this at our CEM meeting. Any move will have to be accompanied by a substantial financial investment, which is unlikely given that the ANC has wasted and stolen most of our money.

The WCED'S vision will only be attainable if we decrease the inequality gap between our rich and poorer schools.

As a result of our history, there still remain disparities between poorer and wealthier communities. One of our greatest challenges is how to provide efficient and equitable access to education.

As a Department and as a DA Government, we have placed a huge emphasis on improving education in our poorer communities with a focus on pro-poor initiatives such as learner transport, school feeding, fee exemption and compensation.

One of the WCED's biggest cost drivers is learner transport. In order to assist learners that do not have the required funding or mechanisms to get to their schools, the WCED has a learner transport scheme in place. With increased growth in our province, this has led to an increased demand for this service.

In 2019, 61 602 learners are being transported to 473 schools in the Western Cape. The budget allocated to this pro-poor initiative has increased significantly. In 2014, the WCED spent R268 million on learner transport. This figure has increased by over 57%. In the 2019/20 year, over R422 million has been budgeted for this programme.

In MTEC discussions earlier this year, we discussed the possibility of changing the learner school transport policy to provide for children living further than 4km from their school, instead of the national policy of 5km, for primary school children. Unfortunately, because of inadequate funding from

the National Treasury for additional learners from other provinces, we had to prioritise all funding for additional educator posts and could not do this.

If only we could have had some of that never-ending bailout money for State Owned Enterprises, we could have done so much more for our poorer learners.

In addition, the WCED has allocated over R45 million to subsidise hostel accommodation for learners, as this not only reduces the transport costs of the Department, but provides other benefits for learners, such as a safe learning environment for homework, access to after school curricular activities and academic support. Learners also receive meals which reduce costs of living for parents at home, for food, electricity and water.

Tough economic times are leading to a growing number of parents who simply cannot afford to pay school fees. This puts a massive financial strain on fee-paying schools relying on the collection of fees to sustain their daily running costs. In 2019/20 the WCED budgeted in excess of R58 million for fee exemption, far exceeding any other province in this pro-poor policy.

Every child has a right to education and we are very pleased that we can assist these schools with this kind of compensation, as well as assist our parents who are struggling to make ends meet. It is also a way to assist our fee paying schools that accept learners that subsequently cannot pay school fees.

Many of our schools in the Western Cape are classified as Quintile 4 and 5, fee paying, which are supposed to be wealthy, but the reality is that they are attended by an increasing number of poorer learners.

In the absence of the National Government changing the Quintile policy, after repeated requests, we have had to dig even further into our limited funds to assist these schools. In addition to fee compensation, in 2013 the WCED offered certain public schools serving poorer communities the option to apply for No-Fee Status.

In the 2019/20 financial year, we continue to support 224 schools that have been declared no-fee schools through our own funding mechanisms. In the 2019/20 financial year, we have allocated in excess of R275 million to assist our no-fee Quintile 4 and 5 schools.

There are currently 574 public ordinary fee paying schools in the Western Cape. In 2018/19 the WCED paid out fee compensation to 552 of these schools. This means that the WCED is assisting 96% of fee paying schools.

We have also reached out to the remaining fee-charging schools, by topping up their Norms and Standards allocation in order for the schools to at least have the same income base as a no-fee school and to remain financially viable. 98 schools benefit from this pro-poor policy.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a sad reality that many children in South Africa

arrive at school daily with an empty stomach. This is why the Western Cape Government is committed to ensuring that our poorer learners receive not just one, but two, nutritious meals at school every day. The School Nutrition Programme feeds more than 401 657 learners from 691 schools. The amount allocated to the feeding programme for the 2019/20 financial year is more than R385 million. In addition, we continue to feed 78 140 learners from historically [Inaudible.] in 317 Quintile 4 and 5 schools that serve poorer communities, as well as 26 507 children in the After-school Programme to ensure that our poorer learners are able to participate.

Various studies show that the Western Cape is showing the greatest progress in transforming education in poor communities. We are positive that many of our pro-poor policies have contributed significantly to this progress.

We are making these kinds of investments, not only because it is the right thing to do, but because affording children access to quality education, which while not sufficient on its own, is a key contributing factor to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Mr Deputy Speaker, more than 113 000 learners have relocated to the Western Cape since 2014, with an additional 20 000 learners arriving for the start of the 2019 academic year.

Each learner that enters the province costs the Department around R15 500 per learner for a primary school learner and R18 700 for a high school

learner, excluding infrastructure costs. The cost over the last 5 years is more than R1,84 billion, and for this year alone is an estimated R596 million. But the funding from the National Treasury does not follow the learners, as I have said repeatedly. The necessary Equitable Share from the national budget should be commensurate with up to date learner numbers and compensate for the many years it has not kept pace with the increased numbers.

To accommodate this growth in numbers, we are building schools and additional classrooms but we cannot keep up with the demand without adequate funding. Since 2009, we have completed 131 schools and this year we will see the completion of 11 schools.

In order to accommodate the additional 20 000 extra learners this year alone, we effectively need another 20 new schools, in one year, which costs around R60 – R75 million per school. This amount equals R1,5 billion just for one year. Given that we have similar numbers every year, we require that kind of budget every year – just for new schools. Given that we still have backlogs in our existing infrastructure requirements, as well as that we have to maintain our existing infrastructure, it is quite obvious that the amount allocated is insufficient. And then there are teachers, feeding, transport and so on.

In 2019/20, we will again be investing a large allocation towards school infrastructure to meet the growing demand for schooling in the province, as well as to replace schools built with inappropriate materials.

The allocation towards Infrastructure Projects is an amount of over R1,7 billion, which includes new and replacement schools, upgrading and additions, and refurbishment and rehabilitation of our schools.

Maintenance of our existing schools also remains a priority, with many of our poorer schools unable to keep up with maintenance and repairs. R636 million will be allocated towards maintenance in schools. We are also struggling after having to redirect approximately R300 million last year from maintenance, to drought mitigation measures.

Mr Deputy Speaker, another priority for the WCED is to provide for our learners with special needs, for which there is also an increasing demand. This year we have allocated over R1,3 billion to Special Needs Education, to accommodate the increasing need. The Western Cape is the leading province when it comes to the provision of special needs education but here again, we are feeling an increased pressure as families are literally moving across the country to find place for their children in our schools.

There are currently around 20 000 learners in the province's 71 Public Special Schools, with an additional 75 learners in the School of Skills Year 1 Programme at Silverstream School, which we have started this year as part of the Manenberg upgrade programme.

The Western Cape Education Department provides different levels of support depending on the special educational need identified, in line with national

policy on inclusive education. The Department identifies learners needing low, moderate and high levels of support and provides appropriate support to these needs, in line with policy.

We cater for learners needing low levels of support in mainstream public schools with the support of our 27 outreach teams that operate from Special School Resource Centres. Many special schools also operate as resource centres that support full-service and mainstream ordinary schools.

We have also established full-service ordinary schools that cater for learners with moderate needs. We cater for learners with high levels of need in special schools. These include schools for the blind, deaf, physically disabled and those with severe intellectual impairments.

Mr Deputy, the ongoing professional development of our educators is of the utmost importance, and we will be investing over R106 million in that this year. The WCED's Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute continues to offer training in a variety of courses. There is also a recent focus on "Values Conversations" in schools as part of the Transform to Perform strategy.

In all interventions offered at CTLI, there is a strong ICT integration approach. The ICT Integration Unit at the CTLI delivers ICT integration interventions for teachers, school leaders and curriculum support officials. ICT Training is pitched at three levels; Novice, Intermediate and Advanced to accommodate teachers' varying ICT competence levels. ICT infrastructure

and training content are continually being improved to keep track with the latest developments in the ICT and education field. A new focus is being developed which will research future technology trends and showcase the latest technologies in an 'ICT Playpark for Teacher'.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Premier in her SOPA elaborated on the e-Learning Game-Changer and exactly what we would have achieved by the end of our term. So I will simply say that the WCED has allocated over R239 million towards e-learning in the 2019/20 financial year and will be mainstreaming it in the Department. Key elements include a high-speed internet connectivity, wide area network linking schools across the province and local area networks in schools that connect to the WAN.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am delighted that after more than two years, the Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill was passed by this House in November last year.

The Bill constitutes the biggest public education reform since 1994, and is designed to achieve excellence in education, through improving the assessment of teaching and learning in the classroom, and school functioning as a whole. These assessments will be published for parents and communities to see, to increase transparency and accountability.

The Bill is innovative, in that it represents a real exercise of the province's concurrent legislative competence in basic education – which many seem to

forget that we have. Of course, SADTU is now challenging it in court, which we will vigorously oppose.

We continue to make pleasing progress in our Collaboration Schools project. Indications are that it is bringing improved education to poor communities, to which we are absolutely committed. We now have 11 schools as part of this project, with another new school joining in April this year.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Since the inception of the new model, the results of the systemic tests as well as the NSC results at these schools have increased significantly but SADTU says they cannot see any proof of improvement. Special mention must be made of Langa High School. For the last few years, the school's matric results have been unacceptably low – in 2015 it had a 41,9% pass rate. In 2016, it dropped to 34,3%. We decided to approach the school about becoming one of our new collaboration schools in 2017. After quite a lot of scepticism, it was agreed.

In the 2017 NSC they achieved 49,7% and in 2018 they achieved a 78% pass rate. [Applause.] Again, well done to all involved. It is once again becoming a school of choice and pride in the community.

I hope now that the Amendment Bill has passed, and given the successful pilot, that we can motivate for additional funders to come on board so that

more of our schools that accommodate learners from disadvantaged communities may benefit from this exciting new model of schooling.

SADTU, of course, is also opposing this provision of our Bill in court, saying that there is no evidence that these schools work. We beg to differ.

Regarding the School Evaluations Authority, last month we gazetted the Draft Regulations pertaining to the SEA for public comment. This is an exciting development since the Bill was passed last year. The closing date for comments was the 18th March and as soon as the Regulations are finalised we shall advertise for the Chief Evaluator to be appointed.

The Premier also published a proclamation on 27 February 2019 putting into effect certain sections of the Bill including the classroom observation, so anybody who prevents this will be acting illegally. SADTU seems to regard it as urgent that this be stopped. I have to wonder why?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What a joke.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: A Safe learning environment is a critical requirement for quality teaching and learning to take place.

The WCED implements various strategies to address school violence and safety. Unfortunately, many of the safety risks are a result of community and gang violence which affects the safety environment of our schools. A few

weeks ago, it was highlighted that just this year there have been 17 reported stabbing incidents at Western Cape schools, many of which were gang related. It is devastating that the Anti-gang Unit of the SAPS appears to be making little impact, thus leaving these issues once again, to be dealt with by our teachers.

As I have said before, the Western Cape Government has a vast number of initiatives that we have undertaken transversally to try and curb gang violence in our schools and we are doing as much as we can as the Education Department to try and protect our schools, but we simply do not have the legislative mandate, security manpower or budget to guarantee learner safety from gang violence.

I am excited about the development of the Risk Classification Tool that will allow us to identify and classify existing and emerging safety risks so that the relevant security infrastructure and other resources are deployed when and where most needed, and I hope to see it properly implemented soon.

I have spoken ad nauseam about what we have been doing and our Chief Director, Alan Meyer, continues to Chair the School Safety Committee with great success.

The City of Cape Town has been extremely helpful to us, especially in respect of the school resource officers who also assist to alleviate the struggles faced by the Department in dealing with school violence,

particularly where there is a high rate of gangsterism.

We have 53 schools involved, with 136 School Resource Officers. The role these officers play in our schools is absolutely significant. Not only do they have the skills to react to certain emergency situations but they also provide a sense of safety and protection.

We are also linking schools' burglar alarms to the City's Traffic Management Centre, where they can be monitored and, in cases of need, the Metro Polices' Response Unit can assist.

This has been necessary as a result of the lack of response unfortunately of some private companies that have been paid by schools, and lack of maintenance by schools of their alarms. The plan is in the early stages, but has great potential.

In addition, we now have a Safe Schools officer permanently stationed at the TMC, which is assisting in better co-ordinating responses to the relevant role-players in the case of any incident at schools.

I am also excited about a new partnership with a corporate company, which has resulted in a security solution being piloted at four schools in the Metro area. This includes access control, biometric data to ensure that there is control over who enters and leaves school premises, and use of artificial intelligence to alert principals and anyone monitoring school premises to any

unusual activity on or outside the school premises. This has the potential to be a very exciting innovation in school safety. I will be announcing more on this next month.

We have allocated R112,518 million over the 2019 MTEF to specific school safety initiatives.

This will include the installation of secure perimeter fencing, restricted electronic access, monitored alarm systems, Safe Schools Call Centre, Walking Bus programme, Security Resilience Scorecard, and strategic partnerships between schools and communities.

While this funding will not necessarily end violence in and around our schools it will be used to provide and reinforce targeted security infrastructure support to schools.

Unfortunately, despite the additional security support and enforcement, some of our schools still fall victim to vandalism and burglaries, even more so now that we have ITC in schools. In 2019/20, R30 million has been allocated to the Emergency Maintenance Fund which will assist in repairing schools affected by burglary and vandalism.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, we still have a long way to go, but progress to date is undeniable.

I must pay tribute to the SG, Brian Schreuder specifically, our EXCO and our committed teams, for their constructive and innovative approach and ongoing commitment to the learners of the Western Cape. [Applause.] I also want to pay tribute to all our educators who give so much of themselves to improve the opportunities for others, and for their support and understanding in these difficult financial times. It has been a real pleasure and a privilege working with you all over the last five years and I want to thank you for your support.

I also want to thank the members of the Standing Committee, under hon Basil Kivedo, for their oversight and for holding us accountable.

Thank you to the Premier for giving me the absolute privilege of serving the Western Cape in this crucial position, and my Cabinet Colleagues for their collegiality over the last five years.

Last but not least, I am going to leave my family out because they are not here but I really want to [Laughter.] They are vital – it is going to Hansard okay. [Interjection.] I will do them afterwards. I do want to say a very special thank you to my office staff sitting up there, without whom I would not be able to do what I do.

Thanks to Bronagh Hammond who headed my office for the first four years and is now very capably running the Department in the Communications Directorate, and Anne Schlebusch who stepped in rather unexpectedly after she “retired” from the Department last year. A big thanks also to Jessica

Shelver, who has done an amazing job as my spokesperson. And to Thandazwa Ntshonga, Debbie Lewis, Audrey Frazenburg, Irene King, Nomonde Mbali, Neliswa Bokwana and Lynn Coleridge-Zils. We have really been a great team and I want to thank every one of you. And seeing as it is going into Hansard I want to acknowledge the support of my family which has been immense and very highly valued. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die Agbare Kivedo.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Kivedo.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon Premier, members of the Executive, fellow members on both sides of the House, members of the Ministry of Education, HOD, Mr Brian Schreuder of the WCED and his team, special guests, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I have reached the end of the rope but at the end of the road there is still some hope. This is going to be my last and final speech in this Parliament. Member Magaxa, I will spare a handkerchief for you to wipe those tears I can see. [Laughter.] I know you are going to miss me a lot. [Laughter.] [Applause.] I thank Minister Debbie Schäfer for the exhaustive input. She said it all. It felt good on the ear, it was good to listen to what is happening within the educational realm. I want to comment and make a few comments – as I said it is my final speech – and hopefully my famous last words, member Dugmore.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in South Africa investing in education is not only the right thing to do, but should be regarded as smart economics because upon graduation, at any level, social dividends are paid out and †en dit is maar van die soort van uitskieters wat ‘n mens kry wanneer daar belê word in sosiale kapitaal. Dat onderwys nie gedekontekstualiseer kan word nie maar altyd binne konteksverband moet bly sodat ons die impak daarvan op die gemeenskap ten volle kan beseef, en dit is die tipe van reperkussies. So dit gaan maar in elk geval oor die holistiese en die geheel-benadering tot onderwys, en ek dink die Minister het baie goed daarop uitgewys ook.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[and that is the kind of outliers one gets when social capital is invested in. That education cannot be decontextualised but always remains within context so that we can fully realise its impact on the community, and those are the types of repercussions. So it is in any case about the holistic and complete approach to education, and I think the Minister has also illustrated that very well.]

And poverty strikes those without education the hardest, continual investment in education, its support units and programmes at schools, not only allows for the participants to grow but for the whole of society to flourish on knowledge. However wonderful the prospect of education seems to be, the socio-economic characteristics in this country pose serious threats to the performance of the sector of education and training.

Of particular concern in the Western Cape is inter-alia; safety in schools, linked to increased numbers of vandalism, gangsterism within communities that offer alarming economic avenues for our vulnerable youth, and thirdly spiralling cases of bullying, substance abuse amongst minors and the list goes on.

Maar ek wil net dit duidelik stel dat hierdie drie aspekte nie tranetrekters moet wees nie maar dat dit juis uitdagings bied vir vir ons almal, wetstoepassers sowel as die gemeenskap, in terme van 'n verantwoordelikeheidsin, in terme van bepaalde kompetensies wat aan ons as burgerry in hierdie land opgelê word, om hande te vat om hierdie patalogieë aan te spreek.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[But I just want to state it clearly that these three aspects should not be tear jerkers but it should actually offer challenges to all of us, law enforcers as well as the community, in terms of a sense of responsibility, in terms of specific competencies imposed upon us as citizenry in this country, to take hands to address these pathologies.]

This is on top of the actual problem we face regarding service pressures, yet the Western Cape Education Department has played an outstanding performance over the last ten years under the leadership of the Democratic Alliance. Inter-alia an 81% pass rate in matric; 76% in Mathematics, 79% in

Science; the best retention rate in the country and lastly the Democratic Alliance also managed to build 200 new classrooms per year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is thus rightfully so that Education receives the second largest portion of the budget in the Western Cape. It is a service that we cannot compromise on. The allocated R23 billion will go a long way in optimising the opportunities that education presents for some of our most vulnerable citizens, youth and children. They face unprecedented challenges and for many a school is a play of safety, a place where goals are cultivated and supported in order to reach their maximum potential. In response to these unrepresented challenges, Mr Deputy Speaker, the 2019 Western Cape Budget offers the follows:

A five year teacher development plan will be prioritised with an allocation of R337 million over the 2019 MTEF. With the increasing number of learners per classroom, teachers' battle with increased pressure. They are the ones experiencing the real service demand, hence we welcome the increase in Sub-programme 2.3 for Human Resource Development especially in public schools. Coping with this demand this will hopefully also address quality concerns within classrooms.

R2,1 million is also set aside for building resource capacity. The Teacher Support Programme will also focus on ICT training. Learners will thus be enabled to meet the demand of the world we live in, but more importantly,

the world of work. Teachers further have to be emotionally fit to react to challengers our learners face in schools. It is important that we enhance their wellbeing with the necessary support.

In educating backlogs in school infrastructure in previously disadvantaged communities indirectly upgrades the standard of schools. During 2019 Public School Maintenance Programmes will be supplemented with R484 million, the largest portion of infrastructure allocations will also go to public schools, to the value of R1,6 billion.

Given the socio-economic conditions of this country we also know that despite the challenges we face, schools offer an escape to the poor. The National School Nutrition Programme will receive a staggering R385 million during 2019. I repeat R385 million.†Oubaas from *7de Laan* so nou gesê het ‘dis n bedrag van epidermiese omvang’. [Gelag.] [Oubaas from *7de Laan* now would have said ‘it is an amount of epidermic extent.’ [Laughter.]]

We are aware of the growing inequalities in our school therefore beside the unconditional allocations, public schools receive the bulk of the budget totalling R17,7 billion.

An earmark allocation of R46 million for 2019 will also supplement the after-school initiative in building school halls in fields in public schools that will stimulate activeness and meaningful activities.

†Om aansluiting te vind by my vorige stelling wat ek gemaak het, die buite-kurrikulêre aktiwiteite wat dan aanvullend is tot die kognitiewe ontwikkeling van die kind, waar ons dan buitemuurse bedrywighede het, waar ons geheel-ontwikkeling van die totale leerder het. Pragtig.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[To link up with my previous statement I made, the extra-curricular activities which are then supplementary to the cognitive development of the child, where we then have outdoor activities, where we have the complete development of the total learner. Beautiful.]

R109 million will be allocated towards the promotion of Mathematics and Science over 2019 MTEF to equip schools with the necessary resources and laboratory equipment to enhance our already ground-breaking performance. This will help schools to unearth the next generation of scientists, engineers and mathematicians. It will help to move South Africa forward. Every sector of our economy has been transformed by technology and there is no job where Mathematics is not useful.

The budget further makes allowance for Early Childhood Development which is important in laying strong educational foundations. Programme 5 will thus receive R652 million in total in expanding services to the vulnerable; R21 million is set aside for the development of life skills related to HIV and AIDS in supporting individuals who battle with this disease, of their support

networks.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Josephine Baker once said “the best way to protect oneself is with the pen and not the gun”. How true. This means that we need to equip ourselves with the necessary knowledge to overcome each and every stumbling block life presents instead of resorting to violence and intolerance which more often than not results in nothing. Thus very much like this budget seeks to do, despite the multitude of challenges, specifically within the education sector with regards to various forms of violence, including those of structural violence, it will use well informed innovative plans to overcome these challenges.

We cannot allow any form of violence or socio-economic obstacles to deter us from reaching our goals. These innovative ways by WCED include: Collaboration Schools Programme which has effected R150 million private funding to disadvantaged communities.

The CSP will be allocated with R152 million over the 2019 MTEF; the School Safety Programme strategies including installing security systems while also addressing the social environment by influencing learner behaviour and by working with schools to mobilise community support for safer schools. Under Programme 1 that seeks to enhance support services at schools, R4 million has been earmarked for the after-schools education centres but more importantly and to conclude, the current crisis in schools further requires a whole of society approach of which bullying is becoming

an alarming concern that effects the wellbeing and performance of our children.

Thus I would like to appeal to this House, that behaviour is learned, learn it. And therefore we all, as public representatives, parents and members of communities have to take responsibility in setting good examples for learners. This extends to matters of substance abuse and issues around bullying.

I want to appeal to everyone in this House, that like this budget we need to do everything in our power to keep our children in school, encourage performance and participate in activities that will show our support towards their wellbeing. They need this acknowledgement. This certainly helped to bring effect to the budget. Before I table this budget for acceptance, I just want to thank the following people and institutions:

The parliamentary staff and all the support staff; hon Premier for your guidance, support and leadership over 10 years; the members of the Executive, thank you very much for your example that you set as role models and also the support and advice that I got from you as a person; fellow members, both the ANC and the DA, I love you all.

HON MEMBERS: Aw!

Mr B D KIVEDO: It was wonderful working with you in my tenure of five years. I have learnt such a lot, I know exactly what it is to be on a learning

curve and to make friends and to embrace each other, because we have a common goal, a common dream for this country that we are going to take this country forward and be proud and proud South Africans.

The Ministry of Education and specifically, Minister Debbie Schäfer: thank you very much for your guidance and your perseverance in making this Western Cape Education sector work and the same with the Ministry, the same accolades for them and also the WCED, Mr Brian Schreuder and your team, you are champions; all stake-holders in the Education Department; my committee coordinators Wasiema Hassen-Moosa, Mary-Anne Burgess, Ben Daza, Mario Sassman: thank you so much for your assistance; our legal experts; our interpreters and also the IT service who make our meetings possible; the whole fifth floor family from the Chief of Staff, Stian Carlson to the princess on the floor, Colleen, who keeps everything tidy and neat and making life comfortable for us.

Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. To my PA, Tanya Steyn-Bowie, thank you very much for taking my hand, not for too long, just taking my hand. [Laughter.]. Thanks very much for that, I really appreciate it; all functionaries on the fifth floor, they know who they are, the media and research unit; I also want to thank the mainstream media.

Then we must also remember we went on different oversight visits and public participation and there are three people who really took care of us and made our journey safe and I am going to name them, they are Anwil Barends,

Marlon Esau and Wayne Naidoo. Thank you so much for that. [Applause.] That we cannot take these things for granted that we will arrive safely and arrive safe at home, arrive alive, no they brought us home safe.

And in conclusion I want to thank my wife Rochelle and my 12 year old son – Yes, miracles do still happen! [Laughter.] My 12 year old son ...[Interjections.] His name is Boeta. I want to thank Boeta ... [Interjection.] Steyn. His real name is Steyn but we call him Boeta. I want to thank them for their sustained support and underpinning and therefore the DA supports this vote. I thank you so much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Beerwinkel. [Applause.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think the hon member forgot to thank Mr Bowman who went to fetch him out of the wrong plane in Nigeria when he almost got lost. [Laughter.]. You must do that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. That was not a point of order, it is simply a correction. [Interjections.]. I see the hon Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am pleased that we have an opportunity to speak immediately after Mr Kivedo because there is actually something which has been on my mind which I would want to actually clear up in this House, because I think as we all gather from Mr Kivedo's input, he does spread and share love and he is someone that has

been very passionate about his role as Chair of this Committee.

But the concerning issue which I feel I need to raise here is that in his absence, when he took ill, member Botha issued a statement implying that myself – and I am actually standing in for member Olivier today – that member Olivier, actually intimidated hon member Kivedo in regard to the issue of the Western Cape Schools Amendment Bill. [Interjections.]. Now the reality is that no such intimidation ever happened, no such intimidation and I want to use this opportunity in the House to indicate that the relationship that we have with Mr Kivedo is a respectful one and it was unfortunate that member Botha issued a statement which was both untruthful and attempted to imply that we intimidated member Kivedo. That is not the way that our relationship ... [Interjections.] – and to make matters worse ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... and to make matters worse, Mr Deputy Speaker, member Botha attempted to say that our views were ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... indicative of gender discrimination whereas in fact her conduct towards member Kivedo and us as members actually spoilt the atmosphere in the Committee because there would be no way that we would ever want to intimidate member Kivedo about his views on the Western Cape

Schools Amendment Bill. I want to use this opportunity to correct that and say we respect you and we all know that unfortunately the DA ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... tried to make cheap politics through member Botha of something that was never true. The vision of this Department is quality education ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am rising to complain about the continuous disruption with no full stop from hon Maseko and this noise is really making it difficult ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, thank you. I understand and I agree. I will take it further. Please come to order that side of the House and allow the member to proceed. Hon Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, through you, is member Dugmore prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, are you prepared to take a question?

Mr C M DUGMORE: I think member Botha is guilty because she made a false allegation and that is for the record.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: But, Mr Deputy Speaker the vision of this Department is quality education ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Dugmore, just one second. Hon Mitchell?

Mr D G MITCHELL: I am rising Mr Deputy Speaker, because throughout the entire introduction member Dugmore was casting direct aspersions on the character of hon Botha, but he refrained from saying how he attempted to bully member Botha ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He did bully ...

Mr D G MITCHELL: ... in the Chair during that Committee.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That is not a point of order, it is a debating point but please continue hon Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just felt it was important to indicate to this House, beyond any doubt, that myself and member Olivier

have never intimidated member Kivedo and that is for the record.
[Interjections.]

I want to say that the vision of this Department is quality education for every learner, in every classroom, in every school in the province and we all agree with the three over-arching goals which are: an improvement in the level of Language and Mathematics in all schools, an increase in the number and quality of passes in the National Senior Certificate and thirdly, an increase in the quality of education provision in poorer communities. We all agree with that.

The MEC spoke at length about this in her foreword and also in her speech today and on Language and Mathematics in the systematic tests she was pleased according to her with a steady improvement in 2018 when compared to 2011. But the true reflection of systemic results is as follows:

- In Language and Maths for Grade 6, the province dropped from 40,1% in 2016 to just over 38% in 2017. We observed similar trends for Grade 9, where the province dropped from over 55% in 2016 to 53% in 2017 for Language and Maths dropping from 23% to just 22%.

So when one wants to claim a steady improvement, one should not just go back to 2011, but one should actually look at the last couple of years and it is very clear that we notice a disturbing downward spiral which we need to be honest about and not try and spin it in terms of a comparison to 2011.

There has been a downward spiral and in fact that downward spiral is reflected in the matric results as well. On the quality of matric results, the Western Cape dropped from 86% in 2016 to just 81,5% in 2018, a similar trend that we are picking up from the systemic results.

In terms of Bachelor passes, we dropped from 41,7% in 2015 to 39,1% in 2017. The only increase to 42% was in 2018 after subjects like tourism and others were added into the basket and subjects for the B-degree.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, on provision of quality education in the poor communities, contrary to what the MEC has claimed, as a province we are found wanting. If one looks at the number of schools, the under-performing schools, the vast majority of those come from those districts where levels of poverty are at their worst.

For instance schools with a pass rate lower than 60% actually increased from 21 in 2016 to 45 in 2018 and these are schools in our poor communities. Some of the contributing factors to this are the issues of safety in poor communities, also an issue that member Kivedo referred to, the overcrowding in schools in poor communities has also increased to crisis levels.

Just on that point, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think the most revealing page in the Blue Book is page 172 which indicates what choice this province itself could make in regard to how important funding for education is. Because we are all aware of the fact that we get equitable share, we get conditional grants and

that we also have then allocations from the Provincial Revenue Fund.

You would see that in 2016 there was an amount of R557 million from the Provincial Revenue Fund that boosted the equitable share as well as the conditional grant.

We have had a dramatic decrease of 67% towards Education from the Provincial Revenue Fund down to this year in question, to R90 million. So that is an indication that where the province has got the ability, because the equitable share is based on those formulae, those are allocated but this province deliberately cut the allocation from the Provincial Revenue Fund to Education by 70%. Then we begin to ask questions about issues of equality, issues of infrastructure and why we are not spending enough on those particular matters, and what is of concern when one actually looks at the issue of over-crowding, when we look at the Annual Performance Plan and we look at page 93, you look at the plans for building of new schools.

For this year there are plans to build 4 new schools, 20/21 - 3; 21/22 - 3, which is a total of 10 over the next three years. The MEC herself indicates that we have a growth in learner numbers of almost 20 000 per year and yet what we have in the Annual Performance Plan to deal with this besides the 70% reduction in terms of allocation from the Provincial Revenue Fund is a plan to build 10 schools. And yet we are having, according the MEC, an influx, just as Gauteng does. They also have to make plans in regard to looking at their provincial resources and deciding on what to help.

But we all would be prepared to concede, as we should, that the fiscal environment is constrained at the moment. So we would then expect the Department to be looking at alternative solutions. If you for instance look at the fact that we have 1 400 schools in our province, if we were for instance able to take a view that we should look at those schools and how we can add to the capacity of our existing schools and if one simply asked each of those 1 400 schools, and this is obviously an average, you take a hundred extra learners which would be about 10 per grade or two or three per class, that would give us 14 400 spaces.

Now obviously I am not implying that every school is the same but we have seen the Department throw up their hands about 20 000 extra learners. We have seen absolute silence about the reduction of 70% in allocation to the Education budget from Provincial Revenue Fund but we are not seeing any innovation.

I have spoken to the Milnerton High School principal and he has indicated a commitment to have extra classrooms and that is a school which is experiencing immense pressure, particular at Grade 8 and for three years he has been engaging the Department around his willingness to have an extra classroom built for each of the grades in this school. But there has not been any movement on that.

So there are schools who are prepared to add to their capacity. It is not only about building new schools. It is about utilising the space that we have in our

classrooms by bringing extra learners and at existing schools, building extra classrooms. And we are not seeing that kind of a plan from the MEC in regard to dealing with these issues.

So these are the things that the budget is meant to respond to but unfortunately the MEC has actually failed to deliver on this and wants to put the blame, as much as she can, on National Government. We had a situation in 1994, when the ANC came into power, where there was only a registration, 51%, of the possible maximum number of learners were registered in our schools. That figure now is about 86% so we have dramatically increased the number of learners in our schools.

The matric pass rate has moved from just over 50% to about 78% as a national average and no one can argue that the quality of the matric pass rate in 2018 is worse than it was in 1994. These are gains that have actually been made. But under the budget, if you look at page 167, the Department misleads the public when it states that capital expenditure has decreased to 4,48% of the estimated expenditure. This will affect mainly provision for infrastructure projects as well as computers and equipment and that is the point I am making, the reduction that we are seeing. The reality is that when one compares the 2018/2019 revised estimates ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... as well as the 2019/20 allocation you will see that it

actually increased from the national point of ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member your time has expired.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... [Inaudible.] in regard to the Provincial Revenue Fund and this indicates the lack of seriousness towards education from this Cabinet ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired. In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF, I again see minister Schäfer to respond.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am going to start with hon Dugmore in case I run out of time. I want to just express my extreme disappointment at the side-lining of hon Olivier in this final debate of the term and also on the list of the ANC, as I wanted to say thank you for the constructive working relationship that we had with him.

As far as the hon member's statement about member Botha, it is absolute and utter nonsense. He is effectively accusing her as well as hon Kivedo of lying because that is where she got her information from and it is quite frankly shocking that the ANC would go to such desperate lengths to try and keep this Bill from going through. We know it does not align with your desire to control everything centrally but we are acting in the interests of the learners in this province. So to say that he lied to hon Botha is completely

unacceptable in this House and untrue.

Systemic tests, yes we have already discussed most of these issues in the Standing Committee. It did drop because we increased the standard of some of the questions as we explained to hon Dugmore, he must have forgotten.

The matric pass rate, we have also explained, but for the record of Hansard, the reason we dropped is because we do not kick our children out and stop them writing the final exam. There is one province that we had reported at our recent CEM meeting, where 25% of matrics did not write the final exam. They were either absent or they were at the MEO over two sessions. So by doing that they managed to increase their pass rate by about 5% which is not what we want to do in the Western Cape, not what we are going to do in the Western Cape.

The fact of the matter is that the last CEM meeting has now resolved to scrap the MEO because of their manipulation of other provinces. Unanimously we agreed to scrap it. Then we will see the real issue as to how the improvement, so-called, is reflected by simply looking at the matric percentages.

Schools in poor communities are absolutely being affected by over-crowding. I have raised it many, many times and – it is not just a case of blaming National Government. It is National Government's fault that there is no money. It is their fault that they do not adjust the equitable share formulae. It is not our fault that money has been wasted and stolen and that some people

are sitting in Dubai having R100 million weddings while we cannot afford to pay our teachers. It is not our fault.

So as far as the Provincial Fund is concerned, as far as I recall that for the drought, it was an exceptional measure so I mean they only have a certain amount in the revenue fund. We also have extreme needs in other departments too, not only Education. We had to do some work on Tygerberg Hospital for example, so we cannot have everything, every year. We should be getting our correct allocation from National Government.

We would love to build more than 10 schools or 3 schools or however many schools, we would love to but it is all very well to say alternative solutions, what alternative solutions are there even if we get 100 extra children in every school, we need extra teachers, there is no money for teachers. So do not come and tell me to come up with alternative solutions. Unless we have the money, we cannot do that.

We cannot build more schools than we have money for otherwise we end up like Eskom where they have no money for anything because they keep spending more than they actually have. We do not get bailed out by National Government like the State-owned Enterprises do and we cannot do that ...
[Interjections.]

I have also raised the issue with Milnerton High School, I did discuss this also at the Standing Committee where hon Dugmore raised the issue of

Milnerton High School. I have taken it up again with the Department but we were told at the meeting that the reason why we have not taken it up is because the principal was demanding other things too, not just ...
[Interjections.]

Well, that is what we were told and we are taking it up, we have taken it up. So the fact of the matter is, yes, we have got growth but we cannot force more schools to take more people. We have already approached a large number of schools over the last few years to take in extra capacity and they have been very good in doing so. Many schools have added extra classrooms. So it is time for people to stop blaming us for things that are beyond our control. We have done more than we can be expected to do under any normal circumstances.

Hon Kivedo, thank you very much. We will certainly miss your colourful language, no question about that and thank you for clarifying that hand-holding episode with your secretary. When you reach the end of your road I hope there will be some light at the end of the tunnel, I am sure there will. I completely agree with you on the social problems. We have to have more responsibility being taken by communities and particularly parents.

We are doing what we can under Education in espousing values and promoting values in the system and at the conference we had over the last two days at the CTICC, which was really amazing, we had the absolute privilege of having the 2018 Global Teacher of the Year, Andria Zafirakou,

speak to us and she works in a very poor school in London where really there are a lot of – she has a multi-cultural community – where many problems exist and when asked what she would say to teachers working in difficult communities she replied: “Expect high standards of your children. Do not accept mediocrity.”

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And that is crucial. As difficult as our circumstances are, we have got to think differently and be positive and get the best out of our children and our teachers. The other thing she said about parental involvement is: “Praise the children to the parents and the parents will come.” And I thought that was very profound ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Praise the children to the parents?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Praise the children to the parents, praise their performance, give the parents something to be proud of over their children and they will become more involved.

As far as Maths and Science is concerned it is crucially important but we also are moving towards STEMAC, now not just STEM anymore, which is Science, Technology and Engineering, Accounting, Maths, Agriculture and Coding or computational skills to bring our system in line with the 21st century skills and the needs of our province, particularly in agriculture. So

that is a really exciting move as well and Andria was very excited with that development as well.

Bullying is an ongoing concern as is substance abuse. We are taking a hard line on both of those issues and it is really worrying that children actually sit in the playground with their drugs and smoke on school premises. I mean no school can have somebody watching every child, every minute of the day and one of the methods we are trying to deal with that is by the proposed intervention facility as an alternative, with the agreement of parents, to have interventions instead of expelling learners from school but of course that is also being opposed by SADTU so we will see how that goes.

So thank you very much for your comments and thank you again to all of you. I just also want to end up by thanking all the education stakeholders which I forgot to mention. I think we have actually had a very productive relationship over the last five years. We do not always agree, but when we do not, we have really done so in a professional and respectful manner, so thank you to all of them. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will now suspend business and resume at 14h00. The House is suspended.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the next

order, the Fourth Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1 - 2019].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Marais.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, Premier, Cabinet colleagues and members of the Provincial Parliament, Mayors from various municipalities, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, Head of Department and managers of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, our partners in the sport and cultural sector, media, residents of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy 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 2019/20 financial year.

I will elaborate on how the Department has allocated the appropriated R 820,305,000 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 our response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the creation of increased opportunities, strengthening our sense of identity through nation building, in inspiring hope and a holistic development of the individual and collective through sport and cultural affairs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I call to mind a dialogue on the Fourth Industrial Revolution which has become increasingly more prevalent in the South African conversation as a result of its global implications. There exists much confusion and uncertainty around what exactly the Fourth Industrial Revolution is, how it will affect civilisation and more recently how do we respond to the digital age in the dark. One thing is clear: the arts, cultural affairs and sports development and promotion will have to take centre stage as a proactive response to the rapid changes underway.

Our Department has a fundamental role to fulfil as it delivers services which affords the opportunities to escape the cycles of poverty in our communities. Our Department makes a significant difference in bringing about positive change to our communities. We improve the self-esteem of our youth and identify in them talents they would otherwise not explore. The nature of our business plays a powerful role in shaping, framing, communicating and influencing the future. In fact, according to the South African Cultural Observatory and I quote:

“It is our responsibility to reflect, question, resist, review and rebuild when and where necessary. In short, it is our duty to

reimagine the future”.

Our Department has made great strides in implementing a reimagined future in trying times, but we will fail in our objectives without our hardworking officials and passionate partners.

At the start of 2018, Andrea Bandelli, the executive director of the Science Gallery International, maintained that art finds itself right at the core of the activities shaping the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He notes that, and I quote:

“Art and humanities are fundamental pillars of any education system and in today’s technology-dominated world, their contribution to the school curriculum is more important than ever. Concerted effort needs to be made to equip the present and future generations with the ability to empathise, imagine, and create and the key to develop these abilities is a life-long education that is interdisciplinary, cross-functional, cross-industry and cross-cultural.”

It is therefore pivotal to integrate the arts and sport into the education system and societal discourse as it will indeed reduce the skills gap that the next generation is facing, and subsequently prepare the leaders of tomorrow. Amongst others to be further elaborated, it is for this reason that we have allocated R210,6 million to Sport and Recreation to financially support the

After School Game-Changer through the MOD Programme and School Sport, to name only a few.

However empathy, imagination and creativity are not only for tomorrow's leaders and jobs, we need them right now to ensure that science and technology are developed in a human-centred way. Today we need to balance advanced technical competences with an unprecedented level of moral complexity that these technologies entail. With this in mind, Cultural Affairs will receive R119,07 million for the 2019/20 financial year.

†Om voorbereid te wees op die omstrede tegnologie wat ontwikkel word, verseker nou dat ons ten volle kan deelneem aan die gesprekke wat die toekoms van ons samelewing vorm. Die tegnologiese deurbrake van die Vierde Industriële Revolusie kan ons samelewing meer volhoubaar en inklusief maak, of die verdeeldheid wat daar onder ons is groter maak. Daar is egter geen maklike "ja/nee" of "goeie/slegte" skakelaar nie. Dit is nie 'n enkele besluit wat die impak van tegnologie op die samelewing bepaal nie, maar eerder 'n ontvouende proses gebaseer op dialoog met verskillende belanghebbendes.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ten einde betrokke te raak by gesprekvoering met ons gemeenskappe, moet ons administratiewe bevoegdheid so optimaal moontlik benut word. Met die beperkte Provinsiale Begroting gaan Program 1: Administrasie, 9% van ons totale begroting ontvang en dit word teen R70,9 miljoen bewillig.

Die mag van kuns en geesteswetenskappe vorm die kern van tegnologiese prosesse, om hierdie besprekings van inligting te voorsien, te begelei en te ondersteun. Yo-Yo Ma stel dit baie duidelik wanneer hy sê, en ek haal aan:

"Dit is nie genoeg om kultuur aan die kunstenaars en musikante uit te kontrakteer en dit as passiewe gehoor te ontvang nie. Ons moet die volle spektrum van menslike begrip betrek en elkeen van ons moet deelneem aan die bevordering van ons kulturele hulpbronne."

Ten einde 'n bydrae te lewer tot die volle spektrum van menslike begrip, het ons R419,7 miljoen aan Biblioteek- en Argiefdienste toegewys. Dit is gelykstaande aan 51% van ons algehele jaarlikse begroting.

Kultuursake en sport is vandag, meer as ooit tevore, noodsaaklik om 'n emosionele raamwerk te bou om sin te maak van die gesprekvoering wat sentraal staan tot die Vierde Industriële Revolusie.

Kuns, kultuur en sport bou vertroue, die vertroue wat nodig is om botsende sieninge en belange te oorbrug, om huidige hindernisse en struikelblokke met dinamiese en innoverende benaderings te oorkom en die waardes wat onderliggend is aan enige proses van tegnologiese innovering, te verstaan.

Kultuursake en sport moedig ons aan om "kalm, konstruktief en selfs ongemaklike gesprekke te voer oor die soort toekoms wat ons wil hê", soos

gepropageer deur prof Klaus Schwab. Hulle is katalisators vir hierdie gesprekke, 'n voortdurende herinnering aan die feit dat ons met hierdie vraagstukke moet omgaan; en 'n rede, 'n herinnering en soms 'n verskoning om nie van hulle weg te skram nie.

Ons Departement het en sal voortgaan om 'n deurslaggewende rol te speel in die aanspreking van die behoeftes wat nodig is vir 'n beter toekoms vir 'n verenigde Suid-Afrika. Die Wes-Kaap sal nie dieselfde wees sonder ons kenmerkende kultuur en sportaktiwiteite nie en daarom vier ons dit deur erkenning te gee aan diegene wat dit lewendig hou en die voortbestaan daarvan verseker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[To be prepared for the controversial technology that is being developed, now ensures that we can fully participate in the discussions that shape the future of our society. The technological breakthroughs of the Fourth Industrial Revolution can render our society more sustainable and inclusive, or enlarge the division amongst us. There is no easy “yes/no” or “good/bad” switch. It is not a single decision that determines the impact of technology on society, but rather an unfolding process based on dialogue with various stakeholders.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in order to become involved in negotiation with our communities, our administrative ability should be utilised as optimally as possible. With the limited Provincial Budget, Programme 1: Administration

will receive 9% of our total budget and it is allocated at R70,9 million.

The power of art and social sciences form the core of technological processes to provide these discussions with information, to guide and support it. Yo-Yo Ma puts it very clearly when he says, and I quote:

"It is not enough to outsource culture to artists and musicians and receive it as a passive audience. We have to involve the full spectrum of human understanding and each of us must participate in the advancement of our cultural resources."

In order to make a contribution to the full spectrum of human understanding we have allocated R419,7 million to Library and Archives Services. That is equal to 51% of our total annual budget.

Today cultural affairs and sport are, more than ever before, essential to build an emotional framework to make sense of the discussions that are central to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Art, culture and sport build confidence, the confidence necessary to bridge conflicting views and interests, to overcome present hindrances and obstacles with dynamic and innovative approaches and to understand the values underlying any process of technological innovation.

Cultural affairs and sport encourage us to "calmly, constructively, and even

uncomfortably have discussions about the kind of future that we want", as propagated by Prof Klaus Schwab. They are catalysts for these discussions, a continuous reminder of the fact that we have to deal with these issues; and a reason, a reminder and sometimes an excuse not to shy away from it.

Our Department has and will continue to play a decisive role in addressing the needs necessary for a better future for a united South Africa. The Western Cape will not be the same without our characteristic culture and sports activities and therefore we celebrate it by acknowledging those who keep it alive and ensure its survival.]

Together, we are in the business of building a nation, inspiring hope and motivating better versions of those we serve through cultural manifestation and creating an enabling environment in which it can flourish.

Since 2009, under DA leadership, the Western Cape Government has prioritised creating opportunities of growth and jobs by improving education outcomes and increasing opportunities for youth development. The following highlights what can be achieved if the whole of society works together with care, competence, accountability, integrity, innovation and responsiveness:

- Our 373 library centres account for more than 20% of all public libraries in South Africa. Since 2009, 53 new libraries have been built and we upgraded a further 18 with a total investment of R1,5 billion. This has empowered 42 more communities in 22 municipalities since

we have come into office. We are proud to report that the Western Cape holds the highest library membership in South Africa and by far the highest book circulation figures of all the provinces. In fact, over 15,6 million library items were issued to over 811,000 registered library users in 2017. Rural libraries have also been connected to free high-speed internet in 22 municipalities.

- In the past 10 years the number of major sporting events we support have increased by 248% from just 25 events when we took office in 2009, to 92 events in 2018/19.
- I am also immensely proud to announce that we have won the bid against New Zealand to host the 2023 Netball World Cup in the City of Cape Town and greater Western Cape. [Applause.]
- Funding for local sports organisations has also increased by 124% since 2009, with an average of 120 organisations supported at grassroots level each year
- Since 2014, 7,689 young men have been initiated in the Western Cape, with a 99,74% safe passage rate. Mr Deputy Speaker, this was made possible through our Customary Male Initiation Programme, which was facilitated in collaboration with communities, practitioners, Government departments and entities such as CapeNature, municipalities and traditional surgeons and carers.
- In the last term of 5 years, we have achieved more than a four-fold

increase in learners regularly attending quality after-school programmes which makes provision for school sport and cultural expression. We have gone from 14,900 learners benefitting in 2014 to 81,100 learners participating regularly in 2018/19. We have gone further to professionalise the sector with almost 500 coaches trained to date and introduced a practitioner's Code of Conduct, training programme and a post-graduate qualification in partnership with universities. More importantly, there has been a 187% increase in schools registered with the After-School Programmes from 118 in 2014 to 571 in 2018.

- With much pride and collaboration we have developed a new archaeological tourism route to show the world that humanity did indeed begin in Africa and in this case in the Western Cape.
- We have promoted isiXhosa through the world's first chess and cricket terminology books published in the language. Netball and boxing will follow suit.
- Our Oral History Initiative has so far captured stories in 23 communities across all six districts of the province.

We can only but imagine how much more we could offer, and sustainably so, to all those who call the Western Cape home, if the National Government under the ANC also placed the people of South Africa first as they promised in 1994.

Instead, we have now become accustomed to the plundering of public funds, maladministration and corruption for the personal gain of an untouchable, unaccountable few, which sadly reduces opportunity for the development of the majority.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a stark difference in the outcomes of the last 10 years under the DA's strategy of consolidating budgets for maximum citizen impact to improve opportunities for youth, to support the creation of a safe and secure province, to enable an environment for job creation and skills development by building and maintaining economic and social infrastructure and most notably, applies good governance standards to optimise service delivery.

Compared to the ANC's "lost" 10 years, resulting in a net debt of R2,28 trillion in 2017/18, increasing to R3,03 trillion or 52% of our GDP in 2020/21. Mr Deputy Speaker, this is attributed to various factors, most frustrating and disheartening: state capture, corruption, maladministration and pure nonchalance towards the dire needs of our people. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: As powerful and integral as Cultural Affairs and Sport is to making a positive impact on people's lives while promoting our national identity in its diversity, it is not exempt from the national indifference exhausting public funds for personal

gain. The devastating result is regressive as it leaves the people we serve in the Western Cape in more adverse conditions as they have been robbed of many opportunities to live lives they can value.

Before the ANC members of this House vocalises how appreciative the Western Cape Government should be for the budget received from National Treasury, I assure you there should be no joy found in such arrogance. Our track record of good governance and maximum-citizen impact service delivery has been confirmed by various independent stakeholders, including the Auditor-General's report for the past five years. Yet other provinces are awarded exorbitant budgets ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Stop complaining.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... facilities and resources with little or no deliverables ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Stop complaining.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... to show in real terms.

A case in point, Mr Deputy Speaker, each year of which this coming financial year will mark the fourth, the National Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa, under Fikile Mbalula at the time, instructed each provincial

department to contribute R10 million of our annual budgets towards the establishment of the National Training and Olympic Preparatory Centre in Bloemfontein, the hometown of the former Minister.

Mr Deputy Speaker, four years on, only dust is proof of this investment as the National Department only officiated the sod turning on the site on 10 November 2018. For the purposes of clarity [Interjections.], to date, R30 million has been re-appropriated from each provincial department's budget amounting to a total of R270 million, which is now at the National Government's disposal, with no plan communicated, no concrete facility [Interjections.], no accountability nor urgency or evidence-based research into the needs of our sportspeople.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You must ask.

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, further reducing development ... [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Why do you not ask?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... opportunities and transformation in the Western Cape [Interjections.] and forcing us to be innovative ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: She must ask.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... with the little budget received based on rife ...[Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: She does not ask [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... on rife maladministration [Interjections.] and pie in the sky strategies, the National Department procured a 1970's Volkswagen Combi for each province and presented it to each of us at the National Sport Awards late last year.

The cost of this wasteful expense would afford the abundance of requests we receive in the Western Cape for the assistance needed for the empowerment of our under-resourced sportspeople, facilities and events on grassroots level to bridge the gap between developmental participation and higher levels of competition.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am afraid the National Cultural Affairs sector also ironically brings little hope administratively and is failing to advocate and promote the diverse South African identity, the upkeep of our heritage landscape and in turn the progression of one South Africa for all.

Madiba's vision for the democratic South Africa will not come into fruition if the ANC remains silent and does not hold its leaders accountable for the moral and social deterioration of our integrative tapestry as a diverse people.

In January this year, it was reported that R8 million was stolen from the Living Legends Legacy Programme [Interjections.], which the Western Cape Government ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Sies!

[Mr D G MITCHELL: Sis!]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... supports [Interjections.] as it was launched to safeguard and prioritise heritage development ...[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: It is disgusting. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... and the provision of opportunities [Interjections.] for interaction and the sharing of skills, knowledge, experience and resources with younger generations.

†n AGB LID: Nee, hulle steel dit vir die ANC!

[An HON MEMBER: No, they steal it for the ANC!]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: A few weeks later [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... in February the fundamental role of providing arts and culture services was further vilified when seven entities funded by the National Department of Arts and Culture, was ridden with allegations of corruption and maladministration [Interjections.].

Mr Deputy Speaker, the monetary implications of this is still unknown but through media reports we do know:

- The chief executive of the National Arts Council was placed on special leave because of an excess bonus payment. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: It is all about the money. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

- At the National Library, the director of the Centre for the Book was charged with several counts of misconduct and a disciplinary hearing began last year in which he was found guilty on four of the seven charges. [Interjections.]
- The director of Bibliographic and Collection Services [Interjections.] was charged for incompatibility ...[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Louis Vuittons.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... workplace bullying and harassment.

- The Robben Island Museum is being investigated for maladministration.

†‘n AGBARE LID: Jissie!

[An HON MEMBER: Good heavens!]

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Nog 'n ene.

[Mr D G MITCHELL: Another one.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

- The South African Heritage Resources Agency is also under investigation after allegations against the Chairperson [Interjections.] and the chief executive surfaced regarding ... [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... irregular expenditure, breach of oversight and non-compliance with supply chain management policies. [Interjections.]

- The National Department of Arts and Culture wants one national

orchestra which threatens our esteemed Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra as funding to regional companies will stop in favour of a single national ensemble.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as the ANC continues to heckle that we are in the Western Cape and that national practices are irrelevant, please note with grave concern that cheap political grandstanding is killing the positive aspirations of our youth [Interjections.], tearing our moral fibre apart ...[Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: That is what you are doing [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... and further crippling progress in the Western Cape [Interjections.].

The battle between the captured and the capturers is holding our youth's potential hostage.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: With the crumbs left from the ANC's "Let them eat cake" rhetoric, the Western Cape Government had to become innovative in embedding good governance and integrated service delivery through partnerships and spatial alignment guided by our functional fiscal strategy. [Interjections.]

I know reflect on how innovative our Department ... [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: For the Louis Vuitton handbag.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... has been in the past financial year to achieve our vision of a socially inclusive, connected and active Western Cape. [Interjections.]

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die Eenheid vir Kunsontwikkeling [Tussenwerpsels.] het sy implementering ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, the Unit for Art Development [Interjections.] has strengthened its implementation ... [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: ... van die genre-ontwikkelingsprogram versterk deur verbeterde samewerking met munisipaliteite en organisasies. Die program het ontwikkel en daar is ondervind hoe die invloed van burgers optimaal benut is in plattelandse gemeenskappe waar kuns- en kultuurontwikkeling dikwels verwaarloos word.

Die eenheid se implementering van die projek in die Sentraal-Karoo-distrik, is 'n sprekende voorbeeld en bewys van ons verbintenis tot ons departementele visie wat deur die Hele-samelewing-benadering beginsel benadruk word en het vennootskappe en hulpbronne optimaal benut te midde

van besuinigingsmaatreëls. Die eenheid het begin om plattelandse kunsontwikkeling as model voor te hou in die lig van die uitdagings en maatskaplike insluiting en integrasie te bevorder deur sy geïdentifiseerde bestuurders van kultuur, nasionale trots en ekonomiese geleenthede.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, net meer as R4,9 miljoen is toegewys aan die Departement se Taaldienste. Ons sal voortgaan om taalsteundienste in al drie amptelike tale van die Wes-Kaap, sowel as tolkdienste, waar moontlik, insluitend Suid-Afrikaanse gebaretaal, aan al die departemente van die Provinsiale Regering te verskaf.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... of the genre development programme by improved cooperation with municipalities and organisations. The programme has developed and it has been experienced how the influence of citizens was utilised optimally in rural communities where artistic and cultural development is often neglected.

The unit's implementation of the project in the Central Karoo District is a shining example and proof of our commitment to our departmental vision that is emphasised by the whole of society approach principle and has utilised partnerships and resources optimally amidst economising measures. The unit has begun to show rural art development as model in the light of the challenges and social inclusion, and to promote integration through its

identified managers of culture, national pride and economic opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, just more than R4,9 million was allocated to the Department's Language Services. We will continue to provide language support services in all three official languages of the Western Cape, as well as interpreter services where possible, including South African sign language, to all the departments of the Provincial Government.]

This year, 2019, is a United Nations International Year for Indigenous Languages.

†Die kultuurgeriewe bied 'n geleentheid en veilige ruimte aan die jeug waar hulle kan uitdrukking gee aan hul gedagtes, idees en kreatiwiteit in die vorm van kuns of die bestuur van sportaktiwiteite. Daar is die afgelope jaar aansienlike verbeterings aan die kultuurgeriewe aangebring om die veiligheid en gemak van gebruikers te verseker.

Daar was 'n hegte werksverhouding met die Departement ...
[Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The cultural facilities offer an opportunity and safe space to the youth where they can give expression to their thoughts, ideas and creativity in the form of art or in managing sport activities. The past year, substantial

improvements have been made to the cultural facilities to ensure the safety and comfort of the users.

There has been a solid work relationship with the Department ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: ... van Vervoer en Openbare Werke wat vrugte afgewerp het.

Die aanlyn-besprekingstelsel is vanjaar geïmplementeer. Hierdie stelsel verleen toegang aan die publiek vanaf enige plek in die provinsie en bied gelyke geleenthede vir almal.

Organisasies op verskillende vlakke van ontwikkeling is ondersteun deur ons jaarlikse befondsingsiklus, insluitend geregistreerde kultuurorganisasies, die Kaapse Klopse-groepe, Kersfeesgroepe en die Maleierkore. Deur middel van verskeie kuns- en kultuuraktiwiteite speel hierdie organisasies 'n belangrike rol in die bydrae tot maatskaplik inklusiewe en verbonde gemeenskappe. Daar is vir die 2018/19-boekjaar meer as R13,3 miljoen beskikbaar gestel vir die ontwikkeling, bevordering en bewaring van kuns en kultuur.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... of Transport and Public Works that have borne fruit.

The online booking system has been implemented this year. This system provides access to the public from any place in the province and offers equal opportunities to all.

Organisations at various levels of development were supported by our annual funding cycle, including registered cultural organisations, the Cape Minstrels groups, Christmas groups and the Malay choirs. Through various art and cultural activities these organisations play an important role in the contribution to socially inclusive and bonded communities. For the 2018/19-finacial year, more than R13,3 million was made available for the development, promotion and conservation of art and culture.]

The Western Cape is the leading province in facilitating the sacred rite of passage that is initiation in the country since 2014. To date the Western Cape is the only province that has developed a framework to govern the initiation rite of passage predominantly practised by amaHlubi, amaXhosa and Basotho communities. The goal of the Department is to create a safe and enabling environment for the initiates. We are mandated to preserve, promote and develop culture within the Western Cape.

Traditional surgeons have a pivotal role in the leadership and realisation of this practice and are valuable sources for an increasingly rare skill. They

have a central stake in the training and without their cooperation and consent, implementation might be negatively affected.

During the period under review the Department worked closer with traditional surgeons in order to elevate their role and significance into the programme. Meetings were held to establish concerns as well as finding solutions for those. Training specifically designed for the traditional surgeons was provided. Additionally, the Department held meetings with municipalities to facilitate collaboration [Interjections.] with communities, practitioners and the local initiation forums. Mr Deputy Speaker, we value the strengthened partnership with the Western Cape Department of Health.

Please allow me to convey my condolences to the families and loved ones of the two young men who passed on during the summer season. I want to reassure all that the Department and its partners will continue to institute systems and mechanisms to mitigate risks and ultimately ensure a safe and sound initiation rite of passage.

During the new financial year the Department will strengthen its interventions and support, including the training and registration of cultural practitioners, as well as the elevation of raising awareness of Government's interventions.

With the largest share of our overall budget, Programme 3: Library and Archives Services will receive R419,7 million. This appropriation allows us

to continue supporting and developing the biggest provincial library service in the country with the most registered library users, as mentioned, currently more than 841,000. [Interjections.]

We will be expanding our total library service points across the province to 378 [Interjections.]. The following new libraries will be opening this year: Du Noon Library, Khayaletu Library in Knysna and the Rose Valley Library in Oudtshoorn.

We are also funding infrastructure projects for three new libraries in Groenheuwel (Drakenstein), Koekenaap (Matzikama) and Elim (Cape Agulhas), and funding six library upgrades in Bergsig in Kannaland, Brandwagt (Mossel Bay), Worcester (Breede Valley), KwaMandenkosi (Beaufort West), Grabouw (Theewaterskloof) [Interjections.], and Harold Krumm (Saldanha).

The Department provides library service points in most of the very small rural communities of a few hundred people or more. Most of the small rural library centres are provided with free internet through the Rural Library Connectivity Project. We will have 227 rural libraries connected to the internet in the new financial year [Interjections.].

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Dankie, Minister Marais.

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Minister Marais.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: In many of these communities it is the only internet connection available. [Interjections.]

To ensure blind and visually impaired people across the province have access [Interjections.] to internet and reading material free of charge, the Department, in collaboration with the South African Library for the Blind, has established 17 mini-libraries for the blind facilities in existing public libraries spread across the rural areas. We are planning to roll out five more libraries for the blind in 2019/20.

The Oral History Initiative kept up its momentum during 2018 and again attracted much attention and praise. The aim of this project is to preserve the oral histories and life experiences of community members by recording and documenting their stories and then making them available to users at public libraries. We will continue to roll out the project in Knysna, Mamre, Swellendam and Caledon this year.

As we celebrate 25 years of democracy this year, the Archive Service will be reflecting on this period through programmes and activities during the National Annual Archives Awareness week. The theme for this year is “Archival Footprint: The relevance of archives 25 years into democracy”. The role of archives in the preservation of and keeping of history, enabling society to reflect on where it has been, is now and is going in the future, will be highlighted.

The After-School Office has focused on creating a culture of extended education in the Western Cape. As a result, we have over 200,000 learners participating in programmes and just over 80,000 coming twice a week throughout the year. The benefit of the programme for these learners is huge.

As one of our principals, who is present here today, Mr Terence Adams explains:

“One of my learners who was a troubled youngster was separated from his siblings and sent to Grosvenor PS. Effectively his family had written him off as hopeless. He was quite the menace at school. I asked him to try handball as a means to refocusing his energy. Thanks to our After-School Programme and handball, he is the first in his family to travel out of Atlantis, the first to go on a coach liner, the first to make a provincial team. He has gone from being the outcast to the family star and at our recent family evening his whole family came to celebrate him. This is what it’s all about. Every learner deserves this same chance to choose a new life path.” [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Great stuff!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: With all the pressures on the education system we need everyone to play their part if we want to create similar opportunities for every learner. For this reason we

have established and continue to build a movement to support our youth.

With our partners we have introduced scouting to our schools, built the first school-based skateboard parks, expanded academic support to include a Grade 4 catch-up programme.

With R210,6 million allocated to the Sport and Recreation Directorate, the Club Development Programme envisages to create an enabling environment for sport clubs within the Club Development Programme through the provisioning of basic equipment and attire, local leagues, capacity building courses for coaches, managers, athletes, administrators and technical officials across the six districts, all represented by their respective Chairpersons here today. Linked to the Club Development is support to the Rural Sport Development Programme which caters for clubs from farming and rural communities.

The financial support of R5,2 million towards major events in the Western Cape plays an influential role in establishing the Western Cape as the preferred events destination in South Africa and the world. Enabling federations to host a multitude of major events not only adds to the economic input for the province, but also assists in moulding the social fabric of our diverse population.

The allocated funding is spread across the entire province ensuring that each district is benefitted, from the Cape Town Metropole to our rural areas of the

Central Karoo.

With the total budget for sport facilities at R1,6 million, our facilities component is facilitating infrastructure development with various municipalities in the province [Interjections.]. The following municipalities will benefit from the programme:

- As part of the WOSA programme, R250,000 is allocated to [Interjections.] Saldanha Bay Municipality for the upgrading of identified facilities.
- Bergrivier will receive R250,000 to upgrade a cricket pitch.
- Mossel Bay in the Eden District will receive R400,000 to build new netball courts.
- Swellendam will receive R165,000 to upgrade the Railton Powel Sports Grounds.
- The Swartland Municipality will receive R320,000 to upgrade three sportsfields.
- Theewaterskloof will receive R220,000 for the construction of mountain bike trails.

For the 2019/20 financial year all sport federations in the Western Cape will be supported with their administrative, developmental, transformation and

capacity building programmes.

The total transfer payments to sport federations is an earmarked R9,2 million of which R1 million will be set aside for ad hoc funding supporting the Western Cape athletes traveling abroad. The ad hoc funding is a funding system designed to support sport participants from the Western Cape selected to represent South Africa competitively at an international level. The cost incurred by participants once selected for the South African team, places the participants under enormous stress and pressure.

The earmarked allocation is in preparation for the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics where we anticipate many of our Western Cape athletes to travel to Tokyo to represent Team South Africa.

I am indeed proud of the increased participation at the National Championship for the Physically Disabled and Visually Impaired held in Stellenbosch last week. The annual multi-code event afforded both our juniors and seniors the opportunity to qualify to represent South Africa at international sporting events, the most prestigious being the 2020 Paralympic Games.

The financial assistance support structures by enabling them to fulfil their mandate by promoting and developing their various sporting codes in the Western Cape. The R7,2 million funding of the federations promotes greater participation in sport social integration and contributes to healthier lifestyles

among the people of the Western Cape.

Instead of imposing quota systems in sport, we need to do the hard yards at grassroots level – providing as much funding, support and opportunities as possible.

In conclusion ...[Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... this Department, the dedicated staff and our constructive programmes have the ability to change lives in the Western Cape for the better.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, our people are quite literally dying for the opportunities needed from Government and taxpayers' money to live lives they can value.

We have made great strides in establishing meaningful, sustainable partnerships that has set the innovative scene that makes the Western Cape the leading sport and cultural destination of South Africa. As we strive for lifelong, maximum citizen impact, I take this opportunity to thank our valued partners here today and look forward to strengthening our collaboration to

the benefit off all who calls the Western Cape home. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mackenzie.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Sit.

[Mr D JOSEPH: Sit.]

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Huh-uh, los maar, los maar, los maar.

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: Huh-uh, leave it, leave it, leave it.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, five years ago I was sworn in as a Member of this Parliament. At the time I knew I was joining a league of extraordinary men and women [Interjections.]. I was entrusted by the outgoing Premier, Helen Zille, and the caucus leadership, to chair the Committee in Cultural Affairs and Sport in this province.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dinamiet kom in klein pakkette, en die dinamiet in die Regering is Kultuursake en Sport, maar dit is 'n dik bundel vol dinamiet.

[Mr Deputy Speaker, dynamite comes in small packages, and the dynamite in the Government is Cultural Affairs and Sport, but it is a thick bundle full of dynamite.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is said that:

“Culture makes individuals understand each other better, and if

they understand each other better, it is easier to overcome the economic and political barriers that stifle the development of our people.”

But in order for this to be achieved, we must embrace diversity as a unique feature of human existence that will ultimately lead to maximum citizen impact.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, hierdie Departement speel so 'n belangrike rol in die samelewing. Die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport is vir die 2019/2020 finansiële jaar R820 miljoen toegeken. Dis 'n effense toename vanaf die vorige finansiële jaar, Minister, wat sy bydrae tot die verdere bevordering van die departementele strategiese temas wat hoofsaaklik sosiale insluiting sal verbeter en die invloed van die burger en die gemeenskap sal maksimaliseer.

Die departementele strategiese temas word ondersteun deur drie sleutelbenaderings:

- Innovasie;
- Stedelike en landelike diensverskaffing; en
- Verslags=[Onhoorbaar.]

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die Kunsontwikkelingseenheid het sy rol in die ontwikkelingsprogram versterk deur samewerking met die munisipaliteite en

organisasies. Die program het ontwikkel op maniere waarop burgers se impak gemaksimiseer word in landelike gemeenskappe waar kuns- en kultuurontwikkelings dikwels verwaarloos word.

Die eenheid se projek sal in die Sentraal-Karoo-distrik uitrol. Hulle steun die verbintenis tot die Departement se visie wat vennootskappe en hulpbronne benut het ten spyte van die finansiële hulpbronne.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department plays such an important role in society. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport has been allocated R820 million for the 2019/2020 financial year. It is a slight increase from the previous financial year, Minister, which will maximise its contribution to the further advancement of the departmental strategic themes that will mainly improve social inclusion and the influence of the citizen and the community.

The departmental strategic themes are supported by three key approaches:

- Innovation;
- Urban and rural service provision; and
- Report [Inaudible.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Art Development Unit has strengthened its role in the development programme through cooperation with the municipalities and

organisations. The programme has developed in ways in which the citizens' impact is maximised in rural communities where art and cultural developments are often neglected.

The unit's project will be rolled out in the Central Karoo District. They support the commitment to the Department's vision utilising partnerships and resources in spite of the financial resources.]

Over the last year, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Arts Development Unit has implemented the Heritage Dance Workshop and Heritage Day Festivities in partnership with Dance For All and the Prince Albert Community Trust within Prince Albert. This laid the foundation for the Heritage Day Festival where youth musicians were able to showcase their talent. Not only did the festival provide the platform for upcoming artists, but it also provided an opportunity for communities to celebrate the national common identity.

In additional to this, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department has partnered with Dance For All, Eastern Acoustics and the Geeta Glass Photography, to provide training to youth and students on various dance styles, technical sound and videography, and, hon member Dugmore, I said "various dance styles". We have seen the clip of you on YouTube where you were dancing, and I think you will benefit from this workshop. [Interjections.]

The opportunities derived from this training have seen three parties involved in the *Woordfees* [Interjections.] and two trainees received coaching at the

International Jazz Festival and, hon members, tonight there is a free concert on Green Market Square, so please attend. Hon member Dugmore, you are welcome to showcase your skills there as well.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where are the tickets? [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker - it is for free, hon member Dugmore, it is for free.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Minister talked about the online booking system, and I must say, in conjunction with Minister Fritz and Youth [Inaudible.] from Mitchells Plain was a beneficiary recently of that online camping booking system, where one can go online and we book the system online and, Minister, it worked very well.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is welcome to see in the workshop that the Minister has also funded and continue to fund, was the workshop on the efforts of script and production workshop. These workshops will develop young writers, directors and actors to create new narratives for their communities, but it has to be said that there is a script that cannot be written, and that script is South Africa.

The PREMIER: Mmm-hmm.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And I would be failing to say in this week, the last

week we have received load shedding miraculously. This week there is no load shedding while Moody's are in town and none of these scriptwriters, Minister, not one of the training that ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh my word.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... were given to these scriptwriters, would have scripted this. [Interjections.] And as soon as Moody's get on that plane - and I hope they stay ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... as soon as they get on that plane ... [Interjections.]

†n AGB LID: Is daar weer *load shedding*.

[An HON MEMBER: There will be load shedding again.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... I am sure load shedding stage 10 will kick in. [Interjections.]

So, Minister, you talked about the oral history and last year, hon members, we visited the George Museum ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Story telling [Inaudible.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And indeed, hon member, you must visit George Museum, because there they have the oral history, funded by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, where it is a very innovative approach to storytelling, hon member Tyatyam [Interjections.], where the Museum of [Inaudible.] History is from Tembaletu, from ...

Mr S G TYATYAM: True story.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Exactly. [Interjections.] Packelsdorp, Packelsdorp, Pacaltsdorp sorry - and individuals can - the stories obviously were fact - and corroborate it, showcase in the museum, and that is funded by the Department and we want to welcome and thank the Department [Interjections.] for the innovation - yes, hon member - for the innovation and ensuring that our stories get told and make additional funding available for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, often too many people underestimate the importance of affording the space for self-improvement, or receiving services in one's mother-tongue. Everyone deserves the environment to communicate and be communicated with in a mother-tongue that they can understand.

It is for this reason that the Department will continue to promote the three official languages and the South African sign language. They will accelerate their efforts to facilitate meetings with the Western Cape Language Forum. This body comprises of the six language practitioners and they meet six times

a year to support the professional development of language practitioners in the Western Cape, to ensure that services is made available in all departments in all three official languages, as well as marginalised languages, such as the Nama, the Khoi and the San language.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: In addition, the forum engages with terminology development and its active attempt to revise, update the existing autography for isiXhosa.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with just over R4,9 billion appropriated to the Department's Language Services, they will continue to provide language support in all three languages to all the departments in the Western Cape.

The newly elected Western Cape Language Committee was inducted this year. This public entity will monitor the implementation of the Western Cape Language Policy in all Western Cape Government departments and this entity will also promote previously marginalised languages, as I earlier indicated, in their three year term.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a new commission was also appointed on 15 October 2018, consisted of 14 members over a three year term. The induction session was held by the Department to gradually introduce them to the key roles and pivotal responsibility. Through the work of the Cultural Commission they

will further capacitate the 24 registered Cultural Councils through supporting compliant applications for research, conferences and projects.

The Heritage Western Cape Public Entity seeks to develop, identify and conserve the rich history and diverse heritage resources of the Western Cape. There are landscape sites, artefacts, buildings and structures that are of significance to the people of the Western Cape, and I must say, Mr Deputy Speaker, recently members of this side of the House visited the Cradle of Humankind, and we could see the rich history and the importance of preserving culture, and the Minister earlier alluded to it, and I leave that big announcement to her to talk about the route that I know they are launching soon in April.

As the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, I am delighted that together 51% of the Department's budget is allocated to Library and Archives Services. This DA led Government prides itself in providing an aid services that will develop our communities, because - this is very important - without access to learning materials and internet services, we cannot expect citizens to develop and I have to make an example to compare us to other provinces.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I was actually embarrassed, and I have to say embarrassed. When I did research to compare our libraries in the Western Cape to our sister province, the Eastern Cape.

The PREMIER: Shame [Inaudible.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And it is actually - Premier, it is actually shameful.

The PREMIER: It is.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: It is shameful.

The PREMIER: It is shameful.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And last year, Mr Deputy Speaker, 15 libraries were shut down because they did not have access to water and electricity.

†n AGB LID: Skande! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace! [Interjections.]]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I mean this is an embarrassment. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: It is your province.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The students could not do their homework, they could not type up CVs, they could not have [Interjections.] access to the internet.

The PREMIER: Disgrace!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Because something as basic as water and electricity [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Disgrace.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... and there was not even load shedding [Interjections.]. You can imagine what those students went through last week when there was load shedding. [Interjections.] And what is even more [Interjections.] - and apologies for the word, Mr Deputy Speaker - what is more disgusting, Mr Deputy Speaker, that eight out of those libraries had no material on the shelves. [Interjections.]

Now how ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you sure? [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I am coming to you now, I am coming, I am coming.

Now how disgusting [Interjections.] do you have to be to steal library material from the libraries - and I am going to tell you now, hon member Tyatyam, do not worry, I am coming [Interjections.] - to steal books.

- Eight of the libraries were in OR Tambo;
- Three Alfred Nzo;
- Two in Sarah Baartman; and
- Two in Amatole.

I mean this is a disgrace. You can do further [Interjections.] - I cannot do

your work for you further [Interjections].

So when we talk about good governance, Mr Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] this - when we talk about good governance, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are talking about - when we say the Government [Interjections.] has spent the R820 million of last year [Interjections.] - wait ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... wait.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Ja. Mr Deputy Speaker, hon member Tyatyam knows exactly where these places are.

An HON MEMBER: Mmm.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, he knows exactly.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But if he - and after this Parliament he will have enough time to go and visit them, and hopefully use his skills [Interjections.] to provide them with training. [Interjections.]

So when we talk about good governance in the Western Cape

...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are losing books.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... this is what we are talking about, because the money that we spend in library services, the libraries get built on time, the material gets delivered and they are on the shelf, and the students [Interjections.] are able to go and sit and study.

So when we are talking about bad governance we talk ANC Government.

An HON MEMBER: ANC!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Where eight libraries are non-functional, three in Alfred Nzo is closed, two in Sarah Baartman is closed, two in Amatole is closed and even those that are open, there is no material on the shelves.

An HON MEMBER: It is a shame!

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Wat 'n skande.

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: What a disgrace.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, so when we talk about the Western Cape holds the highest library membership in the country [Interjections.] and by far the highest library book circulation, we are not just bragging. We are talking

facts, because it allows the individuals in those communities to access the library so they can apply for something as simple as a job.

Mr K E MAGAXA: What is that to do with you?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker - everything. Because inevitably we must budget for your failure in the Eastern Cape. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The Western Cape Government [Interjections.] must budget for the failure of the ANC in the Eastern Cape.

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes, yes!

Mr S G TYATYAM: This province [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is very good to see that under the leadership of Minister Marais the new library that is opening in Du Noon and, hon member Magaxa, we will invite you to the opening, there will be items on the shelves, there will be water, there will be electricity, there will even be some snacks for you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the libraries in the Western Cape are some of the most utilised in the country. [Interjections.] The Brackenfell Library ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... has over 630 ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just [Interjections.] - order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Magaxa, please come to order. Hon member Tyatyam also. You cannot comment on each and every sentence that the member makes. Please, continue. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, in Somerset West [Interjections.] 488 and 900 and - sorry, 488,000 books - I nearly pulled a Zuma there - [Interjections.] and currently in Khayelitsha, as it stands, the highest usage of non-fiction books is in Khayelitsha. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, these pictures are indicative ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa, hon member Magaxa ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Quiet.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... I have already spoken to you, please. [Interjections.] Contain yourself.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh, sorry.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, these figures are indicative of this Government's investments in community learning. [Interjections.]

The Western Cape Government will continue to invest in community libraries across the province. [Interjections.] The proof is in the pudding. Where we have increased our funding to libraries in the Eastern District Municipality and also an additional R10 million was made available for infrastructure of [Interjections.] libraries in the Metro.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our After-School Game-Changer is without fail the best in the country. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Department has now, with the assistance of Treasury after the stoppage of the funding from the Germans, made available R40 million to ensure the After-School Game-Changer continues.

It goes without saying that this Department has made significant increase in achieving their goals and, Mr Deputy Speaker, with the recent announcement of the Netball World Cup, it really says something about this Western Cape Government.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The National Government says, “We do not want to go to Gauteng, we do not want to go to the Eastern Cape, we do not want to go to KZN, let us take the Netball World Cup to the Western Cape [Interjections.] because they are the best run in the country.”

Mr K E MAGAXA: So they say.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is what they say and those are the facts, and your own President has confirmed that. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, and hon member Magaxa, thank you. We are not going to see you. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, please protect me from ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Tomorrow jumps the ANC. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I can see ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa, you are running the risk of having your term ending very quickly.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh, sorry, sorry, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before the end of the five year term. [Interjections.]

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Mnr Adjunkspeaker, die waarheid maak seer.

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the truth hurts.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second. [Interjections.] Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think honestly now it is high time that Rule 42 and Rule 44 must apply to this hon member. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I will consider that myself. [Interjections.]
Hon member Mackenzie, you may finish off. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it really has been - despite what hon member Magaxa says and we are going to miss him and hon member Davids as they go over the other side of the road - it has been a pleasure serving this Parliament, and the last five years and working with this Department, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Premier, the Chief Whip, the leadership of the caucus, provincial leader, Minister Madikizela, for giving me an opportunity to serve this Department as Chairperson of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Do not forget to thank us too.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I would like to thank my colleagues, hon member Mireille Wenger, hon member Daylin Mitchell [Interjections.], hon member Lorraine Botha [Interjections.], hon - Mr Deputy Speaker ...

An HON MEMBER: First.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, like peaches and herbs ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... noise and hon member Magaxa go together, and we are not going to miss him. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, so to hon member Theo Olivier in his absentia and to hon member Dorothea Gopie, thank you very much, it was a pleasure serving with you and I will definitely miss you, and hon member Makeleni also in her absentia, thank you very much, and at times, hon member Dugmore, for the contribution over the last five years. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, sometimes political party processes do not do justice to the quality of their members, and we are going to miss some of their members.

An HON MEMBER: Ooh!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I want to thank [Laughs.] - and I want to thank the staff in the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport ... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Hear-hear!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... is the most underfunded department.

An HON MEMBER: And the MEC.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And the value that they have played over the last five

years and the information and contactability, I really want to thank you. This Department, it is the most underfunded. Not only in this Government, but in the country and probably worldwide, but you really do have an immense value.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You must do some research.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon member Dugmore, thank you very much. Will you please allow me to finish? [Interjections.]

So thank you very much for all of you. From the HOD, the chief director, Advocate Mr Tutu - all of you thank you very much. It has been a pleasure working with you and I am sure, I know we will see you after 8 February - sorry, 8 May [Interjections.], where we will not see some members of this House on the other side [Interjections.], and I want to thank the research team [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... and the Committee Team, and the Parliamentary Team that has worked with us during the last five years. Mr Mario Sassman and Mr Ben Daza, Ms Lizette Cloete and Mr Waseem [Inaudible.], our researcher, and to the DA staff on the fifth floor; Ms Tammy Jackson, Mr Leo, who is not here with us anymore, he is in the City. It was really a pleasure serving this Parliament, and to the Minister, thank you for leading

this Parliament the last few years, I know it has not been easy, and we are looking forward to coming back after 8 May and installing Mr Alan Winde for Premier, thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Gopie. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: No [Interjections.] [Inaudible.] the books.

Mr K E MAGAXA: This is our leadership. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you [Interjections.] ... Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, this is my last speech in the House. I will forever be grateful ... [Interjections.] for the opportunity I was granted to represent my people in this Legislature.

I was responsible for a constituency that was ravaged by gangsterism, drugs and substance abuse. My only regret will be leaving this Legislature without having resolved their problems.

As part of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport, it has been humbling to work with the indigenous people and their kings. A lot of the kings who engage me in the past were crying for not being recognised by the Government. Kings in the Western Cape have asked me to ask the MEC for support to grow and develop their language cultures. As my last message to the MEC I make that call for the support of the indigenous people in the

province.

Unfortunately for the MEC's Government as she already alluded when she spoke earlier to say that it is her government, DA Government, and the party, they do not take them seriously. This was made clear when the party objected to the passing of the Traditional Khoi and San Leadership Bill.
[Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: No, that is not true. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: This is what I will tell them when I see them [Interjections.] next time.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the MEC and members of the committee for the way [Interjections.] they worked over the years. It was very fruitful.

Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, coming to the budget. My view is that there is no reason to pass the budget at this time. It is being fast-tracked because the six administrative ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is normal procedure.

Ms D GOPIE: ... will not ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh my word [Inaudible.]

Ms D GOPIE: ... enjoy majority in this House. The MEC is there, in her foreword said that she ... will remain committed to create an enabling environment and needed to increase access, mass participation, talent identification and skills development to realise our vision of socio-creative, active, connect Western Cape. I do not think the MEC meant what she said there.

I say this because there is nothing that her Department is doing to support transformation in sport at grass roots level. [Interjections.] Cricket, rugby and soccer clubs are desperately looking for funding. Yet, Mr Deputy Speaker, the number of affiliated clubs supported by the Department dropped from 415 in 2014/2015 to only 230 in 2017/2018. This year the Department is taking ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Numbers do not lie.

Ms D GOPIE: ... about only 180 clubs that have been supported. When you look at the number of clubs that we have in the province, this 180 is very little. The budget for sport and recreation has increased by over 12,95%. This increase is welcomed, but the money needs to be sent to the grass roots where it is needed most.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: Talent identification is very important, hence I feel like the six

district academies supported by the Department should be increased.

Sub-programme 4.5, National Government increases the mass participation in sports development grant over R56 million. This contribution is also welcomed.

Despite the increase from the National Government, the challenges in the MOD Programme are not improving. My concern with the MOD Programme is that the number of employees, employed staff in the programme has been decreased over the years. For instance, according to the Department annual report in 2014/15, 558 people were employed. In 2017/2018 this number decreased to just 470.

My other concern is that the number of MOD Centres remained at 181 since 2014. This is despite the increased demand in the rural communities.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: Instead of building MOD Centres in central venues, the Government ought to spend money transporting learners from far distances. Surely this is a costly exercise and it impacts on the distance in these centres.

Moving to Programme 3. I fail to understand some of the decisions, for instance for Sub-programme 3.3, there is an increase of over 123%. This is because during the Budget Adjustment, the Department decreased the budget

for the sub-programme from R40 million to just over R80 million. The only explanation is that when they could not use the money, they decided to shift it elsewhere. It is confusing therefore that the Department allocates over the amount they failed to spend last year. Maybe it will be shifted again later this year.

Programme 3 receives over 50% of this Department's budget. This year it gets R419,6 million. Of this over R368 million is transferred to municipalities for the library services. Library services is the responsibility of the Provincial Government. I do not agree with the move to delegate powers to municipalities. If the province does not have capacity to handle library services, it must ask for assistance.

Of the budget there is R83,6 million that is allocated for municipal replenishment funding and broadband library connection. In the previous year the Department has failed to fully spend its budget for the project, especially on the broadband rural library connectivity project.

In the previous year the Department also failed to achieve some of its planned target, including the one of upgrading existing facilities for public library purposes. We can hope that this budget will be able to build libraries even in the rural communities.

On Programme 2, I am disappointed with the 2% decrease in the allocation for Sub-programme 2.1. Also on Programme 2 you will note that transfers to

departmental agencies were decreased by over 23%. These entities were already underfunded, so this decrease should be rejected. The Western Cape Cultural Commission was worst effected with an over 65% decrease. This is wrong and it will impact negatively on the capacity of the entire entity to deliver on its mandate.

Also I want to then oppose the plan by the Department to delegate powers to the Heritage Western Cape to local authority to take the function for the management for local heritage resources. I did mention this during our engagement. This is wrong as it places the independence of the entity at risk as municipalities are controlled by political parties ...[Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: Secondly there is an ongoing battle, especially in the City of Cape Town, where private property developers are given preference treatment over communities and heritage sites.

Now with this delegation of powers to local authorities it should show you the DA plan to continue prioritising the interest of developers over the people. [Interjections.] Local authorities will approve all ...

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: ... applications from the developers without asking any

questions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Department staff and also the coordinator of the committee, committee members for their support during the period I was with them, and I also want to thank ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The DA Government.

Ms D GOPIE: ... my party for giving me the opportunity to serve this Parliament. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: And the DA Government. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF, I see Minister Marais to respond.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just on a point of order. Hon member Wiley normally stands up at this point in time and raises his concern, but ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I notice his absence as well. [Interjections.]
Minister Marais, you may respond. [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, baie dankie aan die agbare lede wat deelgeneem het.

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Mr

Deputy Speaker, thank you to the hon members who have participated.]

[The Speaker takes the Chair]

†Eerstens wil ek net vir agb lid Gopie sê die harde kopie wat u nou ontvang het, het die meeste van die antwoorde. As u dit deurlees dan sal u sien, want met tyd, omdat daar tyd was wat ek nie kon - my tyd was te min, kon ek nie elke woord sê nie. Laat ek nou so sê.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Firstly I just want to say to the hon Gopie that the hard copy that you have just received contains most of the answers. If you read it you will see, because there was time where I could not – my time was too short, I could not say every word. Let me say so now.]

The clubs dropped because the National Department decided to alter the amount we can spend on clubs via the conditional grant.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And hence - †dis hoekom dit minder geld is, en hierdie geld is toe aangewend vir 'n loodsstudie in Limpopo wat hulle [Tussenwerpsels.] - en in die KZN. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ja. [Tussenwerpsels.] [that is why it is less money, and this money was then

applied for a pilot study in Limpopo that they [Interjections.] – and in KZN.
[Interjections.] Yes. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Excuses, excuses, excuses. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

†n AGB LID: Vir mnr Fikile by Luthuli House.

[An HON MEMBER: For Mr Fikile at Luthuli House.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And then through the Traditional and Khoisan Leadership Act. A commission will be appointed by the President ...[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: As Mackenzie [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... to determine which traditional leaders will be recognised. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ask Mackenzie what [Inaudible.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Dan wil ek net sê baie dankie aan die agb Voorsitter [Tussenwerpsels.] ...

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Then I just want to say thank you to the hon Chairman [Interjections.] ...]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, you are drowning out the speaker on the floor, both sides of the House. [Interjections.] Thank you.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie aan agb lid Ricardo Mackenzie [Tussenwerpsels.] vir jou leierskap en professionele manier waarop jy altyd die Staande Komitee hanteer het, en die Staande Komitee, baie dankie vir julle oorsig. Dit was nooit - ons het mekaar verstaan, julle het vir ons in diepte oorsig gegee en ek wil vir julle sê baie dankie daarvoor vir die wyse waarop dit altyd gedoen is.

En dan baie dankie aan al die personeel van die Staande Komitee, vir wat julle elke keer doen - ek weet dit is baie werk wat agter die skerms gebeur. Om net 'n Staande Komitee bymekaar te kry of die jaarprogram of die begrotingstoesprake, of die begrotings wat julle ons oorsig oor doen bymekaar te sit, baie baie dankie daarvoor.

Dan wil ek sê baie dankie aan die Ministerie. Herman, Hannes, Sonja, Charlotte, Shelley, Diane, adv Michael Petersen wat met die moeilike taak te doen het vir Erfenis Wes-Kaap, en Pam.

Dan wil ek sê aan die kollegas, al my kollegas, die DA sowel as die ANC, en in afwesigheid die EFF en die ACDP - ek is eintlik spyt hulle is nie hier nie, want dit is een van die heel belangrikste portfeuljes wat nasiebou betref, en hulle is nie hier nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you to the hon member Ricardo Mackenzie [Interjections.] for your leadership and professional manner in which you have always dealt with the Standing Committee, and to the Standing Committee, thank you for your oversight. It was never – we understood each other, you gave us in depth oversight and I want to thank you for that, for the manner in which it has always been done.

And then to all the staff of the Standing Committee, for what you do every time – I know it is a lot of work that happens behind the scenes. Just to get a Standing Committee together or to put together the annual programme or the budget speeches, or the budgets you let us do oversight on, thank you very very much for that.

Then I want to say thank you to the Ministry. Herman, Hannes, Sonja, Charlotte, Shelley, Diane, Adv Michael Petersen who is dealing with the difficult task for Heritage Western Cape, and Pam.

Then I want to say to the colleagues, all my colleagues, the DA as well as the ANC, and in the absence of the EFF and the ACDP – I am actually sorry they are not here, because it is one of the most important portfolios with regard to nation building, and they are not here.]

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Ja.

[Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: To all the stakeholders and guests in the gallery without whom we cannot change the lives of our communities.

†Baie, baie dankie vir elkeen van julle. En dankie dat julle vandag hier is, want dit wys dat julle regtigwaar ons gemeenskappe en Sport en Kultuur op die hart dra.

Dan die Departement en die HOD, baie dankie vir elkeen van julle. Hierdie HOD hou my op die reguit pad. As ek partykeer sê, “HOD, ek dink ons moet dit doen,” dan sê hy, “No-no-no, we must just think about it, think about it. It is your decision, but just think about it.”

Dan wil ek sê aan die *A-team*; dis Japie, Kurt, Pumi. Dis die mense wat elke dag vir my rondry en wat saam met my is, en dan Stacy ...

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Thank you to each of you. And thank you for being here today, because it shows that you really take our communities and Sport and Culture to heart.

Then the Department and the HOD, thank you to each of you. This HOD keeps me on the straight path. If I sometimes say, “HOD, I think we should

do this,” then he says, “No-no-no, we must just think about, think about it. It is your decision, but just think about it.”

Then I want to say to the A-team; that is Japie, Kurt, Pumi. Those are the people who drive around for me every day and are with me, and then Stacy,] †my spokesperson there in the corner, for your creativity, innovation and professionalism.

And then lastly to Premier Helen Zille who afforded me this opportunity, thank you so much. [Applause.]

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Hoor-hoor.

[Mr D JOSEPH: Hear-hear.]

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And then I just want to remind you, the CBD and the Western Cape are buzzing. When? When there is a culture event or when there is sport. So please participate tonight in the buzzing of the City at the Green Market Square. It is all free. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Marais. That concludes the debate on

this Vote. The House will be suspended for the administration to leave and for the next group to take up their seats. Thank you.

[Business of the House was suspended at 15:05 and resumed at 15:14]

The SPEAKER: Take your seats please. Good afternoon hon members, guests in the gallery, the Administration. Welcome. We are now going to continue with the business of the day. The Secretary will read the fifth Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1 - 2019].

The SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I now see the Minister of Finance, the hon Minister Ivan Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Madam Speaker, the vision of Provincial Treasury is good financial governance and Provincial Treasury, to execute that vision, is allocated a budget of R357,3 million for the 2019/20 financial year. This represents a 17,42% increase over the 2018/2019 Revised Adjusted Estimates Budget.

Good governance delivers in the Western Cape. This approach has set the Western Cape Province apart from the rest of South Africa. Our good governance record is proof of it. The Provincial Treasury will therefore

continue to drive good financial governance in this province. A Good Financial Governance Grant of R30 million is introduced in 2019/20 financial year to reward good performing municipalities.

The objective is to embed a culture of adherence to good financial governance practices as well as optimal performance within the local government sector. This grant will incentivise and support excellence in good financial governance practices and optimal performance culminating in improved service delivery and creation of public value.

In addition, Madam Speaker, R15 million is allocated over the 2019 MTEF to increase the technical capacity within the Provincial Treasury's Infrastructure Unit for infrastructure development. The aim is to give effect to this Government's infrastructure led growth strategy.

Madam Speaker, as highlighted during my Main Budget address, the Western Cape Government's fiscal strategy has enabled the Province to create a long term financing plan to support an infrastructure led growth strategy resulting in an additional investment of R6,8 billion over the ten-year period up to 2028/29.

Given that the Province plans to spend in excess of R28,6 billion on infrastructure over the 2019 MTEF, the Provincial Treasury's Infrastructure Development Unit will play a pivotal role in ensuring that this Government's objectives are met.

Madam Speaker, the 2019/20 departmental budget is therefore allocated as follows:

Administration is allocated an amount of R58,8 million to provide strategic direction and to provide quality financial and other support services. The continuous provision of the Provincial Financial Capacity Building Programme is aimed at improving financial skills within the public sector by creating a pool of talent from which the Provincial Treasury, other provincial departments and municipalities can recruit from.

Madam Speaker, the youth key focus of this Government is also from the Main Budget but also from the various Budget Votes here in this province, and also thank you to all the members or the Chairpersons of the various committees that supported investment in the youth.

The Provincial Treasury's Bursary Programme have appointed 124 bursary graduate interns since 2012. Seven interns are currently permanently appointed in the Provincial Treasury; one intern has been permanently appointed at Mossel Bay Municipality; and 22 have been appointed in other various departments.

In the 2019/2020 a further 12 pay interns will commence duty on 1 April 2019, next week, and 11 new graduates, of which 10 have already commenced their internships since the beginning of this month. Under the auspices of the Office of the Provincial Accountant-General, the Provincial Treasury

launched the Chartered Accountants Academy in 2015. The goal of the academy was to contribute to the long term pipeline of the finance professionals in the public service.

As part of its pilot intake in the province, the Chartered Accountant Academy accepted six trainees in 2016, all of whom met the core requirements of their training contract and have successfully concluded their articles in February 2019. Five of the six have since taken up full time employment: three in the public sector and two in the private sector.

Madam Speaker, we are pleased that the academy has produced its first chartered accountant in this Government for public sector accountants. [Applause.] Madam Speaker, his name is Kabelo Mafiri and he has since taken up full time employment in our public entity in the Western Cape – can you please stand. [Applause.]

I think this is the great investment and thank you for your wife that also joined you, and supported him. We, six million people of this Western Cape, is proud of this man, because he is the first public sector accredited chartered accountant in the history of South Africa.

A further 11 trainees are currently in the system and we hope to increase the numbers over time and many of them are also in the gallery. The Provincial Treasury has concluded an evaluation of the academy, and the evaluation confirms that the academy has been appropriately designed and is effective in

terms of achieving its mandate. This also creates a sound basis for institutionalising this very important initiative. The Provincial Treasury is also investigating the piloting of a partnership with municipalities to extend the footprint of this public sector Chartered Accountant Academy.

Madam Speaker, the Nedbank, Provincial Treasury and Western Cape Education Department Essay Writing Competition for Grade 11 learners was introduced in 2008/9 and has since attracted entries from across the province. The aim of the Essay Writing Competition is to provide learners interested in studying Economics, Accounting and Mathematics the opportunity to access bursaries in the fields of commerce and in doing so address the scarcity of skills in these sectors.

The Competition offers Grade 11 learners in the province, who take a combination of Economics, Mathematics and Accounting as subjects, the opportunity of obtaining bursaries to further their studies in these fields at an accredited university. Between 12 and 15 bursaries, as well as cash prizes as financial assistance during their Grade 12 year, are awarded to learners who intend obtaining a degree in the specified fields.

A total number of 108 bursaries, 74 females and 34 males, have been awarded since the inception of the competition. We would like to thank and acknowledge those who have collaborated with us to ensure the success of these initiatives, particularly our colleagues from Nedbank and the Department of Education. I have been there myself. I have seen the quality

of the learners. Outstanding quality. And I am particularly happy for this great partnership with Nedbank.

In line with the principle of sustainability, Sustainable Resource Management is allocated an amount of R166,3 million. This is to ensure the effective management of provincial and municipal budgets. This includes the following:

- Further support to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (WCGRB) mainly due to the loss of the Limited Pay-out Machine (LPM) operator fees and the provision for a once-off payment which relates to the repayment of the Limited Payout Machines Operator Fees of R37 million
- Priority funding allocations are also ring-fenced for this budget:
 - Improving financial governance – R22,8 million is set aside for Financial Management Support Grant;
 - R4,8 million is ring-fenced for Municipal Interventions to assist in strengthening their support interventions together with my colleague, the Minister of Local Government; and
 - Capacity Infrastructure Support in delivering infrastructure gets R5 million.

Madam Speaker, Asset Management – very important in this Government, is allocated an amount of R65,7 million. This is to provide policy direction and to facilitate and enforce the management of provincial financial systems,

supply chain and moveable asset management within the provincial and municipal spheres.

Key objectives of delivery are the following:

- Improving procurement policy planning to support departments and municipalities to promote budget planning, efficiency in spending,
- Also supporting the development and implementation of an economic procurement policy in conjunction with other departments, in particular the Department of the Premier of the Province that speaks to SMME development through the utilisation of procurement as a lever.

Financial Governance is allocated an amount of R66,4 million. The purpose is to promote accountability and financial governance in departments, entities and municipalities in the Western Cape. The budget makes provision for the following:

- Continuous provision for the Chartered Accountant Academy aimed at creating a pipeline for public sector accounting professionals
- Priority funding allocations that are ring-fenced for:
 - Capacity building support - Financial Management Capacity Grant (R11,39 million);
 - As already mentioned, hon Speaker, also R10 million, R30 million over three years for the Financial Good Governance Grant.

Madam Speaker, in order to achieve its planned objectives the Provincial Treasury has allocated its budget R357,3 million as follows:

Programme 1 – R58,8 million

Programme 2 - R166,3 million

Programme 3 - R65,7 million and

Programme 4 – R66,4 million.

I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Meyer. [Applause.] I now see the hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise as a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Chairperson, and of the DA caucus to support Vote 3. Speaker, the Western Cape Government under the leadership of Premier Helen Zille put together a competent Cabinet. Dr Ivan Meyer was given responsibility to serve in his capacity as Minister of Finance to lead the Provincial Treasury as an executive member. An additional responsibility namely the portfolio of international relations is attached to the Ministry of Finance.

Madam Speaker, I had the privilege to attend some of these international diplomatic engagements and these engagements contributed immensely to the fostering of international relations on many fronts, in particular drawing investors to the Western Cape, as well as creating international export

opportunities for the Western Cape through business opportunities via Wesgro.

†Agb Speaker, dit is in die demokratiese land waarin ons woon, dat 'n stelsel van goeie regering benodig word en hierdie stelsel word ondersteun deur goeie leierskap. Leierskap met 'n visie. Leierskap in 'n DA-regering, in 'n Provinsiale Regering met entiteite sowel as munisipaliteite en diensverskaffers en organisasies wat die Wes-Kaap se begroting ondersteun. So 'n eienskap van 'n goeie regering is goeie leierskap, en ons het dit in die DA-regering.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Madam Speaker, it is in a democratic country we are living in that a system of good government is required and this system is supported by good leadership. Leadership with a vision. Leadership in a DA Government, in a Provincial Government with entities as well as municipalities and service providers and organisations supporting the Western Cape's budget. Such a characteristic of a good government is good leadership, and we have that in the DA Government.]

This vision of the DA in government is transferred into an Annual Performance Plan [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I must speak to you about the question now.

[Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: ...with an approved budget. This plan includes financial and non-financial targets. Madam Speaker, this leadership in the Provincial Treasury and the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board is of the highest professional standard and quality.

Producing quality presentations, budgets, budget books, financial forecast based on evidence based practices and research, contributed to the members' administrative capacity as well as their understanding of financial management in government. Included in Provincial Treasury Annual Performance Plan, is the 2014 to the 2019 Strategic Plan. This refers to the DA Government open opportunity society.

Also included in the Annual Performance Plan is their National Development Plan. This is the policy mandate of the Provincial Government and Provincial Treasury that is adopted, although it is a National Government plan, and one of the aims of this National Development Plan is to build a government that is accountable to its people. And I think it is about time that this reckless ANC, that just knows corruption and mismanagement and abuse of State money for personal gain, must again go and read their own National Development Plan to understand it.

Provincial Treasury is faced with the difficult task preparing the budget and appropriating sufficient allocations to each department in the province,

within the fiscal policies without prejudice. It then needs to promote transparency and show effective management of revenue and expenditure of provincial departments and entities. [Interjections.] For the 2019 financial year, Provincial Treasury, as the Minister has said, has been allocated R357,3 million to execute their functions and here I must note that the staff in this Provincial Treasury exercise their duties across the province by travelling regularly to municipalities and to Government departments.

It must further intervene and investigate matters of financial concern within municipalities and these departments. Ironically these tasks have become increasingly difficult as the National Treasury is busy with service debt as its main form of work because of the ANC's bad policies, within the ANC that put up coffers under pressure, where the money could be better used for public value.

The public entity in the Western Cape, the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board [Interjections.] will again receive the necessary funding from Provincial Treasury. In this financial year we also note that the new office is almost completed and we want to thank the Provincial Treasury and the Minister for pursuing on this point. The Gambling and Racing Board also have responsibility to ensure that the industry remains socially responsible by encouraging and supporting social corporate investment initiatives for the benefit of the poor communities.

Madam Speaker, for the record, the Standing Committee on Finance recently

rejected the proposed amendments of the National Gambling Bill. This Bill was proposed in the interest of ANC leadership and it is very clear that it did not work this time, because three of the provinces in the ANC supported the DA [Interjections.] which means [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr D JOSEPH: ...four ANC provinces rejected the Bill supporting the Western Cape [Interjections.] and two provinces were absent and the Bill could not even be passed. It has been referred to the next Parliament. [Interjections.] I support Sub programme 2 and Sub programme 3. We support all the allocations as referred and mentioned to the departments and to the Treasury as mentioned by the Minister.

A further responsibility of the Department is to promote the values of the Western Cape Government in showing responsiveness and caring to the most deserving departments and people that are pro-poor. This is done through a competent administration, when it allocates the funding for training, internship programmes as mentioned by the Minister and making sure that programmes are effectively implemented. The Department takes care of schemes development and financial capacity.

Speaker, the Provincial Treasury thus offers a viable plan for the 2019 Budget, hence my reason for supporting Vote 3. We are dependent on taxpayers' money and through SARS, National Treasury, Provincial Treasury,

we will ensure that this budget is the budget for the people.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Minister for his leadership. I would like to thank the members of the Standing Committee on Finance, including the Opposition leaders, in specifically member Beerwinkel and member Uys for their assistance, for their guidance in promoting these values and overseeing plans of the Department throughout the term.

I commend all staff in Provincial Treasury, particularly our HOD, Mr Zacharia Hoossain, our DDG – Deputy Director General, Mr Harry Malila. All senior staff and all the staff in fulfilling their role in achieving good financial governance in our province. I would also like to thank all members in the various respective committees that Provincial Treasury has dealt with including the Western Cape Provincial Parliament support staff and the staff in the Ministry of Finance.

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank all the coordinators who have served this Committee of Finance over the last five years. This high standard of work in the Administration includes Dian Cronje, Dr Anneke Clark and Sameez Jones, the current coordinator. Your service is highly appreciated.

Madam Speaker, I think in the absence of member Ferlon Christians I would like to take this opportunity just to mention the work of the committee of SCOPA. I think it is one of the committees that is not mentioned as part of

the 14 committees and I would like to thank Dustin, the coordinator of SCOPA and all the staff that served SCOPA and assisted us in this committee, member Tyatyam [Interjections.] and particularly the Chairperson, member Ferlon Christians, in his absence.

An HON MEMBER: Unbelievable!

Mr D JOSEPH: We would like to thank them for their service and their contribution in making this Government a good government serving the people of the Western Cape. I thank you, Speaker. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you member Joseph. I now see the hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In this graveyard session I do not really want to say much. I have said over the years, I have said so much to MEC and to the Treasury. There is nothing really much more I can say to them about what I think about the work they have done. How I appreciate the work that they have done. Maybe today I just want to touch on a few things that I would like to remind you about, advise on going forward, because I will not be here, but also for you [Interjections.] and your monitoring systems that you have in place.

Besides you being the “allocator”, if I can use a very simple word, of the

budget, or distributor of the budget, to the other 14 departments. Your transversal role is of such importance that one does not have enough words to explain just how important and how difficult your role is. You have to distribute and you have to monitor. You have to train. You have to monitor. You have to supply. You have to monitor. So monitoring seems to be that core word amongst you [Interjections.] But we also need to take [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members.

An HON MEMBER: You are really playing the Chair now [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, member Beerwinkel [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Put them out, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Ah, you have to be put out first.

An HON MEMBER: I know this [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I saw that. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Bla-bla-bla – you see what they were doing?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is hon Botha.

An HON MEMBER: But it is not [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, the big Blue Book that gets put in front of us, Treasury does not suck that information from the air. It comes from somewhere. And it comes from the Division of Revenue Bill. This book is their Bible and it is supposed to be our Bible too, and so it becomes quite disconcerting when grandstanding happens about an instruction that is given regardless of who the national government is. It could be the DA one of these days. It could be. They are dreaming of that. But if it is [Interjections.] and the different spheres that – and I'm saying spheres, not levels – to whom they then distribute the funds cannot grandstand about the projects that they then implement, because this book tells you, equitable share, you can give [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We should, if we are doing it better than other provinces, we should.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, we should.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Equitable share is distributed via Treasury. Conditional Grants are distributed via Treasury with a distinct instruction, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: No condition, not instruction [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I will give you – I am going to make a simple example. If MEC Meyer gives me R1 million, he writes me a note and he tells me, “I am giving you R1 million, but of that R1 million [Interjections.] I want you to take R1000 for instance, and go and buy chocolates for each and every street person out there”, and I go and do that. Can I now grandstand that I, Carol has given chocolates to the people?

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Or is it MEC? [Interjections.] Is it the MEC who gave me [Interjection.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You are missing the point completely! [Interjections.] You are missing the point completely. [Interjections.] You are missing the point completely [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are missing the point!

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, order please. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Never mind whether it is who [Interjections.] we all know it is taxpayers' money. That sing-song we must now stop. [Interjections.] The money does not fall out of the air. We all know it is taxpayers' money. It is taxpayers' money that you receive. It is taxpayers' money that you distribute [Interjections.] It is taxpayers' money that you do the projects with that you do. Let me remind you what I'm talking about because you maintain that you know what you are talking about and I am going to prove to you that you do not. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Amen!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: On page 8 of this book, Speaker, it spells out, Chapter 3 and Section 7 speaks about [Interjections.] conditional grants to provinces. 7(a) says, (b) Part A of Schedule 5, specifying specific purpose allocations to provinces. Then you go to that specific page, on page 50. It says specific purpose – remember I said, specific purpose allocations to Province. [Interjections.] Human Settlements. What does it say? Title deed restoration grant.

An HON MEMBER: What is your point?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Specific purpose!

An HON MEMBER: What is your point?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Listen! [Interjections.] To provide funding for the eradication of title deeds registration. Where did the money come from? [Interjections.] From national taxpayers' money! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Fiscus! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am not disputing that [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am not disputing that. [Interjections.] The point is [Interjections.] the point is, National Government gave taxpayers' money to the Western Cape to carry out a function. [Interjections.] They were told to do it.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So do not grandstand. It is not you. [Interjections.]
Do not grandstand!

The SPEAKER: Members [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You have an instruction! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I have [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is an instruction. You have to carry it out.
[Interjections.] Carry it out.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Nobody is talking about stealing [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, let there be a condition. I have duty to protect the speaker on the floor, that is unconditional from my perspective, hon Mitchell. So, yes, interjections are allowed, but can we please afford the member the opportunity [Interjections.]. Hon Magaxa, it is quite interesting, because normally the howling comes from this side of the House [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We object.

The SPEAKER: So maybe just seeing it coming from the other side is a little bit painful. You may proceed, hon Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, they can howl as much as they want about stealing and whatever. [Interjections.] The point is a conditional grant has a specific purpose and it is given to them for a specific purpose [Interjections.] it is not their initiative. That is the point I am making. [Interjections.] They stand and say “the DA did this and the DA did that ...” – it is not their initiative [Interjections.] it is a specific purpose. So stop your

nonsense about lies and stealing and all of that. I am talking facts here. These are facts [Interjections.] These are facts. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order please [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Excuse me, excuse me. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Can I please read [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Member Beerwinkel, can you just take your seat please? [Interjections.] Members there are questions but we cannot [Interjections.] Member Davids, I am speaking.

An HON MEMBER: The truth hurts!

The SPEAKER: We cannot engage with questions across the floor whilst there is someone [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I do know. You do not [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We cannot hear you because of that [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Maybe you should continue reading your book.

An HON MEMBER: I cannot even read my book with the noise from that
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is the member reading a book?

The SPEAKER: Oh shame, man, okay. So please members, the member is reading his book and it keeps him focused and calm. Thank you. You may proceed member Beerwinkel [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I want to emphasise some more points about this condition of grants, Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, Carol.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: What is the purpose of that goal? The strategic goal. Is the eradication of security of tenure and [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: That is unnecessary member Davids [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But we know that! We know that.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...to provide for the funding [Interjections.] of the eradication of pre-2014 title deed registration. Pre-2014! So, what is this?

Government is saying, we did not do it. Now we are giving you the funds to do it. Not your initiation.

An HON MEMBER: After we [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Not your initiation! Not yours!

An HON MEMBER: It was our initiative.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Not yours. Not even [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I have made my point. I have made my point.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I have made my point. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister Madikizela. You are allowed interjections but not a running commentary please. Kindly compose yourself. Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] I have been exempt.

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa, I gave you some good advice. Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I want to remind Treasury about some of the important things that they function on. Their mission to enhance accountability, create public value, enabling delivery of quality services, capacity building, public sector finance, promote accountability within departments and municipalities and I want to stick with municipalities and this thing that is called “citizenry” and “whole of society” issue that the DA keeps talking about.

An HON MEMBER: One South Africa for all!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Public participation does not exist. It does not. So I am asking Treasury [Interjections.] in their capacity of their oversight role to departments to ensure that public participation becomes part of every department’s programme more seriously. You cannot dump a 14 department book on the table in front of us when you present budgets. Nobody has an insight into it. Nobody has seen it. At municipalities there is a month’s opportunity for people to comment. They can comment and then – what happens here? Nothing. Public participation please.

An HON MEMBER: Nothing.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Citizenry centered you say. It is no secret. Now I want to ask you something about local government and what you say how

local government fools people about their audit opinions. I want to read something to you. [Interjections.] This is a report of a municipality.

“During the audit of the appointment of a service provider for the provision of debt collection, the municipality did not have a strategy of policy for outsourcing services to consultants or contractors or service providers. The municipality does not have a strategy or policy indicating the processes determining when services can be outsourced.”

And then, the management does not agree with the Auditor-General. The municipality did not conduct [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Member Beerwinkel, I am sorry to have to interrupt you but if you could finish your sentence. Your time is up. I have just been alerted by the Table staff.

An HON MEMBER: They were making noise [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And all the noise that they were making, Chair?

The SPEAKER: No that is not included, member Beerwinkel. Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker this whole – let me, can I just finish with, I just want to use these two pages [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I have given you leeway to finish your sentence, member Beerwinkel [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Most of what is here are findings by the Auditor-General where processes and policies and SEM prescripts were not followed, then it says,

“We are extremely proud of maintaining this excellent record of a clean audit...”

Bearing in mind all the things that are in here. What is a clean audit?

The SPEAKER: Time to finish up member Beerwinkel [Interjections.] Your time has expired.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...by the statements of three from material misstatements. It is a total mess happening in local government. Treasury, please pay more attention to what is happening in local government, but thank you very much anyway, for over the years, what you have done for me as a person to grow in my understanding, in my financial growth, in my understanding of how a budget is put together and what is in it and where it comes from and where it goes to. I am eternally grateful to you. All of you and those behind the scenes, who are not here today. Please express my gratitude to them, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member Beerwinkel. So the Chief Whip will not have to say it. I will say in the absence of the EFF and the ACDP, I now see the hon, the Minister, Minister Meyer. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for the participation in this debate, Vote 3, but I would like to thank the Premier for giving me this opportunity to serve in this position as both the Minister of Finance and the Minister of International Relations. I have learnt a lot under her leadership and want to thank her for this opportunity to serve in her Executive.

The Provincial Treasury is central in the financial governance architecture of this Government. Under most difficult circumstances this Cabinet, each member, worked well to keep the fiscal line and protect the provincial revenue fund. Because of the skills and the competencies of the Provincial Treasury and the Budget Office we are able to hand over to the next Premier a stable and a balanced budget. This budget of 2019/2020 will allow you to continue on 9 May 2019, the day after the election.

This Cabinet executed a good financial governance declaration and a good fiscal framework. Premier, none of your Ministers have appeared or will appear at the Zonde Commission. I want to thank the head official, Mr Hoossain, the DDG Fiscal and Economic Services, Mr Harry Malila, Julinda Kantana and the Acting DDG, Mr Isaac Smith and the Provincial Accountant-General, Mr Aziz Harding and all the senior managers in the Provincial

Treasury.

I have also met this morning, Madam Speaker, with the CEO and the Chairperson of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board and I also want to thank them for promoting good financial governance within the Gambling Board. Thank you also for increasing our domestic resource mobilisation to almost R3 billion here in the Western Cape. I would also like to thank all the accounting officers in the whole of this Government and the public entities and all the CFO's of both the Government departments and in the Western Cape and in the entities for good financial governance.

†Die Begrotingspos 3 Provinsiale Tesourie is 'n bewys van die omvattende voortgesette ondersteuning vir die programme om finansiële regeerkunde van 'n hoë standaard te handhaaf. Dit geld nie alleen vir goeie regeringsmaatstawwe in die Provinsiale Regering en sy openbare entiteite nie, maar waar ons betrokke is by ander regeringsvlakke hou ons by die voorskrifte en poog om in alle opsigte finansiële regeerpraktyke van 'n hoë gehalte te lewer. In hierdie opsig is ons opleidingsprogramme besig om 'n nuwe poel van die jong finansiële kundiges te lewer. Daardeur versterk ons die finansiële kundigheid oor 'n breë terrein en dit vorm 'n belangrike skakel in ons strewe om die openbare finansiële bestuurswetgewing nougeset maar sinvol toe te pas. Op hierdie wyse bou ons in die Wes-Kaap daaraan om die regstaat verder te versterk.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The Budget Vote 3 Provincial Treasury is proof of the extensive continued support for the programmes to maintain financial governance of a high standard. It does not only apply to good government measures in the Provincial Government and its public entities, but where we are involved with the other levels of government we keep to the directives and try to deliver financial governance practices of high quality in all respects. In this regard our training programmes are delivering a new pool of young financial experts. Through that we strengthen the financial expertise across a broad area and it forms an important link in our striving to apply the public financial governance legislation strictly but sensibly. In this manner, we in the Western Cape are building towards further strengthening the legal state.]

†Agb Speaker, my spesiale dank ook aan die Voorsitter van die Begrotingskomitee en Voorsitter van die Staande Komitee oor Finansies, mnr Dennis Joseph. Dank aan al die lede van sy Komitee aan beide kante, maar ek kan nie veel praat van daardie twee lede wat nie hier is nie, hulle het geen bydrae gelewer nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Madam Speaker, my special thanks to the Chairman of the Budget Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, Mr Dennis Joseph. Thank you to all the members of his Committee on both sides, but I cannot say too much of those two members who are not here, they have made no contribution.]

†‘n AGB LID: Skitterend!

[An HON MEMBER: Excellent!]

†Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Dankie. Ek het wel ‘n bydrae gekry uit die Opposisie en baie dankie daarvoor. Dankie ook vir die erkenning dat die DA eendag die Nasionale Regering sal wees. Ek waardeer dit. Dis op die rekord van die Hansard en ook dankie aan al die lede van die onderskeie komitees vir die wetgewende oorsig wat u gedoen het. Die lede van die Kabinet respekteer belastingbetalers se geld. Dankie vir almal se insette.

[Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you. I did get a contribution from the Opposition and thank you for that. Also thank you for acknowledging that one day the DA will be the National Government. I appreciate that. It is on the record of the Hansard, and thank you to all the members of the various committees for the legislative oversight you have conducted. The members of the Cabinet respect taxpayers' money. Thank you to all for your input.

[Applause.]

†‘n AGB LID: Mooi.

[An HON MEMBER: Good.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Meyer. That concludes the debate on

this Vote. The House will be suspended to allow the Administration to vacate and the next team to come in. Thank you, very much.

[Business of the House was suspended at 15:50 and resumed at 15:54]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the last order.

†Die SEKRETARIS: Debat oor Begrotingspos 9: Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning – Wes-Kaapse Begrotingswetsontwerp

[The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – Western Cape Appropriation Bill]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: En op daardie Afrikaanse noot sien ek die Minister Bredell.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And on that Afrikaans note I see the Minister Bredell.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie mooi. Baie dankie. Agb Adjunkspeaker, agb Premier in haar afwesigheid, sowel as my agb kollegas van die Kabinet,

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Very good. Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier in absentia, as well as my colleagues of the Cabinet,]

†the Head of the Department, the CEO of CapeNature, all the officials [Interjections.] Thank you. Members of the Parliament, thank you for being here and for the opportunity. I first of all want to thank the Department and CapeNature for the summary. I think it is a very good idea because in one page you can see our budget.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me start by thanking the Department under the leadership of Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar for a job well done. Hon Deputy Speaker, at a time when the country is in a crisis we meet to discuss the budget for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

We are in a crisis because of gross mismanagement and incredible corruption that has ripped our moral fabric apart. Some independent experts are stating that state capture has cost South Africa hundreds of billions. It has cost Eskom an estimated R500 billion and the bulk of this money has gone to a handful of families that have been enriched at the cost of everyone else.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons in die Wes-Kaap staan hier skaamteloos want die rekord wys hierdie Provinsie was nog nooit gekoop nie, of enige van sy entiteite nie. Elke jaar word die verskillende munisipaliteite en die staatsentiteite se jaarstate geoudit en gepubliseer. Elke jaar lewer die Ouditeur-Generaal verslag oor die uitkomst van al hierdie entiteite se finansiële bestuursvermoë.

Elke jaar vir die afgelope tien jaar hoor ons hoe dinge versleg en hoe entiteite en munisipaliteite en ander provinsiale departemente bankrot is en hoe honderde miljarde onregmatig verkwis word. Dieselfde tyd hoor ons hoe die Wes-Kaap soos ‘n paal bo water uitstaan. Ons het in 2018/19, 83% skoon oudits ontvang vir ons provinsiale departemente en entiteite.

Die provinsie wat die naaste gekom het was Gauteng met 52%. Elke jaar het die Wes-Kaap verbeter. In 2009 was daar geen munisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap wat skoon oudits gekry het nie. 10 jaar later het ons 21 skoon oudits uit 30 munisipaliteite. Dit is waarom die Wes-Kaap daarin kon slaag om 75% van alle werkseleenthede wat in Suid-Afrika geskep is, in die Wes-Kaap te skep. Die rede is agb Adjunkspeaker, want ons steel nie van ons mense nie. Ons bestee die geld waar ons belowe het om dit te doen.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, we in the Western Cape stand here without shame because the record shows that this Province has never been captured, neither any of its entities. Every year the various municipalities’ and the state entities’ annual statements are audited and published. Every year the Auditor-General reports on the outcomes of all these entities’ financial management ability.

Every year for the past ten years we have been hearing how things are getting worse and how entities and municipalities and other provincial departments

are bankrupt and how hundreds of billions are wasted irregularly. At the same time we hear how the Western Cape stands out like a pole above water. In 2018/19 we received 83% clean audits for our provincial departments and entities.

The province that came the closest was Gauteng with 52%. Every year the Western Cape has improved. In 2009 there were no municipalities in the Western Cape that received clean audits. 10 years later we have 21 clean audits out of 33 municipalities. That is why the Western Cape succeeded to create 75% of all job opportunities that were created in South Africa, in the Western Cape. The reason, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that we do not steal from our people. We spend the money where we promised to spend it.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Government's budget demonstrates a commitment of maximum citizen impact. There are seven themes around which the Provincial Budget has been built. [Interjections.] These seven themes are Jobs, Safety, Service Delivery, Youth, Infrastructure, Good Governance and Climate Change.

This is truly a budget for good governance and climate change. We have been hit by so many disasters over the last couple of years and we are trying to play catch up all the time. We are reactive and we need to be more proactive.

Mr Deputy Speaker, you will see in this budget that we try to get ahead of

this curb. If we want to make real change in people's lives we need to be three steps ahead. We need a quantum leap. It is a difficult thing because we are also in the middle of a national government economic meltdown. A government where the national electricity grid is under severe pressure and Eskom is at risk of falling apart. This province is a giant province – 129 000 square kilometers in size. And every community in this huge province is important to us.

We look at the needs across our province and we spend the people's budget accordingly. Around 75% of our budget is aimed at the rural areas outside the city of Cape Town. In addition, the province understands the importance of building and maintaining infrastructure. Therefore over the MTEF period nearly R28 billion across all departments will be spent on infrastructure. This includes new houses, roads, schools, hospitals, waste water and sewerage works.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this year the Department has been allocated R639,6 million for the 2019/2020 financial year. The bulk of this has been allocated to biodiversity management entity represented by CapeNature. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning can stand up and look back with pride at the last 5 years' accomplishments.

The head of the Department, Mr Piet van Zyl has been awarded with many awards for the work his Department has done and when it comes to good governance there can be surely few departments in the country that can be

compared. Another highlight from the Department is the Regional Socio-economic programme known as RSEP.

This is an innovative programme whereby we are making better living spaces in all our communities and where we aim to redress apartheid spatial legacies through better integrated development. Some of the projects that have been completed include building safe walkways in vulnerable communities to multi-purpose sports grounds and youth centres with free access to the internet in the rural communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one example is a resource centre focusing on youth development and training in Villiersdorp that cost R10 million rand. In the new budget an amount of R104 million has been allocated for the MTEF period to further address the needs of our poorest communities and to deliver visible service delivery projects.

R83,9 million has been allocated over the 2019 MTEF towards enabling the promotion and stimulation of a greener economy and a more water secure province. In addition, R37,1 million has been allocated to the Department towards the Breede River Environmental Resource Protection Plan, the Berg River Improvement Plan and the Sustainable Water Management Plan. These plans all address the Provincial Strategic Goals.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when it comes to CapeNature, the entity has an overall budget of R396 million for the 2019/20 financial year. Of this, R48,4 million

is from own generated revenue. We are very proud of the growth of income generation, largely due to tourism. Many more people are visiting our exclusive and world class nature reserves and bookings are often required many months in advance. We look forward to seeing continued growth in this regard in the coming period.

A major threat to CapeNature's biodiversity conservation work is the risk of the spread of invasive alien species. The entity will continue to focus its efforts on removing alien vegetation in priority catchment areas to help improve water security in our province.

Since 2009, CapeNature has cleared more than 250 000 hectares of water-sapping alien vegetation from its protected areas. CapeNature will continue to implement the Integrated Catchment Management Strategy that will contribute to ensure that clean, healthy mountain catchments yield enough water for the public.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die Departement en CapeNature se amptenare en hul leierskap het weer eens oor die afgelope tien jaar uitstekende werk onder toenemende druk verrig. Ek wil van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om mnr Piet van Zyl en Dr Omar met hulle spanne geluk te wens vir hul werk wat hulle uitstekend verrig het, om die gemeenskap van die Wes-Kaap te dien. Met dit lê ek dan ons begroting aan u voor. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department's and CapeNature's officials and their leadership have again done excellent work over the past ten years under increasing pressure. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar with their teams on their work that they have performed excellently to serve the community of the Western Cape. With that I submit our budget to you. I thank you. [Applause.]]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agb Philander.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Philander.]

†Me W PHILANDER: Dankie, Adjunkspeaker. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Ms W PHILANDER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, there are undeniable ecological limits to growth and development. This is worrying as growth and development have become the buzzwords to alleviate poverty. Thus, crucial buzzwords have to become environmental resilience and sustainability.

Given the strained fiscal framework, the Department receives a small fraction of the 2019 budget. Nonetheless, every cent spent on sustainable development programmes and environmentally sound initiatives promotes the much needed attention to these ecological limitations looming over the province. We thus welcome the R639,6 million allocated to the Department for the 2019 financial year. The 9,2% increase is adequately above inflation, showing commitment in recognising the crucial work performed by this Department. It adopts and adapts policies that will mitigate the effects of climate change,

address ecological risks, resource infiniteness and manages rapid urbanisation within a tiny budget.

It is widely known that the province suffered an extensive period of drought and a series of rampant fires. The departmental agency CapeNature will receive 49,2% of the Department's budget, for 2019, which includes an earmarked priority allocation of R10 million for disaster prevention measures, increased to R11 million for the 2021/22 budget year. Should we encounter these natural disasters, this will promote environmental resilience. In addition, water for sustainable growth and development initiatives will receive an earmarked R20,1 million.

The RSEP VPUU programme managed by the Department within the Development Directorate, will receive an earmarked R86 million over the 2019 MTEF. This intergovernmental approach will address the developmental needs of communities by delivering visible service delivery projects in our poor communities.

Additional priority allocations over the 2019 MTEF include R16,9 million for the Bergriver Improvement Plan, which provides a framework for water management. R14,9 million earmarked for greener economy initiatives which includes projects such as Langrug Community work that capacitates communities within their own infrastructure, waste entrepreneurs that receive support for their contribution in resource efficiencies via waste management

and the smart air programme, amongst others, which as a whole ensures that we develop within the boundaries of the environment.

This Department will also be the leader in implementing the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy, to coordinate responses and to identify opportunities for carbon reduction which will promote resilience in the face of climate change.

†In Suid-Afrika is daar ongeveer 19 beleidstukke wat voorsiening maak vir die interpretasie van volhoubare ontwikkeling, maar navorsing op die gebied toon dat interne onsamehangendheid implementering hinder. ‘n Vaagheid omring hierdie beleide, maar soos blyk uit die Wes-Kaap se begroting van 2019 en die prestasies van die afgelope tien jaar in hierdie verband is planne gereed vir implementering deur die Provinsiale Departement om doelbewus in te gryp.

Laat my toe om uit te brei. Deur prioritisering van ‘n Groen Ekonomie vind 70% van Suid-Afrika se hernubare energie-vervaardiging in die Wes-Kaap plaas. Dit is nou wettig in 22 munisipaliteite om jou eie sonkrag-energie te produseer. Deur ‘n gefokusde veldtog om kragbronne te diversifiseer, loop hierdie provinsie ver voor in terme van energiesekerheid en meer as 250 000 hektaar uitheemse plantegroei is deur CapeNature Reserves uitgewis, wat dan waterveiligheid verseker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[In South Africa there are about 19 policy documents providing for the interpretation of sustainable development, but research in this field shows that internal incoherency is hindering implementation. A vagueness surrounds these policies, but as can be seen in the Western Cape Budget of 2019 and the achievements of the past ten years in this regard, plans are ready for implementation for the Provincial Department to purposefully intervene.]

Allow me to expand. By prioritising a Green Economy, 70% of South Africa's renewable energy production takes place in the Western Cape. It is now legal in 22 municipalities to produce one's own solar energy. Through a focused campaign to diversify power resources, this province is far ahead in terms of energy security and more than 250 000 hectares of foreign vegetation were destroyed by CapeNature Reserves, which then ensures water safety.]

Meanwhile, Mr Deputy Speaker, Eskom fails us and resorts to the blame game. This ANC endorsed SOE recently blamed the crisis on diesel shortages, but we all know that reliance on diesel extrapolates CO2 emissions which threatens biodiversity. If they would only stop looting public funds and follow the DA-led Government examples of energy diversification, plans and good clean governance, we could have avoided this crisis altogether. [Interjections.]

Nonetheless, Mr Deputy Speaker, there are also seven key documents that signifies the real concerns around climate change, from which one can

identify the three most significant changes to mitigate the effects that hinder our development and they include:

- finding methods for renewable energy production;
- finding alternative ways to improve the quality of life by empowering initiatives such as vegetables gardens or re-use and recycling plants; and
- to pursue decoupled growth by using less resources per unit for economic output and so reducing environmental impacts via adaptations of governmental policies along with the necessary technological innovations.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the allocations made in Vote 9 and what the province achieved thus far successfully accounts for these significant changes. It is thus clear that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the Western Cape is embarking on a successful journey to mitigate the negative effects in the environment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, unfortunately the Department faces challenges, one of which is of particular importance, is an unfunded position which slows down the project roll-outs and budgetary constraints that have forced projects to be rescheduled. We thus need to appeal to all citizens to change our behavioural patterns as we have reached the anthropogenic era where our manipulation of the environment and specifically the contribution to climate change have

worrying effects on agricultural production, which threaten our very existence in terms of food and water security.

†Ons gemeenskappe speel 'n baie groot rol en ons moet besef dat ons elkeen 'n aandeel en 'n verantwoordelikheid het om ons natuurlike omgewing asook ons omgewingsintegriteit te behou. Dit is en dit bly ons almal se verantwoordelikheid.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Our communities play a very large role and we have to realise that each of us has a part and responsibility to conserve our natural environment. It is and will remain the responsibility of all of us.]

To conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, as the Democratic Alliance we welcome this budget and I would like to commend the Department for its crucial engagement and activism in recognising the biophysical limits of the earth and resource infiniteness. Its continued efforts will certainly pay off in the long term.

Deputy Speaker, allow me to thank the hon Minister Anton Bredell for his political leadership as well as his passion, the head of Ministry, the HOD, all chief directors, my colleague and previous Chair, member Simmers for his guidance and direction. Also all my colleagues this side of the benches as well as Opposition colleagues for their inputs during committee meetings.

Our entity CapeNature and Dr Omar, Ms Shereen van Niekerk, our committee coordinator and all assistants, our legal staff as well as all staff on the fifth floor. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Dijana.

†‘n AGBARE LID: Beaufort-Wes. Beaufort-Wes.

[An HON MEMBER: Beaufort West. Beaufort West.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Hou by blou!

[An HON MEMBER: Stick with the blue!]

Ms T M DIJANA: Deputy Speaker, hu-uh, †asseblief [please.] Mr Deputy Speaker, during the SONA in February, our President Ramaphosa highlighted a number of actions and commitments to create jobs and [Interjections.] address the plight of our youth. The National Department has and will continue to create work opportunities through the number of environmental programmes being rolled out. Amongst the highlights achieved are the creation of 71 948 work opportunities and 28 243 full time equivalents created with more than 60% of these participants being young people and women. 141 lands have been rehabilitated as part of the working for water effort to achieve the goal of land degradation neutrality in South Africa, placing 56 660 hectares of land under rehabilitation and/or restoration

providing initial treatment to 171 198 hectares of land invaded by invasive alien plants and undertaking follow-up treatment on 601 944 hectares of land.

The National Government's focus on the youth will be scaled up through education and skills development. For example, the National Government has initiated a mass training programme for youth to improve their skills with accredited environmental training courses and support programmes, targeting 50 000 candidates.

The National Government is working with municipalities, provinces, public entities, science councils and stakeholders in the environmental sector to make this possible. Mr Deputy Speaker, a number of environmental programmes are being undertaken by the National Department and its entities, including the South African National Biodiversity Institute to educate our youth about the environment and to train young people to enter this vital field.

The National Government's youth employment programme is aimed at exposing youth South Africans to the culture of working as a springboard for future employment. We acknowledge the youth support programme, which is a National Government initiative that is implemented by the Provincial Department in partnership with municipalities, wherein young people are placed at Local Government to fulfil environmental functions like waste management and air quality monitoring.

I now need to talk about the Western Cape. During SOPA the hon Premier claimed that her Government worked with municipalities, NGO's and residents to prevent any town from running out of water, even though Beaufort West, Central Karoo and Kannaland remained severely stressed.

Mr Deputy Speaker also mentioned installation of ground water systems. In the SOPA you could see a government which was very concerned with the water crisis in the province, which was a self-orchestrated crisis by the way.

An HON MEMBER: What?!

Ms T M DIJANA: Having looked at the budget decisions [Interjections.] of this Department, you clearly see where its priorities are. For instance, the RSEP programme [Interjections.] is allocated over R86 million over the 2019 MTEF and only R20 million is allocated for water for sustainable growth and development. The Department in this Blue Book tells us that it has coordinated and completed various projects at schools and hospitals to increase water security with ground water supply. It also states that the Western Cape Government assisted many municipalities to install boreholes and appointed underground specialists to assist municipalities.

In Beaufort West, as we speak, many of these boreholes are not working. If this Department is serious about water, it must put in more funding for water projects [Interjections.] Deputy Speaker, the 9,25% increase in the budget for this Department is welcome, however, the challenge remains that this R639

million allocated to the Department is very little and shows that the DA does not take this Department and issues of environment serious.

The decrease in the budget for Goods and Services is really disappointing. Of the R639 million budget only R49 million is used for Goods and Services. Now, to want to decrease that even further is really disappointing. Programme 2 is the only project whose budget was decreased. When you zoom into the summary of payments and estimates for this programme you will be shocked. The functions of Programme 2 include research, departmental strategy, information management and climate change. The sub programme responsible for legislative development has a zero budget for the year. Budget for research and development is decreased by over 9% and that of climate change is reduced by over 20%.

Allow me to voice my concerns over these budget cuts. Firstly, the Provincial Government is taken to court for its failure to appoint an Environmental Commissioner. The legislative development is needed to assist in terms of establishing this office. Secondly, Deputy Speaker, on page 434 of the Blue Book, under the subheading "Climate Change Management" the Department acknowledges that over the last few years the province experienced considerable climate related disasters with the drought and fires being the most far reaching and economically and socially devastating.

On page 435 the Department states that the capacity of the Department to undertake climate change response needs to be substantially upscaled. So, the

decrease in the budget for the climate change sub programme is well thought of. Given these realities this budget should be rejected.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the African National Congress is calling on civil society and business to come on board to protect our people against a changing environment with its devastating effects as experienced during extreme weather events like droughts, floods and desertification. We need to continue to work with and educate our communities so that we are all able to adapt to the changes that we are already experiencing and those that lie ahead.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC appreciates that we must work continuously with the people to ensure the detailed implementation of our National Development Plan to eradicate colonialism and apartheid and bring closer the realisation of the broad vision contained in the Freedom Charter.

As ANC we will continue our quest for an environment that is conducive to wellbeing and to the creation of opportunities. Let us grow South Africa! Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank the Department for their support and guidance. Equally I would like to thank my colleagues and our partners in the province; the support and cooperation respectively received from the Chairpersons of the Portfolio Committee for Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, hon Wendy Philander, hon Simmers and the former Chairperson, Mr Rodney Lentit. It is appreciated. [Interjections.] I would also like to thank the Head of Department and his entire team [Interjections.] I would also like to thank the Head of Department [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms T M DIJANA: ...and his entire team [Interjections.] for always going the extra mile, irrespective of the challenges and budget constraints they are facing as this Department [Interjections.] I owe my gratitude to my political home, the African National Congress for entrusting me with the privilege of contributing to our vision of achieving radical economic transformation. My utmost gratitude is reserved for my mother, my son, uThando, and my entire family for their continued support and sacrifice, particularly during those long periods of absence from home caused by the call to bring about economic freedom to our people. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member. Minister Bredell to reply.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ja. Baie dankie, agb Adjunkspeaker.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Yes. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.]

†Thank you very much. [Interjections.] Again let me start off by thanking Mr Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar and their teams [Interjections.] they ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is the EFF and the ACDP?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Jy het mos jou kans gehad.

[Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You have had your chance.

[Interjections.]]

†'n AGB LID: Mag hy nie eers daai sê dan nie?

[An HON MEMBER: May he not even say that?]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Jy het mos nou jou kans gehad.

[Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You have had your chance just now.

[Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek het baie tyd.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I have a lot of time.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The smaller parties are not here, Mr Bredell,

you may continue.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I have got lots of time, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] Hon Deputy Speaker, it is important for me to thank Mr Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar and their teams. This is a Department where we have got a lot of professional staff and we really appreciate the intellect and the professionalism within CapeNature as well as the Department. †Ek wil ook Rudolf en die media-departement bedank. Baie dankie. Dis min dat ‘n mens ‘n begroting op een bladsy opsom dat almal dit kan verstaan en ek weet dit is jou inisiatief. So baie dankie, Rudolf. †Well done! [Applause.]

†Agb Adjunkspeaker, laat my toe om – ja, ek moet dit sê. Tien jaar gelede toe ek hier ingekom het was Ayu se baard baie meer swart. Hy het baie gryser geraak en ek het ‘n baard bygekry, maar ons weet waar ons vandaan kom, altwee van ons, maar dis rêrig ‘n voorreg gewees om met hierdie Departement oor die laaste tien jaar te werk en saam met hulle te kon groei en saam met hulle deel te kon wees van die span.

Aan Tertius, die vorige voorsitter, baie dankie vir jou rol. Wendy, baie dankie. Kollegas vir julle rolle wat julle vervul het in die Staande Komitee.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[I also want to thank Rudolf and the media department. Thank you. It is seldom that one can summarise a budget on one page so that everyone can understand it and I know this is your initiative. So thank you, Rudolf. *Well done!* [Applause.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, allow me to – yes, I have to say it. Ten years ago when I came in here, Ayu’s beard was more black. He has become more grey and I have grown a beard, but we know where we are coming from, both of us, but it has really been a privilege to work with this Department over the past ten years and grow with them and along with them be part of the team.

To Tertius, the previous Chairman, thank you for your role. Wendy, thank you. Colleagues for your roles you have fulfilled in the Standing Committee.] †To do oversight is not easy but it is a crucial cornerstone of democracy. If we do not have oversight there will not be a democracy †en daardie rol moet ons nooit onderskat nie [and that role we must never underestimate.]

I also want to thank the ANC for their oversight role, especially member Carol Beerwinkel. We have know one another for years. Thank you for your role there and member Dijana. You have got a beautiful dress on today, but a weak speech, but in any case, thank you for your oversight role [Interjections.] I really want to just mention two things because I really think [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Blue Wednesday.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I really think it is in the province's interest that we do not play around with the water crisis. Anybody who thinks that this was a made up story is blind. They must just go and visit the dams. I mean I do not know how you make up that story and I also want to say to the member Dijana that business and civil society [Interjections.] business and civil society will not join and will not come to the table while the ANC is in control, because they cannot trust them. It is as simple as that. They will just not join. They will not come to the table [Interjections.] and by ending I want to thank my Ministry [Interjections.] under the leadership of Marius du Randt and Magdaleen Griessel for their roles and their support over the years. I thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this vote. That also concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 16:25