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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: Order please members. I would like to welcome our members and guests to the sitting today, and I would also want to take the opportunity on behalf of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to convey our deepest and sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of the iconic struggle hero and one of the fathers of our nation, Ahmed Kathrada, who passed away peacefully this morning at the age of 87. Uncle Kathy, as he was affectionately known, embodied an unwavering commitment to justice and relentlessly fought for the freedoms we all cherish today. May his soul rest in peace.

I now call upon members and guests to stand and join me in observing a moment of silence in honour of the life and struggle of Ahmed Kathrada.

[Moment of silence observed.]

The SPEAKER: You may be seated. I must apologise. I have a bit of a scratchy throat so please forgive me. Let us continue with the business of the day. I now recognise the Chief Whip.

(Notice of motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I table the motion in my name on the Order Paper:

That notwithstanding the provision of Rule 18, the hours of sitting on Wednesday, 29 March 2017 and Thursday, 30 March 2017 and I think that the Order Paper should include also Friday, 31 March 2017, shall be 10:00 until adjournment. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Any objections? No objections? Agreed to.

We now move to a matter of urgent public importance on the Order Paper and I wish to provide the House with guidance in this regard. The next item on the Order Paper is a debate on a matter of urgent public importance in terms of Rule 140 of the Standing Rules, requested by the Leader of the Official Opposition. I regard the matter as of sufficient public importance to override the normal programme of the Provincial Parliament and have had to postpone the Women's Debate and the Women's Dialogue, and I have initiated until a

future date.

Before I call on the first speaker to address the House I wish to give guidance to the House as follows: I would like to remind members that the normal rules of debate apply. In particular I am going to ensure that each and every participant in this debate is going to be given the opportunity to be heard and to convey their points of view without interruption or unnecessary interjections. Drowning out of speakers will not be allowed. I trust I can count on both sides of the House to assist in this regard.

I now see the hon member Mr Magaxa, the Leader of the Opposition.

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

MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The recent Singapore tweets by the Premier – the public response and the ramifications thereof

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to dedicate this input to one of our struggle icons and Robben Islander, comrade Ahmed Kathrada, who spent all his life fighting against colonialism.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Let us contextualise the reason why we are here today. We are here because the Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille, stated in a tweet:

“For those claiming the legacy of colonialism was only negative, think of your independent judiciary, transport, infrastructure, piped water etc.”

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sies.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sis.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: As if that was not bad enough, she continued and said:

“Would we have a transition into specialised healthcare and medication without colonial influence? Just be honest, please.”

She shared these loathsome tweets at a time our country observes Human Rights in memory of thousands of Africans who were brutally killed by the apartheid killing machine, the white police.

I am sure colonialist hon Zille will come to podium and spin, defend and rationalise her Twitter outburst. She will probably claim that her tweets were taken out of context. She has already issued a half-hearted apology mainly as a result of public outrage. That so-called apology is not worth the paper it is written on. She always is the only person who is misquoted in this country. Not only is Zille’s remarks absolutely disgusting, they are also filled with

gross historical factual inaccuracies.

One would have hoped that for someone who has a journalistic background, she would have at least done a quick fact-check of African life prior to colonialism before spewing the bile she did.

Civilisation started on the African continent. The notion that colonialism brought civilisation to Africa is a racist fabrication created by those who seek to justify colonial conquests on the African continent.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Like Zille.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I want to tell hon Zille today that, before colonialism, African people were rich in land, food and minerals. Poverty and deprivation came with her colonial ancestors. They killed African people, raped African women, looted African minerals and enslaved African people. Colonialism was inhumane, subjected our forefathers to slavery and cheap labour. It is an insult to the many men and women whose forefathers suffered at the hands of white colonialists.

Colonialism virtually exterminated the Khoi and San in the Cape. It is a system that destroyed many black lives following successive wars of resistance in the Eastern Cape culminating in the Battle of Isandlwana and Bambatha Rebellion in KwaZulu Natal. It is a system that destroyed the culture, language and heritage of the African people. It is a cruel and

inhumane system that turned Africans into pariah in the land of their own birth.

It is a brutal and barbaric system that destroyed the livelihood of Africans and black people in general, stole their land and turned them into cheap labour in the mines and on farms for exploitation and subjugation in the hands of white oppressors.

In fact, the 1913 Natives Land Act and the preceding Glen Grey Act of 1894 were designed to expel Africans from their land as they were regarded as squatters in the land of their own birth. I challenge hon Zille and the whole DA caucus to read the book written by the first Secretary General of the ANC titled *Native Life in South Africa* for an accurate historical account of how Africans were robbed of their land and livelihood.

Colonialist Helen Zille speaks of an independent judiciary as a positive legacy of colonialism. How can a judiciary designed for the persecution of the African majority based on the colour of their skin be celebrated? A judicial system that literally killed millions of Africans!!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] as the DA.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The laws enforced by colonialism and apartheid were in their very nature unjust, against principles of natural justice and the separation of powers. It was a judiciary created to protect the minority.

I remember the likes of Neil Aggett, Steve Biko, Solomon Mahlangu and many others who were killed in the hands of the apartheid regime. Our Colonialist Madam Zille must resign as the Premier of the Western Cape. She must go now!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Hear-hear!

Mr K E MAGAXA: It was only post 1994 through an ANC-led Government that South Africa truly had an independent judiciary. To even begin to compare our current judiciary to that of colonialism and apartheid is actually deceitful. She is basically comparing apples with oranges and her oranges are rotten.

Colonialist Madam Zille's reference to transport infrastructure as a legacy of colonialism exposes her purposeful ignorance about the history of our country. In fact she needs a history lesson. Roads and other infrastructure were built on the backs of black slave labour. Black people were turned into slaves to build the infrastructure you are celebrating.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Our brothers and sisters died building roads designed by the white minority. Today the Western Cape remains a racially divided province which has a huge slave settler community created by colonialism to build infrastructure for the white minority.

Your celebration of colonial transport infrastructure is nothing short of a celebration of slavery. She also asks; would we have a transition into specialised healthcare and medication without colonial influence?

This question in itself is not only silly and mischievous but very problematic because who was this specialised healthcare and medication designed for? One only has to look at the colonialist DA benches to find the answer to that question.

South African healthcare remained deeply unequal and fractured with the poor black majority struggling to access adequate healthcare services because of colonialism and apartheid.

Furthermore, African people had indigenous medical systems long before colonialism. In fact, much of the medicines we take today are in fact repackaged medicine of indigenous African people. It is only through the ANC led Government that quality healthcare is a basic human right accessed by all. We further note the colonialist DA's objection to the National Health Insurance championed by the ANC led Government for universal healthcare coverage for all, because they are vehemently opposed to any system which will advance the poor African majority. Colonialism did not bring anything to the African continent; instead it took. It took our resources, our dignity and our humanity.

In the words of the late President of Mozambique, Samora Moses Machel:

“Colonialism is a crime against humanity; there is no humane colonialism; there is no democratic colonialism; there is no non-exploitative colonialism”.

Colonialism is an extension of political control of one state over another in order to exploit both human and natural resources. The major objective of colonialism is economic exploitation of resources such as natural resources, including land and the people of that particular territory.

These resources are used in order to develop the colonial power at the expense of the colonised. Comrade Vladimir Ulyanov Lenin described the twin evil of colonialism, which is imperialism, as the highest stage of capitalism.

Colonialist hon Zille must resign as the Premier of the Western Cape. She must go now!

The ANC Government is still striving to eradicate the legacy of the colonialism of a special type. The systemic features of colonial apartheid are still visible in the structure and skewed ownership patterns of our economy. The forces of reaction in the DA seek to reverse the revolutionary advances our Government is making in rolling back the tyranny of colonial apartheid capitalism.

Our Constitution was created as a break from our colonial and apartheid past.

Democratic constitutionalism cannot coexist with an appreciation of colonialism of any kind. Colonialist Zille's tweets prove that she is not a constitutional democrat. In fact, she is an antithesis of constitutional democracy.

Hon Zille's record in government is littered with piles of evidence that she in fact is opposed to democracy. She does not care about the conditions of black people except to use black people to gain votes.

We know during campaign periods hon Zille sings, dances - often out of tune, of course - alongside the formerly oppressed. She even poses for pictures cooking with firewood, something which Madam does not do unless there are flashing cameras. This does not fool us because we know where she is.

Colonialist Helen Zille has been under disguise to conceal her true character for a long time. She has finally come out of the closet by praising a morally bankrupt and loathsome system of colonialism.

An HON MEMBER: Poor speech!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Colonialist hon Zille must resign as the Premier of the Western Cape and she must resign now!

Racism and white supremacy is in the DNA of the DA. It is the DA that harbours racists like Penny Sparrow. It was not long ago that DA Member of

Parliament, Diane Kohler Barnard, praised apartheid mass murderer P W Botha. We have seen how her racist fellow DA members have come out to defend her conspicuous tweets on colonialism.

Colonialist Zille must resign as the Premier of the Western Cape and she must resign now!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is clear that the DA is a party that is not only complicit in racial oppression... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, if you could take your seat please. Chief Whip are you rising on a point of order?

Mr M G E WILEY: May I just refer you to the Rules that all members are honourable in this House. She must be addressed as such.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He did say that. Sit down. Do not waste our time.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, a point of order was raised. If you do refer to any members, we are all honourable members unless proven otherwise. Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Madam Speaker, I take note of that. It is clear

that the DA is a party that is not only complicit in racial oppression, but it advocates for such inhumane and atrocious acts. Take the case for example of the DA support for the inhumane suppression of the rights of Palestinians. The DA actively supports and campaigns for the apartheid-Israeli regime in its oppression of the people of Palestine. Instead of admitting that her remarks were deeply hurtful and unravelled wounds in the minds and hearts of many who continue to live the realities of the effects of colonialism to this day, hon Zille will come to the podium and defend, justify and rationalise her ill-fated colonialism tweets. She will spit in the face, on the graves of people like Steve Biko, whom she claims as her ticket to fame and justify a nonsensical context under which those views were expressed. The reality of the matter is that hon Zille is not different from a raving relentless racist.

Ms M N GILLION: We are taking this further.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The people of South Africa must wake up to the reality that the DA harbours bigoted unrepentant racists. By the way the fish rots from the top. We now wait for the advocates of defence of the Constitution and law to campaign for the removal of hon Helen Zille on the streets and all the way to the courts. We appeal to those groups to be consistent unless they are as hypocritical as hon Zille.

If the DA wants us to believe that they are committed to our constitutional democracy, they will remove hon Zille as Premier of the Western Cape and harshly punish her for her continued racist crimes against African people.

If they do not remove her, we shall be vindicated in our conviction that the DA is indeed a party which protects and rewards racism.

Hon Zille must go now and we appeal to the DA to take that decision and remove her now. We do not want any apologies. Thank you. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Who wrote your speech?

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good!]

The SPEAKER: I now see the hon member Mr Mnqasela. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Zille, let us talk about the first... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. Sorry, if I may, hon member Mr Mnqasela, take your seat please. Whilst the Leader of the Opposition was speaking - hon member Mr Dyantyi, I am addressing you - there was silence. The speaker was afforded to do his presentation. I would request that you cooperate and afford the speaker on the floor the same opportunity please. Let us be fair in the way we manage ourselves. We will not allow this House... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: You may.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Interjection is part of the Rules of this House and I am interjecting to the member.

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I really want to address you on that.

The SPEAKER: Now may I address you, hon member Mr Dyantyi. Firstly, I would like to ask you to manage your finger. It is inappropriate to point your finger the way you have just done. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I withdraw my finger.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, so withdraw your finger and then in this House we do not scream and shout. We speak at each other and to each other so will you please afford the hon member Mr Mngqasela an opportunity to do his presentation. I see the hon member Mr Mngqasela. Thank you.

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] In all the years that I have chosen the path of liberalism... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: You were never good enough to be a leader.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela, please take your seat.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...and the path of democracy and constitutionalism...

[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat. Members, I am really sorry. You called for a debate. We now have speakers in terms of the speakers' list responding and you choose to drown out the speaker, which in terms of the rule is inappropriate. So interjections are allowed but I am not going to allow you to drown out any speaker on the floor, please. You may interject but no running commentary. We have afforded the hon member Mr Magaxa the opportunity and everyone listened. Please cooperate. You may proceed hon member Mr Mnqasela.

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

The SPEAKER: Honourable, excuse me.

Mr M MNQASELA: Hon Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni, you do not need to cast aspersions on the speaker please. That is not the way we run our business. Thank you.

[Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, the ANC can call me names.

[Interjections.] The ANC called me names. The ANC called me a sell-out. They called me many things.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Zille called you a refugee. She called you a refugee.

[Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: And so what is happening now is nothing new.

[Interjections.] We stand here in defence of democracy.

Mr P UYS: In defence of Zille.

Mr M MNQASELA: We stand here in defence of constitutionalism.

Ms M N GILLION: Oh my word!

Mr M MNQASELA: We stand here in defence of... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Of colonialism!

Mr M MNQASELA: ...of pluralism in this country. [Interjections.] We stand here in defence of the freedoms, the inalienable right of freedom of speech, freedom of movement ... [Interjections]

Ms M N GILLION: A sad day in the Western Cape.

Mr M MNQASELA: And the freedom of association that the ANC never understood. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Sad day in the Western Cape.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela... [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: The ANC never understood that I have the right to be in the DA today and it is an embarrassment ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela, kindly take your seat. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: It is an embarrassment to a party that professes to have stood and fought for liberation in this country... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela, kindly take your seat.

Mr M MNQASELA: Ahmed Kathrada should be cringing in the grave.

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat. Kindly take your seat please. Are you rising on a point of order Sir?

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, I just want to ask the member if he can take a question.

Ms L M MASEKO: Oh just sit down!

Mr C M DUGMORE: No!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela, will you take a question?

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr M MNQASELA: Not during my time. That is a weak question, a poor question.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. The member will not take a question. Please be seated. You may proceed hon member Mr Mnqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, Ahmed Kathrada would cringe in his grave... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Do not go there. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: ...if he were to hear that the ANC that he fought for and the rights that he fought for which we now all enjoy... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr M MNQASELA: ...are trampled upon as the ANC is doing here today. I will speak and you will not succeed. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a shame.

Mr M MNQASELA: I am one of the people who have worked with Helen Zille the longest in the Western Cape caucus. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, you... [Inaudible.] you complained about the last year.

Mr M MNQASELA: And I claim to know Helen Zille because I have worked with her. [Interjections.] Fifteen years ago I decided to leave the political home that was home to the majority of South Africans. I decided to leave popular political discourse and populism. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You spoke [Inaudible.] about the last year.

Mr M MNQASELA: I decided to leave group politics... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...and joined a liberal conversation and journey that I still enjoy fifteen years later... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mngasela, kindly take your seat please. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, are you rising on a point of order?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am rising yes, on a point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have intervened earlier about a member calling another one not honourable. Is it parliamentary that Masizole Mngasela...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hon member Masizole Mngasela.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...two times to call that hon Premier Zille, Helen Zille.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Okay, thank you for the point of order. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Mngasela, may I ask that you refer to the Premier as the honourable Premier, thank you.

Mr M MNQASELA: Honourable, the Premier of the Western Cape.

Ms S W DAVIDS: He is doing something that is choking...

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, my time has been disrupted timeously by the other side. [Interjections.] I want... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can you listen?

The SPEAKER: Stop howling and listen!

Mr M MNQASELA: I decided to leave popular political discourse and populism. [Interjections.] I decided to leave group politics and joined a liberal conversation, a journey that I still enjoy today... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not about you, it is about the nation.

Mr M MNQASELA: Today we are discussing the ramifications of the Premier's tweet.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids.

Mr M MNQASELA: I am here to tell you... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not about him, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Excuse me. Hon member Mr Mngqasela, take your seat please.

Hon member Ms Davids, you have now had four running comments in a row and you still insist on telling me what it is not about. Interjections are allowed but please do not disrupt the speaker on the floor. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But Madam Speaker, you know... [Inaudible.] It is not about him.

The SPEAKER: I cannot rule on your emotions hon member Ms Davids. Please afford the member an opportunity to speak. It is my duty as the presiding officer to ensure the dignity and decorum of the House. [Interjections.]

I am really sorry, the fact that you are feeling hurt, I cannot feel that. I am the presiding officer. I have to make sure procedure is followed.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The tweets hurt everyone! It is not [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, your comments are noted, but however, it is disrespectful to drown out a speaker on the floor. All I am asking you is to cooperate and allow the hon member Mr Mnqasela the opportunity to speak. Hon member Mr Olivier, I recognise you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, can you rule on the relevance of what the member until now has raised because all we heard Madam Speaker, is about himself... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...and what he joined, but I see the debate here is about the tweets of the Premier and he is giving us his biography here at this point and I am not sure, can you rule on the relevance of that? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, excuse me, before I make a ruling, hon member Mr Olivier, I would expect that you would have been familiar with the request which your chief, which your Leader put into my office in terms of Rule 140. So hon member Mr Mnqasela is responding in terms of the matter to be debated as requested in the document so there is relevance and I would expect that you allow him to get to the point. Thank you. You may proceed hon member. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you Madam Speaker. Today we are discussing the ramifications of the speaker's tweet.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Speaker's tweet!

Mr M MNQASELA: Of the Premier's tweet. I am here to tell you that the Premier not only personifies non-racialism but she personifies the rule of law, equality before the law,...

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Praat van Zille se tweets.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Speak about Zille's tweets.]

Mr M MNQASELA: ...constitutionalism and above all redress and reconciliation. We have heard the Auditor-General, year in, year out saying the Premier and this province is the best in this country. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No we are not speaking about that... [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Now when we hear hon member Mr Magaxa saying that this is the worst province under the DA, the DA is the best government in this country. [Interjections.] In 2014, in 2015 in our DA Federal Congress resolved... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. Hon member Mr Mngqasela, sorry, Chief Whip Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I rise in defence of the ability of this House to function as a debating House. The whole purpose of having a Parliament is to debate matters.

Ms M N GILLION: Nice strategy.

Mr M G E WILEY: This chorus on the other side now is suppressing the right of debate and free speech. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the point of order Madam Speaker?

Mr M G E WILEY: It is turning this place into a no-go zone for open debate and I would really ask you, you have spoken repeatedly now to the other side... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is your point of order?

Mr M G E WILEY: ...that you now rule on this matter.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip Mr Wiley.

An HON MEMBER: Which rule is that?

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

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion, yes, you may.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is it a [Inaudible.] I will show you now the point of order.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, can the hon Chief Whip of the Opposition before he gives guidance to the Speaker, give us the point of order according to the Rulebook please.

The SPEAKER: You may take your seat hon member Ms Gillion.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, Rule 39, “that no member may disrupt the speaker.”

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] So members, since this is becoming a workshop let me go to Rule 39:

“A member may not interrupt another member who is speaking except to call attention to a point of order or a question of privilege. Maintenance of order, Rule 41, must be maintained by the Presiding Officer...”

And it is in this context that I provided this House with guidance when we started the debate so as much as it is emotive and it is painful, let us be professional and let us manage ourselves and this House with dignity and decorum. That is my appeal to all members in this House on both sides, in both ventures, so if we could afford hon member Mr Mnqasela an opportunity to speak without being interrupted. You may proceed, hon member. [Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you Madam Speaker. I note with great respect one of the comrades who hid in Helen Zille’s house during the darkest days of apartheid and he would not dare to agree with the ANC that is sitting here... [Interjections.] The Deputy Minister of Rural Development, uZizi Mncebisi Skwatsha, he was one of those who hid there and Helen Zille then hired a car for him and his comrades, they drove the car to the border of Lesotho.[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member, please. Hon member Mr Mnqasela, kindly take your seat please. Please take your seat, hon member Mr Mnqasela. Hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Madam Speaker, can the hon member Mr Mnqasela refer to the Premier as hon Premier. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. Could you please kindly, member, this is the second word of caution. Please refer to the Premier as the hon, the Premier. Thank you.

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you Madam Speaker. I was using the right of privilege. [Laughter.] Thank you Madam Speaker. In 2015 in our DA Federal Congress we adopted Vision 2029 founded on the values of freedom, fairness and opportunity.

UNontsapho as we affectionately call her, is an undisputed embodiment of these values. [Interjections.] Nontsapho is one of the people that is loved by the people of Cape Town and the province. Not once did it dawn on me that today I would be standing here stating the obvious. [Interjections.]

In the darkest days of apartheid many comrades sought refuge in her Rosebank home. I have already stated the Deputy Minister but I can also say that uTony Yengeni, a good friend of mine and uMnyamezeli Booi. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr M MNQASELA: I will not mention you because you are not there.

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please. Hon member Mr Mngasela, hon please take your seat. [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, can I please address you for the second time.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, we have chosen this debate today not to make a mockery out of a tweet. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are making a mockery.

Ms M N GILLION: I need to know where is the relevance to the debate from that speaker and Madam Speaker, let me remind you that this is not a circus if we want to change it into that. Madam Speaker, for the last time, where is the relevance of this speaker into this debate? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip Mr Wiley, please just take your seat. Members,

if any circus is being created, we need to look at where the sound and the noise is coming from, but I am going to ask and I think it is appropriate that I actually read the request that the hon member Mr Magaxa forwarded to my office in terms of Rule 140, and that covered a broad spectrum so the response that the members are giving is in respect of the debate that was called by the hon member Mr Magaxa.

It talked about allegiance. It talked about breaking an oath of office. It talked about racism. It talked about colonialism, so it is a broad debate and sadly there is relevance in what the member is saying, so please members, you might not like what you are hearing, but afford the member an opportunity to do his presentation. You may proceed hon member Mr Mnqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, the likes of uBra Mnyamezeli Booi were hiding in Helen Zille's home. [Interjections.] You can hear this truth, it is very painful, because nobody in this House other than the ones that I have mentioned deserves to be called the same as I have called these comrades. She could have taken a popular approach like many in her community... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mnqasela, once again I have to ask you to take your seat. I must apologise. Hon member Mr Tyatyam are you raising on a point of order?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes, do you know how many people were arrested there?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam, that is not a point of order. You do not pose a question... [Interjections.] ...you do not pose. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Tyatyam, may I address you? You do not pose a question to a member. You pose your question through the Speaker to the hon member and if you continue in this way - no-no, hold on, I am addressing you. You went directly to that member. You need to direct me as the Chair and ask “will the hon member take a question?” So you are out of order and if you continue in this way I will continue with the process and we will go down the road of Rule 44. So I am asking you to please comply. [Interjections.]

Members, we cannot have you disregarding the authority of the Chair. It does not work that way. You may proceed, hon member.

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, hon Helen Zille could have taken a popular approach like many did in her community.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Like you did [Inaudible.]

Mr M MNQASELA: The approach that said †“die swart is gevaar.” [black is danger] [Interjections.] But she did not do that. She chose the hardest route. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: She insulted black women.

Mr M MNQASELA: This was the time when it was fashionable for any white

South African to become a racist. Due to the politics of convenience at the time... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...she chose the hard route.

An HON MEMBER: She was wearing a sheepskin. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: She joined forces with the majority of South Africans... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: True colours are showing.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...and identified with the struggles of the black majority and fought side by side with us. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Her true colours are showing. She is wearing a sheepskin.

Mr M MNQASELA: She was taken for questioning by the apartheid police many times for her role in the struggle.

Ms P MAKELENI: That was her disguise.

Mr M MNQASELA: Her crime was to associate and identify with the struggle

of the black majority - that was her crime, by the white minority government during apartheid. The ANC does not know that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Poor speech nè.

Mr M MNQASELA: The Helen Zille that I know is honest, trustworthy, humble, ethical, and above all a humanitarian who has helped even people that she did not know in Khayelitsha, in Gugulethu, in Philippi, in Langa, in Nyanga, Mitchells Plain and in Bonteheuwel and in many other communities.

Ms P MAKELENI: False pretence.

Mr M MNQASELA: Ukuba ke uza apha uze kuzenza unopopi, ufune ukuba masibe sixoxa sigxwala emswaneni ngento engekho. Asizukukwazi ukuma apha sixoke sithi uNontsapho unobuhlanga. Xa niphelwe yingxoxo asizukuma apha sibe sixoxa imfitshimfitshi ecetywe yiANC. [Uphazamiseko.]

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Mr M MNQASELA: If then you come here and go on like a doll, and want us to argue over nothing, we will not be able to stand here and lie and say Nontsapho is a racist. If you have run out of facts, we will not stand here and argue over nonsense that has been planned by the ANC. [Interjections.]]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: When most middleclass South Africans would have left the township when it gets dark... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What about the tweets!

An HON MEMBER: She is actually loving it.

Mr M MNQASELA: Hon Zille would have stayed behind. She was once shot... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Nothing on the tweets!

Mr M MNQASELA: ...driving from my house after our strategy meeting in my home in my parent's home in Khayelitsha.

Ms S W DAVIDS: What about the tweets?

Ms M N GILLION: What about this?

Mr M MNQASELA: But Helen Zille was committed to building DA structures in black communities and did not shy away from going to townships many times, even after she was shot at in Khayelitsha, in Makhaza. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon member Mr Mnqasela, will you take your seat.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: What about the spies...
[Inaudible.] That is where he was going. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion, Minister Fritz, can I call you both to order please. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Amandla!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Lekker, your hon member Ms Gillion just alluded to a circus. Please do not make it that. I want to provide you guidance on members displaying placards inside the Chamber. I do not... [Interjections.] Please listen! I do not want to interfere with the way in which members choose to express themselves in this House, but I have a duty to protect the dignity and decorum of the House and to make sure that we transact our business in an orderly manner. However, placards containing offensive or unbecoming language directed at a member of the House will not be tolerated. [Interjections.]

I would like to remind members of a previous ruling where a member was requested to refrain from displaying placards in a disruptive manner. It might not be offensive but if it disrupts the proceedings I will make a ruling on it. So I appeal to members for your support in this regard. You may proceed. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Mnqasela, you might want to close off. I think you are pretty close to your time being expired.

Mr M MNQASELA: Yes. [Interjections.] I am almost there, Madam Speaker.

Mr P UYS: No speech!

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, the DA is a party that believes in freedom... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In colonialism.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...that believes in equality before the law, a party that believes in non-racialism. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And racism.

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, hon Zille, when I joined this party it was very difficult to understand that the DA needs to grow beyond its traditional base... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member Mr Mnqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...but it was hon Zille who said we need to grow our support base and we need to reach out to all South Africans.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired.

Mr M MNQASELA: This is an important task of this debate and the Premier will respond. [Time expired.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable, thank you. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Joseph, will you please take your seat before I recognise you. You are making it so difficult for me as a presiding officer. Hon member Ms Davids says: "That is no speech..." This one says that, that one says that. This is a debate that was scheduled. Times were allocated to speakers to present a perspective or a point of view and I think in terms of maintaining the dignity and decorum of the House please compose yourself and afford the person who is on the platform the opportunity to speak. Heckling and interjection is allowed but an ongoing commentary is certainly not. It is inappropriate. I see the hon member Bernard Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you Madam Speaker. I must upfront indicate that I note that the facial expression of the DA in the province is full of stress today. [Laughter.]

The EFF wants to state that we do not intervene in the internal affairs of any political party, but the mere fact that the racially inclined posts of Premier Zille was investigated and recommendations made to the DA Federal Council smacks of total ignorance of South African and African history.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: The same Glynnis Breytenbach was called to order by her party, the DA, for a racist retweet mentioning that they miss the P W Botha era. Now she investigates a co-conspirator in a racist tweet.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Premier Zille stems from the old English guard who smiles with you, showing her front teeth, but grind you with their molars.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is hy!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go!]

Mnr B JOSEPH: We live in a very sensitive environment in the Western Cape; an environment which experienced the first colonial atrocities, and is still reeling under the after-effects of colonialism. It is an archaeological fact that the north development has its origins in Africa and specifically from Southern Africa.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Tell them.

Mr B D JOSEPH: That is why we have the heritage sites like the Cradle of Mankind. To nullify such developments is disingenuous to the extreme and a disregard of the contributions of Africans to modern science. It is this kind of actions that do not want to acknowledge contributions made by black people such as Hamilton Naki in respect of the first successful heart transplant.

At a later stage we will also argue the real figures behind Gugulethu Seven. It has become common knowledge that whites listen to suggestions of improvements by blacks, discarded it, and after three to six months come up with the same suggestions and claim it as their own just because black people do not know the channels to register the suggestions with the relevant authorities. Colonialism therefore Madam Speaker...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ...was and is still used to suppress black people.

The SPEAKER: Please finish off.

Mr B D JOSEPH: The EFF therefore requests Premier Zille to do the honourable thing and immediately resign as Premier of the Western Cape because of her racist tweet. I thank you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi, mooi! Daai is pragtig.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good, good! That is excellent.]

The SPEAKER: Now if we could just maintain that same kind of silence that was afforded hon member Mr Joseph while he spoke. I now see the hon member, I see the hon Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Madam Speaker. It is very telling that we

find ourselves in a debate on the tweets of the Premier of the Western Cape when the topic put forward for this sitting comes from a party with an illustrious track record of insult, blatant racism, a total lack of compassion for the poor and of course a complete and utter disregard... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: You are too young to [Inaudible.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...for the Constitution of South Africa. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: The fact that the ANC wants to debate a recent set of tweets by the Premier following her trip to Singapore speaks volumes for the party's complete about turn with regard to its own conduct by its members. [Interjections.]

South Africa has known and witnessed on numerous occasions, Madam Speaker, the ANC... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are missing the point.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Listen!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are missing the point. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...the ANC's reckless hurtful and often violent inciting remarks for which it has never taken any form of remedial action on any of its members. Let us take the hon members of the ANC on a trip down memory lane to remind...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mitchell, please take your seat, hon member Mr Mitchell. Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Madam Speaker, before the member goes...

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is, yes.

The SPEAKER: Speak to me please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, can I, Madam Speaker, before he goes down to memory lane, ask the speaker if he agrees with the tweets by Helen Zille. It is a question.

The SPEAKER: You are asking, you are requesting me to ask the member if he will take a question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You cannot ask me the question. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And it is the same question.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mitchell, will you take a question?

Mr D G MITCHELL: No.

The SPEAKER: He has declined your request to take a question. You may proceed hon member Mr Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, let us take the hon members of the ANC on a trip down memory lane to remind them that this debate is an act of sheer hypocrisy. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, the ANC has on many occasions displayed a racist and classist attitude to many people in South Africa. Let us not forget that in our most recent State of the Nation Address the DA's Chief Whip was told to f-off by an ANC MP simply because he criticised the President during a sitting. Where was the ANC when an hon member of our Parliament was blatantly sworn at for doing his job? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: During that very same sitting, another ANC MP referred to a DA MP as a “straatmeid.” [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat, hon member Mr Mitchell. Hon member Ms Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker, I just want to know what is the relevance of his input. What is the relevance? We are not in the National Parliament now. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No. Hon member Ms Davids, let me once again draw your attention and that of all the members in this House to the request, which I received from your leader and in the request it raised numerous topics, which includes all the matters that are being discussed so the debate sadly is an open one. [Interjections.]

No-no-no, hold on, I am speaking, members. I am speaking. I got a request in terms of Rule 140. I acceded to that request. The responses you are getting is based on the request for the debate so it is not for me as a presiding officer to determine and tell members how to answer and not to answer but I am sure the document would have been circulated to the members so that gives the

context. Thank you. [Interjection.]

Chief Whip Mr Wiley. Hon member Mr Mitchell please take your seat.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you Madam Speaker. The Rules are clear about frivolous points of order. Now we have had numerous of them. I would ask please that should it continue that you rule strongly against it. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip. Sorry, hon member Mr Olivier or hon member Mr Dugmore, who is first?

Mr C M DUGMORE: On a point of order.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, I would like to request you to recuse yourself from this debate. We have had hon member Mr Mnqasela who did not speak at all to the issue of the tweets, yet you did not respond to points of order in regard to the fact that he was off-topic. We now have the same from hon member Mr Mitchell and once again if you look at the tweet - at least, not the tweet, the Order Paper, it says “the recent Singapore tweets by the Premier and the public response.”

Now Madam Speaker, with the greatest of respect, we expect you to keep

members to respond and tell us what do they feel about the Premier's tweets, yet you are defending hon member Mr Mnqasela, hon member, and hon member Mr Mitchell from legitimate points of order because they are not sticking to the topic and I would request you to recuse yourself from this chairing and ask the Deputy Speaker to chair this debate... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! .

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...because we are not having a fair chairing of this session. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, Chief Whip Mr Wiley, if you could just take your seat please. I just want to deal with the point of order as raised by the hon member Mr Dugmore and I am now going to quote from the request which I received.

The matter to discuss is the latest Twitter messages by Premier Helen Zille that caused a public outcry as it is part of her ongoing campaign to attack people of colour, insult citizens, smooth over colonialism, renege on her oath to uphold the Constitution to heal the divisions of the past and embarrass our Legislature, province and country.

Now in the context of that subject matter I am allowing the debate to proceed. I do not believe that I am biased. I have not had sight of anyone's input so unfortunately you cannot request the speaker to be removed unless it

comes via a substantive motion. So hon member Mr Dugmore, I would preside over this sitting for the rest of the day.

Chief Whip Mr Wiley. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: May I address you briefly on this matter as far as the topic is concerned as in the Order Paper. The recent Singapore tweets by the Premier, the public response and the ramifications thereof. Madam Speaker, when last I looked, we are public representatives. We are allowed to speak on behalf of the public which is what we are doing on this side of the House. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] And finally, hon member Mr Tyatyam, if I could just finally address you, I had a brief engagement with the Chief Whip of your party this morning regarding the topic of debate so I do not think that we need to now have a go at each other around who is being fair and unfair but I think we should allow the debate to proceed as it is an open debate and I think the matters that are presented are relevant so you may proceed hon member Mr Mitchell. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Madam Speaker. During the very... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Mr Olivier! Hon member Mr Mitchell, please take your seat. Hon member Mr Olivier is on his feet.

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

The SPEAKER: Yes you may.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I accept your ruling... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Which rule?

Ms P MAKELENI: Can you listen?

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...that we must use a substantive motion to remove you as Chair. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Correct. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which rule?

Mr R T OLIVIER: But Madam Speaker, we just want to put on record as this side of the House that we are not happy with the manner in how you are conducting this debate. It is clear, Madam Speaker, you have raised it yourself how many times that it is about the Singapore tweets of the Premier, but obviously you are turning a blind eye on for example hon member Mr Mnqasela, who gave us his whole biography up until the end, how they met, who was where, and what. It has nothing to do with the tweets.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Now we are going down memory lane and I hope that memory lane is about the tweets, unless Madam Speaker, we understand how this DA list of speakers... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is now a speech. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I am addressing the issue of the tweets, please, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Olivier. Your point will certainly be noted. However, I am going to allow the debate to proceed. Hon member Mr Mitchell you may proceed.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Madam Speaker. During the very same sitting, an ANC MP referred to a DA MP as a “straatmeid.” [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, the ANC labels the Premier of the Western Cape a racist. They seem to think that they are the sole custodian of independent thought among black South Africans. Vote for the ANC and you are a true black citizen, but choose to vote for the DA and you are a sell-out.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear.

Mr D G MITCHELL: It is rich that we are here to debate the comments made by the Premier when the ANC patronises and belittles black South Africans every day just because they choose to think differently.

The ANC is racist towards black voters who vote differently and see through the lies of the ruling party, by under-estimating the capacity of free thought and freedom of choice. If the topic of today's debate rings true, the ANC needs to look into the mirror and regulate itself.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, let us not forget the complete and utter disdain the ANC showed South African voters.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The ANC.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Just in 2013 ahead of our last national elections the now Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Where is the tweets?

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...rejected the concerns of protestors angry at yet another service delivery failure by the ANC. [Interjections.] She referred to

them as dirty votes. How can the ANC have put forward this debate today when its very own members have become so fat on power and elitism that they can treat the grievances of our citizens as an inconvenience and a joke.

Where was the ANC to reprimand Nomvula? [Interjections.] Just two weeks ago, Parliament held a debate on the terrifying farm murders in South Africa; during that sitting where the horrific account of a South African woman's torture was being detailed by an MP... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Racism.

Mr D G MITCHELL: The ANC's Duduzile Manana shouted: "Bury them alive." [Interjections.] Where was the ANC's outrage against racism when one of its very own members called for a cruel and violent death to white South African farmers? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mitchell, please take your seat. Hon member Mr Olivier are you rising on a point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, can you guide us, what is happening now?

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Die waarheid maak seer. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The truth hurts.

[Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Can you please guide us. Maybe we are not in the House, but can you guide us as to what is now happening? [Interjections.]

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: Where is the tweets in what is now said? Please Madam Speaker, can you guide us as the Madam Speaker of this House... [Interjection.]

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: Because we are not debating on the issue at hand which the Leader of the Opposition has asked.

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: We are now debating memory lane of the African National Congress. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, well may I then respond. The debate as I said at the beginning is a wide one based on the topic. [Interjections.]

No-no, the debate was around a topic to be discussed which included racism

and the fact that I have not got sight of what members prepare, but it is relevant in terms of the debate. We are talking about racism. [Interjections.]
Hon member Ms Gillion.

An HON MEMBER: Wrong speech.

Ms M N GILLION: May I please address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes you may. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We cannot listen to that.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Sit down and listen, otherwise you [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Can you please protect me? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please Minister Plato. There is a speaker on the floor.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Minister Plato!

The SPEAKER: Minister Plato, yes hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, this is the third time I am rising about

the relevance of this debate. Please give guidance to the House. It is what is printed on this Order Paper and what is happening in this sitting are two different things. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: This is a [Inaudible.]. That is what is happening here.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion, thank you for your guidance, but as I said this morning, the Chief Whip engaged me and expressed the concern that hon member Mr Magaxa was concerned that his topic was not put down as the topic for debate. In the topic we debate we talk about all the matters reneging, everything that is being addressed in contained in the letter sent to me.

HON MEMBERS: No! No!

The SPEAKER: My apologies, but that is the reality of this debate. So I would like to express and ask the hon member Mr Mitchell to proceed.

An HON MEMBER: No Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Mr Olivier, you have raised numerous points of order... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes, but I am not happy... [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I will allow you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Which rule?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, through you, it is your rule, you read the Rules.

The SPEAKER: No-no, we do not speak like that in this House hon member Mr Olivier.

Ms M N GILLION: Then you must also not speak like that.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: We do not.

Mr R T OLIVIER: But you allow them to just proceed [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: We do not do that.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, it is exactly for that reason...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: We do not engage each other directly.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, it is exactly for that reason. You reprimand me but he is making a comment and you are quiet.

†Me S W DAVIDS: Ja.

[Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.]

The SPEAKER: We firstly, hon member Mr Olivier, are honourable members and we speak through the Chair. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, can I accept in this House through you, that the Democratic Alliance is in support of the tweets of the Premier. Then I am happy with the debate. If that is the case... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Olivier, that is not a point of order, unfortunately it does not constitute a point of order. I would have to rule you out of order. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I am addressing you. I am not raising a point of order. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No but it is not - you cannot... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: I am not raising a point of order.

The SPEAKER: You cannot ask me for an opinion. I am a presiding officer.

I do not have an opinion. I am here to ensure that the House is managed procedurally. Sorry, hon member Mr Olivier. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I was addressing you. I was not raising a point of order. I am saying if we accept that this is the... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: On which rule are you raising that?

Mr R T OLIVIER: You have the rulebook in front of you Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Of course I have. [Interjections.]

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

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: I am saying, Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, please take your seat.

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

The SPEAKER: No, hon member Mr Olivier, allow me to address you. You will not disrespect me. [Interjections.] So you will not tell me that there is a rulebook in front of me. I have tried to provide you with clarity on a letter

which I have received from your party that makes this debate wide as it is. The fact that you cannot stomach what is coming out here now, it is actually disrupting the proceedings of the House. I have made the point, I have said I will allow the debate to proceed and that is exactly the basis on which we are going to allow this debate to proceed. So I do not know, you cannot ask me for an opinion. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I want you to proceed with this. I am not saying stop it, but all I am saying... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Under which rule?

Mr R T OLIVIER: If you do not give guidance on the topic at hand then we can raise anything and I said, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I have, hon member Mr Olivier, provided you with guidance.

Mr R T OLIVIER: But then you are abusing your powers now.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, I provided you with guidance regarding the debate and in my opinion I believe that the responses are relevant. [Interjections.] No. Chief Whip Mr Wiley. [Interjections.] Sorry, hon member Mr Mitchell, your patience will be appreciated.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I must ask that we do abide by the Rules

with regard to Rule 45 which is that if a member is constantly in breach, that they be held to account... [Interjections.] ...and I must ask that this is just grandstanding from their side. [Interjections.] We have been exceptionally tolerant from this side and so have you from the Chair. If we are a country of constitutionalism and free speech and free debate, then this is an example of how it is not done and I would really appeal to you, please. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip. Hon member Makeleni. I will see the hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Madam Speaker. May I address you please?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, yes, there was a subject for discussion submitted by hon member Mr Magaxa that you agree with.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: You have read it to us. Then you decided it good to summarise that into what is on the Order Paper today.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr P UYS: But what is on the Order Paper was a matter of real urgency to

South Africa and the Western Cape and even broader. Now where does that come from? It is not a normal debate that we have here. It came directly from the tweets that the Premier made, and nothing else. Do you agree with me on that Madam Speaker, and therefore the debate is really around the tweets and what we see here... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: No, do not interrupt... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: What we see here, Madam Speaker, is that we are deviating from that and maybe we must tell each other, let us accept that the DA have no argument in defending the Premier. They have no argument at all. [Interjections.] They used the most junior people here to be in the debate, the most junior! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Order, order please members. Sorry, Minister Winde and Chief Whip Mr Wiley! Hon member Mr Uys, I am not agreeing, except to say that I do not believe, there is something called ageism and to say someone is too young or too junior, we are all equal members in this Chamber, irrespective of our age... [Interjections.] So it is not the first time that someone has called it, talk to ageism and I would like to say that every member in this Chamber has an opportunity to speak that is fair and it should

not be based on how old he or she is, whether he is black or white, or anything. Thank you.

Mr P UYS: I must help there, sorry, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip take your seat please. [Interjections.] I am just going to... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: I must just... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit, sit, sit down.

Mr P UYS: I must just explain that because I was not... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, it is not a point of order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit!

The SPEAKER: Ja okay, sorry.

Mr P UYS: I was not speaking against any of the members here, but Madam Speaker, you know where we sit. Number one, number two, number three, the front bench and then where do we see the back-benchers? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon member Mr Uys, sorry, excuse me!

Mr P UYS: Your junior... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys the party can choose. Your party can choose who they wish to have as speakers.

Mr P UYS: It is all junior!

The SPEAKER: So any party can choose who they wish to have as speakers. I have no sight of the speakers. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Why are you defending it?

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order please. Let me say I have no sight of a speakers list until it gets distributed to everybody so I am not defending any case, but that is not a point of order. Chief Whip Mr Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I must address you on this matter. The hon Daylin Mitchell is the Chairperson of the Premier's Standing Committee. He is fully entitled to represent the Premier in this regard. This red herring from the other side is outrageous. If hon member Mr Uys wanted to make a speech he should have taken some of the time of the ANC. [Interjections.].

Ms M N GILLION: Where are the tweets?

The SPEAKER: Can I, members ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The tweet it outrageous!

The SPEAKER: Can I request that everyone just take your seat. Take a deep breath, regain your composure. Minister Winde was the next person to be recognised after the Chief Whip. Minister Winde, are you rising on a point of order?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much Madam Speaker, on a point of order, an order of this debate. The precedent was set by the person who asked for this debate and that initial debate was a very wide speech that was made by the Leader of the Opposition. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No sit down!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: He went way wider than a tweet and he set the scene for this debate. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Winde. Hon member Mr Magaxa,

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, can I address you on this matter?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And try to assist this House, because my problem really is that we are just playing games here. The issue here, even when I opened my debate I tried to just drive everybody to the content as to why we are here. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: No.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I even quoted... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Keep quiet Premier.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Sorry, so sorry Premier.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr K E MAGAXA: I even quoted the contents.

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon member Mr Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, I deliberately quoted the content of the tweet from Madam, both of them, you know, and... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please Premier.

Mr K E MAGAXA: My whole input was around the issue of colonialism, you know. I never went any broader. I stick to that because that was the motive behind the whole debate.

Ms M N GILLION: You cannot defend her.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The debate was trying to expose both the DA and the ANC where we stand in relation to colonialism in this country...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Therefore I expected everybody to engage around that matter, so that we see if the DA has a different opinion from us.
[Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, protect our... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry. Chief Whip.

Ms M N GILLION: Because he is speaking and then the Chief Whip is on her feet. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: This debate was scheduled for a total of an hour. We are already over that hour and we are not even through our second speaker.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because you do not have speeches.

Mr M G E WILEY: I would really ask that we are allowed to continue with this debate in an orderly fashion.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is all over the place.

The SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you Chief Whip. Sorry, hon member Mr Mitchell, there is another point of order. Hon member Mr Dugmore.
[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you Madam Speaker. We have raised the point...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, if I could just address you on this matter. The topic printed and requested by hon member Mr Magaxa is about quotes in support of colonialism or aspects of colonialism. Not once was the word colonialism used by hon member Mr Mnqasela ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Keep quiet!

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Or hon member Mr Mitchell. So Madam Speaker, you would understand that from our point of view in terms of requesting fairness... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You cannot decide for us what we must say!

Mr C M DUGMORE: We have had situations where we talk about budget votes and people bring us back to the point, but hon member Mr Mitchell is about to finish his speech not having addressed the issue of colonialism at all. [Interjections.]

What we are asking for is fairness in terms of how you guide this debate. Surely someone has to comment on the issue of colonialism, whether it was good or bad for our country [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: I will speak about that.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...what were the particular views, and the Premier is intimidating me as I am speaking... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So it is just, Madam Speaker, all I am saying is in terms of your chairing we do think it is fair to request that you at least ask members to refer to colonialism - at least. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore, your comment is noted. Chief Whip Mr Wiley... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I would... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Before you address me, may I just say there was a request to get on with this debate. I provided the guidelines in terms of the request that was submitted to my office and I expect that we will continue with this debate. I unfortunately, members of the Opposition of whichever parties, the ruling party, I do not determine the content of the presentations. My duty as a presiding officer is to maintain order in the House. So I am saying, let us get this debate back on the road and please allow the hon member Mr Mitchell to proceed, but I see the Chief Whip on his feet once again. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: I must say, Madam Speaker, that the Premier who is the subject of this debate, is still going to speak.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that what she told you?

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr M G E WILEY: And she will clarify should any clarification be needed, but this is not about the topics that the ANC is raising. It is about the broader topic. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Hon Chief Whip.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, no, let us be calm about this. It is not about the Premier replying. This is really about the topic that was raised here. Can we proceed, but we really ask you, bring us back. If we cannot, we know they cannot say anything. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Dijana. Sorry hon member Mr Mitchell.

Ms T M DIJANA: [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: May we continue?

The SPEAKER: Order please Minister Fritz.

An HON MEMBER: You defend your Premier.

Ms M N GILLION: Why do you not speak to [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Madam Speaker, I just needed clarity, is it parliamentary that MEC Dan Plato called this side of the House mushrooms. [Interjections.]

Are we mushrooms or honourables because I understand that all of us, we are honourables here. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Ms Dijana. Hon Minister Plato, may I address you please. Minister Plato, may I address you please. Have you indeed said that the members on the other side of the House were mushrooms? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, may I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I said the ANC members jump up ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And the Chief Whip.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...time and again, time and again, like mushrooms because they do not get the desired outcome of the debate they want. That is the issue. [Interjections.] They want us to debate an issue to their tune. Who are they to decide for us what we must do in this House and what we must say in this House? They must keep their mouths shut about that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Plato... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We will decide the contents of our debate this afternoon. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Plato, please take your seat. Minister Plato, I would like to ask you to withdraw your comment regarding the mushrooms, in the interest of getting on with the debate, please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, I duly withdraw.

The SPEAKER: Thank you so much. Thank you. Hon member Mr Mitchell you may proceed.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Madam Speaker. The comment made by the hon Chief Whip of the Opposition is exactly why there is a lost generation in South Africa today, because of the discrimination against young people. [Interjections.] But I want to advise the hon member Mr Uys that I am old enough to know that he was part of the NP during apartheid.

The very same sentiments were observed just last year when ANC MP Bongani Mkongi called for a Zuma must fall billboard along with its occupants to be burnt down. Again, where was the ANC to condemn this brutal call to violence? [Interjections.]

The ANC has been in complete violation of the South African Constitution on many occasions. On Heritage Day Jacob Zuma claimed that same sex marriages are disgraceful stating, and I quote:

“Homosexuals could not stand in front of me. I would knock them out.”

Where was the ANC’s outrage when their own President incited violence against a group in our society whose rights are explicitly protected by our Constitution?

Where was the ANC’s outrage when Jacob Zuma in complete contravention of the Constitution... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mitchell please take your seat. [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Beerwinkel are you rising on a point of order? [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, my point of order is going to necessitate that I need to ask you a question first. Will you allow me? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: No!

Ms M N GILLION: Are you the Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Order please members. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You brought us to this place. You want us to keep quiet?

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, if you are rising, you can rise on a point of order. What is your point of order?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I would like to know when this Order Paper is handed out, does everybody get the same Order Paper?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Because if what is written here is as a matter of urgent public importance the recent Singapore tweets by the Premier and your defence of what was added... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Can I please be protected from somebody that is not even the Speaker... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You see that is the problem. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! You may proceed hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is the problem. No tweet.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We do not have the background of the information that was added to the request that was sent to you... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She wants to clarify.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, how do these members know what else was added, because this is all we see. How do they know what else was added to this tweet? [Interjections.] This is the tweet that we are discussing. What else do they know that we do not know? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Ms Beerwinkel. [Interjections.] Order Chief Whip. I would expect that if a party brought a matter of urgent importance to the House all members would be briefed on what was contained therein and I am really sorry that there seems to be a communication issue... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, that is not the issue. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No-no, clearly there is, because I am very clear on the letter which I received and it does seem to me as if certain members have not seen the letter. The fact that the Chief Whip came... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not the letter. It is not on the Order Paper.

The SPEAKER: No-no, the Chief Whip came to clarify with me this morning the balance of the debate and I explained to the Chief Whip why I had condensed the topic because the request from the hon member Mr Magaxa was for the matter to discuss and as I read it previously, so I suspect some of you might not have seen it which is why there is seemingly this disarray. So we took the letter, I précised. It is in the Speaker's discretion to reduce the topic to one that is readable so that it is not a motivation but I would have expected that as members of the ANC you would have known what was in the document that was sent to me because this is clearly where the matter lies.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you for the explanation Madam Speaker. May I address you again?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: If then Madam Speaker, you are saying that in your wisdom you reduced or condensed the content of the Leader of the Opposition's request then it is more necessary that you ask that side of the House to respect your condensation of what it was. That is what you are saying. The tweet, you put it there, there is no respect for your request for what should be discussed here. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Members, if I can, let me just explain. A question or a topic

for debate gets onto the Order Paper. How members choose to respond to that topic of debate we normally question the relevance.

However, there is a background to this topic which I think is being raised. Unfortunately I cannot rule on the content of what is presented. So I am really sorry that we cannot see that it is bigger than just what is there, but unfortunately I am going to have to allow the debate to proceed.

You may proceed hon member Mr Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Madam Speaker. The hon Leader of the Opposition also referred to the Premier in his opening remarks as a “raving racist”, so I am responding to that. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please. [Inaudible.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Where was the ANC’s outrage when Jacob Zuma in complete contravention of the Constitution condemned homosexuality in our country? Let us not forget also that the ANC’s Jimmy Manyi in 2010 said that the Western Cape had an over-concentration of Coloureds. Where was the ANC to condemn this racist statement? Why has the ANC called for this debate when they failed to reprimand racism in their own organisation? [Interjections.]

The ANC is a party of hypocrites. This party put forward an entire debate on

the Premier's tweets calling for a positive way forward from our past when they have mocked, ridiculed and incited violence in South Africa for many years. Furthermore the ANC has flouted the Constitution...

[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Who wrote your speech?

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...the very fabric of our country's system of human rights and protection on a daily basis. I will leave you with this remark by Jacob Zuma and I quote:

“The ANC is more important than the Constitution.”

Why has the ANC called for this debate when the leader has admitted to and repeatedly acted upon his belief that the ANC does not answer to the Constitution? [Interjections.]

The President's violation of the laws of the land of the past eight years is one thing, but for an entire party's deafening silence towards his actions is very telling. [Interjections.] The ANC asked for this debate over the Premier's tweets; then for years and years has ignored and justified racism incitement to violence and the disregard for the Constitution. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, this is the ultimate form of hypocrisy. I thank you.
[Interjections.]

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

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Order please. I see the hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the ACDP is very clear on this matter. Colonialism like apartheid was wrong...

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...especially when it comes to exploiting resources.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: As the ACDP we can never defend the gross violation of human rights when it comes to colonialism.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But Madam Speaker, as a Christian party we believe the Premier in the media said: "I apologise." And as a Christian party we say forgive; forgive because †die Bybel is baie duidelik waar dit sê hy wat nie sonde het nie, gooi die eerste klip. [the Bible is very clear where it says, he who is without sin, throw the first stone.]

So I want to speak about reconciliation. I want to speak about the fact that this debate is dividing us more and more because we are throwing stones. So I also believe that this debate is premature because the DA has got their own internal procedures and we needed to wait for that first before we had the debate. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So as leaders, I expected us to speak about peace and how do we reconcile because we are examples outside and yet we are not doing that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Ms Davids.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So Madam Speaker, I say...

Mr C M DUGMORE: No reconciliation.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I want to say that, †die wat nie foute maak nie, gooi die eerste klip. Die wat nie foute maak nie - ons almal maak foute. [those who do not make mistakes, throw the first stone. Those who do not make mistakes – we all make mistakes.] But I think we must be man enough and I think the Premier will not do it again; †en sy het [and she did] apologise, but then the ANC must move on. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But they are denying it. They are not apologising.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: There are more important things than this debate. Just this morning I heard and I got it on my cell phone a girl was again found in Mitchells Plain, killed, and we are debating these tweets. [Interjections.]

So Madam Speaker, I believe we must get our priorities right as leaders and debate important issues. I thank you. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No this is a more important issue... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Christians. [Applause.] [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Davids please refrain from pointing your finger at hon member Mr Christians and attacking his Christianity or his Bible or whatever it is you are doing. †Asseblief, eerbare. [Please, honourable.] May I now call on the hon the Minister Debbie Schäfer. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the [Inaudible.] Will you tell us?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Speaker.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: That is your reaction because she is white.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Ja, that is exactly right.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: That is your reaction.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Madam Speaker, as I begin...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. Hon Minister Schäfer, please take your seat.
[Interjections.] Sorry members, I do not know what is causing such a commotion. [Interjections.] Minister Plato, hon Minister Plato!

Minister Winde will you just put your head back please so I can - may I please request your cooperation Minister Plato? People, you simply cannot engage in debates across the floor without even going through the Speaker so let us retain our composure and let us proceed with dignity and afford the speaker an opportunity to present. I see the honourable the Minister. Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Speaker. As I begin I cannot help but notice the irony of having a snap debate on this matter which is provided for in terms of the Rules... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the irony?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...that are largely based on the colonial

Westminster System and that after this sitting we and in fact I have just received the notice of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting, but be that as it may.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the irony?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Just keep quiet and listen.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Maybe if I can finish my speech you will understand. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The ANC has publicly called for the Premier to be recalled and axed as a result of the matter under discussion today. This debate is not about the internal DA processes currently underway and which will not be pre-empted by the boding of the Premier's detractors who have been salivating for the last two weeks over this matter.

In order for a Premier to be removed she would have to have breached her oath of office in terms of the South African Constitution... [Interjections.] ...and I am going to confine myself to this unfounded and quite frankly hypocritical allegation or insinuation by the ANC. [Interjections.] Breaching an oath of office is a very serious matter and allegations or insinuations to that effect should not be made lightly. I would like to state some context for

this debate... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What context?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And please listen to this. Madam Speaker, I will be getting to a conclusion, by examining the kinds of things... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...that do.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the context for that?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I would like to set some context by examining the kind of things that do amount to breaching an oath of office.

Mr C M DUGMORE: What about the tweets? [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Let us start with President Zuma. One of the fundamental tenets of the oath of office for both the President and the Premier, is upholding the South African Constitution. Another part of the oath in the case of the President enjoins the President to devote himself to the wellbeing of the Republic and all of its people. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You could do better than taking your plight to Pretoria.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The same President has for his entire term of office promoted the wellbeing only of himself and his cronies. He has used the State coffers to finance his personal mission of avoiding appearing in court on 783 criminal charges that have been hanging over his head since before he was even elected President.

An HON MEMBER: Tell us about the tweets. †Asseblief man. [Please, man.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will get to the tweet, if I am allowed to. He has presided over the systematic undermining of vital institutions of State especially the NPA as well as the distraction of state-owned enterprises such as Eskom, SAA and the SABC. He single-handedly knocked billions of rands off the value of the JSE with the firing of Minister Nene and appears to be hell-bent on finishing what he started. It does not appear to be sufficient for him that we are teetering on the brink of junk status. He appears to want to push us right over it.

The shenanigans at the Saxonwold Shebeen have seen the Zuptas looting State coffers day by day. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where are the tweets?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is reported that the President's new

aeroplane and I am sure it was reported on Twitter as well... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...is to even have a special safe for foreign currency. Why on earth does one need that when we have credit cards? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer please take your seat. Hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, for the last time, the relevance of the Zupta and the Saxonwold Shebeen... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Did you say Zupta?

Mr S G TYATYAM: She was saying it.

The SPEAKER: Oh.

Ms S W DAVIDS: She said Zupta. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: She was saying it, but I am asking you, Madam Speaker. We are begging you now. Can you use your authority to guide the House?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam, unfortunately I provided guidance to the House on more than two occasions so I am going to allow the Minister to proceed. You may proceed hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am giving examples of what it is to violate an oath of office.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please man.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am sure we can guess why the President's plane needs a special safe for foreign currency. Perhaps that is why he wants the rand to go into freefall. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What are you actually saying? Open your mouth man.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Under President Zuma corruption has not only continued unabated, it has flourished completely facilitated by him. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No relevance.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Family and cronies are becoming wealthier and wealthier whilst the vast majority of our people are becoming poorer and poorer and of course we all know how he has personally enriched himself and his family home at Nkandla. [Interjections.]

In the judgment of none less than the Constitutional Court it was stated:

“The President thus failed to uphold, defend and respect the Constitution as the supreme law of the land. This failure is manifest from the substantial disregard for the remedial action taken against him by the Public Protector in terms of her Constitutional powers.”

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is breach of office.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer will you take your seat please? Yes hon member Ms Davids?

†Me S W DAVIDS: Dankie Agb Speaker. Ek gaan nou Afrikaans praat. Agb Speaker, ons praat hier van iets wat die agbare Premier gedoen het, 'n *tweet*. Kan ons net by die *tweet* kom asseblief. Wat is Zuma se grond - wil hulle nou Zuma se grond ook hê? Los Zuma se grond en Nkandla en kom terug na wat die agbare Premier gesê het. Kom daarnatoe toe terug asseblief. Wat is die *relevance* waarvan hulle praat?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am now going to speak in

Afrikaans. Madam Speaker, we are speaking here of something the hon Premier has done, a tweet. Can we just please get back to the tweet. What has Zuma's land – do they now want Zuma's land as well? Leave Zuma's land and Nkandla alone and come back to what the hon Premier had said. Come back to that, please. What is the relevance of what they are talking about?]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids [Interjections.]

†Me S W DAVIDS: Hulle kan haar nie *defend* nie, want sy het 'n verkeerde ding gedoen.

[Ms S W DAVIDS: They cannot defend her, because she has done something wrong.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, that is firstly not a point of order. The matter is around the fact that there was an allegation that the Premier reneged on her oath to uphold the Constitution and I think the relevance of what Minister Schäfer is bringing is what it takes to uphold an oath, so I deem it relevant and we will proceed. You may proceed Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Speaker. As I was saying that is a breach of the oath of office and what has the ANC done about that? Well, we can all see - not a thing!

Then let us turn to the Minister of Social Development, Minister Bathabile Dlamini. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is the wrong speech.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: 17 million people in South Africa are dependent on her to receive the money ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...they need to survive every month. The contract to provide these grants was declared constitutionally invalid in 2013. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are saying this is right. You are saying this was right.

The SPEAKER: Excuse me Minister Schäfer, will you take your seat please. Hon member Ms Davids, I am going to address you in terms of Rule 44. If a presiding officer is of the opinion that a member is deliberately contravening provision of these Rules, now I have repeatedly cautioned you around interjecting. You are now flashing your pamphlets in the Minister's face or disregarding the authority of the Chair; or that member's conduct is grossly disorderly, he or she may order the member to withdraw from the Chamber.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Now I am asking you to cooperate because if this happens once more I am left with no option but to ask you to withdraw from the

House for the rest of the day. Thank you. You may proceed hon Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I was saying the contract to provide the grants was declared constitutionally invalid in 2013. Instructions were given by the court, and Sassa had certain obligations in terms thereof.

In a damning judgment, the Constitutional Court referred to the Minister's conduct as extraordinary. I want to quote a few paragraphs from the Constitutional Court judgment:

“The sole reason for the litigation leading to this judgment, is the failure of Sassa and the Minister to keep their promise to this Court, and the people of South Africa.”

Secondly, the Minister bears the primary responsibility to ensure that Sassa fulfils its functions. She appoints its CEO. There is little a CEO can do without her direction. Attempts to obtain evidence of what steps she took after all [Inaudible.] to ensure that beneficiaries would continue to be well catered for, drew a blank.

And thirdly, the office holder ultimately responsible for the crisis and events that led to it, is the person who holds the executive political office. It is the Minister who is required in terms of the Constitution to account to

Parliament.

That is the Minister and the Minister alone. That is an example of a breach of an Oath of Office.

And then of course we have Premier David Makhura. During his tenure as Premier, more than 100 mentally ill patients have died as a result of, at best, gross-negligence on the part of his government.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Where is the Tweet?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is coming.

Ms S W DAVIDS: When?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Has the ANC called – when I am ready. Has the ANC called ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer, will you please take your seat. There is a point of order. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, is the MEC prepared to take a question?

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister? The Minister is not prepared to take a question. Kindly take your seat. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. Has the ANC called for a snap debate on this matter of national importance? Oh no, they would not even grant a moment of silence in the National Assembly. [Interjection.]

So now we look at these examples of what it is to breach an oath of office, and we look at the Premier's actions under scrutiny today. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Sorry, Madam Speaker, they do not want to hear the debate. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: You are saying nothing [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As I have said, the ANC has done nothing about their members in respect of any of these very serious violations of oath of office that I have mentioned, but that just shows their hypocrisy. We most certainly do not judge ourselves according to the standards of the ANC.

So let us see whether the Premier's actions do constitute such a breach.

The SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer, may I just ask you, I need to just check with the Premier. Premier, will you be responding, will you be replying as indicated? The Premier will be. Thank you, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Can I carry on?

The SPEAKER: You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The Premier posted a series of 12 tweets. [Interjections.] Please, may I be heard, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Order, please, members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Jeez. The Premier posted a series of 12 tweets, a series of 12 tweets. They made some people angry, some misunderstood the context. Some deliberately twisted them, and others can see nothing wrong, at all, with them.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Others were hurt.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The very Constitution she has sworn to uphold in fact gives her the freedom to express her opinions, unless they advocate hatred to the extent that they incite violence.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer, would you kindly take your seat, please. Members, may I address you? I requested from the Premier if she was going to reply. There was a huge outburst. Let me refer you to Rule

140, which is the rule within which this debate was requested, and if we go to Rule 140.6, it says:

“If 50 minutes before the expiration of the allocated time, a member other than the responsible member of the Provincial Cabinet is speaking, the presiding officer must interrupt the member, and ascertain from the member of the Cabinet, whether or not he wants, or she wants, to reply.”

So I have acted in terms of the Rules ...[Interjection.]...so your outburst, unfortunately, it is in poor taste, thank you. You may proceed, Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Madam Speaker, I timed my speech very well, and without the interruptions I would have finished my speech. So I would request that I maybe finish my speech.

Mr R T OLIVIER: The Premier wants you to swop now.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Those tweets ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Those tweets do not ... [[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. You know, I am sorry, I must now refer to the circus that we talked about. We have a speaker on the floor, and yet everyone is howling as if it is a crèche. Please, hon members, compose yourselves. Hon Minister Schäfer, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Madam Speaker, may I just clarify that I am not taking the Premier's time while I am speaking?

The SPEAKER: No, you are not taking the Premier's time.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: These tweets do not fall into that category on any interpretation. As I said, reaction to the tweets has shown that there is no single view on this issue.

If the Premier is deemed to have violated her oath of office in these circumstances, we are on a very slippery slope indeed. I want to end with a quote from an article by William Saunderson-Meyer, in an article in the latest *Weekend Argus*.

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

“Political discourse is a necessarily robust process. Unanimity of opinion is not only impossible in a democracy, it is also undesirable.”

Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Schäfer. [Applause.] Members, order, please. If I could address all the members of this House.

We are guided by rules, and my request was driven by Rule 140.6. So there is no need to speculate and try and make something out of a matter that is procedurally correct. We operate in terms of rules and procedures.

So I would like to request that we now, after all of this lengthy debate and interjections and interruptions, allow the hon Premier to speak. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Hon Premier. Sorry, excuse me. Premier, take your seat, please.

To the gentleman in the blue shirt in the gallery. You have just arrived.

An UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tell this boy not to [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: No, no. Excuse me, you are a guest – excuse me. You are a guest in our Parliament.

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting/Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. I did not ...

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting/Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, will you please allow me to address you.

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting/Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: I do not know what you did. I heard someone say a swear word. Hold on.

[Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: The gentleman ...

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting/Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: I am so sorry.

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting/Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: May I please address the members in the gallery.

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting/Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: Hold on. No, no, you are not – excuse me. You are not going to come here as guests of ours... We have rules in this Parliament, and as a guest, you are not allowed to participate in the proceedings. You ...

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting/Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: I am not going to engage you, other than to say guests cannot participate in the proceedings of the debate.

[Unidentified speaker in the gallery shouting Members speaking/shouting simultaneously]

The SPEAKER: Sorry. Hon members, please, you might not have been here at the beginning when the debate started. Guests are welcome in this Parliament, but you cannot participate in the proceedings. Thank you. Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, in light of the fact that the members of the gallery are not prepared to listen to you, may I suggest we suspend for five minutes ...

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...so that the galleries can be orderly, reduced, thank you.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: In light of what has just happened and just as the Premier was allowed to speak, we have guests in the gallery, and I think it is important, I read it out at the beginning, that guests are not allowed to participate in the proceedings. I also noted that a member, a service officer, went to speak to the guests. I do not know what it was about.

So I would like to suspend the House to try and understand what has transpired, to be fair to our guests and to be fair to the House. So the House is suspended until the bells ring. Thank you.

[Business of the House suspended at 15:57 and resumed at 16:20.]

The SPEAKER: You may be seated. Members, I apologise for the suspension of business. I needed to clarify a few matters, and before I proceed, I would like to again provide guidance to our members in the gallery, and in this instance, it follows on from an incident where a member of our staff, who

works for this Legislature, who has worked here for more than almost 30 years, has been referred to as a “boy”. I also picked up a swearword, which I find highly inappropriate.

So I am going to say to our guests, if you are causing a disturbance in these proceedings, I would like to encourage you not to continue with that train of thought. You are invited here, but today you cannot participate, and on no other day, if you are a guest in the gallery, are you allowed to participate in any proceedings. You cannot interject, you may not clap, you may not pose questions, you cannot cast aspersions on any member in this House.

If you choose not to take my guidance, I will unfortunately have to rely on the provisions of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament, and Provincial Legislatures Act, and have you removed from the gallery.

So I would like to ask you to consider this as a warning, and allow us to continue with the business of the day. Thank you.

I now see the hon Premier. Hon Premier, you may speak. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am glad we are having this debate today, because South Africa needs it.

Mr P UYS: Are you resigning? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Debate requires rational arguments. I have no intention of ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

The PREMIER: I have no intention of settling scores, only setting out the facts. This debate is about a series of 12 tweets, relating to lessons learnt from my recent visit to Singapore and Japan. None of these tweets defended, justified or praised colonialism or apartheid, and it is lie, Madam Speaker, to suggest otherwise.

I can factually say that few in this House have put as much on the line to fight apartheid as I did.

HON MEMBERS: Yoh!

Ms P MAKELENI: Really?

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier ...

The PREMIER: Of course colonialism had a diabolical impact worldwide ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, kindly take your seat.

The PREMIER: ... including South Africa.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Kindly take your seat, please. There is a noise in the gallery, which is causing a disturbance.

An HON MEMBER: Why [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam.

An HON MEMBER: This is nonsense.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Is the Premier prepared to take a question?

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, will you take a question?

The PREMIER: I have got a very short amount of time, no.

The SPEAKER: The Premier will not be taking a question.

The PREMIER: The ANC has had enough ...[Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: We are not surprised.

The PREMIER: ... time to make their speeches. Of course colonialism had a diabolical impact worldwide, including South Africa.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So what are you saying?

The PREMIER: This was the very premise of my tweets. Anyone who read them without a personal or political agenda, would have understood that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So what are you apologising for?

The PREMIER: If you say the consequences of something were not only negative, you are saying they were mostly negative, but if there was anyone who genuinely thought ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ...I was praising, defending or justifying colonialism, I apologise unreservedly, and stress that this was not so ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Maybe you should [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ...and I do it again now.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Come again?

The PREMIER: In South Africa, colonialism and apartheid ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ...subjugated and oppressed the majority, and benefited a minority on the basis of race. This is indeed indefensible, and I have never supported, justified, praised or promoted it, as my life story attests.
[Interjections.]

My visit to Japan and Singapore ...[Interjections.] one a coloniser, the other colonised, was eye-opening. It seemed to me that the colonised has ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ...overtaken the coloniser on the world stage, and I thought it worthwhile ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Premier ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: ...asking why.

The SPEAKER: I really have to ask you to take your seat, please. Hon members, we read some guidance on the use of pamphlets which are disruptive, affect the dignity and decorum of the House, but more importantly than that, you requested this debate, and now that the Premier is standing and accounting to this House, in terms of the response, you are howling and drowning out the speaker, which is highly inappropriate.

I am appealing to members on both sides of the House, if you could just remain silent and allow the Premier to do her presentation. You have asked for a debate, here comes the answer, let us respect the speaker on the floor. Hon Premier, you may proceed.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I have timed my speech exactly, and I hope I have not lost any time.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just justify yourself.

The PREMIER: My visit to Japan and Singapore, one a coloniser, the other colonised, was eye-opening. It seemed to me that the colonised has overtaken the coloniser on the world stage, and I thought it was worthwhile asking why.

Let us start with another question. If I were to state that a worldwide legacy of colonialism was causing, on average, 3 287 human deaths daily, people would justifiably be outraged if anyone suggested the benefits might outweigh the cost. I am talking about the motorcar. [Interjection.]

Today, in South Africa, this colonial leftover is not only a means of transport, but the ultimate status symbol.

Mr P UYS: You are still defending it.

The PREMIER: Of course you may argue that the intention of the motorcar was not ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ...it was convenience, people wanted cars.

Ms P MAKELENI: Convenience for who?

The PREMIER: Fair point.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni, could you please pose your question to me and not directly to the Premier? Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is interjecting.

Ms M N GILLION: It is not a question, it is an interjection.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, please, let us manage ourselves with dignity and composure, please, man.

The PREMIER: Please give me a chance, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: So let me look, as another example: If I said that zealots with a mission, using colonialism's methods of conflict and conquest, had killed countless millions of people to impose their ideas on others, you would be appalled if anyone suggested the consequences were not only negative.

Of course I am talking about most of the world's dominant religions.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, my God, you are digging your graver deeper.

The PREMIER: To be ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please, hon member Dyantyi.

The PREMIER: To be consistent on the principle, if people believe the price was too high to acknowledge any advantage, then they must not drive a car or visit most houses of religious worship.

According to modern definitions, there are only 10 countries in the world that have never been colonised. Only 10, and Africans have not only been the victims of conquest and genocide, they have also been its perpetrators. Some countries that were brutally colonised in living memory, have been spectacularly successful.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hansard will help us.

The PREMIER: Many that have been free for decades, have not. The same can be said about the handful of countries that have never been colonised. Whether or not a country was colonised is not a predictor of success and in the 21st century.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do that in your DA caucus, not here.

The PREMIER: In Singapore, they have discussed for decades what factors led to their economic transformation.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: I wanted my series of tweets to initiate ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ...that debate here. Many much more famous people ...[Interjection.]

†Me M N GILLION: Baie hartseer dag.

[Ms M N GILLION: Very sad day.]

The PREMIER: ...have already expressed themselves on the subject, and reached the same conclusion. I have written before how our own former president, Nelson Mandela, repeatedly discussed this issue. [Interjection.]

Today I quote [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ...from the speech. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, take your seat please. Hon member Dyantyi.
[Interjections.]

Hon member Dyantyi, may I address you, please? You have consistently refused to obey my ruling on the matter which I alluded to earlier, which was Rule 44. You are effectively disregarding my authority in terms of maintaining order, and in terms of Rule 44, I order you to leave the Chamber immediately, and to stay away for the remainder of the day's sitting. Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: May I address you on that, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, I have a matter I am still busy with. I have asked the hon Dyantyi to withdraw from the Chamber for the rest of the day, please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I address you on that, please?

The SPEAKER: The hon member Dyantyi is on his way, and then you may

address me. Yes?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Are you trying to tell us that interjections are unlawful as from today? Hon member Dyantyi has just been performing his role as a member of the Opposition, interjecting against his opponents, the DA people. Is it unlawful in the Provincial Legislature of the Western Cape?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, as the Leader of the Opposition, I would like to remind you and draw your attention to the advice I gave right at the beginning. I said interjections are allowed, but not ongoing commentary, and I think in the last 30 or 40 seconds, hon member Dyantyi did five or six.

So I have ordered the hon member to withdraw from this Chamber for the rest of the day. Please, thank you. Hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Madam Speaker, just to address you and say it is too late to save the Premier. I will leave, but she will not be saved by me leaving.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, my ruling has nothing to do with the Premier, I have requested you to leave for failure to obey the instructions of a presiding officer, thank you. You may proceed, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have written before about how our own former president, Nelson ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, there is – sorry. Hon member Joseph, are you rising on a point of order?

Ms P MAKELENI: There is another one coming.

Mr B D JOSEPH: I am not so well versed in the Rules, therefore I would like to seek clarity from you as Speaker.

Mr M G E WILEY: Why not? You get paid the same as us. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, people. Order, Chief Whip. Sorry.

Mr B D JOSEPH: My understanding, Madam Speaker, and the way I have listened to you - fortunately I did not make noise on this side, and on the other side they were too much focused on the Premier. What is your role? Are you the Leader of the Opposition as you have stated, or are you the Speaker of the House? That is the clarity that I am seeking.

The SPEAKER: I spoke as the Speaker of the House to the Leader of the Opposition, in terms of hon member Dyantyi's ongoing interjections, that were no longer interjections, they were a running commentary.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Madam Speaker, the previous comment of yours was, when you addressed the Leader of the Opposition, and ...[Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Hon Dyantyi.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... hon Dyantyi, that when you started off, you said "As the leader of the Opposition". That is why I was just asking clarity. You can go and listen to the recordings of the House, but I am just seeking clarity, but you have clarified for me now, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Your point is noted. We will revert to Hansard and come back to the House indeed. Thank you, hon member Joseph.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, Ma'am?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Can I also ask, how many interjections, according to you, qualify for a person to be removed from the House?

The SPEAKER: I think in terms of interjections, it is not how many interjections it is, it is over a period of time, and since the sitting began, the hon Dyantyi was quite vocal.

So I provided a warning in terms of Rule 44, and this last spate was a series of interjections that almost in fact drowned the Premier out. It is on that basis that I have sent him out, thank you. You may proceed, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, every time I proceed ...[Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Madam Speaker, I ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Premier ...

The PREMIER: ... I am interrupted and I lose time.

The SPEAKER: You are not losing time. Hon Premier, I would like to clarify. At a point of order you are not losing time, we stopped the clock. So we will make sure that you get the time that is allocated to you, Ma'am.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Madam Speaker, I am sure in the interest of the Rules, you would have the time and the patience, and also the hon member Zille in the House, that we have to understand the judgements that you arrive at, so that we understand whether they are fair or not.

So that is why, when you say "a series", I am trying to understand what is the meaning of "a series", so that tomorrow when other members comment, that it is a series perhaps as you understand it. I request, Madam Speaker, the same thing you expect of this side of the House, when we are standing and we are speaking, that we are protected by yourself, that we do not get this bullying from the leader, from the Chief Whip from the other side. It is important for us to understand how the House works. Thanks.

The SPEAKER: I have tried to tell you this ...[Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: I was asking about the series, so that I can understand the ruling you have made on member hon Dyantyi.

The SPEAKER: Alright, thank you. Chief whip Wiley. Is it a similar point?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes. This is not the opportunity for a tutorial for backbenchers to get on the Rules of the House. That is why we have Chief Whips of parties, and if hon member Uys is not capable of educating his members with regard to the Rules of the House, can we please proceed, because these are frivolous points of order. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. Hon member Beerwinkel, there is a member behind you on her feet still, if I could allow your member to speak.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Madam Speaker, I think it is unfair and unfortunate for the Chief Whip to reduce our contribution to this House into tutorials for those who are backbenchers. It is so unfortunate for him, as a Chief Whip, if that is the type of leadership he wants to provide to this House.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, thank you. You have often ruled in

this House that one should not speak disparagingly of other members in this House. Why does the Chief Whip on that side, hon member Wiley, always find the need to do that? He speaks to hon member Joseph in a disparaging way, shouting across the floor, “You earn the same amount of money as us.” He in fact earns more money than us, yet he has advised the DA incorrectly on more than one occasion, and we have proved that legally. So please ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, I think your comment is noted, but we have now deviated from what was a point of order. Chief Whip Wiley, I would ask you respectfully to withdraw your comment, because it is in poor taste. The one that says we need a tutorial from the backbenchers, because as we said, we are all equal in this House, irrespective of whether we are young or old. So I would appreciate it if you could withdraw.

Mr M G E WILEY: I withdraw. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. May we now proceed. Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, if I may address you. I still need an answer, and please protect me ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Ms M N GILLION: ... as you are protecting other members in this House.

The SPEAKER: Order, please, members.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, you just used Rule 44, asking one of our hon members to leave the House, and the reason for that is a series of interjections. I am asking you now, the hon Chief Whip of the ruling party has on many occasions, now, during this sitting today, you can go and look at Hansard, more than 20 times, he, while one of our speakers is still busy on the floor, jumped up. What do you call that?

The other issue is he stands up and he interjects, but you do nothing about him. Please, Madam Speaker, do not let me lose my respect for the way you are conducting the House.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, your point is noted. I try to be as fair as possible in the manner in which I preside. [Interjections.] When the Chief Whip rises, it is normally on a point of order. However, the points have now been made, and I would like to request that in the interest of time we allow the Premier to proceed with her response. I see the hon, the Premier. Hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think you have to make a ruling here. There was a question from hon member Nkondlo, how you determine an interjection that is now at a level of a series of ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, sorry, I hear your point. I do not think

this is the place to give an explanation right now. Unfortunately the member has accepted the ruling, he has left the House. So I would like to proceed with the business of the day, thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I address you, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, we will be here tomorrow, we will be here every day when we have these sittings. We need to know how to conduct ourselves, so that we can be able to behave accordingly.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Go to the Rules [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Now you are saying the reason that you asked our member, hon Dyantyi, to leave this House, is based on interjections that you take it as a continued ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: It was a running commentary, it was hounding, a running commentary.

Mr K E MAGAXA: According to you. Now we just want to understand, because he was consistently I believe merely making interjections. Now how

do you determine that it is no longer interjections, it is running commentary?

The SPEAKER: I think when it becomes ...[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We just want that explanation. Please educate us on that.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, when it becomes disruptive to the proceedings of the House, and it drowns out the speaker on the floor. Like I said right at the beginning and like I say at every sitting, interjections are allowed, heckling is allowed, but when it becomes ongoing, it is no longer an interjection. That was the basis on which I sent the hon member Dyantyi out. I do not think it is your right ... [Interjections.]

I used my discretion in terms of what I saw play out in front of me, and I do not think it is appropriate to question my decision. So I would like to ask that we proceed, and, hon member Gillion, before you go ...[Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, before you address me, I have given prior warning. I gave guidance right at the beginning. When it got a little bit chaotic, I referred members to Rule 44, and I warned that if anyone does not respect the House in terms of the interjections, maintaining the dignity and decorum, I would act.

So I have not done this singlehandedly. There has been a series of actions that have led me to ask hon member Dyantyi to leave. Thank you.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, you have a member on the floor who is speaking to me.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, when you ordered our member to leave the House, you said, "I have counted five times." Now let me remind you, the MEC sitting over there, while we are busy, I counted his interjections. It is more than seven times, but you are doing nothing.

The SPEAKER: But I never heard it. Unfortunately I can only operate on what I see and hear, hon member Gillion. [Interjections.] If hon member Olivier and Minister Plato are having a quiet thing, I do not know what it is they are busy with. So it is my duty to maintain order in terms of Rule 44. I am asking that we please proceed in the interest of time. Hon Premier, I trust you will not be interrupted, you may proceed.

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Ag, hon member Olivier, is it on the same point? Because if it is, then I have ruled on that point, and I am not going to entertain your point of order. I have already made a ruling, I am sorry, unfortunately.

[Interjections.] You may take your seat, hon member Olivier, I have made a ruling.

Mr R T OLIVIER: What was the ruling? Sorry, Madam Speaker, what was the ruling?

The SPEAKER: No, I said I have made a decision around the hon member Dyantyi, and I do not believe this is the appropriate platform and place to address it. So I am asking you to accept that and allow the Premier to proceed. We are not going to get muddled on a point of order all the time, and it is the same point of order, thank you. Please take your seat.

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

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon Premier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker. No, Madam Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen, can I ask you both, as you are standing there, do you wish for the Premier to respond? [Interjections.] Because if you want the Premier to respond ...

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.] digging her own grave.

The SPEAKER: Excuse me?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, did you ask me a question as well?

The SPEAKER: Okay, but your member's just jumped up and taken your role.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, he responded. Can I respond?

The SPEAKER: I want to know what point of order you are rising on, hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, Madam Speaker, I just wanted to get clarity on the series, and you are saying five are recognised as a series of interjections. Is that what you are saying? So if you do five interjections, you will be asked to leave ...

The SPEAKER: No, hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... according to rule – no, that is why I am saying, I did not understand that ruling.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, I ...[Interjection.] Hon member Olivier, I said from the minute the session began, hon member Dyantyi was vocal.

An HON MEMBER: Five.

The SPEAKER: I provided guidance, I went to Rule 44, and the last lot of

interjections were the last thing, and it was on that basis that I sent him out. So I trust you will accept that ruling and we will now proceed. You may proceed, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Every time I have to read a sentence again, it takes my time.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, wait.

The PREMIER: I have written before about how our former president, Mandela, repeatedly discussed this issue. Today I quote from a speech he gave at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on the 2nd of May 2001. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, sorry I have to ask you again. Your point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, is it parliamentary for the MEC, for the eighth time now, to continuously point fingers at me, harassing me for standing up and raising a point? I think it is limiting my participation in the House, or is he the Deputy Speaker that speaks through you? Can you please address the MEC?

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ask him to leave according to your own rules.

The SPEAKER: I have noted your concerns. To the MEC involved, I do not believe you are the Deputy Speaker, you are the Minister.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Can I kindly ask you to refrain from engaging hon member Olivier, and please, members, on both sides of this House, let us get on with the business of the day, which is allowing the Premier to respond to the debate.

The PREMIER: I keep on having to read half sentences again, which takes time, Madam Speaker. [Interjection.] Today I quote from a speech Mandela gave at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on the 2nd of May 2001.

Britain, he said:

“was the main colonial power in our history, with all of the attendant problems ...” [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Justify that.

The PREMIER:

“...and consequences of such a relationship. Much of our traditional systems and institutions still carry the scars of the distortions inflicted by colonial rules.

At the same time, so much of what we have to build on in this competitive modern world, is also the result of what we could gain from that interaction and engagement with Britain.

Our indigenous understanding of the rule of law, viz that not kings or chiefs, but the institutions of law and democracy are supreme ...”
...[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] saying slavery was right?

The PREMIER:

“...was strengthened and enhanced by a reference to the British understanding of that concept. If there were one single positive aspect that I had to identify from the history of colonial contact between our countries, it would be that of the educational benefits that our country derived from it.”

That is Nelson Mandela, that is Nelson Mandela. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: Time does not permit ...[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Shame on you.

The PREMIER: ...me to quote so many others. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: Nigerian Nobel laureate Chinua Achebe's later work ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier ...

The PREMIER: ... Ali Mazrui ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Premier, if you could, please, I am really sorry, but if you could take your seat. Hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Is the Premier willing to take a question, a serious question, on what she is raising? She is wrong.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam ...

Mr S G TYATYAM: I want to ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ..you are asking me to ask the Premier if she will take a

question?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

The SPEAKER: That is the extent of your point. Hon Premier, will you take a question?

The PREMIER: I have said no, because I have already got such a [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: The Premier said no, she will not take any further questions in constraints of time.

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.] not in Europe.

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat, thank you.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is very important ... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Time does not permit me to quote so many others who have the same opinions as President Mandela. Nigerian Nobel laureate Chinua Achebe's later work ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: Ali Mazrui, Godfrey Mwakikagile, Manmohan Singh, I could

go on and on, but more than that, we continue to teach exactly the same lesson to our own school children every day.

I have brought to this House today a history textbook written in the 21st century, and used in our schools, from 2004 to the present. Its lead author is prominent academic historian Dr Maanda Mulaudzi. For 13 years, many thousands of born-free South Africans have studied from this book, maybe even some hon members present in this House today. It devotes a significant section to the devastating effects of colonialism in Africa and South Africa, and rightly so.

And then it asks an interesting question on page 182, and I quote. It asks:

“Did colonisation have any positive effects?”

And I quote:

“Although most historians emphasise the negative effects the colonisation had on Africa, some also show that it did not only have negative effects, but had some positive effects.”

Mr P UYS: And you agree.

The PREMIER:

“For example, the colonisation of East Africa ...”

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER:

“...at last put an end to the slave trade there, which had continued to exist long after it had come to an end in West Africa.”

And then Dr Mulaudzi continues:

“Colonisation also brought with it western education, medicine and technology, as well as language ...” [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: God must save you.

The PREMIER:

“...culture and sporting links, that have enabled Africa to interact with the rest of the world.

An HON MEMBER: So why did you apologise [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: “Part of the legacy ...” ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER:

“...of colonisation has been the development of Africa into a network
...” ...[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You are digging your grave [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER:

“...of modern independent states.”

And this comes from a textbook that is still used in our schools today.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, Premier. No-no, Premier.

Mr D M DUGMORE: He is referring to other views. You support those other views. That is the point. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Do you agree?

The PREMIER: Why have we tolerated this textbook in our schools for so long? Will we demand that Dr Mulaudzi be fired? Of course not. So why the political tsunami over what I said?

I leave it to members of this House and the public to draw their own conclusions. If people believe that some South Africans .. .[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ... may say things that others may not, the thought police must draw up schedules of exactly what can be said by whom, and make sure this is consistent with the Constitution.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Ja, ja, ja.

The PREMIER: Of course we know this is both impossible and undesirable.

Ms P MAKELENI: And irresponsible.

The PREMIER: It is also inconsistent with the vision of the late black consciousness leader, Steve Biko. Biko's approach stressed the importance ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier.

The PREMIER: ...of psychological liberation for black people, to overcome centuries of humiliation under colonialism and apartheid. I identify with this humiliation. [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: This is a lost generation.

The PREMIER: Not theoretically, but personally.

Ms P MAKELENI: No, you celebrate it.

An HON MEMBER: No, you celebrate it.

The PREMIER: My parents came to South Africa, not as colonists, but as penniless refugees, fleeing their home country, where they would otherwise have been murdered, because they were regarded as genetic †untermenschen [socially inferior.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: And they joined the oppressors in South Africa.

The PREMIER: Because they were regarded ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: They joined the oppressors in South Africa.

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: Because they were regarded as genetic †untermenschen [socially inferior.], †leben unwertes leben [life unworthy of life.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Your father was a judge. [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Many of my direct relatives were not so lucky...
[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] ...many were killed!

The PREMIER: ...and were killed in the most cruel ways. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Hon Magaxa was [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: This humiliation left deep psychological scars in my family,
and many others ...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your father killed people.

The PREMIER: ... just like colonialism and apartheid did for black South
Africans.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your father killed people. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: I, you know, on a point of order, and I am not taking my
time, to say that my father killed anyone, when he worked ...[Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes, he did.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam.

The PREMIER: What an outrageous statement!

The SPEAKER: Premier, please take your seat.

The PREMIER: And I have to ask you to rule that out of order.

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

The PREMIER: People say my father joined the colonisers, and he never did that. He always stood up against apartheid, always. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, kindly take your seat. Hon member Tyatyam, may I address you, please.

The PREMIER: It was hon Davids and hon Magaxa. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, no, no. I first want to deal with hon member Tyatyam, who cheered along and said, "Yes, he did, yes, he did." The question here is an aspersion has been cast, saying that the Premier's father killed people.

Now, Premier, you would need to tell me who called you out on that, so I can ask that member if they indeed said that. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: May I ask you a question?

The SPEAKER: No, no. Yes, Premier, you may.

The PREMIER: My father, when he came to South Africa, joined the Torch Commando to fight apartheid and to stand up for everybody's rights.

An HON MEMBER: But you were never asked... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The PREMIER: My father worked in Soweto with paraplegics and disabled people his whole life, creating jobs for them. My father fought apartheid all his life, and my mother was in the Black Sash all her life. I will not have aspersions cast on my parents.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, so ...[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: I will not have it.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, may I address you? Will you tell me which members it is, so that I can indeed question them? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: No, no. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But you are not [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: It was Minister Davids who started shouting, “Your father killed people.” It was Minister Magaxa ... [Interjections.] It was hon member Tyatyam that agreed ...[Interjections.] member Tyatyam as well.

The SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. Sorry, chief whip Wiley, you had a point of order?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, Madam Speaker, I think you must refer to Hansard, but the fact of the matter is asking the Premier to identify the culprits in this regard, while there is a cacophony of noise, is not particularly fair on the Premier.

The SPEAKER: Okay. So, hon member Magaxa, your point?

Mr K E MAGAXA: In the first instance, Madam Speaker, I would like you to rule whether it is right for the Chief Whip to refer to us as culprits in the first place?

The SPEAKER: As?

Mr K E MAGAXA: As culprits. That the Premier must identify the culprits, you know. Secondly, I just want to address you on what I said, you know. All I said is that, because she is bragging ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Not “she”, there is no “she”. The hon Premier.

Mr K E MAGAXA: She is a she. Hon Premier is a “she”.

The SPEAKER: No.

Mr K E MAGAXA: She has never been a “he”.

The SPEAKER: No, no, but ...[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa ...[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: And we cannot be [Inaudible.] at the same time.

The SPEAKER: We refer to each other as hon members.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, that is why I do not doubt that she is an honourable,
but as a she.

An HON MEMBER: An honourable she.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja. The hon Premier said her parents came to South Africa as refugees, and I agree with that, but they joined the side of the colonisers. That is what I said.

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa ...[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We do not have any ...

The SPEAKER: If I may address you?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes.

The SPEAKER: You have raised a point of order, you are now going into an explanation. What I need to say is I will revert to Hansard in terms of the point that was raised around the culprits and what you indicated that you said, but member Davids is the person that said, "Your father killed people."

So I would like to ask the hon member Davids to stand and withdraw unreservedly, please.

HON MEMBERS: And apologise.

The SPEAKER: And apologise, thank you. [Interjections.] Hon member

Davids, the Table staff have heard you ... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I withdraw.

The SPEAKER: You cannot in the absence of ... you are casting aspersions by saying that the Premier's father killed people. You would need to apologise and withdraw, please, thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The [Inaudible.] is still alive, but I apologise, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: No, withdraw.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, it is nothing to make light of. You apologise as if it is okay. I have asked to apologise and withdraw your statement, please. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker, I apologise and I withdraw my statement.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Like a schoolkid.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Madam Speaker [Interjection.] The members on this side have been raising the issue of relevance.

Mr P UYS: What is your point of order?

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The point that I want to make is that the Premier is now responding to what they asked her to respond to, but on the point of order, it is that it is not only member Davids who said that. Member Tyatyam as well, constantly said that the Premier's father killed people, and I think he must also apologise and withdraw.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Madikizela. Hon members, allow me - I did indeed hear the hon member Tyatyam do the same thing, but let us not allow this to get into a debate. I am going to refer to Hansard. I am also going to watch the video, and I will then come back to the House with a ruling on that. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, I can take a lot of things and a lot of insults myself, and they can be untrue and most of them are ...[Interjections.] but I tell you no one insults my parents, no one. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: My parents hid members of the ANC from the security police, and took huge risks for their lives to be insulted here. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Members, you are now howling.

The PREMIER: I have never justified colonialism, absolutely never. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The PREMIER: I am indebted to my parents for many things but the greatest was their refusal ever to see themselves as victims and always to stand up against the oppression of others. [Interjections.] Steve Biko stressed ...

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ... that his goal was a non-racial, just and egalitarian society, in which colour, creed and race shall form no point of reference. It is the greatest tragedy today, 23 years into democracy, that race has become South Africa's predominant reference point.

Ms S W DAVIDS: But you are doing it [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: More than that, Julius Malema has generously reminded us

that the EFF ...[Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: But yet you are justifying it.

The PREMIER: ...is not yet calling for whites to be slaughtered. There was a ripple of anger about this, but nothing like the response to my simple statement of fact.

Mr P UYS: Simple [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: There has been a lot of sophistry ...[Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Still calling it simple.

The PREMIER: ...even from some intelligent critics, drawing loony analogies between what I said and the autobahn's relationship to Nazism. [Interjections.]

There is one reference to narcissism though that is relevant. It is the statement of the Protestant Pastor Niemöller, who also ended up in a Nazi concentration camp, but unlike many others, managed to survive, and he said:

“First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out, because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out, because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for

the Jews, and I did not speak out, because I was not a Jew.”

Mr K E MAGAXA: You joined the party of the oppressors.

The PREMIER:

“Then they came for me, and by then there was no one left to speak.”

Make no mistake, Madam Speaker[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You joined a white party.

The PREMIER: ...what we are seeing here is the escalation of a trend, that is spreading its malignant tentacles throughout our country. Our ruling party is scapegoating minorities in order to hide their own failure to govern this country honestly and efficiently ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ...with disastrous consequences. [Interjections.] That is why they blame some mythical white monopoly capital ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ... for our stagnant growth and soaring unemployment, and

why President Zuma wants to change the Constitution ...[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ...to take land away from the dwindling number of farmers feeding this nation ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The PREMIER: ..while ignoring vast tracts of fertile state-owned or communal land that is producing neither food nor jobs. You can be sure that when the ruling party has milked every last drop from scapegoating whites, just like Robert Mugabe and Idi Amin, it will turn on Coloured and Indian people as well.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You all fought ...[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ... and the next target will be black ethnic minority groups.

Mr K E MAGAXA: They fought [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: That is the slippery slope Pastor Niemöller warned us against, but as we know, those who will not learn from history are destined to repeat it.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] Tweet, Premier.

The PREMIER: Shutting down difficult debates is something I expected from the ANC, Madam Speaker. Back in the 1980's when I was one of its ardent supporters, I realised that the ANC had two camps: one racial nationalist, the other Marxist. There was no space for people who believed in non-racialism, an open society and a market economy. That is why I joined the DP, and today ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Which is the party of your parents.

The PREMIER: ... I am in the DA. We cannot shut down this debate.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Speak to your cronies.

The PREMIER: It is one we need to have, so that we do not slip further down this scapegoating slope. I am glad my tweet brought it to the surface, because it is indeed of urgent, national importance. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Can we please ...[Interjections.] Members, can we please get some order. We have lost quite a bit of time, and we now need to move to the next Order of the Day, and I am going to ask the Secretary to read the Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Consideration of Principle of the Western Cape Appropriation Bill.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Secretary. I now see the hon Minister Meyer, thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When your economy is not growing, it is the duty and the responsibility of all of us to support efforts to stimulate economic growth and job creation. This week the Minister of Finance led a delegation to meet investors and to create investor and business confidence.

Our economy has only grown by 0.5% last year, and the economic forecast, as tabled by the Minister of Finance in the National Assembly, is 1.3% for this financial year.

The economy consists of 60% of the consumers, 20% of the state and 20% of what is known as gross fixed capital formation. Gross fixed capital formation is capital in the hands of investors and asset managers. Asset managers have trillions of Rands ready to release into the economy of South Africa, to stimulate economic growth, and create jobs, but asset managers are watching key economic indicators to determine whether they will get a return on their investment.

Asset managers have shareholders, and they are more interested in the political economy and in the mood in the country. The Minister of Finance wants to speak to asset managers and investors to explain the political economy in South Africa, but yesterday the Minister of Finance was busy

creating investor and business confidence. While he was doing his work, in trying to kick-start the economy, creating jobs, the President was calling him back. The President of South Africa called back the Minister of Finance. When a Minister travels overseas ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: How does that [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... in terms of section 98 of the Constitution, he appoints an acting Minister of Finance, and in this case it was Minister Naledi Pandor.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when an acting Minister is appointed, you receive a letter that says, "You have all the powers and duties and responsibilities of the Minister of Finance."

So there is no need to call back the Minister of Finance, unless the President has an ugly agenda, and the agenda ...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Ms P MAKELENI: Why did you not ask ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... of the President is clear. Today, because the President is in court with his friends, the Zuptas, against his own Minister of Finance in another side of the court, the President is broken,

Parliament is broken and recently they broke into the Constitutional Court. All three arms of the Government are under stress, but what is the President up to?

We, as South Africans, are crying for the day without President Zuma. South Africa is crying to see a day without President Zuma. We are dreaming of President Zuma having his day in court. The National Treasury is today in court, in full force, supporting the National Minister of Finance, Minister Pravin Gordhan.

We are waiting for President Zuma to be removed from the Union Buildings by the voters of South Africa. We are waiting ...[Interjection.] We are waiting for a new beginning in the Union Buildings.

Ms P MAKELENI: You will wait forever.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Today President Zuma is destroying opportunities, he is destroying fairness and he is destroying freedom. [Interjection.] South Africa now, more than any time in history, needs freedom, we need fairness and we need opportunities.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Take Zille out.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: This country is bleeding. We are tired of Zuma's corruption. [Interjection.] It is just simply too much but it is not

stopping. Zuma and his cronies are now talking of establishing a state bank. A state bank, Mr Deputy Speaker, is a state owned enterprise. I read that three of Zuma's premier league premiers now want to open provincial bank accounts of the provincial governments of the premier league provinces, and they want to put all the provincial government's money, R120 billion, in a state bank.

I want to ask the hon members of the Opposition right here a very simple question. Who of you want us to pay your salary into a state bank? Can I see? Raise your hands. None of them. None of them is wanting their money in a state bank. [Interjections.] None of them want their money in a state bank. It is now official. The ANC in the Western Cape, Mr Zuma, rejects your plan to establish a state bank. We also reject a state bank, because a state bank is a licence to loot. A state bank ...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Like ABSA is looting.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: A state bank ...[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Standard Bank is looting.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: A state bank will be put ...[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Look at our banks that are looting now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: A state bank will put corruption in South Africa in the autobahn.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Speak about the private corruption.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: It will put corruption in the autobahn, but the people of South Africa will block Zuma's autobahn of corruption. We will save South Africa. It is time, right here, that the Derek Hanekoms in the Opposition banks here, benches, stand up and say, "No more". We will vote with our conscience, we will condemn the deliberate misleading of the Constitutional Court, and the public at large. It is time for members of the Opposition on this side of the House to say, "Hands off the National Minister of Finance, Pravin Gordhan, the last bastion against corruption in the ruling party".

Hon members, today we must reflect on the important role that the late Ahmed Kathrada's wife, Barbara Hogan, played in the National Cabinet. She was in charge of the portfolio of Public Enterprises. During her tenure, she vowed to close down or privatise state-owned enterprises. Her tenure was prematurely terminated by President Zuma. He fired Barbara Hogan. One can only infer that this was done at the instance of the executives of the non-performing state-owned enterprises.

The next thing, we know, is that the President has put the Guptas in charge of the SOEs. The Guptas immediately launched a campaign to find a successor for Barbara Hogan. Uncontested evidence indicates that the Guptas approached Vytjie Mentor to fill this vacancy. [Interjection.] She turned down this offer of corruption. She did not go into this offer of corruption. [Interjections.] She did something brave.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: She said, “I am not touching corruption of the Guptas.” [Interjections.] Vytjie Mentor stood up. You need to stand up. You must stand up with Vytjie Mentor to say, “We are not touching corruption anymore.” You must stop the Gupta train ...[Interjection.]... the Gupta autos in the autobahn. But, Mr Deputy Speaker, let me turn to another important matter for the members in this House. The late Ahmed Kathrada wrote an open letter to President Zuma.

Ms P MAKALENI: Is this now the budget.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Let me turn to that. This is a political debate, it discusses issues. Part of this debate, why there is no money in this country, is because somebody is busy touching the money that is meant for community safety, that is meant for social development, that is meant for arts and culture, that is meant for economic development, that is meant for transport and public works, that is meant for education and health, that is

meant for local government and environmental affairs, that is meant for human settlements. It is touched by the Guptas.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You have got more money [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I want to conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon member Davids, order. Order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am concluding.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, I have heard you now more than one time. You have made your point. Hon Member, please continue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I will continue and conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.] The late hon Ahmed Kathrada wrote an open letter to President Zuma, and he said:

“Dear comrade President, I have agonised for a while, while writing this letter to you. The position of President is one that must at all times unite this country behind division, and a programme that seeks to make tomorrow a better day than today, for all South Africans. Now that the court found ...”

Ahmed Kathrada writes to President Zuma:

“Now that the court has found that the President has failed to uphold defend and respect the Constitution as the supreme law, how should I relate to my President?”

Ahmed Kathrada ask. He writes:

“If we are to continue to be guided by growing public opinion and the need to do the right thing, would he not seriously consider stepping down?”

He writes:

“I know that if I were in the President’s shoes, I would step down with immediate effect.”

In relation to President Zuma. Today, Mr Deputy Speaker, during this debate, Ahmed Kathrada asks:

“Today, I appeal to our President Zuma to submit to the will of the people and resign.”

Hon members, today we should unite and ask the President to submit ...[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And ask Helen Zille to resign.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...to the will of the people and to resign, because he is not an honourable man as found by the court. He has broken his oath of office. From this Parliament, we are asking President Zuma to stop corruption in the autobahn, and please resign with immediate effect. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I do not even want to take part in this debate, honestly. There is no excitement in me to speak, to take part in this debate, really. There is no way, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we can just continue with this debate as if nothing has happened in this House up to now. Taking into account the behaviour of the speakers from the DA, the Premier's response and even now, this arrogant input from the MEC of Finance.

When did it become right to make it sound okay when you make others look bad so that it makes you look good? Since when is that right? You point fingers at everyone else's bad points so that it may reflect that you are good. But the other telling point here today was also that it only was one MEC – and we know why – that decided to get up and defend this colonialist tweet that the Premier made.

So, based on that, this Province then is run by a Premier who believes that

personal attacks and her uncalled for caustic attacks work best in defence, by attributing comments to members ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon Chief Whip, do you want to raise, on a point of order?

Mr M G E WILEY: We spent two and a half hours on a personal attack from the ANC on the Premier. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member! I will control the debate. Hon member Beerwinkel, you may continue. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Attributing comments to members on this side of the House that were never uttered, conveniently forgets comments that hon members have made – [Interjections.] – sees bad in everything, but ironically decides today to find good in colonialism and defends it. And then even finds the need to speak to people's history and even today, member Mitchell refers to the fact that member Uys comes from the National Party. Of what relevance is that, Deputy Speaker? [Interjection.]

As they sit there, there are members – MEC Meyer's father, a stalwart of the NNP, a gentleman to whom we can still today look up to, even though he is not involved in politics anymore. Minister Bredell, still sitting there in the DA, Minister Dan Plato, member Anroux Marais and myself, everybody in this House and in this building knows that and you, Mr Deputy Speaker, an

hon member who leads this House with dignity – what relevance is it where we come from? Is it not about the content and the credibility that we bring to the work that we bring here that is important? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Today's debate should be an eye-opener for all the supporters of the DA and I swear that even the heated debate that was going on outside, on radio – I hope that some of these DA members had listened just yesterday to a radio interview for an hour on health specialists, how colonialism affected black people because of the experiments that were done on them.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We do not have to listen to the radio.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I swear that not even those debates will make the Premier feel guilty about her irresponsible tweets. [Interjections.]

This first citizen of this Province leads the policy debates and influences strategic goals and game-changers and so today we are supposed to be discussing the principles of a budget that is purported to be a collective process with full participation by Heads of Departments, CEOs of entities, CFOs of Departments, budget policy committees, or otherwise known as consultants and the Treasury team, but for the most part, people who have no

connection with the real province out there. There is a gaping hole in this whole process, Mr Deputy Speaker, a huge omission. Where is the public's input? Where is our input – the marginalised, the SMME sector which is the real creator of a better economy at first level – where are their inputs in this big book that is presented to us?

It cannot only be right of the big entrenched businesses and business people to have an input into this. Local government, as an example, starts with a ward committee, supposed to be non-political membership that influences the IDP, which informs the draft budget. Then public participation again and then a final budget incorporating amendments.

Here a big, thick book gets dumped in our laps, half of the members sitting there do not know how to read it, do not know the content of how to use it. [Interjection.] I do, I most certainly do. I stand up straight with my shoulders back, I do.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Speak for yourself.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Half your members do not even know how to read it, we cannot amend it, even though it is called a draft. So when and where do we play our oversight role, Mr Deputy Speaker? That's the point. [Interjections.] That is a statutory duty, that we as Opposition, together with those backbenchers at the back there, need to fulfil. Instead, they praise sing most of the time and focus attention on spheres where they have no business

at all.

They are probably too scared, I suppose, to say anything against, as they discuss and deliberate on their Bills, too scared of being demoted as was done with hon member Max for practising his proper oversight ... [Interjection.] Oversight does not mean that because recommendations and amendments are made, we have no right to monitor whether we can implement them. You, the DA, you govern here, you have to implement here. So stop sticking your noses in other provinces and National because you are not sitting there or in the NCOP, you are sitting here, you govern here. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: National Treasury is trying its level best to make allocations to eradicate the hurts and the deprivation of the colonial past that you find so attractive. Having listened to the dearth of information that has come to the fore regarding the hurts of colonialism, how do you defend some of these atrocities? But let us unpack them, Mr Deputy Speaker, what was received, how it was utilised in keeping your principles and policies at the back of your minds.

You are always complaining about not having or getting enough money from National, inadvertently admitting that you are dependent on allocations from National to carry out your principles.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is not your money.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: At no stage did I ever deny that it is taxpayers' money. At no stage did I say that it is my money. So this rhetoric that comes from the other side had just better stop because I am also a taxpayer. [Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker, can I be protected from the running commentary of this MEC here, please? [Interjection.] You would like to believe that you are an independent state, hence you are always complaining.

Mr D JOSEPH: You are not an island.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: But that is what you're trying to believe, hon member, you are trying to believe that.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The entire allocation of this Province has increased, both in equitable share as well as conditional grants. It is necessary for the public to know these facts and figures because when the MEC presented the budget he conveniently only referred to the MTEF, of which an ordinary person generally knows very little. It is the current expenditure that everybody wants to know about: the equitable share of R44.4 billion up from R41 billion last year; conditional grants R11.5 billion, up from R10 billion last year, own receipts R2.7, up from R2.6 billion last year – taking into account then, Mr Deputy Speaker, R32 billion is up from R29 billion last

year on cost of employment, which means you have got more money to pay employees. Goods and services R12.8 billion, slightly increased from last year.

So taking into account all of those numbers, what then is left of the R59 billion to spend on other things? Only R9 billion. And so, we as the ANC in our oversight role, want to warn Social Services that we will be monitoring how they allocate this new social worker employment grant of R11.9 million. Crime and social ills do not need police stations, they need you to carry out your social responsibilities, create the stability where you govern.

Also the R19 million for Early Childhood, which is also a new grant, especially the subsidy part of it, create sustainable communities. We will monitor that.

Education has also received a new grant of R11.8 million for learners with profound learning disabilities, again proving the point that we cannot sausage machine learners into academics at all costs.

I am mentioning these grants, Mr Deputy Speaker, specifically as these are the needs recognised by National Treasury that must be addressed in every province and part of our oversight role is to monitor not only its implementation, but where it is utilised.

You see, for any one of us – and it should be the cry of the backbenchers of

the DA as well – that to only allocate two hours for us to interrogate the budget, match it to the APP and the principles and the priorities and to consider the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, to check if its allocations match, is just impossible.

And I wonder, if you do make an investigation, how many of these committees did that. There is a huge divide here. There is no thumb suck in terms of the divide of poverty and haves in this province – just drive around and you will see. Very few of these chairpersons and MECs listen to inputs that are made while we do our oversight. It is meant to give us an opportunity to review, to monitor and to supervise but also to recommend.

So, if we take that thick – I think member Masizole had the book in front of him – on which page, Mr Deputy Speaker, would you find any recommendation that is made by any of us on this side of the House, any of them as the backbenchers or any member of the public? You will not find any because the book is a *fait accompli*. How many members of the public have attended any Standing Committee to make any input on any of these votes? Count on your one hand, Mr Deputy Speaker. Participation is an empty word to this government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I wanted to thank the Speaker herself for admitting that the public participation unit has no business going into any constituency without informing the relevant MPLs. The work that they do on the ground in the Committee, in a community serves both sides of this House, it cannot

be politically motivated and it should not be an exclusionary process. The DA makes a mockery of its own policy on open opportunities when they do that.

But let us touch on the Budget Committee and its role to date, also in influencing this budget as is contained in this principal document. How many committees, during their oversight, opened the document, I wonder?. How then can this very MEC sitting here – his Department - bring us a report to the Budget Committee that says: nothing to report, nothing to recommend, no resolutions made, just rubber stamp.

The same with Local Government; all is not well in Human Settlements, all is not well in Local Government. Yet the report that was brought to the Budget Committee, and this House will eventually ratify it, says nothing. How can we forget the debacle around Tafelberg and Wolwerivier and TRAs? It is still coming, yet they report nothing.

Education, Public Works and Treasury, in our oversight role we have repeatedly made the point that we need to be able to play our oversight role in a diligent manner and make amendments. We cannot do that. You see, here is the thing: to be able to do that, there needs to be legislation in place. That is supported by the Constitution, clause 120(3), the Western Cape Constitution, clause 30(2) and in the Government Gazette No. 9 of 2009 and it is named Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act of 2009, which is very clear, states in the schedule the processes to be followed

in setting up the norms and standards of provinces to legally amend money bills.

In short, to allow us to ask the changes to this colonially influenced budget, to stop the perpetuation of a colonialist attitude to the poor work force who are treated like slaves, to enhance the lives of the rich. The budget speaks to an establishment of a Cape Colony mentality if your Premier's attitude is anything to go by.

The process in this new Act will spell out the amendments, the amendments that we then present will become a Money Bill. And then, it is such a gracious thing when you realise that you have erred, to just admit that you need to look at something. Instead, the Chief Whip will forever find reasons to poke holes into something that is legislatively required of this Province to do. Whether National is employing it, whether National has enacted it, whether other provinces are employing it or they have enacted it, are totally irrelevant.

This Western Cape Province needs to get into place, for in that way we will be playing a meaningful oversight role, because then we can have an influence in a document that is put before us where we consider the poor and everyone else in this province, whether they be rich or poor and whether we are equally being allocated the finances attributed to this province ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... instead of just rubber stamping a thick document and a vote presented to us.

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Minister Meyer's recent budget speech focused on the Western Cape Government theme of a budget for people, growth and prosperity, a budget that focuses on rescuing our youth who have become the lost generation as a result of the ANC's neglect in their pursuit of individual and crony enrichment; a generation that has been lost out of the economy has no hope of finding employment because the ANC has not cared enough to equip them with a quality education and the skills required for the jobs that are required in our economy; a generation that has been lost to a system of patronage and cadre deployment.

We need to ensure that we do not lose our young people and that we implement policies and initiatives that will remedy the ANC's neglect of the youth.

The DA-led government in the Western Cape has a plan for our people, a plan for the people of our province, a plan for the lost generation and our budget is aligned to that plan.

Our 2017 budget prioritises initiatives create opportunities for growth and jobs, improve education outcomes, promote wellness and safety and embed good governance. These initiatives specifically focus on our youth, the lost generation, and target intractable problems through sustainable and innovative solutions to some of our greatest challenges.

One of the best ways to reduce poverty and create opportunities for growth and jobs is to improve education outcomes. A good education system is one of the cornerstones of a thriving economy and provides the opportunity for people to qualify for higher education and seek better employment or start their own businesses. Youth development in the Western Cape places specific emphasis on the equipping the youth to transition into responsible, independent and productive adults.

Our game-changers have identified issues that we believe will make a significant difference in the Western Cape for all our people. Three of these are directly relevant to the youth. We believe that these interventions will accelerate economic growth, job creation and social inclusion, if successful. They also mean that we have to break down government silos and work transversely to maximise our resources, both human and financial.

The Apprenticeship Game-Changer is aligned to skills needs that have been identified in the Western Cape, especially for artisans and technical occupations. Maths is a crucial element of this and we need to pull out all of the stops to increase the number and quality of maths passes, especially those passing at 50% or more. This is one way we will align the skills we produce with the skills we need in the economy to create opportunities for our young people.

The After-school Game-Changer to which money is also allocated aims not only to keep our children safe and occupied after school, but to engage them in extramural and mathematics and language programmes, to assist with homework, extra tutoring, sporting activities and cultural and behavioural programmes. This programme addresses a number of social ills, including providing constructive opportunities for youth involvement to try and keep them away from gangs and drugs, to address gaps in education and address the lack of insufficient opportunities to participate in sport and cultural activities, usually because of socio-economic circumstances. Again we are providing better opportunities for our people so that they can prosper.

As a government, we have set ourselves the goal of more than doubling the number of learners from disadvantaged schools participating in after-school activities and ensuring regular attendance. We aim to achieve this by significantly improving the attractiveness and quality of such programmes for learners by 2019. We aim to provide over 112 000 learners from no-fee and low-fee schools with access to safe quality after-school programmes by 2019.

The programmes offered fall under four pillars: sport and recreation, academic support, including e-learning, arts and culture and life skills. We believe that regular and consistent participation of learners in these programmes will dramatically improve learner outcomes, reduce school dropout rates and reduce risk-taking behaviour.

We will be leveraging the infrastructure and after-school programmes we already have in place, which include the MOD centres at 181 schools across the province...

Ms P MAKELENI: Not any more.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... run by DCAS. It also includes the MOD Year Beyond Programme at 22 schools and at an additional five schools running Yebo Life by the Department of the Premier and DCAS, the five Youth Cafés and 93 funded after-school ...

Ms P MAKELENI: Wrong number again.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... partial care centres run by the Department of Social Development and the tutoring school enrichment ...

Ms P MAKELENI: Get your facts right at least.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... and pure education programmes run by

the Education Department. E-Learning has been a priority for the Western Cape Education Department for over a decade but we have accelerated it significantly over the last two years and we are making e-Learning a reality in all Western Cape schools. This game changer is designed to make a major contribution towards improving the quality of teaching and learning in the province and entrenching the skills that our youth need to participate in our technology driven economy.

The alignment with three of our most important departmental strategic goals, namely teacher development and improvement in maths and language, ensures that we are providing our learners with the skills they need in the 21st century. This is a responsible use of taxpayers' money, unlike the uses plotted at a Saxonwold shebeen.

The Western Cape's e-Learning Game-Changer Programme will also improve access to quality education in poor communities significantly via high speed broadband connectivity and access to more relevant digital content.

As a government we aim to ensure that provincial public finances remain on a sustainable path. This will promote service delivery and ensure that we deliver a budget for people, growth and prosperity, but the lack of fiscal discipline at a national level as well as in other provincial government departments is having a catastrophic effect on our economy. The growth and development of every economy hinges on how resources are judiciously managed.

The President's actions yesterday show that the ANC is not even pretending any longer to promote fiscal discipline - their policy is fiscal looting.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This will impact on all of us, unfortunately. Our discipline and honesty is shown in that the Western Cape Government again achieved 100% unqualified audits for all provincial departments for the second year running. These outcomes affirm the Province's position as a leader in clean governance and service delivery.

On the opposite side of the spectrum we have ANC-led provinces where the A-G noted in his report that national and provincial government departments have accumulated R46 billion in irregular expenditure. Let us use the Free State, for example, where irregular expenditure balloons to R1.9 billion. The Education Department, Health and Human Settlements Departments accounted for 95% of this irregular expenditure.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is a †skande! [disgrace!]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: R399 million from Education, R466 by Health and R965 million by Human Settlements. [Interjections.] R1.9 billion which could have built 31 schools that we desperately need in the Western Cape to keep up with the demands as hundreds of thousands of South Africans move to the Western Cape in search of jobs and a better education

under the DA-led Government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a running commentary going on here, it is very difficult to speak.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening very carefully to Mr Olivier but you may continue.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This could also be used to replace the *plankie* schools that we inherited when we took office in 2009. We inherited a backlog of hundreds of schools that were built with inappropriate materials dating back to the apartheid era, that evidently needed a maintenance upgrade or to be replaced entirely with a new structure. We began to prioritise spending on replacing and building new schools and the difference between the two administrations is staggering.

We identified that there were 150 schools that needed to be replaced. These schools were mostly situated in previously disadvantaged and poorer communities. What was even more alarming was that the previous administration had done little to address this.

In the five years that the ANC was running education in this province, only three of these schools had been replaced, three.

Ms P MAKELENI: How many years did you [Inaudible.]?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Since 2009 and in the same number of years in that office that the ANC had, namely five years, we have replaced 28 schools with new brick and mortar structures. We have already also accelerated this process even further, completing an additional 44 schools from 2014 to the end of this financial year.

So while the ANC-led provinces are filling their pockets with taxpayers' money and KFC in some cases ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! There is too much conversation going on across the passage – hon Winde and hon Olivier.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...we in the DA-led Western Cape are working hard to deliver services to the poorest of the poor, create jobs and grow the economy. We are doing this, however, within our fiscal envelope, not expecting National Government to bail us out when we overspend, which detrimentally affects other provinces and national departments. [Interjection.] The calculation of the equitable share by National Treasury remains a concern for us, especially in education. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am astounded by the comments of the hon member Beerwinkel, of all people, that it is National Government money

So what? We know it is National Government money, that is their obligation to give it to the provinces. How we run it is the issue. [Interjections.] We are very pleased.

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.] so what.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I don't take offence to it, I just cannot believe it is coming from the hon member Beerwinkel, who should know better. We are very pleased that the local government equitable share is now being calculated on current data. We have been pushing for this for some time given that a large portion of the equitable share calculation for education is based on 2011 census data. We have discussed this with the Western Cape Minister of Finance and will continue pushing for a review of the provincial equitable share formula so that it can better respond to the needs we have in education.

Jobs and growth are the number one priority of the Western Cape Government. The only sustainable way to beat poverty is by increasing skills, so people can earn a living and contribute to the tax base so we can grow the economy, providing for those who cannot provide for themselves. We will achieve this by ensuring that our budget is managed effectively, efficiently, wisely and ethically. And in an attempt to rescue the lost generation, we will also continue to ensure that our successes are communicated far and wide with the voters until they allow us the opportunity to run the national departments in the same way as we do in the

Western Cape, free of corruption, in a transparent and cost-effective way for the benefit of all who live in it, not the Guptas and their cronies.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is evident that where the DA governs, everyone benefits, especially our young people.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear, hear! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is why so many people want to come and live here. And it is clear that the poor people who live in the DA-led Western Cape are the main beneficiaries of clean governance and service delivery. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The only way that we will be able to achieve economic growth as a country is if the ANC is removed from government and the sooner the better. Thank you. [Interjections.]
[Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Minister Meyer indicated in his budget speech that the expected economic growth in the Western Cape for 2017 is 1.3% and expected economic growth in the Western Cape for 2018 is 2%. He said it is mainly driven by finance, insurance, real estate and business services. But just earlier last week the rand tumbled again from 12.58 to 12.30 to the dollar. This happened when President Jacob Zuma recalled the Minister of Finance, Pravin Gordhan, when he was on his road show.

Now, they say that this trip was unauthorised but yet an acting was appointed and had a letter for that as Minister Meyer indicated. The ACDP is disappointed that investment and jobs are not important to President Zuma.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ANN7 earlier reported that President Zuma has informed the ANC top six that he is going to replace Pravin Gordhan and his deputy. [Interjections.]

Now, Minister Pravin Gordhan has shown and proven to this country that he is capable and that he is proficient in his job. Is his removal because of his stance against corruption? Is his removal because of his stance against buddy-buddies and the Guptas?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Now, can Minister Meyer inform us what will the markets do if Minister Pravin Gordhan is replaced and his deputy replaced, what will the markets do? And will we have the expected growth that is predicted by the Western Cape?

The in-fighting of the ANC has now become a public matter. They are now washing their dirty laundry in public and it's hurting us, it is hurting us.

An HON MEMBER: It is!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Speculation has also grown over the past 24 hours that Minister Pravin Gordhan's head is on the chopping block. [Interjections.]

President Zuma has said that a Cabinet reshuffle would take place before the end of this week. [Interjections.] You watch this space. I know more than you. [Interjections.]

It has become evident that the country is no longer important to the ANC. Investment and jobs are no longer important to the ANC and I want to urge my colleagues from the ANC to stand with Pravin Gordhan and stand against Jacob Zuma. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. South Africa is a

constitutional democracy with constitutional mandates. Chapter 13 of the Constitution gives effect to financial matters relating to national, provincial and local spheres of government. Section 213 guides on the provincial equitable share of revenue based on national level and section 214, determination of each province's equitable share and any other allocations to provinces with any conditions attached to the allocation of revenue.

Section 215 of the Constitution prescribes that provincial and municipal budgetary processes must promote transparency, it must promote accountability and it must promote effective financial management.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our legislative mandate, namely the Public Finance Management Act, relates to compliance to ensure that a sustainable, sound financial governance framework is in place. The Western Cape's economic growth is expected to grow at 1.3% in 2017 and 2% in 2018 and the economic outlook is better than the national potential and forecast.

The DA Government in the Western Cape understands the challenges, hence our response to a budget that is supporting economic growth and development, a budget for people and a budget for prosperity. The Western Cape economy is ready for growth, namely in the financial and business sector, the property sector, wholesale and retail sectors, supported by a strong tourism sector. This means more jobs, more opportunities, more consumer spending in the urban as well as the rural economy.

†Adjunkspeaker, die nasionale beleid van die ANC-regering bring onsekerheid. Dit bring onsekerheid in baie aspekte van die ANC se beleid, veral die grondhervorming van die land, daar is onsekerheid wanneer daar korrupsie geskied, daar is onsekerheid oor die SASSA-skandaal, daar is onsekerheid oor die staatskaping en dit skep onsekerheid in die ekonomie. En onder leiding van die ANC-president Zuma is dit ‘n krisis, ‘n krisisbestuur vanaf 2009, vandat die ANC-president die kantoor beset het, een krisis na die ander. En die poging van President Zuma om die Minister van Finansies te vervang met kader *deployment* was nog ‘n poging om die Nasionale Tesourie te kaap.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Deputy Speaker, the national policy of the ANC Government brings uncertainty. It brings uncertainty in many aspects of the ANC’s policy, especially the land reform of the country, there is uncertainty when corruption takes place, there is uncertainty about the SASSA scandal, there is uncertainty about the state capture and it creates uncertainty in the economy. And under the leadership of the ANC President Zuma it is a crisis, a crisis management since 2009, from the time the ANC President took office it has been one crisis after the other. And the effort of President Zuma to replace the Minister of Finance with kader deployment was another effort to capture the National Treasury.]

†Adjunkspeaker, Suid-Afrika het nog nie herstel van die President se

mislukte poging tot staatskaping nie en die poging om van die vorige Minister ontslae te raak nie.

Misdaad vier hoogty in Suid-Afrika en dit het 'n groot impak op die ekonomie en daar is nie – there is no political will to address the crime in South Africa. Die ANC-regering gee net nie meer om hoeveel mense elke dag in ons land doodgeskiet word nie of beroof word nie of vermoor word nie. Onder die ANC-regering het die lewe sy waarde verloor.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Deputy Speaker, South Africa has not recovered from the President's failed effort in state capture and the effort to get rid of the previous Minister.

Crime is rife in South Africa and it has a great impact on the economy and there is no political will to address the crime in South Africa. The ANC Government just does not care how many people are shot dead or robbed or are murdered every day in our country. Under the ANC Government life has lost its value.]

† 'n AGBARE LID: [Onhoorbaar]

[An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]]

†Mnr D JOSEPHS: Waar is die spesiale eenhede wat President Zuma belowe het twee jaar gelede toe hy dit in die SONA-debat aangekondig het? Waar is

die begroting vir meer polisiemanne en polisievrouten om misdaad te bekamp?

Adjunkspeker, volgens DA skadu-Minister in die Nasionale Parlement het die ANC-ministers R41 miljoen op luukse motors spandeer tussen 2014 en 2017, binne drie jaar, R41 miljoen op motors – geld wat kon gegaan het aan die arm mense.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr D JOSEPHS: Where are the special units that President Zuma promised two years ago when he announced that in the SONA debate? Where is the budget for more policemen en policewomen to fight crime?

Deputy Speaker, according to the DA shadow Minister in the National Parliament the ANC Ministers have spent R41 million on luxury cars between 2014 and 2017, within three years – money that could have gone to the poor people.]

It is estimated that the provincial budget will move from R56 to R59 billion and to R63 billion in the medium term. The Provincial Executive Council that we have in this Province used the provincial equitable share as a formula to prioritise service delivery on data and components such as health, education gets priority, together with poverty alleviation and the population estimates that guide this budget.

A good government functions within a framework, within its strategic goals. The provincial strategic goals of the Western Cape are clear; they are measurable, unlike in ANC Government where the DA must assist and guide and Opposition parties must help to measure what is going on in the provinces, in the governments not understanding their own goals, not knowing how to implement the budget and to measure their own outcomes.

It is unfortunate that in South Africa in times under the ANC Government, the DA had to take the ANC to court and take the Government to court. And, sadly, the ANC does not learn by its own mistakes.

In the Northern Cape a hospital has been under construction for the last 11 years and it is nearly costing R2 billion and it is not complete.

†Mnr P UYS: Waar is Jooste?

[Mr P UYS: Where is Jooste?]

Mr D JOSEPH: The DA-led government in the Western Cape will continue to invest in infrastructure led growth, supporting development and growth for jobs and a better living model. The difference is: we identify our mistakes and we correct them, that is the difference. The voters and all the residents will benefit from the budget of the Western Cape in 2017/18.

Public participation is critical for growing our democracy. Here in Parliament, in our constituencies, hence questions to the Ministers,

interpellations, motions, debates which the public may attend; a budget that creates a better together climate, a budget for all the people including the lost generation. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Now is the opportunity for the hon member Olivier to speak. [Interjections.] Order! Order!

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Sekela Somlomo ndiyabulela ngeli thuba. Namhlanje uMphathiswa weZimali kweli phondo uthi xa ethetha nathi, athi makasuswe uMongameli esihlalweni. Kodwa namhlanje sibonile ukuba amagwala aphakama ema ngeenyawo aqhweba izandla. Umntu othi ehlala kweziya ndawo ahlala kuzo, aphakame abhale unothanda, agxavule athethe ngabantu bethu kakubi esithi inkqubo yobukolonyali yayilungile, ayibona ukuba ibingenazingxaki. Kodwa bayaphakama abakwazi ukuthi makasuswe esihlalweni, kodwa bajonge uMongameli uZuma ukuba makasuswe. Siyabacela ke ukuba bayakwazi ukuyenza loo nto basuse kuqala lo mama uphaya bamoyikayo othetha unothanda.

Somlomo, ndivumelana nelungu elibekekileyo uBeerwinkel xa esithi le Ndlu yoWisomthetho ayinamazinyo xa kuthethwa ngohlahlo mali ngoba uMgaqo-siseko nguwo kanye ongakwaziyo ukusenza ukuba sikwazi ukwenza utshintsho kuloo mali. Kuthiwa ke mayize kuthi. Olu hlahlo mali luhlahlo mali lobukoloyinali olwenziwe ngaba bantu bahleli apha ngaphambili, kuthiwe kuthi masihambe siye kulwamkela. Asinakuyivuma into enjalo Somlomo.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. Today the MEC for Finance in this province says when he talks to us that the President must be removed from his position. But today we have seen that cowards stand on their feet and clap their hands. For a person who lives at a place where they live, to stand up and write whatever they like, to insult and speak badly of our people saying the Colonial system was good, with which they see no problem. But they stand up and cannot say she must be removed from her position, but they are expecting President Zuma to be removed. We therefore appeal to them to, if they can do that, to first remove the woman they fear who says whatever she wants.

Speaker, I agree with the honourable member Beerwinkel when she says this Legislature has no teeth when it comes to the budget because the Constitution is the reason we are unable to make changes to the budget. They then say it must come to us. This is a colonial budget created by the people sitting in front here, and we are told to come and accept it. We can never accept such a thing, Mr Deputy Speaker.]

†This is a misleading budget that has been themed as the people's budget. [Interjection.] It is nothing of a people's budget, but a promissory note, a pie in the sky that does not really talk to the fundamental issues affecting our communities.

†Somlomo izikolo. UMphathiswa ebethetha kakhulu apha namhlanje, kodwa izikolo ziyawa. Umzekelo eMoseki kwiSikolo saMabanga aPhantsi abantwana bahleli phezu kwabanye. Ingxinano ingaphaya kwengqondo, kodwa namhlanje kuthiwa imali ikhona abantu baza kukwazi ukuncedakala Siyabona kwaFaku abantwana bafunda neempethu. Ukhona, nankuya uhleli phaya, kodwa uthi ...

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Speaker, the schools - the MEC was talking a lot here today, but schools are falling apart. For example at Moseki Primary School, children are sitting on top of each other. Congestion is out of proportion, but today we are told there is money available and people shall be assisted. We can see at KwaFaku, children are learning with maggots. There he is, sitting there.]

†This government is a caring government – this is not a caring government. This government is a colonial government that sees when learners in class are contaminated by sewerage, the toilet does not flush but here we sit and say: this is a Western Cape Government that does care for people. It does not care. These are blatant lies and lies and lies and promises because that is all they are good in doing. [Interjection.]

†Somlomo namhlanje sibonile ukuba ubuxoki bunjani. Kuthiwa apha umhlaba waseTafelberg uza kujongwa unikezelwe ukuba kwakhelwe uluntu, kodwa sibonile namhlanje ukuba akukho mali. Uyathengiswa, unikwa oyena mntu

unemali eninzi, ukuze abaya ngxowankulu bahlale behleli kweziya ndawo, kodwa abantwana bethu nathi bantu bamnyama asinakukwazi ukuya kuhlala kwiindawo ezithi zibandakanye wonke umntu xa uMphathiswa lo uyinkokheli kweli phondo engakwazi ukuthi malihlangane eli phondo libe liphondo eliphila abantu kunye. Siyabohlula abantu, siba nazo zonke iingxaki ezinokubangela ukuba abantu bangakwazi ukuhlala kunye.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Speaker, today we have seen how lies can be. It was said here that the Tafelberg land would be earmarked for low cost housing, but we have seen today that there is no money. It is being sold. It is being auctioned to the highest bidder, so that those capitalists can remain at those places, but our children and us black people cannot go and live in places that are inclusive when the MEC, who is the leader in this province, fails to integrate this province and be a province where people live together. We divide people, we have all sorts of problems that make people not able to live together.

This is an opportunity missed hon Minister. You could have done better as the leader of that party but of course there is nothing you can do because it is a colonial approach and it will always separate our people from one another.]

†Siyabulela ngokuba uphakame uqhwebwe izandla Mphathiswa kube mnandi ngoba umama uthi yayilungile into yokuba abantu bakuthi mabahlupheke.

Neliya Sebe lakho Mphathiswa, iindawo zethu zamatyotyombe ziza kuhlala

ziloluya hlobo. Ithethe into yokuba iindawo zethu ziza kuhlala ziloluya hlobo, sisigxina ngoba senza nje izithembiso, akukho nto siyenzela abantu abamnyama.

Siyayibona ke nakwiXesha eliPhakathi nantsi iR8 bhiliyoni uyinikiwe. Siza kubona ke ukuba uza kwenza ntoni na ngayo, ukuba uza kukwazi na ukujongana nale miba sithethe ngayo. Iindawo zethu iseziinkampi zengxinano ezazibekwe ngamaNazi.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[We thank you for standing up and applauding and being merry when the mother says the suffering of black people was a good thing. Even your Department, Minister, our informal settlements are still going to remain the same. That means our areas are going to stay the same, permanently because you only make promises, you do nothing for black people.

We can see that even in the medium term you have received R8 billion. We will see what you are going to do with it. Whether you will be able to address the issues we have raised. Our areas are still concentration camps set up by the Nazis.]

†And I am sure you subscribe to it because your Premier is supporting colonialism and she is saying it in her own Tweets.

†Ngoko Somlomo siyacela ukuba olu hlahlo mali njengokuba kusithiwa luhlahlo mali lwabantu ...

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Therefore, Speaker, this is said to be a people's budget ...]

†It is totally different to what we see on the ground.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr R T OLIVIER: On paper we are raising all these issues but go to where we are, 16 schools across the MTEF that will be built but we are complaining that thousands and thousands are coming to the Province, overcrowding – and the MEC is continuously asking me to give her money which I do not know where to get it ...

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We need it.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Exactly, but you are always saying this is a province well run. And I am telling you today, as long as our learners are sitting in the conditions they are ... [Interjection.]

Exactly, that is where you are with your Premier's colonialist party that will never support our own people. The Jooste Hospital, it was a promise made

that the hospital would be built but it is still work in progress. It is continuously work in progress.

†Somlomo, ndifuna ukuthi xa ndiza kuvala, lo mbuthi iDA

[Speaker, I want to say in conclusion, this organisation the DA ...]

†... it is nothing short of what the Premier says; they all subscribe to what their own leader is saying and today they have confirmed by supporting her and saying: yes, our own systems were good, the colonialism system was good and hence our people could have been treated the way they were treated.

[Interjection.]

†Ngoko Somlomo ngaloo mazwi ndicinga ukuba le into siyixelelwa apha yindlalo. Enkosi.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Therefore, Speaker with those words, I think what we are being told here is nonsense. Thank you.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Minister Mbombo?

[Interjections.] Order! Order! Minister, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, Premier Helen Zille in absentia, hon members, ladies and gentlemen, a very good evening – it is no

longer afternoon now.

On the 9th of March Minister Ivan Meyer tabled in this House the Western Cape Provincial budget for 2017/18. In his budget speech and in his own words, this budget is about the growth, it is about the people, it is about prosperity. I couldn't agree more. I must say this Government takes economic growth and the prosperity of the people in the Western Cape very seriously. Even though Health gets the bigger slice of the budget, in light of the South African economy which has been crippled and slowed down to a 0.5% growth rate, the budget is not increasing in real terms.

I do have to acknowledge that since the DA has been in power, it has been allocating the biggest budget to Health if you compare it to the other provinces in terms of their budget. [Interjections.]

Western Cape Health is not immune to the major fiscal constraints. Provincial Treasury has allocated just over R21 billion to Health. High demand in services versus the availability of resources is not aligned. I must just say, in responding to hon member Beerwinkel in terms of that, health in the MTEF, in year one there is no increase in the equitable share; year 2 there is no increase in the equitable share, it is only year 3 which is related to the increase in medicine.

So we want to acknowledge that the Western Cape Government is allocating more, because even the money that comes from National, the majority of it is

only for the national conditional grants and they do not address the pressing issues such as the management of chronic conditions, because you talk about the issue relating to the infrastructure and all of those.

I want to highly stress, maybe put it here, that sometimes when we are accused of mentioning other provinces when we are mentioning our own performance, it is because in the international world all these health outcomes, whether it is infant mortality, whether it is maternal deaths, they are all combined and then it is a reflection on South Africa. When other provinces mess up, it means that the whole South Africa is messing up, according to the world. So they do not get the figures for a province, whether it is a DA government or ANC government, they get South African figures. So it is crucial for us to make that comparison so that we can understand why some of us who are working so hard get frustrated.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: With an increase in population, the burden of disease increasing, patients presenting with more than one disease, the budget shortages, service pressures are really inevitable. Our facilities are congested and waiting times are becoming longer.

Now, how do you balance the service pressure without compromising the quality of care under these financial constraints? That is why, for us, we have to be responsive and with the unqualified audit achieved of more than a

decade and a clean audit report for the last audited financial year, which is the first time in South Africa, it is why we have this clean governance. These clean audits are a result of this Department's ability to manage services like procurement, among others; where we have shown, in terms of ability to procure, where we have got goods and services worth about R6 billion.

And coming from the A-G report we have seen how we have performed. Medical equipment and procurement in the 2015/16 financial year - the Western Cape is the province that performed well in all areas in regard to the maintenance of medical equipment, the procurement of the equipment, repairs of medical equipment and, in addition to all of those, the Western Cape is the only health department that has a small expenditure deviation from its budget.

And also in addition to that, we do not only rely on the money that we get from the taxpayers and also from the allocation but we also create our own revenue - R500 million that we collect from the haves in order to put up service for the have-nots and Provincial Treasury returns that money back to the Department, whether it is unspent or over-collected.

Of course clean audits need to be coupled with efficiencies that will not only improve access to quality health services but also improve the clinical outcomes. This one is very important and very crucial because the health outcomes that I am talking about are part of the nine goals of the NDP and

the first five are rated; the health outcomes are the ones that the country is being judged against in the whole world. We have the best health outcomes so far in the country. That is what we have seen. Life expectancy is the highest in the whole country, both for males and females, people live longer – since 2011. The Free State has the lowest life expectancy for both males and females.

With TB it used to be the highest; at least now we are the fourth highest in terms of TB infection and the percentage of deaths due to HIV/AIDS and TB has been decreasing year on year. In 2014 deaths from TB was 3.6% in the Western Cape, the lowest in the whole country. Our mothers dying during childbirth at our facilities is the lowest in the country with a figure of about 62 per 100 000 live births. In all other provinces, and the national average, you triple those. So it means that mothers and children are dying elsewhere. Medical litigation costs are escalating in all other provinces. It means that its money is lost because it is supposed to be for the delivery of services but now it is being used to pay the lawyers making such claims.

Of course we do have the issue of the challenge around the infrastructure, as has been mentioned by the members, and it is our top priority which is a direct response to our challenge of service [Inaudible.] therefore we cannot ignore those.

I am pleased to say that our track record of infrastructure maintenance was recently endorsed by the Auditor-General. For example, we have earmarked

R16 million for both central hospitals and all other hospitals at a district level. It cannot be right that, for example, Kimberley Hospital which was meant to be completed – it is a mental hospital – in 2008, is still not finished and it is sitting at about four times the original price, which is about a billion.

†Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Skande!

[The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Disgrace!]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We just heard on the news today whilst I was sitting here, that those mental patients now have to go to prisons. So the prisons are taking care of the mental health patients that are supposed to be at the hospital. It cannot be right. It is not about politics, it is about the patients, it is about the human rights.

Currently, in the light of the tragedy – because we have to mention that Swartland Hospital was just destroyed by the fire. The management team of Swartland Hospital have compiled an interim operational plan to ensure that health services are still available to the patients at Swartland. So the services still continue and in the context of medicine and healthcare, managing a crisis of that magnitude, where over 76 patients have been evacuated, where you find that not a single patient, not a single staff member has been harmed, we need to give a round of applause for the staff and also the patients, speak up to that. [Applause.]

With regards to the Jooste Hospital, we have seen the media and press from the Premier as part of the Manenberg upgrade. So we have progressed from when the question was posed in Parliament and there is now already community consultations in terms of finalising the site.

The other thing, Mr Deputy Speaker, is about the issue of the human resources. Our staff members are our greatest assets and we should not take them for granted because I always say that staff comes first, so that we take care of the patients. Delivering quality healthcare to 75% of the Western Cape population will not be possible without our staff members who work tremendously and strenuously under these conditions. But the mere fact that the Department of Public Service Administration has received a highly favourable comment and an accolade for having the best people's management plan for this period, for the five year period, we need to applaud our staff members for that.

In case you might not be aware, the Western Cape Department produces a third of the doctors and 60% of the dentists in this country.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: But the allocation of the National Department to this province for tertiary services and for training and development has reduced substantially in recent years and it is unfair that allocation is being shifted to other provinces but those provinces do not have the capacity to

increase and train the number of new doctors and dentists. Since the Western Cape has to reduce the training capacity due to these reduced budgets, it means now we are talking about the risk, in terms of the production of doctors, dentists, in the country as a whole, which will end up now being reduced.

Just lastly, because we have to talk about the patients' experience as well, the issue of the staff's attitude; what do we have to do in order to fast track it so that the patients can be able to access these services in terms of less waiting times. Because clean audits need not only be coupled with the efficiencies that will improve patient experience but also need to alleviate service pressure in the health system – it is only us, we are the only ones, thanks to the Treasury where we have been allocated R60 million for IT priorities.

E-Vision, which is the electronic e-patient record; e-prescribing – you do not have to wait for the doctor now to write a prescription with bad handwriting – the e-referral system. We are the only ones that have got a unique patient ID number where the same patient can be seen and we can track the patient folder throughout. The patient has got one identity throughout. It is not only an advancement in technology but we are the only ones, not only in South Africa - so far it has been confirmed actually that we might be the only one in the whole of the Southern Hemisphere.

In conclusion, as I indicated, whatever we do, we have to make the point that

even our colleagues in other provinces should also do the same because it is not about the reflection of the Western Cape internationally, it is a reflection on all of us. Just to give a little bit in terms of schooling, where they say if you fail to plan it means that you plan to fail. It is just simple, just six building blocks to strengthen health systems.

One is the issue of the leadership and governance. You need to fire people who do not perform and then you hire people that are fit for the purpose, that is very crucial.

The financing - it cannot be that we still have got people who are corrupt, who do not manage the monies of taxpayers carefully and then they still continue running the hospitals.

The issue of the human resources - everybody knows if you have the right people with the right skills, at the right place at the right time, you reinforce good practices and you reward good practices. People need to account. It is simple things. The issue of the medicine: stock out, it cannot be. Any healthcare professional we have in our system, they know all this about these issues.

Information systems - without those you will not be able to communicate, the same as the referral, the same as at the end, the package of the care delivery you need to integrate.

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to say the Western Cape leads and the others follow and they are welcome to come and learn from us. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bernard Joseph?

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is an interesting debate pertaining to the Appropriation Bill. However, we are making politics of the debate.

I would like to highlight in four departments certain things that need to be done to improve our service delivery. More specifically I would like to kick off by saying that in the Education Department the Premier usually makes a mockery of the matric results. However, what is the Provincial Government doing to improve the matric results at our various schools? One, we are lacking ECD centres and we only have ECD centres in certain areas and it is mainly those areas where people have money. The people in the poverty stricken areas do not have ECD centres.

Why are the ECD centres important? If people attend from a young age, from three to six years or earlier, a natural process will happen in terms of the improvement of results and understanding of reading and skills, reading skills improvement. And in that way they will then be able to comprehend

what they are reading so that at a later stage when they get closer to matric they would then be able to improve it.

However, going then to after matric, quality education becomes important. What does the Provincial Government do to ensure that we are able to address free quality education for the first three years?

Listening to the MEC for Health referring to patient care and not politics, it is quite clear, just making one example of one institution in the metro, Gugulethu Day Hospital, I have visited that hospital. If you enter that hospital people are sitting in queues from four o'clock, five o'clock in the morning and by nine o'clock, 10 o'clock when they have not seen a medical doctor, they need to go home. Is that fair towards the people of the Metro and, more specifically, in Gugulethu? This cuts across all situations.

What is further worrying in terms of Gugulethu Day Hospital, there is a certain section that is looking after AIDS patients, where they receive their medicine, and it has a certain name. However, it is an open site for people that are being treated with HIV medication. Is it correct to expose people that have HIV/AIDS and TBI to conditions ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, just finish off. Your time has expired but just finish off.

Mr B D JOSEPH: So quick. [Laughter.] So these are some of the areas that

need to be addressed. The other area is the area in terms of crime. Our people are dying and we urgently need to address – and more specifically the Western Cape Government needs to address the fact that our people are dying out in the streets on the Cape Flats, and not the issue that they are constantly referring these matters to the National Government ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Member ...

Mr B D JOSEPH: But the question is: what is Provincial Government doing ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... to stop this? [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Your injury time has expired. Hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, through you, I want to just raise a point here: Hon member Beerwinkel, we talk about this book and about doing oversight and really, firstly, many of you do not understand how to convert this book into growing the economy, and that is your first problem because often you are spewing out stuff here that actually does not make sense.

Secondly, oversight does not just relate to this book. Oversight relates to getting out there and finding out how these Ministers are spending their money. We often invite you to functions and you do not attend, you do not go and see how we convert this budget into the economy. So that is my first point.

But this time I am going to speak more positively today and I am going to talk about this Provincial Budget which embodies the Democratic Alliance values and promises in our 2014 election campaign because it is a budget for all the people of the Western Cape. It is a budget that will continue the economic prosperity in our province and give people opportunities through growth. It is a budget that will continue to deliver jobs and get the record low rural unemployment rate of 14% down even further. And it is a budget that will provide economic inclusion to all of our people.

In 2014 the Democratic Alliance promised our voters that we would work together for change and together for jobs, and in this budget we are carrying out those very promises, as we have continued to do since 2014. The results can be seen quite clearly by the evidence that we have seen here and by the growth of the voter support we experienced in this last election.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: The latest quarterly Labour Force Survey figures for the fourth quarter of 2016 have shown that this province has gained 490 000 new

jobs since the fourth in 2009, the same year that the Democratic Alliance took office. In total, jobs grew by 70 000 in the last fourth quarter of 2016, bringing our broad unemployment rate down to 23.6%, the lowest in South Africa.

And if that is not enough to convince you that our budget is for all the people and for growth, then just ask the private sector out there because the Bureau for Economic Research has indicated that the Western Cape business confidence remains increasingly positive. In the third quarter of 2016 the Western Cape business confidence was 48 index points, 10 index points above the national average. Business confidence is a result of good governance and sound fiscal management which leads to greater investment opportunities, which leads to more jobs and greater growth.

The Province's Strategic Goal 1, to create opportunities for growth and jobs, focuses on delivering effectively by creating an enabling business environment which will allow for the private sector to grow the economy and create jobs.

Project Khoisan accurately identified these sectors of the DA-led Western Cape economy with the greatest potential for accelerated and sustained growth and job creation and with the potential for creation of a large number of entry level jobs, both in rural as well as urban areas. And we know that Khulisa is having a positive effect.

The Western Cape now has the lowest rural unemployment, as I said, at just 14% which, I might add, again is the lowest ever recorded. This is a direct result of a well-implemented budget into the economy, a budget that speaks to the poorest of the poor and a budget that creates opportunity and growth. So while Khulisa focuses on tourism and the oil and gas sector and agri-processing, this budget also invests in strategic catalytic infrastructure projects for long-term sustainable growth.

The West Coast Industrial Plan, with the investments of Saldanha Bay IDZ and the Atlantis Green Tech SEZ, will see a massive boost of jobs and growth into the Western Cape economy. These jobs impact directly into rural areas outside of our metro and give opportunities and jobs for young people and jobs for people with low skill levels, while Khulisa employment has increased by 40% in the agriculture and agri-processing sectors over the past two years, that is more than 127 400 new jobs.

With Khulisa, the DA-led Western Cape has generated an additional three billion for the economy by adding over half a million new two-way direct seats through our Cape Access Initiative. [Interjection.]

And with all this investment and growth potential, the Western Cape has had to implement the Apprenticeship Game-Changer to ensure that young people have the necessary skills for jobs in sectors where the demand is growing.

This budget aims to assist 32 500 apprentices that will enter the labour

market by 2019, to meet the needs of Project Khulisa. To date we know that 3 009 young people have completed their work-based programmes in fields linked to tourism, oil and gas and agri-processing sectors due to a government focused approach to economic growth.

Good governance, sound fiscal practices, together with an enabling environment, has led to R5.9 billion worth of investments secured in this province since 2014.

Broadband as a game-changer has not only transformed the lives of people but it builds on jobs and growth for the entire province. Studies have concluded that a 10 percentage point increase in fixed broadband penetration has a result in 1% increase in GDP. Broadband will have a direct impact on jobs and growth. The DA-run Western Cape is bringing these jobs and growth and this ability for broadband and Wi-Fi to every ward and we will see the impact of that on opportunities for all the people of the Western Cape.

This budget, through our investment agency, Wesgro, has also secured R5.9 billion worth of investments for the Western Cape and resulted in 1 865 new jobs from 2014 to 2016, reaffirming the DA-led Government's constant focus on creating jobs and opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am confident that this budget will continue to contribute to realising the DA's vision of an open opportunity society for all

our citizens, a budget for people, for growth and for prosperity. I thank you.

[Applause.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes, thank you. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I just heard a racist arrogance here ... [Interjections] ... where a notion that leaders elected in their own right are told they do not know the Blue Book. In that community which I also sit ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Members of DA... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Listen!

Mr S TYATYAM: When we were submitting reports they came without their books. They were not submitting, they were just voting. You must ask the Chair, who submitted the most submissions for the report - which were adopted, actually.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is us.

Mr S G TYATYAM: So do not do that, find some other platform ... [Interjection.] It is impossible to expect the colonial DA-led Government to have a budget that allows pro-poor service delivery and inclusiveness. [Interjections.] The narrow neo-liberal ideology on which the DA policies are premised negates the poor and disadvantaged communities because it is their values. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Winde? Order! Minister Winde, is that a question or – do you want to ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Will the hon member take a question, please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam? [Interjections.] Hon member Tyatyam, are you prepared to take a question? [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: He must SMS it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no. Please continue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I will respond.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The colonial DA believes in the free market system where government mostly has no say in the running of the economy. The white monopoly capitalists' interests are protected at all costs and multinational companies can come and loot our resources at ease whilst the colonial DA turns a blind eye. This budget represents that selfish system of neo-liberalism. [Interjections.]

The open opportunity notion is an antithesis; it conveniently fails to

recognise the historical reality that black people were subjected to inferior gutter Bantu education which prepared them for cheap labour.

The indigenous people were dispossessed of their productive land, whilst they were not allowed to stay in urban towns in their motherland. I wish the Premier was here to know that. Their restrictive pass laws were inhumane. African people and blacks in general suffered immensely under slavery, under apartheid, under colonialism, which you were clapping hands for today.
 †Sies! [Sis!] [Interjections.]

The reality is that this budget does not seek to change the colonial social landscape which is still based on old segregation laws of divide and rule. In this budget we are told to tighten belts, whereas billions are parked and hidden in the provincial reserves Ministry. When will we start to use the reserves? The budget has grown from R51.8 billion to R56 billion this year. This represents an 8.1% increment, which must be celebrated because of the National Government. [Interjections.]

Given the fact that the inflation rate is averaging round about 6.3 ... [Interjection.] So the money has increased by 8.1% In this province it is recorded that the fastest-growing sectors are agriculture, forestry, fishing at 7.6%, followed by mining and quarrying at 6.9%, construction at 3.6% Therefore the money that has been given ... [Interjection.]

The money that has been given, the 8.1%, is not minimal, it is huge and that

is what you must be able to use effectively. You know, it is the contribution of the biggest growth here as we are talking. Yes, we do have growth particularly in the finance, insurance and business services, but the question that we must ask ourselves: have these sectors created enough job opportunities ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Particularly for the 64% of unemployed young people in this province. What have we done? [Interjection.]

We know that in this province we suffer from jobless growth ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible] said it. You must believe her.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I will correct you now. The quarterly Labour Force Survey reported that official unemployment went down in North-West by 4%, in Limpopo by 2.6%., in the Western Cape by 1.2% as opposed to the economic – the truth that you are withholding and saying that we grew by 1.3% We did not, do not fool yourself because lies are going to be bad when it comes back, all the lies to people [Interjections.] This budget is not our budget, it is not the people's budget. It is the colonial budget of the Cabinet and I can tell you, many of the MECs, I can tell you they have not been inputting. Probably it is the budget of the Premier herself. [Interjections.]

Because I see some of the capacity is probably not – I do not know but ...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister Meyer has requested ...

[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Would the hon colleague like to take a question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, it is a stupid question.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, I ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member is not prepared to take a question. Please proceed.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, he must Whatsapp or Instagram the question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, your time is running out. Please continue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Currently in terms of the medium-term provincial budget policy priorities, namely infrastructure growth, agriculture and green economy skills development, there is no mention of how young people will be drawn, how they will be mainstreamed in this process. [Interjections.] Which

areas are a target? I have raised with the Minister that the community of Touwsrivier is disappearing because there is no development that is geared for that area. What is the Province doing?

This proves, Mr Deputy Speaker, our long held view that the colonial DA Government is very shallow on this front. Youth development cannot be taken as a by the way project. Unless industries are directed to employ young people as a prerequisite to doing business with the Government, it will never be dealt with. It cannot be we must just be told that we cannot intervene and yet we are told time and time again that, oh, the Cabinet adopted the NDP. And the NDP talks about state intervention and yet here is a free market. [Interjections.]

So, this budget does not quantify the money allocated for informal settlements and identifies which of those informal settlements, which are so huge – the Western Cape is the highest, has the highest, nationally ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... of informal settlements. The Minister knows that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired, unfortunately.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Can I read one thing? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have given you some extra time already, hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So I am seeing the hon member Mnqasela.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, this budget can never be adopted anywhere. It is a colonial budget. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please take your seat.

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. My response to that statement is: oh-oh-oooooooooh! [Laughter] Hey [Inaudible.]!

Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Ministers, hon members, the principle of this budget reinforce the agenda as contained in the vision 2020 of the Democratic Alliance, read together with the National Development Plan vision 2030. It focuses on people, that when we budget we put money, we ensure that when the economy grows it grows with people. We invest in people skills development, education. I heard people talk about education and the prioritisation of that. That is why you get the best performing students in this country coming from this province. It is not a joke, it is something very serious which even hon member Olivier clapped hands for. So that is one thing that we must acknowledge, the fact that the best district in education

came from this province, that is the Overberg district, in education.
[Interjections.]

So those are the kinds of things that this Government is putting money to, ensuring that there is prosperity, that more and more people are entering the job market, that there is small business development and Public Works is doing a very good job in terms of that. [Interjections.]

I heard one member was saying here that we do not take seriously the area of spatial development and integrated human settlements. I think there is more dreamers on the other side and perhaps members are sleeping whilst we are busy debating here, that is why half of them are gone. They do not take seriously what we are busy doing. [Interjections.]

They come here as if this is just another by the way kind of an activity.
[Interjections.] On page 461 of the document, the Blue Book as we call it, there is a deliberate statement by the Department of Public Works, that is Vote No. 10. It says:

“Four properties were identified to be transferred through the Department of Human Settlements to private sector developers to construct social housing.”

Now, they talk about social housing, they do not even read the report. The report says four properties in town, in the inner City – [Interjections] – in the

inner City. The ANC that purportedly represents poor people, they never remembered poor people when they were in charge of this province. [Interjections.]

Furthermore, a portion of the former Woodstock Hospital site was also identified to be made available to the City of Cape Town for integrated human settlements here in Woodstock. I think according to the ANC, Woodstock is in Khayelitsha, somewhere far away. [Laughter.] So that is the dreaming exercise that you get on the other side. They sleep on duty, it is called in English: dereliction of duties. So we need to begin to investigate that because they cannot sleep on duty and get paid with the taxpayers' money. [Interjections.]

Deputy Speaker, we are saying as the DA ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: The DA Government in this province – that is why this Parliament is taking this seriously. I support this budget because the principles around this budget are saying, number 1 ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...bring people closer to work places.

An HON MEMBER: Ja. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Take more money and put it back to their pockets. [Interjections.] Ensure that there is efficiency in the governance systems.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M MNQASELA: Support local government, capacitate local government, make sure there are working ward committees, professional staffing. For those who like reading, like the Leader of the Opposition, you must go and read some writings by Weber. He will tell you about Weberian principles and characteristics of government. What it does say is that we need professional administration, we need ethical administration, those who do not steal money from the poor.

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: But also another lecture for the ANC, we need administration that is honest, administration that has integrity, a foreign character of speech in the ANC. You do not even know what that means because there is no integrity in your own political organisation. [Interjections.] The government that you are leading nationally has no integrity. It has lost every ounce of integrity in this country. [Interjections.]

Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, in trying to sum up – because you know they lose

every debate, the ANC loses every debate. The first debate they sponsored, they lost ten/nil. The second debate, this one, I cannot expect them to win, it would be unfair.

So the last thing I want to say is that this is a very good way of government; let us encourage that all provincial governments follow this kind of an example. The A-G came to us and said: please, Western Cape, keep doing a good job, because when the Western Cape fails we will lose hope for this country, South Africa will lose hope. We are the hope for this country. Thank you very much. [Applause]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Hon Minister Meyer, please reply.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I will be very brief. I want to thank hon members for taking part in this debate. The Ministers of Health and Education have outlined the need for fairness in the provincial equitable share; I want to thank them and I will take their concerns to the next budget council and I am glad that the Minister of Finance, during the tabling of his National Budget, has agreed in his budget speech that this year we need to review the provincial equitable share. A budget must not only look forward, it must also look backwards.

The Education budget in this province is well spent, the only department in the country getting a clean audit and I am particularly happy that the budget

can be given and should be increasing because of the way they are dealing with money.

Secondly, I want to thank the Western Cape Minister of the Department of Health because they have also received, for the first time in the history of South Africa, a clean bill of health on the financials of the Department of Health. This is a first in the history of South Africa, not even the National Department comes close to what the hon Minister of Health is doing. They spend their money very well in this province.

Also, I want to thank the Chair of the Standing Committee because he has been dealing with very extensive matters and I am particularly happy for the contribution that he is also making in the domestic resource mobilisation debate.

Hon member Schäfer, thank you for showing the link between the budget and economic growth. That is exactly what the budget is. When I say a budget for growth, a budget for prosperity, a budget for people but, more importantly, when I say: use the budget for creating public value, that is exactly what you did. Thank you for that contribution.

To the Minister of Education, thank you for showing us how this year's budget creates opportunities for people in the Western Cape and specifically for the lost generation.

To the Minister of Health, thank you for clarifying the link of the Health budget to the nine national outcomes and also specifically your reference to the National Development Plan. In fact, this is the only Health Department in the country that is driving the objectives of the National Development Plan.

Thank you to Minister Dr Mbombo for your willingness also to share your practice of good governance in Health with the rest of the country because clearly, I hear from her, she has South Africa at her heart, she wants to see South Africa prosper, not only the Western Cape. Thank you for sharing your best practices with the rest of the country.

Hon member Mnqasela, I think thank you for showing the link of this budget to empowering the poor and thank you for reminding where Kuils River is on the map of the Western Cape. But also thank you, hon member Mnqasela, for showing us also and reminding us of the comments and the views expressed by the Auditor-General in relation to our financial outcomes.

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I will respond to the technical issues of the budget amendments during my Budget Vote 3: Provincial Treasury, because this is a political debate. There were technical issues raised, I will discuss that extensively during my technical assessment in Vote 3. I will not waste the time here.

I want to thank all for their participation in the Second Reading debate on the Western Cape Appropriation Bill 2017 and I want to thank you all for your

support for this budget for growth, budget for people, budget for prosperity.

I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That concludes the debate on the Consideration of the Principle of the Bill. Are there any objections to the approval of the Principle of the Bill?

HON MEMBERS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. I will then put the question: those in favour will say: aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against: no.

HON MEMBERS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the ayes have it and so the Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House will deal with the separate votes from now onwards. Before we adjourn I would like to inform members that the

CPA Annual General meeting that was scheduled to take place after the sitting today, has been postponed and the Budget Committee meeting will commence immediately after the adjournment now. That concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:45.