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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL
PARLIAMENT**

The House met at 10:00.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

1. Debate on Vote 11 – Agriculture – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Premier Zille, Cabinet colleagues, HoD and officials from Agriculture, residents of the Western Cape that are here today and of course those that are out there and the media.

I am standing before you today during an extraordinary time in our agriculture sector. This month we learned that the Western Cape's agriculture sector is creating jobs at the fastest pace in the country. [Applause.]

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi!

*The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Well done!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: According to the latest figures from Statistics South Africa, the number of employed people in our agricultural sector has grown more than 63% year-on-year. This is compared to 16% nationally. [Applause.]

70% of the new jobs created in South Africa's agricultural sector over the last year were created here in this very province and there are now 214 000 people employed in the Western Cape's agricultural sector.

These gains are due, in part, to the decisions we have taken as the Western Cape Government, where through our Project Khulisa growth strategy, we have gone all out in those sectors with the biggest potential for growth and jobs. Government must give policy and clear policy certainty. It is also due to the strong positive sentiment from the private sector - many of you who are here today - and I am pleased to say that the growth we are seeing results from the hard work we have put in together and this really fits in with *Better*

Together.

I would like to thank agri-business and farmers, both small-holder and commercial, for their continued support and their contribution to job creation in our province and they are here today - many of them. [Applause.]

While we are making phenomenal progress it is important to celebrate the fact that our agriculture sector here in the Western Cape is South Africa's highest job creating region, but we in this region are still facing a major challenge. Parts of the African continent are experiencing terrible drought, and as we make this speech today and over the last few days we might have been blessed by some rains and even some early snow. It is still a very, very big issue and it will be with us for some time to come.

In response, the Southern African Development Community has approved a "Declaration of the Regional Drought Disaster". They estimate that the number of people affected by the drought could rise to 50 million, up from the current estimated 28 million. The National Government estimates that the current drought will cost the country's economy in the region of R16 billion and in the Western Cape we are estimating about R1.2 billion loss just to the wine and fruit industries alone.

Analysts report that consumers will pay nearly 30% more for a basket of staple foods this year. This increase will hit the poorest of the poor the hardest. Because we know we cannot afford to lose the precious water

resources we have, we have also stepped in to divert disaster when the canal feeding scheme at the Clanwilliam dam was badly damaged, affecting supply to farms downstream. We approved emergency funding of just under R1 million to divert the water and repair the damaged wall, restoring the flow to normal levels. The drought is threatening the future of our agricultural sector, forcing us to work even harder at securing growing the job creating sector. Indeed, with this budget, we have put a plan in place to invest in the future of our agricultural sector.

In total, R787.8 million has been allocated to the Department of Agriculture for the 2016/17 financial year. Our over-arching goal we have set ourselves is to increase sustainable agricultural production by at least 10% by 2025.

In line with Project Khulisa we have set ourselves additional agri-processing targets, which is to add up to a further 100 000 jobs in this sector and to increase the agri-processing sector's GVA or Gross Value Add from R12 billion to R26 billion in the next five years. Despite the challenge to the fiscus, we are sticking to these goals.

Now let us get into the detail of how we will get the job done. At the start of my term, I selected transformation as one of my top priorities. The failure rate of land reform projects in this country is far too high, and the pace of transformation is far too slow. I have visited too many projects where beneficiaries are struggling because they have not received the tools they

need to establish growing and successful agricultural enterprises. There is actually one, where we sent regular letters off. I have been in this position for nearly two years and one of the first places I visited was a farm handed over, Bellevue, and still today as I stand here we do not have a lease in place. How can you expect anyone to farm without a lease in place? You cannot open a bank account. You cannot get your business going two years later. It is unacceptable. To change this, we need a dedicated effort.

In the Western Cape we have set ourselves on the path to ensure a 70% success rate of all land reform projects we invest in. Now 70%, that is up from 62% in the last measurement, and I see the HOD smiling because it is a stretched target. I was trying to push these boundaries and we had a debate on it, may I say, and 70% I think is still a stretched target, but it is a target and we will do our very, very best to make sure that we achieve this.

In the 2016/17 financial year the Farmer Support and Development Programme will receive R259.8 million to make this happen. In the past financial year, we have given 1 572 emerging farmers the tools they need to grow their enterprises. Over the next three years, we will support 4 195 new farmers to take their businesses to the next level.

One of the farmers, who illustrates the kind of success we want to replicate, is Carole Kirkwood-Pretorius, and who I see is here today. Welcome - amongst many other of her colleagues. Carole joins us in the House today along with fifteen other leading women in the agricultural sector who are

featured in the latest edition of *Abundant Harvest* and I would like to welcome you all here today... [Applause.] ...and you all have a copy of this *Abundant Harvest* on the desk in front of you.

Carole, with the support of our Farmer Support and Development Programme, bought a derelict farm in the Karoo to farm just 20 sheep. Today, she has a herd that has grown to 147 and her product has been certified as Karoo Lamb, which gives her the marketing edge. *Abundant Harvest* features the province's top agri-businesswomen, all of whom have won Female Farmer or Female Entrepreneur of the Year and you will all be receiving a copy of this publication today, which showcases how these agri-entrepreneurs are creating jobs and taking our sector forward.

These are the stories that we in this province really need to celebrate. Over the past months, I have been criss-crossing the province meeting with many of the other farmers we are also supporting. I had the pleasure of meeting Andries van der Poll, who farms out at Klipdrift. Andries is one of this province's land reform success stories. As profitable agri-businesses, we are working with Andries to reach his goal of operating as an independent commercial farmer. During our meeting Andries told me how his young son, Joshua, asked him what subjects he needed to take in school if he wanted to become a farmer and this is where we begin to see real transformation and we want more of these stories here in this province. While Andries is running a profitable business, like any entrepreneur he faces his share of challenges. At the moment, the most pressing of these challenges is the drought.

We have requested R88 million from the National Government in drought relief. While National considers our request, farmers have very real obligations that cannot wait on onerous Government processes. That is why, in the Western Cape, we have granted emerging farmers R11 million in emergency funding to ensure that they can pay their workers and that the losses they suffer because of the drought will not put them out of business. It is not in my speech, but there were some phone calls and some discussion in the passageway outside and I can announce today that through this Department really, really taking the interests of agriculture to heart and the meaning of this drought to this industry in the last while we have been working very hard at not spending or wasting any money in any space and we have managed to scrape together an extra R23 million that we will be making available for this drought in this province.

This is another way that we have invested in the future of the agriculture sector. We are also supporting agri-businesses to strengthen their export position by growing exports from the current value add of R16.3 billion per annum.

Between 2003 and 2012, the value of South African agricultural exports increased by 261% to US\$6.7 billion. We know that if new farmers are to grow, they need access to the right markets. To deliver on this, we have put a dedicated unit in place. The Agricultural Economic Services programme receives R23.4 million to provide expert economic advice.

Project Khulisa, our strategy to double the size of the agri-processing sector, outlines our detailed and practical plan to increase exports in selected markets.

Over the past year we have been developing this strategy with the private sector and together we have come up with a set of clear strategies to reach Project Khulisa's goals. To start, we will improve local production capacity for domestic and key export markets. Currently South Africa has duty free, quota free market access for dairy products to the European Union, but our lack of the required residue testing facilities means that we are unable to export to that market.

In response, I am pleased to announce that we will invest in a R9 million testing facility at the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's Helderfontein Veterinary Laboratory to provide for the testing of minimum residue levels of export products.

In another boost for local production capacity, we are continuing to work on the Greater Brandvlei Irrigation Project. By increasing the height of the Brandvlei Dam's inlet canal, we will be able to irrigate another 4 400 hectares of land in the Breede and Langeberg Municipalities. This project will deliver a significant job creation boost, adding up to 8 000 jobs to our economy.

These job opportunities will especially impact rural communities, a key

priority of this Department and in this financial year, the Rural Development programme receives R21.9 million.

Our Rural Development programme has particular focus on the province's 124 000 agricultural sector employees, which will continue our province-wide household survey of the sector's employees, so that we ensure that we are able to match our programme of action with their needs.

The Greater Brandvlei Irrigation project will go a long way towards creating an extra irrigation capacity for our vineyards, which is tied to our second goal, namely to increase exports in wine to China and Angola. China, the world's fastest growing emerging market for wine, with 57% year-on-year import growth and Angola are South Africa's fastest growing export markets for wine in Africa. It has achieved almost six million litres of import growth over the last year alone. In the coming year, we will conduct dedicated marketing campaigns in both these markets to encourage the further uptake of our products.

Another part of our Project Khulisa's strategy is to double our share of the global Halaal market by 2025. We know that the current value of the global Halaal market is worth US\$2.3 trillion and that only 11% of that is being serviced with certified products. Now you will recall when I stood before you last year, I stressed the national need to lobby for smarter agreements if we were to increase the number of global markets our produce can reach.

To this end, I was pleased by the announcement that South Africa was set to gain preferential trade access to a number of key markets through the Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement. This agreement, which seeks to address issues such as non-tariff trade barriers, will give us access to the majority of the world's Muslim population who are living in agriculturally-marginalised areas.

We are set to take advantage of this opportunity through our facilitation of yet another major infrastructure project. We are working with a range of stakeholders to guide the establishment of a sterilisation and irradiation facility in the province. This project will enable us to comply with the regulations of importing countries and will alleviate the congestion at Cape Town Harbour.

Another element of market access is linked to the export of our animals. To ensure our animal population is disease-free means we are able to export to more markets.

At the end of last year, the largest consignment of horses ever was exported from the Western Cape to the United Arab Emirates and Europe, with the assistance of this Department's Veterinary Services Programme.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: In this financial year Veterinary Services will survey 800 000 animals as part of its ongoing campaign to ensure the health of our animal population, which numbers 2.3 million in livestock alone.

In addition, we also note the implementation of Independent Meat Inspection at all abattoirs in South Africa, which is likely to result in an increased workload on the regulatory role of officials in the Veterinary Public Health section. We will continue to monitor the situation. To continue its efforts to manage animal diseases, export control and ensure the safety of meat products in the province, Veterinary Services will receive R86 million in the next financial year.

While all of the above efforts are set to grow our agri-sectors, we know that we can only achieve real growth if we focus on building a resilient environment. To this end, we have allocated R97.7 million to our Sustainable Resource Management programme in this financial year.

We are currently seeing first-hand the effects of extreme weather events. Climate change modelling shows that annual temperatures are rising and the number of colder days will decrease.

Droughts, floods and heat waves will become more regular. These trends highlight the need for a co-ordinated response from Government and the private sector to mitigate the impact of climate change in our province. This is why the Western Cape Government has partnered with the University of

Cape Town's African Climate and Development Initiative to develop a climate change response plan, Smart Agriculture for Climate Resilience and we call it Smart Agriculture or SmartAgri.

SmartAgri is a two-year project by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. This initiative was launched in 2014, and we will have a complete plan in place by the end of this month. SmartAgri responds to the need for a practical and relevant climate change response plan specifically for the agriculture sector of the Western Cape.

The University of Cape Town's African Climate and Development Initiative and a consortium delivered a Framework and Implementation Plan which will guide and support the creation of greater resilience to climate change for farmers, agri-businesses and other stakeholders across the province. Residents living in rural areas, for whom agriculture is a key employer, will bear the brunt of the effects of climate change and that is why the plan will also include strategies to ensure that the workforce on farms is able to adapt to the changing environment.

This project is also a sterling example of *Better Together*, not only between the two Departments, but also with our stakeholders in the private sector. In addition a Green Agri Portal has also been developed in collaboration with Green Cape. The aim of the portal, which forms part of the Department's Climate Change plan, is to increase access to relevant information to support

our clients in their green initiatives.

The focus on soil health will be intensified; “soil reform” is critical in ensuring a sustainable agricultural sector. We know that we need soil to support crop production and subsequently animal production. We appeal to farmers to continue to partner with us in this drive.

We have already had excellent achievements through the conservation agriculture approach we are driving with the Agriculture Research Council. These outcomes have been especially good in the small grain, potato and rooibos industries and we will continue to support this initiative with focused research and technology transfers and none was so evident as what we can see on the West Coast at the moment and how this initiative is helping agriculture in this time of drought.

Through the above measures we are putting practical and innovative plans in place to respond to climate change. By being responsive to our changing environment we are making a significant contribution to creating a robust and competitive agricultural sector. The Western Cape is well-positioned to lead the way.

We are harnessing the power of innovation to come up with solutions to protect the future of our agriculture sector. To ensure that we make technology work for us, the Research and Technology Services Programme receives R109.6 million this financial year.

It gives me pleasure to announce that in this coming financial year this programme will launch 85 new research and technology development projects to increase agricultural production and we will share these updates as they happen.

As with investing in innovation, one of the ways we can secure our future is by investing in the youth [Interjection.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and for our students, the Mxokozeli family or siblings, agriculture is a family business. Thamsanqa, Simthembile, Phosiza and Thandiwe Mxokozeli were last year selected to be part of the 2015 AgriSETA accredited Learnership programme at the Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute. Thamsanqa and Simthembile chose to do the National Certificate, Animal Production NQF Level 4 Qualification; and Phosiza opted for the National Certificate, Plant Production, Vegetable Production NQF 4 level, and Thandiwe elected the National Certificate Plant Production Viticulture NQF 4 level. The Mxokozeli siblings are committed to their studies and will use the skills they have learnt to further grow the family's agri-business, which is currently run by their father and mentor, Michael. It is young people like these siblings who will lead our sector in the future. [Applause.]

To expand opportunities for young people in the agricultural sector, the

Structured Agricultural Education and Training programme receives R58.7 million in the 2016/17 financial year and in our plan to boost the number of graduates available to the agriculture sphere, we have set the target to ensure that 1 500 young people will benefit from our Higher Education and Training programme over the next three years.

In addition to the training offered by the Agricultural Institute, the Department delivers skills development through internship programmes and bursaries. Our Young Professionals Programme, which supports black post-graduate students to develop their careers, now includes a focus on agricultural leadership. This is how the Western Cape continues to invest in the future.

It is going to take a momentous effort to put our vision into action. It is going to take an innovative team, who are committed to reaching these goals and I would like to thank the HOD Joyene Isaacs, the Head of the Department of Agriculture, for leading this very team, this right team that is going to make all the difference in this industry going forward.

Their leadership and guidance are taking us closer to delivering the economy we want to build; the economy that every resident of the Western Cape deserves and I really, really thank them for the hours and hours of dedication that they give to this sector. In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the Standing Committee for the role that they play in oversight for the industry as I said earlier, that are here today, for being here, for taking the

time away from their businesses to be here for this speech but also for the continued work that they do in this sector each and every day, for those that could not be here, and then lastly to my team from the Ministry I see up there, thank you very much for the support you give me in allowing me to do my job and then perhaps last of all to my family, who cannot be here today, but also for what they do to allow me to do this job. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I see the next speaker can I just remind the visitors that you are most welcome in the galleries but you are observers there and please do not take part in the proceedings by either cheering or clapping or commenting on anything. I see the hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I stand here today in a critical year for all of our farms. Despite the recent rains of the past few days and even last night, agri-workers and farmers face one of the worst droughts we can ever remember. This year is certainly not a year for business as usual and I send my deepest thoughts to those that with the daily struggle had so many in the agricultural sector are now facing. Agriculture is the backbone of the rural economy and employment in this province. While the Western Cape exports 55% of national agricultural exports it becomes tightly linked to our food system and food security for this country. Criticism is often directed onto farmers being accused of not planning properly for drought related disasters.

However, it has been reported by Agri SA that the current drought is one of

such a great intensity that it is beyond the ability of any farmer to plan despite his or her resource base. Furthermore, it is estimated that it could take at least three years for farmers to recover from this devastating drought, but while the drought can result in farms going bankrupt for the consumer it is estimated that this drought will result in 11% food price inflation by the end of 2016. Just yesterday it was reported in the media that already food prices have increased by 8% just three months into this calendar year and in particular an increase in bread and maize, which we know will hit the poorest people in our country first.

The drought has certainly highlighted the importance of the DA-led Western Cape in promoting sustainable agricultural practices. With the scarcity of water in the country farmers can no longer ignore sound conservation farming practices and I welcome the Minister's drive to push conservation farming in the Western Cape. We also acknowledge the problems of wheat farmers who have already adopted this practice and now see a greater increase in production while at the same time reducing soil erosion and improving water quality and soil health.

It is certainly a travesty though when the ANC Government erroneously and stubbornly refuses to declare the drought a national disaster, even though almost 34 million South Africans are affected by moderate to extreme drought and this was reported and presented in a joint Portfolio Committee meeting at the National Parliament by the Department of Water and Sanitation last week. So Minister, we really welcome the extra R23 million

you have found to support farmers affected by the drought and the DA-led Western Cape is waiting patiently for the National Department of Agriculture to officially declare the West Coast and Central Karoo Municipal disaster areas.

The longer we wait, Minister, the higher the amount increases so our Committee urges you to place the necessary pressure on your National counterparts to release the much needed funding necessary to alleviate some of the impact. We welcome the fact that the Department has allocated some funds to emerging grain farmers for a period of time and supporting emerging animal farmers in the West Coast and Central Karoo Municipal Districts with the commitment of R11 million. Without the additional assistance from National Government we cannot help the larger farms which are so crucial for jobs, our food security and food prices for the poor.

However, the last crisis took two years before National Government provided emergency assistance and if they drag their feet much longer this time we will face a fully blown disaster. Interestingly, Mr Deputy Speaker, at a global level I have been told that the price index of food is currently lower than that of the 1960s in terms of real food prices.

In South Africa however, we do not experience these benefits due to the weakening exchange rate. Again it is the poor which suffers most as they spend the biggest part of their income or grant funding on food. Although the Department implemented 103 community food security projects including 18

school gardens and 1 492 household gardens across the province to enhance food security, we call on the Minister to really assist in doubling those numbers. While schools have challenges around water and school holidays where gardens are left unattended I do believe that gardens at schools could easily be assisted by the community. Here is the space in which I believe that the Department and our municipalities can do a whole lot more - creating accessibility to food.

We are also worried how National Government's red tape worsens impact of drought. A reported backlog of more than 1500 water license applications submitted to the national Department has yet to be finalised by the end of 2015. These applications come at a great cost to farmers, who are already struggling under financial strain. We now see a record number of farms for sale in water-stressed provinces, with 3485 farms for sale in the Western Cape alone.

We have to do our utmost to ease the situation. National Government should be helping farmers, instead of making their lives more difficult. However, Mr Rashid Khan, Chief Director of Department of Water Affairs in the Western Cape region in a Premiers Coordinating Forum on 1 March has blatantly stated that the Western Cape does not have a water problem. Yet Voëlvlei Dam is currently sitting at 20.5% full, Brandvlei at 34%, Berg River at 26.9% while Floriskraal is at only 10%. We do not need any more proof to state that the Western Cape is facing a dire water crisis.

A report commissioned by the International Labour Organisation in a briefing to the National Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Rural Development and Land Reform on the outcomes of a study into the living conditions of farm workers stated that the Western Cape farmers pay their workers 24% better than the second best province, and 51% more than Limpopo. [Applause.]

The DA-led Western Cape has participated actively at transforming this sector and continues to do so at every level. Raising awareness on labour legislation through the distribution of the agri-worker labour rights booklet - *Working Together: A quick guide for farm workers*, is published in all three languages. I am going to make sure that my Committee get some of these and it is the right type of intervention that this Department makes to support a healthier rural employment environment in the Western Cape.

Through the provincial wide Farm Worker Household Census findings, the first census of its kind, stakeholders will be empowered with information to address the actual needs of farm employees.

A new initiative by national Government is the Compulsory Community Services programme which requires qualified vets to perform community service for 12 months to assist with much needed animal welfare and export opportunities. We welcome the 19 CCS vets allocated to the Western Cape to assist in alleviating the burden placed on vets here in this province. We hope the scheme will continue each year as the lack of sufficient number of vets has always been raised as a concern by the Standing Committee.

A Veterinary Export Certification Office in Milnerton as a dedicated office focusing on export certification matters is also welcomed and addresses specifically project Khulisa's needs.

The implementation of Independent Meat Inspection at all abattoirs in South Africa which includes the promulgation of the proposed game regulations is also a positive move as more and more game farms are emerging in the Western Cape.

However, we know that we are still at least in need of ten employed vets in order to address the three schemes and legislative issues promulgated by national, and the 800 000 animals needing to be surveyed, so Minister Winde, while we welcome your monitoring of the situation we ask how are you going to address this important and growing need in the province.

The Alternative Crops Fund back in 2014 for research needs of the smaller industries which are a niche market with niche market potential such as honeybush tea, sour figs and your olives. These are labour intensive and create jobs. These industries will also open up new agri-processing and value-adding opportunities to agri-entrepreneurs and we welcome this and what I must commend the Department for is its cost saving changes to investigating and obviously the feasible, implementing energy saving devices and other processes to make the entire head office and college area less grid dependable and if possibly completely off the grid. The Department has reported a repetitive saving in excess of R15 million per year which increases

annually way beyond inflation, and this to be made available to pursue the Departmental commitment to the game changers within Project Khulisa. This is really great news.

Sustainable Resource Management sees an 18% increase and almost R15 million extra in its budget. This programme focuses on support to land reform; and increase climate smart agricultural production. The Committee has been briefed on the Smart Agri, which is a R2.8 million project, which responds to the need for a practical and relevant climate change response plan specifically for the agricultural sector of the Western Cape Province and we look forward to its completion in the next few weeks in which a Climate Change Response Implementation Plan will accompany the Framework. This will provide a “road map” for actionable and prioritised initiatives which will take the agricultural sector road towards greater resilience in the face of climate challenges.

This is about looking ahead and planning. It is about the sustainability of future generations and we commend the work being done here. Stats SA has shown that the period 2009 to 2014 the agricultural sector has grown by 24% to R18.5 billion. It follows that the Department is well on its way in achieving the Department’s commitment to supporting the sector and maintain its export position and grow its value added from R16 billion in 2013.

I would like to congratulate the Western Cape Department of Agriculture for

receiving a green card for employment equity compliance from the Commission for Gender Equality. Some of the achievements made by the Department were the following:

- Taking strides in addressing almost all recommendations made by the Commission for Gender Equity, including an Employment Equity Plan;
- Significant increase of African females moving into higher salary levels;
- Sponsoring of tertiary studies for 24 youths and bursaries for 47 female staff;
- A female recipient of a Master's scholarship is now heading the Agricultural Economy division.

It is encouraging to see that with a capable government we can create an inclusive environment and promote transformation. This goes further to prove how DA governs in practice, creating freedom, fairness and opportunities for all, and I must also commend this Department under the leadership of Minister Winde, not only for their delivery but for their commitment and loyalty. At the interrogation of the Department's budget I asked the entire Department to share with us how long they had been in employment and we were astounded that many of the officials had service records of more than 15 years. This is to be noted and commended.

Thank you to Minister Winde, Joyene Isaacs and all her Department staff for the work you do to change the lives of the people in the Western Cape and thank you to my Committee for the support and oversight they provide.

So Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, the DA supports Vote 11 – the Western Cape Appropriation Bill for the Department of Agriculture. I thank you.

[Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agbare lid me Davids. [Tussenwerpsels.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Ms Davids. [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

*An HON MEMBER: Good!

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, do not tell me how to talk. You play politics and I will play politics too. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, for the opportunity to speak under Vote 11. I want to start this debate with a quote from the very important Living and Guiding document that was declared by the representatives of the people at the People's Assembly in Kliptown in 1955.

“The Freedom Charter amongst others said that the land shall be shared amongst those who work in it.”

It further explains that the land owners restriction shall be abolished and guaranteed freedom of movement of those who work on the land. These

extracts are still very relevant and instructive to the Government of today and yesterday it was a long debate when hon member Ms Carol Beerwinkel was speaking on “stick to the vote, stick to the vote”, but today I see MEC Winde and the Chairperson of the Standing Committee did not stick to the vote. They played politics so let us go there. Thank you. I want to start off with this book that was... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, let me put you at ease, both of them spoke to the vote. Agriculture is the topic for the day and they both spoke on agriculture.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, they did not, but it is fine Mr Deputy Speaker, because you are DA. You must say they spoke to the Vote.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I could not hear that, say again?

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is fine, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, just repeat that.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is fine Mr Deputy Speaker, you are the Deputy Speaker, you can decide what they spoke about, but what I heard is politics. I did not hear the vote.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you may speak politics, as long as you speak

to the... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, okay, I want to start with this book.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, you may speak politics as long as it relates to the topic which is agricultural.

Ms S W DAVIDS: To the vote, yes. I want to start up with this book, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have just received the book and as I am scrolling through I do not see - here and there I see assistance to the farmers here, the women farmers here, but I do not see assistance from the Department of Agriculture to these women. I want to start up with the Mayor Gesie van Deventer in Drakenstein. There is no assistance and she is a commercial farmer. She took money from the Drakenstein Municipality to put security cameras at her farm because apparently it was said that some of the things on her farm were stolen, so now today again I am shocked to see that she is in this book again, why, to market herself, because this is marketing happening here. This is clear marketing for all these farmers here and then I want to speak on page 19 on the farmer... [Interjections.]

No my speech is there, I want to first tackle you with this book. Do not worry, just listen. It is good to listen. On page 19 on the "Abalone Farming", I want to know from the Department, how many black farmers are there in this province that are practising abalone farming and that are assisted by this Committee, by this Department? Then I want to welcome the farmer,

Ms Nothumbo Nonombo. I want to welcome her because I see now for the first time because when these - when the leadership on that side, hon members on that side open their mouths they always say “in another province there is nothing good coming from there”, but I see here she was drawn to agriculture because of her grandmother that did cattle farming in the Eastern Cape. That is why she is doing farming so there is good coming from other provinces into the Western Cape. Thank you.

However, we do not see a political will on the part of the Western Cape Government to achieve these noble objectives of the Freedom Charter. Nowhere does this budget talk about qualitative development of farm workers and families. When the honourable MEC opened his mouth he only thanked the farmers and he thanked the private sector. He did not thank the farm workers who is actually doing the work whose sweat is actually falling in the ground on the farms. But that is your mindset MEC, and we know it by now. Your mindset is making money and not contributing to human resource or the livelihood of the farm workers.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The farm workers who are standing up at four o'clock in the morning, sometimes three o'clock in the morning, to go and work on somebody's farm are not even getting clean water, they do not have sanitation. Then their farmer tells them: “Go to Zuma for a toilet, go to Zuma for clean water”, forgetting that that is the same farm worker that is bringing

money into his pocket, not their pockets, because even with the salary scale that there is today there is not one farmer that they can say are not deducting more money from the farm workers. [Applause.]

They are deducting now money to drive the kids to school. They are deducting money to take the person to a doctor. They are deducting money if they take them on Friday or Saturdays to town whereas before 1989 they did not do that. They were freely given transport to the people to take the kids to school. They were freely given transport to take them to the doctor and everything. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Now I am saying do not come here... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...and only say thank you to the farmers.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member, just one second. Hon member Mr Mnqasela is that a question? Do you want to ask a question?

Mr M MNQASELA: Yes Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me just enquire, hon member Ms Davids are you prepared to take a question?

Ms S W DAVIDS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: She is not prepared to take a question.

[Interjections.] Order! Please continue.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am not scared. I am only scared of God, not of human beings, sorry.

†Me M N GILLION: As dit warm raak dan moet jy pasop... [Onhoorbaar.]

*Ms M N GILLION: When it gets hot you have to watch out... [Inaudible.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy is bang. [Tussenwerpsels.]

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are scared. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, do not run, Helen, please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Helen, you must come back. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, calm down please, House. [Interjections.]

Order! Order! Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thanks Mr Deputy Speaker. The members in this House are honourable, even the speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear that but I concur. All members are honourable.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, sorry Chief Whip. Hon member Premier Helen Zille please come back, because you are the number one of this province. Come back, it is the farm workers now.

The rural development model which was adopted in 2009 and reviewed in 2015 has not been implemented. There is no account on how many jobs were created although the MEC today said there are 2000 and what is the amount - let me see - 30 jobs created in the Western Cape. I want to say it here on record that those are not permanent jobs. Those are seasonal jobs. The percentage of permanent jobs in this province is 7%, MEC. Permanent jobs in this province is 7%. I want you, MEC, to know sometimes you must not rely on all the information you receive. Go to the farms and check. The percentage of permanent workers in this province now has gone down. We are working with seasonal workers. Come to the farm. Come to the farms with me, hon member Mr Wiley, please, do your bit and come to the farms with me. Then you will get your information there; not here, there. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: But COSATU [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, not COSATU, please, the farm workers, not COSATU. Come with me. I will invite you. I will even drive you to come with me and show you there is no more that big number of permanent workers in this province. We are talking about - hon member Mr Wiley, let me explain to you, you know... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: We are talking about farm workers that only work... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just one second. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can my honourable colleague address the Deputy Speaker please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I was going to raise the same point, hon member Ms Davids, you have heard what the Minister said.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay, there is no longer relevance to the NDP number seven and PSG number one and four. Instead the focus have shifted towards elsewhere. The booklet, *Working Together*, like the MEC said, does not create jobs nor does it empower farm workers to own the land they are working. We are saying, it is now about time that if I am a farm worker and my mother was a farm worker and my grandma was a farm worker and my

great-great-grandmother was a farm worker that my kid must become a farm owner.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: My kid must become a farm owner. [Applause.] They cannot be a farm worker forever and you know, what is happening out there, when we are old they just take you, you are dry lemon now. There is no juice coming out of you anymore and they throw you in an informal settlement.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Then the MEC of Human Settlements must struggle to put a †*hokkie* *shack there, a †*sinkhokkie* *zinc shack for you to get in as a farm worker because you were evicted, because you are not productive any more on the farm. [Interjections.]

Nowhere in this budget there is a mention of promoting black industrialists within the agricultural sector. This is the very important intervention that the Provincial Department through this Department ought to do in order to improve the lives of the rural communities of the Western Cape, especially young graduates and I am glad to see that there are students from agriculture here today from Elsenburg - it is very good - most of whom are coming from historical disadvantaged communities.

What is also happening is that I graduated, I studied agriculture, but I do not own a farm. My family do not own a farm. So then I must go and work on a farm. I start up as a farm worker. They do not take into recognition my studies.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am a graduate or I am this... I start off as a farm worker earning the same amount as the person next to me that did not study what I studied, so we need to look into that. Are we saying we are just going to †*pomp-pomp-pomp* *pump-pump-pump the industry with graduates, but there is no way that we can assist them to become farmers on their own. By this, by these words, hon MEC, Alan Winde, acknowledged that only 1% of black families own farms yet there is no mention on how black families will be assisted except to invite partners to come together in order to escalate the number of successful land reform projects. This “how” part is absent in this commitment.

The African Farm Workers Association of South Africa, AFASA’s Secretary General outlined how a five-year strategy to drive commercial farming could be transformed in this province. Are his suggestions and advice both in the Provincial Strategic Plans? I wonder, is the question.

He observed that there are no commercial black farmers in this province. Instead the Provincial Government prefers to use farm share equity schemes

where white commercial farmers continue to keep the land ownership and only allocate shares of their business to farm workers, and I want to make an example especially in Drakenstein where we went to Stellenbosch to the Legal Department to lay charges of specific [Inaudible.] They were only going to mention one farm here, the Pearl Rose Farm in Drakenstein in the Main Road, where farm workers were given shares in 1999 to become farm owners, shareholders of that farm.

You can go today, there is a development on that land. Until now those farm workers did not get one single cent. What happened with that money? Are the Department of Rural Development looking into cases like that within this province, because then they will come to plus minus 300 farmers, where farm workers' IDs were taken without them knowing that they are now shareholders and then at the end of the day being evicted from that farm, and then that agricultural land becomes a development where houses for people with money are built. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Exactly!

Ms S W DAVIDS: They are worse off than they were when their schemes were started. More work is needed to be done in this regard. In the Western Cape the price of agricultural land, especially in the West Coast is very expensive per acre. I think it is \pm R200 000 an acre in the West Coast and we want to know why is it so expensive because then it means that black people who want to farm, who want to buy their own agricultural land, they cannot,

because it is too expensive for them to buy land in the West Coast. So we want the Department to look into that. Why is agricultural land so expensive, especially in the West Coast, if we are serious about food security and there are people that want to farm, why is it so difficult for black farmers to get land? It is not surprising that the allocation of the budget per programme is not favouring the farmer support and development sub-programme because there is no political will to do so.

A mere 1.14% increment revised estimate is an insult to the poor and rural communities in the Western Cape. What concerns me most is the summary of payments and estimates where the use of consultants and professional services on infrastructure and planning is going up from R1.1 million to R3.9 million totalling 246% increase revised estimate.

In programme 2, Sustainable Resource Management provides agricultural support to existing and commercial farmers who are by and large White males and the Department gets a grant from National whose priority is to support small-scale farmers, but nowhere we are seeing this. The strategic goals are silent on the need to change types of ownership and attract the historically disadvantaged into the main stream agricultural activities and land ownership so that the landscape can be transformed.

The Farmer Support and Development programme in the Annual Performance Plan falls short of categorically showing how the transformation of 20% of agricultural land in each district will be achieved and how agricultural land

reform projects would achieve total transformation in the sector, and what are the time frames? Is it five years or ten years?

Furthermore the conditional grant on EPWP, which I think is R2-point-some million, must be increased in order to have more people working to remove the alien vegetation that fuels wildfires, and thereby cause more disasters in the province, because there are a lot of fires that are happening because of the alien plants, so we are saying increase the EPWP amount so that there can be more workers to go out and destroy these plants.

Then I want to go to Philippi. We are saying in this province, we are supporting the small-scale farmers, and we are serious about job creation and we are serious about food security. We have a situation in Philippi, just around the corner here as we go out here. Small scale farmers there are threatened with eviction from the City Council and that is agricultural land. They want to build houses there now. If we are saying we have a shortage, Chairperson of the Committee, in food security in our country, in food security in the Western Cape, why are we threatening people that have been responsible for food security for years in the Philippi area and that have a market and that is close to the market where they are selling their stuff? Why are we trying to evict them as the DA Government in the City of Cape Town - the DA good Government in the City of Cape Town trying to evict people in Philippi where there is agricultural land and to make it a housing project? [Interjections.]

Agricultural farming land in favour of building so the called Lansdowne's Corridor which is combination housing and a business park? So it is a business park and it is housing combined. We are saying we are serious about food security. [Interjections.]

The current occupants in that land are small-scale farmers who have been trading there for many years. They have been trading there for many years so please, honourable, that is why I wanted the honourable Premier to be here so that she can speak to her leader, the Mayor of Cape Town, not to evict those people and we want the MEC of Local Government to go and check and do environmental tests there because you need to do environmental tests. You need to rezone the area before you can do what they want to do to evict people. [Interjections.]

The establishment of the Halaal Park, although it looks very interesting; when the Department also presented it to us, we thought it is a good thing, but we are just saying that more questions must be asked. We must ask more questions in terms of who is the mutual beneficiaries of the park, what is the business model and where does the livestock come from because it is a Halaal Park and we just want to know also is it going to be open for everyone in the Western Cape or only for the Muslim community? Those are just questions and then we also want to know are the 30 involved, because if they want to evict Philippi, how are they going to allow Halaal Park? Is the Municipality of the City of Cape Town involved and also do you have a letter of approval from the Department of Rural Development nationally? Are they also on

board with this Business Park, the Halaal Park, and then the APP does not stipulate how the Department will contribute towards creating one million agricultural jobs as contained in the National Development Plan, and here we are not speaking about jobs for the sake of jobs. We are speaking about security. We are speaking about a job, a permanent job, a job that will sustain me so that I can say to my kids: “No, you cannot go to that school because mommy cannot pay.” I can say to my mother: “No, you cannot go to the doctor because I do not have money to pay for the doctor.” I am not talking about a job for three months and a job for two months like what happened in the wine industry just now where they are claiming to have this big drought. People were just working for... [Interjections.]

No-no-no we will talk about that because it is only happening on the West Coast. We will come there, do not worry. I am going to speak to that, but people just work for a certain period of time. They did not work the whole season, whilst now what they are doing, they finish the people off at the end of February, but they are calling them in like come today, stay tomorrow, come next day, stay that day, so they are still using workers although they said the season ends at the end of February.

A research commissioned by the International Labour Organisation in 2015 on the Farm Workers' Living and Working Conditions in South Africa found that most farms between 2004 and 2014 had reduced permanent employment ranging from 7% to 33%. Many farms are said to be increasingly using labour brokers which have their own challenges such as threatening

employment security; poor working conditions and instability in the sector. This is a concerning development and it needs attention from this Legislature. Perhaps the Standing Committee should undertake site visits to some of these farms and have first-hand information and find ways to mitigate the negative effects because it happens. It is a reality and we need to go there and see for ourselves. At the beginning of the year and with the drought affecting some parts of the province, Mr Nosey Pieterse the chief negotiator... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member, just finish off, your time has expired, but finish off your last sentence.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is fine. Let me go to the last one.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your last sentence, not the last paragraph.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am not going to use that. We are told that the National Government is not willing to assist the provincial farmers to declare Western Cape a drought disaster area. What we are not told is that the province only applied for the West Coast and part of the Central Karoo District; not the entire province.

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

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

Ms M N GILLION: Hear-hear, Sharon. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Minister Winde to respond to the debate.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you to the participants in this debate, first of all to the Chairperson of the Committee, Beverley Schäfer. Thank you very much for the role that you played, for the oversight role. I will try and deal with a couple of the points you raised, but you started off talking about the drought and you know, obviously as I mentioned in the speech, it is not only about a drought in our province or our country. It is in Southern Africa. It is a major issue and it is going to be with us for a few years even if we have really, really good rains. You have heard from the Minister of Local Government, although we are in an agricultural debate at the moment the risk is also about the rural economy and those towns and our capacity to hold water or to store water so that we have just drinking water available in our towns, and at the moment all of our dams are under severe threat and so we need to have sustained rain. Of course rain does not just fix the drought because the implications of drought and specifically those farmers that are here today that are involved with livestock farming, you know, if it rains today, the food that those animals need to eat does not appear tomorrow. So fodder takes a while to grow and so we are going to have this drought issue with us for a while and I really hope that we

do have rains, sufficient rains that actually alleviate this problem but water itself is a big issue and it is going to be a big issue going forward. It is something that we as Government are taking very, very seriously. You would have seen all the work that we have done already, through this Department, the Department of Environmental Affairs and the private sector and Local Government and the Berg River Project. I spoke about dams and where we have got two dams, the Clanwilliam Dam and the work that we are doing as well, if you look at that storage capacity, that is just scratching the surface. I think we are going to have to look at spending money on research on technology and innovation around water usage and what water means for our total economy in the region over the next 50 years. It is probably the most inhibiting factor to the economy at the moment and I think we as Government is going to have to put it into a Game Changer or that kind of project status where we really start to elevate it and take it to front and centre.

We spoke about food gardens; the youth, learning, and of course I think food gardens - while dealing with food security issues - are also at a perfect place for people to understand the meaning of growing your own food, the nutritional value of that food; how it can change your life and specifically young people. You spoke about youth as the Chair and hon member Ms Davids spoke also about young people coming in. I mentioned in my speech especially Andries van der Poll when I visited him and he spoke about it and I said about his son, when in actual fact he was talking about his three children, and he said his son is saying he wants to farm but in actual fact all three of his kids want to farm and he has got to make sure that he can acquire

that land so that they can also live out this dream. That is really exciting for me because sometimes I think that young people specifically do not want to go into agriculture.

The HOD and the Department run a programme where young people are brought into Elsenburg and I remember the last time when I was there - we had it at Boschendal and a couple of hundred young people were there - and I asked: "Who of you are going to go into agriculture?" And only a very few hands went up, and that is why that project is being run, to show the exciting part of this science called agriculture. It is a science. It is something that, you know, gone are the days that you are just going to go and farm. You need to have maths and science. You need to be able to go and study. You need to be able to go and be competitive in this space because it is a science and it is very competitive globally, but it is also very, very essential, so food gardens are also that space that incubates and bring people into agriculture.

I spoke about the water problems. You mentioned some of these issues and I know that the Standing Committee has asked for Water Affairs to come and talk to them and maybe we should keep that going as a regular oversight space because water is such a critical issue and specifically water licences.

I will get to the hon member Ms Davids just now but she did speak about value of land and value of land is nothing without water. If you add water to it in an agriculture sense it changes the value of that land and water licensing is a critical part on that value but also a critical part allowing us to grow and achieve the 10% target that we have set ourselves in the Department of

getting land reform to work. Getting land reform to work we need to have a growing economy. We need to have a growing market and of course agriculture in that space, specifically food security, it is generally a given as long as the rest of the recipe is in place.

You mentioned the booklet and that booklet that you mentioned, I will get to this *Abundant Harvest* book just now when I get to the hon member Ms Davids, but the booklet that you spoke about actually came about post a visit that I and the Department did and walking from farm to farm, walking and engaging with farm workers. In actual fact we gave explicit instructions on that visit that we did not want to speak to any management. We only wanted to speak to farm workers and in that process, I cannot remember, 82 farms or something that we visited, it was evident to me that we needed tools and mechanisms to help farm workers understand their rights, to understand what their rights were, where they stood, and that book - I specifically recall that - is definitely there to make a difference for farm workers. On that point, or actually I will wait till I get to the hon member Ms Davids because she has given me quite a lot to talk about.

Green Energy, you spoke about innovation and the Green Energy Project. That is one thing about this Department. This Department is open to innovation. This Department is open to new ideas. This Department listens to what is happening and then takes it aboard and that is why you see, we talk about Green Energy and they are a leading department on doing it internally, on showing how to do these things themselves, so that they can influence

what happens outside there in the rest of the province and whether it is in Green Tech and Green Energy or whether it is conservation agriculture or whether it is research looking at alternative crops, it is about looking at new things and innovative things to remain competitive and to support this great industry in our province.

Then it was actually interesting during that session with the Standing Committee, on the average of about 15 years, it says a lot about the Department when you see that people in this Department actually stayed there. They give long-term service to this industry and I also would like to recognise that but it also says a lot to the leadership and to the team that people are comfortable in that space and that they are making a difference and they feel their worth. So it was good that you recognised that.

Then to get to the hon member Ms Davids, I wrote on the top here you need to get into the real world. [Interjections.] Because it was actually quite interesting how you were talking and you were contradicting yourself as you go through and I will start off by talking about policy... [Interjections.] ...because you mentioned about the percentage of workers dropping. Well, the numbers in Stats SA are not saying that but of course your point is correct that in agriculture we are seeing more and more seasonal workers brought in, but why? [Interjections.]

Have you ever asked yourself the question why is that happening in agriculture? Why do we have more and more seasonal workers coming into

the system? What is the reason?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Because of the commercial [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You see, the real reason that we have this is because of restrictive labour legislation.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Oh no! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Because of restrictive labour legislation. Ask yourself why and she mentioned it as well, why do we have within our agricultural system labour brokers? Why do we have labour brokers in South Africa at all? Why do we need to have labour brokers? Ask yourself that question: what is the reason that this happens and you see... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister, you may continue, I am just addressing the hon member Ms Davids actually.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you. I thought she had had her turn and now she goes on. I listened to her when she spoke but she does not want to listen to me when it is my turn to speak.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You asked me a question... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Davids, do you want to ask the Minister a question?

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, he is asking me a question. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Winde, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, Mr Deputy Speaker, I will apologise for asking the direct question, I am going to ask the question via you so that when she goes home tonight she will think about what I said so that she can do a little bit of homework... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Ms Davids, please allow the member now to continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So it is about policy and policy uncertainty and in actual fact in the agricultural sector that is probably one of the biggest problems. We have different policies put on the table every single day in a space that takes serious commitment and investment and a long-term investment; you know, when I came to agriculture, in my private life, my life before politics, I was actually an entrepreneur. I had many businesses but I was never...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I never had a business in the agricultural sector, although I grew up on a farm, I never personally was involved in an agri-business other than perhaps when I was a youngster with my own vegetable garden selling vegetables, but the one thing that really hit me was that in agriculture a farmer is an entrepreneur, they need to be an entrepreneur. They need to be entrepreneurial. You will not survive in agriculture if you are not an entrepreneur; if you cannot think that way, and the one thing about agriculture is that you take the risks that would happen ordinarily in the economy and you just add a whole lot more risks to it when you get into agriculture - a whole lot more risks than the average entrepreneur has to deal with and it is really tough. It is a tough place to operate in and when you have uncertainty in the policy environment it makes it tougher. It really, really does and I take my hat off to everyone involved in agriculture for investing and doing what they do during this time of policy uncertainty, but we need to always ask ourselves these questions.

The hon member did ask me a question, she says to me... [Interjections.] "How many emerging farmers?" Now again not only welcome to the real world or try and become part of the real world, listen, listen to the speech. You react to the speech. This is called a debate. You are supposed to listen to the debate and then react to it. I mentioned the number: 1572. 1572.

[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Small-scale farmers.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: That is how many emerging farmers were assisted in this last year and if you go and read the speech you will see there are more than 4500 going to be assisted in the next three years. It is also in this space, she mentioned about how a kid can become a farm owner and that is exactly what I spoke about in the speech. That is exactly what happens in Elsenburg, how we are preparing young people who would like to get into this industry, how people who would like to become farmers are able to become a farmer in this system but here we have probably the biggest policy clash in this space.

The hon member started off by reading from the Freedom Charter and talking about the Freedom Charter. She then speaks about how we want kids to be able to own land and farm. Her own political party's policy is not to allow land ownership. [Interjections.]

Go and have a look at the Department of Land Reform where they believe in farm by committee, get a 100 people onto a farm and expect them to farm without the right tools. I spoke about not getting the lease. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: He is misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Winde, you may continue, but please, calm down. Give the Minister time. [Interjections.] Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So their own policy... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Ms Davids. Misleading the House is not a point of order, but I cannot comment whether he is doing it. Minister, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And I would like reply to a whole lot of questions that were asked by the hon member around leased land and leases about ownership, about the Paarl issue and about the price of land. I would like this Committee to put it on the Agenda to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform and his Department to come here just like they did with the Water Affairs Department and ask them exactly about those programmes. We will give them all of those properties where farmers are waiting for leases from the Department. We will give them every single one so that they ask directly this question. It would definitely help us. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, Minister, just one second. Hon member Ms Davids, I have given you far too much liberty now to speak all

the time. You have given your speech. Now it is time to listen to the reply. Minister Winde, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. She spoke about aquaculture projects. There are three aquaculture projects that the Department is supporting at the moment. She spoke about Halaal - we are going into that Halaal process at the moment. In the next debate she can talk about that as well because the Department of Economic Development is busy going through that process now.

It is not only in the City of Cape Town. There are opportunities in every single municipality in this province and of course this study is looking at three sites, which includes municipalities in the Winelands. The hon member also spoke about the drought and it is “the supposed drought that the wine industry is talking about”, I think were her words and she said it is only on the West Coast. I would like her to go to visit some of the parts of the Winelands. Go to Tulbagh and go and actually have a look at these little withered raisins hanging on the vine.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You apply it only to the West Coast.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Go and have a look there herself, if she is in agriculture she must actually go and have a look please, because she will see it is not only on the

West Coast that this devastation of drought has hit this industry.

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.] Then apply it to those regions.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I think I will leave that. I was going to say a whole lot on the labour broking, but I will leave that. I will come lastly to this point of this book, which is what she started her discussion with and basically went on the attack. Now I will ask her again just as she should go home and do her homework, read my speech, because it will have answered a lot of those things she was raising. Will she please go and read this book and she will see that every single one of these people in this book were part of a programme and you will actually see if you look at the photographs - she does not have to read it, she can just look at the photographs - and see that it goes back past... [Interjections.] ... a couple of Ministers, even prior to my political party coming into power, because this is a part of the National Department's Entrepreneurial Programme. [Interjections.] The National Department's Entrepreneurial Programme for women... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, yes, you identified the people.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And this honours these women.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You identified the people.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This honours these women in agriculture and I really am saddened that she had to negatively say... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Mayor of Drakenstein.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: She had to negatively say - she was also a winner of this thing at a national level; that she negatively had to take on this book, because this book is... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: That has been supported [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please, come to order this side. Minister Winde, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Because this book talks about courage. This book talks about the real agricultural entrepreneurial change that we want to see in our region and that is why this book and these people who are put in this book who are those leaders in our region need to be honoured, respected and celebrated and that

is what this book is about and I am really sorry that the hon member Ms Davids had to pull it down but I promise you we honour, respect these ladies because they are making a massive difference in our province...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And with that Mr Deputy Speaker, I thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Applause.]. That concludes the debate on this Vote.

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I ask the Secretary to read the next Order let us allow a second or two for the bays to be vacated please.

[Business of the House paused for clearing of the bays.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! May I point out the House has not suspended business. Order, Chief Whip! [Interjections.] The Secretary will read the second Order.

2. Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism – *Western*

Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2 - 2016].

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Winde.

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

Mr Deputy Speaker, Cabinet colleagues, Premier, DG and Heads of Department, Mr Solly Fourie and the team at Economic Development and Tourism; guests in the gallery and residents of this province. Today marks the seventh year that I am standing before you to speak about our economy. I have just tabled the 2016/17 budget for the Department of Agriculture, where we spoke about the gains we have made in that sector. This good news is not limited to agriculture. The Western Cape's economy is outperforming every other region in South Africa.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Well done!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Overall, we are the fastest job-creating province in the country. In 2015 employment growth in the Western Cape was double that of National and Gauteng. We now have the lowest unemployment rate in South Africa.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This is in part due to the choices we have made as a Government to place special attention on those areas of our economy in which we can make the biggest difference, and can accelerate job creation and growth. It is because we have committed to delivering an open, accessible and responsive Government. It is also thanks to the strong and sustained optimism from the private sector.

Business confidence here is higher than the national average and we are continuing to see stronger investment from the private sector into key areas.

Madam Speaker, that business confidence is not just higher. The business confidence is getting lift-off. Every single time it is rated we are seeing that gap widen as business confidence in this region gets more confident as opposed to what is happening on a reduction in the rest of the country.

We also know that the Western Cape has unique advantages as a region. In academia, we are home to some of South Africa's best universities...

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In actual fact, to Africa's best universities, all of which are producing students ready to take up employment and to take our economy forward.

Entrepreneurs in this province take risks to grow the economy and through their efforts they employ over half a million people in the Western Cape. Last year we learned that the majority of this country's start-ups are based here; a trend which has seen the Western Cape becoming known as the "Silicon Cape" or the "Digital Gateway to Africa". This is because in the Western Cape start-ups have a voice in the economy, a voice which this Government is eager to listen to. While we are making significant progress, a lot more needs to be done.

There are still 571 000 unemployed people in this province, using the narrow definition of unemployment. This figure rises to 673 000 when using the expanded definition of unemployment. These are the numbers that keep me awake at night and I sincerely hope keep the Department awake at night.

Households are being financially squeezed by South Africa's unfriendly policies. These are crazy policies and the lack of leadership around those policies that we are seeing in our country is driving business away. Natural events on top of these policies such as drought also add to this ecosystem of economic environment and as we speak the rating agencies again are looking to whether they should downgrade our economy. A downgrade would lead to a weaker Rand and higher interest rates. It means residents who are already struggling will be hard-hit with higher prices of most goods. They are under pressure and they are growing more and more frustrated. This frustration is on the rise because we know this country is being run by self-interested forces.

This frustration stems in part from the realisation that the well-connected elite continues to enrich itself at the expense of the poor and the working class.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This is that ecosystem that we must operate in, but here in the Western Cape you have a Government that puts its citizens first, this Government that is responsive, this Government that is open and accessible. For the past seven years, our goal has been jobs and growth and when you look at our job creation record, it is clear that we are on the right track.

With this budget, we are building on that foundation and we are building on our belief that the economy must work for everyone who wants to work and of course everyone who wants to invest in it. In the 2016/17 financial year, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism receives R486 million to achieve our goal of adding over 300 000 jobs to the economy over the next five years.

Now I will take you through our plan of exactly how we are going to make this happen. The best thing a government can do is to create the right environment for businesses to start to grow and to create jobs. To do just that, Integrated Economic Development Services receives R40.9 million in the 2016/17 financial year. In the past seven years, this programme has given 36 159 entrepreneurs the tools they need to start a business. As a

Government, we have made it our priority to get rid of the outdated laws that are holding business back. Since its inception in 2011, our Red Tape Reduction Unit has assisted over 5200 businesses, with a resolution rate of around 90%.

I would like to share a story with you to illustrate how this is driving business in the Western Cape. Since early in 2015 we have been actively lobbying for change to the Home Affairs visa regulations. These regulations are one of the biggest threats facing our economy and it is strange, this morning when I was looking at the news items specifically on the tourism websites, again the President comes out saying he is going to make sure he does something about these visa regulations. Year after year we hear the same thing and day after day people are left behind at airports around the world because of these restrictive regulations, but last year a UK investment and consulting firm, EXLerator, established its Cape Town offices. In the true nature of business, it soon became clear that they would have to spend additional time in the city setting up the new office and they applied for an extension to their work visas with not much time to spare.

Our unit stepped in to escalate the matter and, working with Home Affairs officials, ensured that the team received their visas one day before they were set to return to the UK. The cost of returning to Britain to apply for their visas there would have amounted to about R350 000. Their investment stands to create just under 5000 jobs.

Simply put, investments like these are powerful economic catalysts and we need to do everything we can to get more of them. To achieve this, we need to make sure firms like EXLerator continue to view our region as a good place to do business, so over the next four years, the Red Tape Unit has set itself the goal of saving businesses in the province R500 million.

In partnership with Wesgro, the Red Tape Unit will be working to establish the Western Cape Investors' Centre – a platform for medium to large investors wanting to set up shop or expand their current business in the province and while talking about that kind of interaction, still as we stand here today if you are a tourist on a visa in this country and you really like what you see, you decide you want to spend some extra time, our system says: “get on a plane, go back home, apply for a second visa so you can come back and stay another two weeks.” It is just crazy. That is the guy that gets here, let alone the one that has been stopped somewhere else in some target market and specifically out of Africa or a BRIC country. It is shocking and we still have not had that changed.

We also have a proactive team in place to hunt for new business, inside and outside of our borders, and to assist interested investors. Through Wesgro who I see up there - welcome - our tourism, trade and investment promotion agency, we are aiming to create between 1 800 and 3 740 jobs through investments worth between R3.1 billion and R5.4 billion over the next three years.

Our efforts to create an enabling environment for business are also set to propel our Project Khulisa growth strategy. Through Project Khulisa we are focusing on growing specific areas of our economy, namely oil and gas, tourism and agri-processing. These sectors have the highest potential to dramatically accelerate growth and jobs.

I have shared our plan for the agri-processing sector earlier during my Agriculture budget speech, but in short, we will focus on growing our share of the Halaal market, increase wine and brandy exports to strategic markets and increase local processing capacity through key infrastructure projects.

To drive our focus on the Project Khulisa sectors and to attract increased investment into our region, the Trade and Sector Development programme receives R59.5 million in the 2016/17 financial year. The transformation of Saldanha Bay into a duty free zone for rig repair is anchor to our oil and gas programme and again, for those of you that were not here yesterday, my thanks goes to this Legislature for passing that legislation so the legislation is now being sent to the Premier for assent. That piece of legislation will allow you now to continue on that road to making sure that Saldanha actually becomes this duty-free zone.

Through this we can add up to a further 60 000 formal jobs in our economy if we all work together to realise our vision of becoming the prime base for rig repair on the continent. We already have most of what it takes: high rig traffic, affordable skills and service sophistication. In partnership with the

strategic stakeholders in the National and Local Government, we are determined to fill the gaps through the completion of the following projects:

- The development of the Saldanha port and back-of-port land;
- The development of strategic marine infrastructure, including a deep water rig repair quay, an offshore supply-base and an additional jetty for repair and ship building;
- Bulk services;
- And most critically, skills.

Along with oil and gas, tourism has been identified as another focus area. We know that tourism is our fastest-growing sector, employing over 200 000 people and generating R17 billion to our economy each year. Through Project Khulisa we are seeking to add a further 100 000 jobs in this sector.

The Tourism, Arts and Entertainment programme receives R46.5 million in the 2016/17 financial year to grow the Western Cape's tourism sector. As part of this province-wide effort, we have identified a set of exciting projects. One of the most exciting is our Air Access programme through a dedicated Air Access team comprised of global aviation specialists. We are targeting the development and initiation of new routes to key strategic markets. This part of our plan is to get more visitors here and you might have seen again as this plan starts to roll-out, there are announcements coming and we just had the announcement now that we have got 850 odd seats coming out of Gatwick into Cape Town on three flights a week, Gatwick to Cape Town,

which is adding to the existing BA two flights a day and as you can see that is the kind of thing that this team works on. They are working on getting extra flights into Africa, extra flights into new key target markets and it is really an exciting space to be part of and thank you very much to the team there.

Another crucial part is to keep these visitors here for longer, to boost awareness of the Western Cape in key markets and to convert business tourists to leisure tourists. We will implement a Delegate Boosting and Convention Programme, targeting conference attendees. To attract more tourists from strategic markets, we will develop and implement an Africa and a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) growth strategy.

We know we have to be responsive to market trends and demands and in this respect we are determined to make technology work for us by tapping into the power of big data to grow our economy. Very shortly we will launch a tourism data and real-time business intelligence dashboard which will provide us with the most recent trends and performance of the Western Cape tourism industry. We also have a range of initiatives to boost the attractiveness of the Western Cape.

First and foremost we will continue with our plans to position the province as the trail capital of Africa. In the next few months we will start to build the first part of our cycle track which will eventually stretch between Plettenberg Bay and Cape Town. This track will become the backbone of a trail system

driving business to farms and communities along the Southern Cape coastline.

We will also focus on culture and heritage tourism, and in this regard we have something special up our sleeves and we hope to unveil later this financial year. We will also continue to drive food and wine tourism and growing our events economy and mentioning that we are in the middle of our events season, and as you can see these events are really, really helping us boost the already great tourism numbers that we have had.

First impressions for the 2015/16 tourism season have been promising and I will be able to table the official visitor numbers for the traditional peak period next month.

I would like to commend every person working in this sector for the warm welcome and excellent service offered to our visitors. You are the reason our tourism sector continues to thrive. Part of the Project Khulisa plan will include a service excellence and a 'tourism benefits me' campaign and we will share more on this shortly.

To ensure our Khulisa sectors and every other economic sector in our economy has the right environment to grow, we are dedicated to the task of getting our key enablers right. In the 2016/17 financial year, our Economic Planning unit receives R215.1 million to drive these priorities.

We recognise that innovation is a key enabler and I am pleased to announce

that this year we will be developing an Innovation Strategic Framework. If we are to encourage a spirit of innovation among our residents, we know we must think differently too. Through this process, we are going to plot how we can unlock innovation in government.

Connectivity is also a critical enabler for our economy. Just two weeks ago the Premier and I launched the first 50 of the 384 public WiFi hotspots we are rolling out in partnership with Neotel. In the 2016/17 financial year, a further 100 hotspots will be delivered to the communities across the province. Our public hotspots in Atlantis, the Southern Cape and Delft, which have to date been accessed by 123 000 residents, are showing us the power of connectivity and through accessing the internet at our hotspots Thobeka Yose enabled the Facebook page of an international magazine. I am not sure if Thobeka is here today. [Interjections.] Is she here?

The SPEAKER: In the corner.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: There we go, there she is. So she used one of these WiFi hotspots and I have spoken about this once before in the House. She used this hotspot and after providing samples of her work, she was hired as a contributor and to do her work, she Skype calls with the chief editor of the magazine in the Netherlands and e-mails through her stories. I am happy to have Thobeka here today. She is an example of how technology connects us to opportunities across the world and I am not sure if I am actually allowed to say it here, but

what happens is through this opportunity she is now going to be launching a South African version of this magazine right here, and she is going to become the editor. [Applause.] And we really, really look forward to that announcement later in the year.

We are also entering the final year of the test phase of the I-Can Centre in Elsies River. This centre provides access to digital training and public internet and the response from residents has been encouraging. Since October, around 100 new registrations have been achieved at the centre each month. It is our goal to have public access centres like these throughout the Western Cape and we will evaluate this project to see how we move it forward.

Another enabler, energy security has been identified as most important and strategic. For an economy to thrive and attract investment it must have stable and affordable power. In the Western Cape we have prioritised the development of clean energy sources. While the National Government is signing nuclear deals and building coal-power, we are going green.

In this regard we recently submitted and are awaiting the outcome of our application to transform Atlantis into a Special Economic Zone. If approved, this would open up the way for further investment in manufacturing and services in the Atlantis industrial area, resulting in 1000 direct jobs and over a billion rand investment in manufacturing by 2025 and this SEZ is not designated yet but we have already seen over R500 million in direct

investments creating close to 400 direct jobs and a very exciting investor pipeline on the way.

Over the last five years investments of over R17 billion have been made in renewable energy projects in the Western Cape – R2.5 billion in the last year alone – creating over 2000 jobs and another 700 in component manufacturing and of course that component manufacturing is why we are doing the work around the SEZ. Many of these initiatives have been facilitated through the hard-working team at Green Cape. Our efforts are being bolstered by the City of Cape Town, which has given home-owners the power to receive rebates for the clean energy they produce.

Following on the programmes we have seen in the city and Drakenstein, work is also already underway to allow large municipalities in the Western Cape to implement similar rebate and ‘embedded generation’ schemes. We anticipate that the national process for procuring power from liquefied natural gas will be critical to unlock the potential of our economy of having an alternative source of energy – not only for electricity but for industrial application. This is something the Department has been working on for a long time and it is good to see that we are now suddenly getting traction as well as buy-in at a national level. The province is working intensively with the public sector stakeholders at national level to help realise this opportunity.

Here in the Western Cape we are producing and selling the energy of the future. We are growing an economy that delivers opportunities for all. At the

same time we need to grow our skills to ensure that they work for the economy. The best place to start is by investing in the youth, in young people. This is why we have selected skills as a game changer.

In the 2016/17 financial year, our Skills Development and Innovation programme receives R63.242 million. Our drive to boost the number of young skilled people in this province will go beyond Government to involve academia and the private sector - a true partnership as we believe and it will also show how *Better Together* works.

We will invest R12.4 million in training young people in technical and vocational skills, and we need partnerships to make this a success. In this regard we rely on business owners to open their doors to artisans needing to complete their internship phase and I ask that employers reach out to my office if they are able to assist in this way. People all too often speak about that practical side on-the-job part of your education and we really need the partners to do that.

This, Madam Speaker, is our roadmap for the year ahead and it will be executed by Mr Solly Fourie the HOD and his Department of Economic Development of which we have a number of the senior management here today. I would like to commend them for their efforts and the important role they continue to play in making the Western Cape the fastest job-creating region in this country.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Well done to the team... [Applause.] ...Solly, and if you will pass that on to the rest of the team. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Vuvu Njalo and the full team - some of them here - at my office for also putting up with me and the pressures that I put on them for helping me enable the most open office and accessible office around. I do not know how many Government officials get told that they have to work until nine o'clock on the first Thursday of every month, but they do that with a smile, as you can see, because it is about servicing our customers. Those customers out there who are in business, who have taken risks to start businesses, those customers out there who are entrepreneurial and want to take a chance who want to risk their idea; those are our customers. Those young people, those youth that I speak about that want to see themselves playing a role in our economy, whether they are the entrepreneur or they are getting a job that can allow them to look after their family and to live the life that they wish. That is why we all do what we do and I thank each and every one of them for helping me and helping our team achieve just that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. I see the hon member Ms Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Madam Speaker, it is not often that one can paint a good story in a space clearly surrounded by doom and gloom. Despite the many challenges that South Africa faces with the threat of a downgrade to junk status, I cannot help feeling that we have so much more to celebrate here in the Western Cape. It is why the JSE and the recent announcement that Nomura Agents Global Investment Bank will be opening office here in April. Because the DA-led Western Cape is delivering on its mandate to create a vibrant, innovative and sustainable economy, to act as a catalyst and respond to challenges and opportunities.

Despite the small budgets this Department has to contend with, it must be commended for the enormous responsibility it has to deliver on jobs and growth for this province.

Numbers do not lie. Stats SA as the official custodian of information is verified and clearly states that the Western Cape is creating more jobs than any other province. This is evident if you look at the unemployment figures for the province. The Western Cape now, Minister, as you have said, has the lowest narrow unemployment rate at 19.4% and expanded unemployment rate at 22% compared to Gauteng with 27.6% narrow and 30.2% expanded. Breaking the 20% unemployment threshold is significant and a tipping point for this province. It is without a doubt that the Department and the Western Cape Government at large continues to create a conducive environment for job creation and economic growth.

One of the biggest challenges facing not only the Western Cape, but South Africa at large, is not just to create wage related job opportunities, but to increase our skills-base and develop what we call a knowledge-based economy. Countries that are striving toward a knowledge economy - those with a solid education system, a dynamic information infrastructure and an effective innovation space - are doing much better than others in the intensely competitive world economy. If the right policies are adopted, the chances of success are extremely high. The digital divide is narrowing, and returns on investment in Information and Communication Technologies are extremely positive. The way to achieving a knowledge economy is through greater partnership with private and public sectors, more effective use of ICTs and a stronger commitment to lifelong learning. This together with an enabling environment conducive to entrepreneurship is fundamental.

With the focus on creating a knowledge-based regional economy, the Western Cape has over the years implemented regulations and policies such as the Red Tape Reduction Unit, which seeks to remove bureaucratic blockages to make it easier and more cost-effective to do business. Programmes such as the Premier's Entrepreneurship Recognition Awards, which also involves this Department recognising top entrepreneurs and established opportunities from various financial resources such as the Funding Fair for access to financing. The DA Western Cape and City of Cape Town are seen more and more of a tech hub that is gaining in traction and drawing attention.

Today, the World Bank has ranked Cape Town as one of the best cities to

start a business in South Africa. There is a reason why 70% of South Africa's venture capital, 50% of South Africa's start-ups and 56% of emerging companies are reportedly all based in the Western Cape. It is evident when Cape Town is selected as the location of the new French Tech Hub, joining international cities such as Moscow, New York, San Francisco, Tel Aviv and Tokyo to foster the growth of start-up companies and to promote innovation. The transformative potential of technology and its ability to improve the lives of everyone on our continent is what should be driving us all.

It is evident with the Bandwidth Barn as the oldest Tech incubator in Africa and widely regarded as amongst the most successful in the world, but the DA-led Western Cape and City of Cape Town did not just arrive at this point. These milestones and achievements are as a result of a number of Provincial and Local Government interventions.

Firstly, the effective functioning of the economy through sound governance and strategic focus on key economic sectors - tourism, oil and gas and agri-processing through project Khulisa.

Secondly, the establishment and success of the Red Tape Reduction Unit as I mentioned, to reduce the cost and improve the ease of doing business and we welcome an increase of 37.5% to their budget.

Thirdly, the roll-out of Broadband to communities and businesses especially within industries, which require access to big data. The recent roll-out of the

50 of 384 planned public access Wi-Fi hotspots is welcomed, but the real prize here is the free 250 megabyte data with a top-up cost of only R5 for a further 700 megabytes - that is probably SA's cheapest data package.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: The World Bank has shown that a 10% increase in broadband penetration results in a 1.38% increase in GDP. So access to the internet makes e-services more accessible to communities that would otherwise not be able to utilise this new way of service delivery, and lastly, the development of a provincial energy strategy which provides energy dependency security within the region.

Just yesterday the Standing Committee passed the IDZ LiCo legislation that will become an enabler for the IDZ to start its business to operate as a company. We have heard the potential of this sector in the long term and we as a Committee look forward to seeing the Saldanha Bay IDZ flourish and grow.

Minister, we welcome your announcement regards the Atlantis Special Economic Zone and we ask what are you going to do about the local contents more specifically and how are we going to create that more of a green energy hub.

In terms of agri-processing under Khulisa, we also look forward to the

development of the Halaal Park to capture a piece of that multi-billion rand economy. We also note the increased export of wines to new markets such as China. It is important to note that in 2015 China became South Africa's sixth largest export market for packaged wines by volume and the largest in the Asian region, accounting for around 8.9 million litres for the year ending September 2015. Through Project Khulisa, the DA-led Western Cape aims to double the export of wine to China by 2025. The wine industry is not only important for job creation, it is also employing over 289 000 people in the country and 167 000 residents of the Western Cape, but more importantly it is a valuable commodity for growing the Western Cape economy.

Tourism is also the Western Cape's fastest growing sector, with over 200 000 people in formal jobs generating R17 billion for our local economy. One in twelve jobs is a tourist job and the importance of this sector is emphasised by the development of some key projects.

Firstly, the Standing Committee recently engaged with the Cape Town International Airport. We look forward to the expansion project and development of Cape Town Aerotropolis, which will expand opportunities to a 20 kilometre radius around the airport. The project will give access to opportunities to some of the most vulnerable communities in the city. The Metro South East represents more than 50% of the City's population but only 3.2% of the City's commercial investment. The Cape Town Aerotropolis can unlock the potential in the area and is a strategy opportunity for the airport and the community for sustained growth.

Equally an exciting development is the Swartklip Site which we heard about, an undeveloped piece of land that is situated in the flight path of the planned new runway. The site is in the process of being taken over by ACSA for the sake of mixed development, situated between Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain. The Swartklip Site will accommodate a new college, intended to accommodate up to 10 000 students studying artisan skills. These students will be trained in the artisanal skills so desperately needed by the private sector. Their skills will match the needs of the Cape Town Aerotropolis. This is integration in practice where the connective power of the airport is being used to transform the hinterland urban areas into an Aerotropolis.

The recent launch of the Cape Town Air Access initiative, as the Minister has mentioned, is also another project in the tourism space. This collaboration between the Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, ACSA, Wesgro and airline industries aims to expand air routes to Cape Town and greater air access into Africa. Boosting air access is key to the Western Cape's growth strategy and sits front and centre with Khulisa's focus into tourism and agri-processing.

On a final note, I would like to thank my Committee for their commitment to oversight. Under the leadership of Minister Winde I also want to thank Mr Solly Fourie and his team for making miracles with small budgets; for engaging with us on a regular basis and perfecting Economics 101. To our entities, Wesgro and Saldanha IDZ we look forward to witnessing foreign direct investment flowing into this province to growing and expanding the

economy.

In conclusion Madam Speaker, the DA supports Vote 12 – the Western Cape Appropriation Bill for the Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism. I thank you.

†'n AGBARE LID: Mooi! [Applous.]

*An HON MEMBER: Good! [Applause.]

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you Madam Speaker. It is common knowledge that South Africa, as is the case in the rest of the world currently, is going through economic difficulties. The President together with the Minister of Finance has not hidden the fact that South Africa will face economic difficulties in the year ahead as a result of the global economic crisis.

In fact, while we are still grappling with stabilising the economy through various growth initiatives, some developing countries have already collapsed or are on the brink of bankruptcy or collapsing.

In spite of the financial crisis and the global recession post 2008, South Africa fared relatively well. Although the economy is not growing at a pace which we would have projected it to grow, we have not seen a negative growth. The current annual growth rate of 1% is part of the results of

prudent fiscal efforts on the part of Government to ensure that we survive the current economic climate.

In this year's budget we have seen an increase even though our economic climate is exacerbated by drought, El Nino, but we have seen growth in any case from the allocation from the National Government. I make this point because I know that my colleagues from the other benches opposite me will want to ignore the continuous sharp fall of global mineral prices, which has had a severe effect on our ability to export as a country and in return, it affected our GDP. Interestingly, the Department has acknowledged that major obstacle to the integrated service delivery as one of the problems that we are having where we have various departments, we have municipalities.

We have also agencies that are not coordinating their work, where one department is doing that, another department in some municipality is doing that - they are doing similar jobs but differently and they are not communicating. We have seen here for instance in this Legislature that blame continuously go to the National Government, whilst we are saying that it is important that you must have a cooperative governance in all the spheres of government, hence I think we have gone very well to deal with the issue of the IDZ Bill, which went very quickly, because there was a concerted effort of coordination. This is what we are saying, Minister, should be happening.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: With this, Minister, we cannot be complacent about the effects that the current economic climate has on the poor majority of this country. As we were reminded by the Minister of Finance, not the MEC, in his speech that... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Which one?

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...that “all of us want jobs, thriving businesses, you must engage professionals, narrowing inequality and alleviating poverty.” [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr S G TYATYAM: This requires an inclusive social compact to drive maximum activity in the economy. It requires that we have a government which provides a catalyst for transformation redressing the past imbalances and deconstructing the racial economy.

This therefore means that transformation and redress must be the core business and central part of our work as Government if we are to deal with the triple crisis of poverty, unemployment and inequality. These cannot be a by-the-way programme but it should be driven through Government micro and macro economic policies. This is what the NDP speaks to, and I know the MEC sometime speaks to the NDP, sometimes he has a problem with the NDP but we hope that in future he will be consistent because the NDP gives us

direction - all of us.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is you who is not giving direction - the ANC.

Mr S G TYATYAM: We note that this comes as a result of... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Please!

Mr S G TYATYAM: We also acknowledge that the jobs growth in the last years, that the unemployment in the province has also continued to decrease but we must note that this comes as a result of a national drive and commitment to create jobs and emphasis that has been placed on the creation of real work opportunities. Hence we must applaud provinces such also as the Free State province, which has decreased their expanded unemployment rate and we must also applaud municipalities such as Mangaung Metro... [Interjections.] ...having had the highest job growth in all municipalities in the country. I normally decided to use what you do; you also go and compare it with other provinces.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr S G TYATYAM: These are the real indicators that the IPAP...

Ms M N GILLION: It is a fact.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...as well as the new growth path through the programmes such as Project Phakisa are showing real jobs and real job opportunities. We must, however, point out the claim that the regional growth of the Western Cape in recent times exceeded that of the South African GDP.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: All the time.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is always that it is misleading because the regional growth of the Western Cape has always exceeded national growth when you look at the regional vs national growth, you can look at it, even the last twelve years, look at the patterns of growth. The Western Cape has continuously - it is not because the DA has done something dramatic that has changed the course of economic growth of this province. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Historically.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Economic priorities ought to be radical economic transformation, inclusive rapid growth and equitable job creation, which means that the Department and the Ministry and hopefully the Ministry will also go and lobby in his party that they need to look at radical economic transformation so that also it is not an issue that they must only deal with because the NDP talks to it, but they must see it as an important industrialisation that will help our economy that will help the people of this province out of their current poverty.

The budget before us today speaks to the capping on compensation of employees at a little over R110 million for the upper level, meanwhile the Department has informed us that they in actual fact wanted, as part of restructuring their organisational structure, to have had a wage bill which is about R133 million for 2016/2017. This immediately gives us an indication that this restructuring would have actually cost far more in terms of the wage bill if fiscal discipline was not forced on the Department.

We are informed that the number of vacancies, especially the senior management level, is a direct result of the budget cuts, but interestingly, these vacancies were even there in the previous financial year without the capping of upper wage limits. So why is the issue of the austerity measures used as an excuse of not filling the vacancies?

Mr D JOSEPH: It is not an excuse.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is an excuse.

Mr D JOSEPH: It is reality.

Ms M N GILLION: You use it as an excuse all the time.

Mr S G TYATYAM: We are also not convinced that the so-called reprioritisation through shifting funds from enterprise development to easing of economy will really have real economic spin-offs, especially when we are yet presented with the report from the Committee that talks to how the Red

Tape Reduction has actually assisted small and big businesses, because at the moment it seems the forecast is on the big business, those who are coming from outside. What about the small business?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No that is the ANC's focus, not this House's... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You know, the problem is that we are not getting to know how the Red Tape Reduction is actually assisting those small ones.

Also in this Vote there is quite a lot of increase that has taken place, even from the consultants we have a large increase about consultancy work that needs to be done and the Department is saying it is because of the Halaal Park that is coming, so they need more of the consultants, but what I think is important, what we have not received, is the nature and the scope of the Halaal Park and what basically these consultants would be busy with, which cannot be done in-house, because they are also careful that we must not increase funds because we just want to spare funds for election. [Laughter.] You know, because we know that in the past has happened. [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Yes, Madam Speaker. I would like to ask the hon member if he can indicate to me in the line item budget where is the

budget for the election? [Interjections.] I have the budget in front of me. I would like to see where is the line-item for elections? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister, thank you.

Ms M N GILLION: No Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Minister, if I can guide you, you should ask if the member would like to take a question, and then I will put it to him. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Workshop!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No he will not take that question; this one... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I apologise, Madam Speaker, is the hon member, my friend... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister, take your seat. Hon member Mr Tyatyam, will you take a question?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes, the member can SMS me the question, I will... [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. Minister, the member will not take a question.
[Interjections.] You may proceed, hon member Mr Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, in the most bizarre revelations the Provincial Treasury told us Wesgro spent R8.1 million on their website. I am coming to you now. I hope your question was related to that. Wesgro on the other hand states that they actually only spent R144 000 on their website and unfortunately Wesgro blames the junior employee for giving Treasury wrong information, you know.

What an embarrassment from the Treasury Department because there are quarterly reports that take place. Why could the Treasury Department not pick up that there is wrong information, which is also not captured in the APP that is being submitted, you know? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: There is the election fund. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ja, that is the election money. So clearly the credibility of reports that we get from Treasury quarterly is questionable, you know. You know, it is questionable because †ngokucacileyo apha bahlali sikhokhelwa ziimfama apha ezihoze izisu zazo, nantso ingxaki esinayo apha [Kuyahlekwa]. *Because clearly we are being led by blind leaders here who only care for their needs, that is where the problem is. [Laughter.]

Wesgro confirmed R3 million under-spending for this financial year and

those funds will be rolled over for the next financial year. The apparent R3 million is due to funds which were allocated to the City of Cape Town and Wesgro further spends R3 million on events in the City of Cape Town, and further Wesgro spends and the Department, more money in the City of Cape Town, particularly as part of the Tourism Budget, but the issue, why are we at this stage not having a plan to integrate even the rural areas to benefit from this budget?

An HON MEMBER: We do.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It cannot be that only the City of Cape Town is the only tourist attraction because of Table Mountain. There are many other areas and we have not received a clear plan either from Wesgro or the Department in relation to the tourist industry in other parts of the Western Cape, you know.

An HON MEMBER: State your case [Inaudible.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: The ACSA Project has shown an increase in tourism despite this MEC shouting at us for the whole of 2015 about how the visa regulations, which already also started today, will be negative. We will not get tourism. You will not increase tourism. The fact of the matter, we have received a report from ACSA that says tourism has increased three times.

Ms M N GILLION: It has increased three times.

An HON MEMBER: Since when?

Mr S G TYATYAM: It has increased three times in their report. So the issue - maybe, I do not know, maybe the MEC will tell us.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You are quite correct [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: But the part of the campaigning that he was doing for the Western Cape and the country, he wanted to increase tourism. He must tell us, because he was running a campaign in national that we have a visa problem, and yet we have increased.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The Minister admits you have got a visa problem.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: We have got a visa problem. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

An HON MEMBER: You do not want to accept.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You do not think we have a visa problem?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Your own Minister said so.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The performance of the tourism industry, although welcomed, still does not have real benefits for workers in that industry, of whom a significant number are illegal immigrants who continue to be exploited by the sector terribly with their low wages because of their compromised legal status. [Interjections.] This is not addressed also by the Department and we have raised that... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam, sorry to cut your word. Will you take your seat? Are you rising on a point of order?

An HON MEMBER: No Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, thank you. Sorry, you may proceed.

Mr S G TYATYAM: We must also state that the current budget cuts cannot be an excuse for the fact that the Department almost has no top management, Minister, with about 18 vacancies in the Department. So why are you not filling those vacancies, and also Wesgro, we have lots of vacancies in Wesgro, about 20 vacancies. What is the problem, because the issue of austerity does not apply here. These vacancies were there for some time, hence we must be saying that these were supposed to have been filled in order for the Department to work in its full capacity. Today, the budget as presented by the Department of Economic and Development does not present us with a coherent plan on transforming the economy of the Western Cape, given the current economic climate; the budget allocation in this budget do

not maximise fiscal discipline through innovation but rather makes excuses of non-delivery as a result of budget cuts and hon member Ms Maseko can agree with me, that we cannot support this budget. [Laughter.] ...because it does not cater for her beloved place Cederberg, and the Cederberg people... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... are not catered in the Saldanha the IDZ. I am sure you will agree with me on that one. Therefore as ANC we cannot agree on this Vote. Thank you.

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much for those taking part in the debate. Luckily I have only got two more members to answer to.

First of all to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, thank you very much for the role you play for your oversight, and I think one of the questions as raised by the hon member Mr Tyatyam has actually come out through that oversight because I remember when you had the session with Treasury it came up about the question of the spending, and the reporting from Wesgro through the QPRs and that is exactly what oversight is supposed

to be for. We could see that there was a mistake made and I think the hon member mentioned it but he actually gave the answers at the same time so the R8 million...then he said R144 000 for the website; it was not actually for the website or a portion was. It was actually on events and he said exactly the same thing so it shows you that the oversight works and thank you very much for that role that the Committee plays.

In your speech you spoke about a few things and I will just comment on one or two of them. The first being the JSE opening an office here and I think that is really encouraging when the Stock Exchange looks at a market, specifically a regional market, and it says we need to open an office and the reason that they are doing that is because their customers are here and that is good news. I do not know if you know this but there are two more applications for stock exchanges in Cape Town at the moment. They have made applications to start stock exchanges so it obviously shows you that something is happening in the ecosystem at the moment and because... [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

You also spoke about the knowledge-based economy and we have spoken about it in the House before, that economic hub of South Africa at the moment, we spoke about the JSE moving, the economic hub of South Africa and now suddenly at 14% of South Africa's economy the Cape Region...and 32% to 35% of South Africa's economy, Gauteng, and you are starting to see shifts between the one and the other and it is because of the makeup of that economy and that is what you speak about. It is because of the backbone of

that economy not being a resource base looking at mining as what holds that economy together. Here it has the diversity of the trade, the tourism, the connectedness, through what the Government is investing, but also what the private sector is doing.

You mentioned the broadband cost. I think that is exactly what we set out to do, not only to connect, but also to drive competitiveness and in our own way through the deal that was struck with Neotel we bring in the cheapest broadband in South Africa. Suddenly you start changing the competitiveness of the region and you are going to see the other players now starting to effect their pricing. We all know that up until now the sort of so-called monopoly in the data space specifically around the cell phone providers, they have actually held those prices as some of the highest in the world, and suddenly you are going to see through this kind of intervention the pressure being put on that competitiveness, which will make the area again a place that people wanted to invest in and then ecosystems foster change again. It is the place that people want to come to, to take that risk, to take that chance to open their business; to create that job. Would you come and get that job?

You spoke about the Barn and you praised them and the work that they have done and they really have done groundbreaking work and especially now seeing that extension out into Khayelitsha and what that is doing. It is a very exciting place to be in and it is really exciting to watch. It is also again about driving and creating that ecosystem.

The SEZ, you asked me a question on the SEZ and local content, and it is a subject that we are challenged with all the time in my discussions at a Minmec level but also through the HOD and his team, the discussions through the Department, at DTI and Economic Development. We have gone through a process in South Africa around the Green Tech space where I have mentioned R22 billion worth of Green Tech companies providing either wind or solar power into our grid system through a refit programme. In the Round 4 we started to see the application for local content. Now that is the SEZ application. Let us create that tax free zone so that local content can come about, but this is where there is a bit of a conundrum because those companies that have got those tenders, the R22 billion, that are already out there, we need to make sure that they are going to get that local content, and there is a risk and this House needs to know it. This side of the House needs to know it, when you are talking to some of your colleagues in the ANC at National Government level around this specific space we must be very careful that these companies do not opt for a fine and still import those goods. We must not allow that. We must make sure that they actually adhere to their local content; when they put that tender in and won the tender, they said they were going to manufacture a certain percentage locally. We need to hold them to that because that is the only way that we are going to get a success but also we obviously have to follow through and get that designation so that we do get that green tech hub and we all need to work together on making that happen because it is a risk in the system at the moment.

You also mentioned the Aerotropolis and I thought I will just say one or two

things about that. I think that is a very exciting programme obviously not directly involved from a Provincial Government point of view but we will help where we can as the City will too, and the work that they have done and the work that we do with ACSA and the team at the airport, having just received that accolade again as the best airport in Africa, is really exciting. They are very proactive. It links in very strongly with our Air Access programme because that is where they are going to land and they have got to continually invest. R11 billion as part of this process going into the runway re-alignment and of course part of that re-alignment is that Swartklip property. It is an offset. It is a green lung but it is also opportunity, not for residential so unfortunately Minister Madikizela, you cannot use that, but it is the flight path so we can put skill centres in. You spoke about the skills centre. There are other opportunities in that space. I think about film. I think there are opportunities for film. We know that we have film studios knocking on our doors for a second film studio. That is also an option in that region, so thank you very much for the role that you play there.

The hon member Mr Tyatyam, again I did not write the same as I did as the last speech, but I wrote here you need to look at your speechwriter or perhaps you need to spend a bit more time in the Standing Committee because many of the questions that you raised are actually dealt with in there, specifically around the restructuring. When was the restructuring of the Department agreed to? When was it passed in Cabinet? I mean, we are now sitting at a space we are filling once it is agreed to, it is a process and of course the budget process countersects that and you are asking the right questions and we will give those answers as they come through in the Standing Committee,

but that is exactly what has happened. The budget was allocated. The approval of the structure, it is the last department to receive the modernisation but of course as that process went through we approved it in Cabinet. Guess what happened after that, and this contradicts your statement. You said you are seeing enough growth and you are seeing enough money in the budget but we are R1.5 billion down. We had to find R1.5 billion cut in our budget over the next three years, so this is tough. These are tough processes that the departments have been through in November and again in the beginning of this year and the Minister of Finance has been talking about that for the last few months both at a provincial level and at a national level so we do not have more money. We have less money, and why do we have that? Because we have less tax and why do we have less tax, not because of the result of the ongoing global economic crisis. That is fudging it... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Because of the ANC crisis.

An HON MEMBER: Excuse me!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...as a direct result of ANC policy or lack of clarity and bumbling of the President. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Check your policies.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: No leadership whatsoever of the President in our system. That is what causes the reduction in tax income. That is what gets the rating agents sniffing around this place. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: The commodity prices have nothing to do with this.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They are, all of those things are factors but I will tell you what, if you have strong political leadership who knows what they are doing you have a very different environment.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr C M DUGMORE: And you see the commodity prices...

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: When you have a political President and leader... sorry Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Talk to me please, thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: When you have a President who bumbles along, who makes ridiculous decisions and choices the market has to hold him to account but the market also punishes the poorest of the poor in this country through that process when we have a President who makes such silly stupid decisions. [Interjections.]

I want to also say to the hon member Mr Tyatyam I am really glad that you mentioned the NDP. It is probably the first time in the last year that I have heard the ANC on that side of the House mention the NDP. [Interjections.] Normally you do not mention it at all and quite frankly at a national level, the NDP is a forgotten dusty document somewhere stuck away somewhere else, no-one really ever cares a damn about it [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and that is also part of this uncertainty.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Do not spoil your speech.

An HON MEMBER: You must go wash your ears and listen.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Part of this uncertainty is where we have a National Government who does not have a single plan. They have got a whole lot of dusty plans and they do not stick to one. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Come-on, rise above this now. [Interjections.] Look at all the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I do want to say to the hon member Mr Tyatyam that I was really excited and I really liked the new approach of using ANC examples of good governance or ANC examples of where things are going right, because that is what we have been missing for years. [Interjections.] Every time we stand up we talk about the good stuff and you have got nothing to talk about, so now suddenly you are starting to mention Free State and Mangaung and sure you are coming off a low base but at least you are starting. [Laughter.] At least you are starting to say in this discourse of debate that “this is what we do as Government. This is what we do as the ANC where we govern.”

I am really excited that you are starting to bring it because that is what we need. That is what we need. I must just ask that please, the next time you come would not you tell us about how the ANC is sorting out the water issues and the electricity issues in Kannaland or perhaps tell us how you did when you governed Oudtshoorn or what happens around tender processes in Beaufort West, but at least now we are getting to a space that we can start to use... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We can start to use... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are starting to get into a space in this debate where we can start to use policy against policy; governance against governance. We can really start to get this debate going... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...so hon member Mr Tyatyam, I really thank you for bringing that to the table. I think I look forward to the next round of debates as we start to bring more of delivery and service delivery, which really counts to the people, of where we govern and how we make the difference. That brings me to the next point; you say that the Western Cape always outperforms the national economy and that is true, it always does outperform the national economy but anybody can answer this question in the Department or whether it was the guys that helped us with Khulisa or Phakisa or any of those programmes. Those people that were helping us, I said exactly the same thing. I said: "Guys, that is not good enough. I do not want to just be 1% or

2% better than the national economy. I want to see lift-off. I want to see that happening. I do not want to see the railway line...” And that is exactly why we have the programmes that we have; why we do what we do, because that is exactly what we are hoping to achieve is that separation so we get that growth. We are seeing it in the business confidence index, where the business confidence index in South Africa including the Western Cape numbers keep on going down, but you take the Western Cape numbers out and it goes up. That is what we need to see, and over time you will see through our policies, you will see that lift-off happening.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Can I also then say that perhaps - I do not want to go for too long on this, you did make mention that all we do is support big business. Our economy is actually an SMME based economy and you must be careful when you do bring this in, unless you are also bringing it in as ANC/DA kind of policy space, because then let us talk about the Gupta business because I think that is quite a big business that is supported by the ANC... [Interjections.] So I am not sure whether it is only in this province or nationally. Do we support big business or do we not support big business? [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: We are dealing with that issue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Are you dealing with the issue? I am very glad to hear that you are dealing... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am very, very glad to hear that you are dealing with that issue. You also mentioned that funds were made available in this process for the election. Now of course I must say again we have ANC ways of doing things and DA ways of doing things and I can assure you in this Government through our policies and the way we budget and the way we run our business in an open transparent accountable Government no money, no taxpayer's money in this Government goes to an election campaign. [Interjections.] I am not sure if that is how you do it on that side of the House but do not read into these things... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, Minister, can you take your seat please. Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Madam Speaker, I just want to find out if the Minister can take a question?

The SPEAKER: Minister, will you take a question? Yes, the Minister will take a question. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Minister, I hear this thing about... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. There is a speaker on the floor.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Minister, I hear this thing about the Guptas also giving money to the DA but can I just find out, did they buy any influence from the Western Cape Government... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No they did not.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...by donating that money?

Ms S W DAVIDS: They did give money. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: How much did they give [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much for that... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, he is also a Gupta [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...for that question. I know that I was not involved in any money or any visits or any fundraising from the Guptas and I know that there is absolutely no influence bought in this Government from the Guptas... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But you keep the money [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In actual fact... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Members, order, the Minister is trying to respond to a question. If you will allow him the opportunity.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In actual fact Madam Speaker, that goes to the same point of how the question is asked in a budget debate of whether this line item goes to an election campaign or whether this line item goes to anybody connected to the elite and I can assure you that that might be the case on that side of the House and we do know that that is how it was run at a national level. We know how this elite links in Government expenditure, budgets, appointment of Ministers, the whole network of rotten to the core and that speaks to the original point about how we... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Ms Davids.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... project ourselves to the world in the economy and from leadership specifically from our President, and it is absolutely rotten to the core through the whole process whether it is linked into Government budgets, but I can assure you that in this Government that does not happen.

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We have a clean accountable open transparent Government that is here for the people of this province. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker I do not want to take too much more time, but I have got three more... [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I have got three more issues that I need to answer to. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister, can you take your seat please. Members, you can engage each other at lunchtime on these issues. Please allow the Minister to

speak. Thank you. I am appealing to both sides of the House for quiet.

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

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I have three more questions that were raised by the hon member Mr Tyatyam that I need to give answers to. I started to talk about the Wesgro issue that was raised through the QPRs R144 000-events, and obviously that reporting we need to fix, number one, and through the oversight, and I have already engaged with the Chairperson on it. We need to find out how that happened so that we make sure those kind of things do not ever happen again, because of being open and transparent as a Government.

The honourable member spoke about visas and saying that we have outstanding tourism numbers and we *do* have outstanding tourism numbers, but can you imagine what those numbers would have been like if our friends in Africa could have come and spent more time here or come and done business here? If our friends in India and China and Brazil and Russia could have got here easier, because we are trying to open up new markets; we are trying to develop into new markets. Can you imagine if it was easier? But we get absolute denial from this member in his speech and I need to say to him - that it is not a question to him directly Madam Speaker - tonight when he

goes home I want him to think about and perhaps even go and Google and read some of the statements from Minister Hanekom.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Or perhaps find out about the report of Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa and why the President asked him to set up a special committee to investigate and actually go between Hanekom and Gigaba on the visas and why there was a report on the visas that said they had to have stuff done... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and why the President this morning says he will again - and this is a year later but today on the website of the tourism industry the President says: "I confirm that I will deal with this visa problem." It is a problem, and can you imagine how many more jobs we would create if we sorted out this blockage, this red tape? It is a shocking state of affairs and the lethargy from the ANC on this is pathetic. And my last point Madam Speaker, and again as I started I said the hon member needs to spend more time in the Committee, reading the reports or change his speechwriter, because if he goes into those reports he will see.

He makes the statement that Wesgro and the Department only support events

in the City. Now of the events that we support, we support seven in the City. We support 30 outside of the City in the regions, 80% of Wesgro's support goes into the regions so he must not come here and make these rash statements about where we support and how we support. We support across this province. This is a Provincial Government and the member needs to go and read the reports and engage with the documentation or change his speechwriter. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. [Applause.] That, hon members, concludes the debate on this Vote.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Proceedings will now be suspended and we will resume at two o'clock after lunch. Thank you.

[Business of the House suspended at 12:37 and resumed at 14:00.]

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

3.. Debate on Vote 4 – Community Safety – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Plato.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Good afternoon. Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Speaker, hon Premier, hon Cabinet colleagues, members of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, members of the Provincial Parliament, Provincial Police Commissioner, Municipal Police Chiefs, Department of Community Safety, and Ministry staff, members of the Provincial CPF Board, CPF and Neighbourhood Watch members, Non-Governmental Organisations, our partners in safety, Pastor Errol and Pastor Jack from the Ark, Mr Thornton and Annalise Abrahams from Northlink College and their graduates, Chrysalis graduates, and distinguished guests.

My observation from our many community engagements and outreaches with the people of the province makes it clear that to realise our National Outcome for “every person feels safe” as well as our Provincial Strategic Goal (PSG 3) of “increasing wellness, safety and tackling social ills”, we have to do what we are mandated to do better and we have to do more if everyone in this province is to enjoy their constitutional freedoms. Police at national level must be more responsive to the needs of the people in our communities and at provincial level must be a capable safety partner with communities and Government.

The Department of Community Safety has a solid track record of success, innovation as well as service delivery. For the sixth consecutive year, we have received a clean audit outcome. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: This Department and its programmes have also won the Gold Award in the regional SA Productivity Awards;

An HON MEMBER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We were recognised by the National Department of Public Service as the Best-Run Provincial Department in the country. [Applause.] We won Silver in the Provincial Excellence Award for the category Best Implemented Programme or Project.

Reaching our goals and our past success is a worthy recognition of the work we do and a motivator to continue our work. However, the work is not done just because we administer well or only because we have innovative projects. Our work will only be done when our communities are safe environments for all.

The Department of Community Safety's total budget for the 2016/17 financial year is R292 016 000. Compared to last year's budget the Department sees an increase of 24% due to the announcement by the Premier, in her State of the Province Address, that the Western Cape Liquor Authority is to be placed under the Department of Community Safety as from Friday, 1st April this year. We welcome the Liquor Authority into the Department as it will be a key player in one of our priority focus areas for 2016/17.

The additional funding received is directed to the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer, our role in the After Schools Games-Changer as well as the Expanded Public Works Programme Grant Allocation. The latter will ensure that every young person who successfully completes our Chrysalis Programme is given a nine months' work placement while being paid an EPWP stipend by the Department.

An HON MEMBER: Great work.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The budget allows the Department to help increase safety in our communities with targeted interventions through effective partnerships in our Whole-of-Society approach to safety in the province. This year we will spend:

- R132.8 million on compensating our dedicated employees who work tirelessly in our communities on a daily basis;
- R91.3 million on goods and services;
- R63.3 million on transfer payments to our safety partners - a R15.9 million increase from 2010. As our safety partners and partnerships in communities keep growing, the Western Cape Government is able to be more responsive to the safety needs of the people in this province; and
- R4.6 million will be used for capital assets.

The Community Safety Improvement Partnership is the framework the Department uses to ensure that our projects and programmes are integrated between departments and spheres of government and includes:

- The promotion of professional policing through effective oversight;
- The promotion of safety at all public buildings and spaces; and
- Building safer communities through sustainable and viable partnerships.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me be clear, the Department of Community safety has no operational authority over the SAPS in this province. But we launch initiatives to help reduce crime, prevent crime and create safe environments for everyone in this Province.

Key priorities in the 2016/17 financial year are based on the interventions the Department will be spearheading to help address the scourge of gangsterism, drugs and illegal guns; help prevent crime and prevent people from becoming involved with crime; and help create safer environments. The priority areas are:

- Leading Government in the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer;
- Full implementation of the Community Safety Act;
- Youth interventions and alternative opportunities;
- Expansion of the Stabilisation Unit within the City of Cape Town; and
- Addressing the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry Recommendations.

Leading Government in the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer: Research confirms that alcohol abuse causes serious problems in the Western Cape. Not only does excessive alcohol use and abuse have very serious medical implications for users and their unborn babies but alcohol is also among the primary drivers behind many violent crimes, fatalities on our roads, as well as domestic violence and abuse.

The Department of Community Safety has been mandated by Cabinet to take the lead in the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer in PSG 3 which will see interventions based at both community level and policy level simultaneously introduced to bring about change. The aim is to reduce violent injuries and fatalities caused by alcohol in targeted areas, through effective and efficient Government partnerships and a whole-of-society approach. We cannot do this without the cooperation and support from our communities.

The Western Cape Government's main partners are the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade, the South African Police Service, the Western Cape Liquor Authority and the City of Cape Town. Within the Western Cape Government we have the full support and inputs of the Departments of Health, Social Development, Cultural Affairs and Sport, Economic Development and Tourism as well as the Delivery Support Unit.

The project will be rolled out within the 2016/17 financial year with the three locations for the first phase roll-out being Khayelitsha - Lingeletu-West - to

be specific, Gugulethu, Nyanga and Drakenstein, Paarl East area, specific areas being Smartie Town and Fairyland.

The Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer is based on recommendations made by the World Health Organisations and focuses on 3 levers:

- Reduction in the number of liquor outlets;
- Creating alternative opportunities; and
- Awareness and availability of treatment.

Part of the project aims to direct patrons to non-alcoholic recreational alternatives, such as cultural and sporting initiatives to promote healthy life styles, and includes education and development initiatives. These activities will be carried out in partnership with the VPUU, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. Linkages will also be formed with the MOD Centres which offer after school sporting and cultural events to learners. We shall, in partnership with the City of Cape Town, roll-out our successful Nyanga Yethu Programme to support harms reduction initiatives in other communities.

Another major consideration in the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer will be the accessibility to alcohol, including to underage children and through the unregulated/unlicensed liquor outlets in the provinces, especially in informal settlements and disadvantaged areas

Full implementation of the Community Safety Act: the final regulations pertaining to the Community Safety Act will be printed in the *Government Gazette* by the end of June this year. The final set of regulations makes provision for:

- The regulated monitoring, oversight and assessment of policing;
- Accreditation and the support of Neighbourhood Watches;
- Database of and partnerships with community organisations, including security service providers; as well as
- Regular reporting on crime statistics by the Provincial Commissioner and the Executive Head of the Municipal Police.

This is the first time that Neighbourhood Watches are provided for in any legislation. The accreditation and professionalisation of the Neighbourhood Watches envisaged in the Community Safety Act will help standardise the activities of, reporting by, and support provided to the dedicated volunteers who constitute our Neighbourhood Watches and who selflessly stand in service of their communities to help make them safer through visible crime deterrence activities.

The application period for existing Neighbourhood Watch structures to apply for accreditation will commence when the final regulations are gazetted at the end of June 2016. I urge our Neighbourhood Watches to work with us through this transition period towards professionalisation.

The Provincial Neighbourhood Watch model aims to align training, funding and equipment to enable citizens to become capable partners in safety. This requires closer partnerships with other Provincial Departments, the City of Cape Town, interested local authorities, stakeholders and also our communities.

The regular reporting of crime statistics by the Provincial Commissioner will see crime stats being better used to inform the public of safety risks in their communities and empower strategic action from the entire safety fraternity.

The sharing of reliable information is considered a best-practice model by many international cities as the availability of more regular crime stats can enable the law enforcement entities to speed up their resource responses to crime and empower communities, safety structures and Government to adapt with quicker responses. The National Police leadership unfortunately has not been as supportive of the regular release of crime statistics yet, despite support from local authorities.

The full implementation of the Western Cape Community Safety Act can help increase safety in the province through targeted interventions based on sound information and operations driven by the entire safety fraternity.

Youth interventions and alternative opportunities: throughout 2015 and continuing this year, the Department of Community Safety has conducted

numerous youth focused safety outreaches. This type of outreach has become one of the flagship programmes of the Department.

We have heard from our youth time and again that they do not want to be gangsters but many fall victim to the scourge of gangsterism, drugs and illegal guns. One of the many reasons could be because they were either unaware of the opportunities available to them or unable to access opportunities.

Our partnership with Northlink College has seen great success in bringing together youth who want to study and a college who has the bursaries available to make this happen. In 2014 alone over 3000 youth attended the community gatherings of which almost half ended up studying through Northlink.

In 2015, applications received in Khayelitsha topped 334, in Elsies River 180, in Nyanga 336, in Gugulethu 440. Even in our rural areas our province's youth are eager to use these opportunities with 297 youths applying in Beaufort West, 272 in Laingsburg and 458 in the surrounding area of Bredasdorp and 273 in Ravensmead. And the list is endless.

With the first outreaches for this year 2016, we have already seen 612 youth apply for studies to Northlink College. And I need to say a huge amount of these youngsters are druggies and gangster youngsters. We create opportunities for them as well.

An HON MEMBER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Due to its success, these outreaches will continue. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Dyantyi!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: At this point I would like to take a moment and make a special mention of one, and let me just repeat the sentence, Mr Deputy Speaker. At this point I would like to take a moment and make a special mention of one of the Northlink graduates who was assisted by this Department and who was one of my guests last year during my budget speech. Unfortunately Elroy Peters was tragically killed in January this year by a gangster gun – may your soul rest in peace.

HON MEMBERS: Oh no.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Maybe at this point, Mr Deputy Speaker, I need to say Elroy's dad is sitting up there. One of the Department's flagship youth orientated programmes, the Youth Safety and Religious Partnership Programme provides fun, recreational and educational opportunities to our youth in a safe space during the school holidays when they are most vulnerable to negative social behaviours such as alcohol, drugs and gangsterism.

In 2015 we managed to partner with 143 institutions and reach more than 22 000 youth during the school holiday periods. Over the MTEF period, we have set aside funding to the tune of R17.9 million for the YSRP programme.

Other achievements on youth-focussed programmes include 1670 youth work opportunities created and 540 youth trained at Chrysalis Academy. In the 2016/17 financial year we aim to see these successes replicated and approved upon.

Expansion of the Stabilisation Unit within the City of Cape Town: the crime reality in the province is a serious concern. It is a reality in which the National SAPS needs to ensure adequate policing resources and the proper training of officers. Most importantly, the SAPS need to partner more effectively with communities and the Western Cape Government if we are to see a turnaround in the current situation.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are already doing that. Just do your work.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: This is the only way to reassure the people of the Western Cape that their safety is a priority. I am glad to see the progress we are making from our recent, combined engagements with the public and I appreciate Provincial Commissioner Jula's willingness and commitment in this regard.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: In our efforts to establish safety partnerships aimed at increasing safety during 2015, the Department initiated the Stabilisation Units partnership with and under the auspice of the City of Cape Town Law Enforcement.

As a result of the successful implementation of these Community Stabilisation Units, more than R10 million will be allocated towards the project over this 2016 MTEF period.

Though National Government has listened to our call for the re-instatement of the specialised SAPS units, the gun and drug units to combat the scourge of drugs and gangs in our communities, we still believe National Government has to equip and empower the SAPS, especially in this province, to increase visible policing efforts. We hope these specialised units will be in full operation very soon.

Other than the priority areas, the Department will deliver on its core functions with exciting developments and expansions as captured in the following breakdown of the Department's per-programme expenditure:

Programme 1: Administration - will continue to support the Offices of the Ministry, Head of Department and other related entities in providing strategic leadership and ensuring effective good-governance principles. This programme has largely been responsible for the consecutive clean audits and sees a nominal increase to R80.9 million budgeted for 2016/17.

The bulk of this programme's spending relates to the compensation of employees and transfer payments relating to the Western Cape Liquor Authority which is housed in Programme 1. The Western Cape Liquor Authority will be an important role player in the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer.

Programme 2: Civilian Oversight has the objective to exercise oversight over the conduct, effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies in the province. The programme shows an increase of 16.82% to R68.8 million for 2016/17. The increase is largely attributed to the ring-fenced allocation received for the Alcohol Harms Game-Changer, as well as the After School Game-Changer. R3.1 million has also been received for the Social Sector EPWP Incentive National Conditional Grant.

The innovative Court Watching Briefs Unit falls within this programme. During 2015/16 reports were forwarded to the Provincial Commissioner on more than 117 serious cases which were removed from the court rolls largely due to police inefficiencies. These cases include murder, attempted murder, rape and possession of drugs and fire-arms. Mr Deputy Speaker, I am excited to announce that the Department's expansion of the programme is on track.

Ms M M WENGER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: During January and February 2016, the Watching Briefs Unit was rolled out to courts in Cape Town,

Goodwood, Bellville, Blue Downs, Bishop Lavis, Wynberg, Simon's Town, Paarl, Athlone, Worcester, Caledon, Hermanus, Stellenbosch, Malmesbury, Atlantis, Somerset West, Strand, Clanwilliam, Van Rhynsdorp, Vredenburg and Vredendal. The unit will be rolled out to the following courts in the near future, George, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn, Beaufort West, Laingsburg, Knysna, Mitchells Plain and Swellendam.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are excited by the near future. What are you doing ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You must just listen my friend. You don't listen. Here is the information. Community Policing Forums play an extremely important role when it comes to keeping the police accountable to the people and communities they are supposed to serve. The Department and the SAPS have successfully concluded the elections of CPF structures at CPF and Cluster Board level. The Provincial CPF Board was recently elected. I wish to congratulate Mr Andrew Lyon of Beaufort West on his election as the new Chairperson of the Western Cape CPF Board. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not going to work.

An HON MEMBER: Our friend.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We know very well that he is your close friend. He is a comrade. We know that. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: There are very many good comrades.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I am not so much aware of that. The Department will continue to work closely and train the newly-elected CPF members on their roles and statutory mandate as set out in the SAPS Act, as well as on how to participate on the Expanded Partnership Programme.

The EPP is a very important instrument that enables the CPFs to execute their statutory functions. Through this programme each CPF is assigned with a dedicated budget linked to a performance and cost benefit model recommended in the National Development Plan. CPFs can use the funding to cover their overheads and to promote community-police relations and community safety in their respective communities.

The EPP will be expanded to the Cluster Board level with effect from the new financial year. An amount of R10.5 million is budgeted to support CPF structures over the MTEF period. The law regulating CPFs is very clear on what the objectives of CPFs are. We will not fund CPFs who continue to play politics and who are refusing to perform their important tasks as envisaged in the SA Police Services Act. [Applause.]

Ms M M WENGER: Did you hear that? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The provisional results on a piloted model of support to CPFs - assisting their communities besieged by high crime levels - are encouraging and we hope to expand on this.

The Department aims to improve the impact of available policing and safety resources within the province, by determining the Provincial Policing Needs and Priorities accurately through consultative workshops per police cluster in the Province. The 2016/17 PNP determination process will kick off in May this year and will be concluded before November 2016 to allow for the adequate dissemination of information to better effect budget consideration and will include assisting CPFs on the implementation of community safety plans, updating the plans accordingly, and training on their roles and functions and responsibilities.

Implementation of the recommendations made by Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry has seen progress. In August of 2015, the National Commissioner of Police and the Premier of the Western Cape agreed to establish a task team consisting of senior representatives of SAPS and the Department to review the implementation of the recommendations and to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between SAPS and the Department. The task team met several times in the last year and we are looking forward to imminent engagements and renewed progress under the new leadership of Lieutenant General Jula and I want to welcome the hon General Jula here with us this afternoon, sitting over here. [Applause.]

The Department participates in the various forums created in Khayelitsha with the SAPS and is taking the lead in the alcohol harms reduction forum.

Programme 3: Provincial Policing Functions gives effect to the Department's constitutional mandate to promote good relations between communities and the police including that service delivery complaints about policing in the Province are dealt with independently and effectively. The budget for this programme is R53.8 million.

The roll out of the Safety Kiosks under the new Safety Partnership launched in 2015 will see an additional 10 kiosks handed over to capable partners who share the dedication to improve safety in their immediate areas. Some of the priority areas set to receive safety kiosks within the first quarter of the 2016/17 financial year includes, Nyanga, Khayelitsha and SANParks. These Safety Kiosks continue to provide communities with a visible access point to law enforcement, provide basic services and reliable communication systems with emergency services and law enforcement and also the South African Police.

Funding for the Wolwekloof Project, through donor funding from the European Union via the Government Budget Support Programme, will come to an end at the end of the 2016/17 financial year. However, the Department of Community Safety has every intention to ensure that the invaluable training and development of our youth at Wolwekloof will continue beyond

the new financial year and we are looking at various funding options to enable this.

The office of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman is now fully operational with a total budget of R10.4 million for the new financial year. The office strives to reach all communities within the Western Cape ensuring that people understand and know the mandate of the office and how to access the services. To this extent, the Ombudsman has even made information brochures available in Braille.

Its main purpose is to investigate complaints by community members about poor service delivery from police in the province or any breakdown in relations between the police and the community in an impartial manner. Between January 2015 and January 2016, the Ombudsman has received 286 complaints for investigation.

Programme 4: Security Risk Management institutes a ‘whole of Government’ approach towards building more resilient institutions and empowers communities to promote greater safety. The budget for this programme is R88.3 million for the 2016/17 financial year. During the current financial year, the Department trained 1 382 Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers from 46 Structures and equipped 32 Neighbourhood Watch Structures. In the year ahead we want to see the Neighbourhood Watch Structures capacitated and supported in terms of Section 6 of the Community Safety Act.

Revenue budget: the Department's own revenue budget estimate for 2016/17 amounts to R42 595 million and because the revenue generated by the Western Cape Liquor Authority from liquor licence fees, the Department will now have tax receipts as a revenue item. An estimated R28.431 million is included in the 2016/17 budget of the Department in this regard.

Part of the revenue budget of departmental receipts is R13.7 million, relating to the General Budget Support donor funding received for the Wolwekloof Community Safety Academy. R464 000 is budgeted in 2016/17 for own revenue sources for the Department including security access cards, commission on insurance, interest and debt recovered from staff.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank every member of the DoCS family, the staff, Directors and Chief Directors for their service to communities, as well as inputs and assistance in making the Department of Community Safety the best functioning Department in the country.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: A special thanks to the HOD, Gideon Morris, for your support over the last year.

I thank the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Community Safety and the entire Committee for their role in helping to ensure that the Department delivers on their mandate and to help increase safety in our communities

through their oversight functions. I want to thank the staff in my office for your dedication and support, including the protection unit assigned to me for their friendly and professional service to me and in their interactions with communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we remain in service of every person residing in the Western Cape because we realise no one can do it alone. Not even the police can do it alone. We will continue to partner with the SAPS in the province. We will continue to build sound relationships with the police. We will continue to build partnerships to help increase safety in our communities and with our communities. We need our communities to work with us towards safety in this province.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Safety starts where you are. Safety starts with everyone. I thank you. [Applause.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The hon member Ms Wenger.

†AGBARE LEDE: Hoor-hoor!

*HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank the Minister and his

Department for the budget they have set out this afternoon. The Department of Community Safety envisions a safe, open opportunity society for all the residents of the Western Cape and to build resilient communities that are responsive to safety needs. The Department aims to increase and improve safety in our province by promoting professional policing through oversight, by ensuring safety at public and Government buildings and spaces and by facilitating safety partnerships and building greater safety and security resilience.

The Budget Appropriation, Vote 4 for the Department of Community Safety apportions just over R292 million to the Department for the upcoming financial year which is a 6.25% increase. In terms of monitoring police conduct and efficiency, which responsibility the Constitution ascribes to the Province, this has been put in motion by Court Watching Briefs, which will be rolled out to 25 courts in the upcoming financial year, which includes courts serving Khayelitsha, Gugulethu, Nyanga and Paarl East.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because of our oversight.

Ms M M WENGER: This team of legal experts sits in courts and observe proceedings and monitor police efficiency. In the course of this programme, it noted that in one court, in one quarter, there were over 20 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol which were removed from the court roll because the blood alcohol reports were not being available for court proceedings.

According to a World Health Organisation study, South African drinkers consume per capita 27 litres of pure alcohol per year. Our patterns of drinking score on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being the most risky, South Africa sits at 4. And of our drinkers, one quarter displayed a prevalence of heavy episodic drinking. We are also on the upper end of the scale of years of life lost index which is based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

The Department's focus in the upcoming MTEF is on reducing the negative impact of alcohol and the inclusion of this as a Game-Changer is therefore reassuring. This includes alcohol misuse and alcohol abuse and the resultant crime. The whole of society approach being employed can only show gains. R4,8 million has been ring-fenced for the alcohol Game-Changer so that the Department can focus its energies on reducing alcohol related harms and will become the lead Department for this Game-Changer. The Department will also assume executive responsibility of the Western Cape Liquor Authority.

This however does not mean that drug abuse is being ignored. As we heard from Minister Fritz yesterday, the Western Cape Government is investing in prevention of drug addiction as well as increased treatment facilities and broadening treatment availability. Prevention is obviously being better than cure. Treatment can cost up to ten times more than prevention. Similarly, after school programmes, through MOD centres, through the Department of Community Safety's FET College partnership, the Chrysalis Academy which this budget funds, all help our youth and keep our youth safe, by providing

opportunities to make meaningful life choices away from drugs and from crime.

Young people are vulnerable to making risky lifestyle choices when they have limited access to recreational opportunities.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly!

Ms M M WENGER: This is particularly the case in high crime, drug and gang activity areas and even more specifically during school holiday periods. The previous December school holidays, there was a definite safety presence in more than 50 areas in the province which provided safe, educational, developmental and entertaining alternatives for youth during the school holidays in partnership with religious organisations. The YSRP not only involves youth in positive and constructive activities conducted by the Religious Fraternity, but also enhances the level of active citizenship within high risk communities.

The programmes on offer focus on awareness and prevention of drug-abuse, gangsterism, gender-based violence, child trafficking, teenage pregnancy and provide our youth with life skills development and practical safety tips. Activities vary from sporting, song, dance, drama and culture, as well as motivational talks and dialogues. Workshops, first aid classes, basic counselling training and exhibitions are also on offer. In the last financial year, 24 000 youth were reached and it is therefore encouraging that the

Department will continue to budget for, and roll out this programme in the upcoming financial year.

The Minister spoke about the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry and the work being done to implement the recommendations that were made. It is encouraging that work forges ahead, however it must be noted that this is in the absence of a formal agreement between the Department and the National Police Minister. Last year, the Department noted in its Budget document that it needs to:

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

Indeed Recommendation 17 of the O'Regan Commission's report requires a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the police. This was duly prepared by the Department and sent to the National Police Minister. It absolutely beggars belief that I must stand here, a year later, and inform this House that the MOA has still not been signed by the police. [Interjections.]

This MOU is fundamental to the implementation of the recommendations set out in the report. These recommendations will without doubt improve the safety of the people of Khayelitsha. Not one member from the Opposition spoke about this. Many spoke about the tragic murder of young Sinxolo, but

only to make political points. No-one spoke about the real policing issues and why there is no political will to improve policing in Khayelitsha. It is almost as if the lives of poor black residents of Khayelitsha do not matter to the ANC. Because if they did, surely the Minister would have done everything possible to improve policing in an area where a Commission made devastating findings. [Interjections.] Indeed the Commissioner identified ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms M M WENGER: The Commissioner identified that SAPS does not appear to conduct regular patrols of informal neighbourhoods in Khayelitsha despite the large number of people who live in these neighbourhoods. One of the former station commanders said that this means that policing of informal neighbourhoods is neglected. SAPS does not answer telephones reliably at the stations. And they said, and I quote:

“The evidence overwhelmingly suggests that the quality of detective work in Khayelitsha is very poor.”

Many cases are simply not investigated properly or at all. The proportion of cases reported to Khayelitsha that result in convictions is tiny – possibly as few as 1%. Moreover, detectives rarely provide regular and comprehensive feedback to complainants or bereaved family members. There is a range of

reasons for this: the first is that the detectives are simply overburdened with work. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms M M WENGER: Many detectives are carrying more than 150 dockets some more than 200.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second hon member. You want to ask a question?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I rise on the point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Point of order. I'm listening? Order please!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Rule 39. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, thank you hon Minister. I am aware of Rule 39. The Chair has a duty to control the House and to ensure that members don't interrupt a member all the time with interjections. And I want to appeal to both sides not to interrupt a member. Hon Member Wenger you may continue.

Ms M M WENGER: Many detectives are carrying more than 150 dockets some more than 200. It is not manageable.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What about the cameras [Inaudible.]?

Ms M M WENGER: Detectives, for example, are not given SAPS e-mail addresses or access to the Internet. Detectives also fail to take dockets to court which results in the charges being withdrawn or the cases being struck off the roll.

“The Commission has established that there are dockets every week that do not get delivered to court. This is a serious inefficiency that has grave implications for complainants, witnesses and family members.”

They also said that the Khayelitsha Family Offences Sexual Violence and Child Protection Unit, the FCS Unit, is dysfunctional and the head of the FCS Units in the province told the Commission that it is the worst performing FCS in the province. Much was said yesterday by the Opposition about the Provincial Children’s Commissioner, which is tasked with monitoring, but where, where was the indignation and anger about the police’s FCS unit? This a law enforcement unit directly tasked to protect children and families, and specifically children in Khayelitsha where the unit is dysfunctional.

They also found that Khayelitsha police stations have amongst the lowest police to population ratios in the province. There was no explanation offered why those stations that have very high crime rates and extremely difficult

policing environments have the lowest police to population ratios in the province. The Commissioner said that there is and I quote:

“a systemic bias against poor areas, particularly those inhabited by African and Coloured people.”

Why then has the Minister of Police chosen to turn a blind eye to this? Why is the Minister of Police bumbling on this? When the Opposition stands up and says that resources are allocated to the leafy suburbs and not to the poor, what they mean to say is that the departments the ANC is responsible for, allocate resources away from crime ridden communities and starve poor communities of the policing they deserve. Every individual has an equal right to the protection of Government. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, one second. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, our tolerance levels with regard to these interruptions has come to a limit. We must insist please that if they are not interested in this debate - this is a serious topic, a really serious topic where lives are at stake. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa!

An HON MEMBER: Sssh!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Rule 39.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, members of the public are here. They are entitled to hear what the arguments are. They are not able to hear the arguments because of this constant chatter from the other side from people who are not serious about their job or other people's lives.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Hon member Mr Magaxa, when a point of order is raised the Chair asks for silence please. And I want the House also to come to order. Hon member Wiley is correct. There are far too many interjections which is not constructive in any case. Hon member Wenger please continue.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Every individual has an equal right to the protection of Government. And we cannot allow a situation where institutionalised discrimination against poor crime affected communities persists. Similarly, as the Community Safety Minister mentioned a few moments ago, the National Government is not supporting the Western Cape's Community Safety Act Regulations on the regular release of crime statistics.

We cannot prevent citizens from knowing the truth about crime. Placing crime statistics under wraps will not make crime go away. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Magaxa, are you rising on a point of order or to leave?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Just a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you want to ask a question? Hon member Wenger are you ready to take a question.

Ms M M WENGER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no. Please continue.

Ms M M WENGER: Placing crime statistics under wraps will not make crime go away. We need to know what is going on so that we can deal with it and prevent crime. If we only get our statistics once a year, by which time some of the numbers will already be 18 months out of date, then Government's response will be even further delayed. Experts agree that up-to-date and accurate crime information is an essential tool in fighting crime and creating real and localised responses.

If safety is everyone's responsibility, then the police should be upfront about crime trends and crime statistics so that we action responses, not only from the police but also from other departments and organisations which could potentially help assist and make our province safer.

Such organisations include the Community Police Fora. The Department's Expanded Partnership Programme, which is a programme between the Department and CPFs, is designed to improve safety in local communities by motivating CPFs to conduct structured oversight, as contemplated in the SAPS Act, and thereby promote good community police relations. The management of this programme is becoming more sophisticated with the EPP website which CPFs can use for web-based reporting. Reporting templates are also being revised to be more efficient and streamlined.

This kind of partnership is to be encouraged. Individuals and communities alike can be partners in safety and as the Department's slogan goes "safety is everyone's responsibility". And this includes Neighbourhood Watches. Many individuals in communities across the province sign up and volunteer their time to be the eyes and ears on the ground. Many of these men and women patrol come rain or shine, come night or day, and help keep us safe. These are the CPFs, the Neighbourhood Watch members who we thank and pay tribute to.

The Department will finalise the regulations of the Community Safety Act this year, which will provide an accurate record of Neighbourhood Watch structures at police sector level as well as a record of affiliated members. The Department will be in a position to present progressive training modules over a period of time, to support volunteers and professional neighbourhood watchers and to strongly encourage cooperation with other structures such as CPF's.

Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department has set aside budget for the development and implementation of a transversal safety and security policy, which is well underway. The implementation of this strategy will bring about an overall transformation through the coordination of policy, structure, organisation, methodology, performance management and communication.

From all of this it is clear that the R292 million budget for the Department in the upcoming financial year is a budget that has the safety of the inhabitants of our province at its core. On behalf of the Standing Committee, I thank the Minister, the Head of the Department - Mr Morris - and the Chief Directors and Directors for always being available and responsive to our questions and Committee.

We similarly thank the Police Commissioner Lieutenant General Jula and the Station Commanders who have graciously hosted us at many police stations across the province. Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA supports this budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Ms Lekker. Order.

UNKsz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi Sekela Somlomo. *Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. †Indeed the ANC agrees that people living in the Western Cape should feel safe at home, at school and at work. They must enjoy a community life free of fear. Women must walk free in the streets and children must play safe in their neighbourhoods without any fear of being

abducted, raped or killed.

I want to pay tribute to the young people who died because of the scourge of violence. I want to pay tribute to baby Inganathi, a 7-month old baby who was killed by her step-dad in the informal settlement in Siyahlala and Vuyiseka Jebe also killed in the Siyanyanzela informal settlement. I want to also pay tribute to those members of SAPS who died in the line of duty since our last budget debate.

I want to call on all citizens to assist in removing illegal firearms from this society, to work with SAPS, CPF's and other community based organisations. I am particularly concerned that today we are discussing a budget that is supposed to bring about hope to the unemployed youth of KwaMandlenkosi in Beaufort West; the budget that is supposed to bring a spring of hope to the poor unemployed mothers at Agterland Informal Settlement in Bishop Lavis.

The truth is this budget does not even come close that.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The sad tale of inequalities is so obvious that this DA-led administration would want to hide the truth and please let me tell you that while you are busy hiding the truth about inequalities that exist in our society, you are limiting any possibilities of finding solutions.

This administration must amongst other things have the guts to move away from the apartheid spatial planning and bring an integrated infrastructure development and housing of the previously disadvantaged neighbourhoods closer to the established economic hubs in the province. [Interjections.] I am alarmed by the absence by one of the most critical programmes by our National Government, the 60 Days of Activism against Children and Women Abuse that is aimed at bringing full awareness about the continued attack on women and children in this province. For the past few years this Department and the Premier have failed to recognise and put financial resources towards this programme.

The truth is that the Province and the City of Cape Town with other relevant departments have the biggest role to play in creating safety, namely; Social Development, Human Settlement, Education, Local Government and the transversal projects under the Department of the Premier. This is not a 'one size fits all' approach. The foundation of safety is the design of the apartheid spatial plan. The unequal layout of resources perpetuates the historical divides and excludes the majority of the population from integration in the main social economic activities in the province.

Does this budget really give hope when this gruesome historic past is not addressed? I doubt it. I really wish that the Department would convince me that this budget does not protect the interest of the rich, mainly white communities against the poor. The Department of Community Safety must stop paying lip service and really build safer communities where all people

win and feel safe. Recreational facilities have been deserted for many decades, even after the democratic breakthrough in 1994.

A case in point is a murder which took place just last year in October at the Old Cross Roads soccer field where a young woman was brutally attacked, raped and dumped in the open and left to die inside a drain. This would not have been the case if the Department of Local Government had the interest of the poor and marginalised at heart. The various departments should have had integrated programmes with the Department of Sports and Culture, systematically including the Department of Tourism to effectively deal with societal ills.

The Department of Community Safety with its DA-led administration continues throwing around the concept of the so-called Game Changer on alcohol reduction. This is just a buzzword. It does not help the most vulnerable, particularly women and children who continue bearing the consequences, to this very end.

Firstly, the City of Cape Town By-laws must be amended. Liquor licence trading hours and days must be reduced. This will not only help to reduce the intake of alcohol and other substances, but it will also reduce the number of injured persons who are treated in various hospitals around the province. The recent oversight at Tygerberg Hospital clearly pointed out that more than 50% of patients were treated for reasons caused by alcohol or other forms of substance abuse. The Department of Community Safety must in its strategic

plans work towards the banning of the advertising of alcohol as this is a great contributor which fuels violent crimes and gang related killings.

The recent killings of young women and girls come to mind, namely the 33 year old Zarah Hector who was snatched while driving a car in Kuils River. Her body was found by police in Groot Drakenstein. 19 year old Sinxolo Mafevuka's was killed while using a communal toilet in Khayelitsha which is more than 50 metres away from where she stays. And there are many more similar cases every day in the Western Cape.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible.] Tokai Forest?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Gang violence and killings are prevalent in this province and go unabated especially in Cape Town. Many times the victim of gang killings are law abiding, innocent citizens who happen to reside in communities where violence is rife.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is all over.

Ms P Z LEKKER: This was the case in Lavender Hill where two young men were shot in their heads and died instantly while 4 others, aged between 11 and 34 years, were left injured – only for MEC Dan Plato to acknowledge that gang related shootings were getting out of hand but offered no solution to it except for turning back to the President for help.

Does this budget make provision for the re-establishment of a gang unit from the Department's point of view to meet National Government halfway in this regard? The war on drugs needs everyone including various Government spheres. Recently in Browns Farm we have witnessed the emergence of dagga muffins which are sold to school-going children ...

The PREMIER: Ag no man.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... and why we have suddenly noted the absence of social workers at the municipal offices in Brown's Farm. And from where we are sitting we are told that they have been recalled and went back to Athlone because they were deployed in Brown's Farm with no resources, not even a telephone line.

So yes, once again, SAPS must now deal with this scourge of drugs without any support from other departments. To what extent is the Department in support of the restorative programme and what exactly is the plan for victims to be treated? Minister Plato's arrogance on drugs leaves a lot to be desired. In his response to the drug epidemic he played the usual game of blaming National Government. I quote: "in our life time we will not get rid of the scourge of drugs". [Interjections.]

This clearly shows that the Department of Community Safety, which is DA-led, has no political will to address the problem. The DA is turning its back on the people of the Cape flats who, on a daily basis, have to face up to this

challenge. This is purely because the war on the drug territory does not affect the affluent areas like Camps Bay and Bishops Court. [Interjections.] It does not affect the 'haves' hence it is easy for this DA-led Department not to care for the 'have nots'.

Minister Dan Plato is indeed up to his old tricks again. This DA led administration must stop being opportunistic and shifting the blame to other spheres of Government when it cannot deliver to its constituency. That is why Cape Town is still rated amongst the 10 most violent cities when it was reported that in 2015 Cape Town registered 2 451 homicide cases among a population of 3.74 million people, giving it a rate of 65.53 per 100 000 people. Surprisingly other ranked cities in South Africa, namely Nelson Mandela Bay and Durban have dropped down the ranking.

Ms P MAKELENI: I wonder why?

Ms P Z LEKKER: The Department prides itself on having allocated Chrysalis graduates to 32 CPFs. The truth is not all graduates are still on site and that is the case in point which transpired in the oversight visit to Chrysalis.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vreet hulle!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Chew them!

Ms P Z LEKKER: As we speak Nyanga CPF is sitting without so-called

administration support. Maybe at some point the DA will come to terms with the reality that its plan to create a second layer apartheid army style, fails. Please stand down now and call it off.

The youth recruitment to participate in the Chrysalis Academy is welcomed for skills development but not for the format which includes military training. [Interjections.] We do not need youngsters who will soon be military veterans. The Verwoerdian style will only create zombies and not allow our youth to grow mentally and emotionally but be stuck in post-traumatic stress disorder. Should I remind you that the ambulance driver who was present during the killing of the Gugulethu 7 was still suffering from PTSD until recently. Now you want to expose young people to military style. We urge you for the sake of our youth development to focus on vocational and skills training and leave this Verwoerdian style. The few that have joined law enforcement agencies have made their choices and it must be not a one size fits all.

Madam Speaker, I wish I could genuinely see the good use of the Safety Kiosks. When one takes a drive now you will see the Safety Kiosk situated at Harare Spar Complex. It is supposed to be manned by a Chrysalis graduate whilst the one that is at the back of the Legislature is manned by either Iliso Security Company or the security officers from [Inaudible.]. If it can happen just here behind the building then why is it that GX Security in the same complex in Harare cannot man the Safety Kiosk there? I will tell you why. It is because this Department chooses who it wants to work with and again

giving a cold shoulder to very small emerging companies. It is against this background that the African National Congress will not support this budget.

Ms P MAKELENI: It makes sense.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The partnership with Northlink College is indeed something that is questionable. [Interjections.] A young person from Beaufort West had to pay a R1 500 registration fee. The mother had to pay R4 000 for text books. Unfortunately she could not afford accommodation and that young person is now staying in Delft. And you tell me that there is a bursary at Northlink College. Now, the R292 million, the ANC would really love to support it but unfortunately due to the fact that all of the above representations that I have made do really not indicate that the budget is for the poor and because this budget is anti-poor, we will not support it.

Lastly stop hiding the truth about the inequalities that are so evident and get to grips with the reality of the two cities that exist in Cape Town. That there is a city for the 'have's' and a city for the 'have-nots'. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Thank you member. Please come to order. Order. Hon Minister Plato to reply.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Is it a question or a point of order? What is it?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to understand from you, is it allowed that a member can run a pyramid scheme for fund-raising inside the House? Because hon member Wiley was doing that while hon member Lekker was busy. He is running a pyramid scheme. [Laughter.] People have been signing, I don't know what. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. I will follow up later on that one. Hon Minister Plato you may continue.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to say to the hon member Wenger, thank you very much for your valuable input. We note your concerns and thank you also for your support and for your confirmation of many of the issues I have raised. I agree with you, there are limited recreational facilities in many areas, and that is why we partner with our religious fraternity across the board for their assistance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our religious sector for the fact that they want to partner with the Department of Community Safety and to accept the fact that they do have a role to play in our communities to uplift our youngsters, to create space for them and to make of them much, much better people.

With regard to the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry, I just want to say regardless of the fact that there is no MOU in place as yet, we will continue working very closely with our partners, with the police and with the community of Khayelitsha, to fulfil our constitutional mandate. We will continue to implement the recommendations and the absence of a MOU will not stop us from doing just that. I know many of the other issues raised; answering of telephones, detectives overworked, I think Commissioner Jula has already been briefed with regard to many of the problems raised by the member and other members of the public regarding SAPS' service delivery. It is work in progress.

With regard to comments from the floor with regard to street lights and cameras, I have said it many times in the past. This Provincial Government has a specific constitutional mandate. The hon members cannot expect this Government to implement street lights and looking at road systems, those are things that should be done by the local authority. It does not belong here. What are the Councillors doing in those areas? I want to stress that.

The issue with regard to cameras: I have said it – on that side they always refer to putting up CCTV cameras. The Councillors on this side use their Councillors budget they receive every year to put up cameras. Why can't the Councillors on that side of the room not do exactly the same?

An HON MEMBER: For parties!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: They don't want to do it, the money gets used, like my colleague is saying, for parties and for NGOs and that sort of thing, not for this purpose. The mindset of the Councillors in Khayelitsha and other areas needs to change.

Then, the reason why we want regular crimes stats is so that we can pick up upfront where the problem areas are in the Western Cape, so that the departments can zoom in, so that the departments can go and address the issues, likewise with what we are doing now with our current reaching out programmes. And I want to thank Lieutenant General Jula for allowing senior staff to accompany me into many areas on the Cape Flats. Like with what we did yesterday in Ocean View, with what we have done in Manenberg and other areas as well, again as a united front into the hot-spot areas, to address the issues in the communities.

I want to show you one newspaper article, yesterday was really not a good day for us as a united front. In one of the newspapers it said: 'SAPD has failed us'. We want to get that notion, that perception, out of the way. That is why we are doing it together in our communities to address the issues about safety with the police and the communities. With regard to comments made about street committees: we do support the structuring of street committees, there are many street committees in the informal areas, but also in the built-up areas and in other areas as well.

Then, I need to say this: the continued referral by honourable Pat Lekker

referring to us politicising policing. Well, that is exactly what she is doing. Her debate was nothing other than politics. [Interjections.] I have to put it to her. We are doing nothing correct, nothing right. But looking at our projects and programmes, the communities like them, they are workable programmes and we are doing it even in her area. And she did not even refer to the work we are doing in Nyanga and for the hundreds of youngsters, from Nyanga. We, the Department, write them in to study at Northlink College and other institutions. That has not been said. No recognition of that.

I want to say, I agree with the hon member. We regret the deaths of many people in our communities and that is why we are addressing the issues in the manner we are doing. But to blame us for the youth that are unemployed – it has got to be an integrated approach and for the youngsters to go and study.

I need to say we must not politicise crime in our communities. There are so many of our poor poverty stricken youth in the townships and on the Cape Flats that are not in school, that are not studying and I want to say if we want to do justice to what we are saying here today, we the ANC and the DA must lift our butts together and enter into those communities and up-command those youngsters to go and study.

Education is the key to empowerment, nothing else. No we need to give them something so that they can go and create their own job opportunities. Our planning definitely is integrated. The alcohol Game-Changer can do a lot to transform alcohol in our communities ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon Minister Plato. I am looking at the three back benches there, those three ladies, hon Dijana, Lekker and Makeleni, please contain yourselves. You cannot comment on each statement by the Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hon member I agree with you and I have said it in my speech we will have to look at the amount of liquor licences. It is a reality in Nyanga but it is also a reality across the Western Cape Province and that is exactly one of the issues, we as the Department of Community Safety are going to address with the Liquor Board.

Then, I also regret the killing, and I want to say we cannot want to own up for each and every killing and each and every street in our communities. We regret it but that is why we need the developmental projects in our communities to change the mindsets of our people. I had the opportunity to visit that girl's family and it was not a nice visit. It was very tragic.

The gangster killings: let me say, we are not getting at the police, what we are saying the police in the Western Cape, and they have said it themselves to us, they are overworked, as a result of a limited force in the Western Cape. We are just asking for one thing, we are saying to SAPS National - because it a National function, it is not a Local Government or Provincial Government function. We are talking about more efficient and more effective policing. We are saying to the police that if detectives are telling us that they struggle to work through 250 dockets per police officer, it is clear there is a problem

and it is clear we need to raise the problem. We do not raise an issue to get at the police, we raise an issue as part of our oversight responsibilities to say to the police there is an issue, look into that issue, that is all we are doing.

With regard to drugs, and I want to say about drugs - the member has said and I want to stick to what I have said in the Standing Committee the other day - it is not the duty of the Western Cape Government alone to stop the scourge of gangsterism and drug abuse in our communities. [Interjection.] It is a joint effort by all role-players. Let me further say to you that it is the Government allowing our borders to be open to each and every Tom, Dick and Harry to bring drugs in over the border.

What are they doing about it? It is a fact. What are they doing about it? Nothing, nothing, [Interjections.] We have to complain about it. Let me say it – it is because of the fact that our borders are open that we are finding this problem in South Africa and in the Western Cape. The drug problem in KwaZulu-Natal and in Gauteng is also rising as a result of this.

That is why we are saying to Government we want the drug unit and the gangster unit to be reinstated almost immediately. This notion of the drug problem only being an issue in the township areas, that is not true. You also find drug problems in the affluent areas. You can go to all the rehabilitation centres, they are full of Whites and Blacks and Coloureds - all racial groups. It is not true that the drug problem only affects the disadvantaged communities but, yes, it is very rife in the disadvantaged communities. Let

me conclude by saying, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Asseblief!

*Ms P Z LEKKER: Oh, please!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: .. and you can say ‘asseblief’. Let me say to you, we will continue in our communities doing what we need to do to uplift our people, to create a better life for our people in the disadvantaged communities and in all communities all over the Western Cape Province. I thank you. [Applause.]

†‘n AGB LID: Mooi!

*An HON MEMBER: Good!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, that concludes the debate on this Vote and before I ask the Secretary to read the Order, let me allow a couple of seconds for the bays to be cleared first and the next group to come inside.

[Business of the House paused for clearing of the bays.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Order, the House is still in session. I ask the Secretary to read the next Order.

4. Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, Premier, Chairperson and other members of the Standing Committee, honorable members, guests, Head of Department, Ms Jacqui Gooch, and senior officials, visitors.

By now the broad effects of cuts to provincial funding which National Treasury has been obliged to impose are generally known. Given the time available, I do not think it necessary for me to spend time, again, exploring all the details of the on-going economic challenges facing the country as a whole. Suffice it to say that in recent speeches in this House I have made it clear where I believe much of the blame for the worsening position of South Africa within a world-wide economic malaise lies. No country can afford to play fast and loose with key anchor Cabinet positions such as that of the National Minister of Finance without its paying a massive price – in the case of South Africa the initial price is an estimated R500 billion and an aggravated crisis of investment confidence.

It is simply naïve to think that shambolic actions at Government level will be ignored or overlooked by the factors and conditions which drive healthy economic development.

As the Minister responsible for Transport and Public Works I can benefit the people of this province much more by applying my energies and the skills of

my Department to addressing the challenges of the restrictive fiscal environment whatever the causes.

Let me now turn to the budget itself. What are the facts of the overall Vote 10 Budget for 2016/17 which I am addressing here this afternoon? This time last year, I indicated that the projected budget for this financial year was R7.10 billion – which would have been a slight increase over the R6.76 billion of last year. In fact, the increase is lower than projected and the 2016/17 budget is R6.79 billion, an overall increase of less than 0.5%. This lower amount is scheduled to rise to R7.0 billion in 2017/18 and to R7.23 billion in the outer year of the MTEF.

The Department of Transport and Public Works – in line with other Provincial Departments - operates on the basis of various programmes. In the case of DTPW there are six programmes, each of which has to be funded from the R6.79 billion budget for the Department. From a programme perspective the allocations are as follows in the coming financial year:

- Administration – R180.326 million
- Public Works Infrastructure – R1.68 billion
- Transport Infrastructure – R3.15 billion
- Transport Operations – R1.08 billion
- Transport Regulation – R629.920 million
- Community Based Programmes – R59.21 million

The DTPW is also the infrastructure implementing agent for both education and health in the province. The DTPW will therefore, in the financial year under discussion, spend an additional amount of R1.29 billion on behalf of the WCED and an additional amount of R560.821 million on behalf of the Department of Health. Both these amounts include funds for capital works and for maintenance and in total add a further R1.85 billion.

I must repeat the assurance which I gave this time last year that the strategic decisions about health and education infrastructure projects are taken by those departments. As is usual, full lists of the projects to be undertaken or completed appear as part of the votes of those departments.

When my Cabinet colleague, Minister Ivan Meyer, presented the budget for the Province in this House he announced that he would co-ordinate with me and the Ministers of Education and of Health a governance framework aimed at strengthening the monitoring and delivery of infrastructure in the Province and mitigating any key risks. I believe that this framework will be of benefit to the province as a whole as well as to the individual departments concerned. The role of Provincial Treasury in this regard is crucial. I will have more to say about this arrangement later in this address.

Minister Meyer also confirmed that the overall budget of the Western Cape Government reflected the upper limits for cost of employees, as agreed by the Western Cape Cabinet in its commitment to control personnel expenditure,

with a focus on what he described as ensuring an appropriate mix between critical front-line staff and back-office support.

The commitment across all budgets, including that of my Department, is clear. However, how this commitment and these upper limits play themselves out in day to day practice will obviously vary from department to department in terms of their specific service mandates. In my previous portfolio as Minister of Education, with a Department which committed over 80% of its budget to human resources, these limits would have meant one thing. In my present portfolio as Minister of Transport and Public Works, with a Department in which over 60% of the budget is spent through a supply chain, these upper limits will mean another. Crudely put, if you do not have suitably qualified and experienced professionals - referred to by Minister Meyer as critical front-line staff - the chances of spending infrastructure budgets on the purposes for which they were allocated are negatively impacted.

Perhaps the most startling example in recent times can be drawn from the USA. A recently released report reveals that in 2009 the Obama administration allocated \$800 billion in an economic stimulus package to replace outdated infrastructure and to build new projects in line with emerging green and energy standards. Five years later the White House announced that only \$30 billion, a mere 3.6% of the original package, had been spent – and this largely on transport infrastructure. As President Obama put it: “there is no such thing as shovel-ready projects.”

The combination of a shortage of skilled professionals and an exponential increase in the complexity of the regulatory and environmental context can make delivery very difficult.

In the case of my Department, only 11% of the total budget is for cost of employment, including obviously the front-line staff needed to oversee planning, design, allocation of tenders and monitoring of work. 11% is used therefore to deliver over R6 billion of my Department's own budget and an additional R1.85 billion for education and health.

Mr Deputy Speaker, time does not allow me to deal with the wide-ranging challenges facing not only the Department of Transport and Public Works but all built environment sectors in South Africa when it comes to obtaining the services of appropriately qualified staff. However, you can take it that my Department is familiar with the extensive research which has been done by, amongst others, the Council for the Built Environment. The picture which emerges is not a rosy one. In the face of this and the costs of employment limits which have been set, we have planned to manage the situation through at least the following steps:

- Firstly, prioritization of posts through a high level departmental committee;
- Secondly, any post which becomes vacant during the year will be considered against set criteria;

- Thirdly, early review of posts that will become vacant when people retire in the next year to determine whether the post should be filled; and finally;
- A focus on delivery for infrastructure and posts which support such delivery.

We also continue to run our successful Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Programme in conjunction with the private sector. In 2016 this programme has 172 bursary holders, over 80% from previously disadvantaged groups.

I referred earlier to Minister Meyer's commitment to the establishing of an infrastructure co-ordination and risk mitigation framework. One of the great advantages of this framework, in the present climate of reduced costs of employment budgets and a scarcity of technical and scientific staff, is that it will allow the Ministers involved to explore the possible combination of the professional teams where available and appropriate – an example of joined up government in action. [Interjections.] Faced with the reality of providing frontline services during fiscally difficult times the Province cannot consider only cut-backs.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. You may continue now.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I think the hon Dugmore has his chance just now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is getting his chance, you are correct.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, faced with the reality of providing front-line services during fiscally difficult times, the Province cannot consider only cut backs. And it is crucial that the Province reevaluates its fixed asset portfolio with a view to pursuing a variety of options. These options could range from the Special Purpose Vehicles and PPPs for development purposes, through development partnerships to outright disposal. The present regulatory environment is complex and the existing Western Cape Land Administration Act, which has served the province well since 1998, is not entirely aligned to the Government Immovable Asset Management Act of 2007. For this reason I will in the next few months be taking to Cabinet a Draft Western Cape Immovable Asset Management Bill, to be released for public comment, with a view to being tabled for debate and adoption. When enacted, this legislation will provide a clear basis for the acquisition of immovable assets and the disposal and development of provincial State land.

In the meantime - following announcements in this House by the Premier - Minister Madikizela and I have released details of the exciting Live, Work, Play pilot development on the previous Conradie Hospital site in conjunction with the City of Cape Town and private sector role-players identified through an open, public process – a real Game-Changer in property development terms.

The Province continues to receive positive comments about the provincial road network. Just last Thursday I welcomed back in Cape Town, with Minister Meyer, a group of vintage car owners from Europe who had completed a two week journey in 28 vintage cars shipped to South Africa for this purpose. Their road trip took them through the Karoo and on to Plettenberg Bay and back via the Garden Route. They were all full of praise for the state of the roads they used.

We continue to roll out projects such as the R487 million project to upgrade the N1 over 9km of road from Platteklouf Road to just beyond the Old Oak interchange. The N1 is undoubtedly one of the more important roads for this region and improving travel times and easing congestion remain imperatives. This project, which is expected to be completed in February 2019 will also be used to contribute to the socio-economic objectives of the Department.

R8 million has been dedicated to qualifying contractors for specific elements of the project who are part of the Emerging Contractor Development Programme. In addition, there is a total of R24 million committed to Black Business Enterprises, and a total of 29 000 person days set aside for labour sourced from the local area. National Youth Service learners have been employed as part of this project.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: R24 million. Really? Shocking!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, order please. You may proceed

hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Welcome back, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Similar benefits will flow from the R186 million rehabilitation of a 7km portion of the N2 between Borchers Quarry and the R300. Better street lighting will also be installed in support of improving road safety.

R50.696 million has been allocated in 2016/17 and R20 million in 2017/18 for upgrading the 9km of the Slent Road in the Klipheuwel area from gravel to surfaced. In the interests of supporting road safety the construction of street lighting from Bosmansdam Road to the Potsdam Interchange on the N2 will be completed with the intention of improving the safety of residents of Du Noon. I have also held a series of meetings with the communities in the area to reach agreement on further safety measures. [Interjection.]

Madam Speaker, given the fact that we are here just a few days after the Easter Weekend when thousands of road users took to our roads in a wide range of vehicles, private and public, it is appropriate that I say a few words about what appears to have been a successful, improved Easter Traffic Safety

campaign on our provincial road network.

Last Thursday, my Department and I announced the details of our focused Easter Safety Programme, assisted by SAPS, the National Traffic Police Unit of the RTMC, municipal services and SANTACO. It stressed the partnership nature of road safety which includes every vehicle driver and passenger and saw the release of a new advertising campaign aimed at increasing awareness of the dangers and irresponsibility of not buckling up.

The traditional elements of education, engineering, evaluation and enforcement are not sufficient on their own. Every effort is therefore being made to extend the reach of our professional traffic staff by the introduction of technological resources including:

- Firstly, the deployment of our internally developed hand-held devices which enable our traffic officers to verify information and data, rapidly on the spot. This is a first in South Africa and provides our officers with real-time access to the automatic number plate recognition camera system, which is in turn linked to the eNaTIS database of all driver and vehicle information.
- Secondly, round the clock deployment of officers at as many of our average speed over distance camera routes as possible – including sections of the N2, the R61, the R27 and most of the N1.

- Deployment of 35 Provincial Traffic Officers and vehicles equipped with body worn or dash-cam cameras for live streaming of video footage to enhance enforcement efforts.

In addition we have worked closely with the National Prosecuting Authority, the RTMC and other agencies to see the re-introduction of a legally, watertight and credible random breath testing system. I had hoped to be in a position to announce this reintroduction before the Easter Weekend, but the complex nature of the related issues delayed this. I am however, confident that this will soon be a reality.

Madam Speaker, I should like to thank here today the thousands of road users who travelled on this road network and who, by all accounts, responded positively to our on-going efforts to reduce significantly the costly carnage which we witness all too often – costly in terms of precious human lives, devastation for families and crippling demands on health and social services.

Obviously, it is not sufficient to rely only on special campaigns during peak holiday times. I therefore intend, in addition, to approach Cabinet with an amendment to our Road Traffic Act which will enable me to make regulations regarding the impounding of vehicles. I wish I could do much more, but it is not within my mandate to do so, for that I have to rely on the RTMC, the National Minister of Transport and the judicial system. But once the consequential regulations are in place traffic officers will be able to impound vehicles under a variety of circumstances. This will improve the reach and

effectiveness of traffic law enforcement agencies in the Western Cape – municipal as well as provincial. We cannot allow serious road traffic offences to go unsanctioned.

While on the topic of traffic enforcement I must also make it clear that the Western Cape Government has opposed in every forum available to it, attempts to nationalise all provincial traffic forces under one central control. [Interjections.] Apart from questioning the constitutionality of this proposed shift, we do not believe that it is in the interests of effective traffic policing.

Public transport remains an on-going challenge for too many people who live, work and study in this province. An effective, safe and reliable rail service is the key building block around which other systems can function. Both the Province and the City have made sincere efforts to work with Prasa and Metrorail to help transform the existing fragile and limited system. Given the constitutional position of public transport as a concurrent power, I believe that the time has come for the Western Cape Government to legislate in order to define and play its proper role.

With this in mind I intend as soon as possible to propose the passing of a Western Cape Public Transport Framework Bill as a supplement to the National Land Transport Act which will enable us to give effect to provincial policy on public transport, to co-ordinate the work of municipalities in this regard and to integrate land transport throughout the province.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-Hear.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: A busy but positive year lies ahead. Madam Speaker, in closing I would like to thank my Cabinet colleagues, the Premier and members of the Standing Committees with whom we work, the members of this House and the excellent, hard-working team, my HOD of my Department and her staff, some of whom are present here today. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Mnr R B LENTIT: Mooi!

*Mr R B LENTIT: Well done!

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Max.

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, over the past few years South Africa has experienced amongst others Nkandlagate, the 9/12 incident, facing a possible downgrade to junk status and allegations of state capture. As a result, our people are losing faith, not only in the ANC Government but in the ability as citizens to serve as the ultimate rulers and shapers of our democracy. As a people we know our past and we are proud of it. Our progress has been part of the living history of South Africa, even the world, but just as we are losing our confidence in the future we are also beginning to close the door on our past. [Interjection.]

However, the Western Cape DA-led Government is duty bound to ensure that

the budget allocated is addressing the needs of the inhabitants of the Western Cape. In doing so we are creating hope for the future simultaneously persuading people to honour and appreciate their past. As before the Committee, I will follow the example set by my colleagues not to act as a praise singer for the Department. [Interjections.] I am very much conscious of the fact that my duty is to oversee the Executive and critically, however objectively, evaluate its performance ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

Mr L H MAX: ... acknowledge achievements and draw the Executive's attention to the critical shortcomings in its performance and community needs. Against that backdrop, Madam Speaker, allow me to deal with the Department. The performance environment of the Department is, amongst others, to create opportunities for growth and jobs through construction and maintenance of sustainable integrated transport infrastructure that is safe, accessible and affordable. The provision of the Expanded Public Works Programme, work opportunities for youth, women and people with disabilities, contractor development programmes, delivering effective and efficient traffic law enforcement by providing a 24/7 traffic law enforcement operational service, focusing on driver fitness, moving violations, vehicle fitness, industry and safety and crime prevention... [Interjection.]

Hence, Madam Speaker, in relation to the above we welcome the efforts of the Department of Transport and Public Works' empowerment programmes,

for example: 53 staff members were supported through the Staff Bursary Scheme and 853 through the Workplace Skills Plan; 248 students were supported through the Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Programme; The Graduate Professional Civil Engineering Programme supported by Mentis is a professional development programme which enables candidate engineers and architects who require training and development under supervision and professionally registered mentors; 162 contractors were further developed through the Contractor Development Programme; 255 learners participated [Interjection.] in learnership programmes for construction related trades in 2015/2016; [Interjection.] 51 contractors participated in a 10 week structured training programme. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Hon member Max, can you just ask your followers to calm down. I think they are quite taken up with your ... [Interjection.]

Mr L H MAX: No, correction. I don't think that are my followers.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, thank you. If we can have some order and allow the hon member to proceed. You may proceed hon member Max.

Mr L H MAX: 51 contractors participated in a 10 week structured training programme and 34 contractors participated in a 4 week municipal based training programme. The assistance provided to small companies is appreciated and smallness is not a destination but it is a stage in

development. 63 interns were accepted from the Premier's Advancement of Youth Project. This is confirmation that young people in the Western Cape count. 34 law enforcement officers, traffic law enforcement officers, successfully completed a traffic officer's training programme.

Let me deal with public works infrastructure. We also note that the Government Motor Transport, GMT Top Yard, was registered as PPP with the National Treasury during January 2015. However, I have noted concerns about the extremely high [Inaudible.] of GMT and the fact that GMT in certain incidents, issued invoices very late to its clients. [Interjections.]

As a result other departments had to pay a penalty for late payments which resulted in unauthorised or fruitless expenditure, for example CapeNature.

We furthermore note that Alfred Street, Prestwich Precinct and Helen Bowden Nursing Home Somerset Precinct PPP projects are currently in the feasibility stages of the PPP cycle. However, we are concerned about the public dispute between the Department and Ndifuna Ukwazi NGO but we trust that a solution will be reached soon. [Interjection.] The Conradie Hospital site is to embrace the pilot project called 'The Better Living Model' as alluded to by the Minister, to implement the live, work and play ideal.

Transport infrastructure: we welcome the rehabilitation and upgrading of the following roads, for example, as the Minister already alluded to: the Visserdrift and Worcester through Rawsonville between Old Powell Road and Agter Paarl, between Ashton and Montague. I passed that this past weekend

and it is neat, it is real neat and it felt so good to see a Government in action there.

Mr D JOSPEH: Yes!

Mr L H MAX: Between N2 and Stilbaai, between Borchards Quarry and the Swartklip Interchange, between the Durbanville interchange and the Old Oak Interchange, between Mamre and Yzerfontein and near Moorreesburg and the Divisional Road 1111 between Kabaskraal and Malmesbury; the aforesaid is indicative of a responsive Government who listen to people and ensure that their needs are addressed. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Unlike the ANC.

Mr L H MAX: We trust that the allocated budget will ensure that these projects are going to be completed without unnecessary delay. I am of the view that the status of your roads is a reflection of the status of your government.

An HON MEMBER: Joh! No potholes.

Mr L H MAX: We, however, urge the people of the Western Cape, using our roads, to be patient and to work together with the authorities to improve the conditions of our roads, as it is of national interest.

Transport Operation: although we welcome the improvement of our roads to accommodate traffic the solution to over congestion in the urban areas is public transport. Therefore, a prompt, accessible, effective and safe transport system is a necessity. It is for this reason that the Department's high quality integrated public transport network, Go George, the development of the Provincial Public Transport Institutional Framework, the management and monitoring of a subsidised bus operator and associated Public Transport Operations Grant, as well as a strategic approach to rail, are commendable. Rail transport however remains a serious concern. Rail safety is a concern. [Interjections.]

Transport regulations: Madam Speaker, as we applaud the efforts to improve the road infrastructure and transport systems these roads and transport networks need to be policed, amongst others, in an effective, professional and visible manner. We acknowledge the implementation of technology, for example: the average speed over distance, number plate recognition technology and public transport marking system in order to manage human behaviour. However, let me make it plain, technology can never replace visible policing. It can well enhance the effectiveness of visible policing in order to act more pro-actively.

Please note the success of visible policing is not measured only in the number of arrests and in the issuing of fines but in the absence of crimes committed. And in regard to traffic policing, the ultimate measurement is the absence of road deaths and related accidents. We have learnt that the

Western Cape during the December 2015 and January 2016 festive season experienced about a 30% increase in road fatalities and according to my information, as part of my oversight which I receive, the fatalities over the past Easter weekend were 6 on our national roads and 15 in the metro. In the metro, a total of 21 fatalities for the Easter weekend. 2 less than last year's Easter weekend.

The drastic decrease in fatalities on our national roads over the Easter weekend is commendable. However, the 15 deaths in the Metro is of great concern and needs urgent attention. [Interjections.] Although we acknowledge the efforts and sacrifices of law enforcement agencies to reduce accidents, the real contribution in the reduction on our national roads in road fatalities is in my view, the behaviour of the road users themselves.

I also shared the roads over the past Easter weekend with other road users and was surprised with the behaviour of fellow road users in maintaining responsible speeds and allowing other road users to pass safely by moving over to the yellow line. This includes truck drivers who in the past were very reluctant to give way to other motorists. This behaviour is commendable and we should encourage road users to embrace and to maintain and to even improve on it.

Therefore I am very thankful that Mr Africa, publically on TV, thanked road users for their responsible behaviour as well as the law enforcement officers for their unselfish efforts and also, as the Minister, thanked them here today.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Were those vintage cars that were [Inaudible.]

Mr L H MAX: It is also prudent, Madam Speaker, to mention that these motor vehicle accidents place a huge burden on our health systems and the fiscus. We are spending money on something which could have been prevented. That money could have been spent on other urgent service delivery needs.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr L H MAX: These accidents do not only affect the families of the victims left behind but also the injured that survive and become economically dysfunctional and Government grant dependable. It is for this reason that the objective of the Department of Transport and Public Works is to reduce deaths and to improve safety on our roads and in so doing try to influence human behaviour. It is an undisputable fact that most of our road accidents are a result of human behaviour and proper visible policing, complimented with modern technology would assist in achieving the Department's goal. [Interjection.]

However, the ultimate responsibility to ensure that our roads are accident free begins with the individual. There is a growing disrespect for traffic rules and law enforcement officers. The information I already shared with this House is not a message of happiness and reassurance but it is the truth and it is a warning.

We welcome any decrease in road deaths, but a decrease of only two fatalities does not give us reason to celebrate or to claim that the Department is on top of the challenge.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly.

Mr L H MAX: The situation with regard to Provincial Traffic was at all times a concern to us and remained a serious concern as to the facts presented to the Portfolio Committee on 16 March 2016. The presentation indicates the following:

That the Provincial Traffic's allocations strength is 834.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Fresh air.

Mr L H MAX: 211 of that strength is vacant unfunded posts, plus another two vacant posts, total 213 vacant posts. It was quite discernible from the presentation that as soon as a post becomes vacant, it becomes unfunded. [Interjections.] These vacant posts are inclusive of five centre managers' positions. For example; in Caledon: there has been an Acting Commander since January 2016; George: Acting Commander since April 2015; Beaufort West: Acting Commander since August 2015; Laingsburg: Acting Commander since September 2014; Vredenburg: Acting Commander since November 2011.

HON MEMBERS: Yoh!

Mr L H MAX: All these acting positions, those people do not get any acting allowances generally. [Interjections.] This position is the longest acting position in Vredenburg; it is the longest of all of them.

Mr C M DUGMORE: 2007.

Mr L H MAX: The person acted since 2007.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr L H MAX: During my tenure of Opposition Spokesperson, I placed pressure on the then Minister Leonard Ramatlakane to fill the position which he did in appointing Ms Sobekwa. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members!

Mr L H MAX: Ms Sobekwa did not have any traffic experience and held the position for two years.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] fire the MEC.

Mr L H MAX: I am in favour, Madam Speaker, of transformation in affording disadvantaged people an opportunity to also advance, but I am totally against

the abuse of another race group. In this respect, I am convinced that Mr Visser, the White male who I am referring to here, has proven his commitment to transformation to stand aside and assist colleagues of other race groups to advance to his own detriment. [Interjections.]

Therefore, it is my respective view that he deserves a permanent appointment. If he is fit for a purpose to act since 2007, excluding for two years, he should be fit for purpose to be a permanent appointment as well. [Interjections.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Hoor-Hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-Hear!

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L H MAX: I urge the hon Minister to look into this matter.

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

Mr L H MAX: Somerset West will be vacant as from the 1 May 2016. Madam Speaker, the reality is the effect of these acting positions, amongst others, are as follows:

These officers are appointed temporarily in these positions and cannot make any drastic management changes. They have no management centre, they

have to manage the centre and simultaneously execute the tasks of the position he or she held before the acting appointment which results in a lack of focus on management.

It has a negative effect on discipline and there is no certainty because the Acting Manager is still part of the junior echelon. And lastly, it negatively impacts on morale and the performance of the department as a whole.

†Me P Z LEKKER: Hoor-Hoor!

*Ms P Z LEKKER: Hear-Hear!

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, in having regard to the aforementioned, it should be clear that these are critical posts which need to be filled as a matter of urgency ...

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes.

Mr L H MAX: ... if the Department is serious with traffic law enforcement, given the minimum decrease in road fatalities, road safety remains a crises. It is countrywide. It is a crisis that strikes at the very heart and soul and the spirit of our provincial will. It is a clear and present danger to the people of the Western Cape. The threat is real. We must deal with the lawlessness on our roads on a war-footing.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

Mr L H MAX: When we enter the moral lequivalent of war we cannot issue our officers with BB guns. These are the facts, and we simply must face and tackle it. There can be no commitment to address road fatalities if there is no commitment to fill these posts. What I am trying to say, Madam Speaker, ...[Interjections]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L H MAX: ... is, equip our Provincial Traffic officers with human and material resources to enable them to execute their duties. I assume that it might be very difficult for the Department to sympathise with families of victims of road accidents while there are 213 vacant positions in Provincial Traffic Law Enforcement.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, as much as we are concerned about traffic law enforcement on our roads, we are equally concerned about the safety of those who have to police those roads and to provide safety. Safety of our traffic officers is a first priority and is not negotiable. Only a safe officer can ensure safety. ...[Interjections]

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Ewe.

*Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes.

Mr L H MAX: A dead officer is a statistic.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly.

Mr L H MAX: We have recently seen a video clip of how a traffic officer of the City of Cape Town was shot at ...

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes.

Mr L H MAX: ... whilst busy issuing a fine to a motorist, busy ensuring compliance with the rules of the road. It was clear that the assailant's intention was to kill this officer. He was alone and had no one to watch his back. I have subsequently noticed that the City of Cape Town have learnt from this incident, as I saw traffic officers are being deployed in accordance with the "buddy system".

The City of Cape Town's officers are deployed in an urban environment where back up is quick and streets covered with lights. To the contrary, our Provincial Traffic officers are most of the time alone, about 50 to 100 kilometres away from town at night, in the dark, vulnerable to attacks, whilst busy complying with the Department's objective to ensure a 24/7 traffic policing.

This Department cannot wait until a traffic officer gets killed ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr L H MAX: ... before the powers wake up and express condolences and makes strong political statements ...

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr L H MAX: ... it will be too late. The time for action is now. It is for this reason that I call on the hon Minister and the Department to do everything possible to get the necessary financial assistance to arrest the situation. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: You must give them workshops.

Mr L H MAX: I am mindful of the fact that law enforcement needs to have to compete with other needs and priorities in the same budget. However, the beneficiaries of law enforcement services, in many instances, do not have a second chance on life. I understand that there is a call to save money and not to fill vacant posts, however, I am respectfully of the view that law enforcement positions should be the exception to the rule. One cannot save money at the expense of a human life. On a [Inaudible.] of the aforesaid, it is observable that Provincial Traffic is seriously under-resourced.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes!

Mr L H MAX: Therefore the Department should seriously consider reviewing their policy and/or arrangements in deploying trained traffic officers at weighbridges. There are currently nine weighbridges in the province, at which four traffic officers per shift are deployed, on three shifts. It means 12 officers per weighbridge. It further results in 108 officers for the nine weighbridges on a 24 hour basis. These officers need to be deployed on our roads.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is a Chairperson!

Mr L H MAX: There should be an alternative to that issue of weighbridges. I therefore call upon the Department to review that particular policy.

Madam Speaker, there are currently 40 students in the Traffic Training College in Brackenfell who, at completion of their training in June 2016, will have no jobs. This is an opportunity for the Department to fill some of these vacant posts. The Provincial Traffic Department is also charged with the responsibility to escort abnormal truckloads, etc., like wind turbines.

Sick and annual leave also negatively affect the operations of Provincial Traffic. While Provincial Traffic operates on a 24/7 basis, the Traffic Department of the City of Cape Town works until 10pm. Plus/minus 150 Provincial Traffic officers are deployed in the Metro while their services are desperately need on our national and provincial roads. This is another issue which needs to be attended to by the Department.

Salaries and other related employment benefits: this is a huge contributing factor which led to understaffing of the Provincial Traffic Department. If my memory serves me correctly, the City of Cape Town recently advertised 30 positions to be filled, and according to my information about 18 provincial traffic officers received positive feedback. What is going to be left behind here?

Madam Speaker, we need to improve the salaries and benefits of traffic officers of the province in order to retain their human resource and experience ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly!

Mr L H MAX: ... otherwise we can close shop.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Amen!

Mr L H MAX: I am fully aware that the salary structures of Provincial Traffic officers are being determined at another level, not here, at another level. Therefore, I once again call on the hon Minister to take the lead in influencing his counterparts in the relevant departments to place this issue as urgently as possible on the agenda in the relevant forum. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, my oversight role does not start and end with presentations by the Department in the committee rooms on the fourth floor of the Provincial Parliament.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I hope they are listening.

Mr L H MAX: As part of executing my oversight, I regularly stop at the roadside and talk to officers.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Amen!

Mr L H MAX: I call them, if necessary.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is good.

Mr L H MAX: I convey my appreciation to the Director of Operations to convey that appreciation to the members ...

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is appreciation.

Mr L H MAX: ... and if there is a concern, to take the necessary steps. Some of them were actually reluctant to engage because they fear intimidation, but I made it very crystal clear that if that happens, it will be an infringement of my right of oversight and it can constitute intimidation. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, I do this because road safety is everybody's business and it is surely also my business. It does not need a rocket scientist to determine that in the absence of law and order, anarchy and chaos exists. If we did not have the City of Cape Town anti-invasion units, the Metro Police, then the weekend before last weekend, when people called me about invasions, if they were not there, it would be chaos!

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

Mr L H MAX: And therefore people can think what they like about J P Smith but let me tell you that he is one of the few politicians who understands law enforcement and the importance of law enforcement.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Max, you are about to lose your support.
[Interjections.] [Laughter.]

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, can you please ask my support to be quiet?

The SPEAKER: Hon members, if we can have some quiet? I need to protect the speaker on the floor. [Interjections.] It is a little - if we can just ...
Thank you.

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, despite all the shortcomings and challenges, I would like to place on record that the Democratic Alliance appreciates the services rendered by Provincial Traffic and all other traffic departments and law enforcement agencies.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is olie op die vloer.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: There is oil on the floor.

Mr L H MAX: I therefore call on the general public not to regard our officers as enemies, but as friends; not as oppressors, but our protectors.

An HON MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

Mr L H MAX: We salute them all. I am convinced that little by little we can, and we must, rebuild trust, confidence and respect for law enforcement. We can spend until we empty our Treasury and we can utilise all the wonders of science and technology, but we can succeed only if we take our greatest resources, our traffic officers, our officials, our people - it will strengthen our Western Cape values and Western Cape confidence, working together with our common faith, we cannot fail. Madam Speaker, the DA supports this vote. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

†AGBARE LEDE: Hoor-Hoor!

*HON MEMBERS: Hear-Hear!

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Dugmore.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou gooi weer kole! Gooi kole!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now throw coals again! Throw coals!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, can I ask that you afford your speaker an opportunity to present? Thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hy moet net kole gooi!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: He must just throw coals!

†‘n AGBARE LID: Ja!

*An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, just before embarking on my speech in regard to Vote 10, I think what was particularly instructive about the speech made by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANYI: The leader.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... was the fact that the lesson to all of us, and in particular the Chairpersons of Committees in this House, is that you are able, through doing thorough and proper work, to actually hold the Executive accountable without fear or favour. [Interjections.] But I think, Madam Speaker - and it is unfortunate that you are in the Chair at this particular point in time - what I found most disturbing, was not the silence from the colleagues of hon member ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is this in your speech? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... of hon member Max, but was the fact ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... Madam Speaker, that you, as the person chairing this session, displayed what I would regard as unacceptable bias ...

An HON MEMBER: Huh?

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... because while hon members on this side of the House were indicating support for certain things that were being said, in terms of their oversight role, you referred in your intervention to “your supporters”,

addressing hon member Max directly, referring to this side of the House as “his supporters”, and that is a very clear indication of bias [Interjection.] because it implies that a speaker from another political party should not receive any support from members. I, unfortunately, find that that undermines the very role of this Legislature, which is to keep the Executive accountable, and I think it was unfortunate, Madam Speaker, that those words came from you as the Speaker of this House.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Lekker!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Nice!

Mr C M DUGMORE: But I would like to address ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis olie op die vloer. Julle gly.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is oil on the floor. You are slipping.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I would like to address this particular Vote and say that we are being called upon by members of this House to support an appropriation of R6.7 billion for this Vote, Vote 10 on Transport and Public Works. And when we consider whether we can, in good conscience, support this Vote, a good place to start is to ask whether the mission of this Department can be realised by the funds which have been allocated to this critical portfolio? Let me read the mission statement. It reads as follows:

“The Department of Transport and Public Works delivers

infrastructure and services to promote socio-economic outcomes and safe, empowered, and connected communities.”

It is clear that this Department cannot, and is not, fulfilling this mission statement. Clearly, our public roads in the Western Cape have become death traps, and the situation between the festive seasons in 2014 and 2015 shows that the situation in our province has in fact worsened. And let me actually share these statistics with the House.

When one looks at the figures for 2014 and compare those to 2015; and this is in regard to road fatalities per province; what emerges very clearly that the province that performed worse in relation to all other provinces in regard to the percentage increase in the number of deaths between 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 is, in fact, the Western Cape, with over a 33% increase in the number of fatalities year-on-year. This is now December 2014/2015 and December 2015/2016. KwaZulu-Natal actually showed a 2% reduction in those numbers. Gauteng, only a 10% increase. The Western Cape is, in fact, worse than all other provinces in regard to the increase of road fatalities compared to 2014/2015. Now ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr C M DUGMORE: I want to say that there is no way that, we as the ANC, will lay the blame for this on innovative officials working specifically with traffic management. This is an innovative group of officials and we know

that they are doing their best, but the reality is these deaths that are on our roads in the Western Cape, I think, have a very direct correlation to the fact that there are 213 unfunded and unfilled posts in traffic management in this province.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is huge.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And when we look at that in a little bit more detail ...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: 200? Let us go to Pretoria and ask for help.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... the picture becomes very, very clear. One of the roads that we all know are one of the most ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: 200? Let us go to Pretoria and ask for help.

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... unsafe roads in the Western Cape, we know, is in fact the Laingsburg/Karoo Road. Now, when we look at this list of the unfunded posts, we would note very clearly that the Laingsburg section is, in fact, one of those which are the most underfunded where we, in fact, have 19 Senior Provincial Inspector posts vacant in the Laingsburg area; 19; and we all know if you look at the stats and we look at where many of these fatalities

are happening, it is on that stretch of the road.

We can have all the innovation and all the technology, but unless there is a visible presence, we are going to, I believe, contribute to those fatalities. We have it in Vredendal, in the West Coast - Provincial Inspectors vacant posts, up to 14 at salary level 6. And we can go on, but basically 213 unfunded posts in traffic management.

Now, what I would like to bring to the attention of this House, is that it costs roughly R290 000 to train a Provincial Traffic officer. The yearly entry level salary is approximately R160 000 and the yearly cost of putting that officer on the road with a vehicle, petrol, and so on, is R120 000. So, in fact, it costs R280 000 annually to put a traffic officer on the road.

So, hon members, if we had a modicum of political will, just a small amount of political will, we would say that we would need to put another 50 Provincial Traffic officers on the road. This would cost the Province R14.5 million for the training of those officers, and it would cost R14 million to put those 50 officers actually on the road. MEC Grant, in his input, referred to amounts of R450 million to upgrade particular sections on the N1, costs of R140 million to upgrade the Stilbaai Road, etc. Yet this House is being told that we cannot find R14.5 million to train 50 traffic officers and another R14 million to put these traffic officers on the road.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Surely this Government can find these funds within the equitable share and actually reprioritise, and I think the disappointment from the side of the ANC is that we do not see this political leadership coming from MEC Grant, we do not see him as a responsible MEC actually making the noises ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: At Cabinet.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... at Cabinet to ensure that there is a reprioritisation because these funds actually come from the equitable share. It is an issue of choices, it is an issue of these decisions that need to be made.

Mr Q R DYANYI: The Department is leaderless.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, we established, already 18 months ago, that there are at least R600 million in cash reserves lying in the public trading entity: Government Garage; at least R600 million in cash reserves. We have been asking for 18 months to get details on this, but we have had absolutely no willingness to come forward and give us that information.

I think the time has arrived where we ask our members serving on SCOPA, to actually make the call on the National Treasury to investigate the reserves, the cash reserves which lie in Government Garage. In that regard I must say, that the point that hon member Max has made in regard to the issue of what you prioritise in regard to unfunded posts, surely issues around law

enforcement, issues around school safety officers, issues which actually secure the safety - which is the mission of this Department - should be prioritised.

I think the time has come now to open up the books, look at the cash reserves that are available in the trading entity and see how we can fund this particular issue of traffic law enforcement, because visibility at the end of the day is going to contribute to the situation. If one looks at the pattern of those unfilled posts, it is completely unacceptable that some of the major death traps in this province, such as the N1 towards the Karoo do not have officers on the road as they should. [Interjection.]

This MEC is not hearing the cry of the those affected by road deaths in our province. If we go into this matter a little bit more deeply, we can establish that this Department has failed to permanently fill the post of six Chief Traffic posts. They continue to be acting, and these are, in fact, the commanders of the traffic officers working in different regions.

Hon member Max, the Chairperson of this Committee, has pointed out; and he was wrong, it was not actually vacant since 2011, it is actually 2007; for nine years ... [Interjections.] It may be corrected. This House must insist ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... on an answer today from MEC Grant as to why they have not filled those six Chief Traffic posts and more importantly, when will they fill these traffic posts. Instead we hear that there is a big push to fill the post of a Director at the traffic college. How can, at this point in time, that filling of that Director post be more important than confirming and appointing on a full time basis these six traffic officer posts? It is absolutely critical and we need a clear commitment today in this House from MEC Grant.

I noticed a flurry of activity between MEC Grant and his officials in terms of how to deal with this particular situation. We would have expected that he would have come here more prepared today to actually announce clear interventions because these issues have been raised now for a long time by the Standing Committee.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hy is hopeloos.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is hopeless.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So from the side of the ANC, we say, number one, look at this whole budget. We have a budget adjustment coming up later this year. Reprioritise at least R14.5 million, plus another R14 million to put in place 50 additional traffic inspectors on our roads. Those 50 additional can be appointed on contract as the situation stabilises. [Interjection.]

That is the proposal that we, as the Opposition, are making, and we are

interested to see what the MEC's response would be. You will also notice, and what is very interesting in this Committee is that, I think it is one of the few committees where ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Sorry, hon member Mr Dugmore. There is a conversation happening behind you. You may proceed, thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I thank you. This Committee, I believe, has taken its responsibility for oversight clearly, and if one looks at the report which has been adopted and has been tabled in this House in regard to Vote 10, there was absolute unanimity, in fact, a common and agreed finding and concern that this Committee expressed its concern regarding the continued lack of representivity that does not adequately reflect the provincial population in terms of race and gender at senior management levels. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So true.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Now, that is what all of the members of the Committee from the ANC and the DA felt, I would argue that instead of the Chief Whip and others wanting to victimise members for expressing their views, this House should actually support this resolution because it is now becoming an embarrassment that this Department, year after year, is actually not showing the progress in establishing a Department that represents the people of this province; not in a crude way, hon member Mr Max made a very good point about a traffic officer who happens to be a White male that has shown his

commitment to transformation, but we do not believe that this Department, under the leadership of the MEC and the HOD, is taking seriously enough what it means to the people of the Western Cape to actually see a representative Department across race, across gender, across disability, in this particular Department that renders these particular services.

It is simply becoming unacceptable that there is no progress and the fact that this Standing Committee, in a united way, has raised this particular point, indicates how serious this problem is. Besides the fact, of course, that this goes against employment equity legislation, it goes against the very constitutional mandate to ensure a representative public service. I would like to ask the MEC to take this, not only this particular finding seriously, but to tell this Committee what is going to be done in terms of the opportunities that avail themselves.

We would also like to know, and possibly the MEC can indicate to us, whether there is any truth to the information that there are at least 10 officials who have suffered health problems, such as high blood pressure, stress related illnesses and anxiety attacks within this particular Department.

We would like to know whether he is aware of that and what are the actual reasons that these officials, mostly Black South African officials, in the broad employment equity definition of Coloured, African and Indian, have actually resigned from this Department, and we want to hear that.

So we have raised, firstly, the choices that need to be made around traffic management and safety; we have made proposals. Secondly, we have raised the issue of representivity. The third point that I would like to raise goes to the issue of property management.

Now, we know that if we look at the Budget Vote on page 447, there is a clear indication there as to what guides the approach towards the disposal of provincial property. And in regard, particularly, to the Tafelberg situation in Sea Point, what the budget says is:

“An in-depth assessment was undertaken of the Sea Point Main Road property and that the recommendation from that assessment was that the property be offered to the market for an outright sale.”

The property was advertised, the tender closed; during November 2015:

“The Cabinet granted approval for the disposal of this property to the successful bidder.”

We have also now heard that there is a dispute that has been declared in this regard. Now, I think what this reveals, once again, characterises the issue of the political orientation of this DA Provincial Government because here was an opportunity in Tafelberg. We hear a lot about the better living model in Pinelands, but here we have a property which had the potential to be converted residentially to create for integrated settlement, particularly for

communities such as domestic workers, but a conscious decision was made by the DA Provincial Government, led by MEC Grant to simply sell that property to the highest bidder.

There was a conscious choice which could have been made to integrate, to create residential opportunities out of the Tafelberg property, but that specific decision was not made. We required a political will, and this is what happens in regard to different political properties. To what extent is there that political will to release property for integrated human settlements in the heart of Cape Town to reverse the apartheid spatial planning? Tafelberg was once such example, but the political will did not exist to that.

In contrast to that, we see our National Ministers travelling to Knysna and making the incredibly progressive move to transfer 72 hectares of land from the South African National Road Agency Limited to the National Housing Development Agency to contribute to integrated human settlement in the Knysna area. That is a clear example of where we do not only have; and this is the key issue that I want to point out; we do not only require a capable state, we require a capable and developmental state. A developmental state that is prepared to act in a way to reverse legacies which have contributed to the systematic impoverishment of people who have been moved out of particular communities and forced to live on the fringes.

Tafelberg was such an opportunity, but at least we have the National Government and Minister Sisulu making it very clear that whether housing

beneficiaries are African, Coloured or White, they will benefit from the Knysna 72 hectare development.

I think that is the fundamental difference between a government led by the National Development Plan which talks about a capable and a developmental state, and a one that simply focuses on capability, but does not focus on redress and a developmental approach to how we use the assets.

Then, I would also like to talk, fourthly, about the fact that this Provincial Government in the context of Transport and Public Works is committed to dealing with corruption. We have, in this House, in the first session of this Parliament, raised the fact that besides tenders ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore ...

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... awarded to Filcon by the City of Cape Town ...

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. If you can finish, please. You can finish your sentence.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Oh, can I finish my sentence? Thank you. I would simply want to make the point that even though it has been clear that tenders have been awarded to Filcon and R72 million more have been spent, the small contractors have not, in any way, been compensated and there has been no consequences for Filcon at all three years later and the truth will still come

out about that. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Dugmore.

† 'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-Hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-Hear!

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Grant.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, thank you. May I start by first of all thanking those who participated in this debate today. Let me say that personally I always welcome constructive criticism and so does my Department. And let it not be said that there is not oversight in this Provincial Parliament. I welcome it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Let me thank the Chairman of the Standing Committee for his comments. I have made copious notes and we will follow up on many of them, but I am going to refer to a few of the issues that he has raised.

Firstly, rail transport is the backbone of the economy here, especially in the

Metro, and as I said in my speech, we have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to try and work constructively with, not only those charged with running rail in the Western Cape under PRASA and Metrorail, but also with Minister Peters and also Popo Molefe, the Chair of the entity, PRASA.

Unfortunately they have two or three people in acting senior positions who were coming to address various issues with us, but they have not materialised yet. These matters have been taken up with the regional management of Metro and we will take it to a higher level at the appropriate time. I have also written a letter to the National Minister on the 29 February, to which I am awaiting a response. I am not holding my breath, but when I see her next time, again, as I did at the opening of the solar plant in George, I will remind her and politely request a response to my letter.

As far as the vacant unfunded posts; because there was a constant refrain on both sides of the House in terms of our apparent lack of caring when it comes to Provincial Traffic; let me say that we have already addressed this matter in detail in the Standing Committee. So it is very easy for members here to stand and grandstand when the answers have already been provided. [Interjections.] We agreed that posts be filled, but the House must be aware that with the budget cutbacks as a result of the nationally negotiated salary increases [Interjections.] there have had to be adjustments at a provincial level.

If you think - and the hon Minister of Finance is sitting here - there was no

discussion in this regard in our Cabinet, in terms of the priorities of this Government, let me assure you there were some serious discussions.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And the wrong choices.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No! We made the right choices, and I will tell you why. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: We decided, Madam Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please speak through me.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: We decided to put Education and Health's interests first as ...[Interjections] ... fronting to the public for the many people who want to come here. [Interjections.] Yes, they do! And we have done a lot of work in that regard. [Interjections]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Allow the hon Minister to respond.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I just want to share with the House that ironically after the last Standing Committee where these examples were trotted out to us - let me just tell the hon member Max,

that actually, Mr Visser does not meet the minimum requirements for the post - and I am sad to have to tell you that in the public domain - as he has not got the required qualification. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members! Sorry, hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible.] protection from the House.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I do not need protection. I will just wait until they are finished. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon members! Hon Minister, if you could direct your response to the Chair, please?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, I have taken note of what the hon member Mr Max said about the weighbridges. They are a concern to me too, but let me also say that if you look at the value of investment in our roads, those weighbridges are absolutely critical to ensure that people who overload and destroy our R68 billion road network, which will cost R98 million to replace, it is essential that we put resources there to protect that asset because that is one of the functions of my Department, to actually protect our assets. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Let me then move on to the hon member Mr Dugmore and say we are also very saddened by the large increase in the number of fatalities over the festive season.

It hurt us more than you can imagine because we had planned very effectively for that period. But, if one looks at those statistics which we did early in January in Pretoria, 82,2% of the people who died on our roads were driver related causes. And those driver related causes are well known to this House; they are speed, they are distracted driving, they are alcohol and basically there is also a lot of fatigue in the long stretches on our provincial roads

Mr C M DUGMORE: More visible policing.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Visible policing, hon member Cameron Dugmore, will not solve that problem. [Interjections.] What is required is an increase, as I said in my speech, in terms of the justice cluster and the RTMC to take more effective action against driver misbehaviour on our road. You have no idea how many people sms me. For example, on the N2, here are people regularly overtaking over solid barrier lines on the N2 and other places. Mr Deputy Speaker, those are the issues that cause these tragic crashes and the unnecessary loss of life on our roads.

Then I want to come to the remark which the hon member Dugmore made

about our so-called R600 million cash reserves. I am not sure if he was still there in the Standing Committee when our CFO unpacked for him, or the people who were there, the details around the assets which are in transit at any one particular time at the end of our financial year, and I can see him nodding in the box. You remember that.

So therefore these are not funds lying idly around. They are there to replace vehicles and we cannot use that for basically other resources. And let me say that it is one thing to talk about R14.5 million to train 50 law enforcement officers, but what about the cost of the on-going employment?

Mr C M DUGMORE: I told you ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: That is the issue. [Interjection.] Ja. Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not going to respond in terms of some other issues, but let me close in terms of my response to the hon member Mr Dugmore.

How we see Government is basically observing the rule of law, basically being accountable for our actions, and we take that accountability and your criticism very seriously, as well as building a capable state. We do not believe in a developmental state for the sake of an ideology.

Ms M N GILLION: Oh my word!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: As far as the Filcon matter is concerned, Mr Deputy Speaker, maybe it is time for me to write a ministerial statement, which I undertake to do today, in response to the Filcon matter. We have absolutely nothing to hide in that regard, and I look forward [Interjections.] to being afforded an opportunity in the near future.

Let me end, Mr Deputy Speaker, and just thank my Ministry up there, some of you, for your support over the last year, and we have a long road ahead of us this year in a difficult Department dealing with huge cost pressures and doing our very best to be the backbone of this Provincial Government. My Departmental staff members, and yes, just as an afterthought, let me say to the hon member Mr Dugmore, I am certainly aware of four particular employees who are under huge stress in my Department, and we are doing our best to help them to actually manage the situation as best as we can and they are under pressure. Thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! That concludes the debate on this Vote. I will allow the bays to be vacated first before we carry on.

[Business of the House paused for clearing of the bays.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members. Before I ask the Secretary to read

the next order, being the Vote of Cultural Affairs, I will suspend the House for just a brief moment to allow a choir in the gallery to sing for us. The vocalists from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports' MOD Program will now render the National Anthem and the House will be suspended briefly for that purpose but remain in your seats please.

[The House suspended.]

[National Anthem rendered by the choir.] [Applause.]

[The House resumed.]

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

5. Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

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

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Honourable Speaker; Honourable Premier, Cabinet colleagues and members of the Provincial Parliament, Chairperson of the Standing Committee,

Head of Department and managers of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, our partners in the sport and cultural sectors, media, residents of the Western Cape: good afternoon, *goeie middag, molweni*.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is indeed an honour and privilege to present to this House and the greater Western Cape community the Cultural Affairs and Sport budget for 2016/2017. I will elaborate on how the Department will use the appropriated R736 184 000 to enable a socially inclusive, creative, active, connected and united Western Cape. The following presentation embodies our commitment to improving education outcomes and opportunities for youth development in an effort to restore a once divided society through sport and cultural affairs.

Each day the media reports on the social ills within our communities and we are affected by its detrimental impact. At the short end of the proverbial anti-social stick and bearing the most brunt is our youth. More concerning is the prevalence of perpetuated racial divides, eroding at the very moral fibre of not only our communities but our humanity.

The four programmes within the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport speak directly to redressing the damaging effects of social ills as they contribute to positive youth development and negotiates a collective identity for the province. All four of our programmes co-function holistically to

accelerate unity, hope, reconciliation, respect, pride and a celebration of our diversity and simultaneously enables positive youth development.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, R61 450 000 is toegewys vir die 2016/17 boekjaar vir Program 1 Administrasie. Hierdie toewysing stel die Departement in staat om uitnemendheid in dienslewering te bereik deur deurlopende verbetering van die praktyke van finansiële bestuur. Hierdie bewilliging sal ondersteuning aan al die ander programme verseker en hulle in staat stel om dienslewering in die Wes-Kaap aan almal te verbeter. ‘n Toegewysde R30 103 000 sal ‘n oorkoepelende finansiële bestuur steundiens aan die Departement verskaf, insluitende finansiële bestuursdienste aan die drie openbare entiteite wat onder die gesag van my kantoor staan, die Wes-Kaapse Kultuurkommissie, die Wes-Kaapse Taalkomitee en Erfenis Wes-Kaap. Hulle word almal hier vandag in die galery verteenwoordig.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek gebruik graag die geleentheid om die amptenare van ons Departement wat vandag hier onder die leierskap van ons Departementshoof, mnr Brent Walters, teenwoordig is, te erken. Ek dank julle almal vir die professionele gees waarin julle met sorg, vaardigheid, aanspreeklikheid, integriteit, innovering en ‘n responsiewe ingesteldheid ‘n impak op die inwoners van die Wes-Kaap maak. Julle verbintenis en toewyding vind nie plaas sonder dat enigeen daarvan bewus is nie. Die feit dat ons Departement toekennings vir sukses verower het getuig hiervan.

Môre is Hoofdirekteur van Kultuursake, Hanneltjie du Preez amptelik goed

genoeg opgelei om ons Departement te verlaat. Oor die afgelope 22 jaar van staatsdiens het sy bekend geword as die lopende kultuursake-ensiklopedie van die Wes-Kaap. Ons is almal baie hartseer om van haar afskeid te neem en ons wens haar net die beste toe vir die toekoms. [Applous.]

*Madam Speaker, R61 450 000 was allocated for the 2016/17 financial year for Program 1 Administration. This allocation enables the Department to achieve excellence in service delivery through continuous improvement of the practices of financial management. This allocation will ensure support to all the other programmes and enable it to improve service delivery to all in the Western Cape. An allocated R30 103 000 will provide an over-arching financial management support service to the Department, including financial management services to the three public entities under the authority of my Office, the Western Cape Cultural Commission, the Western Cape Language Committee and Heritage Western Cape. They are all present here today in the gallery.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to use the opportunity to acknowledge the officials of our Department present here today under the leadership of our Head of Department, Mr Brent Walters. I thank you all for the professional approach of care, skill, accountability, integrity, innovation and responsive disposition, through which you make an impact on the citizens of the Western Cape. Your commitment and vigour do not go by unnoticed. The fact that the Department give awards for success is proof of that.

Tomorrow the Chief Director of Cultural Affairs, Hannetjie du Preez, will officially be sufficiently well trained to leave our Department. Over the past 22 years of civil service she has become known as the walking cultural affairs encyclopaedia of the Western Cape. We are all very sad to take leave of her and we wish her all the best for the future. [Applause.]

†Mnr M G E WILEY: Hoor-Hoor!

*Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-Hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Given the current constrained fiscal environment, the aim of the 2016 Budget is to strengthen the approach towards fiscal. The greatest impact of the constrained fiscal environment is on Cost of Employees. Because all officials, including contract staff, are instrumental in rendering an effective and efficient administrative service, I am proud to announce that the HOD and I have agreed to renew all contract posts for the new financial year. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport will not add to the already dismal national state of unemployment.

With R109 443 000 appropriated to Programme 2: Cultural Affairs, we will provide arts, culture, museum, heritage and language-related services to the inhabitants of the Western Cape.

†Ek het gesien hoe die jeug bo armoede en die las van fetale alkohol sindroom uitstyg en 'n internasionale verhoog met 50 lande deel by die

jaarlikse Uitvoerende Kunste Kampioenskap in Kalifornië. Nie net het hulle die verhoog met hierdie lande gedeel, maar hulle het wêreldwye erkenning verkry deur 29 goue en silwer medaljes, en 'n trofee vir die wenner van die ope dans kategorie te verower. Indien julle bevoorreg was om hulle te sien optree, sal julle verstaan waarom die Nuwe Graskoue Trappers verdien het om die toekennings te verower. [Applous.]

*I have seen youth rise above poverty and the burden of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome and share an international stage with 50 countries at the Annual Performing Arts Championships in California. Not only did they share the stage, they received global recognition by winning 29 gold and silver medals and a trophy for the winners of the open dance category. If you were fortunate enough to see them perform, you will indeed understand why the Nuwe Graskoue Trappers deserved to win those accolades. [Applause.]

†Mnr M G E WILEY: Mooi!

*Mr M G E WILEY: Well done!

†Ek is bewus van die nood waarin die Nuwe Graskoue Trappers verkeer wat betref hulle fondsinsameling om weer deel te neem aan die Internasionale Kampioenskap. Dit is om hierdie rede dat die Departement besluit het om befondsing toe te wys om die langtermynsukses van hierdie tradisionele groep te verseker, en om sy geaffilleerde gemeenskapsprogramme in die nuwe boekjaar te ondersteun. Ek het gesien hoe, ongeag van verskillende rasse, kulturele taalbevoegdheid en klasse-agtergronde, groepe jeug hul talent en

drama oor die provinsie heen tentoonstel en ernstige boodskappe met gepakte saalgehoore deel.

Die Departement se dramafeeste het in elke distrik van die provinsie plaasgevind, en die wenner het die geleentheid gekry om hierdie jaar by onder andere die Zabalaza Fees by die Baxter en die KKNK op te tree. Ek wil veral melding maak van Fahiem Stellenboom, bemerkingsbestuurder van die Baxter en Bongile Mantsai, een van die beoordelaars by die dramafeeste, en dankie sê vir jul volgehoue ondersteuning aan ons opkomende sterre in ons gemeenskappe regoor die provinsie. Ek sê ook dankie aan Marlene le Roux, Hoof Uitvoerende Bestuurder van die Kunstekaap vir haar rol as dryfveer agter die landelike uitreikingsprogram. Ek sien daarna uit dat die Departement weer in die nuwe boekjaar hierdie baie belangrike program saam met hulle aanbied. Die program neem teater na die landelike gebiede van ons provinsie.

Die Department sal in 2016/2017 nuwe vennootskappe aangaan en programme bou en ontwikkel tot nuwe vlakke van uitnemendheid, onder andere die uitbreiding van die koormusiekprogram na Eden en Sentraal-Karoo. Gedurende die boekjaar gaan studente in die vennootskapprogram met UWK deel wees van 'n musiekblyspel getiteld "Zenzi". "Zenzi" is 'n samewerkingsvennootskap tussen die Universiteit van Wes-Kaapland en die Universiteit van Missouri. Hierdie studente sal die geleentheid kry om internasionale blootstelling op te doen en oorsee te reis.

*I am aware of the dire straits the *Nuwe Graskoue Trappers* are faced with in raising funds to again participate at the International Championships. It is for this reason that the Department has decided to allocate funding to ensure the long term success of the traditional group and to support its affiliated community programmes in the new financial year. I have witnessed how, regardless of differing race, cultural language proficiencies and class backgrounds, groups of youth showcasing their talent in drama across the province and sharing profound messages with packed halls of audiences.

The Department's drama festivals took place in each district of the province and the winners were afforded the opportunity to perform at the Zabalaza Festival at the Baxter and the KKNK this year. I acknowledge Fahiem Stellenboom, Marketing Manager of the Baxter and Bongile Mantsai, one of the adjudicators for our drama festivals for their continuous support to our rising stars in our communities across the province. I also thank Marlene le Roux, CEO of the Artscape, for being the driving force behind the Rural Outreach Programme. I look forward to having the Department co-host this significant programme with them. The programme takes theatre to the rural areas of our province.

During this financial year, students in the partnership programme with UWC are to be included in a musical called *Zenzi*. *Zenzi* is a collaboration between the University of Western Cape and University of Missouri. These students will be afforded the opportunity of international exposure and travel.

†If you think museums are boring places, where old things are housed, you may not have been to a Western Cape Museum as of late. You will be amazed at how interactive and linguistically democratic our museums currently are. Our Department is slowly but surely achieving our goal to transform museums into more socially inclusive spaces wherein our historical diversity is showcased for all to learn from. The R58 820 000 allocated to Museum Services in the new financial year, will indeed assist in achieving this goal.

On the 1st September 2015 the Cape Town Museum was launched. This new-generation heritage institution will become a key access point for residents and tourists to obtain an orientation to the history and development of the city. The museum will be based in the Standard Bank building in Adderley Street which is currently being renovated and refurbished.

Linked to the launch of the Oral History Framework in Heritage month 2015, we also launched a travelling exhibition on the life of the late Dulcie September who would have celebrated her 80th birthday.

Oral history enables the conservation of intangible heritage and in turn, this has the potential to promote social inclusion, understanding, tolerance and in turn nation building. Therefore, in collaboration with Libraries, the Museum Service launched the Oral History Initiative at libraries in Hawston in the Overstrand on 4th of December 2015 and in the Berg River Municipality at the end of February. Oral testimonies recorded on video are available at the libraries as well as the Provincial Archives.

In 2016/17, work on the establishment of the Cape Town Museum will continue. A Governing Body will be appointed and they will oversee the process towards the development of the permanent exhibition of the museum. Building work at the Standard Bank building will continue and it is expected that the building will be occupied toward the end of the financial year.

The roll-out of the Oral History Initiative at libraries will continue in each district of the Province during 2016/17. Through the project, personal histories and community experiences become shared heritage and libraries become social hubs. Locals are now free to visit their libraries and request to share their stories on record.

In collaboration with Heritage Western Cape, the Department will develop Heritage Routes to highlight specific aspects of our shared culture, for example the Cannons Route, and a Cape Malay Heritage Route.

Support to affiliated museums will continue in the form of funding, marketing and promotion, education and training, exhibition development, conservation work, the secondment of staff, and mentoring and advice. Where resources allow, services will be extended to unaffiliated museums as well.

In my experiences as Minister of this enriching Department, I have gained a better insight into the diversity of the Western Cape. While many are of the opinion that our diversity, that being: differing cultural backgrounds, beliefs, traditions, mother tongues, socio-economic status and even political

affiliations, is what sets us apart and divides us as a collective nation. I am of the view that our beauty lies in our diversity. There is more that we have in common than that, which sets us apart and the sooner we all realise this, the better.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

We need to get to a point where we understand and tolerate each other regardless of our differences.

†Ons moet 'n punt bereik waar ons ons diversiteit vier en saamwerk om 'n maatskaplik inklusiewe nasie te bou, en daar is geen beter tyd as juis nou nie.

Vir die 2016/17 boekjaar gaan Erfenis Hulpbrondienste R7 894 000 ontvang. In die afgelope boekjaar het die Provinsiale erfenis hulpbron-owerheid van die Provinsie, Erfenis Wes-Kaap, daadwerklike pogings aangewend ter bevordering van die praktiese doel van Nasionale Erfenis Wetgewing in die vestiging, implementering en instandhouding van 'n geïntegreerde erfenis hulpbron bestuurstrategie in die provinsie.

In 2015/16 het die Owerheid ongeveer 3 000 aansoeke verwerk. In hierdie verband het Erfenis Wes-Kaap onlangs 'n ooreenkoms met die Department van Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning aangegaan om sodoende 'n standaard bedryfsprosedure ten opsigte van die gesamentlike verwerking van erfenis impakassesserings in werking te stel.

Erfenis Wes-Kaap beoog om in die nuwe boekjaar soortgelyke ooreenkomste met ander belanghebbers aan te gaan om verdere steun te verleen ten opsite van die skepping van 'n doeltreffende en effektiewe Erfenis Hulpbron Bestuurstelsel. Erfenis Wes-Kaap neem kennis van die onlangse sake van openbare belang wat in die openbare domein bespreek word, en het gereageer op die behoefte aan 'n meer transformatiewe benadering tot gedenktekens en erfenispraktyk.

In dié verband het die Erfenisowerheid 'n gids tot monumente en gedenktekens en 'n beleid oor inisiasieterreine opgestel. Erfenis Wes-Kaap moedig die registrasie van bewaringsliggame aan en gaan begin werk aan 'n gedragskode om hierdie liggame te lei wat betref hul kommentaar tydens die aansoekprosedures. Sy bedoeling is ook om voorheen benadeelde gemeenskappe aan te moedig en te lei in aktiewe deelname in sulke gevalle. Indien alles deeglik oorweeg word, bly die feit staan dat dit die inwoners van die Wes-Kaap is wat voordeel trek uit die pogings van die entiteit, en Erfenis Wes-Kaap gaan voort om aktiewe deelname van die publiek aan die bestuur van die Provinsie se erfenishulpbronne aan te moedig om verteenwoordigende transformasie te verseker.

*We need to get to a point where we celebrate our diversity and together work towards a socially inclusive nation and there is no such a time as this.

For the 2016/17 financial year, Heritage Resource Services will receive R7 894 000. In the past financial year the provincial heritage resources

authority of the Province, Heritage Western Cape (HWC), has made considerable effort in advancing the intents and purpose of national heritage legislation in establishing, implementing and maintaining an integrated heritage resources management strategy in the Province.

In 2015/16, the authority processed approximately 3 000 applications. In this regard Heritage Western Cape recently entered into an agreement with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in effecting a Standard Operating Procedure with regard to the joint processing of Heritage Impact Assessments.

It is the intention of Heritage Western Cape to enter into similar agreements with other role players in the new financial year to further assist in working towards an efficient and effective heritage resources management system. Heritage Western Cape has taken cognisance of recent issues of interest in the public domain and has responded to the need for a more transformative approach to memorials and heritage practice.

In that regard the heritage authority has produced a Guide to Monuments and Memorials and a Policy on Initiation Sites. Heritage Western Cape seeks to encourage the registration of Conservation Bodies and will be working on a Code of Conduct to guide these bodies in their commenting role in application processes. Furthermore, its intention is to encourage and guide previously disadvantaged communities in actively participating in such instances. All things considered, the fact remains that ultimately it is the

citizens of the Western Cape that benefit from the efforts of the entity and Heritage Western Cape continues to encourage the active participation of the public in the management of the Province's heritage resources to ensure representative transformation.

†I take this opportunity to bid Dr Errol Myburgh, CEO of Heritage Western Cape in the gallery farewell as he retires after long service to the public of the Western Cape. I thank him wholeheartedly for all his efforts to protect the heritage of our province over the years. I also welcome Mxolisi Dlamuka as he will officially start as the new CEO of Heritage Western Cape on the 1st of April 2016. [Applause.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I understand that the Standing Committee is concerned about the perceived lack of isiXhosa material in the Western Cape. I am proud to announce that in 2015/16, a Language Code of Conduct based on the Western Cape Language Policy was developed by the Department and accepted by Provincial Top Management for implementation in all provincial departments. The Department also assisted the Elsenburg Agricultural Training College with the formulation of a Language Policy that is acceptable to all staff and students.

A Government Specific Trilingual Terminology publication was launched on International Translation Day on 30 September 2015. This book, reflecting the terminology of commonly used terms in Government in all three official languages of the Western Cape, is also available on the internet. It supports

the uniform use of terminology among language practitioners rendering services to the Provincial Government.

An isiXhosa chess book was launched on the 7th of July 2015 in cooperation with Watu Kobese, who holds the title of International Master and has represented South Africa many times. Together with our Department, Mr Kobese developed the isiXhosa terminology for chess pieces, its moves and the game as a whole.

†Mnr M G E WILEY: Mooi!

*Mr M G E WILEY: Good!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: The first of its kind isiXhosa chess book makes it easier for learners to master the game of chess. I thank the author Mr Watu Kobese, in the gallery today, for assisting the Department in promoting the use of the three official languages of the Western Cape, namely: Afrikaans, isiXhosa and English. [Applause.] You have undoubtedly helped us ensure that the Western Cape is a caring home for all by promoting a multilingual society.

In the new financial year, a cricket and netball isiXhosa book will also be launched. A soccer, boxing and athletics isiXhosa book will soon follow.

A draft framework for South African Sign Language was developed, aimed at improving service delivery to the deaf community in the Western Cape. All

people living with a deafness affiliated to different organisations of the Western Cape were consulted extensively during consultative workshops to ensure the credibility of the document. I welcome Michelle Lombard and Seleni Dumisa, our sign language interpreters and Jabaar Mohamed from DEAFSA to the House today and thank them for their significant contribution to making the Western Cape an open opportunity society for all. [Applause.]

The framework for South African Sign Language is in its fourth draft and further consultations will be done in the new financial year with relevant provincial departments.

The Language Services component of the Department is responsible for providing transversal language support services to all departments through translating, editing, interpreting and quality control. The Department will continue to facilitate meetings of the Western Cape Provincial Language Forum.

With the R4 877 000 appropriated to the Department's Language Services we will continue to provide language support services in all three official languages of the Western Cape to all departments of the Provincial Government and provide interpreting services where possible, including South African Sign Language interpreting.

The 2015/2016 initiation winter season concluded without any fatalities and the Department continues in its endeavours to provide an enabling environment for this cultural practice.

†Biblioteek- en Argiefdienste ontvang R359 698 000 om volhoubare biblioteek-, inligting- en argiefdienste te bevorder, te ontwikkel en te transformeer.

Die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport sal voortgaan om die Wes-Kaap se biblioteekdienste te ondersteun met meer as 366 openbare biblioteke wat in die Wes-Kaap ondersteun word. Daarbenewens vorm biblioteke deel van die breëband-projek deur die toerusting van openbare geboue met hoëspoed breëband-internetkonneksies. Dit is 'n positiewe bydrae tot slim groei wat daarop gemik is om kennis en innovering uit te bou.

Biblioteke huisves nie net boeke nie, hulle dien as sosiale vergadersentrums en veilige ruimtes vir ons gemeenskappe. Hulle skep 'n samelewing waarin almal die geleentheid kry om hulself persoonlik te bemagtig en 'n bydrae te lewer tot lewenslange leer en dit bied die geleentheid vir kulturele verryking, en die vooruitsigte van ekonomiese welvaart. Ons is onder andere van plan om in die komende boekjaar die volgende te vermag: Die Wes-Kaapse Biblioteekdiens is prakties betrokke by die uitrol van die Wes-Kaapse breëband hoëspoed gratis internet diens by landelike openbare biblioteke. Tans is 66 biblioteke reeds op die breëband-netwerk en die doel is om 200

biblioteke oor die volgende 2 jaar te verbind. Die spesiale dienste, blinde en swaksiende persone sal uitgebrei word na 'n verdere 7 openbare biblioteke.

*Library and Archive Services are allocated R359 698 000 to promote, develop and transform sustainable library, information and archive services.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport will continue to support the Western Cape library services, with over 366 public libraries supported across the Western Cape. Offering multiple benefits, libraries serve as places for reading, relaxing, learning and building of social capital. Therefore, library services continue to make positive contributions toward improving education outcomes. In addition, libraries form part of the Broadband project, by connecting public buildings to high speed broadband. This is a positive contribution toward smart growth, which aims to strengthen knowledge and innovation.

Libraries do not only house books, they serve as social hubs and safe spaces for our communities. They create a society in which all are afforded the opportunity to personally empower themselves, contribute to lifelong learning, and provides for cultural enrichment and the prospects of economic prosperity. Amongst other, during the coming financial year we are planning to: WC Library Service is hands on involved in the Western Cape Broadband rollout of high speed free internet at rural public libraries. Currently 66 libraries are already on the broadband network, with the aim of 200 libraries

to be connected over the next two years. The special service for the blind and partially sighted will be extended to a further 7 public libraries.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, history has shown time and again that sport has the ability to bring diverse groups of people together. In the words of the late great Nelson Mandela:

“Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination”.

Through this Department I have had the pleasure of witnessing this first-hand and I am sure many of you have as well. Through sport, we all feel a sense of belonging that is void of differing cultural backgrounds, mother tongues and even political affiliation. We are all South African unified by supporting one team, singing one national anthem and flying one flag. Time and again sport and recreation have proven to contribute to the social inclusion of our diverse population.

For this reason R205 593 000 is dedicated to Programme 4: Sport and Recreation. This allocation will promote sport in order to contribute towards the reconciliation and development of the Western Cape community through the provision of equitable, accessible and affordable sport facilities, programmes and services. It will also promote school sport as well as sport for people living with a disability by assisting with structures, competitions,

talent identification, development, as well as specific and next-level activities.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons vlagskip MOD Program vorm die basis van die naskoolse speltransformator wat deur die Premier in haar Provinsiale Begrotingstoespraak genoem is. Die volgende strategieë gaan in die 2016/17 boekjaar geïmplementeer word om die gehalte en bywoning van 181 MOD Sentrums verder te verbeter.

‘n Sterk fokus en klem word gelê op die verhoging van die bywoning en koers van deelname aan hoërskole deur die implementering van intra-klas en inter-klas aktiwiteite wat sal kulmineer in die vorming van die skoolspanne. ‘n Verdere fokus sal wees om saam te werk met interne en eksterne vennote om die MOD voetspoor te versprei, en om te verseker dat daar meer geen-fooi-skole in staat is om kwaliteit programme aan te bied aan hul leerders wat sport, kuns en kultuur betref. Dit is die voorloper tot die naburige skoleprogram wat die ruggraat van die Skoolsportligas vorm.

*Our flagship MOD Programme forms the nucleus of the After School game changer announced by the Premier in her State of the Province Address. The 2016/17 financial year will see the following strategies implemented to improve the quality and attendance at 181 MOD Centres.

A strong focus and emphasis is placed on increasing the attendance and rate of participation at High Schools through the implementation of intra class

and inter class activities which would culminate in the formation of school teams. A further focus would be to collaborate with internal and external partners to spread the MOD footprint and to ensure that more no fee schools are able to offer quality programming to their learners in sport, arts and culture. This is the forerunner to the Neighbouring Schools Programme which forms the backbone of the School Sport Leagues.

Through these partnerships and by crowding in resources at no fee schools, these learners will be able to participate in a variety of activities of their choice and in so doing become empowered young adults who are better prepared for life.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker – ek dink ek het ... Ja ek het nou my bladsy verloor.

‘n Bykomende 8 MOD Sentrums is geïdentifiseer onderhewig jaar hierna program wat die akademiese been van die MOD Program uitmaak te bedien.

*Mr Deputy Speaker – I think I ... Yes, I just lost my page.

An additional 8 MOD Centres have been identified to receive the YeBo (Year Beyond) Programme which is the academic leg of the MOD Programme.

†Today learners from the MOD Programme showcased their talents as developed through the centres. During lunch, members of this House and later on in the concourse, Western Cape Government officials were afforded the opportunity to witness first-hand a glimpse of the talents and skills resulting

from the programme. The group of vocalists who rendered the National Anthem are Saroney Vaughn and Clyde Hanekom from Worcester; Jody Basson from Saldanha; Lisa Petersen from Mitchells Plain, Malelhoa Khoarane from Langa; Aneesha Langeveldt from Manenberg and Brandon Mack from as far as Swellendam. [Applause.]

During lunch we saw the jugglers who are Bulelani Molefe, Alutha, Neo Hlitana, Vuyani Lottering and Roman Molefe, all from Langa. The dancers who displayed their remarkable talents were Jamie Perry, Royden Botha, Amien Solomans from Lavender Hill and Lulamba Damba from Khayelitsha. The marching band exhibitions were performed by none other than the Western Province Marching Association. I acknowledge Mr. Saeed Ruiters, President of the Western Province Marching Association and Mrs Shamielah Toffar, Secretary of the Association in the gallery today.

I commend each group who came from across the province and participated in our showcase here today to display a snapshot of the reality of talent in our province.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: I thank each one of them for making the positive choice to participate in the enriching opportunities made available to them and rather focusing on constructive activities contributing to positive youth development when surrounded by so

many social ills. The social inclusive development of talents and interest while steering away from delinquent behaviour, Deputy, is the purpose of our MOD Programme.

†Baie dankie Anthony Lottering, Japan van Leve, Beulah Kleinveld, Siyabanga Svelendabu, Angelo van Wyk en Ashley Lubbe vir julle toewyding.

*Thank you Anthony Lottering, Japan van Leve, Beulah Kleinveld, Siyabanga Svelendabu, Angelo van Wyk and Ashley Lubbe for your commitment.

†As the Western Cape Government we are committed to creating an enabling environment so that the people of the Western Cape can live lives they value. Our Department invests in the developmental resources needed to hone and promote sporting excellence. With much pride, I am happy to announce that the Western Cape is the leading province in terms of the number of sporting facility projects, with 90 underway and the Free State following at 52.

In the 2016/17 financial year, R510 000 is allocated towards an academy and two netball courts in Beaufort West. Cape Agulhas will receive R700 000 towards the establishment of an academy in the Overberg region. Stellenbosch Municipality will boast a R60 000 Cycling BMX Track. Swartland Municipality will be provided with two netball courts totalling R54 000 and George Municipality will also have access to two new netball courts also totalling R54 000.

The Department supported six District sport councils and one Provincial Confederation, of whom Richard Buckley from the Metro, Lorenzo Arendse from the Cape Winelands, Desmond Spielman from the Eden Sports Council and Jerome Arendse Treasurer of the Western Provincial Sport Confederation, are here today. The Department will transfer R2 881 400 this year - in this 2016/17 financial year. This amount also makes provision for Provincial Sport Federations, for example; Western Cape Tennis, Netball, Kickboxing, Sailing, to name a few. I am proud to announce that we have ensured that in partnership with the civil society, the Central Karoo Sport Council was established, strengthened and funded through the Conditional Grant.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in summary, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport will spend a considerable amount of our Programme 4 budget in each district of the province in the 2016/17 cycle. What follows is only but a highlight or two from each district:

In the Cape Winelands:

- Assisting neighbouring schools with the provision of resources in order to participate in the inter-school league system. This includes Worcester, Stellenbosch, Paarl, Mbekweni, Robertson, Gouda, Koue Bokkeveld, Ceres and Wolseley.

In Central Karoo:

- The District Indigenous Games will take place on the 4th June 2016 in Mandlenkosi and ongoing support will be provided to the 13 MOD Centres in Murraysburg, Nelspoort, Beaufort West, Leeu-Gamka, Prince Albert and Laingsburg areas.

In the Eden District:

- The combined Youth Camp for Central Karoo and Eden is scheduled for the 25th July 2016.
- We will continue to provide support at the 16 MOD Centres in Plettenberg Bay, Knysna, George, Riversdale, Heidelberg, Grootbrak, Mossel Bay, Dysselsdorp, Oudtshoorn and Calitzdorp areas.

In the Overberg District:

- The District Indigenous Games will take place on the 14th May 2016.
- The District Golden Games will take place in Bredasdorp on the 20th May 2016 and assist neighbouring schools with provision of resources in order to participate in inter school league system in Gansbaai, Caledon, Grabouw, Zwelihle, Swellendam, Bredasdorp, Barrydale, Genadendal, Hawston and Villiersdorp.

In the West Coast District:

- Ongoing support will be provided to the 16 MOD Centres in Lutzville, Vredendal, Van Rhynsdorp, Bitterfontein, Clanwilliam, Citrusdal, Porterville, Moorreesburg, Malmesbury, Riebeeck West, Saldanha and Vredenburg areas.

In the Cape Metropole:

- Ongoing support will be provided to the 96 MOD Centres in the Metro.
- Intlanganiso High School in Kayalitsha has been identified to receive a facility upgrade.

Not only do sporting activities create a sense of belonging, teamwork, respect, self-confidence, passion, pride, hope and unity, they also provide focus, direction, purpose, expression and hope for the future. It is for this reason that sporting activities have been identified as a contributing factor to the Western Cape Government's Game-Changer of tackling alcohol abuse. If our youth are occupied with positive development programmes they can be deemed youth with potential rather than youth at risk as anti-social activities such as substance abuse and gangsterism fail to then become a priority.

I was fortunate enough to engage with positive youth development programmes which foreground different sporting codes and recreational activities as its focus. Amongst many others, these include:

†Oasis, onder leiding van Mnr Clifford Martinus, wat vandag hier in die gallery sit, is 'n geregistreerde nie-winsgewende organisasie. Sy belangrikste doelstelling is om ontwikkelingsprogramme vir sport te ontwikkel. Die programme vorm 'n platform waar ons kan aansluiting vind by die jeug, sowel as volwassenes van gemarginaliseerde gemeenskappe en aan hulle opvoedkundige geleentheid en geleentheid vir die ontwikkeling van lewensvaardighede bied. Dit is deur middel van hierdie program wat voorheen hawelose jeug deelgeneem het, en verlede jaar die geleentheid gekry het om deel te neem aan Internasionale Hawelose Straatsokker Wêreldbeker Sokkertoernooi in Admsterdam. Hulle het 5de plek uit 'n totaal van 64 lande verower. Dit word in die vooruitsig gestel dat ons Departement weereens die span sal finansier om deel te neem aan vanjaar se Wêreldbekertoernooi. 'n Slegs meisiespan sal ook deelneem.

The 9Miles Project is 'n jeug gemeenskapsontwikkeling nie-winsgewende organisasie wat branderplankry gebruik as 'n platform van transformasie deur te fokus op kwesbare jeug in Kaapstad. Nigel Savel, stigterslid van die organisasie kombineer waterveiligheidsbewustheid met swem- en branderplankrylesse op 'n prettige en insiggewende manier. Caleb Swanepoel, die 20-jarige van Prins Albert, wat op 27 Junie 2015 'n haai-aanval op Buffelsbaai oorleef het, het sy wonderbaarlike ervaring en persoonlike wenke oor waterveiligheid met die skare kinders gedeel, en hulle inderdaad geïnspireer om enige uitdaging te aanvaar wat hulle in die gesig mag staar.

Môre breek die einde van die fietsrymaand in die Wes-Kaap aan. Ons het premier fietsrygeleenthede soos die Cape Rouleur, die Kaapstad Fietstoer en die ABSA Cape Epic met groot sukses aangebied, en watter ekonomiese inspuiting was dit nie. Hierdie geleenthede bied 'n platform vir positiewe rolmodelle vir ons jeug. Talentvolle jaers van kwesbare gemeenskappe is gekies om deel te neem aan verskillende ontwikkelingsprogramme wat hulle ondersteun en help ontwikkel in professionele atlete wat toegerus is om mee te ding en deel te neem aan internasionale fietsrygeleenthede. Een so program is HotChillee se ontwikkelingsprogram vir jong ontwikkelende fietsryers. Shameeg Salie van Grassy Park het finansiële steun van ons Departement ontvang om verlede jaar in Europa te kon deelneem. Hierdie jaar gaan ons twee ontwikkelingsryers finansiëel ondersteun om deel te neem aan Europese fietswedrenne. [Applous.] En Minister Alan Winde wys vir my dat hy ook die eerste keer bygedra het. [Gelag.] Dankie Minister Winde.

*Oasis, under the leadership of Mr Clifford Martinus in our gallery today, is a registered non-profit organisation, with its main focus being on sport for development programmes. The programmes form a platform where we can connect with both youth and adults from marginalized communities, offering them educational and life skill opportunities. It is through this programme that previously homeless youth participated in their programmes and consequently competed at the International Homeless Street Soccer World Cup in Amsterdam last year and finished 5th place out of 64 countries. It is envisioned that our Department will once again fund the team to participate in this year's world cup with the addition of an all-girls team as well.

The 9Miles Project is a youth and community development Non-Profit Organisation that uses surfing as a platform for transformation by focusing on vulnerable youth in Cape Town. Nigel Savel, founder of the organisation incorporates water safety awareness through swimming and surfing lessons in a fun and informative way. Caleb Swanepoel, the 20 year old from Prince Albert, who survived a shark attack at Buffels Bay on 27 June 2015, shared with the crowd of children his miraculous experience, personal tips on water safety and indeed inspired them to conquer any challenges they are facing.

Tomorrow marks the end of cycling month in the Western Cape. We have successfully hosted premier cycling events such as the Cape Rouleur, the Cape Town Cycle Tour and the ABSA Cape Epic, and what an economic injection that was. These events offer a platform for positive role models for our youth. Talented riders from vulnerable communities are selected to participate in various development programmes which support and groom them into professional athletes equipped to compete in international cycling events. One such programme is HotChillee's young development rider's programme. Shameeg Salie from Grassy Park was funded by our department to participate in Europe last year. This year we will be funding two developmental riders to compete in European cycling events. [Applause.] And Minister Alan Winde indicates to me that he also contributed for the first time. [Laughter.] Thank you, Minister Winde.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport plays a fundamental role in the social inclusivity of our diverse population, which

inevitably unifies us. The people on the ground must know about the positive developments amidst the controversy. They must be provided with beacons of hope as they find themselves in vulnerable spaces and these role models exist in our sportspeople and rising arts and cultural stars. Our people are in dire need of renewed hope that as a nation, we are united in our diversity.

This Department, the dedicated staff and our constructive programmes have the ability to change lives in the Western Cape for the better. I call on all present here to assist us in the realisation of our vision and mission and instead of perpetuating discriminatory divides, let us celebrate our diversity because essentially, our beauty lies in our diversity. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agbare lid Mackenzie.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, before I start the formal debate, let me just thank the Minister for that comprehensive budget speech that she has given there. In fact, most of our honourable members from the West Coast and from Laingsburg and from Swellendam will be happy to hear that all their towns are getting a piece of the cake this year. So thank you for that hon Minister.

Hon Minister, I would also like to inform this House that the Open Streets Festival is taking place in Mitchells Plain this weekend. This is an exciting festival which will include live music, games and exhibitions. This is a

perfect example of social inclusion and we encourage all members of this House to attend this event. We thank the City of Cape Town and all Government departments for providing assistance in making this happen. This is indeed about social inclusion and it shows what the City does that brings freedom, fairness and opportunities.

In fact, I was recently reading a study done by Professor Christo de Koning of the Interdisciplinary Centre of Excellence for Sports Science and Development, about the socio-economic benefits and impact of sport and recreation. Thank you to Adv. Lindenbauer for giving me this book. This book is actually worth reading hon members and it says in terms of economic contribution, GDP and employment, and using 2% as a very conservative estimate, the research that he has conducted found that sport contributed R8.8 billion to the Western Cape GDP. He goes on further to say that it is probably the impact of sport and related activities that supported an excess of 60 000 jobs in that industry.

So it is very important that we do support this budget vote and he speaks to the fact that the Western Cape Government is taking sport and recreation very seriously. This is shown in the increased allocation not only to the Education Department for the school Game-Changers, but also from Social Development and obviously from the Minister as well.

Hon members, let me take the opportunity seeing the hon Minister ended up with cycling, and thank Clint Hendricks from team RoadCover, Jayde Julius

from Dimension Data and the former defending champion, Nolan Hoffman, that took the respective first, second and third podium place in the recent Cape Argus. And in fact the Minister Alan Winde also completed it, and the honourable Beverley Schäfer. But it was very interesting to find out that Minister Winde was beaten by member Schäfer, so well done on women power. [Applause.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I stand to support Vote 13, because this Government understands that sports and culture continues to provide opportunities for youth from all walks of life and have played a massive role, not only in social cohesion, but to help those from disadvantaged communities gain access to opportunities.

The key objectives for the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport are a promotion of arts, culture and heritage, as a mechanism to increase wellness, safety and tackle social ills. And while we are on heritage, let me also take the opportunity and thank Hanneltjie for the 22 years that she has given to the Department. One would have thought that she is 22 years old and not that she has worked there for 22 years. So thank you very much.

The R738 million that has been allocated for 2016 to the Department - one would have like R7 billion to be allocated, but we all know we have competing priorities. Globally, sport is a multi-billion rand industry and the Western Cape again has proven they are capable of hosting major events such as the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the Two Oceans Marathon and the Cape Epic,

just to mention a few, as well as obviously having significant infrastructure such as the Cape Town Stadium and several other stadiums, the Philippi etc., which the Minister and the Government support.

This again indicates the important role sport plays in the economic development of the Western Cape. It is also important to note, hon members, that the culture of sport, as the Minister highlighted, contributes to development that boosts social inclusion.

In fact very interesting, hon Minister, on our lasting Standing Committee oversight visit to Library Services, as soon as the Committee highlighted one of the concerns that we only have two languages, because of the shortage of vernacular writers in the Western Cape, you went out of your way and you made a very important announcement, which some of the hon members obviously didn't get, because they didn't clap hands. So, well done hon Minister, that shows initiative and great leadership on your part and we are going to welcome more books from vernacular speakers in our libraries. So thank you very much for that hon Minister.

Hon Minister, together with civil society, sport federations, recreation and school entities, the Department has focused on delivering sport related services. The Department continues to give support to sports clubs in the province, as well as for federations operating in the province. In fact, hon Minister, your funding for the case of sports programmes, coupled with this book, is probably one of the few in the country and you know that you will

give more funding to federations to fund the case for sport, and the benefit of how sport can contribute to our economy. And again, hon Minister, well done on that.

I further want to indicate that recently we attended the Western Cape Sports Awards and hon member Dugmore was there. I didn't see the other members there so they didn't accept the invitation. Again, hon Minister, the contribution to rural development in the Western Cape has shown - because the majority of the winners, in fact if not all of the winners came from Vredendal, Bergrivier, Beaufort West, all the small towns. That shows what the Government does, that we are not a Metro-focused government, we are a Government of the people of the Western Cape, and that is what the Government is supposed to do.

Let me come to the MOD Programme, and you have seen the wonderful activities that took place at lunchtime today. It made me so proud because that is one of my favourite programmes, and it shows what you can do if you invest in the youth. So, well done to the youth that took part in the activities today. It was very exciting, highly appreciated. Some of you deserve to be on *Idols*. In fact, hon Minister, we should write to them because some of those people on *Idols* don't deserve to be there but some of the people we heard today definitely deserve to there.

As stated in the budget estimates - we can go through the book and we have done it in detail - you commit yourself again to invest in libraries and we are

one of the few governments that consistently does it. We know it is an unfunded mandate, so the more money that you give to libraries, the more communities in our province are educated, because as a governing organisation, as the DA-led Government, we know that education is the key out of poverty and education is the key to the success. The fact that you consistently invest in libraries, hon Minister, shows exactly the quality of leadership that you have.

Furthermore, hon Minister, you will continue to provide employment through your EPWP Programmes. Again, the allocation of R548 000, the increased funding of R502 000 and the increased funding to the Cape Town Museum, show that you take also history seriously, because without understanding your past you cannot understand your future. So thank you, hon Minister, and well done for that. I just want to thank you ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, can you protect me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will protect you, I am watching.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to thank the Minister and the Department and the HOD. Despite the fact that they are currently the best run Provincial Department in the country, they still come up with amazing ideas, amazing views and clear innovation of what this Government is about. So thank you, hon Minister and thank you to the members of the Committee. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Makeleni. Please come to order House, please come to order.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

† ‘n AGB LID: Gooi Kole!

*An HON MEMBER: Throw coals!

Ms P MAKELENI: Let me take this opportunity to welcome the Head of Department and further congratulate you for your hard work. It is noticeable. Comrade Dugmore you indeed have laid a solid foundation there. [Interjections.] Let me also wish Nomasa well in her new role in National and also welcome the new Directors that have just joined the Department. I further wish to praise Hannetjie – our very own walking encyclopaedia. I hope wherever you go you continue to be a wealth of knowledge and share it with as many people and live long to see the fruits of your hard work. You are highly appreciated. [Applause.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me also welcome the members of the MOD Centres and tell them that their talents are noticeable. We are going to speak to our Ministers and the judges of *Idols* to see they can accommodate them. I have got contacts there. [Laughter.]

On a serious note, one of the cornerstones of our democracy is how we commit ourselves to nation building, through which we bring about harmony and peace amongst people. This notion is contained in the Constitution of South Africa, which emphasises the need to heal the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice, fundamental human rights and liberties.

This Department is entrusted, amongst others, with the responsibility to unite the people, recognise their diverse backgrounds and prejudices, through sports and culture. This Department also has the responsibility to provide and promote arts and culture through the use of museums, heritage sites and language related services for the inhabitants of the Western Cape.

After 22 years of democracy, we are still living in a province where the progress that was achieved in the early years of our democracy has since 2009 been eroded. Our Committees are not integrated and basic services are not transformed. The recent racial tensions among South Africans are forcing the elected leadership in public offices to do everything in their power to bring sanity to our society.

Let me from the onset congratulate the people, especially young people and women, of the Western Cape who have excelled in 2015 in various sporting codes and cultural activities and were able to uncover their hidden talents under trying times. I further congratulate member Dugmore on finishing the Two Oceans Marathon this past weekend. [Applause.]

I call on the Department to follow in the footsteps of our National Minister, hon Fikile Mbalula, to extend a helping hand and assist struggling sporting codes and clubs in the province, without being seen as interfering with their respective processes and protocols.

This budget says nothing about a very important development which threatens prosperity in this province. I am not surprised though because when I asked MEC Marais why the Department does not have an anti-racism campaign, her reply was: “there is no need because it is not prevalent in this province.” [Interjections.]

Well, her response went against the DA public stance taken by the Leader of DA in this province, Mayor De Lille, who has initiated an anti-racism campaign. I wonder whether party discipline exists in this DA when the party leader is openly defied by the MEC in this manner? I hope you remember the day I ask you, hon Minister.

The Provincial Government must make up its mind and decide where the MOD Centres belong. This programme is allocated R62 million amounting to

a 12% increase of the revised estimates of this current financial year. How will this amount from the conditional grant from National be used? I say this because already the MOD programme feeding scheme allocated from Social Development has shifted to Educational Department. I have proposed before for that a MOD Centre programme must be located in the Education Department. Not only because lots of funds are pumped into that Department, but also the required resources are already located within their scope of responsibility.

The Public Secondary Level has an earmarked allocation amounting to R45 506 million for the purpose of the MOD Centre Feeding Scheme, as well as R15 million for the current financial year from Education. The revised estimates are reduced by R31 million due to the Feeding Scheme Programme of MOD Centres being shifted to Vote 5, which is Department of Social Department. R4 million is allocated to support youth with aftercare activities whereas in the Education Budget an amount of R39 million is allocated for the purpose of MOD Schools, in this case the holes in the sport fields. The increase in the MOD Centre Programme of R26 000 is an increase beyond MOD Centres of R96 000 and increase in the MOD Centres middle and broad management capacity of R148 000. The After School Game-Changer was given R2 million in Vote 5, and in this Vote an additional amount of R30 million is allocated to it - R240 000 from the Social Development Department. The Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer is allocated R390 million whereas the same programme has an earmarked allocation of R1.7 million from the Department of Health.

I am curious as to exactly how this money will be used, as the Department cannot even tell exactly how much is contributed to the MOD Centres. What worries me is the fact that there are 1,547 schools and there are only 181 MOD Centres, meaning that the majority of learners are not beneficiaries of the programme. It would seem that the use of school building halls and sports fields are now outsourced for the utilisation of MOD Centres, whereas learners, particularly from public schools in the historically disadvantaged communities, continue to be left behind in terms of participating in various sporting codes. The most excellent youngsters who end up being professionals in their chosen sports codes, always come from private schools.

Many, if not all, public schools in this province do not have adequate facilities for learners to participate in their sporting codes of choice. This disproportionate allocation of resources perpetuates continued inequalities which results in the creation of an environment filled with social ills and the disintegration of moral fibre in our communities and society at large. Why is it that these MOD Centres are not integrated in the main curriculum of the school syllabus to ensure all learners have an opportunity to participate? It would be feasible for schools such as George High School, which is a sports focused school, to be upgraded and be well resourced similar to the well-resourced Western Cape sports focused school situated in Kuils River near Cape Town.

In Programme 4: Sports and Recreation, the more than 160% revised estimate goes to management instead of prioritising other impact based sub-

programmes, such as sports and recreation and school sports. This budget is silent on the promotion of traditional leaders. I know that this is not done by mistake, but because the DA-led Government lacks policy to regulate relations with traditional leaders and commit to their traditional responsibilities in the province, and do not care about the plight of the historically underprivileged communities.

A few years ago the Department imposed a moratorium on the registration of the Cultural Council. The reason given was that it was a cost-cutting measure, which was done at the expense of promoting cultural and traditional diversity and their activities in this province. To date, the House of Traditional Leaders is not represented in the Western Cape Cultural Commission. How long must we allow the closing of public space to represent people's interests?

The failure to use all three languages in this Legislature is the reflection of negative attitude by the DA-led Government. Soon after the SONA in February, I requested the Xhosa version of the speech of the Honourable Premier Zille. Regrettably, I have not received it as I speak to you here to date. The other struggling rich language in this province is that of Nama language. [Interjections.]

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

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Ndicela sihloniphane please, suthetha uqaqadeke uthetha nam.

*Mr M MNQASELA: Could we please show some respect to one another, do not speak like that to me.

UNksz P MAKELENI: Kuqaqadeke wena tyhini!

Ms P MAKELENI: Right back at you!

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Ingathi ukhwele ihagu xa uthetha nam.

*Mr M MNQASELA: You are being rude, you speak as if you are riding on a pig when speaking to me.

Ms P MAKELENI: That is not a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member I missed it. Are you asking a question?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask the hon member a question.

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

The answer is no, unfortunately not.

†UNksz P MAKELENI: Angabe ehlala phantsi, andinamdla wemibuzo yakhe uqaqadeke ethetha.

*Ms P MAKELENI: He can sit. I am not interested in his questions, he speaks so rudely.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Ms P MAKELENI: The other struggling rich language in this province is the Nama language. We were told that there is one person recognised to be conversant in this language and its full history in this province. The question that must be asked is what is being done to promote and preserve it? Does this budget say anything about promoting the Nama language? †Do. *No. We are further told that there is a glaring absence of isiXhosa writers in the province, which I hear the Minister mentioning but one. What is this Department doing to encourage isiXhosa writers? Not just the one that you want to grandstand with.

The R38 million allocated for museums in this province is not inclusive in terms of the preserving the heritage and history of all inhabitants. The point in case here is the CP Nel Museum, where the people of Kwanokuthula, in Oudtshoorn are not even mentioned in the rich history of that little community in terms of its diverse cultural history and heritage.

There are about 140 museums, most of which are privately owned or managed. I call upon the Department to collect this wealth and open access to all, including supporting all the museums in our province. There are many heritage sites across the province that are not recognised, not because they

are not known, but because there is no political will on the part of Provincial Government. In this Department I notice the transfer to Local Government to favour the Category A municipalities with an increment of 33.46% revised estimate compared to 3.96% on Category B municipalities.

There is an earmarked allocation of R75 million to the City of Cape Town libraries for infrastructure and maintenance. Is it not prejudicial to the other municipalities as there is more need to maintain and build infrastructure in the smaller and rural municipalities? [Interjection.]

I think it is important for me to mention when we opened this debate, we started with the National Anthem. I feel it is necessary to advise the DA bench that the National Anthem is a prayer. It deserves the same respect, if not more, as the prayer we make at the beginning of the sitting. They need to respect it and stop taking pictures and talking to each other while the prayer is in session. [Interjections.] In conclusion, the ANC cannot support a budget that has undertones of frustrating the very essence of its existence.

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: Honourable Deputy Speaker, Madam Premier, Executive members, honourable Members of Parliament, officials of Parliament and support staff, all our distinguished guests and all role-players who are involved with that, but most important our Department, DCAS. And

Hannetjie, from my side also, Godspeed and I pray you His anointing and blessings wherever you go. Also our colleague who is retiring and the new incumbent, for you also, everything of the best.

Because of time constraints and time limits, I know we are pressed for time, I am going to be very short. Hon member Dugmore ran the Two Oceans, I'm going to run the One Ocean. I'm going to make a few comments about some salient speeches in the debate.

We should have never been in the situation in this country and also in this province that we are faced with today; a country being racialised, divided and full of animosity. †Dit is onnodig, man. *It is unnecessary, man.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mnr B D KIVEDO: †Amper sê ek "dammit". [Gelag.] *I almost said "dammit". Laughter.] †The fact remains that where it is happening in terms of de-racialising society, celebrating cultural diversity, striving towards and addressing the national question in clear terms - that is the national question about nation building, reconciliation, restitution and healing of this country and also this province. And I think it's nothing about politics today. I want to send a clear message out to all of us, to myself as well, that in the midst of the gloom and doom, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport brought some hope, she instilled a lot of hope, trust, optimism and positivity. [Applause.]

†‘n AGB LID: Ja. Mooi!

*An HON MEMBER: Yes. Good!

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: En ek dink dit is die een uitstaande kenmerk wat ek wil beklemtoon. Dit is die nasiebou-narratief waarna ons soek. Wat gelykstaande is ook aan die reënboognasie-konsep van Desmond Tutu, wat op die tekenbord geaborteer het. Daar is niks meer daarvan oor nie, nou vra dit dat ons die situasie moet omkeer. En weer van die Wes-Kaap en die hele land, let wel die hele Suid Afrika, ‘n wenland moet maak. Ek dink dit is onnodig ook dat ons van mekaar moet weghardloop instelle van na mekaar toe hardloop. Ek wil dit baie duidelik en onomwonde stel dat sosiale kohesie, inklusiwiteit en ‘n geïntegreerde benadering wat ons almal najaag, binne die Departement van Kuns, Kultuur en Sport verwesenlik word.

*Mr B D KIVEDO: And I think that is the one outstanding characteristic I wish to emphasise. It is the nation building narrative we are searching for. Which is comparable to the rainbow nation concept of Desmond Tutu, which aborted on the drawing board. There is nothing left of that, now it is asking that we turn the situation around. And again change the Western Cape and the whole country, note the whole of South Africa, into a winning nation. I think it is unnecessary also that we have to run away from each other instead of running towards each other. I want to put it very clearly and unequivocally that social cohesion, inclusivity and an integrated approach which we all strive for, are realised within the Department of Art, Culture and Sport.

†I am extremely grateful that there is a sense of respect in terms of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights for minority rights.

†Me M N GILLION: Waar is jou “speech”?

*Ms M N GILLION: Where is your speech?

B D KIVEDO: It is nothing about – †my “speech”, weet ek nie waar ek is nie. [Gelag.] Dit maak nie saak nie. *my speech, I do not know where I am. [Laughter.] It does not matter. †It has nothing to do with ethnicity or race. We are not looking at colour, but we look at the character that body houses. That is important. It’s a normative thing. It’s a value-laden thing, it’s all about morals and ethics and values and also discipline. I want to say that I’m not going to allude - the SC as well as the Minister alluded to how the R736 million is going to be spent and where it is. I am not going to be repetitive and repeat it all over again. I have two minutes. Just give me a chance ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... to conclude my speech. Hon Member, I want to conclude my speech. So let us know that sport is a unifier.

†Toe ek Saterdag die TV aanskakel en sien hoe kinders van Masiphumelele, Langa, Mitchells Plein en Muizenberg op die strand krieket speel, die *Let’s Play*, het my hart gebons van blydschap.

*When I turned on the TV on Saturday and saw how the children of Masiphumelele, Langa, Mitchells Plain and Muizenberg play cricket on the beach, the “Let’s Play”, my heart beat with joy.

†It is sport that can bring us, hon member Magaxa, around the same fire and they say especially with Castle Lager also. [Laughter.] It brings us together. The same with arts. Our musicians, whether it is David Kramer with his Afrikaans songs, Emo Adams with his Guma, Richard Sithole with his penny-whistle [Applause.] or the *Koue Grastrappers* with the *rieldans*, it doesn’t matter. They are all genres of art. And the musicians – we saw them this afternoon from the MOD Centres - beautiful youngsters, they are being well groomed.

The same applies to our heritage. Why do we need to vandalise our statues? You tell me. It is part of our history. †Dit is deel van die mosaïekpatroon van ons geskiedenis. *It is part of the mosaic pattern of our history. †So let us nurture it. Let us preserve it. Let us ... [Interjection.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde, agb lid. *Order, hon member †Just one second, Hon member Makeleni?

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have been very patient waiting for the relevance, and we have not – I mean for the past 5 minutes no budget has been touched yet. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I share your concern, but I've been convinced that he is speaking on the topic at the moment.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Yes, I am speaking on the topic. I said I know where the money is being – the Minister alluded to that. I am just making a few comments in conclusion on the salient features. And allow me to – okay, allow me to conclude.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Allow me to conclude. I know I will make my comeback some other time to conclude. I just want to reiterate – I want to congratulate the hon Minister, Minister Anroux Marais, congratulations for bringing it home, that cultural diversity is not a sin. It is not contaminating our society. It should be celebrated.

†Ons moet God dank dat ons so diverse samelewing het, wat ons moet omarm en wat ons vorentoe moet neem. Dit is regtigwaar my bede dat ons met 'n ernstige holistiese benadering na die land kyk en sê maar hoe posisioneer ek myself.

*We have to thank God that we have such a diverse society, that we should embrace and take us forward. It is truly my prayer that we look at the country in a serious holistic approach and say how I position myself.

†In terms of the over-arching role that culture and art and whatever underpins

society, this defines who I am, in terms of my individual as well as collective identity. But I must be prepared to share it with other people, and for that matter I support this Vote wholeheartedly. I thank you so much. [Applause,]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie agbare lid vir 'n baie wydlopende toespraak. Die Agbare Minister om repliek te lewer.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member for a very wide-ranging speech. The hon Minister to reply.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker.

*The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Ek wil net van die geleentheid gebruik maak, want ek het gesien in die gallery is Rob en Alfie van die Garden Route Sailing Academy ...

*The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: I just want to use this opportunity, as I have seen Rob and Alfie of the Garden Route Sailing Academy in the gallery, †and they provide vulnerable youth in the Mossel Bay area with afterschool activities, such as swimming and how to sail.

†AGBARE LEDE: Mooi! [Applous.]

*HON MEMBERS: Good! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Then, hon member Dyantyi, my isiXhosa is coming soon but it is hard work in progress.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is *okay*, ek sal maar die *space watch*. [Gelag.]

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is okay, I will watch the space. [Laughter.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Dankie. Dan, agb lid Ricardo Mackenzie, baie dankie vir jou oorsigrol, jou entoesiasme en die wyse waarop jy eienaarskap neem van die portefielje. Dit is altyd 'n plesier veral as ons ons gesprekke het oor Sport en Kultuur om na jou te luister en jou entoesiasme mee te maak. Baie dankie ook aan die Staande Komitee-lede, wil ek sommer ook sê, vir julle oorsigrol en vir julle positiwiteit elke keer by 'n Staande Komitee-vergadering.

Dan, agb lid Kivedo, thank you so much for your passion. Dit is altyd baie lekker om te sien hoe jy jou taal en jou kultuur en jou sport geniet, en baie dankie vir jou bydrae.

*The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you. Then, hon member Ricardo Mackenzie, thank you for your oversight role, your enthusiasm and the way in which you take ownership of the portfolio. It is always a pleasure when we have conversations on Sport and Culture to listen to you and share your enthusiasm. Thank you also to the Standing Committee,

I also want to say, for your oversight role and your positivity every time at a Standing Committee meeting.

Then, hon member Kivedo, thank you so much for your passion. It is always a pleasure to see how you enjoy your language and your culture and your sport, and thank you for your contribution.

Then, hon member Makeleni, you know I want to say – †ek wil jou geheue verfris. Die vraag aan my was of daar enige rassisme in die Departement van Kultuur en Sport is, en die antwoord is nee en was ook nee. Dit is die vraag wat gelees is. *I want to refresh your memory. The question to me was whether there is any racism in the Department of Culture and Sport, and the answer is no and it also was no. That was the question that was read.

Then about the Nama language. The Department supports organisations that preserve and practice Nama traditions †en daar is ‘n CD beskikbaar wat u kan kry om die taal te leer. Dit is ook in die omgang in ons gemeenskappe. *And there is CD available you can get to learn the language. It is also in use in our communities.

†Dan ook, die tradisionele leierskap berus by COGTA by die Nasionale Regering. *Then also, the traditional leadership rests with COGTA in the National Government. †And the Bill has been in a draft form for the last 3 years.

And then, the CP Nel Museum in Oudtshoorn. The new upgraded exhibitions reflect all three official languages. The exhibitions were developed with the input of the representative segment of the community.

†En dan oor die MOD Sentrums. *And then about the MOD Centres. †You have seen what we have done in the MOD Centres. †En ek wil ook vir Paul Hendriks sê baie dankie vir vandag se reëlings om ons MOD Sentrums hier te kry. U het gesien wat hulle vermag. *And I also want to thank Paul Hendriks for today's arrangements to get our MOD Centres here. You have seen wat they achieve. †It is not all of them, but we could not get everyone here today. That is our problem. It is not a problem, but we do have constraints regarding our transport as well. [Interjection.] You can hear me. So the MOD Centre Programme is a voluntary programme and we can only reach a limited number of schools. That is why there are only 181.

I want to thank each member of the Cabinet and all of the members of the House for your contribution and for all your friendship. And thank you to my husband there – †in die boks, wil ek sê baie dankie [Onhoorbaar.] [Applous.] *in the box, I want to say thank you [Inaudible.] [Applause.]

†En dan vir ons vennote in die privaatsektor en ons gemeenskappe, want sonder hulle sal ons nie kuns en kultuur en sport kan beoefen nie. Baie, baie dankie daarvoor.

En dan laaste maar nie die minste nie, vir my Ministerie, die personeel.

Baie, baie dankie vir julle 24 ure ondersteuning van Maandag tot Maandag, baie dankie. [Applous.]

*And then to our partners in the private sector and our communities, because without them we will not be able to practice art and culture and sport. Thank you very much for that.

And then last but not least, to my Ministry, my staff. Thank you very very much for your 24 hour support from Monday to Monday, thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the 6th Order.

6. Consideration of Votes and Schedules – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now consider the Votes one by one separately, and if parties wish to make declaration of Votes, they must just indicate so. I will put Vote 1. General declaration of Vote? Is it a general one? I will allow the Honourable Member of the Opposition to do a general one. Yes. Just wait for the bays to be cleared, but then we can proceed.

I want the hon members to please give attention to what is happening now. We are reaching a very technical stage of proceedings and I want everybody to attend please.

This is the first declaration of vote, a general one on all the Votes by the Leader of the Opposition. You may proceed.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The 1994 democratic breakthrough presented us with an opportunity to transform South Africa from the evil white minority regime to one that is committed to serve the interests of all, prioritising the historically marginalised which are blacks in general and Africans in particular. As we approach our National Freedom Day celebrations, we remember our first democratically elected president, comrade Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, starting a journey towards the total liberation of our people from white domination.

Our attitude as an ANC in government is to continue to prioritise the poor, marginalised and destitute who happen to be black, working class and women. There is no amount of empty rhetoric, no propaganda and blue lies that will confuse the South African majority from understanding the historic facts. The DA will never win our people's hearts despite their continuation to distort our history, abusing resources to bribe our brothers and sisters, including bourgeoisie media that is reactionary and anti-majoritarian.

Instead of placing the needs of our people at the forefront of its agenda, the

DA alliances in this House time and time again obsesses itself with closing down the democratic space for interrogation and accountability. The behaviour MEC Winde earlier today and that of Premier Helen Zille yesterday, are examples of how the administration cannot handle interrogation, runs and shouts and punishes members of the Opposition ...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... for holding them accountable and democratically elected to do so. The suspension of the ANC Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip for questioning the conduct of the Speaker and the Premier is another example of how this Legislature is used to shut down democratic participation. As the ANC caucus we welcome the massive resources allocated by the ANC National Government to improve the quality of life of our people in this province.

In the 2016/2017 MTEF period we see a 6.5% increase in the provincial equitable share allocation to the Western Cape from R41 billion in 2016/17, and R47 billion in 2018/2019. Although the DA wants us to believe that the allocation budget did not grow, the 6.5% increase in the MTEF period shows a growth in the real and nominal term. This, in actual fact, even above the anticipated CPI of 6.3%. Given the current volatile economic climate, one would have expected the Western Cape Government to present to us a budget which will place integrated development and equitable growth at the centre of

this year's budget to ensure that there is maximum participation of the masses in the economy of the province.

We have instead been presented with a budget which maintains the current economic status quo. Treasury has failed to present us with a plan for radical economic transformation, equity and inclusive growth. As the ANC we expect resources to be used to alleviate poverty, bring adequate housing, deal with the devastating flooding and fires - that continue to displace, destroy and kill our people - dignified sanitation, address long queues in our clinics and hospitals, etc. Unless all these serious problems that affect our particular racial group are addressed through these resources, as they are allocated for, there will be no reason for the ANC to support this budget. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I now put Vote no 1. Any objections to the approval of Vote 1? There is an objection? 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. The ANC's dissension

will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I now put Vote no 2. Declaration of Vote? The hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Democratic Alliance supports Vote 2: Provincial Parliament. May I take this opportunity to thank the Honourable Speaker and her staff for the professional and thorough manner in which they interact with the Parliamentary Oversight Committee. During the debate of this Vote and during the declaration of Vote no 2, the Chief Whip of the Official Opposition made serious assertions and did his best to portray the Provincial Parliament as an institution in crisis. As we have become accustomed to this from him, he twisted information to suit his political agenda and dragged the Provincial Parliament full square into the party political domain. As a seasoned politician he should have known better than to use misinterpretations and half-truths, and portray those as gospel.

Maybe his sources of information were not as reliable after all. He complains about the inadequate increase in the budget of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, and blames the Provincial Government for trying to close down the so-called democratic space, but what are the facts? The Provincial Parliament received the second highest percentage increase of all the Departments from the Provincial Treasury.

The Honourable Uys said that Programme 1 decreased by 20,07% whilst Programme 3 had a reduction of 10,7% asserting that the money is taken from the core business and added to the administration. What are the facts? Programme 1 shows that this increase is primarily due to the additional funding received from the Provincial Treasury for the implementation of the ERP and FAMPLA, a legal imperative. Additionally, the WCPP staff performance bonuses and staff training are budgeted for with this programme. Programme 3 shows a reduction of 10,7% as the hands-on language services budgeted for will be reduced by 46.66% and this is due to a policy decision to print one volume of Hansard containing all official languages. The Standing Committee's budgets on 2015/2016 included funding for additional foreign travel. In the current budget, additional travel has been removed and is now in line with what the budget would have been if inflation increases were taken into account. And then the Honourable Uys wants the Speaker to announce that no travelling takes place this year. How rich.

The Honourable Uys made a big issue of the projected under-expenditure for the 2015/2016 financial year for which an amount of R4.610 million is projected. What he failed to tell this House is that the bulk of the under-spending is on enabling allowances for members ... [Interjections.] If they listen they might learn something.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr M G E WILEY: What he failed to tell us is that the under-spending is on

enabling allowances for members, open orders and orders than can only be placed early in the new financial year. Honourable Uys also raised the increase of 12.57% in the budget of Communication and Information. He made a rather personal remark about a certain staff member, thereby abusing his position to criticise a person who cannot defend himself. How low can one go to suit one's own agenda? What are the facts? The complete registry function, including staff costs, have been shifted from Security and Facilities Management sub-programme to the CNI sub-programme by the former Secretary, Ms Fakira, after a management decision by the Secretariat. The Speaker had absolutely nothing to do with that decision.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You think so?

Mr M G E WILEY: The Act – FAMPLA - says that the Accounting Officer must establish an Internal Audit Unit and the Executive Authority must appoint an Audit Committee. The WCPP opted to use the Internal Audit Unit of the Department of the Premier on an agency basis, which is perfectly legal. Similarly the Executive Authority appointed the Shared Audit Committee of WCPP. There is no confusion of roles whatsoever.

In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, the performance of the Government is directly linked to the performance of the Legislature in overseeing executive action, and holding the Executive to account. If the performance of our Provincial Government, both from an accounting and service delivery perspective, is anything to go by, then this Provincial Parliament should be

commended on doing so a sterling job.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You wish!

Mr M G E WILEY: The DA supports Vote 2.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I then put the Vote. 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. The ANC’s dissension will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I move on to Vote no 3: Provincial Treasury. Any objections? Objection to Vote 3? The objection against Vote 3 as well will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 4. Please indicate whether members want to make a declaration of vote, otherwise I am just carrying on. Vote 4? The objection of the ANC will be recorded as well. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Similarly with Vote 5. Can we record the objection of the ANC?

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 6: Health. The same.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 7: Social Development.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 8: Human Settlements.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I put Vote 10: Transport and Public Works.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I put Vote 11: Agriculture.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will also be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 13: Cultural Affair and Sport.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Vote 14: Local Government.

HON MEMBERS: Objection!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Likewise, the objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the decision on the Votes. I now put the Schedule. Any objections to the Schedule?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection to the Schedule. The objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I put Clauses 1 to 10 of the Bill. The objection will be recorded if that is the case, will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I put this Short Title. You also object to the Short Title? [Laughter.] The Short Title is not objected to. The Bill will continue with the Short Title without objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the 7th Order of the Day.

7. Finalisation of the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Finance to move.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I came to this House on the 3rd of March 2016 when I introduced the 2016 MTEF Budget, a budget for growth. The various budget votes were extensively discussed in the relevant Standing Committees and I wish to thank all the honourable members for taking part in the various debates on the respective budget votes.

I want to express my special thanks to the Premier and my Cabinet colleagues for your support and your understanding for the difficult fiscal environment. To all the Accounting Officers, the CFO's, the Senior Managers of both the various Departments, the Public Entities and the Provincial Legislature, I want to thank all of you for your financial expertise in putting together these estimates of expenditure.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now move that the Western Cape Appropriation Bill

2016 be finalised.

†AGB LEDE: Mooi!

*HON MEMBERS: Good!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections to the Bill being finalised? There is an objection. Can we just record the objection of the ANC again. The ANC's objection will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent. The Secretary will read the 8th Order.

8. Consideration of Principle of the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I again see the Minister of Finance.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, further to the Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure 2015, which I tabled on the 20th of November 2015, I have as recently as 17 March 2016, tabled an Additional Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure. This, Mr Deputy Speaker, I

did in compliance with Section 20 of the 2015 DoRA. The additional R50 million allocated to the Western Cape by the Department of Basic Education has resulted in an increase in the Education Infrastructure Grant for this Department of Education in the Western Cape.

This additional allocation has been published by the National Minister of Finance in the *Government Gazette* on 7th March 2016. As indicated during the tabling, in order to be able to spend according to these additional allocations in the 2015/2016 financial year, it is thus necessary to include the amounts in an Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill for the 2015/16 financial year.

The purpose of these funds, as per the National Conditional Grant Schedule, is *inter alia* to help accelerate construction, maintenance, upgrading and rehabilitation of new and existing infrastructure in Education. The Western Cape Education Department will use the additional funding in terms of the infrastructure norms and standards, which includes funding for the building of additional classrooms, school halls and ablution facilities and science laboratories. Approximately 34 schools across the Western Cape will benefit.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape has the capacity to spend these additional funds and I want to assure the people of the Western Cape that we will do so responsibly. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the principle of the Bill being approved? There are no objections. Agreed to. The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will also read the 9th Order.

9. *Consideration of Vote and Schedule Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 Financial Year.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is only one Vote in this schedule. It is Vote no. 5 and I will afford the opportunity for declarations of vote if any parties wish to make so. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise in support of the R50 million Additional Adjustment allocated to Vote 5 from the National Government. This conditional grant is to be spent on science labs, school halls, new schools and upgrading of existing school buildings which is much needed, particularly in the our poor and rural schools where our learners continue to gather in open spaces between school blocks, and continue to be taught in vandalised schools, and no science labs.

Having received information on how this allocation will be spent, and the criteria used to arrive at this and the schools to be assisted, I must, on behalf of the African National Congress on this side, maybe as well as you on the

other side, thank the National Government for considering the Western Cape when distributing this allocation to the different provinces. We are happy, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: From taxpayers in the province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, we are happy and we commend the National Government for this political and financial maturity by both National Treasury, as well as National Government, for considering the people of the Western Cape, the learners as well as the educators that indeed will benefit from this R50 million.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are aware that if we had not received this R50 million, 33 schools would not have been assisted and hence we believe that this was a mature decision from National Government, because it could have been any of the other eight provinces that are left. But they considered the Western Cape in this allocation, and we hope and believe that this allocation will be used for the purpose it is intended for. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I then put the Vote. Any objections? No objections. Agreed to. That completes the decision of the Vote.

I now put the Schedule to the Vote. Any objections? No objections. Agreed

to.

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

I put the Short Title? No objections. Agreed to.

The Secretary will read the 10th Order.

2. Finalisation of the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 Financial Year*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And now I see the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We are very thankful for this R50 million, but all of us have families in the Eastern Cape, and it is sad that because of the incompetence of the Eastern Cape ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... this wonderful National Government took away R530 million from the Eastern Cape Government, and the money is redistributed elsewhere. So we are thankful for the R50 million, but this money comes from incompetence. The National Treasury is taking the money away from the Eastern Cape. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We will have a competent government in the Eastern Cape, so that we can also spend that money in that province. All provincial Education Departments, Mr Deputy Speaker, are under severe financial constraints and yet together with Gauteng and Limpopo, we were given additional funding to spend in the 2015 financial year. Five provinces received nothing. Between the Department of Education and the National Treasury, they adjudicated us in the Western Cape to be a responsible and worthy recipient of additional funding. This is a further testimony that the clean audit achieved by the Western Cape Education Department is not just another accolade. It is winning us additional resources to support the educational infrastructure.

And so we are pleased to see that National Treasury will allocate resources to provinces where there is capacity to spend and capacity to spend the money well. Mr Deputy Speaker, I now move that Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill 2016 be finalised.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister. Are there any objections to the Bill being finalised? No objection. Agreed to. The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent. Before we conclude business, I just have two announcements to make. One is that the MEC, Minister Marais, is hosting a function – or some refreshments will be available in the dining room after the conclusion of proceedings. That is the information I have. Minister Marais if it is not so, then I will allow you to make a correction. Only coffee and tea, fine thank you.

And then the second one is that the Budget Committee will follow immediately after the adjournment of the House. So some people cannot go there.

That then concludes the business of the House. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:25.