**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**National Assembly**

**The Speaker**

**1. Guidelines and determinations**

(1) The National Assembly Rules Committee, at its meeting of 16 August 2016 agreed, in terms of the Rules of the National Assembly (9th Edition) to the following guidelines and determinations:

**Part A**

**Chapter 7 (Guidelines)**

Guidelines in terms of NA Rules 124 and 126 for notices of motions are as follows:

**1.A. Guidelines for draft resolutions and subjects for discussion**

(1) Draft resolutions must be short and succinct and framed so as to express with as much clarity as possible the distinct opinion or decision of the House.

(2) Draft resolutions must comply with the criteria and other requirements as incorporated in the Rules themselves, and specifically Rules 123(2)(c) and 128(4).

(3) The wording of a subject for discussion must be limited to clearly identifying the proposed topic, which should be clearly established. The wording determines the scope and focus of the debate.

(4) When notice has been given of a motion, the full text is printed on the Order Paper once.

(5) Thereafter, it is listed as a page reference under Further Business, until it is programmed for debate when it must once again be published in full.

**1.B. Guidelines for motions of condolence**

(1) The Assembly must always stand to acknowledge the passing of a serving member of the House but this should be accompanied by an appropriate motion on the Order Paper and a debate. This must include members of the executive who are not members of the National Assembly;

(2) The Assembly must stand to acknowledge the passing of a former member (after 1994) or of a member of the National Council of Provinces, but a debate on the motion only takes place on the recommendation of the Chief Whips’ Forum to the National Assembly Programme Committee;

(3) The Assembly may consider and debate a motion, placed on the Order Paper, to acknowledge the passing of a prominent person; and

(4) The Assembly may, at the discretion of the Speaker, stand to acknowledge the passing of a prominent person.

**1.C (Rule 129): Guidelines for Motions of No Confidence in the President and Cabinet**

(1) The guidelines for motions of no confidence in terms of Rule 129 are the same as those for other motions, as applicable.

**Chapter 3 (Determinations)**

(1) **Rule 39(1)**: A**mount of fine to be imposed for absence from committees.**

(a) A fine of R1000 is determined for each day of absence. The NA Rules Committee will, from Parliament to Parliament, determine the fine.

(2) **Rule 40(2): A committee to hear appeals relating to sanctions for non- attendance.**

(a) The Disciplinary Committee envisaged by Rule 216 is such a committee.

**Chapter 6 (Determinations)**

(1) **Rule 108(2):** T**ime allocation per party for declaration of votes in line with the principle of proportionality.**

(a) The time allocated for declaration of votes is as follows: ANC 6, DA 4, EFF 2, and all other parties 1 minute.

**Chapter 7 (Determinations)**

(1) **Rule 123(2)(b): Motions without notice**

(a) With respect to motions without notice, the number of motions without notice and the time allocated for such motions follow the same sequence used for members’ statements. The sequence is as follows:

(i) ANC, DA, EFF, ANC, IFP, Group 1, ANC, Group 2, ANC, DA, ANC, Group 3, ANC, DA, and ANC.

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| (ii) Group 1: NFP (6), UDM (4), FF Plus (4) = 14 members  (iii) Group 2: Cope (3), ACDP (3), APC (1) = 7 members  (iv) Group 3: AIC (3), Agang SA (2), PAC (1) = 6 members |

**Chapter 9 (Determinations)**

(1) **Rule 132(4) and (6): Members' statements and ministerial responses**

(a) The party sequence for members’ statements is as follows: ANC, DA, EFF, ANC, IFP, Group 1, ANC, Group 2, ANC, DA, ANC, Group 3, ANC, DA, and ANC.

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| (i) Group 1: NFP (6), UDM (4), FF Plus (4) = 14 members  (ii) Group 2: Cope (3), ACDP (3), APC (1) = 7 members  (iii) Group 3: AIC (3), Agang SA (2), PAC (1) = 6 members |

(b) Ministerial responses to members’ statements are limited to the current practice of six Ministers.

(2) **Rule 133(5): Executive statements**

(a) The current practice as decided by the Rules Committee is retained, which is as follows: ANC 12, DA 8, and EFF 4, all other parties 3 minutes.

**Chapter 12 (Determinations)**

(1) **Rule 198: Composition of Subcommittee on Review of Assembly Rules**

(a) The Subcommittee consists of 8 members allocated as follows: ANC 3; DA 2; EFF 1; other parties 2.