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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at 14:03.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

Ms N V MENTE: Deputy Speaker, I just want to check: Do we have a quorum to sit today? Can we proceed with the business of the House with so few people?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member, we can proceed. The quorum has not arisen as a question so far.

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(Announcement)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, before we proceed, I would like to ... [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Members are walking in as we speak so let's not raise that now.

I wish to announce that Ms B P Mabe has been nominated with effect from the 24 February 2017. [Interjections.] [Applause.] She fills the vacancy which occurred in the NA owing to her loss of membership in 2016. The hon member has made and subscribed the oath in the Speaker's office. We welcome the member in the Assembly. [Applause.]

**CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE NATIONAL
CREDIT ACT, ACT 34 OF 2005, SUBMITTED BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see hon Williams is standing in for hon Fubbs. Go ahead.

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Mr A J WILLIAMS: Deputy Speaker, our country is an over indebted one ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Williams, please take your seat. There is a mistake we are making here. [Interjections.] Hon Chief Whip, please proceed. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Deputy Speaker, I move that the House, in terms of Rule 273(3), gives permission that the legislative proposal be proceeded with. I thank you.

Question put.

Agreed to.

Mr A J WILLIAMS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Our country is an over-indebted one and we as the ANC-led government need to act so that the poor can get some limited debt relief. It is very important that we look at this holistically and not as a matter of just allowing people to write off a limited amount of debt so that they can get back into debt. The committee is planning to

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use this legislation to promote savings in our country and also to disincentivise reckless lending by dodgy financial service providers.

Our country cannot continue down this road of just borrowing money to pay off debt. It has led us to the situation that we are now facing. The Committee on Trade and Industry therefore requests Parliament to allow it to proceed with this legislation so that we as a collective can bring much-needed relief to our poor people. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, we would now like you to move the same draft resolution as earlier because it is now that the committee can proceed.

PERMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO BE PROCEEDED WITH

(Draft Resolution)

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: [Laughter.] Deputy Speaker, at times we don't know whether it is the egg or the chicken, or both. Be that as it may.

I move that the House in terms of Rule 273(3) gives permission that the legislative proposals that are now before ...

[Interjections.] ... the House ...

Prof N M KHUBISA: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes! Finish that.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: ... be proceeded with.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, what is your point of order?

Prof N M KHUBISA: Deputy Speaker, I thought that you had asked the Chief Whip to say the same thing earlier on.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, that is why I went back to him and said, this is where it should be happening and not earlier on. I take responsibility for that.

So, can I confirm that there are no objections to the committee proceeding with what has just been introduced? There are no objections, hon members? Hon Singh?

Mr N SINGH: Chairperson, no objection, but we would like an opportunity for a declaration. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, do you still want to say something?

Prof N M KHUBISA: Deputy Speaker, I wanted to say after he proposed we then make declarations. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It's fine, thank you very much. Hon members, the following allocations will apply today as agreed to in the Chief Whip's forum and elsewhere. The ANC will have seven

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minutes. The DA will have five minutes. The EFF will have four minutes, and all other parties will have three minutes.

Declarations of vote:

Mr G G HILL-LEWIS: Deputy Speaker, this discussion has some parallels to the discussion on land reform we had in this House two days ago. This is so because the National Credit Act in its current form provides the government with awesome power to protect consumers from unscrupulous and predatory lenders. It also gives the government the power to give immediate relief to South African families who find themselves trapped in debt.

The trouble is that this power is currently seldom used, hence the parallel.

Few of us can imagine the stress and anxiety that so many millions of South Africans live with everyday because they have become entrapped in a debt prison and can see no way out. Every month they go to work just to make the minimum payments on their loans in order to keep the loan sharks away and so that they can be allowed to lend more to eat and live.

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A very significant portion of these loans to these South Africans are defined as reckless credit under the existing Act and can be fairly easily written off in their entirety.

Before we discuss any amendment to the current Act, we need to use the powers available to us in the current Act to their full potential. If there are truly bona fide amendments to the Act that can strengthen it even further, then the DA is of course happy to consider those and will participate fully in the process.

However, we must also ask ourselves why it took 18 months of pleading by the DA before the regulator agreed to conduct a full audit of the nearly 2 million African Bank customers' loans to be checked for reckless credit. Had this been agreed to when we first asked for it, millions of South Africans could potentially already be free of billions of rands in reckless credit granted to them by the former African Bank. This could have been the real, tangible and immediate debt relief.

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While we are pleased that a full audit is now finally underway, we say doing so does not require any amendment to the Act. Not a single thing needs to be changed in order to do this. All of the power lies there for you to use.

Why has no similar audit been agreed to for all the victims of the so called Satinsky 699 scam? There are another 25 000 South Africans who could get debt relief right now. Why did it take so long - more than a year, in fact - to issue new rules for credit insurance? In the meantime, companies were still selling disability insurance to people who already had disabilities or loss of income insurance to people who are unemployed? Why is it that the private industry, civil society and wealthy philanthropists have to be relied upon to take the initiative to take all of these dodgy garnishee orders and unscrupulous lenders to court when the Act gives you, the government, all the powers to do that proactively if you wanted to?

All of this power and more is there for you in the current Act. And yet we are now told that more amendments are necessary. This is another example of government scapegoating existing

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legislation to explain its failure to act. If this government were serious about debt relief, it would use the incredible powers it already has to deliver debt relief now. We will be making proposals for this Amendment Bill to achieve exactly that. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Ms E N LOUW: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The report we are discussing today shows that at the end of June 2016 a total of 24,8 million consumers in South Africa were credit active. Of these, 14,41 million consumers were in good standing while 9,67 million had impaired records. This points to the very big gap in the legislative framework that governs lending and [Inaudible.] ... the necessary leniency by state creditors. This indicates that the National Credit Act is not doing as well as it should in constraining the imprudent credit provision which leads consumers into indebtedness.

We therefore support the proposal by the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry, and we will seek to influence the Bill to ensure that, amongst other things, it relieves consumers of their debt distress. Without this universal clearance of

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people's debt ... lifting them off the credit bureau listings ... our economy will not be able to grow and our people will remain forever indebted. We therefore support this report.

Mr J A ESTERHUIZEN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Through legislative applications the National Credit Act is trying to ensure the best possible scenario for consumers and this is to be commended. However, the fact of the matter is that cash loans are still far too easily available, even while South Africa is consumed by a credit crunch. This is confirmed by the Reserve Bank's data which gives an indication of the crisis.

From 1994 to 2010, South Africa's exposure to credit in the private domestic sector increased from R230 billion to close to R2,1 trillion with the value of credit granted to consumers increasing by R10,22 billion for the quarter September to December 2012.

One of the most serious problems still seems to be that the total cost of credit has not been fully disclosed even though

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this was one of the clear intentions of the National Credit Act. The reason for this is that the credit life has not been capped.

To plug this irresponsible behaviour, the Minister of Trade and Industry published the National Credit Act Policy Review Framework awhile back, as well as the amendment Bill which is meant to tackle reckless lending with a raft of mechanisms that includes proposals for enhanced consumer education and literacy, and proposing standard assessing credit affordability.

Debt counselling as a debt relief remedy is not ideal for everyone and if an individual doesn't have an income they fall into a grey area between sequestration and debt counselling. Currently there is no remedy for this and it must be addressed.

Positively, credit providers are now required to calculate discretionary income as well as all existing debts and maintenance obligations in order to make a call on whether the consumer can afford a loan.

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Unfortunately, South Africa has its back against the wall when it comes to consumer credit. Maybe this draft Bill doesn't go nearly far enough to change the situation which is technically out of control; however, without it South Africa would also be poorer off. This has been a long time coming and has taken far too long. The IFP will support this proposal.

Prof N M KHUBISA: Hon Deputy Speaker and hon members, the NFP welcomes the report of the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry tabled here today. Unfortunately, the 2014 amendments to the National Credit Act resulted in a number of new and continuing challenges, and these are addressed in the amendments proposed here today.

A person in debt is a person in chains. It is well established that South Africans are increasingly becoming more heavily indebted and it is crippling households across the country. Statistics show that South African consumers owe the bulk of their monthly salaries – up to 75% – to creditors, whilst almost 60% of the population is struggling to meet their monthly obligations to pay home loans and credit cards.

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Most alarming is that more than 11 million of South Africa's credit active consumers are described as overindebted. The issue of overindebtedness is a great cause of concern because there are regulations in place to prevent credit providers from engaging in reckless lending which could result in overindebtedness. We have to question why we have any overindebtedness despite regulations in place and why we have 40% of credit active consumers in South Africa with impaired credit records.

The NFP agrees with the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry that overindebtedness must be addressed with great urgency and that a targeted intervention must not be delayed. In fact, we believe that it should be accelerated. In particular, we are in full support of capped debt relief to promote fundamental changes in the borrowing and spending habits of our indebted consumers.

There is however a possible negative consequence of tightened legislation. With strict enforcement of the national credit legislative provisions, there is a real chance that accredited

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credit providers will get far more selective about whom they lend money to and this could drive more people towards loan sharks and other unaccredited moneylenders. The problem is that very often these fringe players do not adhere to the National Credit Act and the Debt Counselling Rules System, and the NFP would welcome any intervention that would assist the National Credit Regulator to police this segment of the credit market.

In conclusion, the NFP is in favour of further amendments to existing legislation which aims to reduce our national level of consumer overindebtedness and increase the degree of compliance by all players in the credit provision sector.

Mr N L S KWANKWA: Deputy Speaker ...

IsiXhosa:

... siyabulela, siyavuya ukubona, unqabile. I-UDM iyaluxhasa oluhlengahlengiso. Akukhonto eyodlula ukuba sibonelele ngesiqabu kubantu boMzantsi Afrika ...

English:

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... due to the reckless nature in which banks and other lenders lend to our people.

IsiXhosa:

Ndifuna nje ukubuza umzekelo omncinci.

English:

They have been doing this thing with impunity. You have your credit life which is mentioned here. A client for instance ...

IsiXhosa:

... isuke ithengiselwe i-inshorensi, icredit life, ingakhange ixelwe yibhanki.

English:

The person becomes retrenched and the very same bank ...

IsiXhosa:

... engamxelelanga iyamgqogqa ithi makahlawule.

English:

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For instance, in instances where people ...

IsiXhosa:

... abahlawula i-inshorensi, icredit life, baphinde bafake izicelo zentlawulo ...

English:

... even though it's for a six-month period, they start harassing clients in the second month by saying, you must pay; yet your insurance has already paid ...

IsiXhosa:

... lo mali leyo.

English:

They harass you to must pay back, and in those instances what they do is to pay it in advance, say for that six-month period, but the very same client will then be told that his or her account is in arrears. How so?

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I've never understood the other part. For example, it makes perfect sense when you are applying for a personal loan. You go there and there is a huge administrative fee which, in my view as an ex-banker, is unnecessary. Why must you pay an administrative fee on a monthly basis? What administration do they do?

What the system never does is to manage the accounts that are okay. It would only generate an exception report where your account is in arrears. That is when you should be paying an administrative fee. So the rest of it ... they are turning it into ... like it's a transaction account that ... over and above the fees that they charge you ... the interest is exorbitant ... they must also charge you a host of other fees. It's absolute nonsense. You see, we need to review the structure of the fees in the banking industry as a whole, in its entirety because ... look for instance as a client, if you go to all these financial institutions, especially the major ones, for returned items they will charge you R400 a month. If you earn R3 000 a month how much are you left ...

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IsiXhosa:

... ukuze ukwazi ukuhlawula ezinye iindleko.

English:

They charge you because of those returned items without considering the economic situation. It's what the very same financial institutions do. I am an ex-banker so I know this.

IsiXhosa:

Nina bantu batyebileyo niza kumane nivuya kuthiwe ...

English:

... we must wine and dine you.

IsiXhosa:

Babeka phantsi koxinzelelo ...

English:

... their own consultants and bankers to charge you extra so that they can finance the wining and dining that they do ...

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IsiXhosa:

... nabantu abanemali abafana nani. Asinamali thina kaloku.

English:

They give them targets to do these things. So I'm saying we need to review the structure of banks.

As a side issue, I also don't understand for instance ... while I understand the political dynamics around the appointment of hon Brian Molefe as a Member of Parliament, why it would make more headlines than the manipulation of the currency in South Africa. All of a sudden ...

IsiXhosa:

... siza kuhlala sisitya loo nto.

English:

The manipulation of the currency has been relegated to footnotes of the news ...

IsiXhosa:

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... kodwa yinto enkulu nayo.

If we steal R50 it's a problem; if they steal billions it's not a problem.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Kwankwa, your time has expired.

IsiXhosa:

Mnu N L S KWANKWA: Amasela.

English:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER Hon member, before you start take your seat there. Take your seat. Members, let's welcome boys from Rondebosch Boys High School up in the gallery. [Applause.] Welcome boys, as well as your staff if they are there. Go ahead, hon member.

Mr S N SWART: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Well, the ACDP trusts that the boys from Rondebosch will listen carefully on how to avoid getting into too much debt. This is what we in South Africa are faced with – a society that is overindebted. Maybe

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our schools need to have more teaching about credit and debt, how to avoid those debt traps and as far as possible to only pay cash.

From our side we will be supporting this report in principle. Many people have said that when the National Credit Act was first passed it went a long way to help us withstand the credit crisis ... the banking crisis in 2019. We had the 2014 amendment which ensured that debts could not be claimed where they had prescribed in other significant amendments. Now, this committee Bill ... maybe to also commend the committee from our side because it's not often that a committee brings a Bill to Parliament. This aims to provide a simpler and more rigorous enforcement of the credit Act; criminal prosecutions of unscrupulous lenders who contravene the Act; and then legal certainty on the in duplum debt rule. This means that interest cannot double, double, double. That will avoid interest becoming a snowball that many people are faced with. Also of course, an effective debt counseling framework and capped debt relief to promote a change in borrowing and spending habits.

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I am in agreement with the view that was expressed, of ensuring that the existing provisions are implemented before we start amending the legislation further. Clearly we also need to ensure that where we have reckless credit which is written off, that loaners and lenders then do not just incur further debt which will then again place them in a significantly bad position when it comes to creditworthiness.

It is a matter of great concern that 9,67 million of the 24 million credit holders have impaired records. So, from our perspective, Parliament should not encourage reckless lending on the one hand and equally irresponsible borrowing on the other. Chairperson, Mrs Fubbs, I fully agree with your sentiment that you expressed in this regard.

We also need to be careful of engendering a climate of irresponsible borrowing by consumers. So, we from the ACDP look forward to seeing the draft committee Bill which is aimed at encouraging a change of behaviour, both on the part of lenders as well as borrowers.

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Adv A D ALBERTS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The FF Plus will support the legislative process of the committee subject to a comprehensive regulatory impact assessment taking place, as was noted.

Afrikaans:

Ons moet ook verstaan dat hierdie proses slegs 'n pleister op die sweer van Suid-Afrika se ekonomiese probleme plak.

English:

The answer to the plight of the indebted people of this country is to ensure economic growth that creates jobs, and that is something that has not taken place for a couple of years now with state departments employing more people than the private sector. Mrs Fubbs, as for the lenders themselves, including large banks, they must also take responsibility to ensure that bad debt does not harm the economy, and we must hold them to account.

People in debt are vulnerable. We have to protect them. This also means that we must take steps to stop and to ensure that

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sales in execution of assets below their market value cannot and does not take place at all.

The FF Plus will participate in this process to ensure a balanced approach between lenders and the indebted at the end of the day.

Declaration of votes:

Mr S M JAFTA: Deputy Speaker, the AIC commends the proposed revision of the National Credit Act 34 of 2005. What is symbolic about the proposal is the attempt to curb the current interest rates accruing to all manner of loans.

The proposed sector loan interest will affirm the National Credit Act's objective to prevent reckless credit lending. However, our fear is that a large chunk of homeless people applying for mortgage and joint bonds will be on the receiving end of the stick. Credits providers are now likely to have a shrinking share on unpaid loan mortgage and are likely to place extra cautionary measures to screen mortgage applicants.

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The plight of the poor will be worsened, least the current status quo where the ANC land programmes have not helped the situation. In terms of section 15 of the National Credit Act, the national credit regulator is enjoined to monitoring the consumer credit market and industry to ensure that prohibited conduct is prevented or detected and prosecuted.

The proposed amendment seeks to make it mandatory to all credit providers defined in the act to be registered with the regulator. The AIC welcomes this contribution in the credit sector for all what it is worth. We are sure to have a credit industry that will serve the interest of consumers who are often on the sidelines of access to credit markets and discriminatory credit practice. I thank you.

Ms J L FUBBS: Deputy Speaker, hon members and guests, good afternoon. I am sure it has been of interest to hon members that there has not been one dissenting voice. I think that is a great achievement in this House. [Applause.] The reason why there is no dissenting voice is not because of love ... [Laughter.]... But because of what the world economic forum referred to

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recently is the increasing in equality in the world, not only in our country, but in the world, globally. It is growing to such an extent that it makes the dark ages look bright ...

[Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members, lets listen to hon Fubbs.

Ms J L FUBBS: Yes, I would appreciate it if you would listen to the next few words and that is this, you see, when we look at this, I must first before I forget thank the hon Adrian Williams for cheering the subcommittee and those like yourself hon Hill-Lewis, you were represented there and from time to time other committee members. You have done a fine job. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

When it first came about - you will recall - we spoke about debt forgiveness - there was a hue and a cry. What do you mean you going to forgive them; they will start all over again. That is what the ANC does, forgive and forget, like we got running a conditional. We are not. [Laughter.]

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What we are doing is that we are recognising reality. That is what we are doing, because as you know, hon Prince Buthelezi, throughout our country today we have financial institutions acting with impunity and disregarding legislation. Yes, we do have legislation, the National Credit Act, we do. That is what saved South Africa. It saved us from the global financial crisis created by the greatest capitalist of this world, the Americans.

What we are saying is that, this debt - how did it become a reality? It is true that South Africans in general have a culture of credit, in general. However, let us also acknowledge that financial institutions in South Africa have become a protected species in our business. So, they acted with impunity. There is legislation that makes reckless lending a criminal offense. Yes, yes, yes, yes. So, why aren't they behind bars? Why not, why not? I will tell you why. They are too many vested interests.

So, what we are appealing for is that every member of this House does what it is doing now, it puts the people first. [Applause.] And it acknowledges that the majority of South Africans don't

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have assets. We have yet to fully resolve issues like the land question and we don't have sufficient generosity, sufficient honesty and the financial sector to acknowledge publicly, not privately one to one.

You know what, we ignore the legislation. What they are doing now is saying, but you know, Chair can't you sought to try and understand - no I can't. I cannot understand why any financial institution would rob the poor, no! That is what's happening.

Secondly, credit is not only acquired by cash, it also acquired by a purchase of assets like furnisher, a stove, a fridge and also borrowing one's loved ones. What happens then, you are persuaded to take out insurance but when you are in this dreadful state you forget you paid the insurance. Let me tell you, they don't bother to remind you. But when the insurance has lapsed then you get a visit from the sheriff who actually takes back the goods.

What do we do about it? Up to now, we have not been able to do much. However, I am pleased to learn and to hear in the House

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today, that there is not one party that disagrees with the reality that it is time we did something realistic to address the debt situation. And not let people off and allow getting into further debt, but rather to develop instruments through legislation and adopt measures which will respect the culture of savings and also prevent reckless lending. The ANC fully supports this Bill.

There was no debate.

The Chief whip of the majority party: Deputy Speaker, I move that the House, in terms of Rule 273(3), give permission that the legislative proposal be proceeded with.

Motion agreed to.

Permission accordingly given to the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry to proceed with the legislative proposal.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON BASIC
EDUCATION ON OVERSIGHT VISIT TO CAPRICORN AND VHEMBE EDUCATION
DISTRICTS IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

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Mr T Z M KHOZA: Deputy Speaker, the committee undertook an oversight visit to Capricorn and Vhembe education districts in Limpopo province. The purpose of the oversight visit was to assess the state of schooling and examination readiness for the 2016 school year in Limpopo province.

The education districts of Capricorn and Vhembe ...

The portfolio committee also sought to oversee the implementation of key priority areas in respect of the improvement of the quality of basic education. There was an additional need to provide support to the Limpopo Provincial Education Department and the two identified districts in respect of finding effective ways to solve the challenges they face.

The portfolio committee focused on, among other things, the following crucial areas to assess the state of readiness of the identified districts and Limpopo in general for the National Senior Certificate, NSC, examinations and other assessments. The portfolio committee assessed the interventions made in preparation for the NSC examinations or other assessments;

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support for progressed learners; teacher development programmes; the state of security systems for the printing, distribution and storage of examination question papers; the procedures in place to conduct the examination; and the training of invigilators.

The portfolio committee assessed the state of schooling in the province in terms of the following key priorities: the provision of learner-teacher support material, LTSM; staff establishments - that is, post provisioning norms; support received from districts; the availability of learner transport and school nutrition programmes for qualifying learners; the functionality of school governing bodies and school management teams; the state of schools' infrastructure and the availability of school furniture; inclusive education; the utilisation of ICT in schools and in the area; the implementation of social cohesion programmes; and whether the necessary support and advice to deal with the challenges are given.

The portfolio committee selected the Limpopo province based on the challenges that emerged in some of the regions of the province. The Vuwani area of the Vhembe district experienced a

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wave of protests between 3 May and 10 August 2016 which set back teaching and learning.

The committee found the following and observed that, in terms of examination readiness, it was satisfied that the province was ready to administer the 2016 NSC examination, despite some challenges noted.

The portfolio committee further noted the range of intervention programmes designed to prepare learners for the NSC examinations and other assessments, including the catch-up programmes for Grade R to 11 and Grade 12 learners in the Vuwani area of the Vhembe district.

We also wanted to look at the progress made in terms of inclusive education provisioning. In this regard, we are satisfied with the incremental procurement of assistive devices and large print.

We were also satisfied with regard to the overall state of schooling in the province. The committee noted some improvements

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since the previous oversight visit in 2015 as well as a stronger will and sense of purpose from the province in addressing its challenges.

The committee also visited one of the well-functioning teachers' centres in the country, Mustek, as well as some resilient schools in the Vhembe education district such as Mpilo Secondary School. Despite having large classes, Mpilo has consistently produced excellent results in Grade 12 for over a decade, particularly in the critical subject areas of Mathematics and Physical Science.

However, there were challenges. The committee also observed several areas requiring attention in the province, as highlighted in the report. These include infrastructure backlogs, improving communication with stakeholders, the filling of vacancies ... Thank you. [Time expired.]

Ms H S BOSHOFF: Hon Deputy Speaker, the purpose of the oversight visit to Limpopo in September 2016 was to, *inter alia*, assess the province's state of readiness for the 2017 National Senior

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Certificate examination. This included assessing the state of security systems for printing, distribution and storage of examination question papers, as well the procedures in place to conduct these examinations, especially in the areas where schools had been ravaged in the wake of widespread protests that had taken place earlier in the year.

Further visits were conducted to full service schools, and those left me gobsmacked, to say the least!

The question one must ask is: What is the purpose of our oversight visits?

As portfolio committee members, we must investigate the situation on the ground, ensure that our findings are discussed with the relevant officials, and set time limits for implementation so that all provincial departments are held to account. But it is abundantly clear that these oversights are not taken seriously by the Department of Basic Education or by the other provinces.

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If I consider the oversight visits conducted to schools in the province that were burnt and damaged last year, then I have not once seen a report on the findings from the Limpopo Education Department. I am absolutely certain that, if I were to return to these schools, I would find that little to nothing has changed.

The provincial education department must be made to provide this House with regular reports on its progress. At best, the department is incapable of delivering on its mandate; at worst, it is complicit in sending more children away after schooling without sound education, thus contributing to our ever-growing lost generation.

There are educators out there who are passionate about their work and want to see that learners are provided with the education they deserve. In one instance, the principal of Khwara High School refused to go home, and patiently waited in the dark for two hours so that he could share his experiences with us. This, to try and improve the situation of his learners. Hon members, that is what I call dedication. His dedication should be nurtured as it would help his students and teachers to reach

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the goals that have been set. We were informed that books were burnt and that computers, science kits, school records, furniture and a staff room - previously built by the parents - were not spared. Opening in August after the local government elections, he was still awaiting teacher-learner guides. Totally unacceptable! The only items provided to him were two mobile classrooms, for which he expressed his heartfelt appreciation.

Afrikaans:

Agb Adkunkspeaker, 'n saak na aan my hart is leerders met gestremdhede. In Limpopo is dit duidelik dat sulke leerders en leerkragte aan hulle eie lot oorgelaat is. Die vorige spreker van die ANC het gesê hulle is tevrede met wat aangaan in onderwys vir leerders met gestremdhede. Ek wil graag met hom verskil.

Rivoniskool is 'n skool vir blindes. Hulle het nie eens die dienste van Braille opvoeders nie. Hoe op dees aarde gaan hierdie leerders - wat glad nie kognitiewe probleme het nie - 'n ordentlike opvoeding ontvang en hulle matriek slaag?

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English:

Setotlwane, another school that caters for the blind, does not even have top-up Braille books. This leaves me speechless!

It would appear that learners with disabilities are being unfairly treated. The sooner we address this issue, the sooner we will reap the benefits.

Education is the bedrock of our society and, as Madiba said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

If we do not address these challenges head on, there is no way that the goals set will be realised. The lost generation will simply grow larger and larger. Thank you. [Applause.]

Ms N R MASHABELA: [Interjections.] The EFF went on this oversight visit and we were able to confirm that what we have long believed is indeed true. The country has no basic education system. We continue endangering the future of our children and

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of our country if we do not fix loopholes in our basic education system as fast and radically as possible.

The aim of the visit was to assess the state of schooling and examination readiness for the 2016 school year in the province in the identified districts.

What we found during this visit was nothing new. We have consistently spoken in this House about a lack of co-ordination between the national department and the provincial departments of education. We have consistently spoken about the lack of co-ordination between provincial departments and their district offices, and that this lack leads to massive corruption at a district level.

There were 897 schools that only had pit latrines that needed to be addressed in terms of norms and standards for school infrastructure. Of the 897 schools, the department needed to build 16 811 toilets to provide sufficient sanitation. In the visited districts, 45 schools were without adequate water. Sixteen schools did not have electricity. There was a need for

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6 843 ordinary classrooms and 4 913 Grade R classrooms in that province.

The question is: What do we do after tabling this report? We just move on as if nothing has happened. We move on in the comfort of the luxuries that public money affords us as Members of Parliament, and we do nothing.

We therefore cannot accept this report because we know it will gather dust just like many others before it, and nothing will be done. Thank you. [Applause.]

Prof C T MSIMANG: Deputy Speaker, members of the portfolio committee were disappointed with the findings in the Vhembe district, in especially at Vuwani. This is the area that had been engulfed by the violent protest action which saw about 29 public schools erased by arson.

What is deplorable is that the protest had nothing to do with schooling, but schools were identified as soft targets by communities who were defying the rulings of the demarcation

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board who sought to disestablish or amalgamate certain municipalities in Limpopo. This brought schooling and learning to a stand still, affecting thousands of learners, especially those who were doing Grade 12.

The infrastructure damaged to the schools in Vuwani was estimated at R348 million. Before the portfolio committee proceed to Limpopo in September 2016, it had been informed that the situation was back to normal. Yet, when we arrived at the scene the situation was exactly the opposite. In one of the visited schools, the Principal informed the committee that the chairs he had provided for us were the only chairs left at the school. He was at a loss as to where the Grade 12 learners were going to sit when writing exams. The school library and computer room had be guttered with all the books and computers in such rooms destroyed.

He complained bitterly that the provincial department had not replaced the teaching and learning materials in spite of repeated requests. In a number of other schools we met with the same lack of furniture and learning materials. I must confess

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that I was pleasantly surprised on seeing the matric results from Vuwani, because they were so good as to be beyond expectations.

A number of schools in Limpopo complained about the high bills of electricity rates that are charged by their municipalities. We plead with Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Cogta, to look into this matter because schools simply do not have resources to settle such exorbitant accounts. There is also an outcry about many teenage pregnancies in our schools. The teachers along cannot resolve this problem, all communities and governments should find a solution.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has expired.

Prof C T MSIMANG: The problem is not limited to Limpopo but is becoming a national disaster. [Time expired.]

Prof N M KHUBISA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Education is the backdrop on which a society builds its hope for the future, as an investment in future growth and progress. And it is a gateway

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through which we may get achievement and freedom for our people when we have an educated nation that can take its place among the nations with pride.

However, we still have a long way to go in archiving our goal of quality free education for all. The oversight visit to Capricorn and Vhembe districts in Limpopo gave the portfolio committee an insight; once again, of how deep the structural inequalities in our national basic education remain, 22 years after we have attained our freedom.

The pressing backlog in the infrastructure development reminded the portfolio committee, once again, that the average black child in South Africa is still denied complete fulfilment of their rights to quality and free basic education. Because without the basics such as the running water, dignified toilets, and electricity, it is difficult to create a learning environment in which the talent of our children can blossom and grow to their full potential.

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And 70% of the learners in Grades 8 and Grade 9 and lower Grades in the province of Limpopo had not received stationery for several days after the schools had officially opened. Vacancies remained unfilled and there is still little evidence of support for teachers' development or the rolling of inclusive education.

All of these obstacles are well within the jurisdictions and the mandate of the provincial department of basic educating to resolve. The sooner that can happen the better it will be for the children of Limpopo. However, the problems faced in Limpopo must not be viewed in isolation. The problems that the portfolio committee encountered there are mirrored in virtually every province in South Africa; some more so than the others.

What we have to accept is that not enough has been done to address the social inequalities which have been inherited from the unjust past. Our children and in particular our black children in rural areas continue to suffer these inequalities. We have to speed up all intervention programmes which will result in rapid infrastructure development and make every effort to raise the level of competence of our educators. If these two

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issues can be addressed together with the visible commitment from the government to attend to the obstacles that our children are faced with then South African may well come closer to achieving its goal of quality free education for all our children in our lifetime.

Deputy Speaker, this is what we are tabling as a concern and it must be attended to. The report is welcomed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member ANC, I was told that someone would be declaring there.

Mr D MNGUNI: Deputy Speaker, the ANC supports this reports that has been tabled and it also appraises the progressive work done by these provinces to change the lives of our communities since our visits there. We had numerous recommendations that were done. For example, that the Limpopo department should fast-track the realisation of small and nonviable schools including ensuring that there is sufficient infrastructure provision of scholar transport as well as nutrition.

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We also had another recommendation that there should be fast-tracking of the filling of vacant posts which includes the promotion of post as a matter of urgency. Yes, I heard the hon Boshoff saying that the department does not take findings of the committee seriously. Let me say to you that after our visit the department delivered the Learning and Teaching Support materials, LTSM, to the schools as was requested as well as on the languages as the schools requested. This includes schools like Setotolwane School for the blind, on brail workshop.

Siswati

Kulabantfwana labadzinga ema-assistive device, sakhuluma kutsi letikolwa leti atinikwe lama-assistive device; nangempela bakwenta loko njengobe sasishito.

Noko-ke angati kutsi i-EFF yona ikhuluma ngani, ngobe phela beyingekho nekuba ngekho lapha. Asizange siyibone. Kusho kutsi bayatibhudzela nje ngekulungelwa kwetikolwa kulesa sifundza. Sakhona kubaniketa tidzingo ... [Kuhlaba Lulwimi.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please take your seat. Yes, what are you rising on, hon member?

Ms N R MASHABELA: Deputy Speaker, on a point of order, that member must stop misleading the House. I was there during that oversight visit. No! He must withdraw! Otherwise he is not going to speak here! I was there during the oversight! No!
[Interjections.] ... He can't talk! No! He must stop talking lies!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member! Take your seat hon member! Take your seat, the House knows that you were there. Take your seat! Proceed, hon member.

Mr D MNGUNI: Thank you very much. The Province is busy now ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, no! Hon member you have said that, take your seat! Proceed, hon member.

Mr D MNGUNI: Yes, she must ... [Inaudible.]

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Ms N R MASHABELA: Eh, eh! This man must not talk there.

Mr D MNGUNI: The province is now busy with the provision of water and sanitation projects with amount to ...

[Interjections.]

Ms N R MASHABELA: No! He must withdraw. I was there, I was there! He must stop lying to the House. No! You must stop lying.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member! I said, you can't just rise and speak without being recognised. I told you to take your seat.

[Interjections.] Take your seat! Continue, hon member!

Siswati:

Mr D MNGUNI: Bahlonishwa kanye nemiphakatsi yonkhe emakhaya, sinenking yalaba bongcamngceshe lababuka lokubi kuphela.

Ms E N LOUW: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker ...

[Interjections.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is the point of order about?

Ms E N LOUW: Deputy Speaker, our member has raised a point of order that her integrity is harmed by this member because she did attend the oversight; and you must let that member withdraw or rule on the matter. Because that is infringing on her rights, and her integrity, that she did not do her constituency work.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, hon member, you can't challenge a ruling that has been made ... [Interjections.] No! Let me explain.

Ms E N LOUW: No! I can, it was wrong! I can, who are you. No! If you are wrong, I can who are you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, if you want to question the ruling ... [Interjections.] ... hon member! Take your seat, let me explain to you. Take your seat, hon member! [Interjections.] Hon members, if you object to the ruling that a presiding officer has made, you know what the rules say you must do! You can't debate the ruling in the House here.

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Mr M S MBATHA: On a point of order, Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have already ruled on that matter, hon member; if you are rising on the same thing ... [Interjections.] what are you rising on?

Mr M S MBATHA: I am rising on a point of order, chair, your ruling was wrong. The man lied ... [Interjections.]

Ms H HLOPHE: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I have ruled on this matter, if it is on this matter, it is not going to be allowed, hon member. [Interjections.] Hon members! I am talking to an hon member don't interrupt me with your points of orders whilst I am talking, I will not accept that!

Ms H HLOPHE: I am rising on point 92, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What does it say?

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Ms H HLOPHE: It says a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What are you rising on, hon member, what is the principle? [Interjections.]

Ms H HLOPHE: Please be patient.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want to hear on what rule? If you do not indicate what the issue is and what rule you are rising, on you can sit down.

Ms H HLOPHE: On rule 92(1) I am rising under 92(1) is that difficult to understand?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, what are you rising on?

Ms H HLOPHE: Deputy Speaker, I am saying this thing of the ANC of sending old people here in this Parliament is a problem. This hon member did not even see that the member was there. It is a problem; you must send young people here!

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Siswati:

Mr D MNGUNI: Ngiyabonga Sekela Lasomlomo, kulabantfu lenisitfumelela bona, laba labaphikisako, abakuncomi loku lokuhle. Ase uhambe-ke wena DA uye lapha eGigulethu, Emseni Primary School, lekhona lapha eNtshonakoloni. Kusukela ngemhla ka 27 Ingongoni 2016, bothishela abakabhadalwa ngobe nine ninenkinga naletikolwa letilapha kulela lokishi.

Tinhloko tenu tifanana neteTindlulamitsi ngoba nitsandza kubuka tono talabanye bantfu nishiye leti tenu tono.

English:

We have made a key recommendation in the portfolio committee, and I have alluded to some of them. But let me add some that are there. Limpopo should ensure that matters of inclusive education continue to receive focused attention including fast-tracking the provision of assistive devices as I have said earlier on, like filling of critical posts such as the occupational therapy and house mother and father in needy schools as well as the effective training and development of educators.

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The other recommendation is that the Limpopo education department should provide Parliament with the report on the infrastructure needs of the schools in the province and the action plan with timeframes to address the backlogs in order to facilitate the oversight of Parliament. The report should include incomplete projects and school furniture.

The committee also requested the provincial education department to check the infrastructure needs of the schools as raised in the committee report against the province infrastructure assessment report and update the portfolio committee on the way forward on this matter. May I drink my water? Cheers!

We also recommended that the Limpopo education department should ensure that the schools experiencing shortages of textbooks and workbooks receives the necessary assistance as a matter of urgency as well as the National School Nutrition Programme, NSNP, shortcoming.

On the issue of critical vacancies, when you look at newspapers

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Siswati:

... emaphephandzaba abagcwele ema-adverts lasuka kulesifundza. Inkinga yenu nina baka-EFF kanye nani nine baka-DA anifundzi nine bekunene.

English:

Reading is power. Go and check the Rivoni School for the Blind what we have done as the ANC. All that shows the progress, done by the ANC-led government!

Siswati:

Umphakatsi awuyekele tonkhe letingcalamba letilibala kukhuluma tibange umsindvo la. Tsine njengaKhongolose asiketi lapha kutawulalela loku lokushiwo nguletingcalamba. Lapha sitewuchuba umsebenti webantfu esiveni sakitsi.

English:

I therefore, hereby propose that the House accept this report. Ngiyabonga kakhulu. [Thank you very much.] [Tandla.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, we have listened to the introduction and the declarations on the report. What do you wish the House to do, sir?

There was no debate.

THE CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Deputy Speaker, I move that the report be adopted by this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion is that the report be adopted, are there any objections? I will now put the question. Those in favour will say aye.

Hon MEMBERS: Aye!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against will say no.

Hon MEMBERS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the ayes have it.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM ON
OVERSIGHT VISIT TO MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM ON
OVERSIGHT VISIT TO NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

Ms L S MAKHUBELA-MASHELE: Hon members, good afternoon, the sole objective of this oversight visit we undertook as the portfolio committee was amongst others, to assess the state of tourism in the provinces, to assess the implementation of the tourism social responsibility initiative projects, to assess the level of stakeholder participation both in public and private sector tourism activities. Our oversight was geared towards assessing the achievements of evaluating challenges and prospects for growth, particularly in rural areas and the extent of government support at provincial and local levels. This oversight has been

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significant in giving the committee a clear perspective on how the Department of Tourism implement their social responsibility implementation projects and how it collaborate with provinces municipalities on a number of strategic issues to grow the potential for tourism.

I must indicate that the committee learnt that there are provincial intergovernmental forums that have been established in an effort to ensure integration planning amongst the tourism sector that is chaired mostly by the MECs of Economic Development. It was encouraging to see that the local tourism organisations have been established in some local municipalities such as Bushbuckridge and Steve Tshwete.

The interventions by the Department of Tourism to pilot local tourism organisations in Bushbuckridge are commended. We need to roll out this project in many municipalities across the country to foster co-ordination between the private sector and government. The Middleburg Visitors Information Centre in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality was a good model on how the Department of Tourism should implement the information centres

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throughout the country. This project was jointly funded by the municipality and the department. Upon completion, the information centre was handed over to the private sector for operations. The centre is well managed by the private sector under a close oversight and supervision by the municipality. If this model is replicated in all information centres across the length and breadth of the country, it can assist the municipalities in fulfilling their constitutional mandate of promoting local tourism effectively.

The committee also visited a number of social responsibility implementation projects implemented by the department. In general, the committee was concerned about the infrastructure projects. Some of the observed challenges include poor institutional arrangements; ownership and operations of these projects; the value for money; poor planning for new projects including lack of feasibility studies; environmental impact assessments and the choice of location of the projects. The committee was however encouraged by the efforts but the department is correcting these challenges and has a working plan to ensure that they bring this project back to line.

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Before embarking on this oversight, specifically to Mpumalanga, the committee have noted a number of concerns raised by the stakeholders in the historic tourism town of Pilgrim's Rest. In the engagement with the stakeholders on the ground, the committee learnt that the town does not fall under the municipality but belongs to the Department of Public Works which leases the buildings to tourism businesses. Most of the challenges emanated from these arrangements and urgent intervention is needed by the Department of Public Works so that this tourism business can go back and work optimally.

I submit this report before this august House and ask for its adoption. Thank you.

Declarations of vote:

Mr J VOS: Hon Deputy Speaker, these oversight visits clearly demonstrate the urgent intervention required from government to support regional tourism which typically will support small town's economy around the country. The reality of this is that it impacts on the ability of such places to generate much-needed revenue and economic opportunities for those communities.

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This clear evidence shows that the department is either being flippant with the truth regarding the state of domestic tourism or it is unaware of the true situation. The DA submits that both possibilities are untenable and therefore we recommend that the department starts fulfilling its mandate.

Entrepreneurship can also become 'tourismpreneurship' with the help of an engaged government. Millions of South Africans live below the poverty line. Therefore the key focus of the Department of Tourism must include programmes that will address the current discourse between tourism and poverty alleviation because the mere fact that tourism takes place does not imply that the money trickles down to the poor. We need real measures that will ensure that tourism does reduce poverty in our country.

Following the Budget announcement last week of the additional funding for tourism, we submit that the allocation should be utilised with the establishment of tourism infrastructure and the development of products that will drive demand and make business sense. The lesson for government and the Department of

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Tourism is to make sure that the tourism landscape comprise of products and services that are market ready before spending millions of rands on further marketing programmes.

Having said this, the DA believes that every town and every community throughout our country has tourism potential and therefore this additional funding must be allocated towards programmes that will develop skills, knowledge and business opportunities while developing tourism products and infrastructure that will specifically address the limited geographic spread throughout our country.

Before I conclude, allow me to express my disappointment in the Home Affairs Ministers for not dealing decisively with the immigration fiasco at the O R Tambo International Airport. Earlier this week we received reports of only up to three immigration officials present at counters and this comes after the Minister has announced with much fanfare that an additional R25 million will be allocated to the appointment of an additional 58 immigration officials.

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Since last year, more than 800 passengers missed their connection flights as a result of the constraints at these counters. This is simply unacceptable considering that our airports are major points of entry displaying the capability of our country as a destination of choice for travel and trade.

Without any further delay, more should be done to prepare our immigration officers for the influx of tourists to our country. In real terms, the industry has suffered a loss of R7,5 billion as a result of this disastrous travel regulations that were introduced two years ago. The Minister should cut his losses and do away with his ill-conceived regulations and implement international best practice measures such as electronic visas that will streamline tourism facilitation to our country. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr T RAWULA: The EFF did not participate in the oversight visit to both Mpumalanga and the North West. We did not do so because we refused to go holidaying when we know the subject of the visit is something we know fully well. We have in the past

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registered our appreciation of the critical role tourism placed in growing the economy and its potential to mass job creation.

It is currently unable to realise its full potential because of the nature and the structure of tourism industry itself. The industry operates like a mafia controlled by few tourism players who have access to amenities such as hotels, bread and breakfast establishment and recreational farms. They absorb the bulk of the revenue from tourism, appoint few black people as labourers and pay them peanuts. It is one reason why the land question is so important. Without radically changing land ownership patterns, tourism will continue benefitting a tiny minority. In the North West, the top 10 attractions in the province are Sun City with 54, 2%, Pilanesberg National Park with 42,1%, Madikwe Game Reserve with 14,1%, Hartebeespoort Dam with 13,2%, Hartebeespoort Dam Snake and Animal Park with 10,8%, Waterfall Mall with 7,7%, the Cradle of Humankind with 7,5%, Klerksdorp Matlosana Mall with 4,4%, Brits Mall with 4,4% and Potchefstroom University with 4,3%. With the exception of Madikwe Game Reserve, all these are unfortunately white-owned establishment.

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The province needs serious investment on tourism sites. In Mpumalanga, instead of investing on new tourism sites, the provincial government has set aside money to the tune of R18 million to the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency to upgrade the tourism facilities at the Blyde River Canyon, Manyeleti Game Reserve, Ezemvelo Nature Reserve, it does not help diversity in the industry and perpetuates unequal distribution of tourism. We further note of course the idiocratic move by the ANC caucus in the province to erect Mr Zuma's statue. We can tell you, putting Zuma as a statue will be a tourist detraction in the province and we are advising you to stop doing it. We reject this report because we know it is of no consequence to our people. Thank you.

Declaration of vote:

Mr J A ESTERHUIZEN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Having read both the reports a short while ago I do this recreation on behalf of our member of tourism the hon Inkosi R N Cebekhulu.

The promotion of domestic and the national tourism in all our provinces is essential to have a continued economic growth and

development and such as the responsibility of all spheres of government. Tourism is one of the key economic drivers and also plays an important role in job creation.

Afrikaans:

Ek moet aansluit by die DA-lid wie gesê het dat desondanks teenkanting van sekere departemente, toerisme met die een van die kleinste begrotings die meeste waarde toevoeg. Dit is te danke aan die bevoegdheid van die Minister van Toerisme, mnr Derek Hanekom, en sy departement.

English:

An oversight visit to the North West province sought to provide frank assessment of the state of tourism in the province and to identify the areas to be targeted for possible growth and development. The leadership and enthusiasm of the MEC for Tourism and the province must be commended. A department without hands on leadership is a department doomed to fail.

Cultural tourism should be more greatly promoted, for instance the Credo Mutwa Cultural Village has a significant value to the

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area as a tourist destination. Dr Credo Mutwa, as we all know, is well known international, religious and philosophical cultural circles.

Afrikaans:

In Mpumalanga is ons bekommerd oor die gebrek aan staatsondersteuning in Pelgrimsrus en die verval van die gebied. Daar is ten tye soveel vakante besighede, en in toerisme in hierdie eens groot toeriste aantreklikheid is heeltemal tot niet. Die staat, deur middel van die Departement van Toerisme, het 'n plig om hierdie area weereens te bemark en te bevorder.

English:

In conclusion and in respect of the issues that were identified by the oversight committee, the IFP agrees that through a closer co-operation between the national and provincial tourism department, as well as the private sector stakeholders, many can be resolved; and we urge the government to adopt such an inclusive consultation going forward. The IFP supports the report.

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Declaration of vote:

Mr N M KHUBISA: House Chairperson, hon members, tourism remains one of our few national resources which have a life skill potential to address the twin evils of poverty and unemployment in our country.

Tourism currently employs or supports almost 712 000 direct jobs which is one of only a few sectors of our economy where there is positive employment growth. However, tourism is a very competitive sector and if government guidance, assistance and planning is lacking in substance, then it will remain an avenue which is under exploit and underutilized. Mpumalanga is indeed breathtakingly beautiful; in particular the eastern part of the province which is also the area most geared for tourism.

Sadly, the failure of the government sponsored tourism development projects in the province is casting a dark cloud over the benefits of tourism for local communities. It was anticipated that the project discussed in the report would benefit and empower women and youth and act as a blueprint for inclusive future tourism development.

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However, the report clearly shows that these projects are in varying degrees of implosion. The ones striving pilgrims rest crown jewel among the tourist attractions in Mpumalanga is now a stuck tattered remainder of how tourism development should not be approached by the government.

In North West we see that the province too is faced with inadequate, uncoordinated, inconsistent and fragmented tourism planning. This is similar to the situation in Mpumalanga and we would venture to say the same is prevalent in other provinces too.

This lack of co-ordination between the government department and the provincial government is something which will have to be addressed if we are to ensure the growth of tourism in our country. When we look at the recommendations contained in the report, it is evident that the department, the Mpumalanga and the North West provincial governments are facing a huge challenge.

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These recommendations favour accountable, transparent and efficient governments, whereas at the same time it requires a close co-operation between the department and the provincial government. Only time will tell if sufficient signage can be mastered between them and meet these challenges. The NFP supports the report. Thank you.

Ms B T NGCOBO: Thank you very much, Chairperson. My declaration will cover both Mpumalanga and North West. In Mpumalanga there was quite a lot of problems with the Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, SSRIs, that is the legacy projects.

However, as we speak now, those legacy projects are being aggressively addressed because for Zithabiseni there is already a turnaround strategy that the department has come up with; to have a private sector look into the issues of that area so that it becomes revamped and works with the communities around that area. This one I think will improve a lot of these legacy projects.

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When it comes to those legacy projects that are nonfunctional at all, the department has used Growth Through Energy Community Health, GTECH, which is helping with the engineering and also taking out of the tourism books those projects that are not necessarily profitable for tourism; but some of them had been handed over to the municipalities.

With the North West province, North West is a primarily a rural province. They talk of small towns and dorpias and that is where they are looking into. We were impressed that they have got home stays which are used by tourist particularly around Pilanesberg where tourists stay, at the people's homes and they live with the people. They do what the people do. If that could be replicated throughout the country I am sure it will also look into the area of rural tourism.

The other experience that we saw in North West is that it is very cultural and a lot of areas can be developed into cultural heritage site, which will actually attract a lot of tourist. In Pilanesberg which is a cultural village, there is also an indigenous knowledge system.

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We were at that particular oversight together with the Department of Science and Technology. They were looking into the indigenous traditional medicines; and we were looking into the cultural practices that were done in that area. That is one area that would really attract tourist to come to Pilanesberg and to visit the province.

The other issue that was of interest is, they have got hotel schools which are attracting students from all over the country; from North West, from Limpopo even from the Eastern Cape. These students are trained and some of them are actually working. In the Mafikeng hotel school there is also support from the French people. The Taung hotel school is training young people into hospitality as well as the scarce skills that are needed by the country. If this could be a success it will be of big assistance to the country.

However, we would like to put a recommendation to the Ministers, the Minister of Tourism in particular and the Minister of Transport. If the Minister of Tourism can communicate with the Minister of Transport to assist the tour operators from this

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province so that they are able to assist tourist that come from OR Tambo going to North West.

We would also ask the Minister of Tourism to have a meeting or a communication or actually even the intergovernmental relations where the national tourism and the provincial in Mpumalanga as well as public works, and local government in Mpumalanga should talk around the issue of pilgrims rest.

There is a lot of potential of tourism growth if that area can be revamped and be looked at; and be given the actual home of the role of the municipalities. For example: What role can the municipality play and what role, can tourism play. And what is the role of the public works as the owner of the pilgrims rest. So, we would really like the House to support this report. Thank you. [Applause.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Thank you, House Chair. I move that the report be adopted by this House. Thank you.

Question put

Motion agreed to.

Reports accordingly adopted (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG RENAMES BUILDING AFTER ANTI-APARTHEID

JOURNALISTS

(Draft Resolution)

Mr D M GUMEDE: Hon Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) notes that the University of Johannesburg is set to rename the Die Perskorporasie van Suid-Afrika, Perskor Building after anti-apartheid journalists Percy Qoboza and Aggrey Klaaste today, Thursday, 2 March 2017;
- (2) further notes that the building became the headquarters of the media giant Perskor in 1976, and

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that on the same year Qoboza was named Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and when the Soweto uprising took place;

- (3) acknowledges that Qoboza and Klaaste were at the forefront of the black consciousness ideology which they articulated through their contributions in newspapers;
- (4) recalls that they fought for the dignity and value of black people oppressed and dehumanised by the apartheid regime, using the media as a mighty weapon;
- (5) understands that Qoboza became the editor of *The World* newspaper in 1968, and that the paper would go on to be the most circulated black newspaper in South Africa by 1974;
- (6) further understands that Klaaste became the editor of *The Sowetan* newspaper from 1988 until 2002, and that he is famously credited for having introduced the

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concept of nation-building, which was aimed at actively repairing the damage apartheid inflicted on the nation as a whole; and

- (7) commends the University of Johannesburg for acknowledging the role played by the journalists in the democratic South Africa.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON: Hon members, all of you who are going to read these motions without notice, please keep in mind that there is a time limit on these motions without notice. It is one and a half minutes. It is not until the end when you finish or intend finishing the motion. DA, do you have a motion without notice?

Agreed to.

CONDOLENCES TO SHEILA HENDERSON

(Draft Resolution)

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Mr R LEES: We do indeed. House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) expresses its condolences to the family of Sheila Henderson of Ladysmith, KwaZulu-Natal;
- (2) also expresses its gratitude for the contribution that Sheila made towards bringing about a democratic South Africa, and for working tirelessly for its success;
- (3) notes that Sheila died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, 19 February 2017, at the age of 94 years;
- (4) also notes that she was a founder member of the Black Sash movement in the 1950s as well as being a founder member of the Progressive Party;
- (5) further notes that she was a friend of Helen Suzman and sadly turned down a request by Suzman to stand for

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election as a candidate of the Progressive Party, sad because she would have made an outstanding Member of Parliament, MP at a time when Suzman was a lone voice in Parliament;

(6) recalls that she remained active in politics right to the end, even at the age of 93, confined to a wheelchair, she was greeting voters during last year's elections;

(7) also recalls that she was an historian of note who ensured that history was viewed from all points of view, she, with a small band of committed people and with funds she squeezed from donors, established the now world renowned Talana Museum in Dundee;

(8) acknowledges that she inspired a whole generation of historians including the recently retired Chief Archivist of South Africa; and

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- (9) conveys our profound condolences to the family and friends.

IsiZulu:

Hamba kahle Sheila. Siyathemba ukuthi uNkulukulu usosisiza kuthi siphinde sikubone ezulwini.

Agreed to.

CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULING ON BONGINKOSI KHANYILE BAIL HEARING

(Draft Resolution)

Ms H O HLOPHE: House Chair, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) notes that the last prisoner of the FeesMustFall movement, Bonginkosi Education Khanyile, was granted bail after a prolonged period of imprisonment;

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- (2) notes that his imprisonment was unjust, unfair and directly infringed on his liberties;
- (3) we further note that this struggle for free higher education is just a beautiful and progressive struggle;
- (4) also notes that the Constitutional Court ruled yesterday that this decision by lower courts to deny Education Khanyile bail were irrational and ignorant of the fact that he was a human being entitled to human liberties;
- (5) further note that the Constitutional Court expressed concern that was being detained without a trial date for a long period of time and questioned why he was the only a student leader to remain behind bars despite protest action had come to an end;

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- (6) acknowledge that Khanyile has been in detention for more than six months and his only sin was to lead students in their struggle for free quality education;
- (7) applauds the Constitutional Court for being the towering steward of our constitutional democracy, without fail, time and again; and
- (8) wishes Bonginkosi Khanyile well for his future.

Agreed to.

STORMERS BEAT BULLS IN NEULANDS

(Draft Resolution)

Ms Z C FAKU: House Chair, I move without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) congratulates the Stormers for beating the Bulls 37 - 24 at Newlands on Saturday, 25 February 2017;
- (2) notes that the Stormers scored five tries to the Bulls' four in their Super Rugby season opener match;
- (3) believes that the Stormers had a strong tactical performance and dominated the Bulls at the scrums, with strong attacking and defensive breakdowns; and
- (4) wishes the Stormers success in their upcoming matches.

Agreed to.

**INANDA SEMINARY IN DURBAN TEAMS UP WITH ZENEX FOUNDATION TO
LAUNCH TEACHER INTERNS PILOT PROJECT**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr N SINGH: Chairperson, I move without notice:

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That the House -

- (1) notes that the legendary Inanda Seminary in Durban teamed up with the Zenex Foundation to launch a pilot teacher-interns project in eight rural primary schools in KwaZulu-Natal;
- (2) further notes that the Maths, English and Science programme will see 12 teacher-interns studying towards Bachelor of Education degrees through University of South Africa, Unisa, placed at schools around Ndwendwe;
- (3) acknowledges that the aim of this pilot project is to ascertain whether the already successful model of pre-service teacher training can work in a rural setting;
- (4) further acknowledges that it is the vision of the programme manager to train and grow inspired, high quality teachers from disadvantaged backgrounds through hands-on and school-based professional

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development, thus raising the quality of teaching and learning in our schools;

(5) applauds the initiative taken by these organisations; and

(6) encourages Government - I am looking at you across - to adopt more forward-thinking whilst working together with the citizenry in order to ensure a better future for our country.

Agreed to.

**SILOAH LUTHERAN TB HOSPITAL IN DLOMODLOMO NONGOMA UNDER THREAT
OF IMMINENT CLOSURE**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S C MNCWABE: House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) notes that the Siloah Lutheran TB Hospital at Dlomodlomo near KwaNongoma is under threat of imminent closure when the funding agreement expires next month;
- (2) further notes that the possible closure of the hospital will affect many people who depend on this hospital to get their medication and the services of medical staff;
- (3) also notes that the management is currently working on a retrenchment plan for about 95 workers, which if implemented, will hit low-income families in particular;
- (4) finally notes that Statistics SA has revealed that Tuberculosis was the leading underlying natural cause of death in 2015-2016, accounting for 7.2% of all deaths nationally; and
- (5) call upon the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health to make every effort possible to ensure that the doors of

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this crucial medical facility remain open to serve the desperate need of the Northern Zululand region.

Agreed to.

SARS CONGRATULATED FOR MASSIVE OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

CRYSTAL METH DRUG BUST

(Draft Resolution)

Ms M C C PILANE-MAJEKE: House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) congratulates South African Revenue Service, Sars, for intercepting 100kg of crystal methamphetamine, Crystal meth worth about R30 million at OR Tambo International Airport;

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- (2) notes that the cargo came from Cameroon via Istanbul in Turkey;
- (3) further notes that the substance meth is referred to as "tik" in the Western Cape and is one of the most commonly abused drugs in Cape Town;
- (4) acknowledges that meth is highly addictive with addicts becoming aggressive and psychotic; and
- (5) commends Sars for a job well done in assisting by intercepting this drug and in ensuring our sustained effort to keep all drugs off our streets and help keep our communities safe.

Agreed to.

70 SICK LEARNERS FROM MANCAM JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MQANDULI

(Draft Resolution)

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Ms C C MAJEKE: Chairperson, on behalf of the UDM, I move without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes with sadness that on Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 February respectively, about 70 young people from Mancam Junior Secondary School in Mganduli rural area, they had to be rushed to Luthubeni Clinic and Zithulele Hospital after suffering from mass hysteria;
- (2) further notes that these young pupils were reported to have complained of headache and stomach ache and dizziness, a situation that could not be explained nor controlled by the school authorities;
- (3) recalls that the incident at Mancam comes less than two weeks after the people died at Bhekisizwe Junior Secondary School and doesn't others were rushed to hospital after they fell victims of similar sickness;

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- (4) commends the decision and leadership of the school and the parents to allow pupils not to attend school yesterday, Wednesday, which was 1 March 2017 in the interest of safety of all the children;
- (5) further commends the arrangements made by the school and parents to mobilise the broader community and religious fraternity for the prayer service as they all accompanied the pupils back to school today, being Thursday, 2 March;
- (6) calls for the maximum unity of all sectors of the affected community in an endeavour to bring an end to this cruel incident;
- (7) wishes all the affected pupils who were rushed to various health facilities for a speedy recovery and return to peaceful teaching and learning environment;
and

- (8) expresses our condolences with the family and the school of the 15-year-old grade 8 pupils, who died two weeks ago.

Agreed to.

**A FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY, FELL DOWN ON AN OPEN, UNPROTECTED AND
ABANDONED 1KM DEEP MINE SHAFT**

(Draft Resolution)

Prof B BOZZOLI: Chair, I hereby move on behalf of the DA a motion without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes that on Saturday, 25 February 2017, a five-year-old boy, Richard Mohlala, fell down on an open, unprotected and abandoned 1 km deep mineshaft near his home in the impoverished informal settlement named with dark irony, Jerusalem, in Boksburg Ekurhuleni;

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- (2) also notes that to date he has not been found and his parents are distraught and his community has marched in a violent protest to demand his rescue;
- (3) further notes that Jerusalem informal settlement is one of no fewer than a 119 informal settlements in an ANC-run Ekurhuleni and is likely others blighted to the neglected place, built on unstable foundations with no prospects of remedy in a bleak post-industrial landscape, which is littered with open and abandoned mineshafts down which is alleged bodies are frequently thrown;
- (4) acknowledges that Richard's case highlight the need for local and national government to urgently address the rehabilitation of opened and abandoned mineshafts and to ensure that the interest of communities are wherein mining activities occur are better protected;
- (5) calls for the continuation of the search for Richard, the closure and protection of all mineshafts and the

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provision of alternative housing for Jerusalem and all the 119 informal settlements in Ekurhuleni; and

- (6) conveys our heartfelt sympathy and support to the Mohlala family and the community of Jerusalem.

Agreed to.

THE INSOURCING OF WORKERS FROM LABOUR BROKER AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

(Draft Resolution)

MR T RAWULA: I rise on behalf of the EFF to move without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes that the struggle for the insourcing of workers from labour brokers and service providers is not yet achieved;

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- (2) further notes that the #FeesMustFall movement, which amongst many demands call for the insourcing of university workers from labour brokers;
- (3) acknowledges that it is discouraging to note that workers here in the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa are still subjected to a slavery system of labour brokering by unscrupulous labour service providers parading as service providers;
- (4) further acknowledges that about 42 workers in the cleaning division with the majority of them being females are employed by a service provider and get paid a gross salary of less than R3000 00 per month after deductions. This poor workers go home with about R1300 00 as a net salary;
- (5) further notes that the longest worker has been working here for nine years and the most recently employed has been employed for at least 18 months, this is a violation of workers dignity;

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(6) calls upon Parliament to lead by example in the protection of workers rights and to respect and protect workers rights; and

(7) further notes that Nehawu has abandoned their cases because of some of those shop stewards whilst discussing the plight of those workers they are also submitting their CVs. Thank you.

The House Chairperson (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, if there are no objects, I put the motion.

Ms M C C PILANE-MAJAKE: We are objecting, House Chairperson.

The House Chairperson (Mr C T Frolick): Your objection is noted. Hon members, the Whips must please follow the proceedings and object at the appropriate time. The motion is not agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF SIYA KOLISI AS THE NEW STORMERS CAPTAIN

(Draft Resolution)

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MR GUMEDE: The ANC moves without notice:

That the House –

- (1) welcomes the appointment of Siya Kolisi as the new Stormers captain;
- (2) recalls that he was included in the Springboks squad when he turned 21 in 2012;
- (3) further recalls that Siya earned his first Springbok cap in 2013, as a substitute for Arno Botha in a match against Scotland in Nelspruit;
- (4) remembers that he played extremely well and he was chosen as the man of the match in that game;
- (5) further remembers that Mr Kolisi has already amassed 76 Stormers caps; and

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(6) believes that his appointment proves that the team has absolute trust and confidence in his leadership, as well as his abilities and wishes Siya Kolisi much success in his future endeavours.

The House Chairperson (Mr C T Frolick): If there are no objections I put the motion.

An HON MEMBER: The EFF object.

The House Chairperson (Mr C T Frolick): There is an objection and the motion is not agreed to.

1 MARCH 2017 HAS BEEN DECLARED ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY

(Draft Resolution)

MS M C C PILANE-MAJAKE: House Chairperson, the ANC move without notice:

That the House –

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- (1) notes that on 1 March 2017 has been declared a zero discrimination day;
- (2) further notes that this day is a UNAIDS campaign for solidarity against racism, discrimination at work, discrimination at school and other activities that reduce people's ability to participate fully and meaningfully in society;
- (3) believes that discrimination undermines the efforts to achieve a more just and equitable world and causes pain and suffering for many; and
- (4) calls for South Africans to unite and fight discrimination that divides the nations in order to create a world free of stereotypes that are a hindrance to development of the people of South Africa and promote ill-informed opinions.

The House Chairperson (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, if there are no objects, I put the motion.

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An HON MEMBER: I object.

The House Chairperson (Mr C T Frolick): There is an objection and the motion is not agreed to.

**SELECTION OF PHENDULANI BUTHELEZI AND SANELE NOHAMBA, TO PLAY
FOR THE SA RUGBY SEVENS**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms Z C Faku: House Chairperson, the ANC move without notice:

That the House –

- (1) welcomes the selection of Phendulani Buthelezi and Sanele Nohamba, who are learners at Durban High School to play for the SA Rugby Sevens Schools under 18 team in Windhoek, Namibia, on the weekend of 4 to 5 March 2017;

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- (2) notes that the two talented rugby players are the first to be selected amongst the school rugby players for the Saru Sevens Schools under 18 squad;
- (3) further notes that they are not only representing their school, but are also exclusively representing KwaZulu-Natal as they are the only two players selected from the province amongst all the other rugby playing schools;
- (4) recalls that the two players were initially selected at the Sevens Rugby Tournament at DHS last year, where they were invited to attend a training camp along with 18 other players from around the country;
- (5) recognises that because of their talent at the training camp, they were selected for the recent announced 13-man squad; and
- (6) wishes them success in their match in Windhoek Namibia over the coming weekend. I thank you.

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Agreed to.

KENILWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL GOT 100% PASS IN 2016

(Draft Resolution)

MR DE FREITAS: House Chair, I hereby move on behalf of the DA without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes that Kenilworth Secondary School in Kenilworth in the south of Johannesburg has obtained 100% pass in 2016, with 80% bachelors and 20% diploma pass, making it the best performing school in the district for the second consecutive year;
- (2) notes that this school, with a learner population of 100% black learners from poor communities, has produced these excellent results because there is a great partnership with parents and the school governing body,

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led by the vibrant and passionate school principal, Mr Morgan Radebe;

- (3) notes that the teachers are dedicated and passionate, and they do more than what is expected of them by giving up their weekends and holidays to ensure that their matriculants excel and not allow unions to interfere with their teaching;
- (4) further notes that Kenilworth Secondary School is an example to all other schools, particularly in poor communities, where such schools enjoy no extra luxuries and facilities; and
- (5) acknowledges and congratulates the dedicated teachers, parents of the learners of Kenilworth Secondary School, as well as the principal of this school.

Agreed to.

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**TATJANA SCHOENMAKER BECOMES WORLD'S SECOND FASTEST IN
WOMEN'S 200M BREASTSTROKE**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms M C C PILANE-MAJAKE: Hon Chairperson, the ANC moves without notice:

That the House -

- (1) congratulates Tatjana Schoenmaker for achieving a world championship qualifying time in the 200m breaststroke on 25 February 2017 at the Swimming SA Grand Prix in Stellenbosch;
- (2) notes that her achievement qualifies her as the second fastest time for women's 200m breaststroke in the world this year;

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- (3) further notes that she also made a clean sweep of the breaststroke events over the weekend, touching the wall first over the 50m, 100m, and 200m distances;
- (4) believes that this 19-year-old rising star's great swimming abilities will bring glory to South Africa; and
- (5) wishes her success in her future endeavours.

Agreed to.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, that concludes Motions Without Notice.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon Chair!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Yes, hon member!

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Just on a point of order, hon Chair, if you may: Our Rules on the Motions Without Notice,

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first say that the notices must come in at a particular time, go to the office of the Secretary, and the Secretary will then alert all parties. So if there are five parties that disagree with the motion, then such motion will not come to the House. Now, I am raising this so that perhaps you can look: Whether the Motions Without Notice that have been objected to, including the EFF one ... [Interjections.]

IsiZulu:

Awulaleli mani!

English:

Whether - including the ANC ones - all of the notices went through all these processes; and whether parties, informed by our Rules, did indeed object in terms of the Rules to these motions?

If such a process wasn't followed, I would respectfully request that we don't go back to where we came from: That you correctly reconsider the rulings that you have correctly made in relation to the Motions Without Notice that were rejected today. That is

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all that I am asking. You just go back there, look at the process - whether all these processes were followed, and whether parties followed what is contained in our Rules - so that we don't go back to that terrible animosity that would characterise Motions Without Notice in this House. Thank you very much.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Chief Whip, we will do that: We will get the report from the Table Staff and we will have it ready for this further discussion in the Chief Whips' Forum which you happen to Chair as well. The next item on the Order Paper is Member Statements. [Interjections.] Hon Steenhuisen?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson, can I address you in terms of Rule 132(5) of the Rules of the National Assembly?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Yes, you may!

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson, section 92 of the Constitution says that members of the executive are

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accountable to this House for the exercise of their authority. The oversight and accountability model adopted by this Parliament, in section 3, recognises Members' Statements as one of the mechanisms to hold the executive accountable.

Today, we are now on the situation where we've got two Ministers in the House, and I really think it's making a mockery of this tool of oversight. I mean, even if they wanted to, they couldn't respond to the six statements because they just don't have enough members here. The Leader of Government Business undertook to the Presiding Officer that this situation would improve; it has gotten worse. Could I press up on the Presiding Officers to please take this up again with the Leader of Government Business? We need the executive in this House accounting to members as per the Constitution and our own oversight and accountability model. [Applause.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon Steenhuisen. The matter is a concern. I have just quickly checked. There are two Minister and four Deputy Ministers present. However, it is a mater that was previously raised in

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the House and we will definitely take it up with the Leader of Government Business to ensure that we do deal with these statements and the replies thereto in accordance with the Rules.

MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

SA-CHINA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEEF EXPORTS

(Member's Statement)

Ms T M A TONGWANE (ANC): House Chair, the ANC welcomes the recent Memorandum of Understanding on the Entry and Exit Animal Inspection and Quarantine between South Africa and China, which will present an opportunity to smallholder farmers to access the Chinese market.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister, Senzeni Zokwana, signed the Memorandum and the Protocol on the Export of South African beef to China on Friday, 24 February 2017, to give effect to the export of South African beef to China. The Minister signed the agreement with the Chinese Vice Minister of

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General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine during the launch of the Operation Phakisa:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development by President Jacob Zuma in Roodeplaat, Pretoria.

President Zuma announced during the state of the nation address on 9 February 2017 that South Africa would begin exporting beef to China this year. The agreement will further enhance and take forward the strong relations and strategic partnership between South Africa and China.

The programme aims to enhance and transform the agricultural sector and accelerate land reform to ensure an inclusive rural economy. Operation Phakisa: Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development also seeks to address constraints ... [Time expired.]

IRREGULAR CONTRACT BETWEEN CPS AND SASSA

(Member's Statement)

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Ms B S MASANGO (DA): House Chair, yesterday marked the one-month countdown to the termination of the invalid, irregular contract between Cash Paymaster Services, CPS, and the SA Social Security Agency, Sassa, to distribute 17 million social grants to poor and vulnerable South Africans.

Since June last year, the DA has done everything in its power to gain clarity and get answers from the Minister of Social Development and Sassa on their plans to institutionalise the payments of these crucial grants. We have asked questions, oral and written. We have written to the committee, calling for the Minister to be summoned to present her takeover plans. We have written letters calling for clarity. All have been to no avail.

The Minister and her department have shown nothing but obfuscation and evasion on this matter. She has disdainfully disregarded every conceivable parliamentary oversight mechanism and still, we have no plans before us. We are sitting on a ticking time bomb and playing with the lives of 17 million South Africans. Thank you. [Applause.]

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ARREST OF CLLR KHOLEKILE LANGE

(Member's Statement)

Mr M S MBATHA (EFF): Chair, the EFF welcomes the arrest of Cllr Kholekile Lange in the Eastern Cape and wishes to congratulate the Hawks in the Eastern Cape on a job well done.

Last Thursday, the Hawks arrested the criminal mastermind of fraud and the embezzlement of public money, Cllr Kholekile Lange, current Speaker of the Walter Sisulu Local Municipality and an ANC leader in the Eastern Cape. This ANC leader was charged with fraud and embezzlement of about R7 million of public money. [Interjections.]

We call on the MEC of the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the national Minister, weekend special, Des van Rooyen, to get rid of Cllr Kholekile Lange with immediate effect. We also call upon the law-enforcement agencies to pursue all criminals without fear or favour, irrespective of their political backgrounds. In addition, we all call upon our

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courts to impose the harshest possible sentences on the thieves of public money, such as this ANC cadre, Cllr Lange.

STATE-OF-THE-ART CLINIC AT EMBALENHLE TOWNSHIP, MPUMALANGA

(Member's Statement)

Mr A F MAHLALELA (ANC): House Chair, on 25 February 2017, Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa opened a state-of-the-art clinic at Embalenhle Township in Secunda, Mpumalanga. The opening of the clinic was a source of pride and joy to the people of Embalenhle and was a reflection of the ANC's shared commitment to build a compassionate society in which all have access to quality health care.

This was a demonstration of our nation's ability to bring social partners together to create a more humane and inclusive society. The project was done in partnership with Sasol as a valued partner for social development. The company has embraced the vision of a united, just and equitable society. We therefore wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sasol for being a

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trusted ally of our people in working to transform and improve the health care system that we inherited from a past of neglect and deprivation.

We further wish to extend our appreciation to the clinic staff for their dedication in attending to the needs of our community under such difficult conditions before this state-of-the-art clinic was built. We thank the leadership of Sasol for the investment of R9 million. [Time expired.]

HOUSING CRISIS

(Member's Statement)

Mr K P SITHOLE (IFP): Hon Chairperson, the realities that the people of our country are still faced with are very unfortunate and disheartening. Proper housing or the lack thereof continues to be the bane of many people's existence in South Africa. People have become victims of the severe contraventions of their constitutional right to dignity, life and housing. These are fundamental rights and are to be enjoyed by us all equally, as

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human beings. Yet, every single day of their lives, people worry about securing a home of their own. The dream of accessing housing is still a very distant reality for many people.

The struggle for a decent home is real, and corruption is rife. The corruption within the system is a huge problem. It has left people living in limbo, not knowing whether they are coming or going. Waiting has become an intrinsic part of the narrative, while people remain living in squalor. The fact that it has been recently reported that there are still people with C-forms dating back to 1996-97 is disappointing and, certainly, sad.

Perhaps another issue that needs to be highlighted is the issue of people illegally occupying houses that are not assigned to them using intimidation and deceit. [Time expired.]

SASSA CRISIS

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Mr S C MNCWABE (NFP): House Chairperson, the looming Sassa crisis reminds us very much of a similar situation recently, when South Africa was held hostage by load shedding. The manufactured energy crisis was used as the means to enrich a few connected individuals through lucrative coal-supply contracts. The damage suffered by business and in investor confidence cost us billions, and the daily lives of ordinary people were disrupted.

Once again, we are on the verge of being held hostage. This time, it is our most vulnerable people in South Africa who will pay the price for the enrichment of a few. The NFP believes the Minister of Social Development is instrumental in creating this new crisis. She has done nothing over the past months to put in place plans to ensure that grants are distributed to 17 million of our people at the beginning of April. All the while, she continues to jealously guard her apparent links to those BEE members who formed part of Belamant R10 billion bid for the tender, which was awarded to CPS under corrupt circumstances.

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Then NFP supports the suggestion that National Treasury should be mandated to step into the looming void to ensure that grant payments are effected expeditiously. We believe that the government should not be allowed to outsource its responsibility. [Time expired.]

Dr C Q MADLOPHA (ANC): Hon Chair ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member ... Alright, you go ahead, but please note, the other member was on her feet, as well. Continue, hon member.

EXPANDING OF FREE WI-FI IN ETHEKWINI

(Member's Statement)

Dr C Q MADLOPHA (ANC): Thank you. The ANC has prioritised rapidly expanding access to and use of ICT infrastructure by ensuring that the government supports and develops free Wi-Fi areas in cities, towns and rural areas. The ANC commends the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality for practically implementing

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ANC policy by launching R30 million free Wi-Fi services across eThekweni, including townships and rural areas.

This project will be rolled out in phases, with the pilot phase including the laying of fibre optic cable. So far, the City of eThekweni has rolled out over 1 500 km of fibre optic cable. The City of eThekweni expects to connect all public facilities and to provide free Wi-Fi in all municipal libraries, as well as to launch free Wi-Fi in major townships, rural areas and areas around universities, or where there is a high concentration of students. Furthermore, it also plans to set up 750 Wi-Fi access points within the next three years.

The ANC trusts that this project is going to benefit everyone, but mostly young people in the townships and rural areas, where access to digital technology is paramount. This project seeks to help young people search for jobs online. [Time expired.]



LEARNERS' S RIGHTS VIOLATED

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(Member's Statement)

Rev K R J MESHOE (ACDP): House Chairperson, too many learners' rights to education and human dignity have been and continued to be violated as a result of substandard sanitation facilities. The ACDP is very concerned that even though government is aware that there is a massive backlog of schools that need proper toilets for learners, there seems to be no urgency to correct the shortfall.

In August 2015, a nongovernmental Organisation, NGO, called Blessman Ministries International approached the Limpopo Department of Education to offer their assistance to build this much needed toilets in needy schools. After submitting all the required documents an undertaking was made that a memorandum of understanding would be signed between the department and Blessman Ministries International, BMI. In order to get the memorandum of understanding, MOU, signed so that the project could commence, an appointment to meet the then acting head of department was requested. However, despite a number of attempts

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since, BMI are yet to be granted a meeting to finalise this agreement. BMI approached me to assist them.

On 6 February 2017, I requested an appointment with the Minister of Basic Education to raise this urgent matter but to date her office has not given an appointment. The ACDP urges government not to wait until another child falls into a filthy disgusting pit latrine before they respond to offers to help from NGOs such as BMI. Chairperson, there are many people who want to help schools with this dire situation but because of government red tape and an uncaring attitude, people who want to help are denied the opportunity to do so. Thank you.

FUNDING GIVING FARMERS IN THE EASTERN CAPE A BOOST

(Member's Statement)

Ms N DAMBUZA (ANC): Chairperson, part of the ANC strategy on rural development is premised on growing sustainable rural enterprise and industries through strong rural and urban linkages, increased investment in rural industries and access to

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local markets and financial services. Therefore, the ANC views this initiative by its provincial government as a step in the right direction to enable them to be participants in the agro processing value chain. As a result, the farmers in the Eastern Cape are for the first time able to sell their super maize meal and samp at a retail supermarket in King Williams Town. This includes a branded maize products produced by six Mqanduli farming cooperatives to the local retail sector.

This effort ensued the launch of the rural cooperatives from the Mqanduli Rural Enterprise Development Hub as commercial farms and food processors benefitting from the land through government-funded initiatives. The ANC believes that the development of small businesses and cooperatives are critical means to empower our people, draw new entrants into the economy, strengthen inclusive growth, build the social economy and communities should be encouraged to use the land to be productive. I thank you.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS FAILURE

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(Member's Statement)

Dr W G JAMES (DA): House Chairperson, when medical equipments fails people die. The Auditor-General in his health sector report for 2015/16 reported that the DA-run Western Cape was the only province that consistently passed the following rigorous tests:

First, ensuring that there was enough money for procuring and maintaining medical equipments throughout the year. Secondly, rigorously implementing approved standards for operating procedures for procurement and maintenance of equipment. Thirdly, ensuring that there were no delays in the process of procuring new equipments. Lastly, ensuring that medical equipments are used properly by having trained staff, appropriate infrastructure, routine maintenance and instantaneously repair of broken machines.

Chairperson, the Northern Cape and Limpopo failed four out of the AGs categories. KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and the Eastern Cape failed five out of the six categories. The Free

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State and the North West failed every single one of these categories. By any standards these are shockingly poor performances except for the Western Cape, the Auditor-General found that medical equipments consistently passed in every one of these categories. All provinces are welcome to come and look at how the Western Cape does it. I thank you. [Applause.]

SOLIDARITY PLEDGE WITH THOLE FAMILY

(Member's Statement)

Ms N V MENTE (EFF): Chairperson, the EFF pledges solidarity with the Thole family whose five-year-old son has been trapped in an abandoned mine since 25 February 2017. The five-year-old Richard Thole has since not been found at the Boksburg disused mine to date. Rescue operations have been temporarily suspended and the rescuers have alerted the family that chances of Richard being found alive are minimal. The blame must be put squarely at the feet of mining companies whom after exploiting our mineral and labour resources leave open holes that now serve as grave swallowing our people alive.

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It must be the duty of the day to prioritise the safety of our people and to prevent such avoidable tragedies. There are thousands of disused mines in this country left without proper mine closure procedures and the department has not done anything to hold these mining companies accountable. We call on a full government project to attend to all abandoned and disused mines to ensure that safety measures are put in place and that the responsible mining companies face the full might of the law including compensation to communities and affected families. We call on all the people of South Africa to join in prayer and solidarity with the Thole family in the hope to find their five-year-old son. Our unity in times of human tragedy is utmost important. Thank you.

UNIVERSITIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR DISABLED

(Member's statement)

Mr E K SIWELA (ANC): House Chairperson, the ANC has undertaken a commitment to make it compulsory that all public buildings are accessible to people with disabilities. In line with this

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commitment the ANC government has invested about R175 million to ensure that students and staff with disabilities have improved access to university facilities. This multimillion rand project follows the ANC government's strategic decision three years ago to support all universities with funding to improve or expand facilities and infrastructure for students and staff with disabilities. Some of the upgrades at the country's universities include improvements to areas such as lifts and walkways, general accessibility, assistive learning hardware, magnification of printed text, enhancement software, low vision aids, braille embossers, computers, software, hardware and accessories.

Furthermore, the ANC is pleased that the government has finalised the process of its disability policy, which will help guide the postschool education and training sector on how best to harness the skills of the disabled. The ANC will continue to implement policies and programmes that are geared towards the protection and promotion of the rights of people with disabilities to ensure uninhibited and open access to all

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facilities for students and staff with disabilities. I thank you.

CLAIMANTS WIN AGRI-PROJECT

(Member's Statement)

Mr M DIRKS (ANC): Chairperson, the ANC is proud to showcase one of its many success stories amongst its restitution programme. As evident, yes indeed, after KwaZulu-Natal ANC government together with the Commission for the Restitution of Land Rights, officially handed over title deeds worth R140 million to the residents of Nkanini-Qwabe in Stanger. This community was dispossessed of their land rights in 1971. Currently this community of Nkanini-Qwabe is able to participate in the agricultural economy. The provincial government also launched the Qwabe-Nkanini sugarcane Project, which has received about R16 million in funding for management and infrastructure development.

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Further, this enterprise grows sugarcane, bananas, nuts, litchis and flowers. The Nkanini farming project employs 75 people with the expectation that as the project develops more than 117 jobs will be created. Furthermore, the Qwabe Secondary co-operative has a total of 992 beneficiaries with 349 people employed by the co-operative with an expectation of 87 additional jobs to be created. The ANC believes this project ... [Time expired.] Thank you very much. [Applause.]

WESTERN CAPE STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS

(Member's statement)

Mr G G HILL-LEWIS (DA): Chairperson, the difference that the DA government makes was on full display for South Africans to see last week. In comparison to the R11 million spent on the Sona and the obscene security design to exclude the public, the Western Cape state of the province address was an example of the government that knows it serves the people not the other way round. The DA is showing what is possible when South Africans

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vote for the party that actually delivers a better life for all not just talks about it.

Consider the evidence, unemployment in the DA-governed Western Cape is a full 13,8% point lower than the national average. Rural unemployment is 14% lower than the national average. The 75% of South Africa's venture capital deals are done in the DA-governed Western Cape. International tourist arrivals are up to 16% in the last year. The DA has half the backlog in issuing title deeds making people owners of their properties and giving them meaningful land reform. Employment in farming and agriprocessing has increased 40% in just two years.

This is what happens where the DA governs. It is what will happen in Johannesburg, Tshwane and Nelson Mandela Bay too. It is a sad day when the ANC in Johannesburg blocks the opening of a brand new clinic designed to better serve the community of Alexander like they did on Tuesday morning. [Time expired.] Thank you. [Applause.]

NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HOST SMMEs

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(Member's Statement)

Mr N Capa: Chairperson, the ANC commends the initiative of the National Planning Commission to host various dialogue sessions with Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises throughout the country from March until May. The ANC believes that this will have a tremendous impact in developing and strengthening Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises as a vehicle to empower our people, draw new entrance into the economy, strengthen inclusive growth and create large number of jobs.

Moreover, the ANC is of the view that the dialogue sessions are also going to play a vital role in information gathering on the limited success of entrepreneurial activity by locals in townships and rural areas. Therefore, its findings will assist in the gaining of deeper insight into the context and challenges faced by township and rural economies. Furthermore, the dialogue sessions will also assist in giving direction in the formulation of strategies to deal with the challenges faced by township and rural Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises, SMMEs, open up opportunities for black-owned firms and smaller businesses

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thereby promoting inclusive growth and redress skewed ownership patterns in South Africa. I thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): That concludes the member's statements. Are there any ministerial responses?

Mr N SINGH: Chairperson, may I rise on Section 135(2) which was raised earlier in support of the hon Chief Whip of the Opposition. I want the hon Chief Whip to take note. Madam Chair, may I proceed?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Section 135?

Mr N SINGH: Section 135(2), members of the executives to answer questions.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): It is Section 132 not 135.

Mr N SINGH: I mean ... sorry, sorry Section 132(5), I got it confused. Thank you for bringing that to my attention.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you.

Mr N SINGH: Chairperson, may I proceed. I have noted the contents of the 15 statements that were made from both sides of the House only two relates to minister; one to a deputy minister and one to the national Minister of Rural Development. The rest, none of the ministers are here. I think it is important that the leader of Government Businesses be informed so that we don't go through the motions and waste an entire hour seating here, particularly on a Thursday afternoon going through these statements. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, the message will be conveyed to the relevant office and I believe something will be done about that. Thank you for that.

**SCHOOLS WITHOUT WATER AND SANITATION A VIOLATION OF DIGNITY TO
OUR LEARNERS AND EDUCATORS**

**DEFENCE ASSISTING FAMILY OF THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD AND THE COMMUNITY
IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME**

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(Minister's Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION: Hon Chairperson, the hon Meshoe is correct in that schools without water or sanitation are indeed a violation of the dignity of our learners and educators. Whilst we have made significant strides in terms of the provision of water and sanitation in schools, I do believe that any co-operation and collaboration with the private sector is most welcomed.

I would invite the hon Meshoe to bring or provide me with the details of his request then I shall certainly raise that with the hon Minister. It is important to know that in the years since the Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative, Asidi, programmes, we were able to develop or deliver 59 state-of-the-art-schools. The year there after, 51 state-of-the-art schools that is on average more than a school per week. In this financial year, the provinces and the national department were able to deliver more than a 110 schools as replacement on new schools.

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So, we are making strides, but the challenges are huge and enormous and therefore, we certainly would welcome any contribution from the private sector and if indeed, we have to facilitate it, we certainly would take the responsibility. Again, we invite the hon Meshoe who might be the Minister in the future, but is the Minister in terms of his religious standing to certainly provide me with the information.

May I conclude by reaching out to the family of the five-year-old and the community out there; we certainly empathise with them and we have learned that the Defence or the army would be there to assist in this particular endeavour. Thank you very much.

EXPORTS OF BEEF TO CHINA

FUNDING A BOOST TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

CLAIMANTS WIN AGRIPROJECT

(Minister's Response)

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The MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM: Hon Chair, we want to thank the hon members of the ANC who raised a matter about the beef export to China and so on, and hon Dambuza about the enterprises in rural areas. I wish to just state here hon Chair that last week we had two days consultative workshop with all of the districts because we have appointed all the district mayors irrespective of their political parties. District mayors of the DA and all of other districts were part of that. We have appointed them to be political champions of agriparks.

In the Western Cape if you go to Witsenburg, I am sure if the hon members visit there, they will see a big transformation. You will see that in Bushbuckridge, Dr J S Moroka in Mpumalanga, Limpopo and everywhere and you go to Ncorha in the Eastern Cape those are big projects that will now be controlled between the districts and the national departments.

Next weekend we are meeting with all municipal mayors and traditional leaders because we will appoint them to look at the one household one hectare programme, which is very powerful in terms of fighting inequality, unemployment and poverty. One

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household, two dairy cows, we have started in implementing that and it is again a wonderful programme. Our people must own these things.

We also deal with the question of one ward one integrated community development centre, because our people in deep rural areas do not have those facilities, that is why we are doing and we will continue doing that. It will take time, but we will succeed.

Hon Chair, let me just make a comment about what I have observed: I think hon members are going to fall into a trap of affirming corruption, when they begin to think that reading some things in the media it is the truth. When they do that inadvertently they will affirm corruption and corrupt officials, when we fight against corruption in our departments and they do not apply their minds, they just think it is the truth. Next week or next time when the report comes to this House, we have referred that report to the Public Protector and ask the Public Protector to do a lifestyle audit on me since 1994, it will come to this House and you will be disappointed. Thank you.

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**DIALOGUE TO BE HELD FROM MARCH TO MAY TO ASSIST SMALL, MEDIUM
AND MICRO-SIZED ENTERPRISES**

(Minister's Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Hon Chairperson, I would like to respond to the statement made by hon member Capa, in terms of the dialogues that are going to held from March to May and hope that with the partnership of the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation, we would be able to get to the programmes that will be able to help us, but also understanding from the dialogues what are the felt needs of those Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises, SMMEs, and how can we assist them in terms of making sure that their SMMEs are sustainable and we are able to assist them in terms of the job-creation. Indeed this will be talking to the National Development Plan, NDP, as it states that the 11 million jobs that we must create by 2030, 90% of them, will come from the small businesses.

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So, I hope in that particular regard then these dialogues are assisting us in terms of making sure that we can be able to see progress in terms of assisting townships and the rural economies. For if you remember the Nine-Point Plan, it states exactly that and point seven states exactly that we have to revitalise the township economy and make sure that the township economies can be able to be strengthened and the rural areas. So, exactly this is going to lead us up to that because we believe that this is the right direction.

Thank you hon Capa, I think we will be able to move and make sure that we can create a lot of entrepreneurs than job-seekers. For those who do not know me: I am Elizabeth Thabethe, the Deputy Minister of Small Business Development, working with Minister Zulu. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

NOTICES OF MOTION

Ms M TONGWANE: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ANC:

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That the House debates the pitfalls of inclusive economic growth caused by corruption, both in the public and private sectors.

Mr T J BRAUTESETH: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of DA:

That the House debates the Minister of Social Development's evasion of accountability by not being present at scopa meetings to provide answers as to how the social grants crisis will be averted. I thank you.

Mr PAULSEN: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of EFF:

That the House debates the lack of planning to mitigate the impact that the severe and recurring drought has had on the agricultural sector across the country. I so move.

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Mr M A DIRKS: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ANC:

That the House debates the eradication of all forms of discrimination wherever they appear. Thank you very much.

Mr M A MNCWANGO: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of IFP:

That the House debates the surge in the illegal slaughter of animals since last year with thousands hides found hidden in warehouses and backyards, and the increase of the sale of donkeys to aid such practices. I thank you.

Mr A M SHAIK-EMAM: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of NFP:

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That the House debates on the effects of the socioeconomic impact on past and present farm workers and their families who were paid with alcohol resulting in alcohol Foetal Alcohol Syndrome affecting many generations, and the negative impact this has had on their lives so that this affected families are compensated accordingly. I so move.

Mr E K SIWELA: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ANC:

That the House debates disciplinary measures to be taken against perpetrators of fake qualifications, including prosecuting and publicly naming and shaming those caught doing so.

IsiXhosa:

Mnu N L S KWANKWA: Sihlalo weNdlu ohloniphekileyo, ndenza isaziso sokuba, xa le Ndlu ihlala kwakhona, ndiza kwenza isiphakamiso egameni le-UDM:

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Sokuba le Ndlu-

ixoxe lo mba wokusilela kukarhulumente wokushukuxa imiba yentlalo-qoqosho ebangela ukuba abantu bakuthi babenolaka, baphele bekrwempana kwaye bebethana nabantu bangaphandle.

Enkosi.

Mr R K PURDON: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of DA:

That the House debates allegations of corruption at the South African Weather Service.

IsiZulu:

Nk M S KHAWULA: Sihlalo, nginikeza isaziso sokuthi uma iNdlu ihlala ngokulandelayo ngizophakamisa egameni le-EFF:

Ukuba le Ndlu ibe nenkulumo mpikiswano ngodaba lwasemapulazini lapha eWorcester, kunenkinga yabalimi

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abatshala amawolintshi abangafuni ukuqasha abantu balapha eNingizimu Afrika. Baqasha abantu bangaphandle ngenhloso yokubaxhaphaza ngenxa yemali. Ngiyabonga.

Ms N B DAMBUZA: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ANC:

That the House debates transforming the structure of the economy through industrialization. I so move.

Ms C DUDLEY: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ACDP:

That the House debates the need for greater oversight in improving conditions for old people and holding departments accountable in order to restore society's lost compassion and respect for the elderly and vulnerable. Thank you.

Mr N CAPA: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ANC:

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That the House debates consistent farm evictions and slave wages in South Africa. I thank you.

Ms C Q MADLOPHA: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ANC:

That the House debates the meaning of radical economic transformation for women and girls. Thank you.

Mr M S F DE FREITAS: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of DA:

That the House debates an Airports Company South Africa report by the Auditor-General which recommends that appropriate steps be implemented to prevent the continued irregular, wasteful and fruitless expenditure and why these recommendations have been ignored to date. I thank you.

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Mr F MAHLALELA: House Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of ANC:

That the House debates 100 years of Palestinian resistance and struggle for self determination. I so move.

The House adjourned at: 16:39.