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Members of the mini-plenary session met in the Old Assembly Chamber at 10:02.

House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

**APPROPRIATION BILL**

Debate on Vote No 40: Sport and Recreation:

The MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION: Hon Chairperson, Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation, the hon Gert Oosthuizen, members of the Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation led by the hon Dlulane, hon Members of Parliament, the Director-General and officials of the Department of Sport and Recreation of South Africa, chairpersons, presidents and CEOs of our Sport and Recreation entities, the broader Sport and Recreation fraternity - my family is also here, invited guests, our champions that are here today and

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members of the media, it gives me great pleasure to stand before you and introduce our Budget Vote.

Our theme is, "I Choose to be Active." The advent of democracy ushered in an era of hope for a South Africa for all. A platform for the creation of a united, nonracial, nonsexist, democratic and prosperous society, led by our icon, uTata uNelson Rolihlahla Mandela, together with other leaders of the liberation movement who fought tirelessly and determined to use the power of sport to change the long painful turbulent history colonialism and apartheid, whose ugly head continues to haunt us. Nelson Mandela has this to say and I quote: "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

This leaves us with a deep seated message, that after we have viewed the impact of affected chains on the lives of others, that never again may we be instrumental in driving policies which do not enhance and respect the freedom of others - particularly in our sporting landscape. Presenting before you our 2018-19 Sport and Recreation budget, 24 years later under President Cyril Ramaphosa, who brings in refreshed spirit of the new dawn, he declared this year as the centenary of uTata uNelson Mandela and uMama uAlbertina Sisulu. These are the two giants who used sport to provide dignity and hope in the face of apartheid-sponsored oppression; who used

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sport to undermine discrimination with resistance; who used to heal and help unite society that the racial segregation of apartheid had brutally divided – which is a long walk that we must still all walk and take.

I stand on the shoulders of such giants who symbolise unity, reconciliation, human rights; South Africans who fought for a united sport in South Africa. Some of them have departed, but departed as they are, they still live in our hearts because they led the transformation and unity in sport. We remember people like the former Minister of Sport, Comrade Steve Tshwete, another former Minister of Sport, Minister Makhenkesi Stofile, and many others. These were pioneers for a united sport in South Africa, and included in the list is one of the remaining pioneer, which is Oom Sam Ramsamy who is still here and continues to serve South African sport and serve our country as a member of International Olympic Committee, IOC, and board member of SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, Sascoc. [Applause.] The work they do in the country and in international bodies must continue to unite the country and the world. It must exert influence needed that the country and world can use sport as a tool to promote human rights, equity and inclusiveness and show the world to never regress.

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Taking forward on the legacy left by those before including my immediate predecessors to date, the national Department of Sport and Recreation has achieved four consecutive clean audits. The fifth transformation report, the eminent persons group, EPG, report, and one stepping stone is the fact that there's a green light that indicate the commitment by federations because they set targets for themselves.

As you can see what I am wearing today, our Brutal Fruit Netball Premier League has grown in leaps and bounds. [Applause.] The inaugural National Volleyball League which has just completed in March 2018 where the Western Cranes became the champions. I suppose they are here in the gallery with their cup. Our indigenous games festivals have been strengthened as a major sport and cultural event that celebrates our heritage.

We have a small budget, our total budget is about R1 billion and it has only gone up by about R24,1 million from the previous year's allocation which is about 2,19% growth. The allocation for programmes, where Programmes 2 stands at R704 million, has gone up by R7,3 million from the previous years allocation. It constitutes a 1,5% growth. This allocation is to support the provision of mass participation opportunities in sport and recreation.

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Programme 3 has grown by about 10,53% which is an allocation of R79,8 million which is allocated to support the development of elite athletes. Programme 4 which stands at R158,1 million, is used to develop and support an integrated support system to enhance the delivery of sport. The next programme which is an allocation to manage the provision of sport and recreation facilities stands only at R13,8 million.

Recreation for us is as important as sport. Starting from early childhood development our concerned with current state of obesity and overweight children who are the future adults of this world and who are also invaluable target market within the scope of our work. The prevalence of noncommunicable diseases like stroke, cancer, diabetes, asthma, depression, heart diseases are a cause for concern because government and corporate are adversely affected. These require a change heart and strategies to ensure that we also have physical active lifestyles. Five hundred and eighty seven million of our budget is allocated to the provision of mass participation opportunities and recreation under the banner of our Active Nation programme. Deputy Minister will elaborate on the various programmes under mass participation. This is 54% of the entire budget which is channelled towards development.

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With this small budget that we have as Sport and Recreation, we can do if we work alone. Serious partnerships are critical. We need to partner with private sector, integrate and align programmes in order to enhance opportunities in a co-ordinated manner. Successful sporting countries have proven that focused support is much better than to support every code with limited resources that government has. The department, in consultation with Sascoc will continue to prioritise federations to ensure they are capacitated to deliver their programmes and to deliver the sectors' vision of an active and winning nation. In conversation with the President's Council, we tasked them to do an in-depth assessment of their respective codes and see whether they represent codes that would afford opportunity for more participation by South Africans.

We also tasked them to assess the level of activity in each province and allow dominant and existing codes to be prioritised in provinces, so as to have focus on development, infrastructure and enhance on the limited resources but it is because some of them are scattered and are operating in silos. We have also tasked them to develop a funding model proposal so that we can support each other when we also get to engage private sector to partner with us and also have some standardisation of procedures. Federations are also urged to avoid court cases as these monies they spent on this compromise implementation of key deliverables.

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They also further tasked to look into their governance issues which are key in order to present credible organisations. Therefore, they should resolve leadership infighting. Transformation of sport shows renewed sense of commitment as I indicated earlier on. We are saying to federations that we want to hear their voices and they have to participate in the EPG implementation plan and be vocal on matters contrary to the agenda of transformation of the country.

For example, as we are facing a court case by Solidarity which claims that what we are doing is unfair to those who have held privilege since the dawn of colonialism and apartheid. I have since directed that we defend this case with all the might the state can have. It may take a huge chunk of our budget, but it is so critical and of national importance in the sense that it can potentially reverse the gains of democracy for the underprivileged majority across the board.

The other matter is that of International Athletics Association Federation, IAAF, as the Ministry and the Department of Sport and Recreation, we have engaged Sascoc and Athletics SA on the ongoing matter relating on the new eligibility Regulations for Female Classification for events from the 400 meters and 1 500 meters of International Athletics Associations Federation. We have agreed that Sascoc's Medical Commission should meet to evaluate the evidence

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that IAAF has relied upon. That Athletics SA should assemble a legal team to act based on advice of experts to lodge an appeal with IAAF and should this not be heeded, to proceed with the matter at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland.

We call on all South Africans to support and give space to our Caster and we thank Prof Steve Cornelius for being a true South African by rejecting the unjust discriminatory, sexist and homophobic regulations designed to disadvantage Caster and any other upcoming African built athletes. [Applause.] We will keep track on the developments and utilise all available avenues working in consultation with all relevant stakeholders to ensure a favourable outcome of all affected athletes.

Women in sport are still minimal, they lack support from relevant codes and often have no sponsors. Yes, netball does have a sponsor but this is the final year of sponsorship. Banyana Banyana does not have an equal platform like Bafana Bafana but they are doing so well. Our girls in general, throughout and across this sport fraternity also need protection and we also need protection of our athletes. We want to make sure that each and every code is able to give us what it is doing for what it is made for. We also want federations to mobilise individuals who have been participating to make South Africa active by training or coaching young people

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without being members of such federations or associations. Those private sectors initiatives are appreciated but we want them to be incorporated and be part of the overall activities. So, federations must not practice gatekeeping.

Our key focus areas for 2018-19 start with an excitement around schools, which is a foundation for sport development. We have prioritised that this is going to be our flagship because soon - by the end of this month, we would have formally signed our memorandum of agreement with the department. We are looking at this to effectively look at the sustainability of our interventions and it is going to present experiences into the school day and will make sport accessible to all - children who attends school regardless of their physical ability, gender, socioeconomic background. Our participation in school sport promotes healthy lifestyles and has a potential to inevitably reduce the health bill. Learners in sport are learners away from jail and drugs. Therefore, in this regard, I am excited because already, even before the signing a memorandum, we are looking into implementation that is going to take us forward to execute our action.

This is very important for us for our transformation and social cohesion and we are looking at schools and communities working together so that we can unite and share in the glory that sport

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people achieve. School sport is generally recognised as the bedrock for talent identification. Together, with all our sporting bodies, we want to develop a focused approach and note within which we are going to operate and therefore each and every one of us will understand the role move forward.

The next point is looking into sport development in general. Our success in this area is improving. We congratulate our Team SA, our athletes have made us so proud in Gold Coast and continuously have been excelling because this is what we are talking about when we talk of a winning nation. Looking forward to Tokyo whilst we know our athletes have broken a world record. They have really made us proud. In the last two days we were also excited to hear of Hekkie Budler who became the first South African boxer to hold three major world crowns simultaneously. These are our role models. Our communities are not left behind. We are working with traditional leadership and we have successful programmes that have been taking place and we continue to support our federations and give them intense support.

We will move on to ensure that our programmes are successful, our rural sport reaches our communities and ultimately we are working together and enforcing our relationships at all levels at government and also make sure that we work and maximise the use of our

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Municipal Infrastructure Grant to bring the much needed infrastructure into the rural areas and small municipalities like Swellendam that we handed over infrastructure yesterday. I hope that this budget ... working together with the private sector we are going to make sure that 2018 will be different and we will reach out to more communities when we ... [Inaudible.]

Ms B N DLULANE: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister, hon Deputy Ministers, hon Members of Parliament, guests and the department led by our director-general, DG. I am standing here to say that as the ANC in the committee we support this Budget Vote. [Applause.]

Hon Chairperson, afford me the opportunity to welcome our new Minister, Minister Tokozile Xasa, this is the first time that this Department has a female Minister. [Applause.] She leads this department at a very challenging time when we are confronted with issues of transformation in sport. We urge that she is treated with the due respect that she deserves and not to be undermined in any manner. We note how the Ministry was treated at recent Nelson Mandela centenary match between Mamelodi Sundowns and FC Barcelona where the Ministry was not part of the entourage welcoming the European team. We say that not in our name shall that ever happen again. We have only one Minister of Sport and Recreation.

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We are also saddened by the incident that happened during the a Supersport television broadcast involving Mr Ashwin Willemse, Mr Naas Both and Mr Nick Mallet and we vehemently condemn racism in sports in all its manifestation. We support the Minister's call for investigation on what happened pending the finalisation of the investigation.

In commemoration of the life of servitude and sacrifice that Mama Nomzamo Zanyiwe Winifred Madikizela-Mandela played in the lives of many in our country, no one will ever forgotten the moment on 18 April despite facing adversity when Mokgadi Caster Semenya stepped up to the podium up straight backed clenched and raised her fist in commemoration of Mama Madikizela-Mandela to collect her gold medal which she won in the 800meter race at the Gold Coast Australia. It had come to be known that Caster and Mama Winnie were close and had advised Caster at all times to be herself, to love herself and to not listen to the noise. Mama Winnie is the epitome of the #ThumaMina campaign her life was dedicated to the people. And we recommit to multiply in our lifetime and be like Mama Winnie and we boldly say we remain available "sithume thina" [send us].

The committee vehemently speaks out against the continued victimisation of our own Mokgadi Caster Semenya. We are witnessing the injustice around Caster Semenya. As was widely reported that the

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International Association of Athletics Federations, IAAF, has issued new eligibility regulations for female classification, greatly impacting South Africa's Caster, the question is why they are doing that. Has gender verification made women's athletes into a sordid masquerade? When IAAF attempted to do this on Caster in the past, the late Sport and Recreation Minister Makhenkesi Stofile perceived it as a trigger towards the Third World War. We will be crystal ball gazers around Caster. We are watching every move around her.

It is indeed a pleasure and an honour for me to address you on the occasion of the Sport and Recreation Budget Vote. To fittingly and appropriately celebrate the centenary year of our founding father, President Nelson Mandela, we must recommit to fight alongside all those who are yearning for their freedom, justice and prosperity. This is also the year where we equally celebrate Mama Albertina Sisulu under the theme: Woman of fortitude. She was undoubtedly a woman of courage and resilience who advanced women's rights throughout her adult life.

The budget report Vote 40 of Sport and Recreation South Africa is zenith of the work that as the committee has been mandate with of overseeing both the financial and nonfinancial performance of the department and the entities as per the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. This Budget Vote is the culmination of the work

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that has been continuing and will continue to ensure that Vote 40 transforms the delivery of sport and recreation by ensuring that there is equitable access, development and excellence at all levels of participation, thereby improving social cohesion, nation building and quality of life for all South Africans. As well as also contribute not only to the sustainable economic development, but entrench social integration and cohesion. We all know that this year's budget overview which is always guided by ANC policy priorities outlined a series of measures to rebuild economic confidence and return the public finances to a suitable path. The proposals build government's renewed commitment to effective policy implementation, good governance and inclusive development. In partnership with business and labour, the ANC-led government intends to set South Africa on a new path of growth, development and transformation.

We do have challenges and as a committee we have noted one of the major challenges that has hampered the committee has been the lack and absence of assistance of assistance of a committee researcher and content advisor. We urgently request that a researcher and a content advisor assistant is provided to the committee as the tools required to assist the committee with and in their preparations to fulfil their mandate. Despite the lack of support staff to assist us in our work I must commend the committee on the fruitful and robust

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deliberations on the annual performance plan and the strategic plan of the department.

On work done on the Safety at Recreational Events Act, Sasrea, the committee is in the process of making proposals on the amendments to Safety at Recreational Events Act.

We'd like to take time to appreciate the work done by the department on this Act and we reiterate that we support it. On the violence during matches, the violence that occurred in that Premier Soccer League, PSL, game must be last tragedy in our sport fraternity. Never again should we witness such negative image in our popular game. Such a tragedy lies at the centre of what I am talking about when I raise the issue of accountability and poor management systems. As politicians we have provided all necessary legislative instruments to ensure that no blood is lost again, especially moving from the Ellis Park incident. Post the unfortunate incident of violence various stakeholders and entities were called to a joint committee meeting of Police and Sports and Recreation South Africa to find a lasting solution to violence at stadiums across the country. We thank the co-operation and solution-based approach of these stakeholders and entities. We call upon the Department to implement our proposed decisions to particularly fill the gaps.

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Having noted all of this, we also want to thank the fans on the conduct they demonstrated at the recent Nelson Mandela centenary match between Mamelodi Sundowns and FC Barcelona.

We have noted achievements as the committee. Briefly in school sport, since 2016 championships have been organised over three seasons, these have been divided as follows autumn, winter and summer. Since 2017 in each seasonal championships started implementing the three-year cycle, and have implemented the long-term participant development model. This model emanates from the South African coaching framework which was adopted by all federations with the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, SASCOC. Through this model the competitive level of championships in order to attract the best of talent from the schools. Through the school sports programme annually more than 2 500 schools are provided with sports equipment and attire. We know that it is not enough.

Data input quality and reliability, support and commitment to the transformation process have shown cricket, rugby, netball, tennis, soccer, hockey and rowing to be at the top of the class. Many of these federations have made additional resources available to ensure consistent improvement in data collection and submission processes. More than half, of federations audited have elected black presidents

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into positions whereas almost 70% have reported the election of boards that are more than 50% black. Women representation at board levels has also shown to be improving in that 7 out of the 19 federations have reported female representation at board level larger than that prescribed by the Transformation Charter. But there are those which are still "Emzini weZinsizwa" [predominantly male]

The committee observations in its concluding remarks on the annual performance plan, APP, and the strategic plan of the department observed the following. Some provinces and municipalities are still unable to spend allocated funds from the municipal infrastructure grant, MIG. Community sport and club development is an urgent requirement on delivery by local government with regard to building facilities with the municipal infrastructure grant that is allocated for the purpose of building sport and recreation facilities. The committee is concerned about the number of people actively participating in organised sport and active recreation events and the delay in reporting by provinces.

Committee in its recommendations recommends that to ensure that the department ultimately meets the vision of Outcome 14 of continuing to fulfil its mandate of nation building and social cohesion the Committee recommended the following. The committee must continue its interaction with the SA Local Government Association, Salga, and the

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NCOP to assist in ensuring that the MIG is fully utilised, ensure that provinces have the capacity to spend allocated funds so as to avoid funds returning to National Treasury. The committee emphasises the need for provincial departments to budget for sport and recreation from their equitable share budget allocated by provincial treasuries. We do understand that it is about two provinces that are doing that. The committee notes that they must develop a framework of how provinces use the Division of Revenue Act, Dora, funds in line with the priorities of the National Sport and Recreation Plan as approved by the National Treasury, strengthen monitoring systems of the use of Dora funds by the provinces, ensure that the SRSA has clear performance indicators in line with the mandate of the subprogrammes within each programme. Enforce the compliance of federations towards transformation and consider rewarding federations that have achieved and are exceeding the set targets for transformation and meeting targets that have been set. But we are not compromising on that. We must not sometimes reward you on that, but we must just congratulate you because you are suppose to do it – you like it or not. We also note that government is beginning to address the problems that have eroded domestic confidence, such as corruption and poor governance. Yes, there are problems of poor governance in some of our sporting codes. They know themselves. Others are still lagging behind on transformation and on how they

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manage their finances, something which we perceive as a clear political defiance as this Committee.

As we are approaching our end of political office, I want to remind all the federations present today - those that are here - that we are not pleased on the following: school sport implementation; rural sport development; effective utilisation of both MIG and the urban settlements development grant, USDG; poor financial and information management systems; transformation of sport in South Africa; and lack of accountability.

There were expected outputs to be articulated just before we leave our political office, which stemmed from the expected outcome of the service level agreements that were planned to achieve a responsive, accountable, effective and efficient in our department. The delivery agreement contained the following outputs, defined as: talent identification through school sport; community development mass participation; improve performance of athletes through scientific support programs; utilize high performance as a repository conduit towards excellence; develop sport academies and entrench physical education; empower sport and recreation federations; unite the country, remain internationally and globally competitive; implement a differentiated approach towards sport and recreation facilities at municipal level through MIG and USDG to beef up sports

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infrastructure; and assist sport councils financially as well as, through proper planning and support.

In the context of policy priorities, it is significant to note that even over the past two years there was a realisation and commitment to allocate more resources to long-term infrastructure investment as was highlighted by the former Minister of Finance in the Budget Speech. Our desire to practically see these, is to ensure that we leave a credible legacy and we strive towards cohesion and nation building through our actions and oversight, especially entrenching civil peace. Nobody in this room will contest the power of sport. It is for that reason that as I conclude, it's important that we remind each other that as a country we have fought a brave struggle, we have won a bitter sweet freedom and we are slowly building a nation. Our nation is a work in progress and like the many nations that make up this world of ours, there comes a time when its people reach a crossroad and have had to make difficult choices. Some have made wise choices and they continue to reap the benefits of that wise choice, while others have made poor choices that have led to death and destruction.

As I am going to sit down, let me recognise the former of member and the veteran of this committee, honourable Moss. We welcome you back

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in this House. [Applause.] Thanks to all our visitors that are here. I thank you, Chairperson.

Mr T W MHLONGO: Hon Chairperson, I would like to acknowledge all our guests, [Inaudible.] the Minister and the members of the committee, Chairperson, the late former President Nelson Mandela stated:

Sport has the power to change to world. It has the power to inspire, the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers ... Sport is the game of lovers.

Chairperson, it is clear that we need total change that will deliver the dream to South Africans. Sport has the power to change South Africa. We must focus on making sport events safe, accessible and available to everyone. The estimated budget is not enough.

*IsiZulu:*

Ngale sabelomali ngeke sifeze izinto zokuthi umphakathi usebenzise izinkundla zemidlalo.

*English:*

With this current budget, the current ANC government is failing to deliver. Chairperson, we cannot realise sports infrastructure in our

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poor communities. [Interjections.] We cannot build more sports facilities with this budget. We cannot change special planning of apartheid. Twenty four years into democracy, our poor communities still cannot access proper sports facilities. It leaves one with the question. What has the ANC government actually done?

*IsiZulu:*

Nenzeni ...

*English:*

... to ensure that our sports facilities cater for all disabled people. Chairperson, the answer to this question is absolutely clear ...

*IsiZulu:*

... anenzanga lutho. Dololo! Anenzanga lutho! [Ubuwelewele.]

*English:*

Chairperson, this budget is not addressing the imbalances of the past. The ANC government is not taking sports seriously and sport is not their priority. The DA government will make sure that it prioritises sports and take care of it. It will make sure that development takes place. Chairperson, the ANC prioritise the following: R2,9 million for Minister's travelling costs,

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R1,5 billion for VIP protection for the Ministers. This budget must be utilised to develop sports, especially in schools. Chairperson, this budget is not even addressing motor sports. We have motor sport which is not even recognised ekasi [township.]. [Interjections.] We have motor sport which is happening only in Kyalami but not emakasi[townships.]. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, order!

Mr T W MHLONGO: The ANC government is doing nothing. They have brought our beloved country to its knees. Chairperson, this government is not addressing the backlog of infrastructure. This government cannot come up with a mechanism to address sports problems. I visited sports complex in Soweto as I was doing my oversight visits. I went to Pimville in Johannesburg where our government is leading the municipality [Interjections.].

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members!

Mr T W MHLONGO: Chairperson, that complex caters for all sporting codes. We have eight different sporting codes which the City of Johannesburg has produced, Kliptown next to Nike Stadium.

[Interjections.] We like to acknowledge the work done by the Mayor

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Mashaba in this regard. The DA led City has ensured that our people get delivery. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! Order.!

Mr T W MHLONGO: Chairperson, the DA government will ensure that investment in sports and recreation facilities on local and provincial level will benefit all our communities. One South Africa for all – our people deserve better. If Johannesburg works, South Africa will work. [Interjections.]

Chairperson, the Minister has failed to deal with Premier Soccer League, PSL, issues and inquiry. She has dropped the ball. She failed to take charge of national importance. This PSL issue is so important that you must reopen the inquiry. [Interjections.] You failed to make sure that this inquiry ...

*IsiZulu:*

... iyaqhubeka.

*English:*

For example, the Minister has failed ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! Order!

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Mr T W MHLONGO: What you do on your left, you must do it on your right. You cannot just have one inquiry for SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, Sascoc, but you close PSL inquiry. It is uncalled for. We strongly condemn what happened at Moses Mabhida Stadium. The intervention of the Minister is needed urgently because we want to stop this violence ...

*IsiZulu:*

... eyenzeka ezinkudleni zebhola zethu.

*English:*

Chairperson, the Minister was ill informed to drop that inquiry. I still state that you were ill informed to drop that inquiry. Parliament must make sure that it fulfils its role in supporting all sporting codes. However, we will make sure that they account to our committee. Chairperson, the DA will bring a total change come 2029 ... [Interjections.] South Africans will make sure that we work together in making our sports successful. [Interjections.]

Chairperson, who is fooling who?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! Order!

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Mr T W MHLONGO: Chairperson, who is fooling who? I wanted to find out from the Minister. [Interjections.] The Minister is not supporting the Morocco's bid, but the SA Football Association, Safa, supports Morocco bid.

*IsiZulu:*

Kwenzakalani?

*English:*

The Minister is not supporting the bid for Morocco 2026, Safa is supporting it. Who is fooling who, Minister? Can you please respond to that? [Interjections.] We are still waiting for the Sascoc report. We have used plus minus R4 million on this inquiry, but date we don't have a report. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! Order!

Mr T W MHLONGO: Chairperson, ...

*IsiZulu:*

...imoto uma ihamba izinja ziyakhonkotha. [Ubuwelewele.] Kungakho nikhonkotha.

*English:*

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What I would like to acknowledge is that the Minister must make sure that the inquiry continues. We need to make sure that our resources are utilised especially in the development of sports in rural areas. [Interjections.] Chairperson, I want to make an example, we need an inquiry regarding National Lottery fund. The Minister must investigate the fronting of nongovernmental organisations, NGOs. They are using our funding in a bad way. For example, Minister, the NGO will request R10 million but they will give the federation R2 million. This is uncalled for.

*IsiZulu:*

Kunomkhonyovu lapho.

*English:*

Minister, please that must be investigated. Chairperson, we wanted to make that all this ... [Time expired.]

Mr N M PAULSEN: Chairperson, good morning, especially the President of the SA Rugby Union, the President of the Western Province Rugby Union, the members of his board that are present here today and also Mr Williams, a wonderful soccer player - I wish you were at the studio on Saturday, the job wasn't finished off properly.

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Minister, I would like to start off by commending you for your stance on Morocco. We can never support a coloniser. Therefore, I don't see why the DA is surprised that we won't support a coloniser, and the rest of the world won't support the Morocco Soccer World Cup bid. You must also speak to SA Football Association, Safa, to ensure that they do not support Morocco's bid to host a World Cup.

Minister, let's speak about Saturday when all South Africans who were watching rugby were given a perfect example of how your department has failed.

Mr M T W MHLONGO: I am standing on a point of order, Chair!

Mr N M PAULSEN: Those watching would have seen Ashwin Willemse who represented South Africa in rugby at the highest level, and who has been a TV analyst for many years, finally stood up to the bullying, patronising attitude ... [Interjections.]

Mr M T W MHLONGO: Am I allowed to make a point of order, Chair?

The ACTING HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr N A Masondo): Yes! Just a few seconds, Mr Paulsen! What is your point of order?

Mr M T W MHLONGO: Can I ask a member a question?

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The ACTING HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr N A Masondo): No, no, no member! What is the point of order?

Mr N M PAULSEN: He finally stood up to the bullying, patronising attitude and continued white arrogance which we see in many of our sporting codes. This is an arrogance born from the fact that today, 24 years after our first democratic elections; whites continue to dominate SA Rugby and other sporting codes, at the playing level, but more particularly at the coaching, management and administration level.

The white boys club that continues to exist in sports like rugby is a continuation of the segregated apartheid sporting codes that maintained white dominance of sport at the professional level. A segregation that the same two presenters who were subtly patronising Mr Willemse sanctioned and supported by participating in the apartheid national rugby side, like those who supported a South African government during the years of apartheid, the very same type of people that played rugby during apartheid.

How many of them would have actually played for the Springboks, if generation upon generation of Black, Coloured and Indian South Africans had been given the opportunity to play? We must not forget that those who played sport at a national level during apartheid

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were the biggest quota players this country has ever seen, as the quota back then was 100% white.

But this arrogance we talk of would have been a thing of the past if this department had done what it was meant to do, and while we are used to white racism and the arrogance it breeds, the failures of our government to do anything to transform sports in our country, are even harder to accept. The lack of will and backbone by the ANC to transform management, administrators and rugby as a whole, shows the lack of commitment to transformation this government has, although we know that the ANC just gets away with anything for white people.

The EFF is not scared of white people, we see fokol, [nothing], not even white people. This lack of commitment is also reflected in how little attention, and how few resources the government has given to developing young, black sports talent.

The ACTING HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr N A Masondo): Hon member, just a minute, please! I think that we should really desist from using language that is unparliamentary. I will therefore, hon member, ask you to withdraw the word "fokol", please do!

Mr N M PAULSEN: Okay, but not fearful, Chair!

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The ACTING HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr N A Masondo): Just remove the word "fokol"; not the phrase, but the word "fokol".

Mr N M PAULSEN: Okay, I withdraw. All private schools and former model C schools, which many call 'white schools,' have top quality sports facilities. They have well-maintained fields, pools, equipment and qualified coaches. Go to our schools in the townships and the rural areas, and all you will see is a dusty piece of land, which serves as a field. Yes ...

*Afrikaans:*

... dis die waarheid!

*English:*

If you want to transform sport in this country you must tackle the racist culture at the top, but at the grassroots level, you must ensure that all children regardless of race have access to quality sporting facilities and equipment. There are examples of this throughout recent history, from Cuba to China, but our government is useless, incompetent and scared of white power and white people, and therefore is unwilling to take the necessary steps to transform sports in this country.

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Minister, you said 2018 will be different. How will it be different from elitist, classist and racist infrastructure that have brought about issues like those that appeared in that studio on Saturday? Minister, when you deal with sports, as with everything else, you must fear nothing! You must not fear white people! [Time expired.] Thank you very much, Chairperson!

Mr K P SITHOLE: Hon Chairperson ...

*IsiZulu:*

... ngibingelele ngokukhethekileyo uNgqongqoshe waKwazulu-Natal uMaSithole ...

*English:*

... sports and recreation is an essential ingredient for health, wellbeing and balanced lifestyles for all South Africans yet it remains inaccessible to the large majority of South Africans. The sad ... [Interjections.]

The ACTING CHAIRPERSON (Mr N A MASONDO): Just a minute! Can I make a plea to members? Please stop having dialogue and conversing in ways that really disturb the speaker on the floor. Please proceed member.

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Mr K P SITHOLE: ... fact is that this budget is still far too inadequate to address proper national transformation and integration in sports.

*IsiZulu:*

Alukho lolu hlahlomali.

*English:*

Sports development through the Active Nation programme is simply not achieving its goals and one of the principle other reasons for this is the continued failure by provinces to spend on their allocation of funds for sports and recreation. We have school sports programmes that fall within this budget, but are without sports equipment, sports fields and trainers. We have sports clubs such as in the sport of boxing that promote development of the sport from youth novices through to professional boxers. These clubs receive no assistance despite the important role they play in sports development.

Additionally, both this department and the department of Basic Education have not yet implemented their memorandum of understanding for Wednesdays during the school term to be sports days. Why is there such delay? Rural and township schools in South Africa still eagerly await sporting code implementation. This is as much a

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failure of national government as it is a failure of provincial and local government. In terms of transfers and subsidies in support of national sports bodies, we are still seeing a general trend of non-transformation being followed. Although in part government is to blame, as grassroots level sports development is still in many parts of the country, nonexistent. Sporting federations should be voluntarily complying as they all subscribe to the country's constitutional and democratic values yet the department continues to have to use a form of command and coercion to ensure compliance. Noncompliance in an unreasonable manner has been held by our courts to constitute unlawfulness and legal action by the department should be pursued in these instances against such sports bodies and federations.

Security for sports fans at our stadiums is becoming a real concern, with many instances of violence and injury occurring with fans. Whilst violence in any way can never be condoned, the outbreak of violence at the Moses Mabhida stadium, also points to a lack of security and crowd control expertise and measures by stadium management who must also bear responsibility in this instance. Prevention is always better than reactive measures and in this regard audits should be conducted at all major public sports grounds to ensure that effective crowd management and control processes are in place. In the interests of accelerated transformation and access

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to sports for all South Africans, the IFP will support this Budget.

I thank you Chair.

Prof N M KHUBISA: Hon Chairperson, hon members, Minister, Deputy Ministers present, our guests in the gallery, we want to support this budget because we believe that sport is very crucial for the upbringing of our children but at the same time we want to condemn what happened on Saturday on Supersport and we also want to sympathise with Mr Willemse on what happened to him and we also thank South Africans for coming out to condemn such. We are also aware that the Minister came out also to condemn what had happened and we wish this does not happen in our sport. We know that sport should be propagating unity, integration and cohesion in our country. That is why therefore we are saying it is comforting to see that the lovers of sports and most South Africans generally have come out to condemn what happened on Saturday and the purpose of this Vote is to transform the delivery of sports and recreation by ensuring equitable access, development and excellence at all levels of participation thereby improving social cohesion, nation-building and quality of life for all South Africans and of course this Vote should contribute to economic development. We are worried about the slow pace of transformation in certain sports codes like rugby, cricket, tennis and other sports codes. Sports South Africa must also ensure transformation in management. Very few women are in

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management positions in sport. We need to see more young people especially women getting into management positions. The department must ensure there are well-equipped and better resourced sports academies and centres of excellence and development especially in townships and rural areas. It is known that most of the best players came from the rural areas, townships, I remember those days when legends like Jomo Sono would travel to places like eMnambithi and also Newcastle where they were scouting for sportsmen and sportswomen and eventually had the best soccer players in the country. I think we need to return to those glory days of 1996 and I am happy to see that Mark Williams is there and we had the best soccer players who were fond of our country, who were real compatriots, loving our country, playing to ensure that our country was put on the map, we want to see that.

And it will not happen if we do not have equipment especially centres of excellence in rural areas, sports academies that are well equipped and ensure that municipalities use the municipal infrastructure grant, MIG, funding accordingly. And we have noticed that when our kids are involved in sports they are safe from indulging in drugs and other senseless activities. They live a focused life, a life full of dreams and visions. And there are matters of concern of course like infighting in federations and issues of fraud and corruption that we are hearing of. These matters

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must be eroded from sports because they tarnish the good name of sports. And what is happening again with the SA Football Association, Safa, and the Premier Soccer League, PSL, whereby we see leaders coming out in public and exchanging words that are unacceptable. That is not acceptable because it tarnishes the image of our sports. We need to commend those leaders in sports who are making sure that their clubs work hard to put our country's sports on the map. And we must also congratulate Patrice for what he did for bringing in FC Barcelona in celebrating the legacy of Madiba and we think such activities will escalate sports. We want to support this and say, Boxing SA, BSA and SA Institute for Drug-Free Sport, SAIDS, must do its work, put its house in order. Thank you very much Chairperson, we support it. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION: Hon Chairperson, Minister of Sport and Recreation, hon members, the National Development Plan envisions a society where South Africans will be more conscious of the things we have in common than our differences. Their lived experiences will progressively undermine and cut across the divisions of race, gender, disability, space and class. The sharing of common space will be enabled through improving public spaces and services and to elevate sport at both community and our school levels.

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As the Sport and Recreation Department, our focus, more than anything, is to see our country physically active. It is when physical activity becomes second nature to us that we will live healthy lives and hopefully, unearth new talent which will assist in our transformation agenda.

The 2018 Sport and Recreation Budget Vote is delivered at a time when the World Health Organisation has released alarming statistics regarding the growing inactivity of humankind all over the globe, including our country, South Africa. Rapidly rising rates of chronic disease, escalating health care costs and shorter life spans are all linked to declining levels of physical activity. The estimate by the World Health Organisation, in fact, is that 35 million people are dying annually of chronic diseases, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases and cancers. That cannot be ignored.

I have, in the gallery here, my beautiful wife, Marinda, who was diagnosed, yesterday, after she had a double mastectomy, as clean of cancer and in remission. Marinda, I want to tell you now, on the day I married you, I loved you, and I love you more, now. Thanks for being here. [Applause.]

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In the face of these challenges caused by inactivity, we call on everyone to choose to be active. We urge South Africans to join the Active Nation movement and support the I Choose to be Active campaign that our Minister has alluded to. As a country, we have to address this growing phenomenon of inactivity, as the economic costs are unaffordable and the human costs are unforgivable. This cannot be allowed to continue, unabated, on our watch.

As Ministry and department, we are compelled to do everything possible to fulfil our vision of an active nation. This, not only for health reasons, but also to maximise the impact of sport on economic growth, on peacekeeping and peace-building, on social cohesion and nation-building. We have to ensure dignity, equality and mutual respect for all women and men.

Outcome 14 of government's Programme of Action acknowledges that despite progress since 1994, the South African society remains divided. As a delivery partner to Outcome 14, our department will continue to offer opportunities for communities to participate in sport and recreation events that unite us as a nation and foster social cohesion. In fact, sport is one of the most important cohesive factors in uniting the entire nation. That was the lesson we learnt from the father of our rainbow nation, uTata Nelson Mandela.

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In short, our sector promotes participation in sport and recreation. We advocate and enact transformation in sport and recreation. We develop talented athletes by providing them with opportunities to excel. Furthermore, we support high-performance athletes to achieve success in the international sporting arena. In addressing the need for social unification, Sport and Recreation South Africa will continue to use sport as a vehicle for social cohesion and nation-building.

Through our I Choose to be Active campaign, South Africans can engage in various recreation and sporting activities, such as the World Move for Health Day, which is on my birthday, 10 May, every year. It is an international event created in 2002 by the World Health Organisation with the view to promote physical activity. Move for Health is a strategic fit to the I Choose to be Active campaign where Sport and Recreation South Africa encourages South Africans to develop a culture of physical activity for 365 days a year. Here, we have a champion in our President, President Ramaphosa, with his Thuma Mina walks.

Declared by Cabinet for the first Friday of October each year, the National Recreation Day will be expanded this year to incorporate South African tertiary institutions, and communities, at large. We want a broader scope of South Africans to embrace and participate in

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physical activities for fun, leisure and, most importantly, their health.

Aligned with World Walking Day of The Association for International Sport for All, commonly known as Tafisa, we will once again host the ever-growing Big Walk, in October, this year. Provincial departments will conduct similar walks in major cities on the same day. We urge our communities to kickstart their healthy living journey with these events.

Our 2018-19 mass participation and sport development grant continues to provide resources towards the club development pilot programme which commenced in 2015-16 and is expected to conclude in the 2019-20 financial year. Key to the success of the club development programme is that national sport federations have to take ownership of community clubs and have them affiliated. Capacity building of club office bearers remains a priority, because South Africa's growth and development within the sports sector is dependent upon strong and capable administrators who can establish and sustain their respective sport clubs.

As part of celebrating our heritage, the National Indigenous Games Festival will be in September this year. Nine indigenous games commonly played in South Africa will be showcased. The games bring

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people from culturally diverse backgrounds together as part of South Africa's heritage celebrations.

The Golden Games will be hosted in October, in partnership with the Department of Social Development. The games will remain an active recreation festival for older persons whilst continuing to support the notion that people can significantly improve the quality of their later years by being active.

At the Youth Camps, which are attended by participants from various backgrounds, young people are taught leadership and life skills, the importance of national pride and patriotism, using practical lessons on social cohesion in a rural and outdoor environment. The department will assist the provincial departments to ensure that the delivery of the 19 2018 National Youth Camps in October this year is successful.

International relations are becoming more and more important. Worldwide sport strategies are focusing more on increasing the levels of participation in sport and recreation, as well as achieving success in sport. This is reflected in our vision, An Active and Winning Nation. Within the region, South Africa will continue to participate and play an active role in the activities of the African Union Sports Council, Region 5. We continue to

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participate in various committees of the region, that of Sport for Development, Women in Sport, Persons with Disability, and the marketing and finance committee, as well as the executive committee meetings.

The department will continue to build and strengthen international bilateral relations with a view to supporting sport and recreation development in South Africa. It will do that by executing exchange programmes with international partners, like Jamaica, India, and Russia. The department is presently finalising agreements with Cuba, China, Palestine, and Bulgaria. The department will further continue to fulfil its responsibilities in international fora, such as Unesco, the UN Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Following problems experienced regarding the office accommodation and the work of the UN Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group, there were fruitful engagements on this matter. We are awaiting positive feedback on the way forward.

The Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport, MINEPS VI, was an important event for the sports sector, globally. It provided us with an opportunity to interrogate afresh how governments can embrace the

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potential of sport and physical education. Through this process, governments could answer the call of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals that have identified the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies as among the most urgent, yet challenging, issues across the 2030 Agenda. Under the leadership of South Africa, MINEPS VI marked a shift from declarations of policy intent towards measurable actions. In fact, governments world-wide are experiencing the positive impact of sport in the different spheres of society.

On 26 April this year, South Africa was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport, CIGEPS, for a second term. As chairperson, we must continue to play a leading role in the monitoring and implementation of the KAZAN Action Plan. During its recent Ordinary Session, CIGEPS also resolved to establish a working group on the revision of its statutes, which will shape the future configuration of the organisation. At the adoption of the Kazan Action Plan, it was declared that:

Active schools, in which physical activity is placed at the heart of the school, support the establishment of healthy lifestyles, behaviour and learning. In addition, quality physical education is a necessary component of primary and secondary education.

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This talks to our call for a stand-alone subject of physical education. My ministerial colleague from Basic Education is here and it is correct to place on record our appreciation. We had people there from the department supporting us in Kazan when we negotiated this action plan. Thank you for that, colleague. [Applause.]

We understand the challenges that our counterparts in Basic Education have. These include the implications of curriculum changes, staffing, and resource allocation for physical education. However, we cannot tire of making this call. Equally, we need to engage the Department of Higher Education and Training, with regard to the training of teachers. As a sector, the universities play a critical role in this matter, particularly when it comes to the development of a curriculum that is relevant to physical education.

We continue to enforce and monitor transformation within our various sporting codes and bodies. We recently published and released the 2016-17 Eminent Persons Group: Sport Transformation Status Report in relation to 19 identified sporting codes. I will not attempt to summarise the very detailed findings in said report. Suffice to say that the performance within and across the codes is uneven. However, a positive aspect of the latest findings has been the increased buy-in of national federations to the Eminent Persons Group processes.

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This has resulted in improved data collection, which is inextricably linked to good governance.

Through a partnership with The Sports Trust and our ministerial outreach programmes, we continue to address the challenges of the lack of sporting equipment, sport infrastructure, development and active participation in sport and recreation. We will continue to build on this. In fact, yesterday, we had a very successful outreach in handing over facilities at Swellendam. Furthermore, in terms of the municipal infrastructure grant, we have identified the 27 poverty nodes and in this coming financial year, we will use the ringfenced R273 million to roll out facilities in 30 identified municipalities. We do this in partnership because we believe, as a ruling party, that by working together, we do more.

The district academies are an integral part of sport development and are directly linked to community sport and the school sport programme. The district sport academies play a key role in talent identification, selection and development. They facilitate access to sport facilities and to specific scientific and medical support. During 2018-19, the department will, in consultation with municipalities and the sport sector, work towards ensuring that district academies are optimally resourced and functional. The

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department aims to expand the reach of the district academies to where they currently do not exist.

The national sport academy is at the core of high performance sport and is responsible for athlete and team preparation. In consultation with the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, Sascoc, the department will oversee the establishment of one of the components of the national academy system, that of the National Training and Olympic Preparatory Centre, in Bloemfontein.

The Andrew Mlangeni Golf Development Day exposes amateur golfers to a professional tournament and gives them the opportunity to play alongside professional golfers. A portion of the funds raised from the Andrew Mlangeni Golf Development Day is channelled to the Andrew Mlangeni Chapter of the SA Golf Development Board. This Chapter is based in Soweto and will provide approximately 50 young and aspiring golfers the opportunity to receive professional coaching and assistance with equipment and attire.

We are also hopeful that the Davis Tax Committee will respond to our positive submission relating to section 18(a) of the Income Tax Act. In Part 2 of the Ninth Schedule, sport is excluded. We know that the sport and recreation portfolios are acknowledged as underfunded and the recipients of the smallest share of the annual division of

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revenue. Minister, we believe that incentivising sponsorship for the projects in these sectors will assist immensely in sport, realising the nation-building and social cohesion objectives assigned to us in the National Development Plan.

The hon Mhlongo referred to two things. I want to say to the good colleague that if he has nothing to say, please not to say it here. [Interjections.] He first referred to motor sport. It's an acknowledged federation, my friend, and we fund them, annually. We do that, annually.

He also referred to the ministerial committee of enquiry established to investigate the alleged board-related governance issues of Sascoc and the nonadherence to its constitution that impact negatively on Sascoc and on sport, in general. The public hearings commenced on 12 February, this year. The enquiry report is being compiled, as we speak, and will, in due course, be submitted to the Minister of Sport and Recreation for consideration. She will then make a pronouncement on it.

In conclusion, I want to emphasise that the potential of sport, its global reach, its universal language, its impact on communities, in general, and young people, in particular, is a fact which is increasingly being recognised around the world. In South Africa, the

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time to invest in and capitalise on this potential of sport is now. If we as the leaders of the sport sector do not embrace the potential benefits of sport and recreation, an injustice will be done to all South Africans. We need to believe in the power of sport to deliver in and on peace building, peace keeping, social cohesion and nation-building.

The driving force of our actions should be the passion to maximise the potential of sport. An Active and Winning Nation requires citizens who Choose to be Active. I Choose to be Active. What about you? Thank you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Mr M L W FILTANE: The founding provisions of our Constitution states that the Republic of South Africa is one, sovereign, democratic state founded on the following values; human dignity, the achievement of equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms, non-racialism and non-sexism. Accordingly, discrimination of any kind, including on the ground of race is prohibited by the supreme law of the land, our Constitution. Sport performance knows no colour.

We have throughout the world, celebrated athletes in all sporting codes, and from all races. South Africa has produced many sports women and men of excellence standard, regardless of their racial

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status. The mandate of the department is to oversee the development and management of sport in South Africa, so government is duly bound to intervene in the Ashwin Willemse case.

To this end hon Minister, we urge government to urgently introduce enabling legislation so the Minister is not stopped from conducting full scale enquiries through commissions where necessary. Government has also accepted a 50% colour representation in the Springbok team that will be going to the Japan next year. Comments and actions by people like Naas Botha and others, are disturbing and only undermine the progress being made in getting racism out of sport.

In less than two years' time, we shall be sending our rugby team to Japan to compete at the international level. We need to be certain that the team that will represent the nation there that reflects perfectly the demographics of our country. Persistent chirping in demeaning utterances by the person of one race aimed at a person of a different race in a working environment is tantamount to hate racism speech, which can lead to constructive removal of the targeted person.

Two sins are committed in such action utterances are made; hate speech which is criminal; loss of job, for which the offender may be sued for loss of income, should the targeted person actually get

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dismissed. So Ashwin Willemse has got options here. Refer to the recent Vicky Momberg case. It will be interesting to see, whether Super Sport would want to keep a relationship with people who are actually working against its own values - the value of our Constitution and against its own support base rugby - we hope not.

Our young democracy has to deal with this constantly raging race conundrum in our sport and society in general. Racism hit many South Africans where it hurts, not only in our studio but also on our sport - our most beloved sport. In South Africa, sport has arguably been far more important than in other countries, because of the power it holds to unite the nation. Rugby in particular had, at one point, become the benchmark for how to unify a country, remember 1995; through something which once divided it. But lately, rugby is a source of increasing divisions, which we must never tolerate.

While quotas can be a short-term superficial solution at domestic level, it is a dangerous road at national level and does little other than stir animosity. To say that our former player, Ashwin Willemse is a quota player is an insult to those who, having judged him on his actual performance in 2003 chose him for the three awards in that year. Until our government takes accountability for the lack of facilities at various level these sorts of debate are only going

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to become more volatile even if they are pivotal in the transformation of South African rugby team.

*IsiXhosa:*

Rhulumente kutheni nibayekela nje abantu abafuna ukuthabatha inxaxheba kwezemidlalo? Sicela uphendule Mphathiswa. Siyaluxhasa olu hlahlo-lwabiwo-mali nangona ingufephiwe nje. Enkosi.

Adv A de W ALBERTS: Chairperson, Minister, I will be speaking in Afrikaans and English today. Let me start off by stating that all people irrespective of race must have the opportunity to participate in sports on merit.

However, about three years ago I was invited to meet the previous Minister regarding transformation in sports. He tried to explain in detail how they are about to transform sport into a social domain where minority participation will eventually be eliminated. There was absolutely no talk of development or helping people in poor areas but only focusing on race. I realised then that the only difference between this system and the pre 1944 system is that during apartheid sport was immediately segregated which was wrong while the ANC's methods are insidious in that it pushes minorities out of sport over time so in another words, we have reversed apartheid.

*Afrikaans:*

Artikel 9(1) van die Grondwet stel dat almal gelyk is voor die reg. Artikel 9(2) maak voorsiening vir die regstelling van ongelykhede in ons samelewing. Daar is niks fout daarmee om ongelykhede aan te spreek nie, maar dan moet dit gedoen word deur middel van die skep van gelyke geleenthede en nie gelykheid van uitkomst nie.

*English:*

Transformation and demographic representivity are terms inserted into the Constitutional discourse that actually undermines the true meaning of Section 9(2). I will explain with reference to the Constitutional Court judgements. Firstly, the transformation requires quotas in the form of demographic representivity. However, the Constitutional Court ruled that race may only be used as one of the factors when it comes to affirmative action appointments.

Secondly, the Constitutional Court also ruled that quotas are illegal. Should we take cognizance of the fact that many sportsmen and women are employed by sports unions; any actions by the government to enforce quotas to achieve demographic representivity are patently unconstitutional. Another point is that Section 9(2) of the Constitution is not limited to pre 1994 discrimination, but also deals with current discrimination. This means that any discrimination by government taking place today also stand be

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corrected. The implication is that a sports team or sports type that has too many black participants will have to be transformed to accommodate more minorities. Take soccer for instance; very few Whites, Coloureds or Indians feature in this sport, and thus also deserve measures to correct the wrongs.

Having said this Minister, I think that you can clearly note the absurdities of social engineering whereby outcomes are enforced. Sports, an activity based on merit should be left to the meritorious. No one should receive a sporting position purely based on the colour of their skin. We are doing those people a great disservice as many are set up to fail. We should rather look to create many opportunities for everyone in South Africa especially the poor people where there are no facilities and coaches. You are not doing it because it is not happening anywhere and there are signs that some rugby unions are actually getting this right despite your efforts. Today there are many black rugby players that are outstanding sportsmen and are supported and respected by their fans including white people. So development in poor communities is of utmost importance.

*Afrikaans:*

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Laastens, Minister, wil ons u ook goeie raad gee: Moenie dadelik gevolgtrekkings maak oor insidente wat op die oog af soos rasse-insidente lyk voordat u al die feite het nie.

*English:*

This member states that all white people are racists. I am going to tell you, that is racist statement and its hate speech and this institution and privilege does not protect you against that, take note of that. So Minister I just want to warn you last for just a few seconds, please when an incident takes place, first see what really happened. If it was a racial incident, yes you can react because that is wrong but if there was no racial incident like the Ashwin Willemse incident and it's clear there was none.

[Interjections.]

Mr N PAULSEN: Are you blind didn't you see the ... [Inaudible.] of racism? We don't have to investigate anything.

Adv A de W ALBERTS: you can't make a statement on it before the time. Thank you Chairperson. [Time expired.]

THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON (MR N A MASONDO): Hon members, let us keep the excitement to the limit. I am sure there is no need for any

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unnecessary drama. Let us not exaggerate the tension or situation that we find ourselves in now.

Ms B J DLOMO: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister Xhasa, Deputy Ministers, MPs, our Department of Sport and Recreation and members in the gallery, I greet you. This year 2018 is dedicated to both former president Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu on their birthday centenary for the significant roles that they have played in the struggle for our liberation and for our freedom that we enjoy. As I debate today on school sport I am reminded of these two icons of our struggle who love children. The role played by Mama Albertina Sisulu during the Soweto Uprising, assisting and helping children who had been injured and risking her own life for the safety of those involved was remarkable and how Nelson Mandela started a children's fund to help poor and disadvantaged children with education and bursaries.

Further as a President Nelson Mandela spoke on the importance of the language of sports in schools when he said, "sport speaks to youth in a language they understand." He went on to say how important it is to have sports in our schools.

Researchers have long established that participation in sport can enhance a child's cognitive and physical education and sports in

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schools is the only means of assuring that all children will experience physical activity. Thus more specifically sport is appropriate for the development of learning skills at an early stage of childhood and for a better experience and healthy life styles. That is why the schools sport plays a bigger role in the education of our children.

Not all our children are good at academics but most of the children love playing and most of these children are not really academically slow learners. They use their skills of playing to enhance their education generally. The schools sport helps our children in preventing boredom which can lead to substance abuse, alcohol abuse, and criminal activities and lately, obesity which leads to diabetes, cardiovascular disease in their later life.

In line with the National Development Plan 2030, NDP the new dispensation on school sports began on 9 December 2011 when the Department of Basic Education gazetted the draft school sport policy for public comment, which sought to clarify issues of governance and custodianship of school sports as well as roles and responsibilities of stakeholders. The members of the public were encouraged to submit their comments by March 2012. A task team had to be established consisting of the Departments of Basic Education, Sport and Recreation, all sporting codes structures and some national

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federations. This was to make sure that the school is developed in line with the policy.

The Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, had to be drawn between Sports and Recreation, Department Basic Education in order to define the roles of each one had to have. Sport and Recreation had to be responsible for the schools sport codes and provide an oversight as custodians of all the codes; support the school structures to plan, manage, monitor and co-ordinate sports in the structures and also support the sport financially.

The Department of Basic Education has a role to establish to establish schools sport structures from local to national; supports schools sport codes and deliver the school leagues programmes through schools tournaments and also identify talented children through their tournament and inter-schools sports.

Due to the legacy of apartheid pre 1994, our schools faced a number of challenges such lack of school infrastructures in all our rural areas and urban townships schools. Remember, our rural areas are the vast areas and only a few schools in the urban areas. However in spite of the limited budget that is allocated by the sport and recreation, they have gone a long way in making sure that the schools sports are assisted. The sport and recreation is allocated

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50% from our little budget and is shared amongst all nine provinces with a further 20% on schools sport.

Municipal Infrastructure Grants providing infrastructure by building Multi-purpose sports grounds, is sometimes not enough and not used for sport in most of the municipalities but for other things. Some improvements have been done though in that regard and some are now doing it. All new schools now built must have new sports facilities. Talented children are helped through a Ministerial bursary which helps our schools to further talents in the school and focus on sport.

There are 34 accredited sport focus schools where all these talented children are taken to and they have 60 school children so far that are assisted through this fund which is helping our learners. They are given R100 000 a year which helps them. I support the budget.

[Time expired.]

Mr D BERGMAN: House Chair, I hope I can take the time of the other three parties too.

Bill Shankly says: "Aim for the stars and you will reach the ceiling but aim for the ceiling and you will stay on the floor." Since coming to Parliament at the beginning of this term all I ever wanted to

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deliver, was a better deal for our sports men and women. A transformation that would correct the injustices of the past; would put South Africa firmly as one of the top sporting nations and most importantly would grow a talent pool reflective of our demographics incorporating all class, race and gender of people from all four corners of our country.

My inputs in our portfolio committee and speeches year on year have always been for the upliftment of sports in South Africa for what sports could do to heal a pained nation. Unfortunately, as I stand here before you nearly five years later, I have nothing positive to tell you.

SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, SASCOC, is going through a management disaster that, quoting a certain popular athlete during the SASCOC commission, said they seem to have focussed more on administration than on the athletes over the last few years. I watched three Ministers come through with different ideas and different thoughts on how we should be pursuing transformation. The one came with lots of lights and noise another sang from the same song sheet as us although he threw Tennis SA into an immature unsporting political spat and now we have a new Minister. The Commonwealth and World Cup Rugby bids later, we are hardly off ground zero.

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We travelled South Africa on oversights we saw schools that had, and we saw schools that have never had. We saw principals and teachers committed to perfecting our home grown talents and we saw those that turned their back on sports a long time ago. We saw schools with manicured lawns and we saw schools with no fields at all. Every step closer to the truth took me many steps away from hope.

You see transformation is not going to be fixed by changing the national sporting teams but rather by creating an enabling introduction in sports for our future talents. The Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Social Development and the Department of Cooperative Governance, CoGTA, all have a role to play in spending money on budgets that create fields, provide mass events and encourage participation. Yet they operate in silos. We are losing coaches, we are losing opportunities and most of all fields that are ring fenced in MI grants are better known as field of dreams because that is what they remain - fields of dreams. Dreams that they would one day materialize.

You see whilst the politicians and the administrators have been fighting and dictating what transformation should be it is the sportsmen and women that have suffered - those that are now, those that were, and those that will still be.

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In 2011, SASCOC released their transformation charter for South African sport. In the preamble it recognized that increased access and opportunities for all South Africans and acknowledged they had a right to sports and recreation opportunities. This would have been in line with the Glen Eagles agreement of 1977.

The charter went on to identify people in our society in three groups:

Those that live in the past;

Those that are uncertain and apprehensive; and

Those willing to accept anything to see progress.

What it seemed to lack and what we have all seemed to miss, is the voice and accommodation of fans and players that might have experience and opinion that brings about transformation and success without any division.

The charter states that it is strategically suicidal for transformation to be viewed solely from a restrictive political rather than a holistic perspective. This statement in itself is political and with the introduction of the groups and driving factors, makes the basis of this charter, in itself political.

The essence of the transformation strategy has four key focuses.

1. Demographics
2. Access and resources
3. Development
4. Community participation.

The code seems to be full of prescription to unions and sporting codes but almost gives a free pass to government. In these four key areas it is clear that transformation is just as much a government issue as it is a sporting code issue. The one cannot win without the other. However, the one who holds the purse and the whip in this equation tends to be the one pointing fingers at everyone else but themselves and seems to have no one but the DA trying to hold to account.

We should be ensuring transformation on a school, community and club level and thereby growing the talent pool and ensuring that if we got the basics right the rest would follow. However, we use methodical methods such as scorecards and quotas to a mechanical problem. It is important to note that the charter identifies the primary obstacles to transformation being – resistance, funding, infrastructure, poor governance, poor talent scouting, poor community structures, poor implementation, and a lack of unified sporting plans collaboration between government departments and spheres. Yet time and time again we focus on the output with scant

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regard to the input and with constant warning and recommendations to please focus on the foundation. Four years later it shows us that we sit on a bus that quite frankly has gone nowhere. Our biggest legacy that this committee could land was to create an enabling and sustainable environment and transformation.

In a DA run country sportsmen and women would participate equally with access to resources whether in a private or public school. Schools, clubs and provincial matches would attract fans, sponsors and talent through a home-grown pool of talent and in all encompassing.

Mr N M PAULSEN: Who is going to be your presidential candidate? Is it Nick Mallet or Naas Botha?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order hon member, you cannot just jump and start using the microphone if you are not recognised. This is not the television studio. Continue hon Bergman. [Laughter.]

Mr D BERGMAN: Give back the laptop. I dedicate this speech and my efforts in sports to our heroes and ambassadors of the talent that this country produces. May they get the recognition they deserve. "Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers." It

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was quoted by none other than our late President Nelson Mandela.

Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr S M RALEGOMA: Hon Minister, Thokozile Xasa, Hon Deputy Minister Gert Oosthuizen, hon Chairperson, my colleagues in the committee, Ministers and Deputy Ministers present, I think I should also acknowledge the MECs present. [Applause.]

To just respond to some on the issues that were been raised by our colleagues, starting with the hon Paulsen. He has left already.

[Interjections.] Oh! I thought we are together in terms of who our enemy is. So, I am surprised that all of a sudden your enemy are white and you want us to make the whites our enemies. It can't be right because the ANC is responsible for building a new nation that will be made of the people of South Africa. [Applause.]

Hon Mhlongo, we don't understand how you can say in Soweto - Orlando, next to a beautiful stadium and you don't see that as delivery. Instead you come here and play to the gallery. The DA will never acknowledge the good work done by the ANC because they are desperate to be in power. Even in Johannesburg, you did not win the election there, you were assisted by the EFF. And I must tell you that ordinary people in Soweto are complaining because there are serious reverse that are being done by the DA and EFF government.

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I do not understand how can we talk about transformation and say we must say we must forget about the apartheid legacy. That is what you are saying. You are saying we should forget about what apartheid has done to ordinary people. You are saying ... [Interjections.] You, in fact the DA represents white racists who are refusing to change. [Interjections.] They are represented by the DA. [Applause.] Budget will always be a challenge, even in your own house. You cannot do all the things that you want to do.

Fellow South Africans, in tribute to the life of Isithwalandwe Nelson Mandela who placed value in sport as seen in the assertion that:

“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers”

Due to the significance of sport and recreation, the ANC rises in support of vote 40 Sports and Recreation South Africa. [Applause.] This is the department that has achieved clean audit consecutively for four years. Its entities being Boxing South Africa has moved

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from unqualified to qualified audit finding, signalling improvement in management since the appointment of CEO and the CFO. While South African Institute of Drug-Free Sport should have received a clean audit by now, but a minor finance accounting which has now been sorted by the appointment of the person responsible for finances. We as the committee are paying attention to issues raised by the Auditor General.

One of the cruellest legacies of apartheid is distortion of sports and recreation in our society and the enforced segregation of these activities and the gross neglect in providing facilities for the majority of South African people. So, sport and recreation in South Africa should have been understood as abnormal until the long struggles waged against apartheid by the ANC which emphasised that participation in sport should reflect the country's demographics, other liberation organisations and the sport movement itself that led to the unification of racially divided sport associations and the establishment of non-racial federations across major sport codes. We will always respect Mr Sam Ramsamy for the good work that he has done in leading the sport movement in fighting apartheid, particularly in the sports that did not include everybody.

ANC Ready to govern document and the ANCs Reconstruction and

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Development Programme which highlighted the need to remove obstacles that preclude specific sections of the community from participation became the reference point of sport movement. It was the ANC in its wisdom that took a conscious political decision to ensure that sport should be embraced in our country as a vehicle of change. This led the ANC government in 2011 to bring together all sport stakeholders to chat a way forward on challenges confronting sport and recreation. Culminating in the National Sport Indaba where the National Sport and Recreation Plan was adopted which is in itself a victory in that it brought certainty on how to navigate the many challenges in sport.

The National Sport and Recreation Plan, NSRP outlines the implementation plan for the sport and recreation policy framework defined in the White Paper on Sport and Recreation. The department, Boxing South Africa, South African Institute for Drug-free Sport, South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee and all federations funded by the government follow and implement the National Sport and Recreation Plan. As we speak today we have more than 60 sport federations being supported by South African government. I am of the view that the ANC has made wonders on this field over the years to today were we have non-racial federations working together with government to such an extent that we now participate in competitive sport locally and internationally. We are

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currently ranked number two in ICC tests and number three in ICC One Day Internationals while ranked number six in rugby. With regard to soccer we are unfortunately ranked very low at number 72.

So, competitiveness of our teams should be looked into by the department. In athletics, Team South Africa recently represented us well by winning 37 medals and finished number 6 at the recently concluded Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. The ANC has tasked itself with the responsibility of transforming sport and recreation as part of the overall transformation of South African society. Sport and recreation remains an important vehicle through which we ensure a better life for all our people.

The policy of transformation in sport and recreation is an integral part of ANC policy on social transformation. That is why at the core of the National Sport and Recreation Plan, is the Transformation Charter and the score card that is monitored and developed by an independent commission called Eminent Persons Group. That is why I fought and I will continue fighting with hon ... [Inaudible.] because they want to sugar coat transformation. Even now their recent conference, in fact I am scared that we are going to go back to zero in terms of their recent conference. It has even ensured that people that were scared to come forward are now coming to the floor to even oppose African within the DA. So we should be worried

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about the DA because in fact it is going to reverse all the gains that we have made. Thank you very much. We support the budget.

[Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION: Chairperson, I take this opportunity to also recognise my colleagues who have joined us and the MECs that are also here and appreciate the flow of the debate and appreciate the support that our Budget Vote is receiving from the hon members.

Under your leadership Chairperson, we remain resolute that at no stage will we apologise about transformation. It is a must. It is what we have to carry on doing and the members of the DA must not think that they are representing even other white South Africans.

We have a lot of White South Africans who have heeded to the mandate to give and open opportunities for our young people to take infrastructure to where they are and they are working with us. I think somewhere in the gallery, we have one of those South Africans who is a recipient of the Ministerial Award for recognition who is one of the top women golfers of South Africa, Sally Little. I hope she is there. She is assisting young girls in neighbouring schools to play golf. So, don't think that if we are talking about transformation, we are isolating the athletes who are making us

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proud as a country. Those are our athletes. They are not your athletes.

We continue to support them and we take them wherever so that they can compete and critical to it, you can see the bond that they develop amongst themselves with our young people and if we had not enforce transformation as it gradually develops from the quarter system that we enforced transformation as a start, we wouldn't be having today young people like Simbanis, Casters and Luvos. You wouldn't be getting those young people who are breaking world records. That is why even the world, just like those who are like representing solidarity from the side of the DA want to reverse that championship. We will refuse to adhere to that.

To hon Mhlongo, we have not made any error on withdrawing our enquiry. I haven't heard any of your legal background but we have instead strengthen our own hands to proceed with the enquiry and we have given it much more strength in having it as a judicial inquiry than an ordinary enquiry.

For the FFP, Mr Alberts, maybe you have not read the latest statistics with regard to demographic in South Africa. Look at it up to 2030. If we can remain with the current situation with regard to the demographics, some of the codes will just not be there because

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of the nature of the population growth. It is realistic but at the same time, it is not an apology to open opportunities for our young people to participate.

With the Common Wealth Games, we had 89% white participants and some of them would have been athletes and the oldest of them is 67-years-old in a code that doesn't exist in our rural areas and would never exist in our rural areas. That is why we have said to the federation, to be realistic, go into the provinces and talk to the MECs in the Minister and the Members of the Executive Councils, MINMEC, to say goes to the provinces and identify top priority sports so that we all prioritise and we will with federations. Within the federations, there are people who also want to connect with the rural areas. They want to connect with our townships. They want connect with our schools because they have not had infrastructure. That is why even when we were discussing at MINMEC level, we have agreed to prioritise and do focus our attention to look into the allocations in terms of the Division of Revenue Act 3 OF 2017, so that we can get in and provide this kinds of infrastructures that would allow games to be played in our areas but on those codes that are predominantly played within those areas.

We are not just looking at transformation from only the angle of the playing field where you count the numbers of heads of people who

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would have been identified. We are even reviewing the case for sport in South Africa, so that open opportunities in structures, in the business of sport itself so that even this uniforms and kits and everything that we supply. We are able to open opportunities for our former players and current players who want to start to also do business because they had an opportunity to start having money. So, we will be proceeding with that and we are excited. Standard Bank has come to therefore to train current players and previous ones on business skills. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, you are reminded that the House plenary to debate Parliament Budget Vote will take place at 14:00 in the National Assembly Chamber.

Debate concluded.

The mini-plenary session rose at 12:01