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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at 10:02.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS - APPROPRIATION BILL**

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the Report is adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

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APPROPRIATION BILL

(First Reading debate)

Ms Y N PHOSA: Hob Deputy Speaker, hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers, House Chairperson, hon members, ladies and gentlemen.

The ANC supports the 2018-19 Appropriation Bill, because the Bill without fail puts a series of measures to rebuild economic confidence and return the public finance to sustainable path, as well as responds to our difficult, but improving economic growth outlook, investment, job creation, and service delivery challenges.

In this new dawn, under the leadership of President Ramaphosa, that I choose to call our Moses, we are fortunate that our economy has recently had a revival of economic growth during the last few quarters and return optimism, where businesses and households feel getter about the economy. We hope that this recent growth and optimism can help us as we begin to experience the effects of global geo-political and economic uncertainty. We shouldn't let the possibility of turmoil in

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the world stop us from going forward with the ignited hope in the South African economy. Instead, these difficulties should encourage us to work harder to overcome our major challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality at home.

It is within this context that the following are made: revision and additions contained in the 2018 Appropriation Bill; baseline changes across votes and risks to the fiscal framework; effecting government's five priority areas in the Medium-Term Strategic Framework, MTSF; infrastructure investment at national government; challenges and opportunities of state-owned entities, SOEs, funded through the 2018 Appropriation Bill; and current institutional arrangements, policy areas and mechanisms that can stimulate cost efficiencies.

South Africa has again been ranked as having the most transparent Budget in the world, tied with New Zealand in 2018 Open Budget Index. Our openness and frankness about this Appropriation Bill is what both President Nelson Mandela and Mrs Albertina Sisulu, would definitely applaud given that it takes into account, through the different votes, the needs and plight of the poor and historically disadvantaged communities

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including being responsive in protecting the social wage to the poor. The wise words of Mr Nelson Mandela, who said that and I quote: "with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk has not ended yet..."

The core fiscal objective that underpinned preparation of the 2018 Appropriation is to better the deficit targets announced in the October 2017 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement, MTBPS. The ANC government is committed to ensuring that the budget deficit targets are met, and debt stabilises as a share of gross domestic product, GDP, over the medium term. In order to achieve these goals, the ANC believes that our government must balance fiscal consolidation, support for the economy, and protection of frontline services.

This Appropriation Bill reflects the ANC government's commitment to fiscal sustainability by ensuring that all reprioritisations are funded through effective and efficient utilisation of the limited public finances, and that our deficit and government debt, which future generations will have to pay, does not grow beyond what we can afford.

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Let me illustrate: total Bill Appropriation amounts to R814,5 billion in 2018-19 Budget; excluding direct charges such as the provincial equitable share and debt-service costs. There are a range of positive reallocation and funding additions to Budget baselines, in 2018-19 Budget which are: R7,2 billion for National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, for the phasing in of fee free higher education and training, for the poor and working class students at both tertiary and TVET Colleges; R2,7 billion for technical and vocational education and training, TVET, college subsidies for the phasing in of fee free higher education, refurbishing TVET infrastructure and starting operations at three new TVET college campuses, R2,4 billion for university subsidies; R700 million for development of an interim National Health Insurance, NHI, structure and the NHI indirect grant, to cater for a package of prioritised NHI services, R1,5 billion for the school infrastructure backlogs indirect grant for the completion of current projects; R327,5 million for social assistance grants to offset the likely inflationary impact of new tax measures; R180 million to the Independent Electoral Commission for the 2019 national government elections; and R518,7 million to the title deeds restoration grant for the title deeds backlog.

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Moreover, the Appropriations Bill encompasses important new allocations for higher education, higher social grants and NHI that need to come into effect, including new allocations that have become possible because of tax increases. The Bill also encompasses R87 billion savings that are important to stabilise the fiscal situation and avoid excessive debt and interest payments.

Let me confirm that we have complied with the long standing ANC tradition and historic mission that of solidifying citizen participation and public comments were received on the Bill, which by all accounts were constructive criticisms, positive giving us as parliament useful pointers, which can be addressed in subsequent Budget processes.

The Standing Committee on Appropriations, hosted the 2018 Budget dialogue where amongst others, valuable inputs were received from the Studies in Poverty and Inequality Institute, from the National Youth Development Agency, as led by an intelligent leader, Mr Waseem Carrim and Mr TJ Ngongoma from Abahlali baseMjondolo Movement in South Africa. This practice is exactly what President Mandela referred to as a continuity

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of firm undertaking on the part of the government to ensure a participatory process with regard to the public finances.

On the DA proposal to amend the 2018 Appropriations Bill, on the Child Support Grant, let me tell you something, the 2018 Budget specifically recognises this discrepancy and makes a specific attempt to disproportionately increase the Child Support Grant to narrow this gap. The Child Support Grant increased from R380 to R400 on 1st April and to R410 by 1st October a total increase of 7,8 per cent in value by the second half of the 2018-19 year. There are evictions, what have you said about them?

This increase is above the 5,3 per cent and 5,4 per cent projected for inflation for the 2018-2019, respectively. An amount of R2,6 billion was added to social grants in Budget 2018 specifically to offset the effects of the VAT increase.

The ANC is guided by Mr Nelson Mandela's words that overcoming poverty is not a task of charity; it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural

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The ANC has always committed itself to keep the promises it has made during the last election campaign, and on its Manifesto. Our budgeting will always reflect those commitments to the people, and we will never waiver in the face of DA theatrics made here in the House. This is a pro-poor Budget, and until such time the people say otherwise, we will always ensure that the Budget reflects their needs, interests and aspirations.

The DA here, true to its mock and shadow government of toy Ministers, also presented the toy Budget that has nothing to do with the will of the people. It is inconsistent with the fiscal framework but is it for the elite minority who wants to protect their interest. They speak about cuts here, and cuts there, and cuts everywhere else; forgetting that at the heart of some of their proposed cuts are real people who are dependent on the budgetary allocation.

As long as the DA continues to make proposals that are against the majority of South Africans, the ANC will remain more determined to ensure that we change the lives of the very same people. If you want to make budgeting, do not win elections here on the basis of how loud you can shout but out there on

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the basis of programmes and proposals that seeks to change the lives of our people. I want to thank you, to all those who contributed in the Budget process.

Mr D J MAYNIER: Deputy Speaker, we are here today to debate the Appropriations Bill, which is the final stage in the budget process in Parliament. We were required, in terms of the Money Bill Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act 9 of 2009, to have passed the Appropriations Bill by 31 July 2018.

However, rather than taking time to properly consider the implications of each budget vote, we chose to do a rush job. We squeezed the debates on the budget votes into a sausage machine of so-called "mini-plenary". And the truth is that most of the so-called "mini-plenary" turned out to be a complete shambles. We have what can only be called "slapgat" budget process in this Parliament. [Applause.]

Whatever the case, we recall that on the 22nd February 2018 former Minister of Finance, Malusi Gigaba, announced an increase in the child support grant in Parliament. The announcement included an increase from R380 per month to R400

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per month, from 1 April 2018, and an increase from R400 per month to R410 per month from 1 October 2018, which we welcomed. However, the increase in the child support grant remains below the food poverty line of R441 per month in South Africa. [Applause.]

We have powers, in terms of the Money Bill Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act to amend the Appropriations Bill. We, therefore, proposed 170 amendments to provide for an adjustment in the amount of R5,36 billion to the Appropriations Bill in order to provide for an increase in the child support grant to a level that is in line with the food poverty line in South Africa.

The amendments we proposed were budget neutral and would have been funded by reprioritizing expenditure within the existing budget, and would have had no effect on the fiscal deficit for 2018-19. We proposed the following savings to fund the proposed R5,36 billion adjustment. A spending freeze on VIP Protection Services, on the Prestige Policy programme and, on international relations, which would have generated a saving of R17,4 million.

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A five percent "haircut" on cost containment items including advertising, communications, entertainment, travel and subsistence and venue and facilities, except in national departments, "firewalled" from spending cuts, which would have generated a saving of R708 million. And, a general spending freeze on current spending in all national departments, except national departments "firewalled" from spending cuts, which would have generated a saving of R4,6 billion in 2018-19.

We were, of course, careful to ensure that the proposed savings did not have a negative effect on service delivery by firewalling certain key national departments, and certain key national programmes, from any spending cuts at all. The key national departments included variously, basic education, higher education and training, health, social development, police, criminal justice, human settlements and rural development and land reform. The key national programmes included, Community Work and the Expanded Public Works Programme, EPWP, and the Citizen Affairs.

Deputy Speaker, there are too many children who suffer from malnutrition and who go hungry every day in South Africa. The value of the child support grant was derived - as my colleague

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Karen Jooste, who is a member of the Portfolio Committee on Social Development so eloquently put " was used linked to an objective measure in South Africa".

However, determining the value of the child support grant is no longer based on an objective measure. That is why we proposed an increase in the child support grant to R441 per month, so that it is in line with an objective measure, in this case the food poverty line in South Africa.

One would have thought that a proposal to increase the child support grant to a level that is in line with the food poverty line would have received serious consideration by the Standing Committee on Appropriations. But the truth is, our proposal to increase the child support grant to a level that is in line with the food poverty line was rejected without any serious consideration by the Standing Committee on Appropriations.

One member of the Standing Committee on Appropriations from the governing party bizarrely suggested that "an increase in the child support grant would undermine humanity in South Africa". The fact is that the Standing Committee on Appropriations could not wait to approve a R10 billion bailout

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for South African Airways, but this year, the Standing Committee on Appropriations would not lift a finger to approve a R5,36 billion increase in the child support grant.

So, we want people to know that the DA said "yes" to an increase in the child support grant but, the ANC said "no" to the increase in child support grant. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Maynier, just hold on.

IsiZulu:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KWAMABHIZINISI AMANCANE:

Ngicela ukubuza ukuthi ukuthi uMnumzane ...

English:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have to allow him time to put on the earphones for translation ... [Interjections.]

IsiZulu:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KWAMABHIZINISI AMANCANE:

Akuyona indaba yami leyo. Uma engangizwa yindaba yakhe leyo.

[Ubuwelewele.] Mina ngifuna ukubuza nje ukuthi uzowuthatha yini umbuzo wami ayeke nalokudansa. Ngicela ukubuza ukuthi i-DA iqale nini ukusekela ... [Ubuwelewele.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... no! Hon Minister, no, now you make it my job to translate for him, which is not fair. Hon Maynier, finish your last idea because your time has expired.

Mr D J MAYNIER: Deputy Speaker, as I was saying, we want people to know that the DA said "yes" to an increase in the child support grant but, the ANC said "no" to an increase in the child support grant.

The MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Deputy Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will give you a chance, hon Member.

The MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: But he is finishing, Chair!

Mr D J MAYNIER: And you Minister, are a disgrace.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Maynier, your time has expired. Hon Minister, it is reasonable for you to allow the member to put on earphones for purposes of hearing. If you insist you don't want to give him that opportunity, you therefore fluff the opportunity to get a response. It's really all of us having to

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be reasonable about the expectations here. Order, hon members
...

Afrikaans:

Julle maak nou geraas. Kan julle asseblief stilbly!

Mr M HLENGWA: Deputy Speaker, hon Phosa says, "President Ramaphosa is the 'Moses' of our times". I just wonder whether she is implying that Mr Ramaphosa's predecessor was the "Pharaoh". This Appropriation Bill comes at a time when VAT, increase, fuel hikes are the order of the day and the majority of South Africans are struggling and battling to make ends meet. Therefore, a budget which is anchored in the struggles of the people and their pockets must be utilised responsibly so that we can at least begin to allay the collective anxieties of our people that spending is being done responsibly.

However, let me make this example hon Minister of Finance, which I think you need to deal with. The phenomenon of tender splitting. The Public Financial Management Act allows anything below R500 000 need not go on tender. But how do we explain the following brought to us by South African Social Security

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Agency, SASSA, just last year. For one event only: a marquee R485 000, flooring, R482 000, chairs and decorations, R487 000, catering, R493 000, transport, R493 000, sound system, R492 000 and gifts, R480 000. [Interjections.]

Hon Minister, we can say all the nice things and do whatever, But if this is how government departments are going to bypass the system, then surely, we have got a serious problem; particularly, in the absence of consequences. What I am citing now is one event multiplied by five but, only three of them actually took place. You can really see the extent of the rot and then you go and increase the VAT and expect our people to foot the bill for this kind of corruption. What kind of sound system do you get pay R492 000 for? If I play it here in Cape Town, probably somebody in Pretoria is going to hear it.

Hon Minister, the problem of South African Airways, SAA, remains the biggest challenge and quite frankly you bite the bullet. At some point we need to put an "OLX" on SAA and sell that thing because, it is a bane of the fiscus, it is a huge problem and it is unsustainable.

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Finally, it is the IFP's expectation that next year in the budget vote you are going to announce that VAT is going to decrease back 14%. It is a regressive tax, it was opportunistic and rests on the part of National Treasury to identify far more practical and sustainable cuts in the budget - and you chose to attack the poor and if you are not addressing that then you are abusing the poor. [Time Expired.]

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Deputy Speaker, the National Freedom Party supports the report tabled here today. Let me start off by saying, hon Maynier, indeed, if it was not for party politics, you would have had a lot to offer South Africa and the people of South Africa. I think you can contribute. You are dogged by party politics and therefore, you tend to want to play politics.

Let me start off by saying that it is the very same Democratic Alliance that said we have a state that is dependent on social grants.

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chair, on a point of order: Are we supposed to read anything from the colour of the suit that he is wearing? [Laughter.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, that is frivolous. Please, don't waste the House's time. Go ahead, hon member.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Chairperson, it is the very same Democratic Alliance that said that 17 million of our people - most of them - and the state are dependent on social grants. Then we come back here today to say that social grants must be increased, rather than creating an environment conducive to uplifting the lives of our people, by creating jobs, better housing, and better socioeconomic conditions. They want to say, give them more grants so that our people can be totally dependent, and continue to live under poverty.

Hon Maynier, when you talk about poverty, just do me a favour this afternoon or when we are in recess, take a drive in the Western Cape, please. Take a drive to Philippi, Heinz Park, Lavender Hill, Hanover Park, Manenberg and look at the conditions under which our people are living and then you will know and understand what poverty is. [Interjections.] Then you must come with me and we will go to Constantia on this side and see how the people are living. That is what is important. So, don't come here and grandstand and make it look like ...

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You are speaking about a reduction in the Presidency. The President, at the moment, is travelling the length and breadth of this country, trying to make up for the challenges that we have experienced before. You should be giving him credit, if you want to create a better environment for all people and work together with him. But you want to stand here and score points.

Your very same colleague from Home Affairs, hon ...

[Inaudible.] ... highlighted the challenges in the Department of Home Affairs and you are talking about a reduction in Budget, whereas he expressed the concerns and what we would be able to do, through an additional Budget.

You don't talk about human settlement. There are nine protests taking place all over the Western Cape right now, because you don't provide them with decent housing.

You have closed down so many rehabilitation centres. You are talking about poverty, but what about substance abuse in the Western Cape, as result of your farm owners? You have done nothing to create a fund so that these people can be compensated. So, I want to plead with you, in the interest of

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South Africa and its people, let us work together to find solutions. [Interjections.] [Time expired.] The National Freedom Party supports the report tabled here today.

[Interjections.]

Ms P VAN DAMME-KARELSE: Chairperson, on a point of order: I want to ask the member a question. Maybe I can ask him here.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, no, you cannot do that.

Ms P VAN DAMME-KARELSE: Every time that this member is at the podium, he is begging the ANC for a job. [Interjections.] Why? Why don't they hire him? Please. Itorhonyana. [A part time job.] [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, you would know that the parliamentary tradition of breaking the line is something that is frowned upon by members. While hon Van Damme was addressing you, hon Shaik Emam passed between yourself and the speaker on the floor. It is a serious transgression of parliamentary practice and I asked that you instruct him not to do that again. [Interjections.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

Ms J D KILIAN: Deputy Speaker, may I address you on the issue that hon Steenhuisen raised? This is the exact example of selective application of the Rules. Hon Van Damme, without the permission of the Chairperson, is continuing to speak, but hon Steenhuisen points to another Rule and says that it is an abuse of parliamentary Rules.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sustained.

Ms J D KILLIAM: Stop your selective interpretation of the Rules. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sustained.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Sorry, I apologise. Her career in National Party, oppressing people has given her a lot more experience than I have. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, that is not a point of order. No, no. [Interjections.]

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Mr W W WESSELS: Hon Deputy Speaker, the hon Shaik Emam, as always, ...

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, ...

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

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, I took a point of order about breaking the line and I have asked you to rule on that. It is a parliamentary transgression.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I ruled on that.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: You didn't.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What type of a Chief Whip is this? Her objection is sustained.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: You didn't. You sustained her objection, but you didn't sustain the transgression.

[Interjections.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Wessels, go ahead. I will come back later, if necessary, to make that point.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon member, I have just said to you that I will come back to that, if necessary. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, it is not something that requires interpretation. You are either breaking the line ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not your business to tell me when to rule, hon Steenhuisen. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: But you have a job ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, it is not your business to tell me when to do that. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Sir, you are supposed to protect my members.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is my job! I will protect it at a time when I feel it is appropriate to do it. Right now, I don't think it is appropriate. So, take your seat. Hon Wessels, please, proceed. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Unbelievably bias and ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, don't do that. You see, hon Steenhuisen, you are out of order and this is bad news. Go ahead, hon Wessels. [Interjections.]

Mr W W WESSELS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms Z S DLAMINI-DUBAZANA: Hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What are you rising on, hon member.

Ms Z S DLAMINI-DUBAZANA: I am rising on Rule 84. When hon Steenhuisen was sitting down, he pointed a finger to you and said: "Shut up, shut up!" [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will deal with that. Thank you, hon member. Hon Wessels, please proceed. [Interjections.]

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Mr W W WESSELS: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Shaik Emam is once again misguided. His political affinity lies with a party, the African National Congress, whose point of departure is completely wrong. [Interjections.] The point of departure of this Appropriation Bill is where the whole crisis of South Africa lies. The point of departure is short-term cosmetic political gain and does not actually address the plight of the 13,8 million people who live under the poverty line.

With this Appropriation Bill, we are only addressing short-term goals. We are providing social grants but are not actually creating an environment conducive to economic growth. A lot of things are budgeted for, but none of those are implemented because government does not have the capability of implementation.

What is happening on local government level? Take note of what the Auditor-General said this week, how local government is in distress. We need to address local government and infrastructure. If we do not address infrastructure, no plans and nothing that is contained in this Appropriation Bill will stimulate the economy and will actually address the plight of the poor.

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When we also look at our state-owned enterprises, we see that it is unsustainable. We cannot continue like this. At the end of the day, SAA, SA Express and Mango are being amalgamated. That will not solve the crisis. We need to privatise those state-owned enterprises. That is the only way to actually address the problem. [Interjections.]

Those enterprises are only suiting your ideological needs, as the ruling party, and some kind of misguided loyalty towards a system that has failed worldwide. Private enterprises that are competitive are what we need, not state-owned enterprises that are actually black holes for the money of the people of South Africa.

Money is being stolen by these public enterprises and we cannot continue on this route. We are in an unsustainable position. The government of South Africa is not of going concern, our state departments, our provincial departments and municipalities are not of going concern. The people are suffering and that needs to be addressed. This Appropriation Bill does not address that.

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We heard in all the mini-plenary sessions that the ANC only blames the past, that they cannot focus on the future and that they are actually misguided in their complete approach to what is happening.

Xitsonga:

Nkul M J MASWANGANYI: Xandla xa Xipikara, Vaholobye, Vaholobyenkulu na swirho hinkwaswo swa Huvo yo endla Milawu, ha mi losa.

English:

As the ANC we support the 2018/19 Appropriations Bill. Our support is informed by the fact that the budget being considered is pro poor. Budget is not only about figures, revenue and expenditure but budget is considered as a key instrument for government to promote inclusive growth and reduce poverty, hence, the orientation of the fiscal policy should seek to complement our development vision. The democratic state has a responsibility to use public resources to better the lives of the majority, especially the poor. This state is an antithesis of the apartheid state.

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The ANC government has introduced new priorities in infrastructure provision since 1994. These emphasized the needs of the poor, rural areas and townships. South Africa's infrastructure programmes have been internationally recognized as amongst the best in the developing world by institutions such as the United Nation, UN, and International Labour Organization, ILO. The ANC government is addressing the infrastructure legacy of colonialism and apartheid. Apartheid left a legacy - we will always refer to the past - of social and economic infrastructure that is unintegrated, environmentally unsustainable, of poor quality and unequally distributed. The interests of white minorities, business and security considerations influenced infrastructure programmes. There was little or no reference to the needs of the poor and rural areas. The apartheid state was set up and it operated precisely in a manner to entrench racial disparities.

The ANC government introduced new priorities. These new priorities raised enormous challenges to the way in which infrastructure could be provided, would be funded and should be integrated. Between 1998/99 and 2016/17, the public sector spent R2,7 trillion on infrastructure. In the year under review the ANC has delivered on its manifesto commitments.

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On the issue of water and sanitation, water supply in Giyani has improved with 55 villages currently receiving water and the hospital in the area enjoys full access. We welcome the launch of Eastern Basin Acid Mine Drainage plant. The plant, which is the largest of its kind in the world, pumps approximately 110 mega litres of water per day in an effort to mitigate the pollution of underground water sources. According to the general household survey conducted by Statistics SA, 88% of South African households had access to pipe water in 2016. The percentage of households with access to improved sanitation increased from 62,3% in 2002 to 80,9% in 2016. However, hon Deputy Speaker, the department must address the backlog in eradicating bucket sanitation and replace it with decent sanitation services.

Hon Deputy Speaker, in human settlements, the Department of Human settlements has been allocated R101,8 billion over the medium-term which will support its aim to deliver 1,5 million state provided housing subsidies by 2019. During apartheid time our people were denied ownership of title deeds hence in this ANC government we are allocating title deeds on a regular basis like what the President did last week in Kempton Park. Deputy Speaker, government should attend to the challenge of

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under expenditure in particular in the urban settlements development grants to metros. Johannesburg and Cape Town under the DA failed to spend money in 2016/17 financial year and their allocation was channelled to Ekurhuleni under the ANC which spent more than 97% of its grant.

Deputy Speaker, energy is expected to be allocated total R218,8 billion over the next three years. Eskom accounts for R197,3 billion or 90% of this amount. The Department of Energy will focus on increasing household access to electricity over the medium term. While most votes spent are on par or above the national average uneven spending patterns are a feature of most votes. The department is spending below national average. This is linked to poor performance of the Integrated National Electrification Programme which has to be attended to. Another concern we are raising as a committee is expenditure cuts in particular in infrastructure.

We are concerned about reductions in the key service delivery areas such as solar energy, housing and others. The cutting of these grants has the potential to reinforce the widespread historical disparities that prevail in the country which such grants are meant to redress. Those cuts will have negative

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impact on households, business and the economy at large. Although the basic infrastructure policy is sound, the mechanisms of delivery and the visible impact on poverty, on the lives of women, youth, rural communities and people living in farms must be accelerated through better integration and co-ordination of infrastructure delivery.

While greater levels of funding are now available, there is a need to significantly enhance the capacity for delivery across all spheres of government. Central to this, is to increasing the public sector to meet its expanded mandate while at the same time reducing over reliance on external consultants. As I conclude, I want to emphasize that the ANC government is committed to a strong and efficient state that in its loyalty particularly to the poor who will be the major beneficiary of this budget. The ANC supports the 2018/19 Appropriations Bill.

Xitsonga:

Ndza khensa, Xandla xa Xipikara. [Va phokotela.]

Ms D CARTER: Deputy Speaker, there is an umbilical cord that runs between economic growth and a nation's development. In our context, from the dawn of democracy, there was an

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acknowledgement that if we were to ensure meaningful reconstruction and development, transformation, we would need to ensure that our economy was firmly placed on a path of high and sustainable growth.

But when economic growth stagnates or even worse, shrinks in real terms, revenue collection constricts, and the ability to appropriate resources for the benefit of the people is threatened. And this happens while the needs and reliance of our people on the state, especially the unemployed, poor and indigent, increases.

This has transpired in our country. Years of poor and corrupted governance and irrational policy choices, based on snake-oil ideologies have conspired to destroy investor confidence, stagnate economic growth and increase our levels of unemployment and the dependency of our people on the state. However, this is only half of the nightmarish conundrum that we find ourselves in.

According to the report of the Standing Committee on Appropriations, threats to this Appropriation Bill and our broader fiscal framework include amongst others, the scarcity

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of water, public service wage negotiations, the financial position of our SOEs, and the negative trend in government's service delivery performance verses expenditure.

Some of these threats are already manifesting. Demand for water already exceeds supply. Added to this, we have a corrupted, bankrupt and dysfunction department.

In respect of our already bloated public service, the recently concluded above-inflation wage negotiations fly in the face of the need for austerity.

In respect of our SOEs, and in the words of Minister Gordhan, our SOEs must first be recaptured. The Minister has also acknowledged that several of our SOEs will not be able to trade and borrow their way out of their financial difficulties, and that further bailouts will be required from the fiscus. Now, SA Express has been grounded.

In Cope's opinion, the largest threat is the financial viability and collapse of local government. Shockingly, all municipalities - 100% of municipalities - in the province of the Secretary General of the ANC required interventions during

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his premiership. In the North West and the Northern Cape, close to 60% require interventions.

However, where the opposition governs, municipal governance is good and clean and our municipalities are viable. [Applause.]

More and more South Africans are realising with each new dawn that it is the ANC that is the core problem in South Africa and that it is the opposition parties that can be trusted. I thank you.

Mr S N SWART: Deputy Speaker, we are faced with a very constrained Appropriation Bill and this is a legacy of the looting, plundering and maladministration that featured under the Zuma administration. The ACDP believes that far more must be done to reduce corruption, and wasteful and irregular state expenditure.

Whilst some progress has been made in this regard, clearly, we all agree that far more must be done in this regard, because it has resulted in additional tax, an increase in VAT, an increase in the fuel levy and on the other side, an

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R85 billion haircut for departments across the board, over the medium term.

Thankfully, economic growth is set to improve from October's projected 0,7% of GDP to 1,3%, due to heightened investor and business confidence. This will hopefully translate into improved revenue collection. We welcome the fact that steps have been taken to stabilise Sars. It is disgraceful that R50 billion was lost at Sars and it was undercollected. The central fiscal objective must be to stabilise the national debt-to-GDP ratio by closing the budget deficit.

As other speakers have referred to, SOCs are responsible for the largest share of infrastructure spending and real growth in SOC infrastructure spending is significant and is projected to be 12,3%. As opposed to that, infrastructure spending by national, provincial and local government is set to decline between the 2018-19 financial year.

What is obviously concerning - we are all aware of it - is that Eskom accounts for the most of the state capture allegations and most deviations from Treasury policy and regulations in its procurements. I would think much of this

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relates to coal purchase, which National Treasury and which we as the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises inquired into in the Eskom Inquire.

The Committee on Appropriations, in its report, also highlights that procurement plans of major entities, the SOCs, were not submitted on time, as per the budget process regulated timelines. Mr Maynier, a previous speaker, referred to this which adds to the perception of a slapgat [sloppy] budget process. How can we, as Parliament, properly interrogate the budget process when we don't receive those procurement plans? Prasa, which we know has a lot of allegations, also indicated that their planning cycle was undermined. They did not submit their procurement plans, but their planning was undermined by constant changes in its management, including its board of directors.

We believe and we share the view that corporate governance of SOCs must be improved. We call for stability in the management of SOEs and we welcome yesterday's announcement that ... [Time expired.] I thank you.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: By the way, hon Maynier is spreading a dangerous word here. I am not sure if it is appropriate.

[Interjections.] No, I did not say you must repeat it. I heard you. Please, no, no, no.

Afrikaans:

Kyk hier, ek wil net uitvind of dit 'n regte woord is om in die Huis te gebruik. Dis al wat ek vra. Ek vra nie vir julle nie, asseblief. Hou net aan. Hou net aan. [Tussenwerpsels.]

MS D Z SENONKOANYANE: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the debate.

We are all aware and acknowledge that this year's budget is characterised by all sorts of challenges. The realities are there for all to see, mainly the slow economic growth, debt servicing, revenue shortfalls, glaring needs and other challenges.

With all the inputs into the process, it is very difficult to say to anyone that they are right or wrong because I believe there is no right or wrong in allocating this budget, but opinions will differ.

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Then you have the likes of the DA, always creating unnecessary confusion and pretending to be very innocent! As usual they came with a whole lot of amendments, 170 to be exact at the last minute, to change the budgets of all departments.

But you must know that you are very transparent, very predictable and we know that you will always field Mr Maynier thinking that he will come and push things down our throats, which he cannot do.

In this Budget Appropriation there is deliberate effort to make allocations that address the three levers of implementation of the National Development Plan 2030, which are a strong and inclusive economy, a capable state and active citizenry, as well as capabilities of South Africans.

One of the highlights of the budget is the protection of social security, as usual, which is aimed at protecting the poor and most vulnerable, while making cuts at various other areas.

The value-added tax increased by 1% and it has attracted a lot of attention, with some saying that it must be scrapped but

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there is no straight answer. Should it be then Personal Income Tax or should it be Commercial Income Tax, whichever way we look at it, it will not be easy.

I believe the poor are a priority and therefore this pro-poor budget which also has a strong focus on zero-rating of a number of items which directly benefit the poor, should be welcomed as we are never going to get a perfect solution.

As I speak, I will speak to a few issues: Social development, health and education as well as human settlements. These are cross-cuttings programmes which impact on the economic challenges. Basic education is an important in the provision of quality education opportunities and addressing issues of access and equity, and subsequently improvement of the quality of life for all.

This becomes the source of knowledge and therefore the budget that is allocated to the department is very appropriate. The post-school education budget allocation has been prioritized and allocated the highest percentage increase of 12%, over the MTEF to cover the high costs of fee-free education, a very noble decision to provide education even to the poorest of our

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communities, a shift from the historical inequalities where post-school education was accessed only by a few on the basis of their financial status.

The conversion of the NSFAS grant will make a lot of students' dreams come true and reduce the number of failures and drop-outs from institutions of higher learning.

The story of TVET colleges is taking a positive trend now, and the budget allocation is evidence of this, providing us with an opportunity for a change in mind-set. For a long time these institutions have been viewed as an outlet for weak students with learning problems while universities tend to be the places to be places where everybody wanted to be.

The TVET programmes now well-structured curricula and facilities and are well-placed in the area of developing scarce skills, which will promote job creation and contribute to the economy. The TVET College students will now benefit from the NSFAS bursary scheme, for study fees as well as travel and accommodation.

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An additional positive initiative is that of providing a government subsidy to the universities, and the historically disadvantaged universities getting extra assistance from government.

Health has also been protected as part of the social protection net as this service benefits the poor and most vulnerable. Allocation to this department is aimed at addressing priorities, mainly HIV and Aids prevention and treatment, prevention and treatment of TB, the latter being a continuing challenge as it is curable and yet it remains one of the biggest killers.

Public education programmes need to be strengthened as we seem not to be winning the war against TB. The department has set itself targets for expanding access to health facilities and access to treatment for both TB and HIV and Aids, including the strengthening of Primary Healthcare services.

The NHI indirect grant and health facility revitalisation are key to the implementation of this programme in order to facilitate the prioritisation of a package of services, which are accessible to everyone.

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The Department of Social Development has a huge responsibility to address social welfare and social security issues, and particularly the payment of social grants to more than 17 million beneficiaries.

This is a very big number but it also shows the levels of poverty and dependence we are faced with. The bulk of the budget is therefore transferred to the South African Social Security Agency, Sassa for the payment of social grants.

This budget must also cater for other social services, which may be offered through partnerships with other non-profit organisations.

Human settlements are a key area which needs special focus as we have a lot of challenges related to the provision of shelter for the people. We have a continuously increasing backlog in the provision of human settlements, particularly in the urban provinces due to a very mobile society, with a trend of more people moving from their provinces to seek better economic opportunities.

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A lot of these workers end up settling there and seeking accommodation; and the department is catering for all that. The department has experienced a reduction in its allocation over the MTEF as part of the trade offs.

The issuing out of Title Deeds is an absolute priority but there is very slow progress in processing them, and this budget makes provision for these challenges to be addressed. These are problems such as family disputes, inability to trace beneficiaries, illegally sold properties, illegal occupants and many other issues.

The budget includes a restoration grant, which has been created to deal with this backlog. The housing delivery plan includes a mixed income settlement development programme, a key initiative in the provision of shelter, but also to address the apartheid sin of separate development and confinement of the majority of people far away from their workplace.

The early childhood development programme is one of the priorities of the department as it is a foundation for

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childhood development; and as it has been proved that early grades are important in this regard.

It is at this stage that child development is critical and they start learning numeracy and literacy, which have been identified as a big challenge for some learners when they reach higher grades, particularly when they transit from primary school to high school. Thank you.

Mr A R MCLOUGHLIN: Deputy Speaker, in February this year the erstwhile Minister of Finance, the hon Malusi Gigaba, knowing that his days as Minister were numbered, took his revenge upon this country by inflicting this repugnant Appropriation Bill upon us.

During his Budget Speech he was heard to say that President Ramaphosa had aptly captured the moment and mood in delivering his state of the nation address when he said that a new dawn was upon us. After 100 days of the new Presidency, it seems that mood and moment is all that it was.

In my first speech to this House, I emphasised the importance of telling the truth, especially when reporting on financial

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matters. Deputy Speaker, the rules of this House prevent me from telling you that almost every one of our hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers lied to us during the course of their Budget Vote speeches. So, I will have to limit myself to advising you that very few of them told us the truth. Sadly, it is evident that, although we have a new President, a new Cabinet and new boards in most state-owned entities, SOEs, nothing has changed, particularly in the fiscal arena. I am reminded of the words of Pete Townshend of The Who's song ...

Mr P D MALOYI: Deputy Speaker, a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, what's the point of order?

Mr P D MALOYI: Is it parliamentary for the hon member to say Ministers lied to them – using the word lied? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Mcloughlin?

Mr A R MCLOUGHLIN: Deputy Speaker, I said that the rules of the House prevent me from saying that. [Applause.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Go ahead. We will check; we will check.

[Applause.] [Interjections.]

Mr A R MCLOUGHLIN: I'm reminded of the words of Pete Townshend of The Who's song, "*Won't be fooled again*". [Interjections.]

Mr P D MALOYI: Hon Deputy Speaker, can you check the Hansard because that's not what he said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I said so, hon member. I said I will check. [Interjections.] That's exactly what I said. Order hon members! Proceed, hon Mcloughlin.

Mr A R MCLOUGHLIN: I'm reminded of the words of Pete Townshend of The Who's song, "*Won't get fooled again*", which deals with changes of government and ends with the words, "Meet the new boss; Same as the old boss".

Our leader, the hon Mmusi Maimane, recently asked us what makes us angry. I thought about that and decided that the thing that angers me most is cruelty, and especially needless cruelty. I charge the ANC with needless cruelty! When a political party is in power and has the ability and resources

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to fulfil its promises to change the lives of millions of poverty-stricken citizens, and it chooses instead to squander the available resources and plunder the national fiscus to the severe detriment of those same poverty-stricken citizens, that party is guilty of mass needless cruelty. [Applause.]

Those citizens trusted in the ANC's promises. They voted for the ANC in the belief that those promises would be honoured. The ANC has failed them miserably while enriching and empowering themselves and the politically-connected few at the expense of the poor. It is estimated that state capture and corruption has cost the country in the region of R100 billion. That is money that we are never likely to recover. Money that could have provided houses, schools and hospitals, and therefore, many opportunities for jobs are also lost.

The problem is the attitude of many of those in the ANC who believe, like Minister Nomvula Mokonyana, that what I call corruption, she calls cadre enrichment. Shame on you!

Recent statistics reveal that some 5 000 previously South African dollar millionaires have left this country in the last three years, mainly due to the devastation wreaked upon our

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economy and economic prospects by the rapacious ANC government. Those 5 000 people were amongst our most lucrative taxpayers. Chasing them away has robbed the citizens of this country of millions of rand in much-needed tax revenue and deprived them of the much hoped-for service delivery that those rands could have paid for. Shame on you!

This government has to stop wasting money. About R40 billion a year is wasted. According to the report of the Public Service Commission, the level of target achievement as measured against budget spend is woeful. To cite a few examples, the Department of Health in its programme five, hospitals, tertiary services and human resources, spent 100% of its budget to achieve just 32,1% of its target.

The Independent Police Investigative Directorate, in its programme two, investigation and information management, managed to achieve a paltry 15,8% of its target, having spent 99,89% of its budget.

Worst of all, the Department of Public Works managed to spend 99,8% of its budget for programme four, construction and property policy regulation, achieving ... wait for it ...

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absolutely nothing! Zero per cent of its target! Shame on you!
[Interjections.]

Implementation of the progressive policies of the DA on the other hand would dramatically change the economic landscape in this country for the better. The knock-on effect would be the creation of more jobs, less unemployment would follow, as well as an increased tax base, allowing the state to spend on real service delivery.

The DA's policies concentrate on empowering and uplifting the individual, to enable each person to achieve her or his true potential. The more productive we become, the more we will spend on local products rather than imported products. Rather than contributing to the economies of the countries from which we import garments, devices or vehicles, we should be strengthening our own economy and creating more jobs by purchasing local products.

This Appropriation Bill contains no new dawn. It does virtually nothing to stimulate the local economy and in consequence our chances of meaningful economic recovery, let alone growth, remains severely constrained.

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Despite all you may hear in this House about how the DA is here to serve the interests of some mysterious and unidentified imperial masters, I am here today to assure the members of this House and the country at large that nothing could be further from the truth. We are here because we are South Africans serving the best interests of all South Africans and because we are determined to work for the upliftment and betterment of every South African, particularly all those who live without work, without hope, in poverty and despair.

Minister Patel tried his best to convince this House that it is hard being in the opposition. On the contrary, it's very easy being in the opposition because the ANC keeps giving us so much ammunition to use against them. [Applause.]

What is hard is living under an ANC government that is more concerned with perpetuating its legacy of a liberation movement than delivering services or caring for the nine and a half million South Africans who are unemployed.

The DA, by dealing decisively with corruption and appropriating the available funds in line with our poverty

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alleviating and economy-stimulating policies, would kick-start economic growth, rapidly improve service delivery and start dealing hammer blows to poverty and unemployment.

Proof of this can be seen in the case of Midvaal for example, which has been run by the DA for 17 years. When the rest of the country showed a growth rate of around three per cent, Midvaal was able to achieve seven per cent. Midvaal still boasts the lowest rate of unemployment in the country despite the best attempts of the ANC-run province to destabilise the local economy through its consistent and deliberate failure to deliver on its promises of housing to the indigent local residents, resulting in regular protest action. Hard as it may be for the ANC to accept, where the DA governs, people lead better lives. [Interjections.]

The DA cannot support this Appropriation Bill which merely rubber-stamps the wishes of an uncaring and aloof ANC Cabinet. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr N E GCWABAZA: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Ministers and Deputy Minsters, hon members, the DA will never govern because the ANC is going to win the elections in 2019. [Interjections.]

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Speaking on service delivery, go and fix service delivery in Tshwane and in the Johannesburg inner-city. The communities are telling us that there is no collection of garbage. That there is no maintenance of roads, there are potholes. They tell us that the streetlights are out. Worse still, the DA has discontinued the 6 000 litres of water for the poor that was initiated by the ANC government in the Johannesburg inner-city. [Interjections.] And to add salt to the insult, the DA has discontinued job creation programmes such as Jozi @ Work which was introduced by the ANC mayor Parks Tau. As a result, unemployment is rising in the Johannesburg city centre. Go fix Tshwane and Johannesburg. Forget it; you will never ever govern this country. [Interjections.] The ANC supports the Appropriation Bill 2018 and recommends that this House passes it.

IsiZulu:

Kulonyaka wokugubha iminyaka eyikhulu yokuphila kwamaqhawe omzabalazo wenkululeko yezwe lethu, oBaba u-Nelson Mandela kanye noMama u-Albertina Sisulu, oholwa yi-ANC, kufanele sibuyekeza kafushane ibanga esesilihambile kwezomnoth kule minyaka engamashumi amabili nane.

English:

South Africa's gross domestic product, GDP, annual growth rate averaged 2,8% from 1994 to 2017. It reached an all-time high of 7,10% in 2006 before it declined to -2.6% in the second quarter of 2009 as a result of the global financial crisis. Then it recovered to 1.5% year-on-year in the fourth quarter of 2017. This recovery was brought about by the rebound in manufacturing and utilities and a strong growth in the services sector. Equally, the recovery was supported by public spending especially on infrastructure, on programmes such as the Extended Public Works Programme, EPWP, and the Incentives Development Programme of the DTI. These are some of the government programmes which have assisted in job retention, job creation and in putting disposable incomes in the hands of many households.

IsiZulu:

Kuso lesi sikhathi seminyaka engamashumi amabili nane kulo Hulumeni wentando yeningi kusuka ngo-1994 kuzofika kulonyaka ophezulu u-2018, kwakhiwe imisebenzi engangezigididi ezinhlanu nenkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha, 5,6 million yemisebenzi. Sikhuluma nje kunabasebenzi abayizigididi

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eziyishumi nesithupha kanye nenkulungwane ezine kuzozonke izizinda zemisebenzi, 16,4 million yemisebenzi ...

English:

... most of them created by the ANC government. In monetary terms South Africa's GDP grew from \$136 billion. That is estimated to be just over R1 trillion in 1994 to \$384 billion which is estimated at about R4 trillion in 2018.

IsiZulu:

Inkinga ekufanele ixazululwe ukuthi lezi zigidigidi ezine zisezandleni zabantu abayingcosana kuleli zwe. Yingakho nje uHulumeni kaKhongolose uthi sesishayile isikhathi sokuthi umnotho ubuyele ezandleni zeningi ikakhulukazi abantu abamnyama.

English:

The economic statistics mentioned above on GDP growth and an increase from 9 million jobs in 1994 to 16,4 million jobs in 2018 is a clear demonstration of the ability of the ANC government to create a conducive environment so that the economy can grow and create jobs, reduce poverty and

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inequality. What then does the ANC seek to deliver through the Appropriations Bill 2018 on the economic front?

IsiZulu:

Isabelo sezimali kulo Mthethosivivinyo wesabelozimali ka-2018-19 nezinhlelo zokusebenza zikaHulumeni zihlose ukuqinisekisa ukuthi iningi labantu abamnyama kakhulukazi ulusha, abesifazane kanye nabantu abanezimo zokukhubazeko, abakhele izindawo zasemakhaya kanye nabasedolobheni bangene ngokuphelele ekulawulweni nokwakhiwa komnotho wezwe lethu. Uhulumeni kaKhongolose ufake izigidi zamarandi ezingamashumi amahlanu nesikhombisa, R57 billion eMnyangweni Wezemfundo Ephakeme ukuze kuqinisekise ukuthi abafundi basemanyuvesi nasema-Tvet colleges bathola imfundo nokuqeqeshwa okusezingeni eliphakeme futhi abaningi imindeni yabo ehola ngaphansi kwa-R350 000 ngonyaka. Lokhu kwenza ukuthi ulusha lungene ngokuzithemba ekwakheni, ekulawuleni nasekuphatheni umnotho nasekwakheni nemisebenzi Eyizigidi eziyishumi nanye, 11 million yemisebenzi ngo-2030 njengoba kusho i-National Development Plan, NDP.

English:

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The Budget of the DTI, whose core function is to implement the industrial action plan by intensifying industrialisation, manufacturing of beneficiated and value-added goods for domestic consumption and for exports has a budget of R30,2 billion over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, MTEF. It will carry out this task through instruments such as grants, loans and tax allowances. The Special Economic Zones, SEZs, and economic transformation programme will expand the participation of black-owned manufacturing businesses. In the same vein the Black Industrialist Programme is allocated funding to increase the participation of black people in the mainstream economy. Over the current MTEF infrastructure has been allocated R834,1 billion targeted at the energy, transport and logistics, water and sanitation. We mention these few examples out of many to demonstrate a couple of things, namely, that; firstly, that notwithstanding the negative effects to our economy of external factors such as the 2008 to 2010 global financial crisis, the recent geopolitical and economic tensions on international trade and the domestic factors such as state capture, corruption and the fiscal challenges, the ANC government is a government at work. It is a government at work because the New Dawn the President spoke about in the state of the nation address, clarifies and

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intensifies the ANC's resolve to implement 53rd Conference resolution on the second phase of the National Democratic Revolution, NDR, in particular, Radical Economic Transformation, RET, and the 54th Conference resolution on Expropriation of Land without Compensation. Ultimately, radical economic transformation and expropriation ... [Time expired.] Thank you Deputy Speaker. The ANC supports the Bill. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Deputy Speaker and hon members, the Appropriation Bill of 2018 was tabled on 21 February 2018 by the Minister of Finance together with the Budget Review and other documents like the Estimates of National Expenditure. It is crucial that the Bill is passed timeously because the Bill is not law until formally passed by this House. Section 29 of the Public Finance Management Act further limits the amount that can be spend before the Bill becomes law. The Bill also encompasses important new allocations for a number of spending areas like higher education, higher social grants and National Health Insurance that needs to come into effect including new allocations that have become possible because of the tax increases. I say this. hon Maynier, because it is important, you cannot just say we have time until July because at the end

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of the day, in order for us to spend within what the law says, the Bill actually needs to meet this section 29.

So, I don't understand when you say that this is a rush job and you call this Parliament a sausage machine. I am glad that the Deputy Speaker is also just concerned as I am that this is bad language, even if it is parliamentary, but it is very bad language I hope your children are not listening when you speak like that in public. Going on about the child support grant increase being below the food poverty line indeed we agree but every attempt was made in this budget to try and deal with that.

The hon chairperson of the committee alluded to the increase of 7,8% which is indeed above inflation by any stretch of imagination. The sentiment to increase community food garden, CFG, further to the food poverty line is noted and appreciated and we will continue to receive attention in future budgets.

Let me say that this is not the only social security assistance that government advances. If you look at the social wage of South Africa in general in the 2014-15 financial year, we were standing at R643 481 billion. In the 2015-16 financial year, it increased to R707 billion, which is about 57% of our

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total spending. In the 2016-17 financial year, we were at 58% in terms of the social wage and in the 2017-18 financial year we were at R58,6%. This year, the social wage is 59% of our total spend. This includes basic education, fee-free higher education, health, social grants, children in families being supported, welfare services, social security funds, local equitable share, housing development, local conditional grants, water services, transport and employment programmes. So, all of this added together, help to alleviate poverty for the poor households. We should not simply focus on social grants as the only means that government uses in order to alleviate poverty for the poor households. As you said that you wanted to add savings of R5 billion, but the budget already contains R85 billion in cuts, and general further cuts are also likely to affect service delivery.

Hon Hlengwa talked about VAT increase and the fuel hike weighing heavily on the citizens, we agree with you and we admit that spending should be done responsibly. The example you made of a function where the marquee and the sound system cost so much, I think it is the duty of this Parliament to make sure that those departments and entities that spend in that fashion are held accountable. The Public Audit Amendment

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Bill that is serving before Parliament and that will be passed shortly will address the consequence management because at the end of the day having held them accountable there need to be consequences for all those people that have broken the law.

Hon Hlengwa, you also spoke about hopes for next year that we should reduce VAT. Indeed, the committee said that there should be a review but it will depend and tally on whether we have enough resources to proceed. If we review, whatever Parliament will be recommending, it is important that we review it periodically so that we do not continue to be drawing from the poor.

Hon Swart, the looting and plundering which resulted in tax increases again we need to take a very strong stance on the leakages that are experienced and that we indeed need to grow the economy. It is for that reason that I found Mr Macloughlin's speech almost contradicting the hon Maynier speech. It is as if you are speaking from different parties, because the hon Macloughlin are talking about growing the economy whilst the hon Maynier is talking about a welfare state. Hon members, this budget focuses on a number of areas other than looking at the grants as I was saying, it is also looking at fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Irregular

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expenditure and corruption are real and serious problems that are being tackled. It is simplistic to conclude that one can simply cut billions of rands from entities such as Eskom as has been mentioned here.

We are also focusing extensively at early childhood development in order to improve the outcomes of education even beyond this level. It is the responsibility of the departments, as we have seen, to handle the VAT increase from 14% to 15% with an existing budgets. Effectively, this is a further efficiency savings for departments which make further cuts proposed by the DA difficult to achieve.

Social grants however, were comprehensively adjusted to address higher VAT and the negotiated agreed wage increase which will effectively cover for the increase. With those points let me take this opportunity to thank the hon members for having supported this budget in general and even all the comments that were made on the budget were positive and we will therefore submit that it is ready for approval. Thank you very much, House Chair. [Applause.]

Question put: That the Bill be read a first time.

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Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES - 219 [TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

NOES - 82 [TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Question agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a first time.

APPROPRIATION BILL

(Considerations of Votes and Schedule)

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T DIDIZA): Order! I wish to thank parties for advising the staff on which Votes they will make declarations, on which they will record their objections and on which they intend dividing the House. This information will greatly assist the process this morning and this afternoon. I will put each Vote and ask parties for declarations of Vote as they have indicated. Members may make declarations of Votes

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from the floor microphones, if they wish. After this I will put the Vote for decision.

Hon members are reminded that in terms of Rule 108 of section 5, a global time for declaration of Votes have been agreed to upon and that parties will be allowed to make declarations as per the agreed time allocation. The bells will be rung for five minutes for the first division on a Vote, but for only one minute on subsequent divisions or such time as the presiding officer may wish. [Applause.] It could be 30 seconds, and it could be one second. Thank you very much, hon members.

I would like to recognise the learners that are here visiting us in Parliament. Others are with us overshadowing the Minister of Science and Technology from ...[Inaudible.] ... High School. You are all welcome. [Applause.] Order, hon members! Can members take their seats; we are starting with the process. I now put Vote 1 - The Presidency. I have been advised of the parties that wish to make declarations and I will therefore call for the declaration of Votes as requested. The Democratic Alliance! No. The NFP!

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Vote No 1 - The Presidency - put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the National Freedom Party, Congress of the People, African Christian Democratic Party and African National Congress.

Declarations of vote:

Prof N M KHUBISA: Hon House Chairperson, once again we want to reiterate the sentiments we acute last time, but this time we want to say that we understand that the Presidency plays a very crucial role as a department that does the transversal role over all other departments. However, as the NFP we want to emphasise the issue of job creation especially for our youth. We also want to support whatever the President has done with regard to job creation and also ensuring that investor confidence is boosted in our country. However, the issue of ensuring that our youth are well-trained and get the necessary skills, especially technical education is of a paramount importance.

Therefore, over and above that we want to say about this Vote it must also take into cognisance that our youth must be

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highly involved in entrepreneurship which I think it is very paramount too. Having said that, we support Vote 1.

Ms D CARTER: Hon Chairperson, the Presidency sits at the apex of our system of government. Now, it is the Presidency that is responsible for the development and implementation of national policy and for co-ordinating and exercising oversight over the functions and performance of government as a whole. The point is that it is the President under Presidency that must take ultimate responsibility for the failures in government and our development objectives.

Today, we face unprecedented national crisis that cause out for return to the rule of law, public accountability, economic growth and the development of a capable state, if we are to build a just equitable and united South Africa. Now, the apex of this crisis was counted in uncentered around the former President of the ANC and the country. Cope support growing calls for Parliament to exercise greater oversight over the Presidency by amongst other means the establishment of the portfolio committee. Finally, novelist, playwright and poet, Zakes Mda describes the morass we find ourselves in and challenges we face as follows, and I quote:

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The effing balancing act of the new dawn. Thieves continue to rule and chow. Dishonourable are honourable. The despicable speaks for a people robbed bone-dry. A nation battered bleeding and scorned. This will continue until a new broom sweeps the filth right into Pollsmoor.

Cope will ensure that the President and Presidency are answerable to this House and held to account and that the interest of South Africa and its people are indeed put first. Thank you.

Mr S N SWART: Hon House Chair, yesterday's financial mail states the following, I quote: After 100 days the first race of the new dawn expected of Cyril Ramaphosa's Presidency can be seen, but while international investors are largely optimistic and support of the post Zuma era at home and within the ANC conflict, disunity and uncertainty are born. Whilst we see the new dawn, there are obviously a lot of concerns. I have a wish from the ACDP welcome the speedy steps taken in various aspects that the President referred to and in particular the steps to destabilise the state-owned entities, SOEs. Already before the President's appointment we had a new

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board at Eskom, and many of us that were involved in the Eskom inquiry welcome that step.

From our side, we also look forward to as far as Eskom is concern the repayment of the monies that were taken, Mckenzie offered R1 billion to us in the portfolio committee that is not yet been repaid and we hope that the new board chairman of Eskom that was appointed yesterday and whose appointment we welcome will facilitate the repayment of the billions that were taken. We also welcome the appointment of new boards at Transnet and Denel as announced yesterday. Also yesterday, we understand the Cabinet announced the establishment of the President of the state-owned enterprises council with President Ramaphosa heading that up. This we will look forward to see the implementation of that and how the SOEs will be reposition as effective instrument of economic development and how the routine and state capture of SOEs will come to an end and how they will be recaptured. I thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon House Chair, it is common knowledge that the President comes to this House to be held accountable. The Deputy President comes to this House to be held accountable through questions. They answer questions

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regularly and religiously. Therefore, there is no cloud on the accountability of the President and the Deputy President to this House. Of course, also oral questions are being answered by the Office of the President - the written questions. This budget in the President is R512 million. There has been demonstration in the Presidency of saving these little monies that are being allocated to this office that are well recorded in the annual report. Therefore, we will support as the ANC this budget allocation to the Presidency. It is fully supported. Thank you very much, House Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T DIDIZA): I now put the Vote again. Are there any objections? Objections have been recorded. I now put the question again. Is there any objection in supporting the Vote 1? There are objections and also a division have been called by the DA. Do you want to call for a division yourself?

Mr M WATERS: You are taking my job away, Chair. However, if you want to call - you have called for it yourself and it is fine.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms A T DIDIZA): I thought you were making it easier for a recording for me, but you can do it. A division having been called the bells will be rung for five minutes.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES - 226: [Take in from the minutes.]

NOES - 79: [Take in from the minutes.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 2 - Parliament - put and agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).

Vote No 3 - Communications - put and agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).

Vote No 4 - Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs -
put.

Declarations of vote:

Mr C D MATSEPE: Chairperson, corruption is embedded in South Africa's governmental structures. The Auditor-General's consolidated report on local government audit outcomes, yesterday, highlighted the fact that R28 billion of municipal expenditure was irregular. That cannot all be attributed to corruption, but much of it can. Yet, there is no accountability. Almost no financial recovery plans are in place. Beyond that, monitoring has been slashed and no one is held accountable.

This is the difference between where a DA-led government and an ANC-led government is in operation. Where we govern, we take action. We get rid of the rot. We hold those responsible for corruption and waste accountable. [Interjections.]

We have heard some good words from the Minister and the President, but words alone are not enough. Action must be taken. The DA will not support this Budget Vote.

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Prof N M KHUBISA: Chairperson, hon members, we take note of the resolve by the Minister when he said that what has been discovered in various municipalities will be attended to. As the Auditor-General reported in the 2016-17 statement, there is wasteful, irregular and fruitless expenditure amounting to R45 billion.

Considering the fact that municipalities owe Eskom and some water boards an amount of R44 billion, it is also noted that there are municipalities who have failed to spend their budgets and also those that did not report correctly to the Auditor-General. There were missing statements and a lot of other issues.

There is, indeed, a lack of skills in municipalities. Once again, we urge that municipalities that are failing be followed up with some consequence management; also that we upgrade and strengthen the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent, Mi8sa, in order for it to perform correctly.

Once again, the NFP also wants to align itself with the hon Minister who said these issues happening in municipalities are

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taken in a very serious light. Having said that, we support this Budget Vote.

Mr W W WESSELS: Hon Chairperson, municipalities in South Africa are unsustainable, currently, and there is a huge crisis. The Department of Co-operative Governance has spent billions of rand on support programmes to solve these issues but those support programmes have not yielded any fruit for the last couple of years.

This week, we heard the Auditor-General saying again that municipalities are in disarray. This needs to be addressed, and the FF Plus cannot support this budget, as it is not addressing the actual issues.

When we refer, and they are being referred ... We heard the Minister of Finance also referring to the amendments to the Public Audit Bill. However, those amendments are only necessary because there is no political will by ANC-led councils to actually go and lay the complaints with the Hawks and other national prosecuting authorities, as the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act requires. So,

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it's actually not an achievement to say we now need to amend that legislation.

We actually need the political will. Councils have the obligation, in terms of section 32 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act to have done that already. Our municipalities are failing because of a lack of political will and because support programmes are not functioning.

The FF Plus does not support this Budget Vote. Thank you, Chair.

Ms D CARTER: Chairperson, the country, rightly, condemns the bad, corrupted and captured governance of our national government and those provincial governments under the control of the ruling party.

Now, we face a greater catastrophic crisis that threatens our nation within our local government sphere. Despite various initiatives over many years, including Project Consolidate, the turnaround strategy, Operation Clean Audit, and more recently, Back to Basics, there is an overall, continuing deterioration in the state of our local government spheres of

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governance. One in three municipalities is dysfunctional, 31% of municipalities admit that they might not be able to continue operating due to years of financial bad governance, and 86% of municipal councils failed to comply with the law. Just 33 out of 257 municipalities received a clean bill of health.

Shockingly, the staff of the Auditor-General face intimidation when auditing our municipalities. The Free State had 100% interventions. There is a lack of accountability and growing impunity, patronage, factionalism, corruption and murder pervade our municipal environment.

Where the opposition governs, there is a much better story to tell. Good governance starts with ethical political leadership. South Africans are realising that it is the opposition that has their interests at heart and that it is where the opposition governs that governance is good. Thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr M L W FILTANE: Hon Chair, the fundamental problem we are facing in South Africa is that we are actually operating a federal state but we keep denying that.

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Firstly, at the bottom of the problems engulfing our municipal governance is that it takes a long time - it's quite a laborious process - for national government to intervene. You are looking at sections 139 and 154, and by the time you have exhausted those, then there are political considerations. By the time you have exhausted those, one or two financial years have passed and people have not received the service. We need to look at this from that perspective. Otherwise, it is just a rolling problem, all the way through.

Secondly, clarity must be provided very urgently by the ANC on the Motlanthe statement which seems to have stirred up quite a lot of controversy amongst the traditional leaders. You have heard it all.

Over and above political interventions by the ruling party where it is governing at municipal level, technical assistance must be given because you still have a lot of cadres deployed there. They lack technical skills, however, and, as such, take inappropriate decisions.

The 75% regression is a matter of urgent and serious concern. It needs to be attended to yesterday, not even next year, so

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to speak. We hope this will be given due attention, urgently, so that the people can get the services.

Otherwise, the UDM supports this Budget Vote. Thank you.

Mr N A MASONDO: Chairperson, the primary purpose of the Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs' appropriation of funds is to improve co-operative governance across the three spheres of government to ensure that the provinces and municipalities carry out their constitutional, developmental and service-delivery functions effectively, and where relevant, in partnership with the institutions of traditional leadership.

We note that the Department of Co-operative Governance is committed to building sustainable municipalities that are well managed, committed to performance management and a high level of service delivery, with sound financial management and strengthened participatory democracy that adheres to the principles of Batho Pele.

We are encouraged that the Minister and the department will prioritise the provision of infrastructure planning, delivery,

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operation and maintenance in the 27 priority district municipalities and the other 55 distressed or dysfunctional municipalities. We are further encouraged by the work the Minister and department are doing in processing forensic reports on the investigations on allegations against municipalities. The processes must be expedited and those people who are implicated must be disciplined or referred to law-enforcement agencies.

The ANC supports this Budget Vote.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 5 - Home Affairs - put.

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Declarations of vote:

Mr M H HOOSEN: Chairperson, today 9,5 million South Africans are walking around our country without any hope of finding a job. This is proudly brought to you by the ANC. This figure has consistently grown over the years and so, too, has poverty in our communities.

For almost five years now, the DA has consistently raised the alarm about the high number of undocumented immigrants in our country. For years, we have been calling for a greater investment in immigration and to employ more immigration officers to reduce the high number of undocumented immigrants. However, the ANC does not care.

The main contributing factor to this situation is, obviously, our porous borders. Not even the Department of Home Affairs can tell you exactly how many undocumented immigrants there are in the country. What we do know, however, is that in the five-year period between 2011 and 2016, 88 million foreigners entered the country, and only 79 million people left.

[Interjections.] Where are the other 9 million foreigners that are unaccounted for? This is the extent of the problem and there is no sense of urgency. South Africans must understand,

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therefore, that when anger breaks out in our communities, it does so because people have lost confidence in this government's ability to control immigration into South Africa.

There are also thousands of businesses out there employing vulnerable immigrants because it's cheaper to do so. This, while 9,5 million South Africans are without work.

[Interjections.] This is simply not a fair society.

South Africans must realise that if they want a country where people respect our borders; if they want a country where there are no illegal immigrants; and if they want a South Africa where more jobs are created, there is only one way to achieve it. Remove this corrupt ANC from power and replace it with one government that can deliver. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Dr C P MULDER: Hon Chairperson, hon colleagues, hon Minister, the fact of the matter is that the Department of Home Affairs has been in a difficult position for quite some time. We also know that the department was under pressure at one stage.

There was a renewal strategy that was quite successful, and I'm happy to say, from our perspective, despite the problems

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that our colleague indicates - and we all know that those problems are true - the department is steadily making progress and getting its act together. We really welcome that. We think that we should give the Department of Home Affairs a chance and not punish the department for certain things that are not in order. Our concern is different in that sense.

Our concern is that, unfortunately, the current, hon Minister is under scrutiny, to a certain extent, and certain allegations are being made against the Minister.

[Interjections.] Yes, lying in court is amongst them and is being alleged and said. So, what we are saying is that that needs to be sorted out. We cannot and should not allow the department to be brought into jeopardy because of that reality. Sort that out and then we can take it further.

In the meantime, we do not want to punish the department. We will support the Budget Vote. Thank you.

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chair, at a time when there are so many South Africans lacking jobs, I think Home Affairs should allow themselves to feel challenged that they allow just about everybody who applies, to be in South Africa for long periods

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of time. In other countries, foreigners are only allowed to come in but not necessarily participate in jobs that could have been done by local people.

I think a policy review is necessary here and needs to be applied, as well. We have been too generous for far too long. We need to revisit that position. Plenty of South Africans who are skilled are not running businesses. I am not saying that foreigners are taking the place of South Africans, but I am saying that a review of the policy needs to take place.

[Interjections.]

Let's move on to the long queues. Long queues are very bothersome and burdensome to people who are not in the best of health at any given time. However, Home Affairs doesn't seem to have any instant solution to this. I know the Minister has spoken about this. I watched him on television the other day, and I appreciate that, hon Minister, in the hope that a solution can be found, soon.

However, aside from that, I think policies need to be processed much quicker such that the buildings occupied by Home Affairs, working in collaboration with Public Works, need

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a revisit. Time and time again, officials are on air complaining that the conditions under which they are working are just not conducive to being productive. That is, after all, the first point of call when people come to our country.

In addition, working with Public Works, some of the borders we visited, in Mpumalanga, last year, indicated very clearly that there is a lot of easy infiltration by people who come from outside of the country. You can't have a border post that depends on climatic and weather condition, such that when the river is dry, people can just walk through the border. That is definitely untenable. Very soon, we'll have a flood of illegal residents in our country, and that will not be very helpful for the purposes of stable governance.

We support the Budget Vote. Thank you.

Mr D M GUMEDE: Hon Chairperson, the ANC supports this Budget Vote. However, before I say why, let me get into the issue of immigration.

South Africa, like any successful country, attracts a lot of immigrants. That is unavoidable. It is a by-product of our

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success. [Interjections.] We are, however, attending to the problem. That is why we, in this Parliament, have to pass the Border Management Authority Bill. Unfortunately, the DA keeps delaying the passing of this Bill. Please assist us. We want to pass this Bill as soon as possible.

Coming back to the budget, the ANC commends the department on a steady improvement in performance, which stood at 81%, three years ago. It now stands at 89%. We commend the service of the department, as far as that is concerned. What is significant in this department is its repositioning from a mainly administrative department to a dominantly security-oriented one.

We also want to thank every member of the committee. Despite our sharp debates within the committee, we also have constructive criticism from different parties. Yes, they become hot, but we do realise that they are constructive.

So, let us continue to work for dignity for all, for a more equitable society, a more nonracial society, a more nonsexist society, and a more prosperous society. It is our duty. Let us move there, together. We know that, ultimately, all parties

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will improve towards where the ANC is. [Interjections.]

Therefore, the ANC supports this Budget Vote. Thank you.

Vote agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).

Vote No 6 - International Relations and Co-operation - put.

Vote agreed to (Democratic Alliance and Freedom Front Plus dissenting).

Vote No 7 - National Treasury - put.

Declarations of vote:

Mr D J MAYNIER: House Chairperson, the primary objective of National Treasury is to stabilise national debt in South Africa. However, this has been a failure, with national debt measured as net loan debt set to balloon to a staggering R3,03 trillion or 52,5% of GDP in 2020-21. There is a question mark, given the pressure on spending, about whether national debt measured as net loan debt will actually stabilise at 53,2% in 2023-24. However, assuming it does, we will be spending a staggering R277 billion on debt service costs,

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which is R30 billion more than we will be spending on basic education this year in 2018-19.

The fact is that when we spend more on debt service costs, we can spend less on programmes that support economic growth that would provide jobs for the 9,5 million people who do not have jobs or have given up looking for jobs in South Africa, as well as programmes that support the 34 million people who live in poverty and who live without dignity, without independence, and without freedom in South Africa. Things have got so tight that the Finance Minister has finally reached into the pockets of the poor and increased value added tax.

Whatever the case, that is why we need to give serious consideration to the Fiscal Responsibility Bill which we have proposed to help stabilise national debt and debt service costs in South Africa. We look forward to taking up the Minister's offer to engage on the matter, made during the Budget Vote this week in Parliament. Thank you.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: House Chair, allow me to welcome my colleagues from the University of the Western Cape seated in the gallery. [Applause.] Whilst I say that, hon Minister,

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these are the youths and students that have had serious challenges in terms of transformation in the tertiary institutions and with the problem of National Student Financial Aid Scheme funding, NSFAS funding, not reaching the students. Thank you very much.

Due to time constraints, I am going to try and see what I can actually cover here. [Interjections.] Let me start off by saying I must agree with the hon Maynier when he talks about the high level of debt costs and the challenges we face there.

I want to tell the hon Maynier, if he can only return to Treasury and Parliament the R60 million that they steal every year in terms of constituency offices, that can go a long way in actually paying off some of our debts. [Applause.]

[Interjections.] It will really help us a lot, so please pay back the money you are stealing. [Interjections.] Please pay it back, and pay it back now. [Interjections.]

Previously, I have spoken about the issues at National Treasury level where we need to name and shame those that repeatedly fail us at different levels of government. I think the time has come where we need to take drastic action against those that are failing because society judges you not on what

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you achieve and do but what you don't do. So, Minister, I think it is very important that we deal with these issues.

I spoke the other day about the issue of Parliament, as well, and the appropriation of funds from Parliament. A very important thing - and I know my colleagues on this side will not accept that - but international travel must come to a stop right now. I think we need to put a moratorium on international travel. It is very important that we do that, and we do it now. I will give you one good example. Even the Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Co-operation could not complete its business. Why is this? It is because of nonattendance, but when you talk about travelling overseas, everybody is available - no problem at all. So, I think we need to deal with that issue. [Interjections.]

On the issue of international relations, I want to say, we want the South African Embassy in Israel to be downgraded without any delay. In fact, that falls in line with what the hon Maynier says. We can save some money there, as well. It is a very good point. Thank you very much. The other issue is Home Affairs. We have just heard the hon Haniff Hoosen elaborate on the challenges, yet the hon Maynier says - what

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did he say earlier on? – cut down the costs; reduce the allocation to Home Affairs. So, I don't know. There is some contradiction in the DA. Maybe they need to work on it.

The hon Hoosen is correct. There is work to be done, but it cannot be done if we cut that budget. So, let me talk about that. In terms of the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, I must agree with what I have heard from the member of the FF Plus who spoke about corruption being embedded. What are we going to do about Kannaland, Bitou, George – all these municipalities where even the Public Protector and Hawks are in because of the corruption. Let's deal with the corruption in all these municipalities equally. [Interjections.]

Now, let me talk about the issue of water. We all know there is a company in the Western Cape called GrahamTek that has been doing fantastic work for ages at a very minimal cost, yet for R6 billion, they were given a contract to get R600 million. They have not explained why they were so corrupt and doing these things. This is taxpayers' money, so we need to deal with them. Helen Zille went public in terms of health and said how she is worried about and afraid for the health of

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our people because of the crisis that they created in terms of the water. Minister, I think we need to consider putting those municipalities under administration and the Western Cape under administration equally! [Interjections.] [Applause.] They have been calling for the North West. Why don't they call for their own, as well, which they have messed up so badly?

I heard them talk about poverty, and like I said to the hon Maynier, take a drive in this community and look at the conditions our people are living under. Talk about the minimum wage - he is talking about increasing allocations to the poor, but they are the very same people who oppose the minimum wage when we want to create a better life for our people.

[Applause.] Again, there is a contradiction, and I cannot seem to understand what they are talking about.

Again, to the FF Plus, I want to say: You were part of the previous government. If you only did something to stop the corruption, the fraud and the maladministration, we would not have inherited a corrupt South Africa today. [Interjections.] We would not have inherited a bankrupt South Africa today. So, you must take responsibility for that as well.

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Again, they spoke about the VAT. They were upset about the 1% VAT. However, a 56% increase in water – you talk about rates far exceeding the inflation rate! So, what are they talking about with “the poorest of the poor”? I cannot seem to understand them. Let’s stop this hypocrisy. Let’s come together united, all 400 of us, in the interest of all South Africans. Let’s create a better life. Let’s not come here and grandstand. Even your calling for a division is to grandstand, to score points. What they are doing now is competing with the EFF because they want to score points when the EFF is not here. [Interjections.] This is it. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Ms D CARTER: Chairperson, Cope wants to reiterate that it supports this Budget Vote providing that Sars is recaptured and its integrity re-established, that Treasury itself must be stabilised in the face of the dissemination of its senior management, that recalcitrant departments must be brought back into line to comply with procurement and fiscal discipline and that Treasury must support attempts to restart economic growth and development, foster good governance, ensure the accountable, efficient and sustainable management of our

public finances, and re-establish our macroeconomic stability.
Thank you.

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, we appreciate that we have severe financial and budgetary constraints and therefore we, as parliamentarians, need to make use of every power that is at our disposal when we are considering this Budget.

Minister of Finance, I appreciate that we have one of the most transparent budget processes in the world. In fact, we have been evaluated in that regard, but as we all know, there are time constraints when we come to consider the Budget. We have very definite time constraints, and one of the issues that I would like to raise - and many parliamentarians are unaware of that - is that we passed the Money Bills Amendment Procedures and Related Matters Act, and in terms of section 10, it provides that Parliament must pass, with or without amendments, the Appropriation Bill within four months.

Section 10(8)(c) provides that other committees - other committees and all Members of Parliament, let's bear this in mind that if you are a member of a committee, you can consult with the Standing Committee on Appropriations in respect of

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proposed amendments to transfer payments and recurrent or capital expenditure of a vote or a main division within a vote, taking into consideration any report filed by the House. So, what is that report? That would be the fiscal framework, so you have to work within that fiscal framework. Then section 8(e) says the Standing Committee on Appropriations will then mediate between different committees proposing conflicting amendments to the Appropriation Bill and then report to Parliament.

This is a significant power because we pass the Budget in terms of the fiscal framework. Just as an example, in the justice committee, we have severe constraints. Legal Aid South Africa has said they can no longer provide effective legal representation to all people that are accused of civil matters. We know that they also do a lot of civil matters, and they also provide legal action and assist land claimants. This is in-house legal advice that is provided. These are lawyers they provide.

We also know that the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform has set aside millions for private attorneys to deal with land claimants. In the justice committee, the ACDP

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suggested that we take some of the money or consider -I think it is almost R185 million that was paid to private lawyers by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform - and let's transfer some of that to Legal Aid South Africa. How do you do that? We suggested use section 10 and approach the appropriations committee and let the appropriations committee then call in the Portfolio Committee on Rural Development and Land Reform, and then we can mediate that. That proposal was accepted by the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services. We were then going to engage on it, but due to time constraints, Minister - time constraints - the committee indicated it was unable to approach the committee on appropriations.

This is an example. It is a perfect application of how we can look at it - it is budget neutral. We were looking at funds in another division that could be shifted or part thereof to assist the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services and to assist Legal Aid South Africa to resolve its issues and to help with land claims, to finalise land claims quicker. So, this is something that we believe we should look at going forward. How can we as parliamentarians effectively

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make use of this in our portfolio committees and have a mediation role with the appropriations committee? I thank you.

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chairperson, when the fundamental systems are incongruent with the needs of the people on the ground, the budgeting process will continue to be nothing else but an extension of that inappropriateness to the needs of the country.

What needs to be happening here shouldn't be a question of how much money we are allocating to different departments, hon Minister. It should be a question of how much money will go to transforming the current socioeconomic situation in South Africa. Just because you have a particular department with a very gullible presentation in the budgeting process should not be what persuades you to allocate more money to that particular department. Rather, we should be looking at the fundamental functions of government, which are to transform the socioeconomic status of the citizens that the government of the day is there to make provision for. Let's take the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, for instance. We have a great political programme, but with a pittance of

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just R10 billion, it is actually an insult to anyone in South Africa who is genuinely clamouring for more land when we allocate less than 1,5% for rural development.

What on earth can the Minister do with a pittance of R10 billion and an additional R4 billion over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework period? It is just not going to make any impact at all. So, for all the noise that everybody in the country is making that want more land, with no budget for all the services, we are not going to get anywhere. In fact, we are sending a clear message that we are just not serious about the land issue. It is as simple as all that.

So, look at how much is allocated to Health. People need health, but in reality, the Department of Health should be a repository of people who have fallen through the cracks. Otherwise, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries should be getting far more than Health so that people can have a nutritious diet that will help them stay healthy. That should have been the smallest, but, currently, there is justification for Health to get a very healthy budget. We are very reckless when it comes to caring for our citizens. People are surviving on a very poor diet.

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Look at the employment situation. Unemployment is rising, simply because we are not creating a sufficient process to make sure people have jobs. Some of the patients need psychological assistance.

In closing, it should be part of the policy that, when government departments come to report to us in Parliament, the socioeconomic impact should be one of the things that the directors-general of the departments report on. However, what do you find? All that happens is that they will tell you that they had R10 billion and that they blew R10 billion - and the Auditor-General says, alright, that is it. You have complied. However, we are not transforming society although the budgets go all the way every year. This is the reality we have to look at: Are we actually having any socioeconomic impact? If we leave the rules as they are, we will continue to falter, but the money will be gone. We will regret it at the end of the day. So, I am suggesting that we look the fundamentals and fix them.

Lastly, I want to suggest that we have a speedy review of the rules that govern the processes once people default. This process of engaging with comrades on this and that when there

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is prima facie evidence that someone has stolen money, what are all these negotiations about? I put the question to the then Minister of Finance, the hon Gigaba, and he had a laborious explanation which didn't make much legislative sense. He said we have to start with this process and that process and that process. Fair enough: That is where we are now. What about taking and using this final year of the current administration to say, let's look at this. Comrades are getting away with murder here, and people die exactly because it is a laborious process just to get them to court. Magistrates can work. Prosecutors can take people to the magistrate if there is prima facie evidence. What is this roundabout way? What is all this commissions about? Why don't you just charge a person if there is prima facie evidence? Talk to the lawyers. They will tell you I am speaking the right language. Thank you.

Mr Y I CARRIM: Comrade Speaker, comrades and friends, surely Mr David "Know-it-All" Maynier should know that this is a declaration on Budget Vote No 7. [Interjections.] It is not meant to be a rehash of the fiscal framework. We are meant to look, in fact, at what amount of money is being allocated to the National Treasury, how they have allocated that money to

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different programmes, what are the aims they hope to achieve with the money allocated, and to what extent this relates to the National Development Plan. In the case of the ANC, it will relate to what exactly they are doing about radical socioeconomic transformation and what Treasury is doing to advance the national democratic revolution.

Since Mr Maynier raises yet again erroneously his ...

[Interjections.] It is fine now. May I ask a question: How old are these members here? They behave like five-year-olds responding, right? [Interjections.]

I take it that it is not sabotage by Mr Maynier. Why don't you engage intellectually and politically, Mr Maynier? Let me go on to say ...

Mr D J MAYNIER: Speaker, would the hon Carrim take a question?

The SPEAKER: What is your ... please take your seat so that we hear.

Mr D J MAYNIER: Surely he, as the chair of finance, knows ...

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The SPEAKER: Hon Maynier, wait a minute.

Mr D J MAYNIER: ... fall under direct programmes of the National Treasury vote.

The SPEAKER: Hon Maynier, please don't proceed to speak when you have not been given the chance. [Interjections.] Please proceed, hon Yunus Carrim.

Mr Y I CARRIM: For those of you who didn't hear him, you have lost nothing. It is one of his inane questions that we have dispensed with 500 times in the last 18 months. So, again, on his Fiscal Responsibility Bill, of course we are utterly clear. Of course we have to be fiscally responsible. It will be ridiculous of any government in this current dispensation here in South Africa not to be. However, you see, when Mr Maynier talks about fiscal responsibility, he understands that to be the be all and end all of a budgetary process. It is the worst form of Thatcherite neoliberalism. It is not about responsibility to the poor and disadvantaged. It is not about seeing the budget as contributing towards reducing the inequalities in our society. It is a tick-box approach. [Interjections.]

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In fact, under Minister Nene, many of us in the ANC are worried that, in fact, we have to be fiscally over responsible. That is our main concern. In fact, the Minister ...

Mr D J MAYNIER: The hon member is misleading the House.

[Interjections.] He always listens with his mouth ...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, hon Maynier! On what point do you rise?

Mr D J MAYNIER: The hon member is misleading the House.

The SPEAKER: Pardon?

Mr D J MAYNIER: The hon member is misleading the House. I have just made a proposal to increase the disability grant.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, hon Maynier, please. You know that when you say he is misleading the House ...

Mr D J MAYNIER: ... with his mouth, not his ears!

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The SPEAKER: Hon Maynier, don't just get up and rant and rave. Please. We want to hear clearly what it is we are doing. Please finish up, hon Carrim.

Mr Y I CARRIM: Madam Speaker, you must understand that he is out to impress his colleagues in the DA. [Interjections.] He hopes to be the next Minister of Finance. God forbid. Not that I believe in God, but God forbid that he should be the next Minister of Finance - over my dead body and the dead bodies of the ANC! [Interjections.] Let's go on. [Interjections.] Let's deal with the issues.

What are we talking about? This department, over all the ruckus and noise, this department takes only R29 billion, yet, Minister, you have huge challenges, and I think it is a very modest allocation. As the ANC, we welcome not just this allocation to you but the increase by R450 million to some R2,5 billion for capital assets. We welcome that. We welcome the focus you have, and we will hold to account you, Minister, and your director-general and your department. Strengthening intergovernmental fiscal relations, we fully support that. Better budgetary planning, we support that. Modernising and making more transparent the supply-chain management process,

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we support that, as well as boosting the cities support programme, which is good, and optimising the Jobs Fund that is undervalued.

Minister, we also want to say that we need far more decisive action on illicit financial flows, on illicit tobacco trade, and other forms of illicit trade. What we welcome is the new attitude of Sars. They were before us on Wednesday - a lot of candour, a lot of open admission that they have dropped the ball on illicit financial flows. It is estimated at at least R100 billion - Minister Gordhan keeps saying this has left this country - and that is an underestimation. We cannot afford to lose the amounts of money we do, Minister, so we insist that whilst we recognise it is the President's prerogative to decide on interministerial task teams or interministerial committees, we have written to your predecessor, and we have written to you again yesterday, as you would recall. The letter had been sent to Cindy, your parliamentary liaison officer, who acknowledged it.

Now we are saying, can't you approach the President, and I am sure he will be amenable, that we have an interministerial committee comprising yourself co-ordinating it, the Minister

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of Trade and Industry, the Minister of Police, the Minister of State Security, and whoever else is relevant because you have established an intergovernmental agency. Now we need political leadership at the top, also, on illicit tobacco.

We are pleading with you: This VAT increase of 1%, the ANC in the committee has its reservations about it. We understand the need for it, but we have our reservations. We are pleading with you and the department to engage more with civil society, nongovernmental organisations, generally, with trade unions and whoever else is aggrieved. Also, on the draft Carbon Tax Bill, further engagement is needed. Finally, we say the department does not focus enough on radical socioeconomic transformation. That is the guideline within which the ANC's programme is to be laid out. We are saying more has to be done.

Mr Steve Swart, many things you said are correct, but my boss, Comrade Thandi Tobias-Pokolo, says to me - I am spokesperson on her behalf, and I raise with you her point, which is that because you haven't been coming to the committee, Mr Swart, you don't know that we are amending the Money Bills Act. Many

of the issues you raised have been included, and they will be included in the second tranche of reviewing it.

Finally, Minister, we carried out the most extensive public hearings last year on financial sector transformation. The four banks' chief executive officers turned up. It is unprecedented. Since 1994, we have never had it. We have delivered in this House a 131-page report, with about 30 recommendations. In the process towards the financial sector summit that you and the Minister of Trade and Industry are convening, we insist that you have to respond to those recommendations. They are not ours; they come from the people out there to which both the Parliament and yourself, as the executive, are answerable. Thank you. [Applause.]

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

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Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 8 - Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation - put.

Vote agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).

Vote 9 - Public Enterprises - put.

Declarations of vote:

Ms N W A MILEHAM: Madam Speaker, let me start by saying that the DA welcomes the interventions made by Minister Gordhan at struggling state-owned entities. We are most relieved that ex Minister Brown was in fact told goodbye. However, if real change is to be seen, the corruption against her amounting to an estimated R100 billion must be tackled head on.

Those responsible for the attempted sale of our country must now take up their rightful residence at the C-Max Prison in Tshwane. Parliament has an obligation to finish what the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises started. Those who refused to appear must be brought to book. Talk is cheap, let us as South African show that we are serious about tackling corruption. What must happen now is that certain ex Ministers,

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CEOs, CFOs, members of the Gupta family, and not to mention those of the Zuma family must now be sent to jail. No one is above the law.

Unstill we see actual arrest warrants being issued; the DA cannot support this budget. [Applause.]

Mr N SINGH: Hon Speaker, last year, we did not support this Budget Vote. It was because there was inadequate intervention by the department into what was happening into state enterprises. This year when I spoke in this Budget Vote, we did say we will support this vote and give the Minister the benefit of the doubt. I must say hon Speaker, this doubt has been largely lifted by the intervention by the Minister yesterday, the appointment of Mr Phakamani Hadebe as CEO of Eskom, the changes to the board and the revelations in what is happening in SA Express. Now, we can see work been done by the department into intervening into state enterprises.

However, Mr Minister, we want to ensure you that you must continue your investigation without fear or favour, unlike what is happening in eThekweni and Msunduzi, where staffs of the auditor general have been threatened and they had to leave

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when they were conducting audits in those two metros. In fact, officials of the auditor general, their names and residential addresses have been checked out because the mafias are at work. I would like the ANC as the governing party to intervene in eThekweni Metro and Msunduzi in this regard.

Finally, hon Speaker, we want to wish Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo and his team well as they earnestly begin the Commission of Enquiry into State Capture. We will support this vote. Thank you. [Applause.]

Afrikaans:

Adv A de W ALBERTS: Speaker, Minister Gordhan het 'n reuse taak wat voorlê om die departement reg te ruk. Om die tentakels van alle staatskapers af te sny, is nie 'n maklike taak nie. Die tentakels van 'n seekat kan nog lank bly vasklou nadat die kop ook afgesny is.

Ons is wel dankbaar dat die Minister tans daaraan aandag skenk. Dit is egter ironies dat die einste departement met sy talle staatsondernemings wat die kern van die ANC se ontwikkelingstaat daar stel en tot die ontwikkelingsukses van die land moes lei, die mees gekaapte departement van almal

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geword het. Die voordele van die sogenaamde ontwikkelingstaat het uiteindelik net na minder as 50 mense gevloei - uit 'n bevolking van meer as 56 miljoen mense.

English:

This fact is something about the idea of a century planned economy and a state ability to participate in the economy as both referee and player. It is a clear indication that the state must ensure a stable and healthy environment within which private enterprise can unlock value and create employment.

To perform that function, the state cannot be a player as well and must actually say for circumstances where it's a public facility for developmental purposes only. For instance, we are certain that the SA Airways, SAA, had it been a private company, would have been bankrupt today. The SAA would have been out of profitable or out of business. So, there would have been a turnaround strategy if it was a private company. However, as SAA is a public enterprise, it can continue to function without fear of closure on accountability. We can mention that today, we will submit a petition to Parliament on behalf of Solidarity Union today requesting that SAA receive

no more bailout that, it be place under business rescue and that it be totally or partially privatised.

Afrikaans:

Dit is hartseer dat staatskaping nie net die staatsondernemings raak nie, maar dat 'n omgewing geskep word waar pensioenfondse van entiteite ook wanbestuur en, in sommige gevalle, geplunder word. Die geval van die Transnet-pensionaris is 'n ongelukkige voorbeeld in hierdie geval. Die wetgewing wat die pensioenfondse reguleer, het dit moontlik gemaak dat geweldige wanpraktyke kon plaasvind, met erge gevolge vir die verarmde pensionaris. Ons vra daarom dat die Minister moet sorg dat die Pensioenfondsberogter jurisdiksie kry om oorsig toe te pas op alle pensioenfondse wat aan staatsondernemings behoort. Ons is ook natuurlik dankbaar dat daar gekyk sal word na 'n skikking in die verband van die Transnet-pensioensaak. Baie dankie.

English:

Mr S N SWART: Madam Speaker, the turnaround when it came to parliamentary oversight enquiry is differently started with the SABC enquiry. It was an honour to serve with colleagues across all political parties as we dealt into the rot at the

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SABC. We exposed what was going in there and Parliament has accepted the resolution to hold various members accountable and be brought accountable, and of course, the board we know resigned.

I mentioned to my colleagues then, let's look into the Eskom issue. That was an ad hoc committee. At that time understandable, there was a lot of pressure on those members. They say let's leave that to a later stage.

I was very grateful when I heard that the public enterprises committee was going to investigate the Eskom and hold on oversight inquiry. So, I want to commend all my colleagues involved in that enquiry, and we will be presenting a report to Parliament. But the levels of intimidation that they experienced and the levels of intimidation and death threats that witnesses experienced is something that we need to be aware of and it is something that we have all condemned in the strongest terms. It was an assault against Parliament itself.

But Minister, I want to commend you as well and thank you for being part of that committee and the strong stand that you took and the fact that you have now in this new dawn and

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replaced the board members. You have brought in strong management, particularly at Eskom. We look forward to a turnabout with Eskom.

It is a disgrace that Eskom showed a nominal R1 billion profit of a R700 billion asset-based and in all likelihood will this year up to March 2018 showed a loss.

So, we are welcome the turnaround there at those SOEs and the other SOEs. It is just regrettable that we, members of the public enterprises portfolio committee are not able to dealt deep into Transnet and the locomotive issues there. We have seen the allegations of corruption, R5 billion allegations involved many people. We are trusting that the Zondo Commission of Inquiry will look deeper into that.

The ACDP also welcomes in particular, the recommendations of life style audits for senior management in SOEs. The fact that the policy of doing no business, your family or yourself as a manager with those SOEs and of course the criminal accountability in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, the Companies Act and the Corrupt Activities Act.

But lastly as I have said on a number of occasions, we cannot allow those directors that said negligently that might not have been directly involved in the fraud but said negligently and did not exercise their fiduciary duties to just get off scotch free.

Section 62 of the Companies Act made it very clear that those directors can be held accountable and can be held delinquent directors. We cannot have the situation that they move from one directorship to another, whether it is SOEs or in the private sector as well. They must be held accountable.

So, we look forward to accountability. We look forward to criminal accountability, civil accountability and that estimated R100 billion to be returned to our country. The ACDP will support this Budget Vote. I thank you.

Ms G L A MNGANGA: We appreciate that this budget and government actions in recent months have taken our country decisively in a different direction with regards to the assets that are central to our development agenda.

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We are pleased that the government will ensure that SOEs make their contribution to new investment by using both public resources and leveraging private sector resources. Through investment in infrastructure enable growth in our economy by lowering the cost infrastructure, supporting SMMEs development and delivering important public service to our people. The ANC support the objective articulated by the Minister, Minister Gordhan, to recapture our SOEs by appointing boards and executive management teams. We congratulate all those that have been appointed who are made up of ethical and competent people in order to re-establish good governance by rooting out the network of looting and corruption.

We believe that our SOEs will be returned to financial health and sustainability. The ANC support the Budget Vote 9. I thank you. [Applause.]

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

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Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, before we break for lunch, I am sure you can see that the gallery has suddenly become very beautiful. We would like to welcome to Parliament, the Itekeng Luncheon Club - our mothers who have joined us today.

[Applause.]

Vote 10 - Public Service and Administration

Division called.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chair, just a point to inform the House that the problem we have is that there are long queues in canteens. I am proposing that we postpone this matter for the next 15 minutes so that members can come back. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon member, I gave five minutes.

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Ms Z S DLAMINI-DUBAZANA: Chair, the ANC asked for the Declaration of Vote and it is recorded that we requested.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon member, there is nobody here. [Interjections.] There is a "yes" on the document but now that there was no one I thought it was not happening. You can continue.

Declaration of vote:

Ms Z S DLAMINI-DUBAZANA: House Chair, the ANC support this Budget Vote because it places mechanism to implement and coordinate interventions aimed at achieving an efficient, effective and development orientated public service, which is an essential element of a capable and a developmental stage as envisaged by the ANC strategy and tactics and the National Development Plan of 2030.

Through outcome 12 deliverables of the Medium Term Strategic Framework, this budget endeavours to extend our legacy by fast tracking policy initiatives to drive economic growth and improving service delivery through focus and radical transformation.

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House Chair, the implementation of the Public Administration Management Act of 2014 in phases has begun in earnest by focusing on establishing on establishing structures to oversee the setting of public administration norms and standards. A lot of work has been done to ensure that the public service machinery functions optimally in delivery service to our society in order to achieve efficient public service. The ANC supports this Budget Vote 10. Thank you House Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): I will now go back to the request by the DA for a division and I now give you two minutes.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chair, only when all members are in the House we can call for two minutes. We propose that you extend by three minutes.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): I have done my ruling. You may take your seat.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson, we want to say we agree with you. The hon member's argument is credible as the tie he is wearing. [Laughter.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon member please don't do that.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

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N; Magadla, N W; Magadzi, D P; Magwanishe, G; Mahlalela, A F;
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Makhubela-Mashele, L S; Makhubele, Z S; Makondo, T; Makwetla,
S P; Malgas, H H; Maloyi, P D N; Maluleke, B J; Manana, M N S;
Mandela, Z M D; Mantashe, P T; Maphanga, W B; Maphatsoe, E R
K; Mapisa-Nqakula, N N; Mapulane, M P; Masango, M S A;
Masehela, E K M; Maseko, L M; Mashego-Dlamini, K C; Mashile, B
L; Masondo, N A; Masuku, M B; Masutha, T M; Maswanganyi, M J;
Mathebe, D H; Matlala, M H; Matshoba, M O; Matsimbi, C;
Mavunda, R T; Maxegwana, C H M; Mbuyane, S H; Mchunu, S;
Mdakane, M R; Memela, T C; Mfeketo, N C; Mfulo, A T; Mjobo, L
N; Mmemezi, H M Z; Mmola, M P; Mmusi, S G; Mnganga - Gcabashe,
L A; Mnguni, P J; Mnguni, D; Mnisi, N A; Mogotsi, V P; Mokoto,
N R; Molebatsi, M A; Molewa, B E E; Morutoa, M R; Mothapo, M R
M; Motimele, M S; Motsoaledi, P A; Mpanza, T K; Mthembu, J M;
Nchabeleng, M E; Ndaba, C N; Ndabeni-Abrahams, S T; Ndongeni,
N; Nel, A C; Newhoudt-Druchen, W S; Ngwenya-Mabila, P C;
Ngwezi, X; Nhleko, N P; Nkadimeng, M F; Nkonyeni, P; Nkonzo, T
M; Nkwinti, G E; Nobanda, G N; Nqakula, C; Ntombela, M L D;
Nxesi, T W; Nyambi, H V; Oliphant, M N; Oliphant, G G;
Oosthuizen, G C; Pandor, G N M; Patel, E; Phosa, Y N;
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J; Xaba, N; Xego, S T; Zokwana, S; Zulu, L D.

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Cachalia, G K Y; Cardo, M J; Chance, R W T; De Freitas, M S F;
Dreyer, A M; Edwards, J; Esau, S; Figg, M J; Figlan, A M;
Gqada, T; Groenewald, H B; Grootboom, G A; Hadebe, T Z; Hill-
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James, L V; Jooste, K; Kalyan, S V; Khanyile, T A; King, C;
Kohler, D; Kruger, H C C; Lotriet, A; Mackenzie, C;
Macpherson, D W; Majola, T R; Malatsi, M S; Marais, S J F;
Marais, E J; Masango, B S ; Matsepe, C D; Maynier, D J;
Mbabama, T M; Mbhele, Z N; Mcloughlin, A R; Mhlongo, T W;
Motau, S C; Ngwenya, G W; Rabotapi, M W; Robertson, K P; Ross,
D C; Ryder, D R; Schmidt, H C; Shinn, M R; Steenhuisen, J H;
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P T; Van Der Walt, D; Van Der Westhuizen, A P; Van Dyk, V;
Visser, C; Walters, T C R; Waters, M; Wilson, E R.

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 11 - Public Works - put

Division called for.

The House divided.

Ms Z S DLAMINI-DUBAZANA: Hon Chairperson, the ANC is
requesting for declaration.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon members, according
to the document I have with me hon Dlamini-Dubazana, the ANC
did not indicate and the document was revised.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon House Chair, we
fully agree with you. Thank you very much.

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

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 12 - Statistics South Africa

Question put.

Declarations of vote:

Ms G NGWENYA: The purpose of official statistics is to assist in decision making. They should in particular guide us in creating an environment for jobs. However, ANC ministers and policy makers are hide the evidence produced by the Statistics SA. This hostility to evidence based decision making threatens jobs.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon member on the podium, please just wait. Hon members, we cannot even hear, we need to work. Please allow her to speak. [Interjections.] Hon members please, she is a member of this House and she has a right to speak.

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson, sorry Chair but this goes way beyond the elements of barracking or interjections. This is actually preventing an elected democratic Member of Parliament from speaking. It is anti-democratic and it must be stopped. [Interjections.] Please protect her.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, please hon members can you assist me in my job. Please. Hon member on the podium your minutes I hope are not used. Please Table check on that.

Ms G NGWENYA: Half a million people work as active officers in the private security industry. The 2016-17 victim of crime survey reveal that close to two million households rely on private security. We should be welcoming this industry's assistance that the ANC-led government is threatened by any job we did not create. That is the only way to explain the Private Security Industry Regulation Amendment Bill which threatens the job security of workers in this industry through its appropriation ownership caps and threatens the livelihoods of these workers.

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Let me give another example of how jobs statistics are ignored in policy. According to 2018 first quarter of the Labour force survey, 69% of the unemployed South Africans have been without the jobs for longer than a year. This is the definition of long term unemployment. Many of these people have lost work more than five years ago. This share was the highest of 47% for 50-65 year-olds. This reflects the difficulty older workers face and finding work after losing jobs.

Emphasising a need to re-skill older workers and strengthen adult education and training. While universities receiving ever ballooning adult education and training budget and adult education and training centres are in the state of crisis and the community education and training budget could not even find soup kitchen. We spend over R2 billion in South Africa on statistics that should guide sound job creation and what a shame because our Ministers preferred to be guided by their farms. [Applause.]

Ms R M M LESOMA: Hon House Chair, the ANC supports this budget and I am not too sure what the hon member was saying. Having said that, I have three reasons why the ANC supports this Vote 12: it is the most run technically efficient professional

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department with highly tactical skilled employees; it is recognised globally and respected; and we are looking forward to up skilling Statistics SA staff personnel to be ready for 2021 census. We are also looking forward for the regulation of the legislative reforms that the Statistics SA will be bringing forward. Thank you so much hon House Chair.

[Applause.]

Vote Put and agreed to.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon members the speaker from the DA who was on the podium, her name is Gwen Ngwenya. Thank you. [Applause.]

Vote 13 - women - Put

Agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): On my list I have the NFP that has asked to declare. Are you still prepared to declare NFP?

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Prof N M KHUBISA: House Chairperson, we went to the Table to say we will not be declaring and we indicated certain faults. I am sure they have updated their list.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you very much. ANC are you also declaring?

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 14 - Basic Education - put

Declaration(s) of vote:

Ms N I TARABELLA MARCHESI: South Africa's economy is not an island anymore. Young citizens need to be able to compete in a globalised world. Unfortunately, when our learners participate internationally they perform very badly. We came last in reading, last in science and second last in mathematics internationally. Yet Basic Education has seen budget cuts since 2010. And now to further sabotage any chances for young South Africans to get into the job market, this government has further imposed a budget cut of R7,2 billion. This is complete madness. Kids who can't read in any language by grade four will struggle to catch up by matric. How are they going to

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benefit from the new funding of Higher Education? Our drop out rate is catastrophic, leading to more being unemployed and unemployable. Therefore, we do not support this budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr X NGWEZI: Hon House Chairperson, the IFP supports the budget. Although we support the budget, we the IFP holds firm that South African Democratic Teachers Union's, SADTU, control of our education system is worrying. Allegations of paying cash to secure jobs within the sector are surfacing across the country. Urgent investigations into these allegations must be established by the Minister. This practice cannot be condoned. In fact, on behalf of the IFP, I wish to commend Minister Motsoaledi for having intervened in the Department of Health in North West and KwaZulu-Natal. And this is a challenge as well to the Minister of Basic Education to quickly intervene in KwaZulu-Natal because there are problems in that particular province. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you IFP. We have the FF Plus. Hon member you can speak from your allocated seat. There is no problem.

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Afrikaans: 14:26

Adv A DE W ALBERTS: Huisvoorsitter, die Minister moet kennis neem dat haar departement en provinsiale filiale is besig om die land in sy geheel, maar veral die kinders, te faal. Daar is sedert 1994 deur die ANC op ons leerders geëksperimenteer met verskillende opleidings- filosofieë, soos uitkomsgebaseerde onderrig, wat reuse skade teenoor hulle veroorsaak het. Vandag het ons leerders wat skool verlaat sonder om te kan tel, skryf of lees. Dit maak van die hoër slaagsyfers 'n nasionale grap. Die ongeletterde kinders wat skool verlaat sonder hoop is ongelukkig 'n nasionale tragedie.

Minister, die ANC het die kinders van die land met minagting oor die jare hanteer en ons hoop hulle onthou dit die dag wanneer hulle kan stem.

Die verdere tragedie is die skrikwekkende swak prestasie-uitkomstes ten spyte van 'n hemel-hoog begroting wat die nasionale departement en provinsiale departemente elke jaar ontvang. Die land se vlak van Wiskunde en Wetenskap-opleiding lê elke jaar op die laagste rangorde in die wêreld. Dit is 'n nasionale skande!

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Wat die skande nog groter maak is die ANC se openlike aanvalle op Afrikaanse skole en moedertaalonderrig in die naam van toegang, terwyl nuwe skole nie gebou word nie ten spyte van die bestaan van 'n begroting daarvoor. Dit moet dringend reggestel word. Dankie.

Die HUISVOORSITTER (Me M G Boroto): Baie dankie, agb lid. Cope? Agb lid Carter, dit is nie nodig om hier te kom nie. Jy kom van ver af. [Gelag.]

Me D CARTER: Ek verstaan, Voorsitter, maar weet u wat die probleem is? Castle corner is baie lawaaierig daardie kant.

English:

Thank you Chair, the story of Basic Education is one of robbing Peter to pay Paul. On the eve of the ANC Elective Conference as we all know, the then President of the ANC and of the state went rogue and unilaterally announced the implementation of free higher education. The consequence of his rogue decision is that basic education is now being sacrificed financially at the expense of higher education.

Cope is of this view that we need to work to a position where we can as a nation ensure and afford in a sustainable manner that all public education be free. But given the mess we find ourselves in and a need for austerity as a consequence of rotten and corrupted governance that we have seen, Cope puts it that this decision was short-sighted and is actually counter productive to the poor and the marginalised in our society. Our attention and span should be on early childhood development and Basic Education given out current financial constraints. Basic Education is a binding constrain to breaking the poverty cycle, further education, decent employment and our development as a nation. With Higher Education taking funds from Basic Education, we are condemning yet another generation and our nation to further economic stagnation, poverty, inequality and joblessness. Thank you.

Mr M L W FILTANE: I will only use 30% of my time for this 30% departmental Ministry. Where is the Minister of Basic Education? Who wants to employ a 30% pass graduate? Which university will have an appetite for admitting a 30% matriculant? Which aeroplane can be fixed by a 30% qualified mechanic? Which country would have an appetite to accept an immigrant from South Africa who is only 30% qualified to work?

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Which government other than this one would want to be defended by attorneys who have 30% success rate? Down with 30% or else we are going down. Thank you. [Applause.]

IsiZulu:

Nk N GINA: Mphathisihlalo u-ANC uyafisa ukuthi isabiwomali sonyaka wezi-2018-2019 sisekelwe futhi siqondwe kabanzi ukuthi siphathelene nani. Isabiwomali sidinga ukuthi umuntu asiqonde ngoba lolu hlahlo lwezimali abakhuluma ngalo abahlonishwa abaningi uma ufunda kahle ivoti yesabiwomali yizimali lezo ezithathwe zazofakwa kwi-Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative, Asidi, ngoba u-ANC ufuna ngaso sonke isikhathi ukuthi uma ekhuluma ngesabiwomali, ezemfundo zisizakale kuthi ingqalasizinda kube iyona eseqhulwini. Ngakho ke sibiza ukuthi abantu uma befunda baqonde isabiwomali esikhuluma ngaso ukuthi lokuncishiswa kubuyele kanjani eMnyangweni. Bangazo khuluma izinto ekungezona lapha.

Siyasesekela kakhulu le sabiwomali esikuso ngoba sibeka phambili eqhulwini i-early childhood development, ECD, sibeka phambili abantwana abaphila nokukhubazeka, sibeka phambili ukuthi othisha baqeqeshwa kanjani ukuze babe othisha abaseqopheleni eliphezulu. Ngaleyo ndlela sithi uKhongolose

uyohlala njalo ezibeka phezulu ezemfundo eqhulwini ngoba ufuna ukwenza ikusasa lezwe lethu liphakame. Siyasekela kakhulu le sabiwomali. Ngiyabonga. [Ihlombe.]

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 15 - Higher Education and Training - put

Declarations of vote:

Prof B BOZZOLI: Hon Chairperson, there is no visible plan in this massive budget to improve the quality and relevance of education in universities, Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET, and community colleges. Let us look at our TVET sector first. These glorified high schools cannot prepare

half the million young people who attend them for the actual 21st century jobs they are going to have to fill.

They are outdated, their curriculum is prehistoric, they are poorly equipped their lecturers are inexperienced in practical work and many of their graduates are unemployed or even unemployable. No funding is allocated towards improving quality. Until there is a serious effort to address these things the TVETs will not be an option for millions of young people who want jobs.

We are pouring billions into higher education and training at the expense of other departments, but we cannot guarantee that what students come out with is good enough for the economy of today. We cannot support this budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

Inkosi E M BUTHELEZI: Hon Chairperson, the IFP holds firm that National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, payment delays to institutions of higher learning cannot be tolerated. The lapse that exist in the system must be ironed out in order to be efficient ensured that the students who qualify for exemptions are accommodated and fully covered.

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The allegations of corruption within the system must be swiftly dealt with because this entity will receive even more money over this medium-term expenditure.

The department must adequately address gaps within the system which result in some students receiving more money than they qualify for.

We also appeal that the Minister makes sure that there is a better co-ordination between this department and social development to ensure that those students who have been receiving SA Social Security Agency, Sassa, grants due to their personal circumstances, NSFAS will be able to detect recipients and assist there after.

Chairperson, one finds that students who have been receiving foster grants and social grants to cover their primary and secondary education upon entering tertiary education, struggle to access NSFAS. I am certain that the Minister, who is the hon Minister Pandor, with her expertise, will be able to address these challenges. The IFP supports this Budget Vote. Thank you. [Applause.]

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Prof N M KHUBISA: House Chairperson, as the NFP we want to support this budget, but we understand the hon Minister that there is a myriad of challenges that confront higher education and training and of course we believe that these challenges are not insurmountable. They can be attended to with speed, but also we do accept the fact that you have promised that you will come up with the good governance protocol because in universities for instance, we see the breakdown of the systems. Governance structures are crumbling and as reported in other universities and also some senior management that is not doing well, and also the issue of the curricula that must be attended to and student safety these are all matters that need to be attended to with speed.

And of course, there is also a whole host of all other shenanigans, like you will hear from other universities that they are selling certificates and hence the reputation of those universities is compromised. Also the issue of National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, as well will be attended to. Minister, I am happy that this just needs the political will which you have certainly showed that there is a political will and you will attend to these issues. That is why

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therefore, if these issues are attended to, the NFP will support the budget, Minister. Thank you, very much.

Ms C C SEPTEMBER: House Chair, the ANC remains unmoved and unshaken by the DA's opposition to this budget.

[Interjections.]

It is a ritual which they do in any event every year. This budget hon members, that the ANC supports is a continuous and radical restructuring of the higher education and training sector. [Applause.]

Hon members, we continue to march from taking education from colonialism and apartheid and taking it to a developmental country and indeed equity. Our allocation to improve the poor and the missing middle now sees us having people such as those that have come from Lady Frere who now achieved PhDs, but those very people that now achieve PhDs coming from Lady Frere are now lecturers at University of the Western Cape and the University of Cape Town, thanks to our intervention.

[Applause.]

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Hon members, we support this budget of higher education and training and we remain not convinced that this is the wrong thing that we have done. How can we believe the DA that keeps on telling our members that some of them are coming from the National Party when in their own ranks sit the following members from the DA: Desiree van Der Walt come from the National Party, Hendrik Smit comes from the National Party, must I continue with the list, hon members? The ANC supports this budget. [Applause.]

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Vote 16 - Health:

Declarations of vote:

Mr N SINGH: Thank you very much, Chairperson. In his reply to Budget Vote 1 yesterday, the hon President said that our

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health service is under great steam, and that is exactly the point. The thing is that provincial departments are mandated to promote health services and almost 87% of this budget in the medium term which will amount to R134 billion and is going to be transferred to provinces.

Now, hon Minister, your department will need to be vigilant in terms of whether the provinces deliver these services or not, and intervene where necessary as you have done in North West and in some of the other provinces you will have to intervene. Only 13% is left for your department to promote policy in the health sector.

To this end, hon Minister, we need to ensure that there are adequate doctors, and I know we have spoken about more doctors and those doctors who trained abroad and what kind of policies you going to put in place.

However, finally hon Minister through you, Chair, I think organisations like the HPCSA, and the medical and general council need to be more available to answer queries that the public may have. I hope that you will facilitate that in the not too distance future. We will support this budget vote.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): The next one will be the NFP, but before you speak let me inform you that you are left with 0,03 sec. So, I am not sure what that means and whether you will be able to speak. [Laughter.]

Prof N M KHUBISA: Thank you, House Chairperson. Infrastructure in hospitals is a matter of concern. Thank you.

Mr W W WESSELS: Thank you, Chairperson. A country with sick population can never advance economically because that population will not be able to participate in the economy.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Order!

Mr W W WESSELS: The problem with our health department is not a budget constraint but is lack of commitment by many officials and the mismanagement by the Department of Health. Health facilities have become mortuaries, people are dying in our hospitals. And People of South Africa have the constitutional right to access to quality health care but the ANC is failing.

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The FF Plus cannot support this budget because there is mismanagement on all levels of the health department and the sector, especially at provincial level and we should address that. I thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, may I not hear you over there, please let me not hear you!

Ms D CARTER: Thank you, Chairperson. It is hard not to conclude that the entire state healthcare system is dysfunctional and that we are facing a crisis of a mammoth human rights violation.

Chair, in KwaZulu-Natal many have suffered and hundreds have died due to the crisis in the provision of oncology services. An average waiting period for a patient to be seen by oncology is about five months and an eight months waiting period for radio therapy constitute a life sentence too many needy patients, it is time for the Minister to get off mount Olympus.

Chair, the South African Rights Commission found that both the national and provincial departments of health are guilty of

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infringing upon the constitutional rights of cancer patients in KwaZulu-Natal. Warning signs are flickering in Gauteng in respect of the provision of oncology services despite the noise of impending crisis.

Now, I am aware that in Welkom there are oncologists visiting Welkom from Bloemfontein once a month. If I did not get the treatment when I got it I would have possibly been dead today. Why are we doing this to state patients? They need the service, we must provide the service.

Chair, the words of Mathew Phosa ring loud and clear when he said; I refuse, as a disciplined cadre of this movement, to have my coffin buried in the same graveyard as leaders who have made the choice to place their own corrupt interest above that of those who we swore, yes swore, to serve. The party that we all revered, loved, served and some died for only exist in name today. During the struggles heroes died so that we can govern, now innocent people die in psychiatric wards because we govern. Minister, get off Mount Olympus see what is going on in your department and then only will we support this budget vote. Thank you. [Applause.]

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IsiXhosa:

Nksk M L DUNJWA: Sihlalo ohloniphekileyo, umbutho weSizwe i-ANC uyaluxhasa olu hlahlo-lwabiwo-mali. Imbangi yokuba iluxhase ngakumbi kukuba, ewe, siyavuma ukuba iinkonzo kwizibhedlela zethu zinayo indawo eqhwalelayo, kodwa kufuneka sikhumbule ukuba siqubisana nembali yakudala. Yiyo loo nto iSebe lezeMpilo linomkhomba-ndlela womgago-nkqubo obizwa nge-National Health Insurance.

Siyayazi ukuba isebe lizimisele ukuba lo mgago-nkqubo uza kusebenza. Ayiyonyaniso ukuba abantu bethu bayafa kwizibhedlela zethu. Sicela ukuba umbutho olawulayo unganyeliswa nangona iimpazamo zona zikhona isebe liyazilungisa. Kungoko ke sisithi siyaluxhasa olu hlahlo-lwabiwo-mali singumbutho weSizwe i-ANC. Siyabulela.

Question put: That the vote be agreed to

Division called.

The House divided.

[Take in from Minutes.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 17 - Social Development:

Declarations of vote:

Ms B S MASANGO: Chairperson, this week we heard that SA Social Security Agency, SASSA, cancelled the cash payment tender process, less than four months before the expiry of the Cash Paymaster Services, CPS, contract to pay grants to the poor. We also heard SASSA trying and failing to account for irregular expenditure amounting to R1,3 billion.

For years, the DA has been warning the country about the catastrophic handling of social grants by Minister Dlamini. The immoral wastage of money meant for vulnerable grant beneficiaries is out for all to see. For years, we've watched this horror story unravelling and still there are no consequences.

On top this, the ANC has just inexplicable declined a DA proposal to increase the child support grant. With ample

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evidence that the grants are already way too small for the survival of the poor, how do you justify the immoral spending of R485 000 on a marquee, R482 000 on flooring, R487 000 on chairs and deco, R493 000 on catering, R493 000 on transport, R492 000 on a sound system and R480 000 on gifts and promotion?

Chairperson, this money could have covered more than 8 500 child support grants. These developments say volumes about the lack of care for our poor by the ANC government. This story of how the ANC government has laughed in the faces of our country's most vulnerable is far from over.

Hon Minister Dlamini has so much to answer for. The DA, in clear conscience, cannot support this budget. [Applause.]

Ms H H MALGAS: Chairperson, the ANC supports vote 17. The purpose of the vote is to ensure the protection against vulnerability by creating an enabling environment for the provision of a comprehensive, integrated and sustainable social development service.

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Although we currently facing economic challenges and the department has its own internal challenges, the ANC government has ensured the consistent payments of social grants. ANC has never failed.

This very budget allows us to reduce the cost of living for poor people through the free basic services programme at local government. Currently, the department supports more 3,5 indigent households.

The budget will help in increasing the number of social workers in our communities, enhance Early Childhood Development, ECD, centres and their services, and also translating the beneficiaries to economic activities.

Therefore, the ANC supports this vote. Thank you. [Applause.]

Division called.

The House divided.

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Vote agreed to.

Vote 18 - Correctional Services - put.

Division called.

The House divided.

[Take in from Minutes.]

Vote agreed to.

Vote 19 - Defence and Military Veterans - put

Declaration(s) of vote:

Mr S J F MARAIS: Chair, article 202 of the Constitution requires the Defence Force to defend and protect the republic, its territorial integrity and its people. The borders of South Africa are cysys with persistent and growing problems relating to the movement of illegal immigrants ... [INAUDIBLE - 14:53:53] ... stolen vehicles and property, as well as human trafficking because we are not adequately equipped to curb this.

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The Defence budget has been reduced by R8 billion in real terms with a detrimental effect on border patrol and protection. Contrary to a minimum of 22 units required, only 15 units could be accommodated with the provision of infantry transport and patrol vehicles which are still delayed. Inadequate provision was made for cyber capability in support of the Defence and the Department of Home Affairs.

This budget is inadequate for the task of addressing our nation's challenges and priorities, and to keep South Africa secured. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr M L W FILTANE: Hon Minister of Defence, this is all addressed to you. *Uno*) Why are you denying constitutional rights to the soldiers? *Duo*) Why are living and employment conditions including uniforms not being improved for the soldiers? *Tres*) Why are some people in one rank for over 10 years under your watch? *Quadro*) The Military One Hospital is dysfunctional and has been, since 2004, under renovation - that's a record. As such, a lot of doctors are benefitting because the Military One Hospital is dysfunctional, and people are being referred there. What are you doing about that?

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Quinto) Minister, why does your department including you, not respond when soldiers raise these issues with you? May I remind you that suppression is worse than oppression, and that's what those soldiers are suffering from. Suppression involves a process whereby some people are trying to rise and the department suppresses them. But, oppression is self-generated. That is the difference. So, you stand accused and need to answer this question: Why is South Africa exposed under your guard? You have soldiers who are not operating not because they want to, but they are being coerced just by the law. They are not allowed to organise themselves into a union because your department does not have the appetite for that. Why? Thank you, Chairperson. [Time expired.]

Mr M S MOTIMELE: Chairperson, I must reiterate the stand of the ANC that it supports this Budget Vote. The hon member who has just spoken now - I must be honest that I have never seen him in any Defence committees. I am not sure what he is talking about. [Interjections.]

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chair, on a point of order ...

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Order, hon members! Hon Filtane, what's your point of order?

Mr M L W FILTANE: That member is misleading South Africa. I don't need to attend a committee. This is Parliament. Correct that statement.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chair ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you very much. Hon member, please take your seat. Hon Chauke, yes.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chair, because the ANC really cares for members, can we agree that hon Motsoaledi must attend to hon Filtane.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon member, please take you seat. I am going to switch off your mic. That is not a point of order. Hon Motimele, please continue if you still want to continue declaring.

Mr M S MOTIMELE: Hon Chairperson, I was just stating the fact that I have never seen the hon member in any Defence

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committee. The opposition amaze me because in the committees they talk with passion about the plight of the military veterans. But, when they come here, they want to deny and object to the instrument that will make the military veterans' lives better.

You know, in the committee, we always express our concern about the speedy implementation of Milestone 1 of the Defence Review. So, we can't do that without a budget. The saddest thing, hon Marais, is that recently we went to the DRC and you were asked to give a vote of thanks on behalf of the committee. You promised those soldiers heaven and earth, but today you are reneging. They are watching you.

[Interjections.] The ANC supports this Budget Vote. Thank you very much.

Question put.

Vote agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).

Vote 20 - IPID:

Declarations of vote:

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Ms D KOHLER: Chairperson, in 1997, the International Classification of Diseases, ICD, precursor to the IPID at 535 post, a decade later the IPID with a much expanded mandate had only R415, so limited are their resources they had to pick and choose the cases they can afford to investigate. They were instructed to investigate the Marikana massacre with zero funding - zero.

When they got too close to certain criminal cops they got burned. In 2015 the IPID had an all time low, the whole top structure was suspended and by the time the courts put them back, crime intelligence had sent and escorted their members lead by Israel Ramanyane, infiltrating police into a civilian entity to restructure the IPID to near extinction, and close every single case that threatened their handlers.

There are believable claims that SAPS members are still investigating IPID members who receive regular death threats. Everyday the investigators are offered bribes to look the other way to back off. The IPID calls our police, rapists, murderers, robbers, and highjackers, those backing the cash-in-transit heist, those who kill civilians when they raid the wrong house.

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The list is as long as this sitting. But the cases lie into disciplinarian within the SAPS, and attack when arrest is the result - the blue-curtain-buddy system hides all. The CCTV recordings have set members doing wrong, gambling at casinos, for example, mysteriously disappear behind it.

Robert McBride says the biggest threat to national security is corruption in the police. Last night I was sent eight-page document which had true would destroy most of the top structure at the IPID, the investigators and numerous others. I know exactly who sent it to me, just wait for the court case.

The DA wants clear blue water between the IPID and the SAPS, not forcing them to rely on SAPS members to investigate their own they want. The Treasury must recognise the importance of the IPID; it is unconscionable that so much is set aside for contingent liabilities to covers police criminality and so little to those who investigate it. Minister, you may not like the IPID but you can't survive without it. The DA values our corruption busters and you should too. [Applause.]

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Mr J J MAAKE: Thank you, the main objective of the IPID is to police the police. This is as against to what used to happen under apartheid when the police force would do whatever they wanted with impunity. Under the ANC government checks and balances were put in place to make sure that that never happens again.

This reflects the commitment of the ANC government in promoting safer communities. The ANC takes into account all constructive criticisms from all parties in the battle of ideas during the budget debates, but at the end of the budgets have to be passed. Therefore the ANC supports the budget vote.

Question put.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 21 - Justice and Constitutional Development - put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

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[Take in from Minutes.]

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 22 - Office of the Chief Justice and Judicial
Administration - put.

Agreed to.

Vote 23 - Police - put.

Declarations of Vote:

Mr Z N MBHELE: House Chairperson, over successive years of ANC's misgovernance, the police service has been captured, compromised and corrupted. Its resources have been mismanaged and misused resulting in the four 'Us' of underresourcing, understaffing, underequipping and undertraining at station level.

The daily experience of much of the public, when seeking assistance from the police is testament to this dire state of chronic crisis. Short staffed community service centres, slow reaction time to crime incidents, lengthy investigations with

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poor feedback to victims and inadequate vehicles for visible sector patrolling, the list goes on and on.

Given past and current experiences, and in light of rising organised and violent crimes, we will not agree to support giving this Police budget to a failing and dysfunctional ANC government. Between 2012 and 2017, the murder rate increased by 13% and the number of armed robberies reported to the police rose by 31%.

These past few weeks, we have witnessed an unprecedented spike in cash-in-transit heists. As long as our crime intelligence is in crisis and our detective services in distress, the SAPS will always be three steps behind the criminal syndicates. As long as the ANC remains in government, these chronic problems will not be adequately addressed due to a lack of political will in the ANC national government.

What we need is total change and a new beginning that will bring about a safe South Africa for all under a DA-led government. Until then, we will not support this budget.

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Mr F BEUKMAN: House Chairperson, hon members and fellow South Africans, the ANC supports Vote 23: Police. The R21 billion allocated to the department is to ensure that the SAPS fulfil its constitutional obligation to keep all South Africans safe.

It is essential that all political parties in this House should support the Budget Vote to: Firstly, strengthen the implementation of the recovery plans for visible policing and detective services; secondly, enhancing operational capacity for policing order units; thirdly, combating gender-based violence, serial murders and serial rapes; and lastly, implement the turnaround strategy for the crime intelligence division.

The implementation of the recommendations of the NDP with regards to policing is vital to ensure that further professionalisation of the SAPS and to foster the trust relationship between the citizens and the police services.

One of the priorities of the ANC is to deal decisively with corruption, state capture and organised crime. The R1,5 billion allocated to the Hawks will ensure that the prevention, combat, the investigation of national priority

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crimes, offenses, including the investigation of organised crime, syndicates, serious and violent crime, commercial crime and corruption are prioritised. All political parties in this House should support this allocation.

The ANC should welcome the appointment of General Godfrey Lebeya as the new head of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, DCPI. He is an experienced police officer with the necessary profession and academic qualifications to refocus the Hawks as the eminent crime investigation unit of the Republic of South Africa. All political parties in the House should support his appointment.

We also welcome the reprioritisation of funds by the Police Ministry over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, MTEF, period to enable 6 000 junior police officer' salaries and ranks to be upgraded.

Finally, from the side of the ANC, we want to extend our sincere condolences to family of Captain Tshabalala attached to the Serious Organised Crime Unit of the Hawks, who was shot and killed, last night, in Bloemfontein while attending to an official duty. The attacks on our SAPS members are totally

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unacceptable and should be condemned by all South Africans. We support additional budgetary allocations to support the safety of our policeman and women, whether at police stations or during operations or patrols.

We call upon all South Africans to contribute to the safety of our communities, to work with the South African police and law enforcement agencies to get rid criminals whether on our street, villages, homes and elsewhere. Let us join hands with street committees, Community Policing Forums, CPFs, neighbourhood watch and community organisations to make South Africa secure. The ANC supports the Budget Vote. [Applause.]

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[Take in from minutes.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 24 - Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries - put.

Declarations of Vote:

Ms D CARTER: House Chair, if the government is reconfigured, Cope suggests that agriculture, rural development and land reform be amalgamated into one department. The current policy uncertainty regarding land is impacting on confidence within agriculture and harming this important generator of socioeconomic growth and development in our rural areas and the country as a whole.

Cope believes that our Constitution represents no impediment to land reform and that history will prove us right. In fact, section 25 of the Constitution provides a mandate for transformation, restitution, land redistribution, equality, security of tenure and access to land. Section 25 provides the expropriation of land but on the proviso that it was not arbitrary, that is undertaken in terms of the legal framework and that it is in the public interest and subject to compensation that is just and equitable.

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As Cope, we will continue to defend the Constitution and promote land reform whilst protecting the rights of the present generation of titleholders as provided for in the Constitution. Thank you.

Mr W W WESSELS: House Chair, the Department of Agriculture is failing South Africa with regards to agriculture because of support programmes that are have become nothing more than projects of corruption. The fact that the money that was intended to go and support agriculture and develop agriculture ended up with the Guptas and in Sun City is indicative of the fact that the oversight mechanisms by the department is lacking and needs to be addressed. This department is failing and agriculture development has become nothing more than a corrupt project for the elite. We are not actually taking agriculture seriously. I thank you.

Ms D G MAHLANGU: House Chair, the ANC stands to support the budget. The two members don't worry me because they don't know what we do in the committee, they are not members. That is why they are talking about land when we are talking about agriculture. So, we support the budget. I don't even know them. Thank you very much.

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Division demanded.

The House divided.

[Take in from minutes.]

Question agreed to.

Vote No 25 - Economic Development - put and agreed to.

Declarations of vote:

Mr M J CARDO: Hon Chairperson, the Economic Development department is responsible for bringing coherence to economic policy-making and implementation across state departments. It must promote inclusive infrastructure-led growth and it must tackle unemployment by accelerating job creation. It must blow the horn for the new dawn. However, on all the accounts, but the last, the department has been found wanting. That is why the DA says that the Economic Development department should be scrapped. We say no more to enumerable working groups, summits, compacts, and the accords that the ANC thinks will somehow magically solve unemployment. Instead, the DA will assist unemployed youth in finding work by introducing a job

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seeker's allowance for all unemployed young people age between 18 and 34 rolling out a national job centres project where unemployed people can access job opportunities and introducing a national civilians service year to provide the work experience for matriculants to enter into work-based training in the fields of community, health care, Basic Education or policing. This budget does nothing for jobs. It does nothing for the youth and for those reasons the DA opposes it.

Ms E M COLEMAN: House Chairperson, the ANC supports this Budget Vote of Economic Development department, Budget Vote No 25 contrary to the continuous nagging by the DA or the relevance of the department. I think there are two faced because in the portfolio committee meeting they say nothing about the issues that they have just raised now. They come here and grandstand. We continue to support the hard work and the relevance of this department because the people out there can see the work that this department is doing. Qhuba Minister Patel, qhuba!.

Vote agreed to. (Democratic Alliance and Freedom Front Plus dissenting).

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Vote No 26 - Energy - put and agreed to.

Declarations of vote:

Mr J A ESTERHUIZEN: Chairperson, the IFP supports this Vote but believes the pricing model of the Department of Energy is fundamentally flawed and the prices must increase to fund expenses, instead of reducing costs and increase efficiencies. Operating expenses for Eskom alone have increased to 24 billion, with 83% drop in profits. Net finance costs rose from R8 billion to R14 billion - 82% increase. This excludes capital finance costs which still in the construction, which currently are more than R70 billion overbudget. So, there is much more pay for the Department of Energy. Thank you.

Ms Z C FAKU: In our 2014 election manifesto, the ANC pledged that we would produce cleaner energy, self-sufficiency and ensure that there is domestic security of supply of coal to existing and future power stations. Government focus on both traditional and green energy will be expanded to ensure a platform for growth and social inclusion. The development of our energy system and expanding of the electrification program are essential to our goal of industrialisation. The target set by the President to attract 100 billion dollars of investment

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into our economy will only be met if the government encourages multiple generational choices in our energy market. This Vote has decisively and comprehensively asserted certainty in the government's policy on security of supply and diversity of energy generation, including renewable, coal and gas and the energy sectors essential role in igniting economic growth.

The opposition has for years been harping about nuclear build programme owing to the cohesion and clarity of progressive policy articulated in this Vote. They have now run out of ideas. They are out of ideas and they are clashing on their straws. The ANC supports the budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

Vote agreed to. (Democratic Alliance and Freedom Front Plus dissenting).

Vote No 27 - Environmental Affairs - put and agreed to.

Vote agreed to. (Democratic Alliance and Freedom Front Plus dissenting).

Vote 28 - Labour - put and agreed to.

Declarations of Vote:

Mr M BAGRAIM: This is not a disaster waiting to happen; it is here apocalypse now. [Interjections.] The DA cannot support a budget, which encourages complete devastation of the employment landscape. One in every two of our youth is unemployed and will probably never find the job unless we have a change of government. The government has caused devastation in the labour arena and the department's labour has a scorched earth policy. They employed elite apportion for greater salaries effectively closing the doors to job creation. The Minister needs to hang her head in shame as she has presided over the department who has 10 million South Africans to be employed. Everyone that is affected by unemployment must clearly come to the polls next year and support the DA government which will do everything in its power for job creation. Minister, this is not just cry the beloved country, you are causing the beloved country to die.

Ms S R VAN SCHALKWYK: Hon Chairperson, the South African labour market is still characterised by high levels of inequality, unemployment and poverty. The ANC's most effective weapon is to fight against these levels in the creation of decent work and this requires a fast economic growth. The 52nd

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National Conference in Polokwane emphasised its focus on economic transformation and making the creation of decent work opportunities the primary focus of economic policy. The major achievement during the Medium-Term Strategic Framework, MTF, was the finalisation of the amendments to the Labour Relations Act, the Basic Conditions of Employment Act and the Employment Equity Act as well as the Unemployment Insurance Act. Together, these amendments are intended to give further protection to vulnerable workers, especially those in temporary work arrangements to promote greater equality in the labour market, especially to promote equal treatment.

The introduction of the national minimum wage by the ANC is aimed at increasing the earnings of the most vulnerable workers and will at the same time reduce the staggering inequality in our country and restores the worker's dignity. The budget increase of Labour will allow the different concerns like the shortage of inspectors and capacitation of the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration, CCMA, to be addressed to ensure effective monitoring and implementation of the legislation. The ANC will continue to promote decent work and ensure that vulnerable workers are protected amidst the trying global economic circumstances. We

therefore urge the workers, the unemployed and the poor, to keep voting for the caring ANC in 2019. [Interjections.] The ANC supports this Budget Vote. I thank you. [Applause.]

Question put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[Take in from minutes.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 29 - Mineral Resources - put.

Declarations of vote:

Mr J R LORIMER: This budget on the plans support [Inaudible.] do not provide the change we need. The tinkering continues at the margins and the jobs keep going. AngloGold Ashanti announced this week that it is cutting 2 000 jobs while last

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week Evander closed its underground mines cutting 1 700 jobs. We have also learnt that if Sibanye does not go ahead and buy Lonmin, it will all be 33 000 jobs that are at risk and not just the 12 600 jobs that have already announced will go.

We are facing the loss of 100 000 mining jobs in the term of the next Parliament. However, the Minister continues to focus his efforts and his budget on creating more cronies millionaires. Minister made delivery of the new Mining Charter and even a new Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, MPRDA, but he won't deliver certainty both will likely fall in the courts. The Minister may think he is delivering a new dawn but all he is giving us is a sunset industry. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr Z M D MANDELA: Chairperson, the mineral resources budget vote is anchored on the vision of the National Development Plan wherein mining plays a key role in the transformation of South Africa through economic growth and sustainable development by 2030. While Minister Mantashe acknowledges that the allocation to the Department of Mineral Resources, DMR, is inadequate to fulfil its mandate, we believe that the funding

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to its programmes will serve to maximise the impact of the available resources.

The department's record of its efficiency and accountability places it in a strong position to instil and maintain stability in the industry through ensuring policy and regulatory certainty. The dialogue with all stakeholders in the industry to resolve the disputes most notably on the mining charter should lead to greater stability and a positive climate for investment by improving the systems of issuing of mineral and prospecting rights and tackling historical backlogs in areas such as housing, health and safety. The department is responding to the most pressing needs. Therefore, the ANC supports the budget. Thank you.

Agreed to.

Vote 30 - Science and Technology - put.

Agreed to.

Vote 31 - Small Business Development - put.

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Agreed to.

Vote 32 - Telecommunications Postal Services - put.

Declarations of vote:

Mr M HLENGWA: Chairperson, the department continues to lack behind industry leaders we certainly have grand plans for future [Inaudible.] with our Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, Brics, partnership and cutting the costs of roaming in Southern African Development Community, SADC, yet to the end-user these are all monies wasted on lavish conferences and more talk shops when our legislative environment is not conducive to attract high level investment in the information and communication technology, ICT, sector. In the rapidly changing and dynamic tech world, South Africans still struggle to access information to the internet, Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise, SMMEs, has not benefited nor our children learning in classrooms of the future.

We have failed as a country to regulate and ensure that the fibre optic networks are not running monopolies and that consumers aren't forking out thousands of rand per month for slow internet connections. This department has failed our

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rural communities. Accesses of opportunities remain a pipedream as our communities are not digitally integrated. The IFP is deeply worried about this budget throwing another solely R94 million into the creation of two new state Information Technology, IT, and infrastructure companies and merging with State Information Technology Agency, Sita, failed broadband Infraco and Sentech. Is it not better to sell these off and create a public private partnership company which will see a more competitive, efficient and responsive state-owned firm? The cost of data continues to be on the increase and people are struggling on a daily basis.

Finally, I just want to say to the hon Shaik that there was once a buller in this House, he would walk the same road. Thank you.

Ms D R TSOTETSI: Chairperson, the ICT and communications industry is one of the most rapidly changing industries globally. The national integrated ICT White Policy Paper, ICT as an e-development strategy, e-government strategy and the national e-strategy are the pillars of government policy in this phase. Government seeks to facilitate the development of SMMEs in the ICT sector with the objective of job creation and

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economic inclusion and to facilitate the digital transformation and delivery of public services to citizens and business in real time.

The ANC support this vote because it is forward-looking and seek to prepare our country for the digital fourth industrial revolution. It also introduces legislation and regulations to curb the concentration in the Information and communication technology, ICT, sector and lower the costs of internet connections to the masses of our people through SMME development, broadband rollout and strengthening cyber security. The reposition of SA Post Office, Sapo, and its collaborations SA Social Security Agency, Sassa, and Electoral Commission of South Africa, IEC, place it in a dynamic path to sustainability. Once more the ANC support this budget. Thank you.

Agreed to.

Vote 33 - Tourism - put.

Agreed to.

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Vote 34 - Trade and Industry - put.

Declaration(s) of Vote:

Mr D W MACPHERSON: Chairperson, lets be honest, the reason why the ANC howl and scream is because at the hon Ngwenya is because they cannot stand young, black and talented woman in the DA. [Interjections.] And that explains why they are settled with what they have to my right. But we can't support this budget because it has nothing to create broad, black employment and empowerment because BEE ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr D W MACPHERSON: ... is becoming more focused on ownership and control by few ANC cronies over the nine and a half millions unemployed South Africans.

We can't support this budget because it fails to deal with the job crippling regulatory entities ...

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

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Mr D W MACPHERSON: ... which continues to grind the work that we are supposed to be make business more easier. That's why it's easier to do business over South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda and bankrupt Greese. We can't support this budget because the ANC ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): Hon member will you just take your seat. Why are you rising hon member?

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chair, its unparliamentary ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): Order hon members! I can't hear the hon member.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Chair, it's unparliamentary for a member to call another member, a black member. It's unparliamentary.

[Interjections. You can't do that. It's not acceptable.

[Interjections.] That is very serious Chair. And he must go for discipline that member. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): Thank you hon member.

No, I will check the Hansard hon member. [Interjections.]

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Mr H P CHAUKE: He can't do that. [Interjections.] He can't say that. [Interjections.] He can't say a black member.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): Take your seat now hon Chauke. [Interjections.] Hon Chauke take your seat now. Thank you. Continue hon member.

Mr D W MACPHERSON: We can't support this budget because the ANC refused to make incentives ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr D W MACPHERSON: [Inaudible.] ... programme more long term and better funded and ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.] one million jobs. [Interjections.] But we cannot support this budget because the ANC continues to protect state owned and run monopoly. [Interjections.] [Applause.] [Time expired.]

Mr B A RADEBE: Hon Chairperson, the ANC support this Budget Vote because on its 54th Conference, the ANC adopted a policy position of radical socio economic transformation. This department is at the forefront in the implementation of that

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policy. How did it do it? It came up with a programme of a black industrialist programme of which about 100 industrialists were targeted for a medium term expenditure framework. Those incentives were taken up in the very first year of its implementations. That's why in this current budget which we have I front of us, this budget is going to create an office for the support of black industrialist so that the target which was attained 20 years ago, is doubled up.

Number two, the very same budget is going to ensure that there is a roll out of special economic zones throughout the nine provinces of the country. We know very well that the special economic zones are the job creators in any country as they have done in China, Japan and all other succeeding country. So in South Africa, the next economic zones are going to be rolled out as we speak. Again, the other issue is that of fighting fronting in the form of Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment. This budget is going to allocate ...

[Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson!

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): Why are you rising, hon member?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: May I take a point of order hon Chairperson?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): What is the point of order hon member?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: The member just used the word black empowerment and it's ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): No! Please take your seat

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: And with hon Chauke's interpretation, it's not allowed.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): No! Please take your seat. Continue hon member

Mr B A RADEBE: Chairperson, there is a huge difference between a black member and a Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment.

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[Interjections.] Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment is a policy of ... [Interjections.] this country.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson!

Mr B A RADEBE: It is also a policy of ... [Interjections.]

[Inaudible.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: He just used the word black again

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T FROLICK): No, take your seat.

Hon members, lets not make frivolous point of orders. Although it may come out as a joke, it could have other consequences.

So let's be very careful when we call each other in a particular way. All of are Members of Parliament and before you have any colour; all of us are human beings. Continue hon member. [Applause.]

Mr B A RADEBE: Chairperson, the ANC supports this budget because this budget is going to provide 27 million in helping the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Commission to fight fronting which comes from companies that are owned aside. So,

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that is why we say, forward with radical socio-economic transformation, forward. Thank you.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 35 - Transport - put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 36 - Water and Sanitation - put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

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[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 37 - Arts and Culture - put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 38 - Human Settlements - put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

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[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES.]

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote 39 - Rural Development and Land Reform - put.

Declarations of Vote:

Mr R N CEBEKHULU: The department is a tip of the spear in terms of restitution and land reform. What we have seen is that budget allocation for acquisition of land is less than that of rural infrastructure development.

It is a known fact that people need land - people want land. This department should be gearing for land acquisition and resettlement of those who require land for human settlement. The sad irony, however, is that the state land and farms are available but no redistribution amongst those who need land.

The department spends large sums of money on purchasing 62 tractors for farmers. Whilst I am not saying this is wrong, assisting farmers should have been from the budget allocation

of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Please department, release land currently in the state's hand to claimants.

The biggest is that we seem to be divided when it comes to the allocation of Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme, CASP, funding. The Department of Agriculture has rejected the view that CASP should come to agriculture up until agreements are reached so that people could be assisted.

IsiZulu:

Isicelo sethu, sizani, siyawudinga umhlaba. Amapulazi ahleli akaHulumeni awabuyiselwe ebantwini. Siyabonga.

Mr D MNGUNI: House Chair, the ANC rises in support of the Budget Vote. The monies appropriated in the Vote focus on concrete plans and interventions to address the marginalisation and deprivation of the poor especially those living in rural areas.

The Vote aligns itself to a theory radical socioeconomic transformation by finding programmes that will bring about a fundamental shift in the existing order of the agrarian

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relations. The Vote funds the strategy of agrarian transformation comprehensively integrating land reform and rural development.

This Vote supports improvement in land tenure and supports the NDP, which puts emphasis on the development of integrated rural areas. This Vote is not about a single issue as the EFF wants us to mechanically believe or about a distorted misrepresented fear that the DA has on property rights, which is not the position of the governing party. The ANC supports the Budget Vote. Thank you. [Applause.]

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[Take in from minutes.]

Agreed to.

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Adv A D ALBERTS: House Chairperson, to the Minister, we don't believe that this department deserves a budget because this department doesn't deserve to exist in the first place. The government has no place in intervening in society at large especially in private affairs as far as sport is concerned. Sport is a private affair.

We believe that it can be funded by supporting clubs and can come from the Presidency but we do not think that government itself has any place to interfere in sport itself, which is something that the community at large must look after. Thank you.

Mr S G MMUSI: House Chair, ...

Setswana:

Mokgatlho wa ANC o ema nokeng Tekanyetsokabo ya Matlole ya monongwaga. Mokgatlho wa ANC ke one fela o le esi yo o kgathalelang gore maAforika Borwa a tseye karolo mo metshamekong ya mo gae le ya boditšhabatšhaba. ANC ga e tshwane le mekgatlho e mengwe jaaka ya DA le bo FF Plus. Mekgatlho ya bahumi fela e e emetseng dikgatlhego tsa basweu. Mekgatlho ya baikgogomosi. Mekgatlho ya baruti ba ba senang

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phuthego. [Tsenoganong.] Mekgatlho ya bakeresete ba ba
dinalanyana. [Legofi.] Mekgatlho ya baitimokanyi. Mekgatlho ya
bomaitsegotlhe. [Tsenoganong.] Mekgatlho ya bomankge ba ba
senang dikwalo. [Tsenoganong.] [Legofi.] Mekgatlho ya
bonkgate-ke-tlhaname. [Tsenoganong.] Mekgatlho ya bo
mabinagotsholwa. [Tsenoganong.] Mekgatlho ya batsietsi. Ke a
go leboga Motlatsa Modulasetulo. [Legofi.]

Schedule - put.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

[Take in from minutes.]

Agreed to

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Ms T M MBAMBAMA (DA): House Chair, only 14% of Certified Public Accountant, CPA, countrywide are compliant, the rest riddled with corruption, infighting and mismanagement. There is a 13% staff vacancy in the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. Over 60% of all top management positions are still vacant. The all important National Rural Youth Service Corps, NARYSEC, programme for youth skill training shows a decline in budget allocation.

There are fewer funds for the allocation of land, showing targets that are revised downwards by 9000 hectares compared to the last financial year. Operation Phakisa to speed pre 1998 claims in the Land Claims Commission is a farce as there are still 6000 plus land claims outstanding. The budget has a deficit of R30 billion to achieve finalisation.

Instead of giving people Security of Tenure, the Ingonyama Trust Board is converting even residential PermissionS To Occupy, PTOs, to leases, squeezing water out of stone. The Agri Parks are a nonstarter. Do I need to carry on ladies and gentlemen? [Interjections.] The department's budget does not talk to the challenges faced by land reform and rural development in our country

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The ANC-led government is not serious about righting the wrongs of the past. Vuka umuntu omnyama, [wake up black person] let us ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Who is taking a point of order? Hon members, can you just quiet down because I can't even hear the hon member.

IsiZulu:

Inkosi R N CEBEKHULU: Sihlalo, nginephuzu lokukhalima okuphambukayo. Bengicela elihloniphekile lingedukisi iNdlu ngokudedelwa kwezincwadi zokuqasha. Izincwadi zokuqasha zidedelwa kwabamabhizinisi kuphela hayi abantu abakhele ezindaweni zamakhosi. Ngiyabonga.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): That's not a point of order, it is a point for further debate [Interjections.] Order hon members, order! Hon members, the longer you take making interjections, the longer we will stay. Can we just quiet down and allow the hon member to make her point? Continue hon member. Order!

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Ms T M MBAMBAMA: With all due respect hon member, I sit on the committee. [Interjections.] Let us vote DA to bring in change and reform and South Africa that we can all be proud of. The DA does not support this budget. [Applause.]

IsiZulu:

Mnu M HLENGWA: Sihlalo, mangike ngiqale la kulolu daba olukhulunywayo ngoba kulula nje ukuthi abantu bagibele phezu kwawo isinomikanjani. Mina nje ubaba esemathuneni eyinkosi angikholwa angayijabulela ukuthi kuvele kuqhamuke umuntukazana nje akhulume inyongo yodwa ngamakhosi. [Ubuwelewele.] Sesikhathele yile nyovadem ukuthi amakhosi niwakala ngamehlo ngathi amanzi ophuthu uma niwabuka. [Ubuwelewele.] Abakhuseli babantu laba

English:

... who were at the forefront of the struggle for this country to be free.

IsiZulu:

Manje sekuqhamuka nje umuntu isinomikanjani adlale umacashelana, amakhosi ingathi nje ayinathingi.

English:

Your attitude to how you deal and handle the issue of traditional leadership is going to be the basis upon which you could not even govern City of Johannesburg. That attitude must change because we must drill the fundamental differences.

IsiZulu:

Anikwazi ukuqhubeka kanje sengathi amakhosi ayinathingi. Simane sikuyeke konke okunye. Inkosi Cebekhulu lento ekhuluma ngayo ayiyingathekisi nje.

English:

He is at the forefront of the ... [Inaudible.] because every day ...

IsiZulu:

... engekho la ...

English:

... he is dealing with these matters. They are not dealt with ...

IsiZulu:

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... ekomidini la nikhuluma khona izinganekwane. Yizimpilo zabantu lezi okukhulunywa ngazo bese amakhosi angathi nje ayizinathingi. Hayi sesikhathele impela yilengqondo yenu. Sesikhathele impela. Seyisime la emphinjeni ... [Ubuwelewele.] sesikhathele, sikhathele, sikhathele yinina. [Ubuwelewele.] Bese nisuka la niye emakhosini, nihambe ngathi niyawahlonipha, niyawahlonipha, nidlala ngawo nifuna amavoti. Akuyona i-voting fodder le, amakhosi. Indlela enizowaphatha ngayo impela ...

English:

... will be the determining factor ...

IsiZulu:

... ukuthi nenza kanjani ukuya phambili. Uyabona nje lento impela kufanele futhi - Sihlalo ngiyacela - kube khona isikhathi la futhi esizoyixoxa khona la ePhalamende ukuze kuhlukane inhloko nesixhanti kucace ukuthi wubani obhekele amakhosi nongawabhekele amakhosi. Asikwazi ukuthi ngo-2018 sisakhuluma indaba eyodwa ukuthi ... nimane niheme nje, niheme nje. [Ubuwelewele.] Akukwazi impela ukuthi lokho kwenzeka. Nanikuphi amakhosi ezabalaza ngo-1906 kuKhandampondo? Kwakungamakhosi lawo. 1879, amakhosi lawo eSandlwana. Seniqhamuka ngoba sekunenkululeko senizokhuluma lento

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eniyikhulumayo. Nanikephi kuzatshalazwa? [Ubuwelewele.]
engifuna ukusho nje ...

English:

... on the budget is that there has been an allocation of over R1 trillion. Use it responsibly for collective interest of the people of this country. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr H P CHAUKE: I rise on a point of order that interpreting device was not working. We request that he must speak in English so that all members could hear. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): We can do that after the sitting. Continue hon Shaik Emam.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM (NFP): House Chair, the NFP wholeheartedly support ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Shaik Emam, just take your seat please. Hon members, can we have order in the House, please.

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Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: The NFP supports the entire decision on the vote here, we support it entirely. Allow me Chairperson to start of by saying to the Minister in the House that we need to look at some very serious issues: firstly, the elicit financial flows, I am not talking about the one that is going out but the one that's coming in. you need to have a very serious look at that.

Secondly and very importantly, remember, they were going to get R600 million for the elections that are coming. The question is where they are going to get the money? We need to scrutinize every single contract in the Western Cape and the City of Cape Town. Remember, when you want to steal, you are going to find a way of stealing and they are going to find a way to steal.

The other thing I want to say is that we need to put measures in place to recover from John and Mike's houses the R60 million that they stole this year and other years in terms of the parliamentary allowance that we are giving ...

[Interjections.]

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Mr C MACKENZIE: Chair, I rise on a point of order. The hon member of the ANC should know very well that if you want to bring a motion . . . if he wants to make allegation of theft etc, he needs to do so by way of substantive motion. I would like to ask you to ask him to please withdraw that. Furthermore, members of this House are referred of Minister or honourable, not by their first names. I would hate to have to call him Skoot. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, who are you referring to as there is no member of the ANC on the floor at the moment? [Interjections.]

Mr C MACKENZIE: In name only, NFP.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Shaik Emam, you do require substantive motion if you want to allegations against members of the House, and that must be submitted to the Speaker in writing. As a result, you must withdraw that remark please.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Thank you very but hon Chair, I unconditionally withdraw ...

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, you must withdraw the remark.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Yes, I have withdrawn that remark, but I want to reiterate Minister ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, when we refer to one another we refer to each other either as Mr, Mrs, or in another respectful way, we say honourable. We can't refer to each other in first name terms. Please don't repeat that.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: I accept that hon House Chair, I have a problem though calling people honourable when they take R60 million of taxpayers' money, it is a serious problem for me. [Laughter.] In terms of the Rules, yes I must do that.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Shaik Emam, will you take your seat please.

Ms A STEYN: Can we ask the hon member at the podium to just withdraw what he said and not come with conditions?

[Interjections.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Shaik Emam, when you withdraw remark and refer to members as honourable, you just withdraw the remark. You don't justify what you did wrong in the first place. We want to conclude this debate in a proper manner. So, let us proceed and refer to members in a respectful way.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Thank you House Chair, Minister I would like to ask the hon members on this side to return the R60 million taxpayers' money that they stole. The other issue is there are allegations that 50 000 people are to be evicted from the farms. We are calling the Minister to put moratorium on evictions in farms.

Mr C MACKENZIE: In terms of Rule 92 the hon member has referred once again to this infamous R60 million and he knows that if he has to make allegations against members of this House that he should bring it in a form of a substantive motion. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Take your seat hon member. It is not a point of order but it is a general

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statement that the member made and it does not refer to any specific member of this House. Continue please.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon Chairperson, the other matter is the issue of the Khoi and Ssan and I think hon Hlengwa spoke about, the Ingonyama and the people in KwaZulu-Natal. Specifically, let me talk about the Khoi and San. Exactly the same thing has happened; the land that is being occupied is the land that belongs to the Khoi and San that was stolen from them many years ago. It is another matter that needs urgent attention and the land need to be returned to the Khoi and San people in South Africa. [Applause.]

In terms of auction culture we call as the NFP for the statue of our late icon, Winnie Mandela, to be put in here, even if it means removing the statue of Botha, and put it there. We want to see it done as a matter of extreme urgency, it must be done. [Applause.] We are also calling on government to address and intervene in the water crisis in the Western Cape because the people are going a very serious problem.

Finally, presently the DA in the Western Cape is closing the rehabilitation centres and we call intervention in that matter

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as well because it is a serious problem, people are ...
[Inaudible]. Thank you very much. The NFP supports this.

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chairperson, the President ...

[Interjections.]

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

Hon Filtane, will you take your seat please.

No, hon members! Please take your seats, hon members.

Hon members, what I have just witnessed here is unacceptable. It's unacceptable for a member to block the way of another member to get to his or her seat for no apparent reason. I could also see you, hon member, simply just taking a walk around to block the hon member for no apparent reason. That is wrong and unacceptable. I will request the Whips of the parties to deal with the matter. However, let us not allow the House to degenerate to such a level because we disagree with one another and find a way to become physically involved with one another. That is not acceptable.

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Prof N M KHUBISA: House Chairperson, hon Shaik-Emam just told me that when he was coming here, a bottle was also thrown at him. I don't think that is acceptable.

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

Did any member throw a bottle at Shaik-Emam? Is there a member who threw a bottle at Shaik-Emam?

Mr A M SHAIK-EMAM: Hon Chairperson, the bottle is in the passage thrown by the hon member looking at me with an orange tie.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Please take your seat, hon Shaik-Emam. [Interjections.]

Mr Z M D MANDELA: Hon Chair, on a point of order: I would like you to seriously take into consideration the manner in which the hon member of the NFP is being constantly harassed and bullied. That is a bully. We want to point it out to this august House that such behaviour cannot be tolerated. He must pick on people his own size.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, there is no one owning up to a bottle being thrown at Shaik-Emam even though he claims they have done so. [Interjections.]

Hon Chauke and hon Shaik-Emam, take your seats. I am busy addressing the House now.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members if a bottle has been thrown, we will look at the footage that is available for this conduct. We will see what happened at that specific point when Shaik-Emam passed there.

However, I would like to call upon the Chief Whip of the Opposition Party ... I will also report to the Speaker the incident I witnessed where a member of the DA blocked the way of another member. This can only lead to physical confrontation. Please discipline the member and we will deal with the matter outside of this forum.

Mr H P CHAUKE: Sorry, Chair, I raised this matter before.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): What is the point of order?

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Mr H P CHAUKE: The point I am making is that this matter must be referred to the ethics committee for discipline because we cannot allow a situation where violence ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon member. You are just repeating what has been said.

Mr H P CHAUKE: You must come to us here. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Filtane, will you continue, please!

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chair, I will use this opportunity to make an impassioned appeal. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Filtane, will you take your seat.

Yes, hon Minister. Why are you rising?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Chair, I am rising on a point of order. I want to say ... Wait, Osthuisen. Wait.

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Chairperson, firstly I would like to urge you not to refer this matter to the Whips particularly because already the hon Oosthuisen who is the Whip of the DA... [Interjections.]

Whatever the name is! Whether it is Oosthuisen or Esterhuizen, it is the same. The point is, already as you are trying to solve the problem from where you are, he says there is nothing wrong and that they were just passing ways. So, how is he going to resolve this issue? I am sorry, Chair. Refer this to other people other than the Whip of the DA and the Whip of the NFP.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon Minister.

Prof N M KHUBISA: Point of order, Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon Minister.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Point of order.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Before you proceed, hon Khubisa and hon Steenhuisen, I did indicate, hon Minister, that the DA must deal with their own disciplinary challenges that have been experienced there. I also said the matter will be reported to the Speaker. The Speaker as the head of the institution will take a decision on whether further action will be taken and also what further action will be taken against the hon member who is sitting over there.

Prof N M KHUBISA: Thank you very much, House Chairperson. I believe the act of the hon member was very despicable. But I am happy with your ruling, Chairperson, that the footage will be looked at because I am told by my fellow member that the bottle is still lying there. I think we will be able to come nearer to the truth with the footage because this is really abominable and despicable. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon member.

The CHIEF WHIP IF THE OPPOSITION: House Chair, I am very happy to take it up with the member concerned. I don't why the hon ... I can't remember her name. What is it? [Laughter.] What's her name? ... Hon what's her name [Interjections.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, hon Steenhuisen.
[Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP IF THE OPPOSITION: It does not matter what we
call each other.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Please take your
seats, hon members. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Chairperson, on
a point of order: I do not expect you to remember a black
woman's name. I do not care.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Minister, would
you please take your seat.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: No, Chair.
Please!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, hon Minister.
Please take your seat.

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Alright. But allow me to speak after this.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Steenhuisen, let us refer to each other in a respectful way. Let us not be dismissive of one another. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: But what did she do?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, hon members. Name-calling is not going to assist the process. Minister, just withdraw whatever you said, and you must refer to the Minister in an hon way.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: I My mic is switched off. I withdraw.

Just to make the point, House Chairperson, that the ...
[Interjections.]

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

I will come to you now, Minister.

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: She gives it, but she cannot take it you see.

The point I want to make is ... [Interjections.]

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

Hon members, all of you claim to know the rules, especially the Whips. But you do not observe the rules. If you read the rule under points of order, it clearly says you cannot raise a point of order on top of another point of order. I thought the EFF was not in the House today. [Laughter.]

So, hon member, I will recognise you once I have dealt with this point of order.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chair, I am happy to deal with it, and I am happy if you would refer it to wherever it needs to go. But I must make a point about consistency. At the end of the last term we were given a middle finger by the hon Dirks, nothing happened. Hon Dirks beat a woman of this House, nothing happened. [Interjections.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, you have made your point. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: No, House Chair. That is not the point. The point is there is no consistency. Hon Dirks beat an ANC woman and nothing happened to him.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon member [Interjections.].

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: What just happened is mild in comparison, and there needs to be consistency in the House if we are going to respect the rules.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon member. Please take your seat now.

Hon Minister! [Interjection.]

Mr X MABASA: Hon Chair, I need to make my point of order.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Mabasa, I have now recognised the hon Minister who was on her feet before you.

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Hon members, we really want to move on with the business of the House.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Chairperson!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Yes, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: I am trying to calm down a bit.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you.

Order, hon members!

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: That hon member is extremely provocative. Secondly, one thing which is not going to happen to me and to many other women is to be undermined by a white male. The reason why some of us went to fight, it had to do with the triple oppression of women. I am not going to be undermined by a young white man.

[Interjections.]

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By the way, Chair, I am very courteous person; very decent too.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: But I am not going to be undermined by a boy who is younger than my first child. That is not going to happen. I am sorry, Chair. But, it is not going to happen.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Minister, please take your seat now. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: You are the age of my second child. [Interjections.]

I am going to beat you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Minister, please take your seat. Take your seat, hon Steenhuisen.

Calm down, hon members. Take your seats.

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Hon Minister, you said you were trying to calm down. Will you just withdraw the remark, please? Let us please just refer to each other in an hon way and leave it at that.

[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Chair, I will withdraw. But just tell me exactly what I should withdraw after a man stood up to say: "I do not even know her name. "I do not even want to know." Just tell me what I should withdraw.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon Minister. When we refer to each other in the House we call each other in respectful terms. If you have referred to the member as a man or whatever you referred to him, we do not use racial terms in the House to refer to one another. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Exactly, Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): That is the part I want you to withdraw, hon member.

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Chair, I withdraw. But I can assure him, he will not repeat what he said.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Minister, just withdraw the remark please.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: I withdraw. But he will not repeat it.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon Minister.

Hon Steenhuisen, why are you rising?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Chairperson there are two matters. It was not only the racial epithet. The hon Minister called me a boy. [Interjections.]

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

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Chairperson, I would advance that if that shoe was on the other foot, there would be outrage. We should be terrified that the Minister is in charge of the Defence Force.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you. Take your seat, please.

Hon Minister, did you refer to the hon member as a boy?

An UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: He must show us that he is not a boy.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, hon members!

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: Chair, I withdraw that. He is a young man.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon members.

Hon Mabasa, do you still want to take a point of order?

Mr X MABASA: Yes, I still do.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): On what basis, hon member?

Mr X MABASA: On the basis of the rules. Let me go ahead. According to Rule 82 and Rule 84, hon Steenhuisen is so much out of order that he is disgracing the status of this House. If you can look at those rules as you make the ruling, Chairperson.

Mr M L W FILTANE: Hon Chair, I would like to use this opportunity to make an impassioned appeal to the Minister of Health. Hon Motsoaledi, I am making this appeal because of the despicable conditions in so many of our health facilities countrywide. Maybe it is too late for you to play around with the Budget so that this is corrected, but it is quite a common crime in so many provinces. I will not make a general statement to say in all provinces.

When we interrogated the Minister of Public Works about these shortcomings in so far as the buildings are concerned, he pointed out in the portfolio committee that it is actually not the function of Public Works to take care of your buildings, but that it is actually your function. That is why I am not

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attacking you; I am just making an impassioned appeal to you, to please make arrangements to ensure this is attended to.

Secondly, on the issue of Public Works again, the Property Management Trading Entity, PMTE, which is responsible for managing government's property, with about R150 billion has reported to us in the portfolio committee that there is a shortage of critical appointees. Now, my information is that, in the last 10 months, before Minister Nxesi took office, something in the order of 1 500 new employees were taken on by this department, and one is keen to know if any of those appointments were made in the PMTE or anywhere else, accept in the PMTE. I think the previous Minister would want to come in at a certain point and clarify this point. This came from a member of the public.

Thirdly, on the land issue, I want to put the record straight. What reignited the rage of the traditional leaders is not so much anything said by anybody in South Africa, accept the statement that was made by Mr Motlanthe. That is what ignited the current debate and the revolts of the traditional leaders. So, it is the ANC that must deal with the issue.

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Lastly, time and time again, the President keeps encouraging people to stop for a moment and smell the coffee. I want to say to the President that he should first check if there is still any coffee left after Dubai. People are battling to smell the coffee. That is what he should first do. He must check if it is still there. Is it still warm enough to generate any smell?

This is critical. You know the language that I am using, but that is where he should start. Maybe people do not smell the coffee because there is hardly any coffee and hence, there is no aroma.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, your opportunity to smell the coffee is now over. Your time has expired.

Mr W W WESSELS: House Chair, I want to plead with the executive and members of the ruling party to really do introspection and reflect on how we ended up in this situation. We can all admit that state capture and the state of our state-owned entities, local government and a lot of our departments are problematic. There is a problem because of

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state capture and things that happened. It is not due to a lack of legislation.

We can commend the ANC government for some of the best finance management legislation in the world. The PMFA and MFMA are world-renowned. Our Constitution is world-renowned, but the implementation therefore and the consequences of transgressions are the problem.

We should prevent a situation from happening, as has happened now. We cannot just boast about the fact that we do have an inquiry into state capture and that we are addressing that, but we should prevent it from happening ever again.

Then, the Budgets of departments should be spent in a respectful way towards the people of this country. The poor people of this country deserve better. Money cannot be wasted. Priorities should be set and the priority should be that the people's plight must be addressed, not enriching those connected cadres. [Interjections.]

It is actually a disgrace that this House deteriorates to such an extent, when we are actually facing a lot of crises. It

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happens because of members who make it personal and who are only here for short-term political gain, and not to actually take these issues of the country seriously. When we take the issues of the country seriously, we will not deteriorate to such an extent. [Interjections.]

It is members on all sides of the House and in the castle corner as well. That is a problem because the moment that we differ and have different views, there is an intolerance. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:

Chairperson, may we plead with the speaker ...

[Interjections.] The point of order is the preamble of our Constitution. That is what brought us here and it talks of ubuntu. This hon young member must not deliver a lecture. He must be short and to the point because we are still hurting. [Inaudible.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member at the podium, we are now dealing with the Second Reading Debate on the Appropriation Bill. [Interjections.] That is where we are.

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So, will you please focus on the Second Reading Debate on the Appropriation Bill? Continue. [Interjections.]

Mr W W WESSELS: Chairperson, on a point of order: ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, I have requested you to focus on the subject at hand. Continue with your speech, please. [Interjections.]

Mr W W WESSELS: Chairperson, then you should be consequential because hon Shaik Emam definitely did not concentrate on the Second Reading Debate. He ... [Inaudible.] ... You allowed him. He was irrelevant. He spoke ... [Inaudible.] You must be consequential. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member! Hon member! Hon member! Hon member! Hon members, why do you have such a lot of energy on a Friday afternoon? [Interjections.] Hon member, it is within the Rules for the Presiding Officer to remind the member at the podium to focus on the topic. That is what you should focus on and you have 40 seconds to complete your speech, please.

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson, on a point of order:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): What is the point of order, hon member?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson, on a point of order: You are not treating the members of the House at the podium fairly. The hon Shaik Emam was allowed to wax lyrically about the Western Cape, about the DA, constituency allowances and all sorts of allegations. It is not fair.

Secondly, that is not a valid point of order that was raised. It was a point of debate. You must be consistent.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Steenhuisen, take your seat. Why are you rising, hon member?

Ms L M MASEKO: House Chairperson, on a point of order: The hon member at the podium referred to members as "members in the castle corner". Where is the castle corner in the House?

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member at the podium, just complete your input, please. [Interjections.]

Mr W W WESSELS: Chairperson, this Budget will fail and government will, if they ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Can I ask the staff at the NA Table just to follow the clock, please. As soon as the member starts speaking, let the clock run. You switched it off completely.

Mr W W WESSELS: Chairperson, this Budget will fail and government will, if they ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, why are you rising?

Mr M HLENGWA: Hon Chairperson, on a point of order: I am rising in terms of Rule 92. In as much as Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane might have reservations about what hon Wessels is saying, I don't think it is parliamentary for the Minister to say that the young man must not lecture. I raise that in the context that age is an epithet in this House, which we, as the

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young members, always find as a burden. And on that, without casting any aspersions on the Minister, can we engage as equals and not on the basis of age? [Applause.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, who just made the point of order. Hon members, you are now raising point of orders that have nothing to do with the subject under discussion and the order that we are dealing with. May I also remind you, hon member, that you should read Rule 92(1) and Rule 92(2). Rule 92(2) says that you should have raised that point of order immediately when it happened and not afterwards. [Interjections.] No, hon member, you must read the Rules in its complete totality and not pick on certain parts of the Rule only. Why are you rising, hon member?

Ms L M MASEKO: I want the member at the podium to withdraw referring to us as in the castle corner. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, hon member, take your seat.

Ms L M MASEKO: It is not parliamentary.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, take your seat, please.

Ms L M MASEKO: Please, rule on that, Chairperson. Continue, hon member.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, why are you rising. On which Rule are you rising?

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chair, on a point of order: There is no corner here. This building is round. There is no corner here. I just want to correct the member. There is no corner here.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): That is now really a frivolous point of order. Really. Hon Filtane, you bring the House to a stop to raise a frivolous point of order and then you laugh at yourself. Continue, hon member. [Laughter.]

Afrikaans:

Mnr W W WESSELS: Voorsitter, die Minister moet luister. Geld moet spandeer word, nie net in terme van die wette nie, maar daar moet gevolge wees vir die oortreding van wette. Sy moet

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ook haar amptenare verantwoordelik hou. Elke Minister moet. Daar moet gevolge wees en daar moet gehou word by wetgewing.

Ons het wonderlike wetgewing in Suid-Afrika, maar die rede vir die probleme is dat daar nie gehou word daarby nie. So, hierdie begroting beteken niks, as amptenare toegelaat word om korrupsie te pleeg nie, en om net te maak wat hulle wil. Daar moet opgetree word teen amptenare wat die wet oortree. Ek dank u. U moet luister. [Tussenwerpsels.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! Order! Hon member, the hon Maseko has raised a point of order and I picked it up a few times this afternoon. Deputy Speaker, even earlier today there were certain parts of the House, which were referred to in a certain way and that cannot be correct. We are allowing the House that we were elected to, by the people of South Africa, to be called names that you will not even find outside in the society where people are being called generally that they are part of this corner. There is only one corner in this House and this is the National Assembly. We would like to call on all the members to refrain from doing so. That is also an indication of, probably, how you view the House that you are part of. Let us refrain from

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doing so and let us not call each other names because it is not conducive to a healthy debating atmosphere.

Hon members, there at the back! [Interjections.] Hon members! No, hon members at the back, I do take strong exception that when a ruling is given you start interpreting and use the same words that you were complaining about. [Interjections.] Don't do that it is unacceptable. Continue, hon member.

Mr N E GCWABAZA: Hon House Chairperson, the ANC supports all the Budget Votes that have been presented here today for three reasons. Firstly, all these Budget Votes seek to ensure delivery of social services to our people. Secondly, they seek to advance the goal of creating decent jobs, reducing poverty and inequality, and moving closer to the goal of achieving inclusive growth. Thirdly, they strengthen the national security and advance the country's international relations, international, political and trade relations.

The DA has objected to a number of these Budget Votes. Among them there are those that deal with social services and those that are addressing issues of economy. [Interjections.]

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UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS: Corruption! Corruption!

IsiZulu:

Mnu N E GCWABAZA: Sizake siphume lapha siyobatshela abantu bakithi ukuthi nithi izingane zakithi ezifunda emazingeni aphansi azingayitholi imali yokufunda mahhala. Nithi azingakutholi ukudla ezikoleni. [Ubuwelewele.] Nithi othisha kanye nabafundi abangazitholi izinsiza kufunda. [Ubuwelewele.] Sizake siphinde siyobatshela nokuthi abasebenzi bakahulumeni anithandi ukuthi izimo sokusebenza [conditions of service.] zithuthuke ukuze bakwazi ukusebenza kangcono. Sizobatshela ukuthi, cha, anithandi ukuthi bathole iholo elithe xaxa abasebenzi bakahulumeni. [Ubuwelewele.] Kusho nina. Sizohamba futhi siyobatshela ukuthi nithi anifuni abantu bakithi bathole amanzi futhi bathole nezindlu zangasese ezikahle.

[Ubuwelewele.]

Ngicaphuna amanye amavoti ezabiwomali [budget votes.] eniwaphikisile nina uqobo lwenu. [Ubuwelewele.] Kukhona amavoti ezabiwomali aphathelene nomnotho. Sizoke sibatshela kea bantu bakithi ukuthi niyaphikisana ukuthi uhulumeni enze imizamo eqhubekayo yokuthi umnotho walelizwe ushintshe

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ubengcono ukuze bathole imisebenzi ukuze bazakhele imisebenzi.

[Ubuwelewele.]

English:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member will you just take your seat, please. Hon member at the back that's busy with a phone call ... [Interjections.] ... can you just leave the House please and complete your call outside. The hon member of the IFP who has just sat down now, you can go outside and complete the call, sir, not in the House - it is against the Rules. [Interjections.] If you wish to continue, please go and continue outside not inside; it is disrespectful to the speaker on the podium and the Rules doesn't allow it. Continue, hon Gcwabaza.

Mr N E GCWABAZA: As the ANC, we will continue to use these budget votes to advance and seek to achieve the goals of the National Development Plan, NDP. Thank you, Chairperson.

Question put: That the Bill be read a second time.

Division demanded.

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The House divided.

[Take in from minutes.]

Question Agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: House Chairperson, before you close the sitting, on behalf of the DA, I just want to extend our apologies for the incident earlier ...

[Interjections.]

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

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: You see ... [Inaudible.]

[Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members!
Hon members, the House has not yet adjourned.

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: We will take care of the incident internally as well.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Yes, hon members as I have indicated earlier ...

Mr M MANDELA: On a point of order, Chair.

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

Mr M MANDELA: Can it be clarified which incident we are talking about, because there has been two incidents. One of a bully and the other of the orange tie ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.] ... bottled to the hon member. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Mandela, will you please take your seat! I have made a ruling on the matter and the matter will be looked at as I have indicated. We will deal with the matter outside of this forum. I have indicated to the National Assembly Table staff people who are here who have witnessed the incident that after this sitting, we will immediately look at the matter and advise the Speaker

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accordingly. Hon members, you are reminded as agreed by the programme committee that the House will start at 9am on Tuesday 29 May. Hon members, that brings us to the end of the business for the day.

The House adjourned at 16:49

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