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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

The Council met at 14:03

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

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: Hon members I have been informed that the whipper has agreed that there won't be any motions read out today. Before we proceed, may I take the opportunity to welcome Ministers and Deputy Ministers present in the House.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Debate on Vote No 23 - Police:

The MINISTER OF POLICE: Hon Deputy Chairperson; hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers present, chairperson and members of the select committee; hon MECs that are present here, Members of Parliament,

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heads of entities in the Ministry of Police, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, today is the day of taking a girl child to work. That is why we are having Juliet Kubheka as a shadow Minister of Police. [Applause.]

Thuma mina greetings to all the hon members of this House and fellow South Africans. The year 2018 demands a dedicated and more meaningful emphasis to what informs our fundamental existence as the SAPS towards the successful delivery of our constitutional mandate as stipulated in section 205 of the Constitution which reads thus:

Section 205(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa directs that the South African Police Service must prevent, combat and investigate crime, maintain public order, protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property, and to uphold and enforce the law.

Chairperson, in line with the mandate of our government, it is imperative to dedicate this Budget Vote Speech to honour all women and children who have been the victims of gender based violence. The theme "Safety of Women, Children and Vulnerable Groups is the brighter future of South Africa."

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This inhumane scourge is fiercely eating the moral fibre in our society and is belittling the dignity of Inzalabantu zezwe lethu. The time to say never again is now!

As enshrined in our Constitution, wherein they will be able to walk freely without any fear of being confronted with the possibilities of being murdered, raped, and assaulted.

Police alone cannot defeat crime. Crime is everybody's business. We are calling for a partnership with all the sectors of our society to fight the scourge of violence against women and children.

The SAPS have put their priorities as any crime is a priority but there are those that we are putting at the epitome of priorities - that is crime against women, children, all vulnerable groups, cash-in-transit heists, political killings, kidnapping, gangsterism, drug abuse, car hijackings, house and business robberies and taxi violence.

Chairperson, in addressing the above, we are currently implementing intervention measures to all identified priority focus areas. In addressing crimes against women and children, we have appointed the new head of the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual

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Offences Unit, FCS. This will ensure efficiency and effectiveness in dealing with this scourge.

Given the identification of the year 2018-19 as being the year of: women, children and vulnerable groups as victims of crime; the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Investigation Service becomes extraordinarily important. There are currently 183 FCS units which create a specialist investigative environment to deal with gender-based violent crimes including sexual offences, with a focus on serial rape related cases, child pornography and crimes facilitated by electronic media.

Furthermore, the police have established 1 047 dedicated victim-friendly facilities at police stations countrywide to accommodate and assist victims. We want to deal and advice with internet dating where you date somebody you have never seen. You make an appointment; go there and never come back again. So, we are calling upon our younger kids and younger sisters to be very careful about those things.

During the financial year 2017-18, 692 life sentences were meted to those that abuse women in South Africa,

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The cash-in-transit, CITs, heists, I am sure this is everybody's problem and are currently putting the country under siege especially in provinces that used to form part of what was previously called Transvaal. Hon members, we are beginning to turn the tide on this one. All operational strategies have been re-engineered to squeeze the space for the cash-in-transit to zero.

What you have seen at Boksburg, we have arrested seven of those people. In Polokwane as we speak, they are in court. We arrested those 12 hours after they have launched their heist. [Applause.] We are beginning to turn the tide. This things has this element, I think with Boksburg there were three foreign nationals that are part of those heists. I hope we are not going to be accused of being xenophobic. For instance, there is one boy from Botswana who specialises on explosives. He works for mines. I am told he is an engineer there. We will give updates on these matters going forward.

The immediate arrests of suspects in Boksburg and Polokwane are the recent examples of the swift police action in responding to the CITs. Chairperson, we had meetings with the core operational divisions of the SAPS in dealing decisively with priority crimes, the whole of yesterday. We met with Crime Intelligence, the Hawks, the Detectives and the special units including task force, the

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Tactical Response Team and Amaberete. We have spoken to everybody re-engineering ... Very soon, all these re-engineering will be impacting and everybody will see that we have arrived.

We are currently redirecting all our resources to be aligned with the identified priorities. The new appointments in strategic divisions will yield positive results in the fight against priority crimes; thus far, we have appointed the new head of Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations, also known as Hawks, Dr Adv General Godfrey Lebeya. He holds a doctorate in law. [Applause.]

The head of Crime Intelligence has been appointed and is General Jacobs, who hails from here. He has been in that environment here. We have also appointed a detective new head Ms Mosikile. [Applause.]

Hon members, the political killings in KwaZulu-Natal cannot take us back to the early 80's; we refuse to be turned into a banana republic. In addressing this, the President has directed the interministerial task team, IMC, to address the political killings in KwaZulu-Natal. The IMC will be tabling a comprehensive report to the President in the next few days. To date, we have already appointed the new acting provincial commissioner in the province to enhance operational command in the identified priorities in that

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province. We have also met with the task team that is dealing with these scourges in KZN and we will be making some changes to ensure that we reverse the scourge of political killings in the province.

The rise in the trio crimes demands a multidisciplinary approach in addressing car hijackings, house and business robberies. A National Trio Crimes Task Team was officially established to ensure an integrated and co-ordinated approach to these crimes. The task team developed the National Trio Crimes Action Plan to address the trio crimes and aggravated robberies in the top 20 Trio Crime Clusters with effect from 1st April 2017.

Trio crimes are those crimes that bring a lot of fear on the South Africans; car hijackings, house robberies. House burglary is where they wait for you to go out and then they come in but house robbery is where they wait for you to come in and they come in while you are with your family. It brings a lot of fear to the community. We are prioritising and soon we will be making reversal to those crimes.

There is a new phenomenon - kidnappings that we are seeing here in South Africa all of a sudden. It has been of special groupings, especially the Muslim people in South Africa. Now it is spreading to everybody, including Africans. I am sure you have seen the young the

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young boy that was kidnapped in Emalahleni. The problem now ... These criminals are becoming very clever sometimes - taking a step ahead of us for instance, the ransom demand there was bitcoin. I don't know if the Chair has seen a bitcoin. [Laughter.] Criminals are already making demands on bitcoin. I was just wondering why they want so few bitcoins because they demanded 15 out of that boy.

I was later told that 15 bitcoins are equal to R1,5 million. They are a bit ahead in understanding things. I am sure most members here don't know this bitcoin. It is one thing we trying to work on and reverse it before it becomes a big scourge in the Republic of South Africa.

Chairperson, gangsterism and drug abuse, especially in the province where we are. We are very concerned with gangsterism and drug abuse especially in the Western Cape, Gauteng and Eastern Cape. To date, we are already implementing the intervention plan in the Western Cape to sanitise the streets from the notorious gangsters. As such, we have brought 269 police from other provinces to be based here. We are chasing all known criminals, all gangsters, illegal firearms, going door to door, having roadblocks and everything in trying to sanitise these crimes in the Western Cape.

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Taxi violence also gives us a lot of problems especially in this province again. Last weekend, just from Friday to Sunday, 13 people were killed in this province. We are coming together with the MEC for Transport and the MEC of Police in this province to work out how we can ensure that this thing stops and stop it as soon as we can - dealing with izinkabi and those unruly izinkabi of the taxis.

The increase in the number of public demonstrations in the country is alarming, in addressing this hon Chair, we call upon our sister departments to ensure that these service delivery protests are avoided through other means rather than those which end up being crime, especially at the local government, if mayors and councillors can help us to work with the communities not only to call the police at the beginning of uprising but deal with them at the local level and make the police the last line of defence. It looks like everybody doesn't want to deal with protests and would ask where the police are. Even those that are misappropriating service delivery monies, they also call police when these communities are fighting back.

So people must just do the work and we can only come in to help. Don't make the police the first line of defence when you haven't done your work with the communities.

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As the police we are increasing the POP, the training, the numbers and all that. We are dealing with the dwindling numbers of South African police by design. In 2010, we were meant to be 20 000 and have now been instructed to move to 192 000, when the population is increasing. The new figure that we have just received from Statistics SA is that there are 6,6 million foreign nationals that are based in South Africa. It is going to give us a lot of problems - the growing population and the reduction of number of police.

One other thing we are doing is to try work with the South African Police in the promotion of the members. For some years that I cannot count, there are 66 000 members of the South African Police that are overdue for promotion. You find a member being in one rank for almost 15 to 16 or 17 year. We are trying to cover that in the next three financial years. This year, we will be promoting 28 000. We are scrapping around to find money. [Applause.] This is especially at the lower ranks i.e. sergeants, warrant officers and constables. We will be working hard to do that, reduce illegal firearms, provide firearm owners with the opportunity to hand in unwanted firearms, prevent crime and violence, and address the fundamental causes of crime and working on the safety of the police. We are not an undertaker organisation. The police must be safe. That is why the training will have to improve to ensure their street survival. We

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are also increasing their capacity in responding to dangerous areas, like Khayelitsha, Kwamashu, Inanda, Nyanga and Alexandra so that they are able to protect and defend themselves.

We will forever continue with professionalisation of the police with the NDP being part of it and the Farlam Commission. We will work with all our entities, like IPID to make sure that we are reducing criminality within and amongst the police themselves and those that even if they are in blue uniforms, if they break the law, the law will take its place.

We will work with Securities Industry Regulatory Authority, Sira, to look on the illegal firearms. There are private security companies that do not know what law is. We are going to be very hard on them. If they break the law, we will shut them down. We cannot allow people to come here and do things wrong and threaten our communities.

We are working hard to arm the police properly, buy all their stuff, including vehicles. There are shortcomings that have happened; we are trying to redirect the resources again to the best delivery of the South African Police.

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On that one, we will be at Maqhasa and Flagstaff, Mount Fletcher Eastern Cape, KwaMhlushwa police station – we will be opening new police stations there. We are also increasing the number of the mobile police stations and we will be trying to ensure that we build more.

It is for that reason that I would like to thank those people that we have been working with; the community of Engcobo is one that we are working well with when it comes to policing matters and others that have agreed to be part of going forward.

Together with the Office of the Minister, we are working together to ensure that the people of South Africa are safe and they feel safe. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: Thank you very much, hon Minister, on behalf of this Chair, may I also take the opportunity to welcome the shadow Minister, Julian Kubheka. You are heartily welcome.

Before we proceed, hon Stock, once the debate is on and you are on your feet and there is a member on the podium, in actual fact, you are calling for my attention. When I try to give you my attention, I

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saw his back. He was looking for something. I don't know what he was looking for. Let us not do that and respect members.

Mr S G MTHIMUNYE: Deputy Chair, fraternal greetings to the Ministry of Police and all other ministries present here today, our special greetings goes to the shadow Minister, we did not greet her specially, but we wish her well in her journey to adulthood so that one day she may realise her dream of becoming a real Minister of Police in this country. [Applause.]

Deputy Chair, the vision of the SA Police Services, the SAPS, is to create a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa and to prevent and combat anything that may threaten the safety and security of any community; to investigate all crimes that threaten the safety and security of any community; to ensure that offenders are brought to justice and to participate in all efforts to address the root causes of crime.

In achieving this vision and mission, the National Development Plan, NDP, and the Medium-Term Strategic Framework, MTSF, provide the following direction to SAPS by emphasising the need for all people in South Africa to be and feel safe; to create a better South Africa, a better Africa and a better world; to fight corruption and

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to build a nation and build an efficient and developmental oriented police service.

The President, in his 2018 state of nation address, emphasised the need to improve the quality of life of all South Africans and to intensify our efforts to tackle crime and build safer communities. The following strategies were recommended to achieve this: During the course of this year, the Community Policing Strategy will be implemented with the aim of gaining the trust of the community and to secure their full involvement in the fight against crime; the introduction of a Youth Crime Prevention Strategy that will empower and support young people to be self-sufficient and become involved in crime fighting initiatives and a key focus this year will be the distribution of resources to police station level. This will include personnel and other resources to restore capacity and experience at the level at which crime is most effectively combated.

The President further emphasised that we need to turn the tide of corruption in our public institutions. The criminal justice institutions have been taking initiatives that will enable us to deal effectively with corruption. In order to achieve this, the SAPS receives a budget allocation of a whopping R91,8 billion in 2018-19. Just over half of the total budget allocation of the SAPS goes

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toward the Visible Policing Programme which amounts to R46,8 billion, where frontline policing services are rendered.

The Medium-Term Strategic Framework, MTSF, for 2014 to 2019 represents government's comprehensive plan for implementing the National Development Plan over the five-year term, 2014-19. The main outcome applicable to the SAPS is Outcome 3 is that all people in South Africa are and feel safe. The main sub-outcomes are reduced levels of contact crime and an efficient and effective Criminal Justice System.

South Africa's borders effectively defended, protected, secured and well-managed; secure cyberspace; domestic stability ensured; secure identity of all persons in South Africa and reduce corruption in the public and private sector. Hon Deputy Chairperson, the following is prevalent within the current South African context: Police officers are being killed frequently; crime differs between rural and urban areas and provincial crime statistics vary considerably.

To this end, the Western Cape is home to a third of the country's policing area where the most killings have been recorded and it's also home to South Africa's longstanding murder capital, Nyanga. Drugs and gangsterism still contributes substantially to the

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commission of crime in South Africa. To address some of these challenges, the Minister has articulated the following priorities: Enhancement and optimisation of measures to enhance police safety through the Police Safety Strategy; to ensure that police officers are operationally ready, which requires that they are mentally prepared to deal with the demands of policing including the following: Provision of the next generation safety gear; proper safety installations at police stations, including adequate lighting, proper vehicles and armoured vehicles among others; and necessary tools and equipment of international standard.

The Ministry of Police is responsible for the various metropolitan and municipal police services and will implement preventative measures in respect of the increases in the murders of members; implementing the Rural Safety Strategy which is aimed at addressing crime in rural areas, taking into account the specific challenges which are faced by rural communities; utilising Community Policing Forums to address drug abuse and gangsterism within communities.

It is a fact that change is only possible by engaging directly with communities to understand their challenges and to agree on methods of tackling these challenges in a comprehensive and integrated manner. Chairperson, these ministerial priorities will surely go a

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long way in ensuring the safety of police officers as well as the safety of our citizens.

It is only by engaging our communities, working in an integrated manner with civil society and other roleplayers that we will be able to respond to crime in an informed fashion. Within the SAPS, we need to ensure that the budget provides for the safety of our members, sufficient training and resources towards visible policing and the investigation of crime to ensure that all people are safe and indeed feel safe in our country.

By implementing a holistic approach, along with the necessary resources, we will surely see a systematic decrease in crime and ensure that we restore the feeling of safety within our communities. Deputy Chair, it is important to ensure that Independent Police Investigative Directorate, Ipid, has sufficient budget to play its role as an effective watchdog. The Independent Police Investigative Directorate Act, Act 1 of 2011, gives effect to section 206(6) of the Constitution, which makes provision for the establishment of an independent police complaints body. The objectives of the Ipid are among others to: Align provincial and national strategic objectives to enhance the functioning of the directorate; provide for independent and impartial investigation of identified criminal

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offences allegedly committed by members of the SAPS and the Municipal Police Services; make disciplinary recommendations to the Saps resulting from investigations conducted by the directorate; provide for closer co-operation between the directorate and the Secretariat; and enhance accountability and transparency of the SAPS and the Municipal Police Services in accordance with the principles of the Constitution. Transparency and accountability are fundamental in ensuring that our police services operate effectively. Therefore, the Ipid receives the whopping amount of R315 million for the 2018-19 financial year.

The policy priorities of the Ipid are as follows: To investigate high impact crime cases; finalising the review of governing legislation; safeguarding information and data and conducting community outreach programmes. The directorate's funded personnel establishment is set to increase by 27 posts, from 388 in 2016-17 to 415 in 2018-19.

The directorate will spend 68,2% of its total budget on compensation of employees, mostly investigators. Chairperson, the Ipid has shown itself capable of investigating systemic corruption within the SAPS and this process enhances professional policing. We support these

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initiatives by the Ipid to track down corrupt officers within the SAPS.

Chairperson, Ipid has struggled for some time with limited budget and resources which has hampered its investigation of cases. To ensure that Ipid has a budget which is sufficient for it to fulfil its mandate is of vital importance to ensuring that it is visible within communities, to ensure that it effectively investigates high profile cases and ensures that recommendations are made to the SAPS. Chairperson, we cannot ensure that people are safe and feel safe without ensuring that criminality within the SAPS is dealt with effectively.

The Independent Police Investigative Directorate is best placed to deal with police misconduct and thereby ensure that trust and confidence is restored in the police service. The Select Committee on Security and Justice recommends the budget of the Department of Police for consideration by the House. Thank you.

Mr G MICHALAKIS: Thank you, hon Deputy Chairperson. When we elect a government, as we are going to do within the next 12 months again, we give them the power to govern us in exchange for their commitment to protect our rights and to keep us safe. It is called the social

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contract, and is the basis of any democratic government's legitimacy.

When the government of the day cannot protect the citizens of the country, it fails in its agreement with the people and it threatens the stability of our democracy. In other words, the duty of the government to make us feel safe is not a favour that we ask them. It is their basic duty and it is not negotiable.

Now for me to come and stand for the fourth year in a row at this podium and spend an entire speech trying to say that crime has continued to be so out of control in South Africa, that the government is failing our people would be a futile exercise.

The public knows that this is a fact. They do not need to be convinced with figures because they live it everyday; and I would strongly advise the Minister not to attempt in telling the public that everything is alright – for the sake of his own legitimacy.

We are all concerned and we should be. I am therefore not going to focus on telling the House what we already know. I believe it is part of our duty, as the official opposition to put an alternative on the table. Why, because if ANC policy over many years is proving

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not to bring down the occurrence of crime, especially violent crime, then the solutions surely lies in an alternative to the ANC.

A colleague of mine from the ANC quoted Professor Albert Einstein last week and it is this same quotation, which I now wish to paraphrase: "Only a fool would put its trust in the ANC time after time, after time and expect a different outcome".

What then, is the alternative to the ANC's policy? The answer lies not necessarily in money, but how this money is being used and distributed. It lies in the structure of the police service and how it interacts with the public.

On this, the DA stands directly opposite the ANC and the voters will in the elections have a clear choice to make. I would also advice the member from the ANC to listen he might ... [Interjections.

Mr S G MTHIMUNYE: Chair, on a point of order, I needed to check if the member is prepared to take a question on the inference that he makes?

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The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP (Mr A J Nyambi) Okay, may you allow me to check that. Hon Michalakis, are you prepared to take a question?

Mr G MICHALAKIS: Deputy Chairperson, I have only started with my speech and my time is limited, but no, not at this stage. Thank you.

Deputy Chairperson, the DA is a Federalist Party. It means that we believe that government should be as close to the people as possible. This implies that part of the solution in making the SAPS more effective, is to decentralise its structures as far as possible. What does this mean in practice?

It means that where the police throughout the entire country is currently controlled by the national Minister and the National Commissioner, that we give more powers to make decisions on what each province needs in terms of basic policing to provincial commissioners and the provincial government, right down to station level; and then, for them to implement these decisions without delay.

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The police officers on station level move the closest to our people and they understand the issues on the ground better than anyone else. They are also much better placed to identify needs around issues and to react quicker.

They already do this in many places, but most of the time these officers find themselves incapable of addressing the problem, because all the power and resources are controlled by Pretoria.

The Premier and her Cabinet will also have the power to determine policy and to do more frequent oversight with powers to act, this will be more effective, since the smaller size of their jurisdiction necessarily means that they move much closer to the ground to ensure greater accountability.

This leaves the national government enough time and resources to focus on specialised units to fight specific crimes that are haunting our communities. Crime intelligence will remain a national function and they will for once be properly resourced.

Without proper crime intelligence, there is no way in which the police can function effectively. I can also mention here, that it is concerning that it again took a parliamentary question from the DA

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to bring to light that 27 officers employed at crime intelligence have criminal records, seven of which are for serious crimes.

If this question was not asked, Minister, when would you have realised this, when would you have become open about this and most importantly when would you have acted on this?

The Specialised units for gang violence, rural safety, border control, and cyber security will all remain part of the national SAPS's duties under a DA government and will become a focus area that will support the provincial structures in combating these crimes more effectively.

The IPID, hon Mthimunye, is not receiving the amount that you initially stated in your speech. They are not receiving a lot of money to do their work with. They are already doing wonderful work with limited resources and they will be properly funded - I can assure you, by a DA government. Because the first steps in restoring trust between the SAPS and the public, is to allow IPID to assist in getting rid of the rot within SAPS.

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And yes, decentralisation will mean less corrupt generals and fat cats at the top, which will free up resources to get the vehicles, telephones and other resources on station level going again.

Along with this, the Ministers and Members of Executive Councils Meeting, MinMEC will transform to not only be a consultative body, but should be an empowered body that will enhance the exchange of ideas on policy and best practice between different provinces.

With this, training will be uniform for all SAPS members across the country and SAPS officers under a DA government will actually be well trained with vehicle and fire arm licences, among other things; unlike the current situation in many places.

We need to get to a point where we have a government that respects and values the rights of our people. We need to become a society that have reason to trust the police and where every life, regardless of who you are, where you live and what you own, every life becomes valued.

The Minister will argue that the centralisation of the police is a much better option. However, research shows that the safest countries in the world all have decentralised police services and as

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visible policing increases trust between citizens and the police is also higher. Among developing countries similar to South Africa, there is also a global trend to move away from centralised policing.

However, it must also be said, that if it is not run effectively, no police system centralised or decentralised will manage to lead to lower crime statistics. This is currently the biggest problem with the SA Police Service and this department.

Similarly, the Minister will have a lot of criticism for metro policing, but the fact is that cities have been much more effective in getting rid of corrupt metro police officers and keeping communities safe where these cities are well-run, than the SAPS have been.

The metro police and the cities are there to assist SAPS and where the cities are well-run, they do a fantastic job. Perhaps then, Minister, the reason why many of them might not attend your meetings as you claim is because it is all talk and no sensible action. And by action I do not mean walking around like a General with no army calling for police brutality. I mean real solutions to a real crisis facing our country.

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Chairperson, the Minister and ANC members cannot argue that its current centralised approach to SAPS has created a top heavy structure. Too many resources go into salaries for high ranking bureaucrats who do not help to bring down crime and too little reaches our stations within our communities.

Simply put: we need to get rid of the Generals that are keeping IPID busy with investigations against them; and we need to equip the police officers on the ground better to do their jobs in protecting us.

The SAPS has become a distant, mistrusted organisation due to its ineffective bureaucratic structure and the use of military ranks. This is not what policing is for.

The first step in regaining the trust of the people would be to have an honest, demilitarised police that is resourced and equipped to deal with the issues specific to the community in which they operate. It lies in bringing accountability closer to the people and to deal quickly and decisively with criminals within the police service.

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The DA offer is entirely different from the ANC's legacy of violence and mistrust. Our SAPS members who are dedicated deserve a better, and a safer environment to work in, and our people deserve a safer community where they can trust an effective police service to protect them. It is the basis of the contract between the government and the people, and the DA government will ensure that this agreement is honoured. I thank you. [Applause.]

Ms T WANA: Let me greet you, Deputy Chairperson. [Inaudible.] ... NCOP, Ministers of the governing party, permanent delegates of the NCOP, special delegates from provinces, distinguished guests and members of the media, I want to congratulate the girl-child who has a bigger picture, because I'm sure your family comes from the leading party, the ANC. Let me thank my organisation which is 106-years-old that is inspiring and defending the people of South Africa.

IsiXhosa:

Njengoko sihleli apha asisenayo laa nto kwakusithiwa yiNational Party. Yavela yaduka kwakho into entsha enezithembiso ezitsha nezikhulu zolonyulo ekuthiwa yiDA. Xa uzikisa ukucinga eli gama lithi DA lelesiXhosa ukanti eli lithi National Party lelona gama

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ilelabo. Ukuba uyaqaphela iintsalela zengcinezelo ziyafumaneka phaya kwiDA.

English:

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: Hon Wana, just take your seat. On what point are you rising, hon Smit?

Mr C F B SMIT: Deputy Chair, on a point of order: There was a ruling in this House before on the DA being referred to as previously being the National Party, which is untrue.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: The order is sustained. Can you continue, hon Wana?

Ms T WANA: As the organisation, we are remembering our two freedom fighters, namely the president of the United Democratic Front, Comrade Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu, and the former President of the Republic of South Africa and the president of the ANC, Comrade Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, a father of a special type, from prison to President. This year we are remembering them. They would've been 100-years-old if they had been alive.

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I'm humbly saying to those of our own who passed away this month and last month that they must rest in peace. The organisation will never, ever forget their legacy and devotion to the organisation. They have left us with a legacy and efforts of changing our motherland.

Firstly, we are nearing the end of Africa month. Congratulations Africa! You have made a mark.

Secondly, May is also a very important period because it reminds us of what happened in America when the workers were gunned down because they were fighting for their rights. As a result, in South Africa we celebrate the 1st of May without any disturbance from the former National Party forces because the ANC is a caring government.

IsiXhosa:

Bantu bakuthi, silapha nje sihleli naba bacuphi. Nokuba na iDA ingabathethelela ithini izigwagwise ngezithembiso zayo ezikhulu kodwa okusalayo kukuba i-ANC iyakwazi ukuzichaza ebantwini bayo kuba kaloku...

English:

... because it belongs to the people.

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IsiXhosa:

Abazange batsho ukuba babenze ntoni na abantwana aba babebadubula ngowe-1976 kwaye ngela xesha kuyacaca ukuba babengaphuli mthetho.

English:

It was a project. Today our own are defending the masses, including those who were fighting with us.

During the state of the nation address on 16 February, our President firstly said that the SAPS must intensify efforts in tackling crime and build a safer community. Secondly, he said that during the course of this year the community forum strategy will be implemented with the aim of gaining the trust of the community and secure full involvement in the fight against crime.

I will humbly request the Minister and Deputy Minister to co-ordinate a study to Singapore, to see how Singapore operates the programme of community policing.

Let me quote a freedom fighter, a giant in Cuba, Fidel Castro, who, in 1998, when he was analysing the issue of crime, stated that the war against crime is equal to the imperialist enemy, which is still

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to me, as I analyse, this imperialist enemy who is suppressing developing countries ... is this programme of cybercrime.

The adoption of the strategy and tactics of the ANC in 2017 around the issue of safety and security said that the battle against corruption will be intensified; proceeding from the understanding that corruption is very brutal. When one looks and analyses the issue of capitalism, where Fidel Castro is analysing the brutality of capitalist tendencies, he says capitalist tendencies will always suppress the needs of the country and those people who are defending their country. You will think about ... [Interjections.]

As an individual, I want to congratulate – with my whole heart – our Department of Police when they fought the violent killings at Engcobo.

IsiXhosa:

Ndithi kuni magokra, ze nilale ngoxolo.

English:

The ANC is there to defend. There is no other organisation that can fight a good fight for their own. The ANC-led government established an independent investigation directorate ...

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IsiXhosa:

... eyayingekho phambi kowe-1994. Kaloku...

English:

... Vlakplaas is where our own leaders were discussed and they were killed. The British Broadcasting Corporation, BBC, did everything but today everybody is honest. Shame on the DA when they're trying to sell their manifesto after killing innocent people during the time of the National Party's programmes!

This directorate is working very hard ...

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: Hon Wana, can you just take a seat? On what point are you rising, hon member?

Mr F ESSACK: Deputy Chairperson, on a point of order regarding Vote 23 the Police Appropriation Bill. The hon member at the podium is misleading the country with the statement that she has just made. Firstly, with your permission, can you ask her to withdraw the comment or statement that she made that the DA under the National Party killed people and individuals at Vlakplaas? Secondly, if she would like to just take a simple question. But if she would like to withdraw ... The first issue is would she like to withdraw the

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statement, or rather not like to, but I suggest that you ask her to withdraw the misleading statement that the DA under the National Party ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: You have made your point. You have made your point.

Mr F ESSACK: Thank you, sir. Cool.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: My ruling will be very simple. The first part of your point of order is not a point of order. With regard to the second part, I didn't hear it coming through in the manner in which you are putting it now. So, allow me to check Hansard. If it is true that she said that the DA ... then we will have to come back with a ruling on it.

Mr F ESSACK: You know that's not a problem at all. You check Hansard ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: That's my ruling, hon member. [Interjections.] I have made a ruling. Hon members, you are not going to chair this session by default, and I'm not going to allow you to chair by default by telling me what to do. I have already

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made a ruling on the matter. I have made a ruling on the matter by saying that I don't recognise the first part as a point of order. If the second part of it is true then I will have to satisfy myself through Hansard and come back with a ruling to the House. Can you continue hon member?

Ms T WANA: Deputy Chairperson, South Africa is a signatory to the UN Convention against Corruption. Let me read one of ... in the input ... develop and implement effective ... co-ordinate anticorruption policies that promote participation of society and reflect the principles of the rule of law, proper management of public affairs and public property, integrity, transparency and accountability. This is a new phenomenon and South Africa is a signatory to the UN. You would never have had anything like that before 1994 – where there was a link between South Africa and their people, and the UN. [Interjections.]

IsiXhosa:

Kukho le nto sijongene nayo evele nombutho wabantu ethi mazi ummelwane wakho. Kaloku ulwaphulo-mthetho asiloxanduva llwamapolisa kuphela. Wonke umntu omthandayo...

English:

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... South Africa must stand up and fight crime. And ...

IsiXhosa:

... njengokuba kugcwele oomhla-ndaphatha nje kule Ndlu thina asithi kuza kuthi, thina sithetha ngento ebonakalayo njengoko nani nisazi ukuba amapolisa asebenze njani kwinto yaseNgcobo nakwimeko yoonoteksi eMthatha. Abantu baseMthatha bayancoma kakhulu kula nto yeeteksi kwaye ayisafani nakuqala.

English:

The Eastern Cape has 196 police stations and the budget is R829 440 million. As a province we humbly request that national gives the Eastern Cape more funding because of its rural situation.

Let me congratulate our provincial commissioner, General Lizwiwe Ntshinga who works very hard and performs very, very high, with his collective. For instance, the taxi violence which disturbed the Eastern Cape ... they have managed to arrest ... amongst two groups. There are two groups, Uncedo Taxi Association and Border Alliance Taxi Association.

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Within Uncedo Uncedo Taxi Association they arrested 30 while in Border Alliance Taxi Association they arrested 21. Therefore, I congratulate the blues.

There is a very progressive programme which is taking place in the Eastern Cape, more especially in Mthatha. The provincial commissioner is renovating the barracks. That place was very, very, very, very, very demoralising to the people staying there. The sewerage was running in the streets. These renovations are very important because it is going to give those policemen staying there greater morale to do their jobs.

Lastly, I would like to stress what has happened within our society in terms of killing our own police. I would suggest that there must be a satiation that those people who kill the police must not get parole because a person that kills police ... because the police is the arm of the government. Those who kill police are committing high treason. So the police must not be killed at any given time. What I am saying ...

IsiXhosa:

... amapolisa yingalo karhulumente. Abantu abawabulalayo mabangafumani ingqawule. Kaloku loo nto iyafana nokuvukela umbuso.

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Nantso eyona nto ebendifuna ukuyicacisa. Uyakudibana ke nabahlobo bakho bakutolikele. Andixeleli wena ke phofu koko ndibhekisa ebantwini aba bangabarhafi balindele ukuva kuthi ukuba kuthiwani na. Silapha nje ikhona nemibuthwana esandula kuzalwa ngowama-2014. Awuzange lo mbutho ulwamkele uhlahlo-lwabiwo-mali oko wabakho kodwa baza kuphatha ngowama-2019. Andazi nokuba abantu baza kubatyisa ntoni na. Zizinto ezi esijongene nazo kodwa ke siyayazi ukuba uTambo, uMandela, umama u-Albertina Sisulu nabo bonke abantu abaqala bawulwela lo mzabalazo baza kusilwela nanini na. Enkosi Sekela Sihlalo.

Ms W TIKANA: (Eastern Cape): Chairperson, Ministers and Deputy Minister, all protocols observed. This week, we mark "Child Protection Week", a campaign which must be close to all our hearts as we together contribute to the protection of the rights of the most vulnerable members of our society. As individuals and as a collective, we must ensure that our children are safe at all material times. The future of South Africa depends on them.

The Eastern Cape like the rest of South Africa is struggling with unacceptably high levels of crime, serious and violent crime, which affect our people especially vulnerable groups such as women, children and the elderly.

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We acknowledge that much needs to be done in addressing the socioeconomic conditions that fuels level of crime and holistic interventions must be introduced while pro-active policing is strengthened.

Hon members, the relationship between the provincial stakeholders and SA Police Service continues to improve and we are grateful for the increase in the number of all round police activities including the fact that police at times serve as mediators, organizers and contribute in bringing about public order.

We all agree that crime hampers the country's economic development and undermines the wellbeing of its people, limiting their ability to achieve their potential. A case in point is the rising criminal activities within the taxi industry, which remains a major cause for concern. We must strengthen our crime intelligence in order to respond effectively to these gruesome crimes.

The killing of taxi owners, drivers and innocent community members caught in the cross-fire leaves a trail of disruption. Women lose their husbands, children lose their fathers and families are left broken. I urge those involved in instigating these criminal

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activities to put an end to this nightmare. Failure to do so must be met with the might of the men in blue.

As espoused in the National Development Plan Vision 2030, NDP, we look forward to leave in a South Africa where her people will feel safe at home, at school and at work and, where they enjoy community life without fear. Women walk freely in the street and children play safely outside.

Over the past years, the Eastern Cape has grabbed headlines with violence crimes unfolding in front of our eyes. We have opted not to be desponded but to draw lessons from these incidents. Lessons we hope to share with other provinces for them to better manage similar incidents. I wish to take a few minutes to touch on some of the highlights of our work as well as raise some of the key issues that require our attention. The shooting of five police officers at the Ngcobo Police Station, early this year, has reminded us of how vulnerable some of our police stations are.

The department of safety and liaison oversees 196 police stations with only 21 officials over seven districts. Two thirds of these police stations are in rural environments where accessibility to communities is a huge challenge due to the state of roads and

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limited resources. Some police stations are in villages without electricity. It is therefore critical that we engage on reprioritizing these stations to ensure that they are adequately resourced and secured.

In addition to this, as the department, we need at least R66 million for the establishment of the Civilian Secretariat for Police over the three year Medium Term Expenditure Framework, MTEF, period, since inception. The department has strived to ensure compliance to the unfunded mandate of Civilian Secretariat for Police with limited resources. The emerging crime patterns are putting an extra strain on the already limited resources available in the province. The taxi violence in Mthatha is no exception. We appreciate the leadership and interventions of the Minister of Police in this in this regard.

As a response to the challenges on the ground, we have had to set a task-team comprising members of the SAPS and provincial traffic officers. This has assisted in quelling the levels of unrest and disturbance.

Civil society organisations and civic participation are needed to establish safe communities. We must however call on the leaders to ensure that they do so through legal processes and using the correct

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channels. They must resist the urge to interfere with government processes including high jacking community concerns for their own gains.

The joint operations conducted in the northern areas of Port Elizabeth, have yielded some positive results. I can report that gang violence has since been contained and normal community life has been restored. We must now ensure that there is continued presence of SAPS members on the ground. Other sector departments must also introduce promised projects for social upliftment.

The costed policy for Community Policing Forums, CPFs should be a priority so as to ensure continuity and sustainability. The department invests on CPFs through training and development but cannot retain them as they are volunteers and once they get gainful employment, they leave the system.

As the province with the support of the national Department of Police we will be prioritising and piloting traditional policing which we believe may input positively in reducing crime putting stability in our rural areas.

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Gender-based violence remains a concern. Adequate resources should be set aside to ensure that our people do not suffer secondary victimization. Two thirds of our police stations do not have victim friendly rooms, and some that do have lack the necessary resources and equipment. Most are manned by volunteers.

We need to strengthen our relationship with the Department of Social Development for the provision of qualified personnel. Community members suffer the most when police are unable to speedily respond to their calls. We therefore call for the improvement of conditions and services at the SAPS garages and for them to be resourced with qualified personnel, tools, fast procurement processes to ensure a speedy turnaround time on repairs. These vehicles are meant to be on the road not stationed in garages.

The work of our police officers is critical in ensuring that perpetrators of crime are brought to book. We however call for the co-operation of relevant organs of state within the criminal justice system to ensure that criminals do not escape the law. This in turn will improve public confidence on the government's ability to protect them.

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Government procurement processes must not hold service delivery at ransom. We call on the national office of SAPS to, amongst others, look into these matters and provide urgent assistance to the provincial offices. Our commitment to the task at hand is inspired by a vision of a safe South Africa, free of fear and corruption. Targeted action aimed at safeguarding the interests of our communities is required and once we act, we dare not back down. I thank you.

Mr M M CHABANGU: Chairperson, the shadow Police Minister, and all protocols observed, the breakthrough in Glebelands Hostel has proven beyond doubt that intelligence-driven investigations are a way to go in breaking syndicates and organised crime in our beloved country South Africa. The same approach must be applied in ensuring that criminal underworld created by Mr Zuma administration is abolished and clear blueprint must be put in place to recover taxpayers' money looted during his time.

This will not be easy as corruption has infiltrated all state organs, thus creating a culture of corruption within the state and society at large. This requires a great new beginning at both political and management levels of SA Police Service, the SAPS. Stability in the command and control is of prime importance as a

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discipline in the service plays a key role - discipline that will prevent police from taking bribes or engaging in other criminal activities. This can be achieved through stable leadership, better pay and promotions of those who should be promoted.

This is why as the EFF we welcome the decision by the incoming Minister of Police that of recommending upward movement of over 40 000 police officers who have been overlooked for promotions because of their non connectedness politically, and this has adversely affected the morale of the entire police service. This is a step in the right direction, Minister.

One reason why criminals are so easily able to beat and avoid our law enforcement officials is because of lack of co-ordination and planning amongst the various services. This is why greater co-operation between municipal police and the SAPS is needed to guarantee safety of our cities through high surveillance zones manned 24 hours with standby forces to ensure maximum response when necessary, as well as general police enforcement.

The same should apply in protection of our game from ruthless poachers annihilating our game species in our national parks. Deployment of drones could reduce human failures, thus increasing

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targeted response by specialised units to quell the situation. Most of our detectives are young which is a good strength, however, institutional memory has been lost due to exodus of old experienced officers. Extensive training and retention strategy is required here.

But, the depoliticisation of intelligence and police services is needed if we want to be on top of crime syndicates and cross-border crimes in general. The Office of Inspector-General on Intelligence must help this division overcome its ruthlessness created by our recent past era where anarchy was the order of the day. Minister, we cannot continue to allow our police services to be political weapons in internal battles of the ruling party across the country's provinces and municipalities.

We also need to strengthen and better use of specialised units, especially in cities like Cape Town, which are gripped by continuing gang warfare and taxi massacre. And, also to tackle the continued robberies of cash-in-transit vehicles which are overpowered by skilled and well armed assailants, who often fight police and security, armed with 9mm, with AK-47s and other automatic and semiautomatic weapons.

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For this specialised units like the Tactical Response Teams, TRT, the National Intervention Unit, NIU, the public order policing, the POP, and Task Force can be put together to better use if we put pressure on Security Cluster Ministers and head of state to ensure maximum co-operation between Armscor and Denel. It is the duty of Denel to ensure that replacement of Nyalas and other crowd control tools are developed in line with the Farlam Commission. At the same time, co-operation between municipal police and the SAPS can guarantee the safety of our cities through high surveillance zones manned 24 hours with standby forces to ensure maximum response when necessary.

Currently, this Budget does not speak to this, which is why we reject the budget for the police. However, we do support the budget of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, Ipid. This unit stood by the nation during difficult times and refused to become a tool of Mr Zuma and his corrupt cronies. The unit remains under funded with limited personnel yet dealing with powerful syndicates within and outside the SA Police Service. It is the duty of this House to plead with Treasury to put more resources at the disposal of the unit to meet its constitutional mandate and put closure to the Farlam Commission's recommendations. I thank you.

IsiZulu:

Mnu M KHAWULA: Sihlalo ohloniphekile, ngiyabingelela kubaHlonishwa oNgqongqoshe, kumaPhini oNgqongqoshe.

English:

The IFP welcomes the appointment of a career policeman as a National Commissioner.

IsiZulu:

Sithi ke Mhlonishwa kwenzeka kahle, kade sasisho siyiqembu leNkatha ukuthi akuhlukwane nokuthatha amadoda nomama nje angabufundelanga ubuphoyisa babekwe kuthiwe abaphathe amaphoyisa bese izinto ziyonakala.

English:

If you look at their exits, these civilian previous commissioners all of them had unceremonious exits in this position.

IsiZulu:

Ngakho ke siyabonga ke lapho. Okwesibili, Mhlonishwa siyavumelana nawe kuyakhathaza ukwanda kwezehlakalo lezi zokuthi kuvinjwe izimoto ezithwala imali. Ubugebengu nje obebukhona kodwa engathi buthanda ukuthi bubesezingeni eliphezulu kakhulu manje. Ezinye zezinto

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eBesicela ukuthi mhlawumbe umbutho wakho uzibheke Mhlonishwa ubuntekenteke bezobuNhloli ezweni lakithi ngoba kufanele ezinye zalezi zimo zigwemeke uma ngabe ezobuNhloli ziseqopheleni eliphezulu.

Ukwanda kwezibhamu emphakathini engathi nako kuthanda ukuthi kudlebeleke kwenze ukuthi izinga lobugebengu lande kakhulu. Lapha njengakini Magaye emasontweni amabili edlule eHarding eBashaweni uMnumzane uNdadane ubengcwaba ingane yakhe yentombazane ebeyifunda eWalter Sisulu University eMtata. Ithe ihleli etekisini kunguMgqibelo kwaxabana abantu erenke bamatekisi wakhapha isibhamu umuntu ethi udubula omunye, wadubula ingane ihlezi etekisi - yashona.

Ngomgqibelo lo osiphuma kuwona besingcwaba lapha kwaQwabe eFrankland uyazi Mhlonishwa. Laphaya ebusuku bangoMgqibelo odlulile kwangena izigebengu kulelwe ekhaya. Izingane ezimbili ezineminyaka eyi-13 uma zivuka isigebengu sidubula ingane endlini ingane ilele. Ngakho ke yini - ukwanda kwezibhamu esiphila kuwona. Amaphoyisa ake abheke ukuthi kungenziwa kanjani ukuncishiswa kwezibhamu emphakathini.

Kufanele kuhlolwe nokuqhutshwa kwezinhlelo zokuqapha. Baze baba baningi abantu abagadwayo eNingizimu Afrika. Kwenzenjani? Ngoba

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abanye balabonogadi yibona ababuye basetshenziswe ukuthi benze lobugebengu. Ukuntenga kokuqashwa kwemingcele yezwe njengoba ukukade usho nawe Mhlonishwa - imingcele yakithi ivuleke gengelezi kukwangena nje aphume umuntu , azenzele akuthandayo.

Siyakushayela izandla ke Mhlonishwa imisebenzi yamaphoyisa indlela aphenhula ngayo kwezinye zalezi zehlakalo, njengalapha eNgcobo nalaba abantshontsha imali. Kuyasho ukuthi sekuphethe iphoyisa liphethe amaphoyisa. Sikhathazekile njengoba ubukade usho ngokwenyuka kwezinga lokuhlaselwa kosombusazwe, amakhansela nosopolitiki kufanele kube khona okwenzekayo. Singadlebeleki eseni iKwaZulu-Natali yazuza lokukuthula emva kwemizamo ejulile yokuthi abaholi bethu bahlangani benze kube khona lokuthula okukhona. Manje ke lokukubulawa kosombusazwe kusinikezaokukhuluukukhathazeka.

Mhlonishwa, iziteshi zamaphoyisa ezweni lakithi azikabi ezingeni lokuthi abantu ababecindezelwe ngaphambili zibonakale zibasiza. Yazi nje ngaphambilini lapha ngike ngakhuluma kusewuMhlonishwa uNhleko, sekungene uMhlonishwa Mbalula sekuze kwangena wena Magaye sikhuluma indaba yaseMnsinsini. Isiteshi samaphoyisa uMnsinsini sakhawe eziMobeni kodwa kuthiwa isiteshi sabantu baseMzumbe. AbaMhlonishwa ababengaphambilini kwenu benza isinqinisekiso ukuthi uMnsinsini uzosuswa uye lapho kukhona khona abantu.

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Bheka laphaya eHarding isiteshi samaphoyisa, sinye sisiza umuzi wonke siseHarding edolobheni kodwa sisiza abantu bakuphi - emakhaya. Iziteshi zamaphoyisa azakhiwe ezindaweni zasemakhaya, isibonelo Isifunda iLembe singaka sineziteshi eziyisikhombisa komasipala abane. Zimbili iziteshi zamaphoyisa kwaDukuza, zimbili iziteshi zamaphoyisa eNdwendwe, zimbili eMandeni sibe sinye isiteshi samaphoyisa kwaMaphumulo njengoba uMaphumulo omkhulu ungaka.

Kanjalo futhi nokwabiwa kwezinsiza zamaphoyisa ake kubhekelelwe ukuthi ezindaweni zasemakhaya imoto ethengwe izohamba amaphoyisa aseThekwini izoba nempilo ende kunemoto ethengwe izohamba amaphoyisa aseNgcobo, ngoba lena ezohamba amaphoyisa aseNgcobo izohamba ezindaweni ezisemakhaya. Lena ezohamba eThekwini izozihambela buthebelele. Kanjalo ke nani uma senaba imali Mhlonishwa Mkhongi laba abasemakhaya asenibanike izinsiza ezithe xaxa ngoba ezabo izimo zokusebenza zinzima kunalaba amasemadolobheni.

English:

It is true that South Africa needs a strong moral regeneration programme because some of the incidents we have really need communities ...

IsiZulu:

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... ukuthi babe ngabantu. Abantu baphele ubuntu. Ngakho ke indaba ephathelene nesiphoyisa akuyona indaba yamaphoyisa kuphela. Okunye ke okudala le nkinga, ukuthi indlela okuphethwe ngayo umthetho, nayo abantu abaphethe nabo babuye bangawuhloniphi umthetho. Uma ungahlonishwa umthetho emazingeni aphezulu kwenza ukuthi abantu bacabange ukuthi umthetho yinto engahlonishwa. Ake nikhulume Nabaphethe ezoBulungiswa [Justice System] ukuthi izigwebo phela aziqine, zingathambi namabheyili angatholakali kalula. Amabheyili awathi ukuqina-qina. Kuyasithunaza noko isithunzi sale Ndlu Sihlalo ohloniphekile ukuthi sithi sikhuluma izindaba ezibalulekile kangaka, kodwa osombusazwe abalapha eNdlini babe bona bejijimezana ngamazwi kepha sibe sikhuluma izindaba zokuphila nokufa kwabantu. Ake ihlonishwe le Ndlu, kukhulunywe izinto zale Ndlu ezibalulekile zempilo yabantu. Ngiyathokoza.

English:

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE: Deputy Chairperson of the NCOP hon Tau, Minister of Police hon Bheki Cele, all Ministers and Deputy Ministers present here today, Chief Whip of the Council hon Seiso Mohai, committee chairperson Mthimunye, members of the NCOP and distinguished guests, this year marks critical milestones in the history of the Republic of South Africa.

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Firstly, it marks 100 years since the birth of the founding father of the Republic of South Africa, its democracy and freedom, Mr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. At the same time, the year 2018 will celebrate the life and times of one of our bastions of the anti-apartheid struggle, Mama Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu. As a nation, we draw inspiration from their unwavering resolve to liberate our people from political and economic bondages. Both these gallant fighters fought an unimaginable battle in the dusty streets of our country to liberate its people and its children from the jackboot of apartheid machinery. They both loved children in particular and the youth in general.

At the beginning of May 2018, a 19-year-old Unisa law student, Ms Lesego Lekoko, was stabbed and left to die by a love-mad lunatic in Pretoria. He left her on the pavement, whilst she was trying to protect her intestines from falling onto the streets of that particular institution. Whilst the nation was mourning the brutal murder of Lesego, on 15 May 2018 two girls - Nonkululeko Xaba, a nine-year-old, and Manono Mhlongo - were brutally killed in Thokoza, Katlehong. Their tiny, lifeless bodies were mercilessly dumped next to Maphanzela Primary School where they lived.

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The state of gender violence in our country has reached unacceptable levels. The nation should refuse to get used to these heinous crimes against women and children. This situation is unacceptable. It should be fought against and be defeated. It should never be normal to continue to receive disturbing news of brutal killings of our children in our homes and schools and at our colleges and universities. We are under siege and need to reclaim our space as communities and active citizens of South Africa. We must reclaim our streets. We must reclaim our schools. We must reclaim our universities and colleges. In fact, we must reclaim all the public spaces in our country because these spaces belong to us, not to criminals. We cannot continue along this path.

In this budget year, we will deliver on our efforts to ensure greater safety on our campuses and in our schools. It is in this regard that on Friday, 11 May 2018, together with the Minister of Police, we officially launched the campus safety programme at the Tshwane University of Technology. At the same time, we are consulting with the Department of Sport and Recreation to join us in all efforts to reintroduce the sport against crime initiative in all institutions of higher learning, including in basic education schools.

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During the 2018 state of the nation address, His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa called for the implementation of a community policing strategy and a youth crime prevention strategy. As we enter the youth month of action on Friday, the SAPS will be joining other government departments to institutionalise youth development and empowerment in the department. This means, in essence, the creation of youth directorates across the organisation, from national to provinces. On 1 June 2018, together with the Eastern Cape provincial commissioner, we will be hosting, as part and parcel of the SAPS youth development programme, the passing out programme of our young policemen and -women in blue who just graduated from our police colleges.

We are pleased to report that most provinces have developed youth crime prevention frameworks thus far, building up to the unveiling of the new national youth crime prevention strategy on 27 June 2018. We are also encouraged that provinces such as the Northern Cape have established youth community policing forums. In line with moral regeneration programmes, a youth dialogue programme has commenced in various provinces, with the aim of addressing this scourge of violence and youth involvement in crime in our country.

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The Civilian Secretariat for Police Service and the SA Police Service, together with all Community Police Forums, CPFs, are reviewing all obsolete CPF policies in the Republic. We are in the process of reviving and breathing life into Community Police Forums across the country. We are addressing issues of roles and responsibilities, funding mechanisms, organisational architecture, administrative protocols, and governance matters, amongst others. We had a series of engagements with the CPF national board already, and they are part of our integrated programmes at provincial and local levels.

We are engaging with issues that relate to community participation in rural areas and also in townships by establishing strong street committees and rural safety forums in order to make sure that we save our communities from the scourge of crime. It is for this reason that we will be unveiling the new policy architecture of Community Police Forums in South Africa. We call on all provincial and local governments ...

Mr J W W JULIUS: Deputy Chair, I just want to ascertain whether the hon Deputy Minister is willing to take a question.

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE: There is no time, chief. I will take a question outside.

Mr J W W JULIUS: You have 15 minutes!

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE: We can meet outside. Then I will take a question.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP: Hon member, the Deputy Minister doesn't want to take your question.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE: We call on all provincial and local governments to join us in this great effort. Thuma Mina is calling all of us to lend a helping hand to bravely confront and defeat crime in our communities.

The year 2018 also witnessed the completion of the report of the panel of experts, established by former Minister of Police, Mr Nathi Nhleko, in terms of the recommendations of the Marikana Commission. In releasing the report, the Ministry recognises that it is not possible to undo the harm that was caused by the Marikana tragedy. However, our resolve is to transform the police to the extent that they understand their different roles in terms of Public Order

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Policing. The panel was established to focus on the systemic policing issues that contributed to the tragic events at Marikana with a view to ensuring that events of this kind do not happen again.

The report comes at an opportune time, as policing public protests continues to be the responsibility of and a challenge for the police in this country. It is therefore for the same reason that the SAPS ministerial transformation task team was established. It will take over the product of the panel of experts, as mandated by the Farlam Commission on the Marikana tragedy and remedies thereof. On Friday, 15 June 2018, the ministerial task team on transformation will be tabling its progress report to the Portfolio Committee on Police to engage further on the transformation agenda of the SA Police Service. In the same vein, we will continue our efforts to ensure the nonstatutory forces, NSF, programme becomes a reality. One of the fundamental pillars of the 1994 democratic breakthrough was to entrench transformation in all sectors of society, including the police. It is for this reason that we have completed the work of the NSF and tabled it for the Minister's consideration. We hope to conclude this work before the end of this financial year.

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As part of our journey to realise the resolution of the 54th national conference of the ANC that enjoins us to decriminalise sex work in South Africa, we visited different provinces as part of our ongoing engagement with the communities and learned that sex workers face ongoing threats and violence from individuals and various organised structures in our society. Such actions violate the rights of these workers and are against the law. Our justice system should help the police to do their job by drafting new laws compatible with the call of the governing party on this matter. We must not allow police raids to decide for people what business they continue to do. The job of the police is to fight against hardened criminals who carry heavy weapons and perform cash-in-transit heists. We cannot continue following people who talk and agree in terms of transactions regarding their sex work.

In conclusion, our forebears, the unsung heroes and heroines, stood tall and steady in the face of the brutal and murderous system of apartheid that denied their children a better life. Today, we should continue to fight for a better life for all the children of the Republic of South Africa. We cannot stand idle whilst women and children are brutalised and murdered in heinous ways. We dip our banners and send our condolences to the parents of two teens - Marna Engelbrecht and Sharnelle Hough, who were found lynched at the

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Hoërskool Stella in Vryburg, North West. We also take this opportunity to call for justice for little Courtney Pieters from Elsies River, Western Cape, and nine-year-old Sadia Sukhraj from Chatsworth in KwaZulu-Natal.

We therefore table this budget in honour of all those women and children who perished at the hands of cowardly male chauvinists and patriarchal psychopaths and sociopaths. We commit to bring all perpetrators to book.

Hon Julius, you can ask your question now.

Mr J W W JULIUS: Deputy Minister, I really appreciate it. It is in line with the moral regeneration statement you made, that you urged South Africans to be. As the Deputy Minister of Police, are you then ashamed of your utterances when you said people must be burned to death when you defended Zuma during the anti-Zuma campaign with that building there? Are you going to stand at this podium and say, I am sorry, and I retract because I, as a Deputy Minister, want to lead by example? I practice what I preach. I thank you, Chair.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE: I am not sure whether you want us to go back to that debate. If you want to go back to that debate, you

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can come back because we resolved this thing in an ethics committee meeting. You cannot be an opportunist and come here and reinvent the wheel. We concluded that debate.

Ms G G OLIPHANT: Deputy Chairperson, hon members of this Council, Ministers, Deputy Ministers, ladies and gentlemen, let me welcome the baby among us. Please take a photo as remembrance that you have been to Parliament. I wish Minister Beke Cele well and may God give you the strength to reach all your goals during this year of 2018. I thought hon Mkongi will open up, but he just closed it, while I was listening. There is serious concern about the high levels of gender-based violence, especially sexual violence, in the country. Hence, the ANC-led government has sought to strengthen its policies and reform its laws regarding gender-based violence and violence against women and children.

This has resulted in the implementation of a comprehensive legislative framework that looks at addressing issues of violence against women and girls in all its manifestations and myriad of forms. Priority has been accorded to sexual offences and domestic violence, together with increased attention been given to fighting crime.

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President Cyril Ramaphosa, in the 2018 state of the nation of address, declared, and I quote:

The fight against gender-based violence should be a societal issue. All members of society must be at the forefront to defend the rights of women and children.

The ANC 2018 January 8th NEC Statement declares, and I quote:

"Gender-based violence and violence against other vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, people with disabilities and members of the community is a scourge that needs to be eradicated.

On gender-based violence, the latest South African Police statistics indicates that 170 616 women suffered grievously bodily harm and 156 450 suffered common assaults in the 2016-17 financial year. In the ANC, we know and talk about numbers because we understand numbers. A total of 39 828 rapes and 6 271 sexual assaults were recorded by the police in the 2016-17 financial year.

Parliament has enacted progressive pieces of legislation such as the Domestic Violence Act, the Protection from Harassment Act; amendments to the Criminal Procedure Act; the Sexual Offences and Related Matters Act and amendments to the Maintenance Act. We talk

about these Acts because they are all ANC policies. Therefore, when I talk about Acts, ...

Afrikaans:

... haal ek my skouers uit, want ons praat van die Wet wat ons ken.

English:

Further the establishment of the Sexual Offences Courts and the Community Affairs Unit in the National Prosecuting Authority as well as victim-centred Thuthuzela Care Centres, which provide a co-ordinated victim-friendly approach in the management of sexual offences, have been established across the country.

Reviewing the 2003 Victim's Charter in a bid to substitute it with a legislative framework is work in progress, which seeks to bring victim protection and support to the centre of the criminal justice system.

The Department of Social Development's Gender-Based Violence Command Centre has establishment a 24-hour call centre, dedicated to providing support and counselling to victims of gender-based violence. The conviction rate relating to sexual offences have also increased.

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Perpetrators of gender-based violence are very often well known to the victim. The perpetrator is often someone in a trusted relationship with the victim. The social and intimate nature of cases of gender-based violence makes it one of, if not, the most difficult crime facing the police today.

The police have to respect private spaces and are often invited after the commission of the crime. What the police have to do is to serve protection orders before it is too late. Too often we hear that a femicide could have been prevented if protection orders were served on time or upheld by the police.

Although these crimes often occur behind closed doors, it does not absolve the police from their duties to ensure that victims are treated with dignity and respect, to ensure that rape kits are available and that places of safety can be contacted.

We have world-class legislation on forensic science and the use of DNA evidence. DNA is especially useful in gender-based violence, including murder and rape. We must ensure the full utilisation of legislation crafted by Parliament to investigate crimes against women and children and bring perpetrators to justice.

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On building safer communities using an integrated approach, the reduction of contact crime remains a challenge, specifically where vulnerable groups such as women, children, people with disabilities and the elderly are involved. The reality is that the underlying causes are deeply rooted in prevailing socioeconomic conditions often beyond the control of the police.

The NDP has identified the need to develop an integrated approach in the combating of crime through the implementation of various crime combating strategies. To build a safer country requires partnership and open communication, with the community addressing specific elements of contact crime.

Public safety must be shared among the police and all stakeholders within government, municipalities, businesses, civil society and other interest groups aimed at the protection of vulnerable groups. Whilst SAPS should maintain partnerships with stakeholders in the fight against crime, the role of community policing forums should be revitalised and strengthened, as community-based solutions have the most significant impact on crime.

SAPS, together with the Department of Social Development, contributes to the government's commitment to ensure that all people

are and feel safe through a comprehensive approach that addresses the key social and environmental risk factors that are associated with gender-based crime.

Social crime prevention is a way of strengthening social cohesion and the social fabric, by encouraging and empowering individuals, families and communities to participate in their development and decision-making. Basically, it means that interventions are aimed at modifying the risk factors among individuals or groups of individuals by using psychological, sociological or community-oriented measures.

Deputy Chair, I will call you now and then because I want you to look at me. [Laughter.] On measures of response and support, there are currently 803 police stations across all provinces with victim support rooms. Victim support rooms are rooms at police stations used for interviews, statement-taking and consultations with victims of sexual offences, child abuse and domestic violence.

The growth in victim support rooms reflects that in the 2010-11 financial year, we had 90 such rooms across the country. Today, we stand at 803. We have grown in this country. Furthermore, there were

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163 family and child protection units re-established and they are fully operational across the country.

In addition, there are one-stop service centres of abuse and shelters throughout the country, accommodating and rendering psychosocial services to women and their dependent children who are victims of abuse. Some of these shelters have been strengthened to host victims of human trafficking. These are government-funded facilities with minimum standards for shelters for abused women developed by the department personnel to assist trafficking victims.

These shelters provide services to trafficked victims referred by government, the only body authorised by judicial authorities to refer crime victims to shelters. Government identified additional shelters.

On public educational material and measures, the ANC-led government has rolled out initiatives and campaigns that seek to dismantle sex stereotypes. These include the following: the National Education Curriculum, which has been reviewed to eliminate gender stereotyping and other forms of bias and discrimination. In this regard, our Constitution and the ANC 2014 election manifesto contain values and strategies designed to promote the values of democracy, equity,

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nonracism, nonsexism, human dignity, accountability, the rule of law, respect and reconciliation.

The attainment of a society free from any forms of gender oppression lies in the hands of all South Africans. The struggle for recognition, equality and human rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgender people, intersex people must also be afforded equal attention by the broader society. All departments must prioritise gender-based budgeting for their programmes to address gender inequalities.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we support the Budget.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: I think you observed that a command was issued and I obliged. I will only complain after this, as far as that command is concerned.

Ms M M WENGER (Western Cape): Chairperson, let me begin by welcoming Minister Cele to office. We wish him well in his endeavours to successfully deliver on the South African Police Services' constitutional mandate. We know from his previous tenure as police

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commissioner that he is a man of action, and we hope to see this translated into a better police service for all.

In the Minister's Budget Vote speech, he noted that police visibility must be improved and this being one of the primary deterrents of the perpetration of crime. I would agree with this sentiment. If we go back to basic criminology principles, the elements needed for the commission of a crime are: an opportunity for crime to occur; a motivated offender; and the lack of a capable guardian. By tackling police visibility we can remove two of those elements: the opportunity for a crime to occur; and placing capable guardians in communities so that we can prevent crime. But, this will require sufficient human resources and personnel, and this is where this becomes merely a wish because the budget and personnel plans do not talk to making this happen. In fact, they do the opposite.

Vote 23 expenditure analysis talks of recovery plans for visible policing, yet in the coming financial year, the proposal is to cut Vispol personnel by 1 044 posts from 100 877 to 99 833 in the next financial year. How can you improve police visibility if you are cutting the number of visible policing posts? I would urge the

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Minister to take this budget back to the drawing board and make cuts elsewhere.

The same applies for detectives. The Minister mentions the capacitating of the detective corps and placing entry level recruitment posts at stations, which means we will have increasingly inexperienced personnel in the detective corps, and a shrinking detective corps. The budget proposes cutting 402 detective posts between now and the next financial year. There are extremely low conviction rates, as low as 3% conviction rates for gang-related murders and attempted murders in the Western Cape. For murders generally, only 17% of murders are detected in our province, which is essentially an 83% failure rate. In this context, it is unconscionable to cut police detective posts.

However, the chiefs have nothing to worry about. Senior management levels 11-16 have no cuts whatsoever and can be assured that their numbers and ranks will remain. However, it is the officers with experience at station level, levels 7-10, who will see the chop. I would again urge the Minister to take the budget back to the drawing board and make cuts elsewhere.

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The Minister tells us that SAPS will maintain a staff compliment of 98% during the 2018-19 financial year. This may sound good but on further scrutiny, it is not much reassurance. Lets take the Western Cape as a case in point, not only because I stand here representing this province, but also because the Western Cape has the largest shortage of police officers in the country. I am here to give voice to the many communities that live in fear, the communities which do not receive adequate policing, and I bring their difficulties here to this House.

The fixed establishment of the Western Cape has been declining in recent years. In 2013 our fixed establishment for both SAPS Act and PSA personnel was 22 633 and by last year the fixed establishment declined to 20 969 - that's almost 2 000 less posts in one province. So, for the Minister to then say that he is keeping a staff compliment of 98% is really not the full picture because at station level we feel the difference. Each year there are less and less police officers to serve the citizens of this country. We know it! We feel it, and we notice it!

I do welcome the Minister's announcement that vacancies will be filled in the financial year. This is well and necessary. By way of example, our standing committee visited the Parow Police Station

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last month, and we found that there were in excess of 30 resignations from this station since 2013, of which none have been filled. In addition, 20 Vispol officers were on duty arrangements to other stations along with their vehicles, and this places their Vispol contingent at levels lower than what they had in 2013. This is despite the fact that the precinct has grown to include new large-scale housing developments 12km away.

We welcome Operation Thunder in the Western Cape. However, 90 days is just not enough. We need a sustained operation that can have a meaningful and lasting impact. I urge the Minister to consider extending the term of this operation as well as expanding it, please. A total of 269 officers amounts to about four officers per shift for each of the 16 gang stations. This is obviously not sufficient.

I am concerned about the announcement of placing officers out of specialised units such as the Railway Police to station level. This was found to be an ineffective way of doing things. Look at what happened to the FCS units and Narcotics unit under Commissioner Selebi when he did the same. It simply didn't work. In addition, there are not even enough police assigned to the Railway Police to have one officer per station in our province, never mind stations

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like Cape Town Central where there is an excess of 15 platforms at the single station. This proposal should therefore be reconsidered. Rail safety is a very serious concern. Our railways are almost incapable of functioning. Indeed, the central line was closed for weeks because of safety concerns which were not addressed.

We note the Minister's intention to have another firearm amnesty. However, for the success of this programme, it would be important to focus, in the main, on the supply of illegal firearms coming from within the SAPS itself. We note some rather infamous cases of officers who were working in the firearm registry, who have been alleged to sell countless guns to gangs in the Cape. By the police's own admission, the single most consistent source of illegal firearms into our province comes from the SAPS itself. Therefore, the Minister must look inside and clean out house if he is serious about curtailing illegal firearm circulation which he, himself, acknowledges as a major contributor to crime.

Finally, on the building of police stations, I would like to urge the Minister to consider that when people ask for more police stations, what they are actually asking for is more policing and personnel, and better detection rates. They are not really interested in a brick and mortar building. The assumption is that a

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new station means more police personnel, but that assumption is wrong. We know from the budget that the Minister has tabled, that we are getting not more but less police in the next three years.

In this same timeframe, SAPS is building police stations at Makhaza and Tafelsig which, admittedly, are areas that desperately need more policing. But what we don't want is what happened when SAPS built the Lentegour Police Station. They took officers away from Mitchells Plain to fill it; it is a question of robbing Peter to pay Paul. I would like the Minister to give his commitment and assurance that when these new stations are built, the additional staff compliments will be brought in to fill these stations, and that he will not continue - as his predecessors have done - to spread personnel even thinner on the ground.

Finally, the Ipid is a very important constitutional public accountability mechanism over the police. We need this body to be properly capacitated to perform its duties. When the Ipid in the Western Cape last briefed us, they only had 18 investigators who were dealing with 183 cases each and as a result, were struggling to meet their mandate. The Western Cape has consistently the highest case intake, exceeding case intakes of a province such as Gauteng, which has a much higher population. We therefore welcome the

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proposed additional 388 posts for the Ipid, and trust that many of these will be allocated to the Western Cape.

In conclusion, this is the fourth year in a row that I participate in the police budget debate, under the third Minister of Police. Every year we hear the same thing - focus on visible policing and detectives. Yet, with each passing year, the number of police serving our country is getting less and less. So, action must speak louder than words and the budget must be redrafted it is to fulfil the promises that are being made. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr O S TERBLANCHE: Hon Deputy Chairperson, hon Minister and Deputy Minister, other hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers, hon members and fellow South Africans, let me start by saying I share the sentiments of my colleague in wishing the Minister well. As she said, we know the Minister and we are hoping that we are going to see sparks and a reduced crime rate in this country.

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa puts great emphasis on human rights. Safety and security are fundamental rights guaranteed to South African citizens. Sections 11 and 12 of the Constitution's Bill of Rights guarantee the right to life and the right to freedom and security of the individual person.

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The police budget of almost R92 billion for the 2018-19 financial year underlines the fact that our taxpayers are spending an inordinate amount of money to ensure safety and security for all. The SA Police Service is entrusted by the citizens with this responsibility. Considering the budget again, the first, obvious questions are, How safe are we? Have we managed to buy the safety that we require at the price that we are paying? How successful were the police on delivering on this mandate?

Unfortunately, the latest police statistics paint a very grim picture. On average, 49 murders are reported on a daily basis; 110 rape cases are reported - children were the victims of a shocking 41% of these cases - and two children are murdered every day. Only 21% of child rape cases and only one in three child murder cases result in successful convictions.

The DA acknowledges and appreciates the good work done by many loyal and hardworking police officials, but South Africa remains a very dangerous place to live in. Minister, unfortunately, the police have largely failed to bring down the country's high levels of crime. The police are not trusted by the public anymore, and lately, they are often in the news for all the wrong reasons.

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An acting National Commissioner charged with, and a Provincial Commissioner convicted of, corruption are some of the reasons for this distrust. Police officials are involved in cash-in-transit heists. You've acknowledged that already. In her book, *HEIST!*, Anneliese Burgess said that her research revealed "here was a lot of evidence which showed police involvement in the crime". It is, indeed, a sad situation when police officials, who are supposed to be arresting criminals, are becoming criminals themselves. For these police officials, crime does pay - doubly so. They are getting a salary and they are also getting the proceeds from crime.

Despite the findings of the Farlam Commission, nothing has changed for the affected areas in the Western Cape, and elsewhere. These areas are still ruled by drug lords and gangsters. This is not a provincial responsibility, but a national one. The province only has an oversight role.

Minister, the police have the responsibility to ensure that all South Africans feel safe and enjoy the freedom that everybody is yearning for. The central focus of the annual performance plan should therefore be aimed at creating a safe and secure, crime-free environment - an environment that is conducive to social and economic stability.

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The current annual performance plan is a very complex document, and I think, only understood by those who compiled it. I have spoken to members at the coalface of crime, those driving the patrol vehicles. Many of them have never heard of this plan and just about all of them don't know what this plan is all about. Therefore, Minister, your department's plan will have to be revisited. It will have to be every member's road map to improve service delivery and ultimately, a strategy to reduce the unacceptably high crime levels.

Combating crime and crime prevention is about the establishment of strong partnerships with the community the police serve. The police, as the active partner, should take the lead to bring this about.

The policing strategy for our country will have to be revisited and reformulated to realign the policing style applied to prevailing threats. Minister, at the moment, the SA Police Service is not always properly trained for current criminal practices. Further, they are also understaffed and not properly resourced for their task. Serious attention must also be given to the safety of the members of the police. We cannot allow criminals to attack the people who are supposed to be protecting us.

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I would now like to go back to some of the things that have been said here. It was already mentioned that we are cutting entry-level posts. It has also already been said that, apparently, only around 40% - I missed the exact number the Minister gave - is used for crime prevention. Now, it can definitely be argued that crime prevention is the most important function of the SA Police Service, and apparently, the budget or the resources do not reveal that. Apparently, people sitting in offices and doing whatever it is that they are doing in their revolving chairs, have the benefit of this budget.

Minister, we have also heard about a youth strategy, a strategy aimed at the devolution of resources and corruption. I really hope that you are the one that is going to succeed in doing this. We are now 24 years into the whole new South Africa, but the police still don't have the proper resources to do their work.

Minister, the citizens of South Africa cannot wait until 2030 for your Vision 2030 to enjoy safety. They demand it now. The DA promises total change, a new beginning, and safety for all, now. To bring this about, I call on the people to vote for change and vote for the DA in 2019. I thank you.

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Mr J M MTHETHWA: Chairperson, Minister of Police Ndosini, Minister of Water and Sanitation Mr Gugile Nkwinti, the Deputy Ministers and my colleagues, this is the year of Nelson Mandela and Ma Sisulu. We must continue to draw lessons from Madiba's life. He embodied qualities that we seek in ourselves - humility, forgiveness, compassion and unwavering love our fellow human beings regardless of race, ethnicity, religions, creed, sexual orientation and the many features which make humanity such wonderful, diverse species. He was a revolutionary, a freedom fighter. He was prepared to take up arms against injustice. He was prepared to negotiate with his oppressor and who was able reconcile with his jailer. His profound and abiding contribution to this nation and his best captured in the word back he spoke during his trial in 1964. When he said:

I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the idea of a democratic and free society in which all persons lived together in a harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.

As we celebrate the centenary of his birth let us remember the ideal for which he was prepared to die for. Let us remember Mr Mandela and

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Ma Sisulu for it is that ideal for a democratic and free society in which all person lives together in a harmony with equal opportunities. In terms of the National Development Plan, NDP which requires that by 2030, "all people are and feel safe". The Victims of Crime survey revealed that in 2016-17 just over 84% of households felt safe walking in their neighbourhoods during the day while 30% felt safe walking at night.

The trend of feeling safe walking in the neighbourhood continues to decline especially the feeling of safety at night. This means that we still have a long way to go towards achieving our NDP goal as this survey provides us with a sense of what victims are feeling in South Africa. In order to achieve the goal of the NDP, the Medium-Term Strategic Framework, MTSF, includes the following key targets towards the realisation of a South Africa in which all people are and feel safe; a reduction in the number of reported contact crimes, an increase in the proportion of citizens feeling safe when walking alone during the day or at night as measured in official surveys, an increase in the proportion of households that are satisfied with police services in their areas and with the way courts deal with the perpetrators of crime, improvement in citizens' perceptions of levels of crime and progress in reducing crime as measured in official surveys and an improvement in South Africa's ranking on the

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Transparency International Corruption Perception Index. In order to achieve this, the SA Police Service, SAPS, receive a budget allocation of R91,8 billion in 2018-2019. Just over half of the total budget allocation of the SAPS goes toward the Visible Policing Programme. R46,8 billion or 51% where frontline policing services are rendered. It is this programme that includes the core service delivery components of the department aimed at reducing crime and enhancing community partnerships.

It is only by involving the community in crime fighting strategies that will effectively reduce crime in our country. We also have to ensure that the necessary resources are allocated to all police stations in order to effectively fight crime with the correct tools and to ensure that safety measures are being implemented at all police stations to protect members. This approach is welcomed as it will go a long way in ensuring that our police officers are trained and therefore able to perform their work effectively. The Independent Police Investigative Directorate, Ipid, during the apartheid years, the police in South Africa was seen as brutal when dealing with communities. In order to address this and misconduct within SAPS, Ipid was established. The Minister of Police, hon Ndosi reiterated his support for the functional and operational independence of the directorate as the oversight mechanism to keep

criminality within the ranks of the SAPS in check. The Minister further indicated that the Ipid should continue putting strategies and plans in place to ensure better service delivery to communities. The success of the SAPS is dependent on a number of successful convictions we make. The harsher sentences imposed upon criminals must be influenced by the kind of detective work conducted by the police.

IsiZulu:

Ngifuna ukuthi ...

English:

... there are some people here who stand up and talk about ... that they will do this and that ...

IsiZulu:

... uma sebephele.

English:

You talk about policies that were never tested.

IsiZulu:

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Nikhuluma ngento nje eningakaze niyibone yenzeka nithi iyokwenzeka. Akusona isikhathi sokuphupha lesi akukhona ebusuku. [Ubuwelewele.] Ngifuna ukusho lokho ukuthi Ndosi uyibambile.

English:

Let me congratulate you by bringing back the morale in the SAPS. [Interjections.] We can see that by results that we are getting.

IsiZulu:

Kuyaqala ngqa kulezi zinsuku ukuthi kusenzungu lokubulala umuntu baboshwe abantu engakafi umuntu. Imvamisa kuboshwa abantu umuntu esefile kodwa lokhu okwenzeke KwaZulu-Natal ...

English:

... we congratulate you and we support you, we will still support you in everything you are doing in the SAPS because Ndosi we are the only ...

IsiZulu:

... uyabona kukhona othe la, ngicabanga ukuthi umhlonishwa uKhawula, uthe emaphoyiseni umehluko wenziwa wukuthi uqoke iphoyisa. Mina ngithi, yebo nalokho kungawenza umehluko kodwa wukuthi uMongameli uqoke wena emaphoyiseni ...

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English:

... because the commissioner cannot bring back the morale that we are receiving at the moment in the police force. I thank you. We support the Budget. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF POLICE: Chairperson, hon members, those who made their contribution towards the welfare of the people of South Africa, this thing of shortage of members I must say that we have decided to take Major-Generals from offices and put them at the stations. This year we are doing 30 of those priority stations for better decision-making and better authority at the local level. [Applause.] We have also agreed that we will reduce the number of the top echelons and not replace them but pull down those posts. Surely Major-General can give us three junior police.

We acknowledge that numbers of the police will have to go up. I just want to thank Ms Wenger for the contribution she made. I think has spent a lot of time in the Western Cape more than any other province working together with your MEC. We have put 90 days provided what the assessment says to us. So, it is not just cut and dry but we have given you 269 extra police in the Western Cape alone and we brought specialised units, more cars and everything because we acknowledge that we have serious crime in this area. [Applause.]

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I have made a call to my colleague, Plato. The environmental design of Western Cape is terrible.

IsiZulu:

Ayikho indawo enemijondolo njenge-Western Cape.

English:

You can't move and once a criminal gets out of the road, it is difficult to get that criminal. The government of the Western cape must also help us by building the houses so as to improve the environmental design so that we can police easier.

Mr Terblanche you spoke very well until at the end of the day. I would like to thank everybody except a certain Mr Michalakis. Mr Michalakis corresponded with me after he has left here, he wrote me this letter: Global peace index 2017 most dangerous country in the world is Brazil, hashtag 56, South Africa 41. South Africa is on the index more dangerous than Brazil with a higher crime rate." He furthermore said: "I do my research, you should too." I answered him and said: "Brazil officially does not give crime statistics like we do." I don't know where he gets this because Brazil does not give statistics. He wrote again and say: "We would love to have a serious conversation at a later stage because this is interesting."

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Mr G MICHALAKIS: Deputy Chairperson, I do not want to do this, with respect, I don't think it was his intention ...

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: On what point are you rising? No, no, no, hon Michalakis, on what point are you rising?

Mr G MICHALAKIS: It is a point of order and I just want to say that I don't think it was the intention of the Minister but he misled the House by saying that I said that Brazil is the most dangerous. He said that Brazil is the most dangerous. I indicated to him that he was in fact wrong in his research. So, we need to do some research together so that I can show him how it is done.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: If I have to rule on that point because you said it is a point of order, you are putting me in a very difficult situation because it was communication amongst the two of you. So, I won't sustain nor dismiss the point of order but I would allow the Minister to continue.

The MINISTER OF POLICE: I was just ...

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Mr J W W JULIUS: Sorry Minister, I think the point of order was made on the basis of misleading and you didn't rule on that one, in fact you said there is nothing in it. I just want you to take the correct step, with respect Deputy Chair, it was said that it was misleading. You have ascertain and go into the matter and make your ruling. You can't just say "I am dismissing you". Be fair.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: Hon Julius, I think you made your point. My point was very simple that this was a communication between hon Michalakis and the Minister. I don't have the benefit of exactly what that communication was all about. Therefore, I am not dismissing the point of order and with the same breath I am not sustaining it.

Mr J W W JULIUS: So, what are you doing?

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: I am not carrying the order.

Mr S G MTHIMUNYE: I rise on a point of order on which hon Julius has stood up. I think it is wrong and unbecoming of him to question the decision of a Presiding Officer in session. He knows that there are procedures and rules to challenge a decision of a Presiding Officer.

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This is tantamount to grandstanding at it casts aspersions on a Officer presiding.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: I think I have made a ruling on that matter and I am not going to entertain this thing any further. Hon Minister, can you continue.

The MINISTER OF POLICE: Chairperson, the hon Michalakis has said we will engage and it is interesting that he didn't understand this thing. Hon Julius comes with this ignorance of arrogance to talk about things that he doesn't know. We have agreed that we will engage because he has no authority on the matter. It is a fact that Latin American countries, including South America, don't give crime statistics. I have been there, I have studied with them and I know for a fact that they don't give statistics. You cannot come here and you say that they are better than us when we give statistics whereas they don't. I don't know on what information is this thing based on. I welcome him, at least he agrees that he doesn't know all and need some engagement. For the rest of us, we will be working hard to make South Africans safe and less argue on these matters because South Africans must feel safe and pronounce to us that they are safe. Thank you very much for the contributions made and we will take on board all what has been said. [Applause.]

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APPROPRIATION BILL

(Policy debate)

Vote No 36 - Water and Sanitation:

The MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION: Hon Chair, hon members, good afternoon. [Laughter.] Hon Chair, we can best honour the lives of our icons, Tata Nelson Mandela - be the legacy and Mama Albertina Sisulu - a woman of fortitude, by truly leaving the values of the movement: loyalty, integrity, selflessness, sacrifice, service, honesty and humility. Politically, both these revolutionary nationalist icons were groomed, moulded and nurtured by yet another Great Icon of our liberation struggle, Tata Walter Sisulu. This is a tough adjustment but, it's a must.

Hon Chair and members of the House, let me start by thanking my predecessor Minister Nomvula Mokonyane, for preparing a comprehensive hand over note for me; and personally, taking me through it. That hand over note and comprehensive briefing gave me a good sense of what I was to inherit in the department. I appreciate that immensely. It think it is very important for us to acknowledge the things that happened to us because this House, committee, hon

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Chair, members of this House, I see my Chairperson; they have made a major contribution to my induction into the department. And I thank them immensely for that.

On the fifth and 12th of May, I undertook the following visits as part of my induction into the department. On the fifth I visited Clanwilliam dam in the West Coast, accompanied by MEC Bredeil of the Western Cape government. We met leaders of the district and local municipalities, as well as farmers, both established and emerging. These leaders spoke with one voice in requesting us to proceed with the raising of the dam's wall; that is the Clanwilliam dam. The site establishment and the N7 diversion have been completed.

On the 12th I visited the Giyani Emergency Water Service Project in Limpopo. I had a briefing by municipal and traditional leaders. This session was followed by a community one. Out of these engagements, the following things emerged: One; bulk infrastructure has been laid, but not a single drop of water has reached households. Two; out of frustration and anger people have started vandalising the infrastructure. Three; the security personnel, which had been guarding boreholes, have been withdrawn. The people implored us to prioritise reticulation; to add 38 more villages to the 55 that had

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been prioritised and to afford them an opportunity to participate in decision-making by creating a community-based steering committee.

But more importantly, this is what they said directly - they said the following: the project, commonly known as Khato by local people referring to a sub-contracting company whose trading name was popularised by the heavy machinery and trucks they displayed at the onset of the project and that made people believe all their water troubles and agonies are gone, but of late which of 2017, according to them, the people observed a great depression in contractor activities.

They observed that; the heavy machineries are gone; job shedding is happening; security guards who looked after the 154 boreholes have left, leaving the boreholes exposed to theft and vandalism; even local sub-contractors are complaining about non-payments; water supply is collapsing daily and the boreholes and their high tech are broken and not repaired; prospects of long term projects like command and distribution reservoirs as well as household reticulation are sceptical - according to them. Finally, they say many strikes are being realised every month and communities are too disillusioned and are resorting to violence and vandalism.

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They proposed the following: a turnaround plan to prioritise Nandoni pipeline and 35 mega litres command reservoir in order to increase water sourcing. They proposed connecting the new bulk line into the existing village distribution reservoirs and household connections. They proposed starting to fundraise for the 50 distribution reservoirs and household reticulations. They proposed the minimum approach to household reticulations in all villages in order to prevent further vandalism of the bulk lines – new and old. Safety of boreholes and package plants is important and must be budgeted. Well co-ordinated multi stakeholder that is private, public and community involvement in fundraising for the last phases of the project. Increased involvement of local people in sub-contracting and employments and the 38 villages which are excluded from the intervention should also be included. That is what the people have said.

House Chair, I am putting this to the House as is deliberately because this House represents the interests of provinces. Just to remind the hon House, our Constitution provides for, amongst others, representative and participatory democracy; and, this is what the people of Giyani are asking for. We dare not fail them!

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The outcome of these inductions therefore; we have developed a five pillar turnaround strategy for the department. Aspects of which can only be effected in the next Medium Term Strategic Framework; that is 2019-24. Now, the five pillars are as follows: a National Water Resources and Services Authority. One hon member, hon Visser said the other day that the department is the custodian of water in South Africa but it is not taking advantage of that. So, this water authority institution we are going to establish in the department is meant to achieve that objective because she is correct. Secondly linked to that is a National Water Resources and Services Regulator for the Republic of South Africa. Thirdly, a Water Resources Services Value Chain because if you look at the Eskom value chain model, where they talk about generation, transmission and distribution, it gives you a clear sense of how things are running and how you can then monitor even as members of this hon House.

A master plan is advanced which is the fourth one and; Institutional Rationalisation and Organisational Alignment. Both internally and as well as institutions that provides water to the people so that we can control and manage; all of us together, the department, as well as the hon members who are responsible for oversight. We have streamlined the organogram of the department as well because it is very difficult to manage. From the point of view of the Director-

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General of the department who is acting, the challenge is that if you do not have a situation where you can ensure that there is hierarchy here - there is control here - there is management - and there is clear accountability, that is the problem.

So, we have streamlined the department and therefore we have introduced Chief Operations Officer in the Director-General's office. We created the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of Infrastructure Build and Maintenance, Water and Sanitation, Resources and Services Reform Regulator, International Obligations and Integrated Governance, Finance Management is there and Corporate Support Services. Hon members would be aware that it's very important to have this international obligation and integrated governance branch in the department because South Africa's role in Southern African Development Community, SADC, region in terms of water, Lesotho, Swaziland, even Mozambique and Namibia. We play a big role in those countries so we need to be strong in that.

We have decided to reduce construction costs by prioritising the department's Construction Unit on all infrastructure build projects. Hon Chair, we have a construction unit in the department and it employs 3000 people and we decided not to use - we are going to use it. I have given them less than five months to start raising the

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wall in Clanwilliam dam. Its there accordingly to reprioritised the budget; and, we hope that the hon members of the House will support it.

There are challenges; serious challenges but I won't go through them because hon members would get the Report but three key challenges in terms of the budget, historical, contractual commitments which were not adequately budgeted for; secondly, accruals and payables from the previous financial year; thirdly, funds appropriated to the department through Treasury which have been locked towards direct transfers to municipalities. This is a big challenge because huge sums of money in terms of direct grants and indirect grants go to municipalities.

In terms of our budget which is R15,5 billion for the 2018-19 financial year, more than R8 billion goes through this; R5,4 billion goes through direct grants and R3,5 billion goes through indirect grants to municipalities. This is great challenge to all of us, both ourselves in the department and hon members who are responsible for ensuring that we account properly to Parliament. In other words, we have a budget of R15,5 billion this financial year but the challenges would be the three aspects of the challenge that we are faced with which takes money; which ensures that as we are moving

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with money we have to ensure that we don't continue with fruitless, wasteful and irregular expenditure.

Chair that is the budget we are placing before the House. We have developed a way forward in terms of achieving all of that we say that we want to achieve in order to ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): I am asking you to conclude hon Minister

The MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION: Thank you Chair. I won't read that except to request that the governing party is transforming South Africa into a developmental state. The architects of such a state cannot just be the government alone. It is the people themselves together with their public representatives participating in policy development, implementation and evaluation of progress.

This Budget policy speech has sought to reflect what could be if our people were involved directly working together with their public representatives, ourselves; turning South Africa into a developmental state. I wish to thank the hon Chair and the House. Back to the beginning, our icon Nelson Mandela has the following to say for the month of May:

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Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Thank you very much hon Chair. [Applause.]

Ms L C DLAMINI: Thank you very much, hon Chair. My greetings to the Ministers in the House, Deputy Ministers, hon members and the guests in the gallery; the question of water and sanitation is not a matter of whether we want to support it or not - whether we want to provide or not but access to water is a basic human right guaranteed by the Constitution of South Africa.

It places the onus of government to ensure the progressive realisation of this right. As I start my debate up front I just want to say that as a select committee we do support the budget together with the targets as presented by the hon Minister, and because we had a contract as one member said earlier that our people entrusted us to ensure that this basic service is delivered to them.

So, not to support this budget is tantamount to mass-murder because then we are saying to those people who voted us into power must die. It is equal to that if you don't support the budget, especially for water. So, as a committee we support the budget, and also to

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indicate that, hon Chair, we are very much excited with the appointment of the Minister. In our last engagement there was really a big hope for us that even in areas where there is water infrastructure, reservoir, water treatment plants and everything, people will get water because it has been a challenge. However, when he tabled his vision, we were convinced as a committee that people will get water.

Water is a cross-cutting issue in the National Development Plan, with a number of objectives highlighted in the Medium-Term Strategic Framework that relate to water, including increasing the percentage of households with access to a functional water service from 85% in 2013 to 90% by 2019. That was a target by then, Chair, as you know that we are about to conclude the term. This budget that we are debating today is aiming to reach that target of 90%

To fulfil this mandate South African government led by the ANC, of course, embarked on an ambitious programme to eradicate backlogs in water supply and sanitation. This was to ensure that, this constitutional right is enjoyed by all South Africans. Whether you stay in urban areas or rural areas you do enjoy this right.

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Government had to mobilise - as we are hearing today - resources to meet its mandate, in a form of grants and equitable share that is provided to departments to ensure to ensure that there is adequate infrastructure and also there is maintenance of the infrastructure in relation to water and sanitation.

The Department of Water and Sanitation was established - as we all know just to remind ourselves - at the beginning of this term of office, 2014. In line with the NDP and the MTSF priority areas, the department has developed five strategic outcomes oriented goals in order to ensure delivery.

These are the enhancement and protection of water as a resource across the value chain; ensuring equitable access to reliable, sustainable, and acceptable water resources and water and sanitation services; an enhanced of contribution to socioeconomic development and transformation by the sector; an efficient, effective and development oriented water and sanitation sector; and sound co-operative governance and an active and engagement.

You know, Chair, that if you do not have water it will as well affect economic activities because no one would want to invest in an area where there is no water provision.

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Significant progress has been made during the 5th Parliament, including the fact that by 2016, 89,4% of South Africans had access to piped water. Meaning that the target that was put in 2014 already by this year we are reaching it because if you round off 89% it gives you 90%. Over 80% of South Africans had access to RDP standard and sanitation services.

In 2015, the war on leaks programme was launched and water agents and artisans that had been trained assisted municipalities with water use advocacy, meter reading, leak identification and reporting. By 2017, 1 848 artisans have been placed out of the 2 717 that were recruited for the second phase of the project 7 000 people were recruited for the training. These are the jobs created in contribution to the economic growth and people's development of our country.

By 2017, the department had implemented a number of large bulk water projects, including the Hazelmere Dam and phase 2c of the Oliphant's River water resources development project. A total of 13 mega water and wastewater projects were under construction by 2017, of which one was in the Eastern Cape, one in Gauteng, four in KwaZulu-Natal, six in Limpopo and one in the Northern Cape.

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Hon Minister, you know about my province, Mpumalanga, that war until we have that Mbombela Dam it will not end. But these are the achievements that the department has made so far since 2014, as we do oversight as a committee.

Furthermore, the department is working to establish the national water and sanitation infrastructure agency to enhance capacity to develop and fund infrastructure required to realise the vision of the NDP and to implement the national water and sanitation Master Plan.

The fundamental principle underlying the water policy is the management of water resources to ensure equitable, hon Hattingh, access, sustainable use, as well as efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefit.

In order to align itself with the NDP - it is one of the things that we are monitoring very strong, hon Chair that they must not take other projects that are not in line with the NDP.

And its commitment to ensure access to water and sanitation services for all South Africans, the department has reviewed the National Water Act and the Water services Act. This is in order to develop

the National Water and Sanitation Policy Framework, which aims to consolidate the various water and sanitation policies into a single, cohesive policy framework to guide the water and sanitation sector.

Furthermore, the National Water Act and the Water Services Act will be merged to create the Water and Sanitation Act. The Water and Sanitation Bill will seek to improve service delivery in several ways, including promoting the integration of the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan.

Hon Chair, we discovered as a committee that the skewed distribution of water rights, especially the dams of more than 4 000 dams, only about 800 are for the state and about 4 000 are owned by private. It cannot be correct; it cannot be right. That has to be dealt with or corrected. I think these policies are aiming at doing that.

It is undeniable that the drought will continue to negatively affect the water sector across the value chain with the potential for job losses and economic decline in many sectors.

During the past few years, the department has provided resources and support to ensure that drought interventions were implemented to prevent interruptions in service delivery. Initiatives include the

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drilling of boreholes, the deployment of water tankers and the investment in innovative water supply technologies such as desalination. The department also invested in the acceleration of infrastructure projects in a number of provinces to mitigate the impacts of the drought.

The department reprioritised R502 million during the 2015-16 financial year for this purpose. It is important that water institutions and government departments are capacitated and equipped to address water challenges, including water boards, catchment management agencies, the relevant national departments and their related entities.

The nonfinancial census of municipalities report released in 2016 by Statistics SA, indicated a decrease in the number of bucket toilets supplied by municipalities, from 81 057 in 2015 to 68 028 in 2016. Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo reported zero provision of bucket toilets, while Mpumalanga reported the same figure over the two-year period.

The other five provinces showed a decrease in the provision of bucket toilets with the major decreases recorded in North West, the Eastern Cape and the Northern Cape. The realities, hon Chair, is

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that even those provinces who may be in a position to totally eradicate, like the North West, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape, the issue of water infrastructure or water provision prevent them in doing so. So, water is not only important for water usage but also for dealing with issues of sanitation.

By 2017, the department has replaced 19 424 sanitation systems through the bucket eradication programme and the rural household infrastructure programme in formal and rural areas.

Among the targets that were not reached, was the target related on the number of small water and wastewater services projects completed, with only 31 out of a planned 282. That is an issue. The other matter that we would want the department to look at, Chair and the Minister, is the question of financial management. We did raise that, and also the issue of reticulation, hon Minister, for us to say that services have been delivered in terms of water, is only when people open their pipes and water comes out of the pipe.

We have all these infrastructures in different province but in some of them - I will use my province, as an example - Bushbuckridge that people around there, Ejozini, KwaZulu-Natal - they can't get water there because they have the problem of reticulation. We know that,

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that is the mandate of local municipalities, but what use does it have that you have money and provide infrastructure but people still don't receive water. We are pleading with the department that consider that funding the municipalities.

The issue of the debt owed to the water boards - municipalities are saying water leaks between the sources to the reservoir cannot be calculated to them. So, we say look into that, and the water board if they are working for the royal communities because people are not paying services. We are also saying that those people in rural areas, who can afford to pay water, let them do so. Thank you.

Ms T G MPAMBO-SIBHUKWANA: Chairperson, first of all, on behalf of the DA, I would first like to congratulate you on your appointment of Minister of Water and Sanitation.

Secondly, I would like to compliment the Western Cape citizens for co-operation they have shown in saving water and helping us dramatically to save the water and push back the date of Day Zero.

IsiXhosa:

Siyawabulela nala machaphaza esiwafumanayo.

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English:

I would also like to compliment the Western Cape government on the ongoing desalination process. This is a clear commitment made by the provincial government of the Western Cape to address the urgent water issue.

I would like to say to you ...

IsiXhosa:

... uqwytywe amafutha inyama ungayityanga. Ndiyacinga ukuba uyandiva tata...

English:

... and is such a pity that we have to address this to you.

IsiXhosa:

Awuyityanga kodwa inyama nangona ububende bona ngelishwa buchithekile.

English:

You have inherited this poorly run department from previous Minister Nomvula Mokonyane. In this inheritance from previous Minister Nomvula Mokonyane, you have received a department riddled with

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bankruptcy, irregular and I am happy that you utter that from your speech, unauthorised as well as wasteful expenditure of funds. I am happy you did mention that in your speech. Part of this mostly due to the recent strike of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union, NEHAWU, which has really spilled the bins against the outsourcing decision attributable to the previous Minister Nomvula Mokonyane.

In this house, I asked the Minister Nomvula Mokonyane in a question session whether her department was bankrupt and she boldly rejected this insinuation according to her. However, statistics show that irregular expenditure in the department has risen by almost 1800% between the 2014-15 and 2017-18 financial years. With an increase of that much, how can we not believe that the department is facing financial issues? We can only hope that maybe this change in leadership will allow you, Minister Nkwinti the department to be honest and face facts like you just did in your speech.

This department is a national competence and not provincial with the drought crisis that we as the Western Cape faced, as well as other provinces which is KZN faced with the drought.

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Mama Action, Nomvula Mokonyane failed timeously declaring it a national problem despite our pleas. It seems that over-expenditure is a continuous occurrence in the department.

Currently, Water and Sanitation is under a financial obligation to pay a minimum of R8 billion on accruals, overdrafts and commitments that were unbudgeted for in 2018 and Mister you mentioned the accruals which is a problem It seems that the self-proclaimed Mama Action which is Nomvula Mokonyane was only really active in being responsible for frivolous spending in her department.

By this, I am speaking about: the R2 billion that will be spent on the Reserve Bank overdraft ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Mpambo-Sibhukwana, please take your seat. Hon Mthethwa, you are standing.

Mr J M MTHETHWA: I rise on a point of order.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): What is the point order, hon member?

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Mr J M MTHETHWA: The hon member is misleading the public. The hon member said Nomvula Mokonyane paid for the conference that million and he knows very well that it is not true.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Mthethwa, can I check with the hon member if indeed he said that? Hon Mpambo-Sibhukwana?

Ms T G MPAMBO-SIBHUKWANA: No, I didn't say that.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Okay, I will then go and check on the Hansard and come back with the ruling. Thank you.

Ms T G MPAMBO-SIBHUKWANA: ... the R2,5 billion still payable to TCTA; an outstanding R848 million still owed to municipality water board; R2,2 billion that will be spent on accruals; and an unbudgeted R737 million that will go towards War on Leaks.

The payment of all these outstanding balances will result in the department's failure in meeting its own strategic goals and objectives. Water cannot be politicised, yet the ANC want to politicise. It is a basic necessity and right. You just said that hon Dlamini

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The department acknowledges this with its well-known slogan of water is life and sanitation is dignity. How then can you explain the death of a five-year-old young boy child who was in Mbizana which when we took Parliament to the people? May his soul rest in peace.

He fell on a pit toilet and he died and this is disregard to human life and dignity? This all happened after the department failed to comply with its own promise to build maintain ablution services in Bizana, Matatiele and we find out on the taking Parliament to the people.

The War on Leaks is also a cause for concern. It was found that there is a discrepancy in the budget plan which incorrectly fell under the administration budget, yet to date no one from the department has been held accountable from this grave error.

The other challenge that faces your department is the eradication of the bucket toilets that has been promised way back in 2014 during the time of Thabo Mbeki that by 2016, until now the system is still in place and is literally costing the government billions of rand.

Another example of mismanagement of funds can be found in the expenditures of boreholes and water infrastructure. An arguably good

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investment except for the one important fact there is still no water that would have legitimised this expense.

It is a pity that everything has to be addressed to you, seeing as though you have only just been appointed as Minister. However, in the ANC was serious about holding people accountable and as you have said, people have to be held accountable, for ANC's failure of fulfilling their mandate, then we would not be having this debate today.

Instead, they try to solve their problems by recollecting Ministers to other portfolios and departments. One could only wonder what mess would ensue from communications where she has been deployed from this point on. The ANC are the ones who have let you down. Our people down and the ANC is a shame and now it is in your responsibility to clean up this mess.

We hope that you can successfully clean up the department with the greatest of urgency. This could start by you producing a coherent plan on how you would solve these problems and producing of a Water and Master Plan together with the Blue and Green Drop Reports.

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I just want to get to you hon Dlamini. This is a shame on you to be a Minister. Okay, sanitation is dignity that what we all say.
I thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Mpambo-Sibhukwana, I know some words are not unparliamentary but I would request the hon members to respect each other. You can't say shame on the hon member who is even a Chairperson of your committee.

Ms T G MPAMBO-SIBHUKWANA: Hon Dlamini, the sanitation is dignity, I do agree. [Time Expired.]

Ms D B NGWENYA: Hon Chairperson, we feel terribly sorry for Minister Nkwinti, for inheriting a department that is so chaotic, which was looted by Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, who amongst other things gave fat contracts to her lawyer friend, Luvo Makasi.

IsiXhosa:

Uthathe ilifa elinzima kakhulu tata.

English

I hope you are ready for what you are inheriting. Just over a month ago, the National Treasury and Standing Committee on Public

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Accounts, Scopa, came to Parliament to report that this department is almost bankrupt. This is because Ms Nomvula Mokonyane splurged millions of rands on overblown project management and professional fees, deviating from tender procedures without consulting Treasury as required by law.

Then she was rewarded with another cabinet position, to go and mess up the SABC now. But you Minister, you have not suspended a single person for such gross misuse of public funds. You have not taken the nation into confidence on what exactly you will do to salvage this department from the mess it is in.

Further, the tragedy of water shortages in the Western Cape, especially in Cape Town in particular, is an indication of what is to come in this country if we do not take the conservation of our water resources seriously. We asked your department a series of questions recently, and from the responses you gave us, we were able to establish that the country loses about 1,1 trillion litres of water annually. Though there is no solution to that, we can tell you now that it is due to unrepaired leaks.

Over 3 billion litres of water a day is lost! This is the equivalent of over 50 litres of water per day that could be given to the homes

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of South African citizen. In total, water leaks cost the country R6,7 billion in one year, and R1,7 billion in Gauteng alone. In the City of Cape Town alone, where the DA kept threatening people about Day Zero, 44 billion litres of water was lost through leaks in one year. That means over 65% of the water that is lost in this country, is lost in the Western Cape. This is average of over 120 million litres of water a day.

It is not clear why your department continues to ignore one of the simplest and immediate solutions to the water crisis. Mister Minister, fix the leaks in municipal water infrastructure to ensure the immediate stabilisation of the water crisis. The failure to do the logical thing, and fix leaks, is a result of a neoliberal approach to government.

All services provided by the state, are outsourced, with individuals linked to those companies making millions in tenders. We know if we get our municipalities to employ our people to fix leaks, the Israeli companies that the DA loves so much will lose out on benefiting from the manufactured water crisis in Cape Town, and that other ANC leeches will lose out across the country. These are the very same ANC leeches who still are unable to provide water to municipalities across the country.

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In Limpopo R3,5 billion has been spent on the Presidential Giyani Emergency Water intervention, which was only supposed to cost R502 million. However, still today, the people of Giyani do not have a proper water supply. In the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and the Free State, as well as in other municipalities, people are still without water. They get supplied irregularly with Jojo tanks, which are still being used, despite better sources of water available, simply so that ANC comrades can continue looting.

The future of our water sustainability in this country requires bold leadership to decisively do a number of things. Over and above, dealing with leaks will also need to desalinate sea water, immediately. We need to deal decisively with acid mine drainage, which renders most of our ground water and unsuitable for human consumption.

The government must be very strict with mines that think they can just contaminate our water with impunity. Corruption must be rooted out. We need to restore our freshwater resources, such as our wetlands, and protect them from undue developmental pressures. Lastly, Minister, please investigate the Bekkersdal township sewerage project and do justice to the people of Bekkersdal. [Time expired.] Thank you, Chairperson. [Applause.]

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Mr M KHAWULA: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister, the total budget for the department in 2018-19 is R15,5 billion. But, even before they can touch it, they already have an overdraft of more R1,5 billion which has to be paid. This is as a result of several years of poor management and bad management in succession, years before this hon Minister came.

There have always been red lights flicking in this department, but each time issues of mismanagement were raised, the hon members here defended. This is as good saying that some Members of Parliament here also contributed to the demise of the department landing into financial distress by abdicating their primary responsibilities of effective oversight and holding the executive to account.

Hon Minister, you have too many role players performing almost similar responsibilities in the area of water provision. You have metropolitan councils as water services authorities and providers. You have district municipalities as water services authorities and providers. You have some intermediate or secondary cities or aspirant metros as Water services authorities and providers.

The unfortunate part is that you have some district municipalities which are supposed to be performing the function of water service

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provision, but are not. They are receiving grants from national government for this function, but they have handed the function over to the local municipalities, yet withholding the functions funding to themselves. Hence, some local municipalities in the country are performing this function as an unfunded mandate.

The NCOP experienced this abnormality when we were in the Free State, in Kopanong. Surely this is just one example amongst many similar scenarios of this nature in the country. Last week the Auditor-General issued the audit report for 2016-17 financial year for the municipalities. The report indicates that irregular expenditure increased by 75% to R283 billion. Wasteful and fruitless expenditure increased by 71% to R1.5 billion.

Definitely, a big chunk of this is in the area of water services provision. Most municipalities that are water services providers have developed a tendency of water without collecting fees for the service provided. It is not always the case that consumers do not want to pay for services, but bad management result in the service provided not being paid for.

There is also an ever-going contestation between water boards and district municipalities. The definition of roles between water

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boards and district municipalities must be made crystal clear as to who is who in the zoo, hon Minister. District municipalities, metros and secondary cities are constitutional structures with a clear mandate which has to be respected. Water boards are also constitutional government entities with their own specific roles. None should encroach into the field of the others.

The Hon Minister, in these few months in the department, has already detected that some of the problems are with unfinished projects. South Africa has water infrastructure all over the country, of pipelines that do not produce any water because projects are half-finished. In some instances, when the infrastructure is there and functional, it gets poorly maintained. As a result, just a few years down the line, the system fails to produce and deliver any water due to poor maintenance.

The department has a lot of turnaround to do. In municipalities like Umkhanyakude District in KwaZulu-Natal, several years ago, a load of useless pipes were bought. These were stored for ages in the municipality because they could not be used anywhere. When this was reported to the powers-that-be, no steps were taken in fear of embarrassing comrades. Hon Minister, if there is no consequence

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management on wrong doings, the situation will continue to get worse and worse. I thank you, Chair.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION: Hon Chairperson, Minister of Water and Sanitation, hon Gugile Nkwinti, Chairperson of the Select Committee on Water and Sanitation, and hon members, members of the water sector, distinguished guests in the gallery especially, Lindelwa Dunjwa, a friend of mine, ladies and gentlemen, on the 22nd of May 2018, the Minister of Water and Sanitation, hon Gugile Nkwinti, presented the 2018-19 budget vote to the National Assembly as required by law.

Today, we are here to present the same budget to the hon members of this House. The Department of Water and Sanitation is always pleased to come and share plans and budget allocations here, as Members of this House have a direct link with the provinces.

We are tabling this Budget Vote no 36 for service delivery to our people in dedication to our inspirational struggle hero and heroine of our times, comrade Nelson Mandela and mama Albertina Sisulu. We owe them the assurance that we will continue to change the lives of our people through service delivery. In this instance, for the

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provision of water and sanitation to all our people leaving no one behind.

Chairperson, our motto as a sector remains unchanged, "Water is Life and Sanitation is dignity". It is on this note that we continue with our commitment to restore the dignity of our people through our sanitation programme.

Allow me to start with a good story. The good story is that tomorrow I will be in Struisbaai to hand over the Waste Water Treatment Works to the Cape Agulhas Municipality. This shows that we are not politicising water, because this is in the Western Cape, I will be there tomorrow. This will improve the lives of the people and boost the tourism industry of that municipality.

The second one is to tell is that we are happy to report on the significant increase in dam levels in the Western Cape, following the recent good rains across the province. The City of Cape Town and surrounding agricultural areas supplied by 6 dams presently stand at 23,4%. We still need more rains as this is far from enough.

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The release of water from the Berg River Dam to the Misverstand Dam in April, combined with the recent rains, has resulted in the current level of 103,3% as of 29 May.

Chairperson, I would like to say to Minister of Water and Sanitation, before you came to the department there was a lot of noise by the leader of the DA saying there will be "day zero". There will never be day zero. I promise!

We are grateful to our people of Western Cape using water in a responsible manner. I want to agree with member who was here saying "they are responsible" I agree. We appeal to them to continue saving water.

The third story is that the Department of Water and Sanitation has made great progress in advancing the role of women in the sector through the mentorship programme, which successfully meets the needs of the beneficiaries through a strict tailored programme that transfers experience, knowledge, skills on time and required standards.

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This programme continues to assist the department to achieve the socioeconomic transformation that we aspire for. The year of 2018 will be no different in terms of the awarding of the Department of Water and Sanitation bursaries. These bursaries are afforded to internal deserving employees and tertiary students who pursue studies in the fields of water and sanitation. Furthermore, this bursary programme continues to skill and retains required capacity in the key strategic programmes and different streams, ensuring excellence and experience as part of the career pathing strategy of the department.

The learning academy in the department has an intake of 40 learners in 22 universities across the country. We also have eight interns and 44 graduate trainees who are mentored by technical managers within the department. We have now recruited 10 000 learners for training on combating water leaks in communities.

Today, I would want to report that the first phase of learners is scheduled to complete their training in September in the current financial year, while we are continuing with second phase of the programme. I would to thank Minister Nkwinti for making sure that we are going to do the third phase.

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The programme of repairing the water pipes to prevent the water leaks will now fall under the infrastructure and maintenance branch, and will be budgeted for. And that was the idea from Minister Nkwinti.

IsiXhosa:

Ndicela ukuthatha eli thuba ...

Mr A BREDELL: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister Nkwinti, hon members, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. It is an honour for me to represent the Western Cape provincial government here today. As we meet, we are entering the winter months and in the Western Cape that means rain. We are in desperate need of some good rain for a continuous period of time. Dams in our province are on average less than 20% full and require replenishing ahead of the coming summer months when the demand of water use will increase again.

The Western Cape has been struggling with this devastating drought since middle 2015 - that is more than three years. I would like to share some of our experiences with the House today. Just as no man is an island, so too no province is an island. Our experience during the ongoing drought has proven the fact that it is best to address macro challenges together, across governmental institutions and

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including the public and private sector. Below average rainfall as a result of climate change has led to the situation we are experiencing in the Western Cape. It was not bad management or lack of planning on our part. In fact, the opposite is true. The Western Cape has always had a furrow water plan that looked to 2020 and beyond and included multiple solutions aimed at addressing expected water demand. But that plan did not and could not account for below average rainfall for such a prolonged period. So, here we are and the result is that we are about 2 000 millimetres of rain behind.

That is significant and saw the City of Cape Town – amongst others – severely affected with a real threat of running out of surface water emerging towards the beginning of 2018. While the Western Cape is especially prone to numerous climate and related hazards such as droughts, violent storms and increasing wildfires, the reality is that what we are seeing in this province are symptoms of a greater affliction. The fact is that climate change is real and it will most certainly affect the entire country. We must be more prepared and we must understand what has to be done to ensure the challenges so that we can be met.

Some of the big impacts the drought has had, has been econometrical with the agriculture sector severely affected. We have seen economic

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activity in general decline as businesses and members of the public have had to drastically reduce water consumption and pay higher tariffs for water consumption. Impacts on food security and social welfare, particularly within rural communities, continue to emerge as the situation unfolds further.

When it comes to our response to the drought, this has been a multifaceted approach. For one the political administration has not shied away from making plans to provide funding to tackle the ongoing crisis. In fact, the political commitment by the administration to provide the officials with support to do their jobs has been part of the reason why no town in the Western Cape has to date run out of drinking water. That has to date probably been our single greatest success.

In 2017, we spent around hundreds of millions on drought alleviation and augmentation projects across the entire province. This money had to be reallocated from existing budgets coming at the cost to other budgeted programmes. Nevertheless, it had to be done and the outcome was that the province managed to ensure that not a single community in this province run out of drinking water. Some of the parts of the strategy that continues to be rolled out included drilling and

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equipping boreholes in areas where there is no more surface water left, often deeply rural areas.

We've appointed permanent geohydrologists to monitor our groundwater. In addition, we have a provincial disaster management centre that is monitoring and addressing real challenges on the ground on an ongoing basis. Various partners are involved including national government -thank you Minister Nkwinti for your team, stakeholders like the SA Weather Services, the SA National Defence Force, the SA Police Service and the National Disaster Management Centre - amongst others. Most recently we managed to secure 5 billion cubic metres of water for one of the regions in our province by working well with our counterparts at the national level as well as our counterparts in our municipalities.

Water was released from one dam and sent downriver 130km to another dam that was running out of water. The initiative was so successful that 22 towns in this province have been guaranteed of drinking water for months to come. It was only possible by multiple departments and agencies cutting through bureaucratic red tape and other problems, that this was possible. As responsible officials we know we cannot fix all our challenges in isolation, instead it is vital for governments, communities and business to work together

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towards long-term and sustainable solutions for the problems facing people today.

So, where are we today? In essence, the bottom line is we must start finding alternative ways to augment our current water supply. It is clear that we can no longer rely only on rain water only. This may include driving large scale projects of water reclamation and desalination along our coastal areas. Minister Nkwinti has made it clear that this is a strategy he intends to pursue, and we would support him. The question of desalination as an option for water supply for coastal towns and cities in South Africa makes sense. It would also free up water for the agriculture and other economic sectors that could lead to job creation and economic growth. However, practically desalination comes with many challenges including cost and environmental impact challenges.

Besides complex matters like desalination we are already actively pursuing the extraction and use of water from underground aquifers. New technology is increasingly vital to address the new challenges governments have to face today.

I want to end off with a simple message we are here to listen, to learn and to share our experiences. As different spheres and

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institutions of government, we must take hands together and build bigger bridges between us and our people that are still struggling. The challenges remain real and are in fact increasing. The only way we can hope to get ahead of the curve is by working better together. In this regard it is important that we strive to keep this House an independent institution where provincial governments can raise common concerns and share best practices with each other. From our part, we in the Western Cape remain at your service. I thank you. [Applause.]

Ms T K MAMPURU: House Chairperson, before I can start with my speech, I thought maybe the hon Thandi Mpambo-Sibhukwana will assist the Minister by saying the following, listen carefully: "Provide training, provide technical support, provide capacity-building workshops, manage financial governance capacity in key issues such as debt collection, risk management, internal audit and revenue management. Unfortunately, you are only here to criticise the former Minister, but regrettably she is deployed and there is nothing you can do.

Allow me to begin by recalling the fact that human beings are essentially water. Around two thirds of our body is comprised of water. Some 75% of our brain is made up of water, and water is the

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principal vehicle for the electrochemical transmissions of our body. Our blood flows like a network of rivers in our body and is 92% water. Blood helps transport nutrients and energy to our organism. Water also carries from our cells waste products for excretion. Water helps to regulate the temperature of our body. The loss of 20% of body water can cause death. It is possible to survive for various weeks without food, but it is not possible to survive more than a few days without water. Water is life.

Sanitation, on the other hand, is dignity. Sanitation, more than many other human rights, evokes the concept of human dignity; consider the vulnerability and shame that so many people experience every day when, again and again, they are forced to relieve themselves in the open, in a bucket or a plastic bag. It is the indignity of this situation that causes the embarrassment. In some rural areas this indignity sometimes is fatal. For example, the human waste that is laid bare in the open is washed into the stream and the people there, who in most cases are women, then fetch that infected water for domestic use and consumption. Necessarily they get sick and most die as a result.

Hon Chairperson, this week is Child Protection Week and is commemorated under the theme: "Let us protect all children to move

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South Africa forward." Water is crucial here. Diarrhoea is the second largest cause of death among children under five. Lack of access to potable water kills more children than Aids, malaria and smallpox combined. So, it does not need rocket science to show how water and sanitation are important to this campaign. Water is life and sanitation is dignity, as the department's motto correctly states. Therefore, the right to potable water and sanitation is a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life.

This is why on 28 July 2010, through Resolution 64/292, the United Nations, UN, General Assembly explicitly recognised the human right to water and sanitation, and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realisation of all human rights.

The resolution calls upon states and international organisations to provide financial resources, help capacity-building and technology transfer to help countries, in particular, developing countries, to provide safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all. Now the crucial question to ask is, "Do we take this right – the human right to water and sanitation – seriously as we should? We know that in our Constitution this is not as explicit as with other rights. But this has to be understood within the

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context that our Constitution was adopted in 1996, four years before the recognition of this right by the UN General Assembly.

We also have to understand that human rights were not born as fully developed concepts, but are built on reality and experience. For example, the human rights to education and work included in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights were constructed and specified over time, with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other international legal instruments such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of indigenous Peoples. I therefore have no doubt that the same will occur with the human right to water and sanitation.

The Sustainable Development Goals aim to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030. The National Development Plan aims to achieve an increase in the percentage of households with access to a functional water service from 85% in 2013 to 90% by 2019, and then 100% by 2030. The statistics by Statistics SA show that in South Africa, the percentage of households with access to piped or tap water in their dwellings, either off-site or on-site, was 85% in 2002 and 89% in 2015. So there is indeed some progress.

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Sepedi:

E a itšokotša ANC; e a itšokotša!

English:

These statistics reveal that whilst there is a noticeable decline in the percentage of households who reported living more than 200 metres away from the outside yard toilet facility in rural areas, there is an increase in peri-urban areas – the informal settlements. We therefore want to make an appeal to political leaders who call for occupation of land to recognise that this impacts negatively on the right to water and sanitation. Let our people settle in areas where they will enjoy the right to water and sanitation.

Minister, through you Chairperson, according to the report of African Ministers Council on Water of 2010, South Africa has to invest R14,7 billion per year in order to provide 100% of its citizens with basic water and sanitation. Now with only about R6 billion that you are left to work within this budget, this will really be a tough work. Someone comes here and compares 342 years with 42 years. We therefore support and encourage your reprioritisation and streamlining efforts. However, Minister as the NCOP, we would also like to see the culprits who led the department

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to this sorry state of affairs face the music. They must understand that they have risked the lives and welfare of our people.

Minister, we will also encourage you to look into alternative technologies as a way to improve the living conditions of millions of our people. For example, the Water Research Council developed an onsite pour-flush system that uses a low volume of water and results in a sludge with a higher moisture content and lower solid waste content, enabling it to be removed with standard vacuum technologies. These pour-flush toilets and low-flush toilets bridge the gap between on-site dry sanitation and full waterborne sanitation, using a small amount of water or grey water to flush the system into a soakaway or leach pit. This takes away the need to dig deep pits and is more convenient to users in terms of smells and control.

A pilot study of this new technology was carried out in KwaZulu-Natal where low flush toilets were installed in houses and schools, and was highly successful. It proved to be a viable option for municipalities under pressure to provide flushing toilets where laying sewers is not feasible or affordable, or for households who wish to upgrade their existing ventilated improved pit, VIP, toilet system. So it is one of the alternative measures worth pursuing.

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These alternative measures, however, require development of a viable partnership model involving the combined efforts of all stakeholders for their success. These stakeholders would necessarily include government, communities, citizens, civil society and the private sector.

We hope the new master plan of the department will shed more light on these alternative measures and we await its finalisation and presentation. We will definitely make inputs so that it really serves to make the lives of our people better with regard to water and sanitation. uTata uNelson Mandela once said and I quote: "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

We therefore have to all play a role and not be armchair critics.

Sepedi:

Ye ke nngalaba ya taba yeo e nyakago banna ka dijase le basadi ka metsogana. Re le banna le basadi ba ANC re ikemiseditše go tsenya letsogo. Ka go realo re thekga tekanyetšo ye ya kgoro. Pele ke ruma e re ke re ...

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English:

... in his state of the province address, the hon Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha stated the following on water and sanitation. For the 2018-19, he said 132 schools will be provided with drinking water and sanitation facilities. Through the *Municipal Infrastructure Grant*, MIG, an additional 75 491 households were provided with potable drinking water - this is for the previous year - and an additional 2 167 more households were connected to decent sanitation facilities. To all South Africans, forewarned is forearmed. The culture of reckless consumption and wastage of water must come to an end. Let's own up and save the country.

Sepedi:

Re be re ile Singapore. Kua Singapore kwano ye e amanago le meets [water agreement] gare ga Singapore le Malaysia e tlile go fela ka 2061. Re le Afrika-Borwa re ka se kgone naa.

English:

Minister and Deputy Minister, I believe you are the relevant people in this department, and with your capacity and competence, we will move on as a country.

Sepedi:

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Tekanyetšo ye re e thekga 100%. Pula!

CLLR Z DUMZELA - SALGA: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister and Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, hon members and ladies and gentlemen in the gallery.

Chairperson, may I take this opportunity to congratulate hon Nkwinti on his appointment as the Minister responsible for Sanitation and Water Affairs. As a former MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs in your province, your appointment is most welcomed. We believe your valuable experience will add the necessary impetus needed to support the local government sector as we are grappling with a number of systemic, governance and sustainability challenges.

Hon members, we remain concerned as a sector by the deepening drought crisis in our country. We wish to add our voice to the President in acknowledging the good efforts made by both consumers and donors in response to the water crisis in various parts of our country. We are indeed in the verge of a much deeper crisis unless South Africans acknowledge that we are a water scarce country.

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Recently as SA Local Government Association, SALGA, we participated in a water summit in which together with your department as other players in the sector we acknowledged that the rate of migration to our cities could further exacerbate this state of affairs.

Our water losses at a municipal level is in excess of 38% which equates to a revenue loss of R7,2 billion per annum. The average water consumption in South Africa is 235 litres capita per day compared to a world average of 185, a pattern that our country cannot sustain. South Africans must in resource change their attitude towards water use.

In addition to waging a national campaign to all our citizens to use water sparingly the following must urgently be considered:

Firstly, we wish to commit ourselves to work with the department and Catchment Management Areas, CMAs, to collaborate towards effectively balancing the supply and demand so that water services are sustainable through increasing the water mix such as desalination, reuse, ground and surface water.

Secondly, we welcome the direction given by the Minister to establish CMAs as this will greatly assist us to align water

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resource management and water services at catchment and regional level.

Thirdly, we continue to face challenges in many municipalities with insufficient skills and expertise. As part of our hands on support to our municipalities, we wish to urge your department to work with us to identify appropriate skills which can be effectively deployed to municipalities to overcome some of the difficulties faced by municipalities in accessing and retaining skills.

Fourthly, whilst the National Water Act and Water Services Act provide a solid legislative framework, we look forward to engaging with your department to update these legislations as part of ensuring relevance to our current and future challenges.

Lastly, we call upon the national sphere of government to support our efforts as municipalities, as we explore alternative funding models inclusive of raising joint bonds to fund strategic social and economic infrastructure.

Hon members, investments in decentralised systems, ecological infrastructure and technological innovation in response to climate

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change must form part of our infrastructure development mix. Such will indeed require strategic public private partnership.

We call upon your department to combine efforts with our sector to support the current initiatives. On the supply side, various provinces and municipalities are investigating and implementing desalination of sea water and the treatment of acid mine water.

Our national awareness campaign is focused on urging our people to use water sparingly, grey water-usage, plus localisation of storage capacities. We also believe that there are opportunities for off-balance sheet financing solutions to address the non-revenue water challenges.

At our recent National Executive Council, NEC, of SALGA we have identified the need to pool our resources and capabilities and jointly with government achieve the requisite economies of scale and agglomeration.

Having said so, there is an inherent risk flowing from what in general must be considered as a positive development.

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The growing number of business and potentially cluster developments that are operating off-the-grid in terms of both energy and water indicates an increase in consumptions of clean energy which is ideal if climate change mitigation mechanisms are to be adhered to.

However, the lesser the number of companies connected to the grid as well as settlements using own water, the greater the chances for our municipalities to be financially unviable.

This calls for all of us to find sustainable solutions to municipal revenue generation mechanisms.

The escalating debt in the water sector remains an area of concern for all of us. This is due to number of reasons chiefly amongst others the decaying financial health of municipalities, significant water losses and ageing infrastructure.

To this end, SALGA is working in collaboration with the Inter-Ministerial Task Team on service delivery to address the debt issues.

We hope working with the hon Minister we can fast track the establishment of the Independent Economic Regulator to assist in

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ensuring the current water pricing, costing and investments challenges are addressed.

Hon members as SALGA we welcome the initiative by the department to work with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and National Treasury to support municipalities in addressing unspent municipal grant funds and most importantly we welcome the pledge by the department to ensure that bulk water projects are linked with reticulation.

We are indeed please that the Cabinet has given a go ahead to implement the sanitation policy. As SALGA we are more than ready to work collaboratively with the department to rollout finalisation of provision of this essential service to our people.

Hon Chairperson, allow me to conclude with the wise words of Nelson Mandela upon receiving the honour of being an Ambassador of Conscience Award, he said the following:

It is my fervent wish that we shine the candle of hope for the forgotten prisoners of poverty. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is people who have made poverty and tolerated poverty. And overcoming poverty is not a gesture of

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charity. It is an act of justice. While poverty persists, there is no true freedom.

I thank you.

Mr C HATTINGH: Hon Chair, may I start off by congratulating Minister Nkwinti on his appointment as Minister of Water and Sanitation. The Minister was appointed to lead, or should I rather use the word rescue, what must be the worst-performing South African state department; however, with a consolation that it would be difficult to do worse than his predecessor. When I sat down to write this speech I thought of the words, mr fix-it, but hon Deputy Minister, that wouldn't have been appropriate. I'm referring to the first Sport Minister, Steve Tshwete, appointed by President Mandela in 1994, for the role that he played in unifying sport.

In fact, it appears that the Minister and his department, which has started from a very weak and a deficit position, has started to turn the functioning of the department around.

The reactivation of the Clanwilliam Dam project – actually a scandal – where the departmental construction team spent almost two years doing nothing after the projects were halted in order to appoint a

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preferred tender, is a very positive confirmation of a re-energised and positive political leadership in the department; also the initiatives in Giyani in Limpopo.

If this department was a company listed on the stock exchange, it would have had its listing suspended, most probably been put under business rescue or been liquidated, and its directors would have been prosecuted in terms of the Companies Act for their negligence, wastage and greed – apart from other issues that may possibly relate to procurement and the floundering of tender procedures.

In fact, this department, confirming its position as South Africa's worst-performing department, received an Auditor-General, AG, opinion that, "a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the department's ability to continue as a going concern". Obviously, as we have learnt here, the deafening silence coming from the chairperson about the financial crisis in this department. Not a word was said about it. [Interjections.]

This was based on an AG finding that the financial statements indicate that the department ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Order!

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Mr C HATTINGH: ... incurred a net loss of R89 million, an overdraft of R194 million and unauthorised expenditure of R406 million during the year ending 31 March 2017 and, as of that date, the department's current liabilities exceeded its total assets by R454 million. This is a bankrupt organisation in any terms.

The financial squeeze further impeded the performance of the department, resulting in poor infrastructure development, poor maintenance and dam safety upgrades. The AG further reported that:

Firstly, 20% of water projects and 22% of sanitation projects exceeded their completion dates;

Secondly, 20% of water projects and 60% of sanitation projects' funding was not fully utilised; and

Thirdly, liquid assets as a percentage of total current liabilities amounted to minus 13,2%.

The department's audit committee reported similarly that: "The material uncertainty related to going concern/financial sustainability of the department". The ability to undertake its

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objectives where budget is depleted is a concern. So, the warning lights were there, even from the audit committee.

Minister, not only has your predecessor singlehandedly bankrupted the department but also gambled with South Africa's most critical resource, water.

In summary, we have a bankrupt department that is failing on the provision and maintenance of water infrastructure, and securing water supply as per its constitutional mandate. It failed in its sanitation responsibilities by not eradicating the bucket system in formal areas almost 12 years after the target date, while not even touching the bucket system in informal areas.

Minister, you have a daunting task but with dedication you can succeed in turning the department around. This was done in the Western Cape, which not only became South Africa's best-performing province ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Hattingh, your time has expired.

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Mr C HATTINGH: I'm concluding. We will not support the budget, but hon Minister, perhaps next year.

Ms L L ZWANE: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister of Water and Sanitation, Minister Nkwinti, the Deputy Minister, Minister Tshwete, hon members and guests at the gallery, thank you for the opportunity to participate in this very important debate which is about the lives of the people. South Africa is a water scarce country that utilises a variety of surface and groundwater resources. These include rivers, lakes and groundwater stored in soil, rock pores, aquifers and crevices.

In November 2017, South Africa was ranked as the 30th driest country in the world. The factors that contribute to the current state of affairs at the level of local government are both historical and a result of current practices, which the Minister did allude to. There are situations where the civils for bulk infrastructure are laid but the reticulation takes a bit of time to be processed.

When municipalities were established and assumed responsibility for various municipal infrastructure services and functions, they inherited old infrastructure, some of which was overdue for replacement. The policy choices at that time were mainly in ensuring

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the unserved are served through instruments such as the Municipal Infrastructure Grant and Equitable Share.

Hon Minister and the Deputy, I do want to say: As a select committee, we would like to see a situation where grants that are dispersed to municipalities do not delay, so that municipalities do not suffer distress of lengthy periods when the disbursements has not yet reached their coffers.

It is well documented that women bear the brunt of poor service delivery, particularly in rural areas. Furthermore, unemployment and the concomitant lack of skills development and job opportunities have the highest impact on the youth of the country. The Department of Water and Sanitation is therefore committed to alleviating the plight of women through its programmes and to ensuring it invests in the youth through skills development, targeted procurement and the provision of job opportunities within the water sector. That is highly commended.

When you engaged your annual performance plan, APP, we were very happy about it. Nonetheless, we are a bit settled, Minister and Deputy, about the fact that the budget of the department has been cut. As we speak, it is seating at R15,5 billion - that is 5,4% cut.

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More than that, your Programme 3 has been cut by 7%, while that programme is particularly about the infrastructure development Grant, which is the amount of money that the municipalities are desperately in need of.

So, that is a bit unsettling on our part and we do believe that as time moves on, it is going to be attended to and corrected, because you have got a very clear plan of what you want to achieve in the department.

I also do want to alert the public out there because as NCOP members, we represent our provinces. As a result, when we engaged the app of the department, these are the issues that we requested to the department on your behalf as our constituencies. The disbursements of grants to municipalities should not delay. The department should try to see how they can assist with the legal framework to be able to guide you with reticulation.

Dealing with wasted water that is a bit too high in terms percentage is another issue - I remember that KwaZulu-Natal was among the highest provinces in terms of wasted water. There must be mechanisms to ensure that the leaks are attended to - as we had started a programme as a department to attack the leaks of water. However, the

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restructuring of the programme should be done as fast as possible as we want you to save this R7 billion that you are losing as a result of water leakages.

Water that is not revenue is another issue that perhaps the department can be able to assist us with. Also, there has to be a way whereby children at school are taught about the importance of saving water at very early ages - at infancy. If we can embark on those programmes, of course, in collaboration with the Department of Education, we can solve the problem of water shortages down the line.

I am not going to belay by the point because there are issues that I want to settle before I sit down. Let me address myself to hon Mpanbo-Sibhukwana: You are telling us about desalination but you are not telling us and giving us clarity about the kickbacks associated with that programme of desalination. Also, debating focusing on person and not issues is not going to help this House.

When we come for a debate, we must prepare substance that is going to help the people of South Africa. To tell us that Minister so-and-so did not perform well does not assist the South African population. [Interjections.] Talk about the Minister that is there

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now, and the administration that is there now which is taking South Africa forward.

Levelling allegations against Minister that have not been proven by the court of law does not assist South Africans either.

[Interjections.] You have not proved that, nonetheless. For hon Mpambo-Sibhukwana to say that the Minister used R80 million for a conference, please give us proof. Give us documentary proof before you can come here and grandstand, because we are not going to take it serious unless you have got proof. We are not protecting any Minister. [Interjections.] We are not protecting any corruption. All we are saying is that let us have a documentary proof, and then the issue will be taken up by necessary authorities.

There is no government that will give you more water. Even if you were to take over government by a stroke of a miracle tomorrow, you will not be able to give the people of South Africa more water. All that you can do is to help in processes of reticulation because water that we have is the same amount of water that we had at the time earth being created. [Interjections.] You can't create water! [Interjections.] You cannot! You know that water is made up of two atoms of hydrogen and one of oxygen. [Interjections.] However, go

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to the laboratory and perfect it and create it! [Interjections.] You won't be able to do that. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Zwane! Hon Zwane! Hon Zwane, please take your seat. Before you say whatever you want to say: Can I request the hon Faber if he visited in order to attack the hon member on the podium? He must just stop that. You know you cannot drown the speaker. That is what you are doing. I did not request you to stand up. The hon Smit, it is your chance.

Mr W F FABER: The hon member cannot say ... [Inaudible.] We refuse!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): I did not allow you to speak! Hon Smit?

Mr C F B SMIT: Hon Chair, I am standing on a point of order.

[Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): What is your point of order?

Mr C F B SMIT: Can you please address the hon member on the podium who is talking directly to the member within the House instead of through you?

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Zwane, please address the hon members through the Chair. Thank you.

Mr W F FABER: Hon Zwane, please! Thank you!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Faber! Hon Faber, you can't be out of order!

Mr W F FABER: I was just greeting the hon Zwane.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): No, no, no! Why are you standing?

Mr W F FABER: On a point of order, Chair ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): What is the point of order?

Mr W F FABER: The hon member is definitely misleading the House. I would not say she is lying, but she is definitely misinformed about the amounts of water.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Faber, that is not a point of order; it is a point of debate, and you are out of order. [Interjections.]

Ms L L ZWANE: Unless you taught science, you can take me on that one! [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Zwane! Hon Zwane! Hon Zwane, please don't address the member directly; address the member through the Chair.

Ms L L ZWANE: Okay, Chair. The EFF comes to the podium and says that we are promoting corruption. You are casting aspersions.

[Interjections.] Unless again, as I am telling the DA, you will give us evidence. Otherwise, we are not going to listen to you. When the ANC-led government took over in 1994, ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon member Dlamini and hon member Mpambo-Sibhukwana!

Ms L L ZWANE: Only 50% of the population had water. Over the year, the ANC has been able to provide 92% of the population with water, within a period of 20 years. Yet, the other government of the

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oppressors failed to do the same over a period of 300 years. Who is actually giving service to the people?

When you engage the Minister on the issue of using outsourced services, he is on top of that. He said that is exactly what he is looking into in terms of making sure that we secure savings in the department.

I want to thank you, hon Bredell, for your contribution. Whenever you come to this House, you have always been very sensible. We appreciate that kind of an approach because we are in this together for the people of South Africa.

Hon Hattingh, will always prepare his debate ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Essack! Hon Essack, you cannot join them! No, you can't!

Ms L L ZWANE: ... on the basis of what wrongs the governing party has done, forgetting to tell South Africans what is it that they are going to do if they take over the reigns. They don't have anything to tell.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Order, hon Zwane. Please take your seat. Hon Faber, why are you standing?

Mr W F FABER: Chairperson, I would really want to know ...

[Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Order! Hon Mampuru, no! Continue, hon Faber.

Mr W F FABER: Hon Zwane is making allegations. I would like to ask her one question. It is not a difficult question that she can answer, specifically about the dam whose walls have not been rebuilt, which they are only attending to now. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Let's ascertain if ever she is ready, hon Faber. Hon Zwane, are you ready to take hon Faber's question? [Interjections.]

Ms L L Zwane: No!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): She is not ready!

Ms L L ZWANE: In conclusion, ...

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IsiZulu:

... ngifuna ukutshela abantu baseNingizimu Afrika ikakhulukazi
abaKwaZulu-Natal ...

English:

... the constituency that I represent ...

IsiZulu:

... ukuthi sihlangele la sikhuluma indaba yokuphasiswa kweBhajethi.
I-DA ne-EFF ithi noma ngabe aninawo amanzi, akundaba yabo leyo.
[Ubuwelewele.] Noma ngabe anikwazi ukupheka ngoba amanzi engekho,
akudoko eligayelwe bona lelo. [Ubuwelewele.] Noma ningakwazi
ukugeza, abanandaba nalokho, akudikizi ngqulu. Noma kungabe anikwazi
ukuhlansa imizi yenu ... [Ubuwelewele.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Order, hon Zwane. Please
take your seat! The hon member Mpambo-Sibhukwana?

Ms T G MPAMBO-SIBHUKWANA: Hon Chair, the hon member cannot mention
that. That was not our direct utterance. The hon member must not
mislead the public. [Interjections.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Zwane, you are out of order. I mean, hon Mpambo-Sibhukwana! You know you cannot debate from the chair. Continue, ma!

IsiZulu:

Nk L L ZWANE: SinoNgqongqoshe la ophethe Umnyango Wezamanzi Nokuthuthwa Kwendle ... [Ubuwelewele.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon member Zwane. Hold on hon Zwane. Hon Smit?

Mr C F B SMIT: Hon House Chair, I want to hear if the hon member is prepared to take a question from Limpopo? [Laughter.]

[Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon member, are you ready to take a question?

IsiZulu:

Nk L L ZWANE: ... uNgqongqoshe ucela - mphakathi - ukuba kuphasiswe iBhajethi yezamanzi ... [Ubuwelewele.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): She is not ready!

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Mr W F FABER: Ever ready!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms. M C Dikgale): The hon Essack, what is your problem?

Mr F ESSACK: Chairperson, on a point of order: I don't want to engage in a debate with a member. [Interjections.] I just want to check with you that: Is it okay for a member of this House to say to South Africans, it's okay if you don't wash your body; it's okay if you don't clean your house? [Interjections.] What kind of encouragement is this from a Member of Parliament? [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms. M C Dikgale): Awoa! [No!] Hon Dlamini! Hon Dlamini!

English:

Mr F ESSACK: What kind of example is this from a member, to say to people it's okay if you don't wash your body.

IsiZulu:

... Sisi, ukhulelephi wena? Uphumaphi? Umuntu uyageza. Usukaphi? Yini le oyitshela abantu? [Ubuwelewele.]

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English:

Sorry ma'am!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Essack! Hon Essack, I am sure you don't want to leave the House. Please, we want order in the House. [Interjections.] No, take your seat; I did not allow you to speak. Continue, hon Zwane, while the hon member is taking his seat.

IsiZulu:

Nk L L ZWANE: ... bayala ukuphasisa iVoti likaNgqongqoshe ngoba abanandaba nani. Sifuna ukudlulisa izindlu ziye emphakathini ezihamba nezindlu zangasese, bathi lokho kuyokwenzeka befile. [Ubuwelewele.] Uma-ke uHulumeni ethi niyovotela bani na, niyabazi abantu abanimele ngokweqiniso ePhalamende abafuna ukuphasisa iBhajethi yokuthi niphile kangcono, enabavotela baya ePhalamende bezovotela leBhajethi. Labo-ke yi-ANC. [Ubuwelewele.][Ihlombe.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Order! Order, hon members! Hon Essack! I am sure you are tired. You can't continue to disturb the House. Please, hon Essack. Hon Essack! Hon Essack! This is your last warning. It is your last warning. I am telling you. No, I didn't allow you to speak. Take your seat.

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Mr F ESSACK: How can somebody ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Take your seat, Hon Essack!

Mr F ESSACK: What is wrong with this man?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Hon Essack! Do you want to leave the House? This is the last question I am asking you. Then take your seat. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION: We have taken extensive notes from all what the members have said here. Thank you very much for that but we just want to say just a few things that the select committee members who are here and our Chairperson, they will attest to the fact that across the party line that, this Budget speech hasn't been technical deliberately.

We decided to approach it that way. You will also find out that in the Budget policy speech is so detailed to assist the hon members in their work on the ground and assist us as well, so, that you have the detail with regards to which projects, in which province, in which municipality. How much will be spent in that? That detail is there. You will find it. We did it deliberately. We don't want you

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to rely on us coming back. When you go there you will have to look at it and see that in the Western Cape or Mpumalanga, in this municipality, this is what is expected to happen. This is how much money, etc. That detail is there. The reason we are doing it that way is that we want you to assist us as hon members here, so, that when you go to your province, you know exactly what to look for and where.

Lastly, we want to say that part of what we think, I don't want to be seen to be talking about the past with regard to how I presented the Budget Vote. That Budget is a combination of what people said and what the official said. You can look at finance there. You will also see the challenges on finance. They are just as they were put there by the Chief Financial Officer, CFO, of the department and the team is sitting there because I wanted to make sure that all of us together as a team we build together and rebuild together with the hon members.

So, we decided to do it that way in order for you to be helpful to us with the information we have and you have it too because if we have information and you don't have it, you are not going to be able to assist us. We learnt from exactly the situation now. This problem

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we are talking about. If you look at the challenges that we set out there, they come from two or so years ago and they are sitting with us now. All of us were there but because you didn't have enough information that is what the leadership said in the committee in commending the officials. I went back to talk to them and thank them for being open because then it allowed the members to have confidence in what we were saying and I took that from what you did. Thank you very much, Chairperson.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Minister, I really want to take this opportunity and thank the hon Minister and Deputy Minister for availing themselves into our House. Without you, we couldn't be able to continue with the business of the day. Even in future when you are invited, please, avail yourselves. Thank you very much.

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF CONTRACT OF DIRECTOR FOR PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE IN TERMS OF MONEY BILLS AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AND RELATED MATTERS ACT, ACT 9 OF 2009 AND OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE THEREON

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M C Dikgale): Before we continue, hon De Beer, please take your seat! Hon members, before we could allow hon

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De Beer to continue with the report, the Chief Whip wants to move for the amendment of the report. Over to you, Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE COUNCIL: Chairperson, I move that the recommendations contained in the Report be amended as follows that:

5.1 Prof M I Jahed's contract be extended as Director of of Parliamentary Budget Office, PBO, until three months after the 2019 national and provincial general elections;

5.2 the contract extension of the Director of Parliamentary Budget Office be subject to an agreement that the conditions of service, thus including salary and allowance will remain substantially the same as those of the top rank of the public service as per subsection 15(5)(v) of the Act as agreed with Prof Jahed. Thank you.

Mr C J DE BEER: Hon Chairperson and hon members, section 15 of the Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act, Act 9 of 2009, establishes the Parliamentary Budget Office - we call it the PBO. The Parliamentary Budget Office must provide independent, objective and professional advice and analysis to Parliament on matters related to the budget and other money Bills.

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A director must manage the PBO, and the director must be appointed by resolution of both Houses of Parliament, after a recommendation of the Committees on Finance and Appropriations of both Houses as been adopted. The aforementioned committees must also recommend to the Houses of Parliament the conditions of service for the appointee.

On 9 May 2013, the Select Committee on Finance adopted a Report recommending the appointment of Professor M I Jahed - we call him Professor Mohammed Jahed, as the Director of the PBO for a period of five years. Thereafter, the Report was tabled and considered by the NCOP. Since May 2012, Professor Jahed was seconded from the Development Bank of Southern Africa, DBSA, to assist Parliament in the process of setting up the PBO. The project led by Prof Jahed was able to outline and clarify the functions and scope of the office, design an operational structure, establish networks with external stakeholders and engage political parties and relevant committees.

The contract of Professor Jahed is coming to an end on 3 June 2018 and Parliament has on 16 May 2018 tabled a referral in the Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, ATC, to the Standing Committees on Appropriations and Finance and the Select Committees on Appropriations and Finance to consider the matter of the expiring

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contract of the Director of the PBO and to report by 28 May 2018, which we did.

On Thursday, 24 May 2018, the committee deliberated on the contract expiry of the PBO and the director as referred to it on 16 May in the ATCs, after it took into consideration the principles of continuity and the stability together with the PBO output since its establishment, the contribution of the PBO to the stimulation of economic and financial debates in Parliament, financial oversight and Prof Jahed's profile, have reached a conclusion on the matter.

The committee also took into consideration the substantive interactions that Prof Jahed has had with the different committees, political parties and with individual members, his extensive expertise in finance and economics, and the degree of professionalism with which he has conducted his work over the past five years. The committee further considered the relevance of section 15(15) which provides what should be done when the position of the director is vacant.

Hon Chairperson, in accordance with subsections 15(5) (a) and (b) of the Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act - we call it the Money Bills Act, the Select Committee on Finance and

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Appropriations recommends that Professor Jahed's contract as the PBO Director be extended up to three months after the 2019 national and provincial elections, and that this extension be in agreement of the conditions of service and salary that it would remain substantially the same as those of the top rank of the public service as per subsection 15(5)(v) of the Act, also it was agreed by Prof Jahed.

The majority of the members in the committees supported the recommendation. I therefore move that the House consider this Report. Thank you, Chair.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report as amended be adopted.

Declaration(s) of vote:

Mr O S TERBLANCHE (DA): Hon Chairperson, given the lack of transparency in the Parliamentary Budget Vote and the chaos that ensued in parliamentary appointments or lack thereof during the Fifth Parliamentary Term, it would be irresponsible for Parliament not to advertise the post of the Director for the Parliamentary Budget Office. Therefore, the Western Cape cannot support the appointment. Thank you.

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Mr T C MOTLASHUPING (ANC): Hon Chairperson, it is in the interest of good governance and also taking into consideration that every time when we appoint people we were questioned about cadre deployment and all that. It is said that people do not have the necessary qualifications and in this instance, we are appointing a Professor for this post, a well qualified and is an incumbent in the post. As the ANC we have full confidence that he has done a sterling job and we therefore agree that the Professor be appointed. We are not co-governing here. Thank you very much.

IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West.

AGAINST: Western Cape.

Report with amendments accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

The Council adjourned at 18:32.