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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at 14:04.

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

**WELCOMING OF THE YOUTH VISIT AS PART OF THEIR JUNE MONTH
ACTIVITIES**

(Announcement)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, before we start, I would like to join me in welcoming the young people in the gallery who are visitors to our public education unit as part of their June month activities, and the rest of the visitors in the gallery. Welcome! [Applause.]

EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

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(Draft Resolution)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon Deputy Speaker,
I move the motion printed in my name on the Order Paper
as follows:

That the House extends the deadline by which the Ad Hoc
Committee on the Review of the Powers and Privileges Act
has to complete its task to 30 November 2017.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I put the motion.

Motion agreed to.

Hon Members, before I proceed let me also acknowledge the
presence in the gallery of the first deaf President of
the Gallaudet University, Washington, DC and her spouse
Mary Baremore, you are welcome to our Parliament.

[Applause.]

PROTECTED DISCLOSURES AMENDMENT BILL

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(Consideration of Bill and of Report of Portfolio committee on Justice and Correctional services on amendments proposed by the NCOP)

Ms M C C PILANE-MAJAKE: Deputy Speaker, members of the House, members of the executive, members the public, good afternoon. The Protected Disclosures Amendment Bill was duly adopted by the House and referred to the NCOP that amended clause 9 of the Bill to make it inclusive.

The committee deliberated on the amendment and have accepted the amendment with the DA and the ACDP indicating that they support the amendments even though they did not support the Bill; the report is to be considered. Thank you.

There was no debate.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Deputy Speaker, I move that the Bill as amended be passed.

Declarations of vote:

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Adv G BREYTENBACH: Deputy Speaker, this Bill emanates from the South African Law Reform Commission's Report on Protected Disclosures, and the Bill aims to extend the application of the Protected Disclosures Act beyond the traditional employer employee relationship amend the principal Act in order to regulate joint liability; introduce a duty to inform employees or workers who have made disclosures and to provide immunity against civil or criminal liability in certain circumstances and create an offence in the case of false disclosure.

Three public interested organisations made representation with regard to this piece of legislation and the men trusted their representations was that the criminalisation of false disclosures will have chilling effect on whistle blowing for fear of prosecution.

Hon members, you will recall that when this Bill was debated in this House the DA pointed out that specifically the provision that a person who intentionally discloses false information and or reasonably to have known that the information is false be guilty of an offence, and liable upon conviction to a

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fine or imprisonment for a period of up to two years or both.

This would have a deterring effect on potential whistleblowers. The argument remains that the phrase ought reasonable to have known places an unduly a duty on potential whistleblowers to verify to a point the veracity of information in question. Evaluation of whether a person reasonably ought to have known was supposed to be an objective exercise lends itself to different interpretations and even possibly abuse.

The fact that the criminalisation clause requires an intentional disclosure and the intent to cause harm to the affected party does not mitigate the potential for abuse as it can be argued that even a valued disclosure will usually carry some intention quite validly to cause harm to the affected party.

Measured against the ethos of the Bill of Rights, specifically the equality clause as well as the constitutional duty placed upon the legislature to ensure that legislation passed by this House should enhance

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rather than hamper, just administrative action and promote an efficient administration, and this Bill does not meet these standards.

If this Bill is passed again by this House today, the DA will consider a petitioning the President, that is, President Zuma not the Gupta to not sign the Bill into law in its current form. Because, as long as the criminalisation clause, remains in this piece of fraud legislation the DA cannot support it. [Applause.]

Ms N V MENTE: Hon Deputy Speaker, when we presented our views for the Second Reading debate of this Bill last year, we were empathic in our rejection of it on the basis that it did not offer comprehensive protection for those who are as disgusted as we are by the corruption promoted by the "Zuma-Gupta alliance" in this country. We indicated then that its definition of occupational detriment, the Bill sought to protect employees against being subjected to any civil claim for the alleged breach of a duty of confidentiality. [Interjections.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Sorry, hon member, please take your seat.

Prof C T MSIMANG: Deputy Speaker, can you please ask the DA members if they can learn to live quietly because there is a speaker on the podium. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: All members must settle down and listen to the debate; that's what I am ruling on. Yes, please. Order, hon members. Order! Order, hon members. Order! Go ahead, hon member.

Ms N V MENTE: We indicated then that its definition of occupational detriment, the Bill sought to protect employees against being subjected to any civil claim for the alleged breach of a duty of confidentiality or a confidentiality agreement arising out of a disclosure of a criminal offense. The current amendment adds that employees are also protected when disclosing information which shows contraventions or failure to comply with the law or the presence of a possibility of such failure happening in the future.

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This is part of what we asked for in the Bill, to offer water-tight protection of whistle-blowers but still it is not comprehensive enough. As we argued before, the Bill protects employees against civil claims for each of the contracts or duties of confidentiality. This in our view is not adequate protection for employees, it leaves them open or to criminal litigation by companies or those implicated in corruption. Lastly, the Bill itself is defeating in that it explicitly offers no protection to employees who make claims or corruption that may later be proven to be untrue. This lack of protection for such matters will prevent many employees from airing their suspicions for corruption because should those be later proven to be untrue, employees will be left vulnerable. This defeats the whole purpose of the Bill and will prevent people - some that were indicated in the emails of the *Sunday Times* from disclosing this massive corruption because they know that they will use the state funds to access the best lawyers to defend this corruption. For these reasons, the EFF does not support.

Mr M S MBATHA: Hon Deputy Speaker, the Protected Disclosures Amendment Bill stems from the national

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Development Plan, NDP, recommendations that the Protected Disclosure Act of 2000 be reviewed with the objective of strengthening support for whistle-blowers. This was owing to the findings by the NDP that the said Act does not afford to the whistle-blower sufficient protection. The IFP concurs with the NDP in succession that the protection of the whistle-blowers is key to a strong and resilient anticorruption system.

In fact, the decline in the number of members of society who are prepared to come forward as whistle-blowers can be ascribed to this lack of sufficient protection. This is unfortunate because our law enforcement agencies rely to a large measure on the assistance of the public in a successful apprehension and prosecution of perpetrators of corrupt cases including fraud, bribery, theft of public funds, etc. Indeed, the Bill does strengthen the protection of whistle-blowers by extending the ambit of the said Act beyond the traditional employer-employee relationship. It also grants the whistle-blower immunity from criminal and civil liability. It goes further and makes it an offense to knowingly and intentionally make a false disclosure. Although the portfolio committees were

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welcome to the amendments, members were not unanimous regarding the inclusion of the clause that criminalises intentional false disclosure. They feel that this will have a chilling affect on potential whistle-blowers. The IFP, however, goes along with those parties, especially the ANC who argue that the impact of a false disclosure is so serious on the innocent victim that the whistle-blower who is guilty of false disclosure should not go unpunished. The IFP supports this report. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr S C MNCWABE: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon members, guests in the gallery, South Africa has 45 points out of 100 according to Transparency International, which ranks countries according to the perceived level of corruption through surveys and assessments. This is four points up from a record low of 41% in 2011 and suggests that South Africa is perceived to be a generally corrupt country.

The NFP welcomes any measures that will contribute towards rooting out corruption in South Africa. One such measure to root out corruption is the Protected Disclosures Amendment Bill. The Bill creates additional

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safeguard for employees - more commonly known as whistle-blowers, who make a protected disclosure and it also contributes to an environment in which whistle-blowers may freely disclose information that exposes corruption in the workplace. The amendment proposed by the portfolio committee fortifies the environment by fine-tuning and expanding on the definition of occupational detriment to employees to who make a protected disclosure. The NFP welcomes this proposed amendment. The occupational detriment is a real threat and a hindrance to the freedom to make a protected disclosure and our current legislation does not provide sufficient protection in this regard. Very often, whistle-blowers are victimised after a protected disclosure and the threat of pleading civil actions has thus far escaped the scope of legislative protection. By adopting this amendment proposed today, we will take one more small step closer to drawing a legislative net around corruption in South Africa. The NFP supports this report. Thank you.

Mr M P GALO: Hon Deputy Speaker, the history of the victimisation of whistle-blowers and the politicisation of criminal justice have by and large energised our

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collective effort to create the new normal in the new democratic dispensation. The Protected Disclosures Amendment Bill introduced in 2015 was thus long overdue. It replaces a consolidation of apartheid's vague and narrow blanket provisions in the Bill's principal Act of 2000. The apartheid style, if you think of the terminology employed to catalogue the protection of independent contractors, consultants and agents. The Bill has widened the scope of the original definition of employees to mean any person who works or worked for the state or another person or who in any manner assists or assisted in carrying on or conducting the business of the employer or client as an independent contractor, consultant or agent or person who renders services to a client while being employed by a temporary employment service.

The extension of the production of the disclosures to different contractors, consultants and agents in the Bill, implicitly confers to this marginalised workers who by any other law after 1994 were unable preserve their inherited dignity. The original conception in the Protected Disclosures Act of 2000 to exclude independent

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contractors from the scheme of protected disclosures was inherited flawed and ill-equipped. The protection of the disclosures of information does not, however, extend to the disclosure of false information. This would in the strict sense of the word not protect information peddlers who furnish incorrect disclosures. The ANC supports the adoption of the Bill. I thank you.

Adv B T BONGO: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers present, members and fellow South Africans. I should say this at the outset that the Bill before us was brought before Parliament earlier. Parliament has dealt with this Bill in its entirety. After the Bill was read for the second and was sent to the NCOP, it was then that the NCOP requested that as a further protection, we should insert one sentence in the Bill which says that anything we do about this Protected Disclosure must be subject to any civil claim for the alleged breach and the duty of confidentiality or confidentiality agreement arising out of this protected disclosure must be a criminal offense. What is important about this Bill is that it seeks to protect not only the employees of the state but also the employees of the

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private sector who have information that may be used against the employers who by any means do some of the things that are unscrupulous. The Bill seeks to protect all those people who must give information to the state. I think it is disingenuous for the DA to leave. Their supporters must see that when we do serious legislation in the interest of the people they just leave the House and go to the bar. [Interjections.] The EFF is also doing the same, the people must see this. The only time you see their leader ... he is busy...

Mr I M OLLIS: On a point of order, Deputy Chairperson.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member. Please take your seat, hon member. Hon Bongo, take your seat. Yes, hon member?

Mr I M OLLIS: Would you ask the hon member on the podium whether he will take a question about what he has just said? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, wait for him to take ... Hon Bongo, would you like to take a question?

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Adv B T BONGO: How would I take a question when they are all not here? I can't take a question, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, the answer is no. Hon Ollis. [Interjections.]

Adv B T BONGO: You know, I don't know the EFF has turned into these days. They don't come to the House; every time you see their leader ... they have turned into a "mamgobhozi party" [gossiping party]. [Interjections.] All leaks are known by them. Everything that is going wrong in the country is known by them and they just go to the media. We are here and we must pass serious legislation that protects people who have issues of corruption that they must bring to the state. They are in the bar with their alliance - the DA.

AS the ANC we support the fact that we need to protect people who are employed by the state or the private sector to bring information that assist us. Similarly, with anyone else in the country who has any information about anything must be able to bring it to book in a

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manner that is just and illegal – that is what we would like to say. We support. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, what are you rising on, sir.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am rising on Rule 98, requesting that the decision on this question be postponed to a later date. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, any objection to that proposal.

Mr M WATERS: Deputy Speaker, maybe you can ask why. [Interjections.] Is it because the ANC member aren't here ... [Interjections.] ... a party with 249 Members of Parliament ... [Interjections.] ... pass their own legislation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There have been no objections. It is agreed to. The question is thereby postponed.

[Interjections.]

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT: Deputy Speaker, is it possible that you can call the members of the DA who are blocking traffic outside to come inside the House?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No. No, hon member, that's not a point of order. The secretary ... Hon member?

Mr M WATERS: Deputy Speaker, on a point of order. Can we get someone that ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, that's not a point of order. [laughter.]

**CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL SECTOR REGULATION BILL AND
REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON AMENDMENTS
PROPOSED BY THE NCOP**

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Mthethwa.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: I am still Mthembu hon Deputy Speaker.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In my notes it is written Mthethwa. I don't know why I'm misguided here and I am sorry about it. Go ahead hon member.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: My apologies Deputy Speaker. I move in terms of Rule 309(3) that the Bill, the proposed amendments and Report of the Standing Committee on Finance thereon accordingly referred back to the Standing Committee on Finance for reconsideration and further report.

Agreed to.

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**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PERMISSION IN TERMS OF RULE
286(4) (C) TO INQUIRE INTO AMENDING OTHER PROVISIONS OF
TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK ACT, 2003
(ACT NO 41 OF 2003) (INTERIM REPORT OF PORTFOLIO
COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL
AFFAIRS ON TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE
FRAMEWORK AMENDMENT BILL**

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My notes give me a different name. Is that you Sir? [Laughing.] I know hon Masondo but what I

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have in my notes is hon Mthethwa and I don't see him here. Chief Whip, please send me appropriate names next time. Hon Masondo, please proceed.

Mr M S A MASONDO: Deputy Speaker, hon members, esteemed visitors in the gallery; it is my privilege to stand here on behalf of the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Cogta, Portfolio Committee to indicate to you that the Committee has been ceased with the task of considering and discussing the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Bill [B8 - 2017]

This Bill seeks to amend the provision of Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act 41 of 2003, the Principal Act. Having realised that this work may require the Committee to get the permission of this House in compliance with NA Rule 2863 (b), we hereby urge you to support this worthy endeavour and proposal. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the Committee being granted permission in terms of Rule 2864

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(c) to enquire into amending other provisions of the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework?

Declarations of Vote:

Mr K J MILEHAM: Chairperson, let's make no bones about this. We are only having this discussion because the National House of Traditional Leaders, which have been part of the legislative process on the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Amendment Bill from the very start, arrived at the last minute while the Portfolio Committee was going through the draft Bill clause by clause with further amendments that made substantial changes to areas of the legislation that had not initially under review.

It should be noted that other stakeholders made submissions to the Committee within the prescribed timeframe and they presented their concerns. The National House of Traditional Leaders was present for this but they made no submissions of their own. Their proposed amendments have not been subject participation input and would be considered by the Committee in isolation thus

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potentially opening this legislation up to constitutional challenge.

While the DA supports the motion on this matter, if we are truly the people's Parliament, it is important that the public participation process be reopened before this Bill is tabled in the House. This is in line with section 59 (1) (a) of the Constitution, which requires that the National Assembly must facilitate public involvement in the legislative process. And has been supported by the recent Constitutional Court judgement in the Land Access Movement of South Africa and others versus the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, NCOP and others with the Court held that:

South Africa's democracy contains both representative and participatory elements. These elements are not mutually exclusive. Rather they support and buttress one another. The Court has rejected the argument that the public need not participate in the legislative processes as its elected representatives are speaking on the public's behalf.

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In the New Clicks judgement, Judge Sachs wrote: "What matters is that at the end of the day a reasonable opportunity is offered to members of the public and all interested parties to know about the issues and have an adequate say." In a concurring judgement in Doctors for Life, he took the view that public involvement is of particular significance for members of groups that had been victims of processes of historical silencing. Nowhere could this be truer than in a case of traditional communities and those that represent them.

The DA supports this motion on the proviso that meaningful public participation is permitted and that those who have commented earlier be permitted an opportunity to respond to the proposals of the National House of Traditional Leaders before the Bill is considered by the committee for adoption. Thank you.

Inkosi R N CEBEKHULU: Deputy Speaker,

IsiZulu:

Ngigqale ngokuthi ilungu elihloniphekile elisuka la,
kufanele sikufunde ukwamukela ukuthi izinhlaka

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zinezindlela zazo zokusebenza. Ngakho ukubambeleleka kwazo akusho ukuthi kufuneka kube nomsindo ngalokho. Bonke abantu babekelwe ithuba ukuthi bakwazi ukwenza imisebenzi yabo ngendlela efanele.

English:

The recognition of traditional communities, the establishment and recognition of traditional councils and the provision of a pragmatic statutory framework within which traditional leaders can operate the objectives and principles of the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act. However, we still find the non-alignment of terms of office of traditional leadership structures and provincial legislation which provides for the relationship between Kings and Queens and provincial houses problematic. Firstly, because the King's councils and the Kings and Queens councils are still excluded and then there is also the fact that no provision is yet made for the funding of these structures. Then there is the issue of other provincial houses that fail to honour and establish the legislation timeously to align their councils yet it has taken a long time but for these structures it is necessary.

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The institution of traditional leadership in South Africa has a definite role to play in our country and its future. This was confirmed by the Deputy President at the recently held indaba on the institution. Traditional leadership though still remains the only structure that does not have clearly defined roles and functions in the Constitution, which is Chapter 12 of the Constitution; it only talks about the recognition only. In our democratic South Africa there is no reason why traditional leadership cannot coexist with democratic governance under the rule of law. The IFP supports the move. Thank you. [Applause.]

IsiZulu:

Solz N M KHUBISA: Sekela Somlomo, neNdlu yonke, nezihambeli zethu ezihloniphekile kwigalari, siyavuma ukuthi iqhaza lobuholi bendabuko njengoba libhaliwe kusigaba [section] u-211 nesigaba u-212 woMthethosisekelo, alanele. Kukhona okungenziwa ukulandisa. Lokhu okulana nje ...

English:

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... no, Chapter 9, we feel that more should be done with it. Now, the NFP believes that empowering our traditional leaders will assist in achieving one of the major objectives of the Act, namely, to restore the integrity and the legitimacy of the institution of traditional leadership in line with the customary law and practices. We have always maintained that traditional leadership has a crucial role to play in the governance of our people particularly so in rural areas. It is the traditional leadership that our people turn to in times of strife, for comfort and reassurance. It is in traditional leadership where we vest the power to serve as custodians of our cultural and historical values. Moreover, traditional leadership represents continuity with our past and it helps us reclaim our identity as Africans and represents a focal rally point for expression of our cultural diversity as aspirations. The NFP would like to that our traditional leaders be given more direct powers of governance at municipal and district level. If we are to give serious effect to Section 31 of our Constitution, which guarantees everyone the right, their cultural, religious and linguistic communities, then traditional

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leadership should play a far more prominent role in local government than what is currently provided.

We believe that our traditional leaders need to be assisted financially to go out about their way of representing the interests of the people living in their jurisdiction and to be the conduit for meaningful rural development. It is through traditional leaders that people will be able to formulate their voice in matters that concern them and their communities freely and sufficient resources must be made available to facilitate such opportunities. We support this report Chairperson. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Permission accordingly granted to the Portfolio Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs to inquire into amending other provisions of Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act, 2003 (Act No 41 of 2003) in terms of Rule 286(4)(c).

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TRADE
AND INDUSTRY ON 7TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOR**

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PARLIAMENTARIANS AS PART OF 67TH INTERNATIONAL
ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS HELD IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

Ms J L FUBBS: Hon Deputy Speaker, indeed, this is the report of the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry, but we were working jointly with the Portfolio Committee on Science and Technology - a back-to-back approach. We visited Mexico and we attended the congress at the end of September 2016. Our space is not that remote. As children, we thought of the stars and the moon there, etc, and we even had nursery rhymes, but the reality is, as planet earth, we are part of this universe. As we are considering, as planet earth, of inhabiting Mars, it becomes even more important to develop sound policies and principles on good governance.

Trade and Industry deals with one Act and this is the beauty of our country, balancing everything. On the one side, Trade and Industry deals with the regulatory and the governance and Science and Technology has its great thinkers and innovators that look towards the technology, the research and development. It is a great idea. One set with a mandate and Minister for the governance and

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another set ... If Japan had followed this route, we may not have had that catastrophe there.

So, we are also fortunate. South Africa has never said that the winner takes it all. We want to share. So, although we did bid and we wanted the Square Kilometre Array SKA, etc, we, as South Africa, were happy to be announced as one of the partners. Really, I must congratulate you, Minister Naledi Pandor of Science and Technology - I know the economic cluster is here, represented by Minister Patel - because we have the Southern African Large Telescope, Salt. Most of us know it as it was the MeerKat or Salt and then we have the, SKA. It is not a very good abbreviation because of its connotations, but SKA is the way forward. Go and visit there and occupy all those bed and breakfasts and grow it out.

So, the thing is that you go there and all the others are Doctor S and Professor Y and so on and you feel quite small, until you are told: "As parliamentarians, you are the voice of your people and therefore, we need you to tell us as scientists

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Mr I M OLLIS: Are you a scientist?

Ms J L FUBBS: No, I have just explained that I am not, but you are not listening. [Laughter.] "As parliamentarians, you are the voice of your people and therefore, we need you to tell us as scientists how to govern because the most important thing is people? How do we serve our people? Science must be made to serve our people and it can. It can help us to develop policy, to develop planning and most of all, to implement.

We now have, in this international fraternity, Unispace+50, and that emphasises the four thematic pillars - space economy, space society, space accessibility and believe it or not, space diplomacy. I think I should start applying now to be diplomat on Mars. I may get that one.

And the most important thing ... I am so glad that I was delayed until now to present this report, because this is youth month and one of the big recommendations is that, in terms of capacity building up there, the young people are our future. [Interjections.] They have told us to

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please involve youth. They said, not you madam, but youth in the space inclination. [Interjections.] [Laughter.] So, we are going to do just that.

So, I commend this report to you as we reach for the stars - Mars - to inhabit and help build a better life on planet earth, South Africa. I thank you. [Applause.]

Declarations of vote:

Mr D W MACPHERSON: Thank you, Hon Deputy Speaker, and good afternoon to all of our young guests in the gallery. Certainly, every time hon Fubbs comes up here, she is one of the more lively and energetic members that we have in the House. Every year, she continues to qualify for Youth Month. So, it is good to still see her here with us. [Interjections.]

Space exploration provides us with an opportunity for increased investment and job creation in South Africa, something we desperately need in times of the recession that we are currently in. However, for such investment and job creation to take place, we need to ensure that we have an enabling environment that allows for

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multinational companies to invest in our budding scientists and entrepreneurs, for them to continue with their research and development, as we reach for the stars.

Space is certainly a place where South Africa can play a greater part in, where our voice can be heard more loudly on the international space stage. However, we also need to recognise the great technological advances that we stand to benefit through this, especially when it comes to predicting natural disasters. We have just seen one horrific disaster is Knysna. If one looks at international trends, specifically in the United States and Australia, they are using space technology to predict such wild fires and the spread of them. Hopefully, in the future, we can use such technology to mitigate these types of disasters.

In order to take full appreciation of these technologies, we need to ensure that there is greater co-operation between the Department of Science and Technology and our Department of Trade and Industry, Minister.

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Mars is the next frontier and we need to be prepared to forge ahead into this new period of space exploration and development. The Democratic Alliance will support the report.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, please join me to also welcome a parliamentary commission from Uganda, led by Cecilia Atheme Gaulle, visiting us in South Africa. [Applause.] Welcome to South Africa and Parliament.

Mr Z R XALISA: Deputy Speaker, while we, as the EFF, do not object to the adoption of the report of the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry on the 7th international meeting for parliamentarians as part of the 67th International Astronautical Congress in Mexico, it is necessary for lawmakers to continue to be part and parcel of spaces that are dedicated to information, new research and innovation.

As the report clearly demonstrates, the space is becoming more and more important and an integral part of the global economy. Regarding the element of sustainability and affordability of exploration, it is clear that it

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should not only be environment-friendly, but it should also take into account the broader needs of society.

South Africa must continue to participate in programmes of space exploration. We must be part of creation and discovery of innovation. However, the history of space exploration has demonstrated the prioritisation of economic benefits for a few multinational corporations over societal programmes, and at times, with programmes that are full of discrepancies and loss of billions.

It is therefore important that there is a clear consideration of limited resources. Our involvement in space exploration must benefit humanity and in future, these trips must include other parties. If we are increasing the delegation, it must not mean we are increasing the number of the people from the ANC. Other parties must get opportunities. Tomorrow, we will have to decide on these policies and laws when we are in power.

Mr J A ESTERHUIZEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, the conference's aim was to show emerging countries like South Africa the benefits of becoming more involved, after this programme

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was being dominated by the US and Russia for years. The challenge of space exploration has sparked new scientific and technical knowledge and inherent value to humankind.

Computers became exponentially better in understanding the world. Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the new future. The Goddard Space Flight Centre listed 2 271 satellites in orbit during the duration of the astronomical congress. We witnessed as one was purposely being destroyed on screen. Russia has the most satellites currently in orbit, with 1 324 satellites and the United State follows with 658.

This is only space craft and not 5500 000 pieces of small orbital debris that circle earth. An amount of 22 000 are big enough for officials on the ground to track and even the smaller pieces of space junk that float on the earth's orbit have speed exceeding 35 000 km an hour. That is roughly eight km a second. Several solutions to retrieve or move the space junks have been put forward by the University of New Brunswick, Space and Technology, but it was also unsuccessful.

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Changes in the rotation of the earth's core can be detected by the changes in the earth's magnetic field. In his presentation, Prof Dumberry said that the earth's core has accelerated. His theory was that huge glaciers such as Argentina's Perito Moreno that contained huge amounts of mass near the poles close to the earth's axis of rotation are melting. When glaciers melt, the melt water ends up in the ocean, moving the weight away from the axis and accelerating the earth's rotation.

Our solar system is just over 4,5 billion years old and the sun that is burning hydrogen into helium is running out of hydrogen to burn. It is already noticeably brighter. It is estimated by scientists that, after about a billion years from now, the sun will become hot enough to boil our oceans.

To a great extent, the benefits from space exploration are rooted in a generation of new knowledge, which is the first reward and which has inherent value to humankind.

Space technology has helped us to understand how earth works and how we can keep it healthy. Space is already

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becoming the link among systems of systems and its enabling function may therefore represent the new element that will help to bring our society towards a goal of a sustainable living on the planet for all. Thank you.

Prof N M KHUBISA: Deputy Speaker, space and space exploration are undeniably a new frontier where science and technology meet. Hence, it is fitting that our Parliament should be represented by the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry and the Portfolio on Science and Technology and other relevant portfolios.

The benefits for South Africa and our people of actively participating in this frontier could be immense at many levels, for example, economic, social and political levels. The responsibility rests with our representatives and role players in this field, to ensure that we get maximum benefit.

The National Freedom Party understands and accepts that humanity's journey into space is a reality and we welcome the fact that there is now full recognition that the benefits of this journey of humanity should be motivation

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for further technological developments and exploration into space.

Yes, we know that there is unanimous agreement among countries that there is a need for development of stronger space governance frameworks and mechanisms, which we welcome. We do, however, wish to pause and ask these questions: What ethical guidelines are in place to ensure that this journey is not one of exploitation? What mechanisms will be in place to ensure compliance? And more importantly, what institutional enforcement options will be available to ensure that all humanity share equally and equitably in this journey?

We trust that our representatives to future international meetings for parliamentarians will vigorously canvass these issues and ensure that our participation does not transgress the values which we stand for and serves to espouse our voice, at the same time.

On a reflective concluding, note, discussing this report here today reveals a bitter irony in the states of affairs in South Africa. On the one hand, we are

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participating, as a country, at the cutting edge of technology and science, taking a proud place in a global environment, geared up to expand our technology and human capital into space. Yet, at the same time, men of our people do not have access to basic human dignities, such as clean and safe drinking water, decent sanitation and secure homes.

The National Freedom Party says that it is good to keep an eye on the future, but at the same time, we should not neglect to address the challenges of the present. We support this report.

Afrikaans:

Mev S R VAN SCHALKWYK: Agb Adjunkspeaker, dit is vir my 'n aangename voorreg as 'n lid van die ANC, maar ook as 'n inwoner van die Noord-Kaap om te sien dat vooruitgang wel plassvind. Hierdie is 'n baie groot geleentheid vir inwoners van die Noord-Kaap en spesifiek, vir die area van die Square Kilometre Array, SKA, om te sien dat jongmense bemagtig word.

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Ons sien alreeds veranderinge en uitdagings wat aangespreek word. Dit is tipies van die ANC-regering dat hulle nog altyd beywer om die jongmense, maar ook die inwoners van agtergeblewe gemeenskappe se omstandighede te verander deur bemagtiging.

Dit is waarom dit so belangrik is om te sê dat ons trots op die ANC-geleide regering is. Ons sien dus uit daarna om te sien dat dinge wel plaasvind en dat dit nie net in woord is nie, maar ook wel in daad. Daarom ondersteun ons dit. Dankie.

Ms J L Fubbs, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, National Freedom Party and African National Congress.

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

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted

DEBATE ON YOUTH DAY: ADVANCING YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING: Hon Deputy Speaker, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, hon members, young people in the gallery and fellow South Africans, I rise to open this important debate on youth day during this year of Oliver Tambo and when we honour the 1976 martyres, who 41 years ago, led the milestone student protests against a decree issued by the then Education Department that Afrikaans was to become a language of instruction in all our schools.

The rioting soon spread from Soweto to other townships in the Witwatersrand, Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town and developed into the largest outbreak of violence that South Africa has ever experienced. These were noble and

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dedicated students, who showed reckless disregard for their own safety and in emulating their forebears, they courageously rejected the bantu education system, demanding quality education for all which was in turn going to allow our youth to claim their rightful place in history.

Former President Oliver Tambo, a towering intellectual and a mathematics teacher who converted to become a lawyer, showing his outstanding intellectual abilities concluded and said and I quote:

There is no vocabulary to describe the nobility and the pathos of the conscious sacrifices that the black youth of South Africa have made... to free themselves, their people and their country from forces that are determined to keep us forever their chattels.

Hon Deputy Speaker, 41 years later and as we celebrate the great strides we have made to defeat the tyranny of apartheid and its skewed policies that favoured the white

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minority, we have got to consolidate the gains of freedom as young people of South Africa for history has now imposed on us to occupy the forward trenches in the final assault on poverty, unemployment and ignorance. We should be able to identify the gap for development and actively pursue the objectives that seek to uplift our people and renew our society.

The 1994 democratic breakthrough saw us embarking on a process of rewriting history. We had to re-engineer our education system and I am happy to report that whilst there are still outstanding issues of transformation and ensuring that access is followed by success, but we now have legislative and policy frameworks in place which guide us on our new trajectory and which we use as an expression of the future we aspire particular for our postschool system.

Fellow South Africans, education remains an indispensable device of social transformation. It has the propensity to enhance the employability of our youth and assist them in reading from themselves the bondage of poverty and underdevelopment.

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We believe that skilling our labour force will play a role in fighting unemployment directly by providing skilled people to a skilled starved economy, but also indirectly by providing a stimulus to economic growth and the development of new and existing industries and economic sectors.

We are also aware that this is a ticking time bomb that such a big number of young and energetic population of our society is out of school and out of jobs, yet we continue to import skills. This is the reason why our government took an informed decision to make education, job creation and decent work its number one priority for the current period and in this regard we would like to highlight the fact that education and training are indeed a critical component of achieving growth and development of the various priority economic sectors.

Hon members, over the past decade, we have been highly engaged in the process of restructuring our Sector Education and Training Authorities, Setas, and positioning them ideally to facilitate sector specific

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training initiatives with both the private and the public sectors.

I can report that contrary to popular belief that these are corrupt institutions that they are now in contact with the overwhelming number of employers in the country and we have invested sufficient resources for them to facilitate partnerships between our training institutions and employers. These partnerships will benefit the large number of youth of students of our country, who will now be able to access both theoretical and practical knowledge.

It is indeed concerning hon members that we have a number of both universities of technology and Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET, college students who cannot complete their studies and graduate because they do not possess the workplace learning component required to do so. This has compelled the Setas to expedite their efforts to forge these linkages and indeed we are beginning to see results.

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Again as part of addressing the above challenges as government, we have signed a skills accord together with labour, business and community constituencies at National Economic Development and Labour Council, Nedlac and through this accord we want to turn every workplace into a training space.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I need to indicate that in our country there is this wrong notion that postschool education only means university education. This is not the case and we are trying very hard to dispel this notion and in our quest to promote TVET colleges or the TVET college sector, we are hoping that our young people will find them equally attractive.

As directed by the National Development Plan, NDP, we want to reverse the anomaly of having more young people in our university system than in our TVET system. Our view is that at least by 2030, we should be having a ratio of three TVET students to one university student. We see the TVET college sector as a viable option for young people, because it is our strong belief that the courses offered at our vocational education and training

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centres are appropriate to build the critical skills-based that our economy needs and in turn will make our young people more eligible for employment opportunities.

We are putting systems in place to ensure that the outputs from these institutions are not for the sake of producing graduates and hence we are progressively influencing the modification of the curriculum in order to proactively respond to the needs of the labour market. We continue to urge our young people to consider taking up careers along technical and vocational skills, this within a context of a very serious shortage of mid-level personnel in the country.

We certainly have to do more in prioritising this area, as people with these skills are able to fill the many jobs which are necessary to expand the economy and in turn help our young people achieve their own sustainable livelihoods.

We have declared 2014 to 2024, as the decade of the artisan with the sole aim of creating a pipeline of

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qualified artisans who can play a crucial role in growing the emerging sectors of our economy.

Our government is determined to change the deep-seated structural inequality that faces our youth who constitute by the way the largest proportion of the South African populace. In our quest to sharpen the country's global competitive urge an industrial productive capacity, the White Paper for Postschool Education and Training system endeavours to train 30 000 artisans per annum by 2030 as directed by the National Development Plan.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Department of Higher Education and Training has been leading in encouraging all spheres of government to increase their intake of internships and we are confident that this trend will grow steadily.

On the issue of access to higher education of course, we have been concerned about our poor, yet academically deserving students who are failing to access postschool education and training opportunities because they do not have the means to actually do so.

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The National Student and Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, has been doing a sterling job in this regard, but there is no doubt that the demand for funding has been too huge. To date the scheme has benefited more than 2 million South Africans who have since joined the ranks of the black middle class. We have massively extended the reach of NSFAS since the genuine call of student for a no-fee increment, but obviously as I said as we increase the allocation the demand also increases. However, we will be making pronouncements after the commission that was appointed by the President has concluded its work and its report has been considered by government.

I feel obliged hon Deputy Speaker and hon members, to digress and express my heartfelt condolences to the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande and his family, for the loss of his mother, to whom we remain indebted for giving us such an industrious intellectual who I have been assigned by the President to ably lead the Ministry and the department with. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

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Mr Y CASSIM: Hon Deputy Speaker, as it has become typical of the ANC for a debate of this importance and as we commemorate the youth of 1976, ANC members and Cabinet Ministers just haven't seen it important enough to pitch up.

The ANC has sold out my generation - particularly young black South Africans. There can be no doubt that the legacy of colonialism and apartheid continues to dictate our life stories. The circumstances of our birth still dictate our success and these circumstances have a colour to it.

Why then do I blame the ANC? It is perhaps because I am a DA member? Or maybe... maybe it is because despite being 23 years into our democratic dispensation and despite spending one fifth of our budget on education, a black child in South Africa will receive an education that is considered amongst the very worst in the world.

It is therefore no coincidence that the same child is still a hundred times more likely to grow up in poverty than a white child. The reality is that, if you had the

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misfortune of being a poor black child growing up in South Africa, you would most likely be one of the 50% of Grade 1 pupils who never live to write a matric examination.

You would most certainly be one of the 80% of children who would receive an education that is considered among the very worst in the world – an education that will consign you to a lifetime in poverty.

If, through sheer grit and determination, you manage to beat these odds and actually write and pass a matric examination, chances are that you would be part of the 75% of matriculants without a bachelor's pass. Without a decent education, any form of economic empowerment for black South Africans will remain elusive.

I have no doubt that the ANC will continue to blame all of this on colonialism and apartheid and they are quite right. But what South Africans have come to learn is that whilst colonialism and apartheid placed young black South Africans in a state of economic disempowerment, it is the ANC-led government that has kept them there. [Applause.]

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This is not the ANC that we supported growing up. This is the ANC that has sold out an entire generation to the Guptas, South African Democratic Teachers' Union, SATDU, and patronage politics. For those naive enough to believe, even amongst your own benches, that electing "CR17" at the conference will somehow cause the ANC to self-correct - one must only listen to his brown nosing of SADTU, calling them great and powerful in order to gain their political support. Selling out our children ... [Interjections.]

Ms M C C PILANE-MAJEKE: Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Yes, hon member? Hon Cassim, please take your seat?

Ms M C C PILANE-MAJEKE: Is the member ready to take a question as whether there is anything he can ever debate outside the Gupta issue? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Wait, let the hon member indicate.

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Mr Y CASSIM: I think South Africans had enough of the Guptas and your President quite frankly. I am not willing to take your question.

Ms M C C PILANE-MAJEKE: Is there anything you can ever debate?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Go ahead hon member.

Mr Y CASSIM: Selling out our children is apparently a prerequisite to leading the ANC, no wonder there is something broken.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it is all about priorities and choices. Youth economic empowerment will forever remain an empty rhetoric if the ANC is entrusted with the choices that will define our generations. Time must surely be up.

Young black South Africans face unemployment levels of over 60%; over three million South Africans referred to as NEETs, are "Not in Education, Employment, or Training" and over 9 million South Africans are unemployed.

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Our youth is suffocating and yet the ANC is too self obsessed to realise it. Take the ANC Mayor of Ethekwini as an example, her answer to youth month is to spend rate payers' money on a breakfast for Babes Wodumo and Nasty C. Now I must admit that since I don't listen to music, I have no idea who these people are although I have reason to believe that at least one of them is nasty and I am referring to the ANC Mayor. [Applause.][Interjections.]

The point though is that it shouldn't be about fancy shindigs or gaining popularity to win an ANC leadership battle. It should be about making the choices required to save an entire generation who have been set up to fail and never make it out of poverty.

The DA is the only party that can make these choices, South Africans must choose a different government if we are to truly empower our youth. Since the DA became the government in the Western Cape, we have broken new ground and have both the highest retention rates and bachelor's pass rates in the country.

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The pass rate for the most disadvantaged schools in the province has been improved to 75%, having been 57% when the DA took over from the ANC in the Western Cape in 2006. A DA-led government in 2019 is surely the best hope for true empowerment of young black South Africans. Opening opportunities for young South Africans and preparing them for these opportunities will be our greatest focus.

When leading government, post 2019, we will: ensure that young black South Africans have access to a quality basic education which will empower learners to succeed; provide a free year of vocational training to all matriculants; offer free quality higher education and training to poor qualifying students up to a postgraduate level; invest heavily in internships and learnership opportunities including a meaningful youth wage subsidy; invest in small businesses and support young people to build and employ others.

We can do all this and more because as the DA we are not beholden to the same forces which have captured the ANC.

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A DA-led government would surely put young people first.
Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Mr M S MBATHA: Deputy Speaker, our young students and youth at the gallery, colleagues and friends, the best present for South Africans is to take the ANC out of power because just like in any circumstance it is a liberation movement that has run out of its own course. On the occasion of 41th Anniversary of June 16, we would like to salute the generation of 1976. This generation took everything it has, irrespective of the shortcomings of their time. They decided that as a generation will define their own struggles informed by their own oppression. In this, they excel in their own struggle. As a Marxist-Leninist-Fanonian movement, we draw our aspirations and our struggles to continue the course of economic freedom in our lifetime from June 16, 1976 movement.

Our struggle for economic freedom for young people means the following: to obtain an education free from daycare to high school and continue from high school to higher education up to first degree. That is the distance that

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we can go as a loving government. In paying tributes to these young lions of 1976, the gallant fighters of our time, we would like to thank them for a life well lived and well cherished for our nation to be born today.

Hector Peterson and Tsietsi Mashinini were gallant fighters that continue to lead the symbolism of this great struggle. They fought against Afrikaans as a medium of instruction, but that was not the only struggle. It was a struggle to decolonise education as a whole. It was a struggle to put the best interest of the black oppressed in the hearts of the equation of what was fair and what was just. This is the struggle that draws the international community and the armed struggle closer.

While the ANC leaders were busy drinking beer in Lusaka and sipping whisky in London [Interjections.] our young people fought the apartheid force in the streets daily. Our young people continued the cry, they said freedom or death, victory is certain.

We also wish to link the struggle of 1976 with a very unique struggle. The struggle of the United Democratic Front, Curnick Mthakathi Ndlovu, Archie Gumede, Hector

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Peterson and Tsietsi Mashinini. Hector Peterson and Tsietsi Mashinini never met Archie Gumede neither did they met Curnick Mthakathi Ndlovu, but these two struggles co-authored, co-created a journey and conditions that made our people both inside and outside the country, meaning those involved in the armed struggle and in the international isolation to have a fertile ground.

Our youth today are fighting for economic freedom in our lifetime not because it has to be a destination. It's a continued journey because until we have our land, freedom means nothing. We would continue to fight unemployment because it is skyrocketing under the ANC ruling party. We will continue to fight inequalities because the ANC has no shame. [Applause.]

Mr M HLENGWA: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon members and the youth of South Africa and the gallery and at home, let us salute the youth of 1976 and from their commitment to freedom, democracy and education. Let us also then do what they have done and continue that struggle to ensure

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that South Africa becomes a better place for all young South Africans.

In 2017 the youth of South Africa is faced with high unemployment 27%, stunt economic growth, junk status, a technical recession, poverty, inequality, social ills and the lack of leadership. Yet, we come here and speak about economic freedom. Hon Deputy Speaker, since 2012 when I got to this Parliament, I have raised the issue and shall continue doing so, that for so long as you do not have a dedicated and focussed parliamentary committee to deal with youth matters. We are leaving the youth behind.

There is a Multiparty Women's Caucus; yet, there is no formal structure of Parliament. To add the very least, begin meditating on the issues of young people. Last year, we had an issue of fees must fall and an ad hoc arrangements was made just for us to come and sit together. It materialises to nothing. Then it bears the question: Why is the Multiparty Youth Caucus not receiving attention? Well, it is because out of 249 Members of Parliament of the ANC inside of the House only

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one of them is below the age of 35 out of 249.

[Interjections.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, fees have not fallen. Decolonised education remains unachieved. The National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, remains complicated and corrupt and those who needed it most do not get.

[Interjections.] So, how did we get there? Well, during the days of the struggle, the ANC said "liberation now education later." Thank you to the sanity of the IFP and Prince Buthelezi we said "education for liberation." If we can go back to those basics and focus on ensuring that we create knowledge, skills and expertise which our economy needs. For us to begin and identify scientific technological and innovative capabilities in our country beneficiaries around them and create new economies will be able to grow this education.

Colleges of education must be reopened so that we have got quality teachers who can go back into our schools and give quality teaching. We are recycling ignorance. We have got teachers who are incapable to teach because the system is incapable of teaching them how to teach. They

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go back into the classroom and actually meet out what it is that they are failing to do.

Hon Deputy Speaker, let us address the land question for the sake of economic growth and economic development, but the bottom line as I have said before, hon House Chairperson, the ANC has failed the people of South Africa. The ANC has failed the youth and I gave you a red card before and I am giving you a red card again.

[interjections.] Pack your bags and go. You have failed the youth. [Applause.] ... [Time expired.]

Mr S C MNCWABE: Chairperson, hon members and guests, when our hard-fought democracy came into being, paid for by the blood and sacrifices of the Class of 1976, the youth had hoped that we were at the dawn of a new era. The youth had dreamed of the day when everybody would be equal, where dignity would be a cornerstone of our social fabric, and a bright future would beckon to all. Looking back, we can see that we were somehow deceived and we have to ask ourselves today: Will we have the courage to see that we are still being deceived, or will we be quick to hope once more?

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Empowering our youth at an economic level is the key for a better future, a future of hope and a future of possibilities. If we are to address youth economic empowerment, we will have to address the burning issue of youth unemployment and skills development. Chairperson, our current youth unemployment rate is almost 48% and has worsened over the past eight years, despite a great deal of policy attention and the implementation of a range of public and private interventions. From the submissions made today, it is clear that the challenge of youth unemployment in South Africa is a structural issue which will require massive policy investments, political will and time. It is fine that we invest in long-term strategic goals, but the NFP believes that it is equally important to concentrate on what can be done in the interim, what can be done right now. May be hon Deputy Minister Manamela will have also to visit the issue of curriculum in our tertiary institutions. Is it fine we keep on popping money in NSFAS but the graduate are not what the labour market wants.

IsiZulu:

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Ngeke kusize ukufaka izimali emaNyuvesi singabhekanga ukuthi into efundwayo khona yile efunwa ngabaqashi na. Okunye loko okwenza ukuthi sibe nentsha ehlezi emakhaya ngoba izifundo esinazo azikhulumi kulokhu okufunwa ngabaqashi. Kufanele sikuvakashele lokhu, sikubheke ukuthi imali yethu iyasisebenzela na.

English:

The NFP believes that if the issue of youth unemployment is not addressed as a matter of urgency, the situation can be expected to increase the levels of frustration and impatience among our youth, and will contribute to a cycle of chronic unemployment and poverty which has to be avoided at all costs. But, whatever we do, let us not deceive our youth again with empty promises. Thank you

Mr M L W FILTANE: Hon House Chair, the 41st anniversary of the national Youth Day is marked against the reality of a country that is experiencing economic hardships, with sky rocketing youth unemployment, chronic poverty and deprivation. These challenges mean that government need to increase investment on human capital development.

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In addition to improving basic education, the training systems must be transformed so that young people can acquire relevant and quality skills that can help them master their lives and contribute to the socioeconomic development of their country.

For this to happen, it will amongst other things, require the following: increase investment in the training institutions; reorienting the curriculum to introduce practical entrepreneurship training; decentralizing training to local authorities, including local artisans at village level; and linking training institutions to the labour market for absorption.

We also need to promote youth citizenship in an inclusive manner. The number of youth that is forced to go to the streets is on the rise as a result of poverty, lack of employment and loss of hope. In this regard, there is a need to decriminalise socially alienated street youth. They should be made feel secure and should be facilitated to take advantage of emerging economic opportunities in the mainstream society.

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More efforts should be put in place to rehabilitate young offenders and drug addicts. This calls for a change in attitude and outlook amongst policy-makers in respect to the activities and aspiration of young people, especially those in the streets.

We need a strategy to assist young people to be entrepreneurs and this strategy should include, but not be limited to: continuously improvement of the National Youth Policy 2020; continuously monitoring, evaluating and improving youth access to credit; continuously and consistently providing business development service for youth; and improving institutional and enterprise network.

Given that not all young people can be entrepreneurs, the labour intensive-based methods for infrastructure development will have to be seriously reconsidered. At the core of the issues that weigh against young people; is corruption, especially among those who are charged with the important task of governance, of ensuring that the dividends of democracy reach all our people,

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including youth, corruption must be rooted out together with its branches.

Further, youth as an integral part of the South African society are equally facing a variety of other challenges, including residual social racism, tribalism, xenophobia and other forms of social pathologies choking off our vision of a free and just society.

Whilst these challenges affect our young people, female youth are significantly worse off and special priority needs to be applied to the social, cultural and political recognition they deserve. Accordingly, youth must, working together as a social force and as integral party of a broader society; take lead in the championing their own development and dictate their own destiny. This work must be done and must be done now. Thank you

Mr W M MADISHA: The Youth Day in our country is linked to the uprising of students on 16 June 1976 in Soweto and beyond Soweto borders. We know that the uprising related to the introduction of Bantu education and the introduction of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in

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schools. It was an attempt by the apartheid regime to ossify apartheid. We know that as a consequence of June 16, many students stopped going to school and joined the liberation movements.

We know that others simply stopped going to school; that as a consequence they gained no skills and thus never had the opportunity of gainful employment. We know that this led to many turning to gangsterism, thuggery, criminality and social decay.

June 16, was the spark that ignited our liberation struggle. It was the youth that started our internal revolution. It's hard not to see parallels between 16 June 1976 and the challenges that face our youth today. More than 20 years into democracy, young people are still languishing in poverty and are plagued by crime, violence, unemployment and lack of education.

Today our youth are subjected to failing state schooling. Our state schools condemn more than half of our country's youth to a future of unemployment and welfare dependency. Over half of our youth between the ages 21 and 25 are not

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in education or employment. Six out of every 10 youth younger than 25 years are unable to find any employment at all.

Today, our jails are filled with youth but not through their involvement in the liberation struggles but rather through hunger. The anger of the youth is more palpable than ever.

We have witnessed their anger on our university campuses. But those at university represent a small and somewhat elite portion of our youth. If the frustrations of the millions of young people in the townships, who feel badly let down by this failing government, erupt into action for the most basic human rights such as water, sanitation, etc, we have a problem and indeed ... [Time expired.]

Ms C DUDLEY: House Chair, today's youth are as awesome as any generation before and it is their time to create opportunities for future generations to build on. The ACDP would like to see Youth Month facilitating opportunities for the passion of young people to be

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ignited and for them to take practical steps to follow their dreams.

On the subject of economic empowerment, the ACDP calls upon the National Youth Development Agency, NYDA, which has been allocated a budget of R430 million and business to commit to partnering to ensure relevant skills development, youth entrepreneurial opportunities and other initiatives that can help young people gain relevant experience.

Then there is the fourth industrial revolution on our doorstep with the World Economic Forum estimating that 60% of all children in primary school this year will be in jobs that don't exist today. This is as troubling as it is exciting. If our young people are to be in these jobs it will be crucial for them to study courses that will give them an opportunity to compete in the job market and for South Africans to compete globally to ensure a better future for everyone living in South Africa.

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And then there is the latest buzz word that has captured the imagination of young people far and wide but even more so in South African universities - decolonisation and more specifically decolonisation of education. The vigorous interchange of ideas is both encouraging and somewhat concerning.

The ACDP understands decolonisation of education to mean that a nation must become independent with regards to the acquiring of knowledge, skills, values, beliefs and customs, and this makes sense. What make no sense are students' statements along the lines of: for decolonised education to be introduced, the existing system must be overthrown and the people it's supposed to serve must define it for themselves.

The curricula of schools and tertiary institutions will be worth very little if they do not build on the best knowledge, skills, values, beliefs and habits from around the world. These cannot be limited to one country nor one continent.

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Much of the excellent work done in South Africa's universities could in fact be undone if students push this philosophy. The vice President of the Academy of Science at the University of Pretoria puts it like this:

"If we isolate ourselves, knowledge wise, South Africa's own amazing advances would be lost to the rest of the world. Other countries are happy to benefit from our discoveries. We should continue to benefit from their discoveries, too. Without a healthy balance South Africa could find itself rejecting all the advances of modern education, science and medicine that originate in other parts of the world including penicillin, and HIV/Aids antiretroviral treatment drugs neither of which were developed in Africa.

We cannot limit the knowledge base of South Africa's next generations to only regional knowledge and culture. We must of course, be locally relevant and celebrate research and researchers in South Africa. The ACDP has confidence in today's youth. Thank you.

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Ms G K TSEKE: Hon Ministers present, hon members of Parliament, the learners and guests in the gallery...

Setswana:

...dumelang.

English:

Allow me to join my progressive comrades in celebrating the lives of our fearless, young people, who paid the ultimate price of death for the heroic and revolutionary role they played in objecting to the discriminatory apartheid education system; who saw it befitting to fight for their rights, and to fight for the liberation of our own people.

The struggle fought by Cde Peter Mokaba, Tsietsi Mashinini, Solomon Mahlangu, Andrew Madi, should not be lost in vain, but we must soldier on as young people in making sure that we radically transform the socio-economic empowerment of young people in the dusty streets of Marapyane, Tlaakgameng, Matatiele and the rest of the country.

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As we celebrate the centenary of our former President, Oliver Reginald Tambo, we must take stock of where we come from. What are the legacies they have left in the country, and how best can we shape our future for the generations to come. The ANC-led government is committed in moving this country forward; in making sure that young people including young people with disabilities receives job opportunities.

I must say House Chairperson, that the legacy of more than 300 years of colonialism and slavery cannot and will never be erased in 23 years, that's a fact hon Cassim.

Let me also remind all hon members, that the youth of this country is not lost. As we celebrate this year's June 16, we must remember that the lost generation are the ones who stole our land and today they claim that if we take back our land there will be civil war; nonetheless, we are not frightened nor threatened by white monopoly capitalists who forever want to enrich themselves and [Interjection.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (MR C T FROLICK): Hon Tseke, will you just take your seat please. Hon Cassim, you can't take phone calls in the House. It's quite clear and I'll ask the Whips of the DA to please address the member. Continue hon member. Hon Tseke, you may continue.

Ms G K TSEKE: Thank you very much. On top of that situation, lost generation House Chairperson. The lost generation are the ones who stole our land and today they claim that if we take back our land there will be civil war; nonetheless, we are not frightened nor threatened by white monopoly capitalists who forever want to enrich themselves and has robbed our forefathers of their belongings. The ANC as a leader of the society must continue radically so, to represent the voice of the voiceless and implement the mandate that was given by the 62% of our voters in the 2014 National Elections.

South Africa has a generation that must find its way more comfortably and productively in a rapid changing country and world. By investing in a focused and strategic way in this generation, we are guaranteeing a great and a bright future for our country. Oliver Tambo once said, a

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country, a movement, a person that does not value its youth and children does not deserve its future.

As we declared 2017 a year of Oliver Tambo, we must continue to move our great country towards the vision of a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous society, that's the strategic objective of the National Democratic Revolution, NDR.

House Chairperson, the path which our country has chosen is complex and invites extreme commitment and dedication from those assigned to lead. South Africa belongs to all its people and the future of our country it's a collective future. Doing good for youth is good for business. As we pay tribute to the 1976 youth we acknowledge that their struggle was not in vain.

Setswana:

Jaaka re tlotlomatsa baša ba 1976 re gopole go amogela maitapiso a bone e se maitapiso fela. Re dira jaana ka kitso e e feleletseng ya mafoko a ga Solomon Mahlangu ao a reng, Madi a rona a tla nonotsha sethlare sa

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kgololosego.

English:

House Chairperson, South Africa has made enormous strides in youth development over the years. Government has spend more than R730 million to support over 15 000 entrepreneurships, spent billions of rands in learnerships, internships and scholarships programmes, the Art and Culture Department has introduced the Mzansi golden economy strategy and a number of high impact programmes targeting youth and women in the arts have been identified. The Expanded Public Works Programme, EPWP, initiatives that sees young people involved in the refurbishment, rehabilitation, and maintenance of community infrastructure across the country.

House Chairperson, the ANC Government is making progress with the National Rural Youth Service Corps, Narysec, which is also implemented in the very same province that we are in. Western Cape. I know they can claim it.

Narysec's main goal is to recruit and develop rural youth to be para-professionals by training them to render much needed community services where they live. More than,

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4 500 youths have completed training in various disciplines, and in the construction sector.

A further 855 have been trained in records management, and are currently involved in the scanning and tallying of land claim files in all provinces. Thus far a total of 19 000 young people have been absorbed into the programme.

More jobs have been created, mainly in the construction linked to the National Infrastructure Plan; amongst others we saw the trade sector, government programmes, business services, transport and communication as part of the nine point plan launched by the President of this country, amongst others we saw the launch of HBM factory in Ladysmith which produces latex condoms, the Moloto rail corridor in Mpumalanga which will unlock job opportunities amongst young people, the expansion of a instant coffee production - I stay in Mpumalanga, you can ask me outside, I'll inform you - in KwaZulu-Natal, KZN, and R17 billion has been invested and more than 5000 jobs have unlocked in the ocean economy.

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I can tell you that we are active in every part of our country and we have a footprint in every province. That's the ANC-led government that I'm talking about. Hon members, empowering the youth is building a nation. We agree that a lot still needs to be done and we have capacity and vigour to create more job opportunities.

South Africa must also start to prepare the youth for the digital and the 4th industrial revolution, the use of Information and Communication Technology, ICT, tools in all human activities as outlined in the National Development Plan, NDP. The ANC in its policy document, outline the process in a proper context of creating an environment that will be conducive to the generations to come. The ANC also recommends that government must establish a 4th industrial revolution commission in order to make recommendations on immediate, medium and long term priorities and goals for the society as a whole. This forum will engage different sectors of society on the implementation and benefits in the digital development that will surely affect young people.

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Apart from the fact that young people constitute 50% of South Africa's population, they are indeed a group worth considering when putting together effective business strategies. Despite significant progress, our country remains divided, with opportunity still shaped by the legacy of apartheid. In particular, young people and women are denied the opportunities to lead the lives that they desire. Our Constitution, which emanates from the Freedom Charter, obliges all of us to tackle these challenges.

House Chairperson, each generation has a positive responsibility to take affirmative steps to prepare the next generation for successful economic participation.

House Chairperson, let me also conclude because I can see that I'm left with few minutes. In conclusion, especially to hon Cassim and Mbatha, TD Jakesonke said [Time Expired.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (MR C T FROLICK): No, unfortunately hon member, you did not have a few minutes, you had a few seconds. Your time has expired, thank you.

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Mr L M NTSHAYISA: Hon House Chairperson, I take that the hands that were being clapped was just a sign of welcoming me to the podium, thank you very much.

[Laughter.]

Hon House chairperson, June 16 1976 was a turning point in the South African politics. The contribution made by the then students towards political freedom we are enjoying today will never be forgotten.

Soweto uprising also coincides with the manifestation of odious elements on our shores, which, admittedly, have stifled the objective priority strategies of inclusive growth and youth development. It is unfortunate that the South African economy is still in the hands of the few. It is for this reason that we have to advance the youth economic empowerment.

The attention and interest of our youth should be drawn to the fields of agriculture, accountancy, marketing and other skills that will contribute to the youth economic empowerment.

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On top of the political freedom we gained, economic freedom is urgently required. The economic empowerment of our youth is the best option. Youth should stay away from drugs and other intoxicating substances.

We should as result take leaf from the 1976 generation, whose character and fortitude reminds us that our struggle for a just society has just begun.

The agenda 2020 project, which seeks to quantum leap the role and contribution of young people in technology, innovation and trade, must rally young people to self-flagellate on their failures and work on their strength.

The current irritations in the political, however, with their attendant undertones to undermine our sovereignty, will stop at nothing to derail our course. It is this irritation that should propel us into action.

So we must ask, do we simply wither in difficult times? Or like Thabo Mbeki has said, wallow in despondency to defeat adversity to defeat adversity, we choose neither. Neither is lethal to help annihilate the capture of the

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state and the erosion of values that the Constitution commits us to uphold.

National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, and National Youth Development Agency, NYDA, opportunities should be properly implemented and corrupt individuals should be out aside so that we have got progress in our country; then we are in a position now, to engage on youth development and economic empowerment. I thank you.

Mr M A PLOUAMMA: Hon Chair and hon members, first, we need to apologise to all the young people who sacrificed their lives for free quality education and yet it is still a pipe dream. Those who are not employed and watching with dismay when those who are in power, continue to distribute patronage. Hon members, the truth is, the youth of our country has been thrown into a gas chamber. Our young people are suffocated when their future fade before their eyes. You only need to be a member of the ANC to be connected with opportunities.

You look at the number of graduates who are not working living under conditions of shameful poverty. The ANC must

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bow their heads in shame. One begins to doubt whether the ANC education policy are not perpetuating P W Botha reforms. The ANC government betrayed the youth of this country by advocating a liberal paradigm of institutional integration and corporatisation in 2003. Conscious or unconsciously entrenched the terms of the apartheid leader. Hon members, our young people are banished to a life of inferior and despair. The 23 years of ANC rule can be characterised of years of lost opportunity to create conducive platform for our young people to reach their potential. Young people deserve a productive and fulfilling future.

I want to say to young people, do not give up and succumb to challenges. These challenges will make you stronger and a better person. There is hope and light at the end of the tunnel. Come 2019, the ANC will be out and leaders of merit will act according to the mandate of the governed. Do not commit suicide and loose hope when confronted with difficulties. More especially in the rural areas where even when you are not employed you are still required to travel and buy data to search for

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employment. You cannot afford to live in town since you are not employed.

Government must commit seriously to work in hand with the youth. We know you have created a jungle of nepotism and patronage but at least change for the sake of the youth. In 2019, when AgangSA and other parties take over from the ANC, we will make sure that we don't misuse young people and indoctrinate them like Hitler did to pounce on perceived enemy to intimidate those who differ with authority of the day. Institutions that are meant for the youth are even used to distribute patronage. Our young people are bright and creative but lack opportunity.

Hon members, I am asking for this, these are the solutions that we are pushing forward; we are saying all young people must get data for free, they must get free transport to ... [Time expired.]

Ms L S MAKHUBELE-MASHELE: Good afternoon, hon members.

Afrikaans:

Die arme skepsel ...

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English:

Plouamma has just spoken and so disillusioned thinking that he can win elections when he is just the only member in this House. Members, the main economic objective of the ANC-led government since the dawn of democracy has been skills development for job creation, the reduction of poverty and inequality and the overall sustainable growth of the wealth of the country.

Young people are a major resource for the development of the country and act as key agents for social change and economic expansion and innovation. A significant number of our young people across the country are not prepared for work, thus, are unproductive potential workers. It is of principal importance that steps be taken to prevent this waste of our nations' human resource by providing skills, development and training. The theme of youth month seeks to mainstream the youth development agenda and participation of young people into the broader economy.

Youth economic empowerment is the means through which the youth of the country can be assisted to succeed in life.

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Youth targeted interventions are needed to enable young South Africans to actively participate and engage in the economy. Many in the opposition benches think that economic empowerment is the function of government only. No, youth empowerment must be a shared responsibility that calls for all partnerships between government, the private sector and the broader civil society. Giving young people access to skills development programmes and jobs remains the priority of government. Our government recognises that the youth of today have completely different struggles, which is; high unemployment rate, alcohol and substance abuse.

We understand that the political freedom on its own is not enough. The youth who form the majority of the population are hungry for economic empowerment. The class of 1976, stood for what they believed in, which was better education. They stood up against armed police and brought us the freedom that we are enjoying today.

Today's struggles are about the economy and the opportunities. We must emulate the youth of 1976, by standing up against all forms of corruptions which erode

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equal opportunities for young people. We must unite and rise against unemployment and inequality.

The urgency for the participation of youth at the top end of the economy has been emphasised by the recent unemployment statistics. These unemployment figures paint a disturbing picture which shows that the country is regressing rather than improving. We welcome the youth set aside budget of about R23 billion for the next five years tabled by the Minister of Economic Development in his recent Budget approved by this House. Increasing investment in young people is the key to their development and empowerment. It is a step in the right direction in the alleviation of poverty.

Hon members, our government continues to invest in the youth of the country. There are many initiatives and structured programmes tailor made to benefit the youth. To date, over 1,7 millions of South Africans have joined the ranks of the middle class. These are young professionals and a well skilled workforce that is much needed for our economy to grow. Majority of this population of the middle class structure, are the black

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middle class who benefited from the National Skills Fund. The National Skills Fund is the aid scheme of government which is a vehicle to educate and skill the youth and prepare them to enter the formal labour force and be productive citizens.

One of the primary aims of the skills development is to improve access to labour market in the formal economy, increase income and strengthen social networks for poverty reduction. Learning vocational skills helps to ensure food security and rural development both in which are important for fighting against poverty and inequalities. To date, about R1,7 million from the National Skills Fund was allocated towards Transnet to train about 1000 artisans over three years. Training is delivered across the country. About R1,73 million as taken from the skills fund towards Eskom to train about 1 250 artisans and about R23 million from the skills fund towards South African Airways to train about 136 artisans over the period of three years.

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Hon members, nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come. This is by Victor Hugo who is the famous French literature scholar, stated it better when he said, "Nothing is stronger than an idea whose time has come"

The fourth industrial revolution is that idea which builds on the digital revolution and presenting new ways in which technology becomes embedded and breakthroughs in a number of fields. Our youth has to position themselves to engage proactively with these rapidly evolving technologies.

We have within our means the capacity to harness the potential of this technology and to improve the lives of South Africans. Our government has to ensure that our people, in particular, the youth are not left behind and that technology benefit society as a whole. Training, skilling and long life learning is the only journey to develop the correct and relevant skills for this fourth industrial revolution. Demand continues to grow for skills that enable us to keep up with structural changes in the economy brought about by urbanisation, technological change, shifting patterns and consumer demand.

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Hon members, the question that we must ask ourselves as Members of Parliament is that, how do we measure the impact of empowerment programmes through our oversight work? Consolidating and integrating youth development into the mainstream economy in government should be our work when the departments come before Parliament on their strategic plans and APPs, Annual Performance Plans. As young Members of Parliament we should be asking ourselves if these programmes are really doing what they are doing on the ground and our oversight work should be towards ensuring that these programmes do work for our young people instead of coming here and politicking.

Various departments come before this House year in and year out and table their APPs and strategic plans, our eyes must be focused on every government department to ensure that policies and budget talk to youth development. If the youth want to take ownership and leadership of tomorrow, strengthening their capacity and widening their vision is the only choice. There are no short cuts to development and empowerment. I thank you.

[Applause.]

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Adv A de W ALBERTS: Chairperson, many of the debates in this House feel like déjà vu. A study on the many youth debates conducted since 2009 reveals that they mostly concern the economic status of the youth and an opportunity that would be lost if we do not create an environment for the youth to become employed and propel the economy forward. Whilst the workforce of First World countries is aging, we have available to us a demographic dividend. It is however sad to say that the debates remain the same, the solutions proposed by the opposition ignored, and our youth lost.

Afrikaans:

Wat wel verander is die dringendheid van die kwessie, want die jeug raak algaande meer ongeduldig. Dit voorspel niks goeds vir maatskaplike samehorigheid nie.

English:

Perhaps a historical approach would be of better assistance to ensure the matter is better understood. The quagmire of economic stagnation and poor service delivery has not come from nowhere. It came about due to certain decisions and actions taken by the ANC after 1994. One

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thing leads to another. This is known as causality, and this universal law leads to that phenomenon also known as the chickens coming home to roost.

The ANC's first task post 1994 was to replace the mainly experienced Public Service employees with their cadres. Those who could not be convinced to take packages were forced, thereby destroying institutional memory and wiping out swathes of experience that could have been used to deliver proper services and, importantly, provide education and mentorship to the new people. It is to be noted that experienced teachers were also forced out of their profession. Since then, the ANC has been treating the youth like mushrooms: feeding them a basic education equal to bull-derived manure and keeping them in the Dark Ages.

Afrikaans:

Die ANC se kaderontplooiing het mense wat meestal die mentaliteit van Hlaudi Motsoeneng openbaar in belangrike posisies geplaas, naamlik mense oortuig daarvan dat hulle 'n funksie kan verrig waarvoor hulle eintlik glad nie gereed is of opgelei is nie. Dit het die effek gehad dat

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talle arm swartmense endemies blootgestel is aan swak dienslewering in Suid-Afrika en die jeug aan substandaard onderwys. Ongelukkig is dit steeds vandag die geval. Daarby het die ANC ook nog geëksperimenteer met ons jeug deur uitkomsgebaseerde onderwys wat talle jongmense ongeletterd gelaat het.

English:

So, what is the answer then? How do we save the youth and build a future for them? Given the fact that we have the same debate and ignorance from the ANC year on year, it is clear that we will have to bring merit back into the system by ridding the country of the unmeritorious ANC and its failed policies. I thank you.

Ms H BUCWA: Chairperson and hon members, once again, the ANC has exposed its intellectual bankruptcy. They have shown that they do not care about the youth of South Africa. Surely, this is not the best you could do. Your benches are empty because you do not care about the youth of this country. [Applause.]

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You have also shown that the only young person, by the way, that you care about is Duduzane Zuma. How can you even begin to understand the struggles of young people when you are so far removed from them? In fact, the ANC doesn't even have young people. They do not even give them a chance to lead. The ANC benches are like a retirement village. [Laughter.] They have less than 0% Members of Parliament, MPs, whilst the DA has just over 13%. Our members are young. Our members are leading, and we are showing you how it is done. [Interjections.]

Chair, with all due respect ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! [Interjections.] Order! Continue, hon member.

Ms H BUCWA: Chairperson, with all due respect, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training must be somewhat delusional. [Interjections.] He claims that there are more than two million young people ...

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

Ms H BUCWA: He claims there are more than two million young people who have entered the "missing middle", and I want to understand how, when more than 50% of young people, particularly those funded by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme, do not make it past their first year. [Interjections.] These students don't excel because there is no adequate funding. They are not given allowances well in advance, particularly when it comes to their textbooks ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, please take your seat. Hon members, order!

[Interjections.] Order! Hon members, order! Hon Minister, order! Hon members, whilst interjections are allowed, you are not allowed to drown out the speaker at the podium.

[Interjections.] Please, let us also keep track of the debate so that the interjections at least are relevant to what the hon member is saying. Continue, hon member.

Adv B T BONGO: House Chairperson, on a point of order ...

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! Hon members, I want to take the point of order at the back. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Does he look old?

Adv B T BONGO: Chairperson, I just want to know whether she sees an old person when she looks at me.

[Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, that is not a point of order. Just continue, hon member.

Ms H BUCWA: Chairperson, he is probably twenty years older than me, so it is possible. [Interjections.] We will once again hear the same recycled jargon from old ANC people masquerading as poster boys for young people - like the next speaker. So, allow me to bring us back to this debate. I am reminded of the words of Frantz Fanon when he argues that "each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfil it, or betray it".

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Today I stand before you 41 years after a momentous occasion, a day in which the books of history were rewritten when the youth of South Africa rose up and said: Our generation will change the status quo.

[Interjections.] On the morning of 16 June 1976, thousands of black students came together with one common purpose: to stand up against an unjust government. They understood they were not fighting a race, or a man, but the unjust system that had suppressed black Africans for decades - a system that refused to give quality education to the majority of young people in South Africa, an education system that suppressed free thinking and limited people from pursuing their dreams. Therefore, one cannot ignore the fundamental role the youth played in our liberation and the role that still lies before them.

On that day, many young people across the country died. Their death was not in vain. Their legacy lives on, and it shines as a beacon of hope to many of us. If I were to state one of the qualities that I admire about this youth, it is their selflessness, the ability to think beyond their own individualistic concerns.

[Interjections.] You see, Chairperson, when South Africa

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held its first democratic election, I was only 14 months old. [Interjections.] My mother carried me on her back to cast her first democratic vote. [Applause.] She cast her vote with the hope - you must listen attentively. You must begin to listen! Her hope was that I, as her child ...

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

Ms H BUCWA: Her hope was that I would have a different life, that I would never be judged by the colour of my skin but the content of my character, that I would have equal opportunities in a free and a fair society.

[Interjections.]

The only government I have experienced is that of the ANC, and I submit to you that we are no longer led by selfless beings. We are no longer led by men and women of integrity. We are no longer led by principles because if we were, our country never would have been sold for a house in Dubai. [Applause.] We would not be led by those who continue to loot and steal from the poor. We would

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not have the highest unemployment rate. We would not have more than six million young people that are not in education, employment or training.

Hon members, there is no true freedom in poverty. There is no true freedom in unemployment. There is no true freedom in sitting at home without an education due to the circumstances of your birth. There is no true freedom when young women are raped and killed on a daily basis and then the Minister says the slain woman was weak.

[Interjections.] That is probably why she is howling at me today because she does not care about women.

[Interjections.] There is no true freedom when we are scared to walk free in our own country. There is no true freedom in junk status or a recession.

If we are serious about empowering the youth of South Africa, we must begin to understand that education is the path to freedom.

IsiXhosa:

Uyangxola, mama! [You are making a noise, mama!]

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English:

The DA believes that an educated and skilled workforce is essential to grow the economy. Education, training and skills programmes should aim to unlock the vast potential of young South Africans and the unemployed.

We must therefore fix our education system. We must ensure, Deputy Minister, that qualifying students have access to the doors of education and are given the necessary support to excel. The high cost associated with higher education poses a significant barrier for many young South Africans. Our Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges play a pivotal role in filling the current gaps in the South African labour market. We should increase internships and learnerships with the aim of having more professionals in our economy. You see, the present challenges cannot be fixed by the very mentality that created them.

We must have job creation and innovation through entrepreneurship. We must create opportunities for people for instead of a bloated, corrupt state that is only dragging us backwards. The hands of time have done a

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complete 360°. It is now five minutes to the midnight hour of change. The ANC will have a rude awakening in 2019. [Applause.]

The youth of South Africa must rise above their political lines, racial divisions and class and come together for the sake of our nation and our future children. Hon members, as a young person, it is very disturbing to stand here and then be asked why I am not in school. I am here to advocate for my fellow South Africans. I am here to advocate for young people whose struggles I see on a daily basis. By the way, I still am a law student. You should go and read about it. [Interjections.]

To my fellow South Africans sitting up in the gallery, like the youth of 1976, we must also find our mission. Allow me to suggest that our mission is to eradicate the social injustices that still prevail. Our mission is to create a free and fair society with equal opportunities for all. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon House
Chairperson, greetings to the members of the Masibambane,

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Hector Peterson and Bloekombos High Schools and the Khayelitsha College students who are here today, waving their beautiful, new South African flags and showing their solidarity. [Applause.]

As we commemorate the 14th anniversary of the youth uprising on June 16, we are reminded just how far young people have come over the decades since that fateful day. This debate must make an honest reflection of the strides we have made as a country to improve the lives of the millions of young people. To suggest that 1976 is no different to 1994 and that 1994 is no different to 2017 is, essentially, to be blind to the truth that every South African sees on a daily basis: South Africa in 2017 has changed dramatically, compared to 1976. Yes, there are still challenges and we are hard at work to ensure that we deal with those challenges.

Contrary to popular belief and, as suggested in many quarters, young people are not lazy, nor do they feel entitled. Young people do not want handouts. Rather, they want a hand-up. They look to us, as the political leaders of this country, to create an enabling environment in

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which they can succeed. This situation of the youth, in many ways, mirrors the development of our country over the last two decades.

The freedom pathway to democracy and development has not been an easy one. It is an uneven pathway, characterised by strife, fits, starts, leapfrogs and obstacles. Good development progress has been made, with our democracy restoring the dignity of millions of South Africans and changing their lives for the better. However, we are reminded that more needs to be done as we tackle the unemployment, inequality, crime, racism, corruption and substance abuse that threaten to derail us.

While we have made good progress in youth development, we recognise that this is not enough and that more needs to be done. We must institutionalise youth development. We must build apparatus for oversight mechanisms, structures, systems and programmes that can stand firmly and advance youth development.

The National Youth Policy 2020 is our key instrument for youth development. It was informed by the African Youth

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Charter, which suggests that a national youth policy must be cross-sectoral in nature and must enable youth development to be integrated and mainstreamed into all planning and decision-making, as well as programme development. Effective oversight and monitoring of policy implementation must follow. Thus, the Presidential Youth Working Group is central in ensuring that we conduct this particular oversight.

The hon Cassim suggests that there has not been progress at all. He, in fact, is almost blind to the progress that has been made. The hon Cassim is so out of touch. I want to use this opportunity to congratulate Babes Wodumo and Nasty C. Those young people there know who we are talking about, but he is so out of touch with them and I am certain that the hon D J Maynier here may teach you a thing or two about Babes Wodumo, Nasty C, Kwesta, and many others. [Interjections.]

How can he be so out of touch with the cultural interests of young people and yet come here and claim that he speaks to the same young people? It is probably because he is overindulged with the lyrics of Steve Hofmeyer,

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which he comes and repeats here on a daily basis.

[Interjections.]

Not only did he say it, but both the hon Bucwa and the hon Mbatha reminded me of my engagement with young people at the Hector Peterson High School. They insisted that we put history as part of our education system.

Now, to suggest here that people, such as Solomon Mahlangu, who died in 1979 at the hands of the apartheid regime, sacrificed his life ... that Solomon Mahlangu spent his time drinking wine and whisky in exile is, actually, blasphemous. To suggest that people like Patrick Chamusso, who was deployed into the country to bomb Sasol and disrupt the apartheid regime and its economy and that those who trained him were living a lavish lifestyle in exile, is actually blasphemous. To suggest that people like Ruth First, who died from a letter bomb ... and to come here into this House and rubbish that history is blasphemous. You and the hon Bucwa need to be taught History ABC.

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Mr M S MBATHA: Chairperson, on a point of order: Is the Deputy Minister willing to take a question?

[Interjections.]

IsiZulu:

Uyabubona ubugwala ... babephuza laphaya.

English:

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: No.

Shame on you! Shame on you! Shame on you for desecrating the democracy that has been achieved and established, and for actually rubbishing the efforts that have been made by many others in order to ensure that we realise our freedom.

The hon Hlengwa comes here and says that there is no multiparty youth forum because the ANC has got only one young person below the age of 35. However, he wouldn't tell us how many young people in the IFP are actually under the age of 35, because he is the only one.

[Interjections.] Even worse, he came here looking much older than the hon Ben Martins, there. [Interjections.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Hlengwa, why are you rising?

Mr M HLENGWA: House Chair, I think that ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Why are you rising? I don't want to hear what you think.

[Interjections.]

Mr M HLENGWA: He asked a question. I must respond! He asked me a question, so I must respond. [Interjections.]

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

Mr M HLENGWA: Oh! So I can't respond?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Take your seat, hon member.

Mr M HLENGWA: Oh - but there is still one!

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Thank you. It is such a pity that young people, such as the hon Hlengwa and the hon Bucwa who come here and parade their age, are actually more senile than the oldest people I know; more hard of hearing than some of the older people I know; and lose their memory as soon as they are sent to this podium. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

Mr M H HOOSEN: Chairperson, on a point of order: Is it parliamentary for that very old hon member to call other hon members "senile"?

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

Mr M H HOOSEN: Is that parliamentary? [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Take your seat, hon member. [Interjections.] Take your seat, hon member. Continue, hon Deputy Minister.

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The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Hon House Chairperson, let me illustrate their loss of memory. As part of the address by the hon Manana, he comes and opens the debate, and 15 minutes, later, all these hon members forget. That's how they lose their memory, listening and displaying their senility.

Higher education enrolment, today, stands at close to 900 000. In 1976, there were fewer than 100 young, black people in universities. [Interjections.] That, in itself, represents progress. The number of university students graduating from higher education increased by 6% from 180 000 in 2013 to 191 000 in 2015.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Deputy Minister, just take your seat. Why are you rising, hon member?

Mr M S MBATHA: I'm rising to correct the Deputy Minister. He's lying, Chairperson. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, hon member. That's not a point of order.

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Mr M S MBATHA: The University of ... [Inaudible.] ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): That's a point of debate. Take your seat. I'm switching off your microphone.

Mr M S MBATHA: Don't lie here! [Interjections.]

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Now, part of the thing is that not only are they hard of hearing and all of that, they are also blind. They are blind to the fact that more than 15 000 in the last financial year have been trained as interns and as part of the Graduate Development Programme. Many of these young people will be integrated into the public sector. [Applause.]

A total of 15 000 young people will be trained as part of the Working for Water programme. More than 18 000 young people have gone through the National Rural Youth Service Corps, Narysec, programme and many of them have changed

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their lives as a result of that particular programme. Of the 1,1 million young people who are participating in the Extended Public Works Programme, many are young people who had given up hope. They now see hope, because it gives them an opportunity to change their lives.

In 2016, 48 000 young people graduated as artisans. The old, verkrampte apartheid regime did not allow young, black South Africans to be trained as artisans.

[Applause.] Today, this ANC-led government is making progress with regard to that. As we speak, the Premier of Gauteng is launching Tshepo 1 Million, in Gauteng. More than 350 000 young people have already gone through this project.

What is sad is that those who came here, like the hon Bucwa, drunk in her ageism, are drunk in only seeing people's weaknesses on the basis of their age and lack objectivity in terms of what needs to be done for young people. She is blind to fact that her own DA in Tshwane is counselling the Tshepo 500 000. [Interjections.] That's why the ANC-led government in the province of Gauteng is upscaling this to a million more. So, you can

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come here and be young and expose the fact that you are more reactionary than some of the very progressive, old people who are sitting in this House. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

What is sadder, in fact, on the part of the hon Bucwa, is to think that her party is led by a young, black male.

[Interjections.] I think the events of this history have shown to the contrary. They have shown that, inasmuch as the hon Maimane, a young, black man, occupies this seat, there is some remote control sitting somewhere ...

[Interjections.] [Applause.] ... and what happened this week was to stage-manage the process to try and induce back the votes which he may have lost.

I want to tell you now, no matter how long the wool is, you will not succeed in pulling it over the eyes of young people, because they can see the lies that you are trying to project. [Applause.] They know who is in charge. They know that none of you, especially the absentee Leader of the Opposition, is in charge.

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Part of the things which the opposition almost always comes here and talks about - and I'm sure you've noticed they've never said anything about it ...

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: ... is their consistent complaint about the National Youth Development Agency, NYDA. Do you know why? It is because they are very impressed with what the NYDA has been doing for the last three to four years. That's why none of them came here to complain about the NYDA.

Part of the progress and success that the NYDA has achieved includes the training of more than 1 000 young people into entrepreneurship and inducting them into small businesses. The successful Youthbuild programme, which they are doing with the Department of Human

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Settlements, is creating jobs through its limited and meagre resources. In addition, more than 1 500 young people are benefiting from the Solomon Mahlangu Scholarship and more than 1 million young people have gone through the NYDA career-guidance programme.

That is why none of them will come here and rubbish the NYDA. They know young people are watching this debate and they will be disappointed with them in terms of saying the NYDA is working.

To the young people out there, I want to say yes, we have listened to you. In terms of access to NYDA services and, as part of the next financial year, the NYDA will be opening two new branches, one in Mthatha and the other in Newcastle. This is part of expanding services and ensuring that we give quality service to young people.

[Applause.]

Hon Cassim, Babes Wodumo and Mampintsha, young people who keep young people on the dance floor, are actually very excited about the prospects of this country. So, young people who know what they are talking about created

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something called "Ninomona" [you are jealous]. You have jealousy.

You came here and shouted that the ANC would lose in 2019, and so on. Let me tell you now. The electorate will be telling you, "Ninomona". The ANC has built houses for the majority of our people and they will say to you, when they go to the ballot box, "Ninomona". [Interjections.]

They will tell you they have people with access to education. We've got so many young people that this government has listened to. Today, we have been kept in institutions of learning. When they go to the ballot box, they will say to the opposition parties, "Ninomona". They will tell you that this, here, is where all of you belong and that only the ANC will change this country for the better. Thank you. [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

POINTS OF ORDER RAISED ON REMARKS MADE IN THE HOUSE

(Ruling)

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members! Order! Thank you. You may take your seats. Order, hon members! Hon members, before I proceed to the next item on the Order Paper, I want to make the following ruling. Order!

Hon members will recall that last week, I made a part-ruling in terms of points of order that were raised during the debate on the Budget Vote of the Presidency on Wednesday, 31 May 2017. I now want to deal with the second part of the ruling that was made then.

The ruling deals with points of order that were raised in response to certain remarks made by the hon Plouamma and the hon Deputy Minister. I have dealt with that part - the second part, that is, of the Deputy Minister. At the time of the remarks being made, I indicated that I would study the Hansard and revert to the House with considered rulings. Having had the opportunity to look at the contested remarks and the Rules of the House, I wish to rule, as follows.

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Various members contended that the hon Plouamma had, during the course of his speech and when referring to the President, contravened Rule 85 and imputed improper motives to the head of state. Having looked at the transcript, I can confirm that the member made various allegations that were, indeed, prefixed by allegations and also other types of remarks. He also made the following statement, on which a specific point of order was taken. He said that the President was "handing over our country to dark forces, crooks".

Rule 85 refers to reflection upon members, the President, Ministers and Deputy Ministers who are not members of the Assembly. It states that no member may impute improper motives to any other member or cast personal reflection upon the member's integrity or dignity or verbally abuse a member in another way.

Rule 85(2) states that a member who wishes to bring any improper or unethical conduct on the part of another member to the attention of the House may do so only by way of a separate, substantive motion comprising a clearly formulated and properly substantiated charge

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that, in the opinion of the Speaker, prima facie, warrants consideration by the House.

Hon Plouamma, your statement was a clear violation of Rule 85 and I must ask you to withdraw that remark.

Mr M A PLOUAMMA: I withdraw, Chair.

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

EXHUMATION OF UDF POLITICAL PRISONERS' REMAINS

(Draft Resolution)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: House Chair, on behalf of the ANC I move without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes the exhumation of eight United Democratic Front, UDF, political prisoners on 31 May 2017, who were buried in the Mamelodi Cemetery in Tshwane;

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(2) further notes that the eight UDF members were hanged for politically motivated offences between 1986 and 1989, and were buried in unmarked graves;

(3) acknowledges that the eight UDF members were part of the 140 political prisoners hanged between 1960 and 1989, and buried as paupers in cemeteries around Tshwane;

(4) further acknowledges that the exhumations form part of the Gallows Exhumation Project launched in 2016, which is aimed at recovering the remains of political prisoners who were hanged prior to the suspension of the death penalty in 1990;

(5) recalls that the task to recover the graves of the political prisoners was given to the Missing Persons Task Team, MPTT, in the National Prosecuting Authority to conduct the exhumations;

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- (6) commends the MPTT for the sterling work in recovering the remains of the former missing political prisoners; and lastly;
- (7) urges the MPTT to continue in its endeavours to recover all political prisoners and activists buried inhumanely in unmarked mass graves throughout the length and breadth of our country.

Agreed to.

DEATH OF AUTHOR KAREL SCHOEMAN

(Draft Resolution)

Afrikaans:

Mev A M DREYER: Madam Voorsitter, namens die DA stel ek sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis—

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- (1) kennis neem van die afsterwe van Karel Schoeman, bekroonde vertaler, historikus en skrywer op 77-jarige ouderdom in Bloemfontein;
- (2) verder kennis neem dat Schoeman aan die Hoër Jongenskool in Paarl matrikuleer het, 'n BA-graad aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat behaal het, aan die Rooms-Katolieke Seminarium in Pretoria studeer het, en tot die Orde van die Franciskane in Ierland toegetree het maar besluit het om nie sy eed as priester af te lê nie en om terug na Bloemfontein te keer waar hy die Hoër Diploma in Biblioteekunde behaal het;
- (3) ook kennis neem dat hy tydens 'n lang loopbaan ook gewerk het as 'n bibliotekaris in Nederland, as 'n verpleër in Skotland en as argivaris van die Suid-Afrikaanse Biblioteek in Kaapstad;
- (4) erkenning gee dat Karel Schoeman bo alles 'n skrywer was en telkens bekroon is, waaronder drie keer met die Hertzogprys, en is al beskryf as die Shakespeare of die Dostoyevsky van Afrikaans;

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- (5) onthou dat vertalings van sy romans in Duits, Engels, Frans, Nederlands en Russies verskyn het;
- (6) ook onthou dat hy in 1999 die Orde van Voortreflike Diens van oud-president Nelson Mandela ontvang het; en
- (7) spesiaal instemming betuig met wat sy medeskrywer Breyten Breytenbach oor hom sê dat: "Hy het net 'n tree gegee oor die skeiding na 'n helderde lig waar skadu's nie meer die syn bevlek nie. ... Selde, indien ooit, het die land en dus sy mense so tydloos weergalm as in Schoeman se werk."

Goedgekeur.

SETTLEMENT BUILDING PROJECT IN OCCUPIED WEST BANK

(Draft Resolution)

English:

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Mr Z R XALISA: Thank you Chair. On behalf of the EFF I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) notes the biggest settlement building project in the occupied West Bank in 25 years and the cutting of 40% of the electricity supply to the Gaza Strip by the apartheid state of Israel;
- (2) further notes that this forms part of the broader colonial settler project of turning the land of Palestine into a Zionist national state;
- (3) acknowledges that this colonial settler project has been built on the dispossession and expulsion of over seven million Palestinians from their land;
- (4) further acknowledges that the illegal settlement building in the West Bank and the cutting off of electricity to the Gaza Strip are acts of aggression against defenceless people;

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(5) recognises that the consequences of this action will leave hospitals and water treatment facilities without electricity, and the creation of more Palestinian refugees;

(6) further recognises that this is all taking place during the holy month of Ramadan which is of great importance to many Palestinians;

(7) also acknowledges the many similarities in the policies and methods of the old apartheid government and the current government of Israel;

(8) also recognises the need to isolate the government of Israel and support the Palestinian people; and

(9) condemns the government of Israel for the building of settlements in the West Bank and the cutting off of electricity to the Gaza Strip.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion?

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Ms C DUDLEY: Objection Madam Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Okay, your objection will be noted.

The motion without notice not being agreed to becomes a notice of motion.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

(Draft Resolution)

Ms L A MNGANGA-GCABASHE: Thank you Chairperson. On behalf of the ANC I move without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes that the UN General Assembly, in its Resolution 66/127, designated 15 June as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day;

(2) acknowledges that 15 June represents the one day in the year when the whole world voices its

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opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted on some of our older generations;

- (3) believes that elder abuse is a global social issue which affects the health and human rights of millions of older persons around the world, and that it is an issue which deserves the attention of the international community;
- (4) understands that maltreatment of the older generation can lead to serious physical injuries and long-term psychological consequences;
- (5) recalls that recent research findings draw specific attention to the financial exploitation and material abuse of older persons as a common and serious problem; and
- (6) calls upon member states and civil society to strengthen their resolve and redouble their efforts to eliminate all forms of violence and abuse against older people.

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Agreed to.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you. Are there objections to the motion? No objections. Agreed to. Let me clarify that the previous motion of the EFF that was objected to by the ACDP falls away.

INTERNATIONAL ALBINISM AWARENESS DAY

(Draft Resolution)

Mr N SINGH: Thank you hon Chairperson. On behalf of the IFP I move without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes that on Tuesday, 13 June 2017, the world observed International Albinism Awareness Day;

(2) further notes that albinism is still profoundly misunderstood socially and medically, and that this leads to various forms of stigma and discrimination;

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- (3) acknowledges that in several cultures around the world, and particularly in many African countries, people with albinism live in constant fear of murder;
- (4) further acknowledges that in some countries people with albinism, children included, are killed and dismembered for ritual purposes, with parts of their bodies sold for thousands of dollars by criminal witch doctors; and finally
- (5) calls on all relevant arms of government to heed the call by the UN to spread awareness and to continue their efforts to protect and preserve the rights of persons with albinism to life, dignity and security, as well as their right not to be subjected to torture and cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment.

Agreed to.

RICHARDS BAY ORGANISED CRIME UNIT DRUG BUST

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(Draft Resolution)

Prof N M KHUBISA: Thank you Madam Chairperson. On behalf of the NFP I move without notice:

That the House –

- (1) notes that law enforcement authorities in Richards Bay in KwaZulu-Natal seized heroin worth over R100 million on Monday, 12 June 2017;
- (2) further notes that the drug bust came after members of Pretoria's crime intelligence had gathered information about a vehicle with drugs which was going to enter South Africa through the Kosi Bay port of entry from Mozambique;
- (3) also notes that a 27-year-old man in possession of the heroin was immediately arrested, and intensive investigations followed which led the Hawks to Gauteng where two foreign nationals, aged 24 and 29 years, were arrested and found with R50 000 in cash in their possession;

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- (4) congratulates the Richards Bay Organised Crime Unit, along with crime intelligence officers in Empangeni and Pretoria, as well as the Hawks, on a job well done; and
- (5) encourages our law enforcement agencies to continue co-operating with vigour and commitment in their war on drugs.

Agreed to.

DEATH OF ACTOR JABU KHUBHEKA

(Draft Resolution)

Ms L M MNGANGA-GCBASHE: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the untimely death of yet another South African Broadcasting

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Corporation, SABC actor, Jabu Khubheka, on Monday, 12 June 2017 at the age of 48;

- (2) further notes that Kubheka, who was popularly known as 'Gunman' from his role on *Yizo Yizo*, was found dead in his Soshanguve home in Tshwane;
- (3) remembers that Khubeka also appeared in other TV productions including *Zone 14*, *Zabalaza* and *Gold Diggers*, which is a clear indicator that he was an entertainer;
- (4) recalls that he was a charismatic actor, who was talented both in acting and music;
- (5) understands that the police are awaiting post-mortem results to confirm the exact cause of his death;
- (6) believes that Kubheka's untimely death has robbed the broadcaster and South Africa of great talent; and

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- (7) conveys its condolences to his wife, family and friends.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

ESCAPE FROM ZWELITSHA MAGISTRATE'S COURT

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M L W M FILTANE: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

(1) notes -

- (a) that two dangerous criminals convicted of serious crimes, and who made a daring escape from the Zwelitsha Magistrate's Court on May 24, in the Eastern Cape, have been arrested;

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- (b) further notes that these two criminals were arrested two weeks after they escaped from court, where they were appearing on additional charges related to motor vehicle theft;
- (c) recalls that the two criminals had overpowered a prison guard before fleeing in a correctional service vehicle;
- (d) acknowledges that at the time of arrest, the criminals were heavily armed with a 9mm pistol and R5 rounds of ammunition, but the law enforcement officers apprehended them;
- (e) commends the swift action by the law enforcement agencies, in particular the SA Police Service officers and the Correctional Services officers; and
- (f) calls for the relevant authorities to increase the security of the courts and

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close the possibility of criminals
escaping when attending the court
hearings.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

CITY OF TSHWANE THE MOST ECO-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITY

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S C MOTAU: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

(1) notes that -

- (a) the City of Tshwane was recently named the most eco-friendly municipality at the 2017 Eco-Logic Awards;

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- (b) further notes that the Eco-Logic Awards identify and reward individuals, organisations and communities that contribute towards creating a greener and more sustainable world;
- (c) acknowledges that the annual award ceremony was established in 2011 by Enviropaedia and has grown from strength to strength - becoming one of Africa's most prestigious events on the eco-calendar;
- (d) further acknowledges that in the municipality category, the award is bestowed on a municipality that has achieved developing solutions using its risk assessment and management expertise, forming strategic partnerships to improve sustainability, as well as service delivery in municipal functions;

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- (e) congratulates the City of Tshwane on receiving this award and wishes them well in their continued efforts to create a greener and cleaner Metro for all who live in it; and
- (f) thanks Enviropaedia and the organisers of the 2017 Eco-logic Awards for the awards.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

FOOD AT PARLIAMENT

(Draft Resolution)

Ms M O MOKAUSE: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) notes the procurement of imported foodstuffs by the caterers and eating facilities of Parliament's kitchen;
- (2) further notes that these imported food items include butter from Denmark and chicken from Canada;
- (3) acknowledges that this is happening while the poultry industry is on the brink of collapse because of the unfair competition;
- (4) further acknowledges that because of the imported food goods, in this case chicken, tens of thousands of South Africans are unnecessarily losing their jobs, adding to our growing unemployment rate and poverty;
- (5) note that this is not a product like cars which we do not produce, but food which we are very capable and are currently producing;

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- (6) which represents the people of South Africa, some who work in the food production industry, ensures that all food catered and supplied by Parliament is produced in South Africa, and supports South African jobs and families;
- (7) sets an example of consuming proudly South African products, including food; and
- (8) calls for SA Parliament to only contract with companies that procure all foods that it caters for in Parliament kitchen from local producers and suppliers.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

Mrs J D KILIAN: Chairperson, just clarity. That sounded more like a member's statements than a motion. We didn't hear within the presentation of it the typical formulation of a statement.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): It is a motion without notice. Thank you.

Mrs J D KILIAN: Well then it is very ugly formulated Chair.

WAYDE VAN NIEKERK'S SUPERB PERFORMANCE

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S M RALEGOMA: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

(1) notes that -

- (a) South African sprinter Wayde van Niekerk delivered another superb performance on Saturday, 10 June 2017, by smashing the national 200m record at a meeting in Kingston, Jamaica;

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- (b) further notes that the versatile speedster, who holds the 400m world record, broke the two-year-old mark of 19,87, previously held by another South African, Anaso Jobodwana;
- (c) understands that Van Niekerk was performing at the Racers Grand Prix, Jaimaican sprinter Usain Bolt's farewell tour where he raced in his final 100m on his home soil;
- (d) recalls that Van Niekerk finished ahead of Jamaican Rasheed Dwyer and London 2012 bronze medallist, Warren Weir;
- (e) remembers that two years ago Van Niekerk became the first South African to break through the 20-second barrier in the 200m when he blitzed to a time of 19,97 in a 'B' final at a meeting in Lucerne; and

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- (f) congratulates Wayde Van Niekerk for raising the flag of South Africa once again.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

THE DEATH OF A CAPE TOWN RUNNER NEZAAM ISAACS

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S M RALEGOMA: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the death of a well-known Cape Town runner Nezaam Isaacs, who was killed in a hit-and-run incident in Claremont, Cape Town, early on Tuesday, 6 June 2017;
- (2) understands that the 42-year-old Nezaam Isaacs, who was part of the Itheke running

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club, was doing his morning run when he was knocked down just after 4am;

- (3) further understands that the eye witnesses assisted the police and the patrolling security services by sharing the number plate of a silver Volkswagen GTI vehicle;
- (4) believes that Isaacs was an avid runner with a huge amount of experience and was known for being a dedicated athlete; and
- (5) conveys its condolences to his family, friends and the Ithekeko running club.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BIDVEST WITS FOOTBALL CLUB FOR WINNING
THEIR FIRST ABSA PREMIERSHIP TITLE**

(Draft Resolution)

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Ms L M MNGANGA-GCBASHE: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) congratulates Bidvest Wits Football club for winning the first Absa Premiership title, and crowned 2016-17 champions on Saturday 27 May 2017;
- (2) recalls that this is the first Premier Soccer League title for the club since their inception in 1996 and their second trophy this season, after they have won the MTN 8 earlier this season;
- (3) further recalls that this is also coach Gavin Hunt's fourth league championship win;
- (4) understands that the Braamfontein based club secured South Africa's most prestigious football title after a long,

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incredible, entertaining and arguable one of the best season in which football fans witnessed plenty spectacular goals in a long while;

(5) acknowledges that Bidvest Wits deserved to win the 2016-17 league, as they were a force to reckon with, and were also consistent and playing brilliant football; and

(6) conveys warm wishes to the Wits following their title victory, and wishes them well in the upcoming season.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

TVET COLLEGES

(Draft Resolution)

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Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

- (1) acknowledges the dire circumstances in which students at Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET colleges, who have not been able to secure accommodation during their studies, find themselves;
- (2) recognises that students staying in makeshift lodgings, such as empty college offices, face real threats to their health, safety and academic careers;
- (3) notes with concern the admission by the Minister of Higher Education and Training that his department does not currently know how many beds are available for student accommodation at TVET colleges;

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- (4) agrees that such information is crucial to addressing the student housing crisis; and
- (5) urges the government to prioritise the building and maintenance of student accommodation in order to ensure access to a safe learning environment and the educational opportunities offered by TVET colleges.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

**WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS
FROM ETHIOPIA, AS THE FIRST AFRICAN TO LEAD THE WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S M RALEGOMA: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House -

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- (1) welcomes the appointment of Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus from Ethiopia, as the first African to lead the World Health Organization, on Tuesday, 24 May 2017;
- (2) recalls that Tedros led a comprehensive reform effort of Ethiopia's health system, creating health centres as well as jobs;
- (3) understands that his appointment has been welcomed by the international medical bodies, charities and the United States government;
- (4) believes that his appointment is in recognition that Africa is rising, and like any other continent has capable leaders with the ability to successfully lead international institutions;
- (5) further believes that Mr Tedros will perform his task with the best of his ability and will make universal healthcare his priority;

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(6) thanks him for carrying the African continent to the international arena; and

(7) wishes him much success in his new position of responsibility.

Thank you.

Agreed to.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): The next item on the Order Paper is Members' Statements. Does any member of the ANC wish to make a statement?

Mr M WATERS: Chairperson, on a point of order.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): On what point of order are you rising, hon member?

Mr M WATERS: Chairperson, Members' Statements are a crucial tool for Members of Parliament to hold the executive to account. We have the second-largest Cabinet in the world, but we have one Cabinet Minister here.

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Thank you very much, hon Pandor, for being here.

[Interjections.] Look at the empty benches! It's a disgrace. It's an insult to Members of Parliament on both sides of the House.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): On the programme ... Yes, I get you. Thank you very much.

Mr M WATERS: May I ask what action is going to be taken, Chairperson?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): I can't respond to what ... [Inaudible.]

Mr M WATERS: Well, may I suggest that the presiding officers write to The Leader of Government Business and highlight this?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Waters, I think you know what should be done. Please ...

Mr M WATERS: Which is what?

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): I think you know.
Please take your seat.

Mr M WATERS: [Inaudible.] ... the Ministers.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): What you have said
is noted.

Hon members, the item on the Order Paper, now, is
Members' Statements.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: House Chair ...

An HON MEMBER: Chairperson ...

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Through you, House
Chair, our sincere apologies. We concur with the
expression made by hon Waters. Of course, we do have ...
while we have one Minister, we do have three ... in fact,
we have two Ministers in the House.

An HON MEMBER: Yay! [Interjections.]

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The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: We have three Deputy Ministers. Therefore, indeed, it is a matter that we will follow up through the relevant instruments that are here in Parliament. We thank you, House Chair.

**ANC SUCCESSFULLY RETAINS ALL THREE WARDS - PREVIOUSLY
UNDER THEIR STEWARDSHIP - IN BY-ELECTIONS**

(Member's Statement)

IsiNdebele:

Mnu J J SKOSANA (ANC): Sihlalo weNdlu, ihlangano ekulu indlov'enebatha, i-ANC, iragela phambili ngokuthumba amakhetho abuyelelwako ebakabanjwe ngomhlaka 14 kuMgwengweni - izolo lokhu.

Abantu beSewula Afrika, ngokuyithemba nokuyithanda, bayayisekela ihlangano le ukuze iqine ibe yikutana. Kungebanga lelo ithumbe amakhetho amawodini alandelako: Iwodi ye-7 ePongola KwaZulu-Natal, iwodi ye-15 Eastern Cape eMnquma newodi ya-45 eBarbeton eMpumalanga lapha i-ANC ibhudabhude khona i-EFF.

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Amawodi la bekangaphasi kwehlangano ye-ANC ngaphambilini. Sithokoza isitjhaba seSewula Afrika ngokusekela ihlangano yesizwe i-ANC. Angeze inilahle; izokuba nani ngaso soke isikhathi. Sithokoza ne-IEC ngokusingatha amakhetho kuhle kangaka. Siragela phambili nekutani, ikakaramba, ithemba lesitjhaba i-ANC. Ngiyathoza.

MINISTER DES VAN ROOYEN'S LINKS TO THE GUPTA FAMILY

(Member's Statement)

Mr K J MILEHAM (DA): Chairperson, revelations over the past few weeks of Gupta influence in all spheres of government have raised question marks over the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and his connections to this corrupt shadow state.

In April last year, Minister Des van Rooyen stated categorically that his one day, in-and-out trip to Dubai, shortly after his appointment, was in his private capacity, and that he had paid for it personally. The fact of the matter – as revealed in the Guptaleaks emails

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- is that the trip was paid for by the influential Gupta family.

In parliamentary questions and in the media, the Minister has repeatedly denied his association with the Guptas. Yet, his own Chief of Staff and special advisor have direct links with them. In fact, shortly after the oh-so-honourable Van Rooyen's appointment as Finance Minister, said Chief of Staff sent an email to Gupta affiliates entitled, "Gents, finally".

So the questions we need to ask are these: Why are we being lied to? What do they seek to gain from his appointment?

And the answer is right there before us. They want to get their hands on the R440 billion annual municipal expenditure. Not content with robbing our state-owned enterprises blind, they now seek to loot our municipalities too.

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How much longer must we put up with useless Ministers, corrupt officials, and the shadowy hand of the Saxonwold mafia? [Applause.]

**FAILURE OF THE HAWKS TO INVESTIGATE CORRUPTION AT PRASA
UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF MR SFISO BUTHELEZI**

(Member's Statement)

Mr M S MBATHA (EFF): House Chair, this week, the chairperson of the Passenger Rail Agency of SA, Prasa, board, Mr Popo Molefe, expressed disgust at the failure of the Hawks to investigate corruption which happened at Prasa under the chairpersonship of a certain Mr Sfiso Buthelezi, who is now the Deputy Minister of Finance.

The allegations of corruption against Mr Buthelezi while he was at Prasa are not new. This House will recall that the former Public Protector, Adv Thuli Madonsela, released a report about corruption at Prasa which was called "Derailed." In that report, she recommended that Mr Buthelezi and his board be criminally charged for

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contravening several sections of the Public Finance Management Act.

In the course of awarding at least 30 contracts, there is valid evidence and proof that the then chairperson of Prasa, Mr Buthelezi, deliberately misled the board about his knowledge and knowhow of certain companies that were bidding.

A separate investigation by Treasury's chief procurement officer also recommended that Mr Buthelezi be criminally charged for overlooking and benefitting from unbridled corruption at Prasa.

Out of 216 contracts ... [Interjections.]

IsiZulu:

Yini inkinga yakho manje wena?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): On what point are you rising, hon member?

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Ms L A MNGANGA-GBASHE: I rise on Rule 85(2). The member must substantiate the statement that he is making.

Mr M S MBATHA: I'm doing it now!

Ms L A MNGANGA-GBASHE: In writing! [Interjections.] In writing!

Mr M S MBATHA: I'm on a roll! [Interjections.]

Ms L A MNGANGA-GBASHE: In writing!

Mr M S MBATHA: Wait! I'm on a roll!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Mbatha, please, don't respond. This is a point of order. Please!

Hon member, the allegations and all that says you must have a substantive motion. We know that. Continue, hon Mbatha.

Mr M S MBATHA: Chairperson, that point of order is extremely out of order.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Mbatha, I have ruled. Please continue.

Mr M S MBATHA: Yes. Thank you very much.

Under his chairpersonship, his brother's company was also awarded a R150 million shipping and logistics contract.

Now, Mr Buthelezi has complete ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Point of order!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon member, your time has expired.

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Point of order, Chair.

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

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Chairperson ...

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

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The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: I don't quite understand your response to the point of order that was raised.

Mr M S MBATHA: The reason is that you are old!

HON MEMBERS: Ooh!

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Chairperson, could you ask that hon member to withdraw what he has just said.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (MS M G Boroto): Hon Mbatha, can we please respect one another in the House? To refer a member of this House ... just to say, yes, because you are old, is unparliamentary. Can you please withdraw that? Please.

Mr M S MBATHA: She's young at heart. [Laughter.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Mbatha, please withdraw.

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Mr M S MBATHA: I withdraw.

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

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: I thank the hon Mbatha for withdrawing, but I'm not surprised. Actually, I think these insults of senior citizens – whether I am one or not – are really not worthy of a House of our character. So I do think we should look at it.

[Interjections.]

However, I am rising with respect to Rule 85(2). The hon Mbatha made allegations against a member of this House, and has not brought a substantive motion which is properly motivated. A statement, as determined by the Rules, is not a substantive motion. Alleged misconduct must be brought to the attention of the House only by way of a separate substantive motion. You should then have ruled the hon Mbatha out of order, and not allowed him to continue.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Yes, you are correct. Hon member, thank you very much for that. I think I alerted hon Mbatha that it is true; it must be a substantive motion. Thank you. [Interjections.]

Ms V L MENTE: Chairperson, may I address you?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Yes.

Ms V L MENTE: Chairperson, there is no need for a substantive motion on the issue hon Mbatha has raised. The information that hon Mbatha read was even presented to the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Accounts some time ago this year by Prasa. That information is public knowledge. Prasa is in actual fact supposed to summon all those people to come and ... [Inaudible.] They are crooks!

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, hon member. I think I have ruled on that matter, hon Mente. I have ruled and we continue. Thank you.

Mr M L W FILTANE: Point of order, Chair ...

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Filtane, on which Rule are you rising?

Mr M L W FILTANE: May I address you on this matter, Chair?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): No, not on this matter. I have already ruled on it. Please ...

Mr M L W FILTANE: On your ruling ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): No, we have ruled on that matter. Can I have a ... Yes, hon member?

**THE RISE OF AFRIKANER NATIONALISM AND NEO-NAZI SENTIMENTS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH**

(Member's Statement)

Ms S MCHUNU (ANC): Chairperson, the ANC condemns the rise of Afrikaner nationalism and neo-Nazi sentiments which recently surfaced at the University of Stellenbosch. On 9 May 2017, we learnt with dismay about blatant, overt

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racism and propagation of white supremacy by a certain sector of the student community in an effort to reverse the gains of the former exclusively white Afrikaner university in the Boland region. Posters with Nazi undertones were put up on the campus. The posters had a big heading, "The Anglo-Afrikaner student", while the slogan "Fight for Stellenbosch" was used to advertise a meeting at a university venue organised by an organisation called The New Right. The image on the poster is reminiscent of Nazi-era propaganda.

The ANC welcomes the university's statement condemning racism, racial superiority and any attempt to polarise the institution. We understand that, in 2016, the institution officially amended its language policy to reflect an inclusive and constitutional approach to education. However, we call upon the university to expose and reject incidents of this nature, and to apply harsh punishments to the perpetrators. The demon of racism has to be uprooted in its totality. Thank you.

LEARNERS ARE BEING TURNED AWAY FROM OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON

THE BASIS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

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(Member's Statement)

Prof C T MSIMANG (IFP): Hon House Chairperson, 23 years into our constitutional democracy some learners are still being turned away from our public schools on the basis of religious intolerance. It has been brought to our attention that a learner and adherent of a sick religion was not permitted entry at Benoni High School, because of the fact that long hair and tebencenne which are too cardinal tenants of the seek religion are not permitted in term of the school's code of conduct.

The school principal didn't reply to any parliamentary correspondence we sent him in this regard and we are accordingly referred the matter to the Gauteng Provincial Education Department for immediate investigation and possible disciplinary action.

To date this matter remains unresolved and the learner was forced to find an alternative school so as not to miss the second year. This is a violation of the learner's constitutional rights not only to education but to equality, dignity, freedom of religion and to having

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his best interest being of paramount importance in every matter concerning his person.

This learner has been discriminated against by an apartheid style high school operation run by Principal J V Ceronio and I now feel that the hon Minister of Basic Education should get involved in this matter. I thank you.

SPORTS HERO YUSUF LORGAT DIED

(Member's Statement)

Ms B L ABRAHAMS (ANC): Hon Chairperson, the ANC sends condolences to the Lorgat family on the passing on of Yusuf Lorgat on Sunday 11 June 2017. Yusuf was a sports hero and administrator who promoted non-racial sport when it was not fashionable to do so.

He was a giant who advocated that there can be no normal sport in an abnormal society. He will remain one of the sportspersons that transformed sport in South Africa.

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Lorgat stood tall among men like Khaya Majola, George Singh, Norman Middleton, R K Naidoo, Dan Twala, Rama Reddy, Cassim Bassa, Morgan Naidoo, Percy Sonn, Hassan Howa, Errol Vawda, S K Chetty, Frank Van Der Horst, Colin Clarke, Adullah Abass, Sam Ramsamy, Irish Mackerdjui, Bill Jardine, Makenkesi Stofile, Muleleke George, Raymond Uren, Errol Heynes, Danny Jordaan and many others including women leaders in sport, all of them in a league of their own. Many of the above had passed on over the years.

We pay tribute to these anti-apartheid struggle sport heroes including you Yusuf Lorgat who chose a difficult journey and sacrificed a life time for an equitable non-racial sports dispensation in South Africa. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory? Thank you.

**NINE PEOPLE DIED AFTER ATM SHOOT-OUT BETWEEN POLICE AND
SUSPECTED CRIMINALS IN HAMMERSDALE, WEST OF DURBAN**

(Member's Statement)

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Ms M P MMOLA (ANC): House Chairperson, the ANC has committed itself to actively combating serious and violent crime by being tougher on criminals and organised syndicates. We therefore commend the swift police response to a tip-off a plot to bomb an ATM in Hammersdale, west of Durban on Sunday night, 04 June 2017.

This move led to a shootout between the suspects and the police resulting in nine people, including a police officer being killed.

Police have recovered two rifles, four handguns, five explosives devices, two detonators, a gas mask, a goggle, a pair of gloves and two cars. The ANC commends the police for standing their ground against an armed group who were prepared to kill law enforcement members and had the fire power to do so. We share and mourn with them the loss of the warrant officer.

The ANC also commends the South African public for working with the police, reporting acts of criminality, especially before they happen. It is only by working

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together the ANC believes that we can defeat crime. I
thank you

THE RELEASE OF THE 3RD VERSION OF THE MINING CHARTER

(Member's Statement)

Mr D W MACPHERSON (DA): House Chairperson, the release of the Mining Charter today is proof that the ANC government doesn't care about long term and sustainable transformation in the mining sector. Version three of the Mining Charter will be a disaster for the mining industry.

In presenting its new rules which amount to a massive give away of mine value to the ANC's favoured groups, Minister Zwane has opened doors to more ANC crony enrichments.

The DA supports share schemes for miners where they have been structured to benefit the workers and are economically viable. One way of diversifying the mining

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sector would be to bring mine workers into mining schemes.

It is pointless to try and diversify if it leads to the collapse of companies. Almost 45 000 South Africans work directly for the mines. At least as many gain work in associated industries.

The future of their jobs is now in doubt. Mr Zwane's and Mr Zuma's grasping charter will be to blame in the end. I thank you.

EVICTION OF PEOPLE AT DUNBRODY ESTATE IN THE EASTERN CAPE

(Member's Statement)

Ms N V MENTE (EFF): Chairperson, when the EFF stood here last week and argued that the extension of security of tenure Act was just a legal mechanism for evicting people from the land, the ANC laughed at us. The truth of the matter is that eviction of our people from the land is still ongoing. We were horrified and dismayed when we were notified that people residing at Dunbrody Estate

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between Kirkwood and Addo in the Eastern Cape are being evicted from their land by white farmers.

This people have been residing on that piece of land for generations and have been subjected to various forms of eviction through that period. They were not held to lodge a land claim before 1998 cut-off date and were one of the first groups to lodge a claim when the Restitution Amendment Act, 1914 was passed.

Despite this, they face an uncertain future in the land of their forefathers. When Mr Nkwinti was still the MEC in the Eastern Cape, this matter was reported to him by Mr Festile who leads that community. Mr Nkwinti failed to provide leadership then and he is failing to help those people today.

We urge the department to engage Mr Festile and find lasting solutions with the problems in that estate. We condemn the department's prioritisation of the needs of white commercial interest over the interest of justice and rapid land redistribution. We further condemn the

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ineptitude of Mr Nkwinti who has known about this matter but have done nothing about it.

POLICE ARRESTS 50 RHINO POACHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

(Member's Statement)

Ms H B KEKANA (ANC): House Chairperson, the ANC welcomes the milestone achievement by the police and other role players in the fight against rhino poaching, especially in Limpopo in the past two months.

The multidisciplinary rhino poaching task team has arrested 50 suspects and recovered 13 rhino horns, two elephant tusks and 19 hunting rifles during ongoing police operations in various parts of the country over the past two months. The team also recovered 15 silencers, two pistols, one shotgun and 155 rounds of ammunition, among various other items of evidential value during the operations.

As per standard procedure, the rifles and pistols were sent to the SAPS's Forensic Science Laboratory in

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Pretoria for ballistic testing, to determine if they had been used to commit other crimes.

The suspects appeared in various courts across the three provinces for different charges. On 5 June 2017, the police in Hoedspruit outside Phalaborwa in Limpopo arrested three members of a suspected cross-border rhino poaching syndicate linked to two cases of rhino poaching.

UNFORGIVABLE INJUSTICE

(Member's Statement)

Mr M A PLOUAMMA (AgangSA): Hon Chair, this year cannot be the year of O R Tambo. This is the year of Brian Molefe, Hlaudi Motsoeneng and Minister Bathabile Dlamini. We cannot associate these incompetent leaders with O R Tambo. This will be an unforgivable injustice to his legacy and contributions. We have committed a serious transgression to use O R Tambo under this administration where the only currency is betrayal and treachery. With the Guptas and Duduzane Zuma as the new oligarchy with

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their get rich quick schemes, O R Tambo cannot be associated with these dog fleas.

The Zuma administration has put our economy on its knees. The bottom line is that our country is sold. Those who are supposed to be the guardians of our Constitution in our country are running faster than Caster Semanya to Dubai. [Laughter.] I want to urge all South Africans to come together and fight this virus called corruption. Our public life is poisoned by greed and dishonesty. We have lost a confidence and task to the ANC - we have lost it. We must take over our country in 2019 when we kick out the ANC. [Applause.]

RURAL KWAZULU-NATAL YOUTH BECOME COMMUNITY TEACHERS

(Member's Statement)

Ms C Q MADLOPHA (ANC): Hon Chairperson, the ANC believes that the graduation of 776 new Foundation Phase teachers who recently received teaching degrees from the Sants Private Higher Education Institution will go a long way in terms of improving the quality of schooling in rural

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areas. Most of these graduates were previously unemployed youth from the rural areas of KwaZulu-Natal and were beneficiaries of bursaries from the provincial Department of Education. They were originally targeted for their desire to remain in their communities after completing their studies.

The department and Sants recognised that the cost of enrolling in a university away from home doubled for students from rural areas. Therefore, after registration students were trained at nine student support centres across KwaZulu-Natal, KZN. Learners in rural areas now have a chance for a better education, in their own home language, from teachers who come from their communities. I thank you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

MGOBODE STILL HAS NO RUNNING WATER

(Member's Statement)

Mr K P ROBERTSON (DA): Hon Chair, Mgebode ward 15 a rural community in Nkomazi Municipality still has no running water after being promised water firstly for 2011

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elections. Six years of promises or what keeps residents to wake at night as they know that tomorrow one of them will have to walk one or one and half kilometres to go and fetch water from a stream that the entire community has to share.

Yes, there is water delivered but not by the municipality, it is delivered by water entrepreneurs who charge R30 for their services. To add aggravation to the situation Nkomazi Municipality has a High Court interdict against them and a sheriff of the court has already impounded 30 of the municipality's vehicles due to a complex web of nonpayment to service providers.

The DA is particularly worried about this as these vehicles are contributors to an already strain service delivery in the municipality. This would not happen if Nkomazi was a DA-led municipality. As we are synonymous with clean audits and effective service delivery. Who is jealous now? Residents of Mgobode have been waiting 23 years for the ANC and still nothing has come. Minister Mokonyane when are you ever going to intervene?

[Applause.]

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ENVIRONMENTAL LITTERING

(Member's Statement)

Mr X MABASA (ANC): Hon Chairperson, littering and dumping can cause diseases to communities especially to the poor. Littering is wrong and costly to the government and society. It strips a residential and business area off the dignity. It is incorrect of any community members to dump rubbish at places where that rubbish invites rats, illnesses and pollution of water. This practise of littering robs children off a safe playing environment. It is wrong of any vehicle driver to throw a bottle out of a moving car disregarding the safety of other drivers and pedestrians.

The value of the houses can dramatically reduce because of people who are tempering with beautiful natural vegetation through littering. This dirty practise is also done by industries that dispose of acids and other dangerous chemicals into streams of water. The ANC urges all South Africans to love themselves and to love their country by stopping littering. We call upon community

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leaders to promote campaigns educating and creating awareness among residents and businesses that the act of littering is dangerous and harmful.

Xitsonga:

Ndza khensa Manana. [Thank you, Madam.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): That concludes Member's Statements. Are there any Ministerial ...

[Interjections.] What is it hon Filtane, you are on your feet? [Interjections.] I did and there was no response. The UDM I called it and you didn't come up. You were not there and you didn't respond. I did and I know. We can check even the Hansard next time. Thank you. Do you want me to allow you? Okay, it is fine.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

(Member's Statement)

Mr M L W FILTANE (UDM): Hon Chair, June 1 is an international day of protection of children and this House, we mark this day while we were at the same time

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acknowledging the youth month. Little did we know that in the Eastern Cape the child welfare nonprofit organisations are closing down due to lack of sufficient financial support from the provincial Department of Social Development. On Monday 12 June 2017, the child welfare in East London ceased operations due to drastic state budget cuts.

The Eastern Cape Social Development Department cut its annual budget from R2,2 million in the last financial year to R235 000 only from April this year. More than 900 abused children under the care of this organisation will no longer get support. Hundreds of families who used to relieve from physical abuse as well as psychological support from the sender will now be turned away as it battles to manage its new financial position. This seems to be a trend in the Eastern Cape as the Nelson Mandela Bay society has already received communication to the fact that its funds will also be cut by the same department. I hope that this is not another Esidimeni tragedy in the making with a different form. Thank you.

[Time expired.]

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**FAILURE OF THE HAWKS TO INVESTIGATE CORRUPTION
ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FORMER CHAIRPERSON OF PASSENGER RAIL
AGENCY OF SA, PRASA, MR SFISO BUTHELEZI
THE RISE OF AFRIKANER NATIONALISM AND NEO-NAZI SENTIMENTS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH**

(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Once more in response to a number of the statements I wish to reiterate that the provision of 85(2) provides hon members with the opportunity to substantively deal with corruption as we must. And we should then submit substantive motions properly motivated so that all these allegations are investigated. The rules allow that to be done - The rules permits that it can be done.

Chairperson, we welcome the victory by the ANC in five wards in different parts of the country. [Applause.] This is merely part of the march to 2019 where the ANC will decisively win the national elections. [Applause.] We will continue to work hard as it is illustrated by the delivery of housing, the provision of education and the

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improvement of facilities for sports throughout the country.

We agree with those hon members who say we must reject racism and any association with fascist conduct or believe in our schools as well as in our tertiary institutions. And we would urge all members to ensure that all our education institutions hold up the highest regard for the Bill of Rights in our Constitution. Thank you Chairperson.

THE RELEASE OF THE 3RD VERSION OF THE MINING CHARTER

(Minister's Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES: Chairperson, we also welcome the statement by the DA on the Mining Charter. However, it must be noted that the Mining Charter is the transformation agenda of the country in the mining industry and what we need here is co-operation - A co-operation between the Department of Mineral Sources especially with the Chamber of Mines and other stakeholders.

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We do agree that in this transformation agenda, the broad based nature of it must include the workers, communities and also the entrepreneurs in general. We do agree also that we could handle this matter better. That means that the leadership within the mining industry and within our government must come together to look into this matter so that we can deal with it and have some engagement to find some solutions. But to try and shoot it as anti-transformation stunt will not help because in the mining industry, that's where we need this transformation. And the tool that is agreed upon in terms of the law of the country, the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, MPRDA is the Mining Charter. So the content must be handled better going forward and this message is taken in that order. Thank you very much.

**THE RISE OF AFRIKANER NATIONALISM AND NEO-NAZI SENTIMENTS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH**

(Minister's Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: Chairperson,
certainly racism whether it is at our universities,

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schools or on the farms cannot be tolerated in this day and age. And I wonder if these tendencies in our societies are not reflected in some of the actions of our political leaders and very often our actions and statements in this very Parliament.

Our social compact in 1994, our Constitution which everybody claims to support must be upheld at all costs. And very often we find political leaders saying things and doing things that are overtly racist. And perhaps in this matter we should all begin to reflect and start by asking all political parties to expel members of their party who show themselves in favour of racism and colonialism.

The hon member of the DA claims that the DA is synonymous with good governance. Is it good governance Chairperson, to earmark prime agricultural land in Cape Town which is very scared for housing when there are so many other options - Is it good governance Chairperson, to destroy people's shacks when it is stormy and cold on a winter's morning as has been done just last week in Masi in the Cape Metro - Is it good governance Chairperson, to

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continue employing a convicted fraudster and money launderer and paying them about a R100 000 per month as is being done in the DA led Mossel Bay Municipality?

[Interjections.] I think not. The DA is synonymous with disaster. [Interjections.]

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

That the House debates the investment in electricity, rail, water and transportation infrastructure as key to the country's transformation.

I so move.

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

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That the House debates debates how indigenous knowledge systems can contribute to food security and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Thank you.

IsiZulu:

Nks M S KHAWULA: Sihlalo, nginikeza isaziso sokuthi uma iNdlu ihlala ngosuku olulandelayo:

Ukuthi iNdlu -

(i) ikhulume ngodaba lwe-Prasa njengoba kunenkinga yokuthi abantu ukuthi baze bacishe baphelelwe yimisebenzi ngenxa yale nkampani engakwazi ukwenza umsebenzi wabo;

(ii) iphinde ikhulume nangodaba lwamatekisi njengoba kunenkinga yokuthi osomatekisi baze bangene emigwaqeni ukuthi uhulumeni ake angenelele alalele izikhalo zabantu ngoba isikhathi esikusona manje siphelile, manje isikhathi sokuthi kukhohlwe izinkinga abantu

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ababhekene nazo ngoba ekugcineni kugcina
sekuneziteleka futhi kuphinde kushiswe
nezitimela. Sicela uNgqongqoshe Wezokuthutha
ake alusukumele lolu daba. Ngiyabonga.

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

That the House debates promoting good governance,
democracy, human rights, justice and the rule of law
on the African continent.

I thank you.

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

That the House debates noting the periodic taxi
strikes which have caused major delays in Gauteng
and KwaZulu-Natal leaving thousands of commuters and

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school children stranded and the negative impacts that this has on the economy.

I thank you, Chairperson.

Mr S C MNCWABE: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the NFP:

That the House debates and deliberates on the need for national dialogue to foster cohesive racial unity in our society which is increasingly becoming polarised along racial divisions.

I so move

Mr M HLENGWA: Chairperson, on a point of order: If hon Sbu wants to make allegations he must use Rule 85, and not these allegations that he is making about me. He must submit a substantive motion.

IsiZulu:

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USIHLALO WENDLU (NKs M G Boroto): Angizwanga mina, ngiyaxolisa.

Mr M HLENGWA: Sihlalo, ikhona i-Hansard. USbus kumele asebenzise uMthetho 85.

English:

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

IsiZulu:

... angizizwanga lezo zinto ngakho-ke angiyithathi njenge-point of order, ngiyayichitha.

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

That the House debates transformation of ownership and broad-based empowerment in the tourist sector to ensure that black South Africans secure increased opportunities.

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Thank you.

Mr M L W FILTANE: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the UDM:

That the House debates the funding model for the ocean economy in the context of the great need to expand our economy and to create more employment opportunities in particular for the youth.

I so move.

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

That the House debates the SA Police Service's commitment in addressing high levels of violence against women and children when only one in every six police stations is covered by a family violence child protection and sexual offence units.

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I so move.

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

That the House -

- (1) debates that while various parts of South Africa have been experiencing drought over the last two years leading to restrictions on the already limited supply of water, golf courses continue to remain green and waste our limited water supply;
- (2) notes that Rand Water Board estimated that there are around 500 golf courses in South Africa which use on average between 1,2 to 3 million megalitres of water per day;
- (3) further notes that this illustrate how little has changed since apartheid with municipalities throughout the country

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telling people to decrease their water consumption for essentials like showering, cooking and washing while golf courses remain green; and

- (4) debates the waste of valuable water by golf courses.

Thank you.

Xitsonga:

Nkul X MABASA: Mutshamaxitulu, ndzi nyika xitiviso xa leswaku eka ntshamo lowu landzelaka wa Huvo ndzi ta susumeta hi ku yimela ANC:

Leswaku Huvo yi va na njhekanjhekisano hi leswaku vadyondzisi i tiphuphu ta nhluvukiso wa tiko rin'wana na rinwana naswona va fanele ku tekeriwa enhlokweni tanihi loko va humesa van'watisayense, madokodela, tiphayiloto, vaongori na vadyondzisi van'wana.

Ndza khensa.

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

That the House debates transport infrastructure as an important determinant of economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction.

Thank you.

Mr L M NTHAYISA: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the AIC:

That the House debates proper plans and measures on how to protect learners and teachers at our schools so as to make schools conducive for proper and safe for teaching and learning.

I so move.

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

That the House debates promoting and strengthening technical schools as centres of excellence focusing on specific discipline and skill sets.

I so move.

Ms H BUCWA: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House debates the shockingly high youth unemployment rate of 38,6%.

The House adjourned at 17:37.