

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME

FIRST TERM

FIRST TERM		SECOND TERM	
30 January – 28 March (9 weeks)		16 April – 3 May (3 Weeks)	
Leave Period	2 – 5 January	NCOP Committees Offboarding and Exit Session	16 -17 April
Constituency Period	8 – 26 January	NCOP Committees / Plenaries	18 April – 3 May
NA Committees/ Oversight	30 January – 7 February	Freedom Day	27 April
Joint Workshop	1 – 2 February		
Joint Sitting (State of the Nation Address)	8 February (19:00)		
Debate on President's State of the Nation Address	13 February		
Resumption of Debate on President's State of the Nation Address	14 February		
Reply by President to Debate on President's State of the Nation Address	15 February		
State of the Provinces Addresses (SOPAs)	15 – 29 February		
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	20 February – 28 March		
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	20 February – 28 March		
Budget Speech (Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)	21 February		
NA Debate on Fiscal Framework	March		
Tabling of Departmental Strategic Plans	March		
NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	March		
NA Questions to the President	19 March		
NA Questions to the Deputy President	28 March		
2023 Provincial Week Report Back Session	5 March		
2023 Provincial Week Debate	6 March		
<i>Human Rights Day: Thursday, 21 March</i>			
<i>Easter Weekend: 29 March – 1 April</i>			
NA Constituency Period	2 April -		
NCOP Constituency Period	2 – 12 April		

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY		NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	
MONDAY, 29 JANUARY		MONDAY, 29 JANUARY	
CONSTITUENCY DAY		CONSTITUENCY DAY	
TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY		TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY	
COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT			
WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY		WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY	
10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)			
COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT			
THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY		THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY	
08:30 Programme Committee			
10:00 Caucus			
COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT			
FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY		FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY	
COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT		JOINT COMMITTEES	

WEEK 2

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY		NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	
MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY		MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY	
CONSTITUENCY DAY		CONSTITUENCY DAY	
TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY		TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY	
COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT			
WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY		WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY	

10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	
THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 19:00 JOINT SITTING <i>[City Hall]</i> State-of-the-nation Address by President of the Republic of South Africa	THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 19:00 JOINT SITTING <i>[City Hall]</i> State-of-the-nation Address by President of the Republic of South Africa
FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK 3

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 10:00 -±17:30 JOINT SITTING <i>[City Hall]</i> Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address	TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 10:00 -±13:00 JOINT SITTING <i>[City Hall]</i> Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address

WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 09:00 – 13:00 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) (p) 14:00 – ±17:00 JOINT SITTING [City Hall] Resumption of debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address	WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) 14:00 – ±17:00 JOINT SITTING [City Hall] Resumption of debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address
THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus 14:00 – ±15:30 JOINT SITTING [City Hall] President's reply to the debate on the State-of-the-nation Address	THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus 14:00 – ±15:30 JOINT SITTING [City Hall] President's reply to the debate on the State-of-the-nation Address
FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY JOINT WORKSHOP [09:00 – 13:00]	FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

WEEK 4

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 10:00 Caucus 13:00 Programme Committee COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus 10:00 – 13:00 Annual Opening of the National House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders (NCOP Chamber)
FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK 5

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY</p> <p>10:00 – 13:00 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:45 PLENARY (HYBRID)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of Report of PC on Public Service and Administration on Public Service Amendment Bill [B 13 – 2023] (s76(1)) (ATC, 14 February 2024, p 6) (<i>no debate</i>) 2. Second Reading debate – Public Service Amendment Bill [B 13B – 2023] (s76(1)) (77) 3. Consideration of Report of PC on Public Service and Administration on Public Administration Management Amendment Bill [B 10 - 2023] (s76(1)) (ATC, 14 February 2024, p 3) (<i>no debate</i>) 4. Second Reading debate – Public Administration Management Amendment Bill [B 10B - 2023] (s76(1)) (77) 5. Consideration of Report of PC on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation on Statistics Amendment Bill [B31 – 2023] (s75) (ATC, 16 February 2024) (<i>no debate</i>) 6. Second Reading debate – Statistics Amendment Bill [B31B – 2023] (s75) (77) 	<p>TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Consideration of the Eskom Debt Relief Amendment Bill [B 34 – 2023] (s77) 4. Consideration of the Cannabis for Private Purposes Bill [B19B - 2020] (s75) (Provisional)
<p>WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY</p> <p>09:00 – 13:00 Committees</p> <p>10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – 18:00 PLENARY (HYBRID)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY</p> <p>08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)</p>

<p>Questions for Oral Reply: (180)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cluster 1: Peace and Security	
<p>THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY</p> <p>08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 MPW Caucus</p> <p>14:00 - ±16:45 PLENARY (HYBRID)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consideration of Recommendation of a candidate to fill a vacancy on Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (Icasa) Council (Report of PC on Communications, see ATC, 9 February 2024, p 4) (54) (<i>declarations</i>)2. Consideration of Copyright Amendment Bill [B 13F – 2017] (s76) and of Report of PC on Trade, Industry and Competition thereon (ATC, 15 February 2024, p 2) (54) (<i>declarations</i>)3. Consideration of Performers' Protection Amendment Bill [B 24F - 2016] (s76) and of Report of PC on Trade, Industry and Competition thereon (ATC, 15 February 2024, p 8) (54) (<i>declarations</i>)4. Consideration of National Road Traffic Amendment Bill [B 7D - 2020] (s76) and of Report of PC on Transport thereon (ATC, 20 February 2024, p 6) (<i>no debate</i>)5. Consideration of Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1D - 2020] (s76) and of Report of PC on Transport thereon (ATC, 20 February 2024, p 5) (<i>no debate</i>)6. Consideration of Report of Powers and Privileges Committee into allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Mr M J Zwane, MP (see ATC, 22 February 2024) (54) (<i>declarations</i>)7. Consideration of Report of Powers and Privileges Committee into allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by members of the National Assembly during Oral Questions to the President on Tuesday, 30 August 2022 (see ATC, 22 February 2024) (54) (<i>declarations</i>)	<p>THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY</p> <p>08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Caucus</p>

FRIDAY, 1 MARCH

10:00 – ±12:30 **MINI-PLenary SESSIONS (VIRTUAL)**

Mini-plenary 1:

1. Subject for discussion (Mr S N Swart): *Parliament's role in terms of section 231(2) of the Constitution, with particular reference to the World Health Organisation's proposed Pandemic Agreement and amendments to the International Health Regulations of 2005* (90)
2. Subject for discussion (Ms F A Masiko): *Policy oversight over the implementation of the 2019 to 2024 Medium Term Strategic Framework* (90)

Mini-plenary 2:

3. Subject for discussion (Mr B N Herron): *Addressing the triple crisis of low economic growth, high unemployment and entrenched poverty* (90)
4. Subject for discussion (Dr M M E Tlhape): *Critical assessment of land reform and agrarian transformation in supporting small and medium-scale black farmers to ensure food security and growth in the agricultural sector* (90)

Mini-plenary 3:

5. Subject for discussion (Dr L A Schreiber): *The need to professionalise the Republic's public administration to improve service delivery for South Africans* (90)
6. Subject for discussion (Mr M Shikwambana): *Provision of fee-free higher education for all in South Africa* (90)

FRIDAY, 1 MARCH

JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK 6

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 4 MARCH <div>CONSTITUENCY DAY</div>	MONDAY, 4 MARCH <div>CONSTITUENCY DAY</div>
TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 10:00 – 13:00 Committees 14:00 - ±16:55 PLENARY (HYBRID) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Condolences for Mrs A H Mthembu, MP (40) 2. Condolences for Ms V S Siwela, MP (40) 3. Member's statements (50) 4. Motions without notice 5. Notices of motion 	TUESDAY, 5 MARCH
WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 09:00 – 13:00 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – 18:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) Questions for Oral Reply: (180) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 2: Social Services 	WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Consideration of the Expropriation Bill [B 23B - 2020] (s76) (Provisional) 4. Consideration of the Provincial Week (11 – 15 September 2023) Report
THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus 14:00 – ±15:30 MINI-PLENARY SESSIONS (VIRTUAL) <i>Mini-plenary 1:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of Report of PC on Police on Oversight visit to Gauteng and Limpopo Provinces from 1 to 4 December 2023 (ATC, 22 February 2024, p 26) (49) 	THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus

<div>2. Consideration of Report of PC on Defence and Military Veterans on Oversight visit to South African Army combat training centre in Lohatla, Northern Cape (ATC, 9 February 2024, p 13) (49)</div> <div>3. Consideration of Report of PC on Defence and Military Veterans on Oversight visit to Armscor dockyard in Simon’s Town, Western Cape (ATC, 9 February 2024, p 5) (49)</div> <div>Mini-plenary 2:</div> <div>4. Consideration of Report of PC on Higher Education, Science and Innovation on Oversight visit to KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga from 24 January to 3 February 2023 (ATC, 18 January 2024, p 5) (49)</div> <div>5. Consideration of Report of PC on Mineral Resources and Energy on Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2004 Review Summit (ATC, 9 February 2024, p 322) (49)</div> <div>6. Consideration of Report of PC on Mineral Resources and Energy on Oversight visit to North West and Gauteng Provinces (ATC, 9 February 2024, p 300) (49)</div>	
<div>FRIDAY, 8 MARCH</div> <div>COMMITTEES</div>	<div>FRIDAY, 8 MARCH</div> <div>JOINT COMMITTEES</div>