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***PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

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The House met at 14:00.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and requested members to

observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

**MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS**

**CALL FOR MEDIATION AND ENGAGEMENTS IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr D MOELA (ANC): The ANC is committed in advancing the course

of development, world peace disarmament and the environmental

sustainable development in line with the Freedom Charter,

which says, and I quote: “There shall be peace and

friendship”. We therefore call for mediation and engagements

to end war unfolding between Russia and Ukraine, and avoid

further violence in the area. We call upon the parties to



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devote increased efforts to diplomacy and find a solution that

will help de-escalate tension and adverse armed conflict.

We are concerned about results and the impact of what the

armed conflict would bring about in human suffering,

destruction of infrastructure, as well as devastating effects

of the economy not only in Ukraine but the whole world. This

will affect financial markets and invoke inflation fears

across the world, which has not yet recovered from the

economic fallout from COVID-19 pandemic.

We urge the United Nations security to find a lasting solution

to this conflict and ease the tension between the two

countries. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr D BERGMAN(DA): Deputy Speaker, I rose to beg for your

indulgence, please. We got a technical error at the moment.

Can we hold over our first Member’s Statement, please? Can we

hold our start over? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay.

**VACCINE MANDATES FOR UNIVERSITIES**



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(Member’s Statement)

Ms N CHIRWA (EFF): Deputy Speaker, over the past year in this

House, the EFF sent a strong warning to the government to

never default to mandatory vaccination especially having after

noted the government’s imminent failure in mainstreaming

tenets of primary health care, prevention and education as the

answer to the crisis of misinformation for vaccine hesitancy.

This advice by the EFF to the government was fortunately

adhered to by the African National Cowards - an important

position because the government was already flirting with big

pharma, Johnson & Johnson, and monopolized the vaccine

industry for the benefit of Ramaphosa’s friends who bully him

like he is a child at our own expense.

To date, in South Africa, we do not have the liberty to choose

from a variety of vaccines, which vaccine ... [Interjections.]

Mr B A RADEBE: On a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, just hang on. Yes, hon member.



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Mr B A RADEBE: I am rising on Rule 85. The member has just

said that Johnson & Johnson is the friend of the President and

that they have monopolized the industry for the benefit of the

President’s friends.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member, you know you can’t make

such a statement without substantiation. Please, withdraw it

and then proceed.

Ms N CHIRWA (EFF): I said for the benefit of Ramaphosa’s

friends. It’s a political statement.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member ...

Ms N CHIRWA (EFF): I have said this countless times before

Parliament. I am able to say for the benefit of Ramaphosa’s

friends.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you are imputing ill motives

to the President. It is not acceptable. Please, withdraw it so

that we can proceed.

Ms N CHIRWA (EFF): Withdrawn.



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms N CHIRWA (EFF): ... who bully him like he is a child at our

own expense.

To date, in South Africa, we do not have the liberty to choose

from a variety of vaccines, which vaccines we want like in

other countries because Ramaphosa was bullied and is too

scared to take the country into confidence or in the very

least, stand up for himself because he cannot stand up for us.

However, this has not stopped universities, the private sector

and the public higher education sector to operate in silos as

if this country has no leadership by excluding the children of

this land from accessing their right to education because they

refused to take Bill Gate’s jab.

We call upon President Ramaphosa to in the very least, as a

President, to stop public universities, like the University of

Johannesburg, Rhodes and others from abusing and stealing

education from the youth with weak creative takes that

disempower freedoms, empower Johnson & Johnson and see them

operate in a state of exception as if this country is lawless

and leaderless. Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.



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**A FOILED CASH-IN-TRANSIT HEIST**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms N P PEACOCK (ANC): Thank you, Deputy Speaker, the ANC

commends the swift arrest of Zimbabwe, Botswana and KwaZulu-

Natal suspects involving the deadly shoot out with the police.

The ANC the law enforcement agency for their bravery in

intercepting the gang of about 25 gunmen allegedly from

KwaZulu-Natal, Zimbabwe and Botswana while planning a cash in

transit heist in Johannesburg on Monday, 21 February 2022.

The heavily armed gang was alleged en route to carry out a

heist when their plan was stopped by the law enforcement

agency. The confrontation happened in Rosettenville, South of

Johannesburg and left eight suspects dead and another 11

arrested. Seven police officers were injured during the

ordeal.

We condemn this attempt robbery in the strongest terms. These

incidents are becoming way too common in our and are happening

more frequently while endangering the life of innocent

citizens. It is clear, judging on the weapons found on the



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scene that these suspects were dangerous and were prepared to

kill.

We commend the police for the hard work they did and

dedication in pursuing these dangerous criminals. We wish the

injured police officers a safe and speedy recovery. I thank

you.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL NATIONAL LITIGATION FORUM**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr N SINGH (IFP): Thank you, Deputy Speaker, hon Msimang

doesn’t seem to be around, so I will read the statement.

On 25th February, President Ramaphosa presided over the first

Intergovernmental National Litigation Forum, described as, and

I quote: “a crucial step towards an efficient, co-ordinated

state legal services system”. Among others, the need for this

forum was identified as a necessary step to combat the lack of

intergovernmental co-ordination in the face of litigation

against the state.

State litigation is an enormous drain on the fiscus, with

legal fees on government over the past five financial years



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amounting to approximately R7 billion while the Auditor-

General has reported that the contingent liability was sitting

at R147 billion for the 2020-21 financial year.

In light of this information, it is of great concern that The

Presidency and the Department of Justice first began working

in 2018 on the terms of reference for such a forum. Why did it

take four years to draft terms of reference?

As an IFP member for Justice and Constitutional Development,

it is my sincere plea that this serious matter be afforded the

attention and urgency it deserves, so that billions wasted on

litigation can instead be directed to providing the essential

services our people so desperately need. I thank you.

**THE SADC DIRECTORATE ON ORGAN ON POLITICS, DEFENCE AND**

**SECURITY’S SLOW PACE IN FULFILLING ITS PURPOSE**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr B H HOLOMISA (UDM): Hon Deputy Speaker and hon members, the

UDM is concerned over the slow pace of Southern African

Development Community, SADC, countries, especially the



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Directorate on Organ on Politics, Defence and Security in

fulfilling its purpose.

The SADC has, since its establishment, not achieved notable

progress in strengthening its efforts to integrate economies

and promote peace and security. As a result, Southern Africa

is faced with various urgent security issues, such as armed

conflicts and robberies, which are contributing to state and

human insecurity in the region.

To date, South Africa is facing an escalation of crimes such

as the smuggling of vehicles to neighbouring countries.

Has the time not arrived for the SADC countries to talk about

having a federal system to address matters such as economy,

security and foreign policy?

Lastly, a highly skilled team must be assigned to track down

the perpetuators of these cross-border crimes and prevent all

manner of security issues in the region. The SADC has a duty

to promote peace and security in the region. I thank you.

**COMMEMORATION OF BATTLE OF MAJUBA**

(Member’s Statement)



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Afrikaans:

Dr W J BOSHOFF (VF Plus): [Onhoorbaar.] ... eergister was die

141ste herdenking van die Slag van Majuba. Dit is ’n

belangrike datum in die teen-koloniale geskiedenis van

Suidelike-Afrika.

Die 1870s was ’n maak-of-breek dekade vir Britse imperialisme.

Aan die Kaapse Oosgrens het konflik met Xhosa stamme gewoed;

in die Natal kolonie het dit veral na Isandlwana gelyk of

Zulus daarin sou slaag om die Pax Brittanië te verbreek; en

aan die Kaapse Noordgrens het Britse soldate gesukkel om

Korannavegters op eilande in die Oranjerivier te verslaan.

Die Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek, ZAR, of Transvaal

Boererepubliek, is in 1877 deur Brittanje geannekseer, omdat

hulle BaPedivegters van Kgosi Sekhukhune nie kon baasraak nie.

Vir die boere was die ZAR hul vaderland, nie ’n afspringplek

vir Britse militêre avonture nie. Daarom is ’n nuwe

republikeinse regering gevestig en Britse besettingsmagte is

beleër. ’n Invalsmag het uit Durban opgeruk, maar is op 27

Februarie op die Majubaberg vernietig. Vryheid is op minstens

een plek herwin.



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Vyf jaar later is die rykste goudveld ter wêreld in die ZAR

ontdek. ’n Imperiale oormag sou later alle weerstand uit die

pad vee om dit in besit te neem, wat mens by die

gevolgtrekking bring dat die stryd om vryheid word nooit

finaal gewen nie, maar vir ’n trotse volk word dit ook nooit

finaal verloor nie. Ek dank u.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lede, ongelukkig kon ons ... {Gelag.]

Hoekom lag julle nou?

*English:*

Yes, I mean that unfortunately we couldn’t do anything about

the sound, so the interpreter couldn’t do the work. This is

why you couldn’t get the interpretation. I nearly asked you

why don’t you speak Afrikaans but I won’t. Are you ready,

dear? Go ahead.

**CHILD ABANDONMENT AND NEGLECT IN SOUTH AFRICA**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms B S MASANGO (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, a recent headline of

a baby thrown out of a window of a moving car sent shockwaves



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across South Africa and thrust the long reported but shunned

scourge of child abandonment into the spotlight. With

statistics being scarce and plans to prevent this barbaric war

against children almost nonexistent, researchers have had to

extract information from mortuaries to highlight the need for

something to be done about this brutal reality.

Shocking statistics indicate that in South Africa, 84% of all

neonaticides and infanticides recorded result from child

abandonment, far higher than the USA and UK statistics. The

question we have to ask ourselves — and work together across

all sectors and disciplines — and to answer is why this is so

prevalent and how we can stop it. There is no excuse for us

not having a comprehensive body of research into child

abandonment, given the prevalence of this scourge.

The DA believes that there is a need for a deliberate effort

by all relevant departments to urgently commit resources to

uncover the causes of child abandonment and develop strategies

to stop it before one more life is lost. Simply looking the

other way is no longer an option. It won’t go away but it will

accentuate the high levels of child abuse and neglect by the

current ANC government that wants its citizens to think it



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cares for the vulnerable in society. This is unacceptable.

Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

**COMMERCIALISATION OF HEMP AND CANNABIS**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms J HERMANS (ANC): Deputy Speaker, we welcome the

announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his state of the

nation address to support hemp and cannabis farming for people

in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal. This is a big step

towards the commercialisation of hemp and cannabis, and will

unlock many opportunities which has the potential to create in

excess of 100 000 jobs with the right support from government

and its development finance institutions. The people,

particularly in Pondoland in the Eastern Cape, stand to

benefit the most from this announcement, which will have

broader economic growth implications for the Eastern Cape

economy.

We also welcome the announcement by the Premier of the Eastern

Cape, Premier Oscar Mabuyane, on Thursday night during his

state of the province address, that an advisory panel to guide



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the development of the province’s cannabis economy has been

appointed. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

**ARMED FORCES DAY**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr T N MMUTLE (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, on Monday 21 February

2022, President Cyril Ramaphosa, a real Commander-in-Chief of

the SA Defence Force, not the artificial one in red,

officiated at the annual Armed Forces Day in Barberton and

Mbombela in Mpumalanga to commemorate ... [Interjections.]

Ms E N NTLANGWINI: (Inaudible.) ... just read. You’re so

young, you can’t read. Just read!

Mr T N MMUTLE: ... the worst naval tragedy in the country’s

history.

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

Just hold on, hon member. Please take your seat. Yes, what are

you rising on?

Mr T N MMUTLE: The artificial red.



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Mr M N PAULSEN: Deputy Speaker, Parliament provided all

members with printers. Are the ANC members not using their

printers? They are reading from their cell phones. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No-one must be left behind. Don’t laugh.

[Laughter.] Go ahead, hon member.

Mr T N MMUTLE: Hon Deputy Speaker, the mission is

accomplished. He wanted you to laugh.

The sinking of the troopship SS Mendi in the English Channel

on 21 February 1917 ... more than 600 SA Native Labour Corps

troops drowned when the ill-fated troopship was struck by the

SS Darro.

The ANC is grateful for the role that our soldiers have played

in peacekeeping, and for helping the police during the unrest

and in the enforcement of the lockdown in the country. They

played a critical part during the unrest by assisting law

enforcement agencies to restore order and protect key economic

infrastructure.

In addition, when Parliament was engulfed by fire at the

beginning of this year, the personnel from Air Force Base



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Ysterplaat Military Aviation Rescue and Firefighting Services

were part of the first responders to douse the flames. These

brave men and women are always there to restore stability and

prevent a spillover of the conflict in other countries. We

thank them for their contribution. Thank you very much, hon

Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

**NATIONAL POLICE COMMISIONER SITOLE’S GOLDEN HANDSHAKE**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr A G WHITFIELD (DA): Deputy Speaker, yesterday the DA

submitted a Promotion of Access to Information Act, Paia,

application to obtain the details of President Ramaphosa’s

golden handshake with National Commissioner of Police Gen

Khehla Sitole.

It is unconscionable that the President would waste taxpayers’

money in settling a political squabble between his Minister

and the National Commissioner of Police when he had already

initiated formal disciplinary proceedings against the

commissioner.



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In September last year, the President issued Sitole with a

notice of intention to suspend. Logically, this should’ve been

followed by a board of inquiry but instead was followed by

months of silence and inaction from the Presidency. Only after

Sitole’s recent public utterances about receiving political

instructions from former Minister of Police Fikile Mbalula to

procure the National Recreation Centre, Nasrec, spy grabber

device, did the President actually jump into action, not in

the interest of the country as he says but in the interest of

the ANC. Sitole was set to lift the lid on the dodgy ANC

dealings surrounding Nasrec. So the President has silenced him

with a golden handshake.

The DA will not rest until the full details of this dodgy deal

are exposed. If we are going to rebuild the SA Police Service,

it has to be done from a foundation of transparency and trust.

It cannot be built on a foundation of hidden agendas and

golden handshakes. [Applause.]

**LAND HUNGER IN SOUTH AFRICA**

(Member’s Statement)



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Mr M K MONTWEDI (EFF): Deputy Speaker, land hunger continues

to be a very serious problem facing only black people in this

country, for both human settlement and agricultural purposes,

with the state thus far having failed dismally to restore a

black child’s pride by returning stolen land.

The EFF sponsored a motion on expropriation of land without

compensation and the ANC government failed to support an EFF

motion that could have changed landownership patterns of the

Republic of South Africa to be reflective of the demographics

of the country. History will judge the ANC and its leadership

under Ramaphosa harshly, hence the electoral decline in every

election.

Let me speak to the land that the ANC government claimed to

have returned to our people with specific focus on land

restituted through the Communal Property Associations, CPA,

model. The reality of the matter is that more than 70% of CPAs

are failing to comply with the Communal Property Associations

Act because they are not adequately supported by the

department where land is restored to our people and set up for

failure.



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The 2020-21 CPA annual report unashamedly paints a very bleak

picture about CPAs, where the department is still admitting to

internal capacity ... in supporting CPAs. This internal

capacity ... was raised even before 2019. I heard it for the

first time in 2019 when I arrived in Parliament. The report

also states that 21 CPAs have sold land restituted to them

without mentioning how many hectares.

The Minister brought the Communal Property Associations

Amendment Bill and they claimed that the Bill will assist in

bringing about capacity. Thus far we are not seeing any

changes. Parliament processed the Bill and it is gathering

dust, sitting in the offices of Ramaphosa.

Land is restored through CPAs and government ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, it’s President or Mr if you

wish. You know the Rules. Yes, do so.

Mr M K MONTWEDI: Okay, I will do that next time, if I can

mention ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, you do it now. You do it now.



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Mr M K MONTWEDI: Okay, Mr. Thank you, Mr. Land is restored

through CPAs and government is failing to report that some of

the land restored was very productive agricultural land,

currently run down by CPAs due to lack of support from the

department.

Lack of support to CPAs has resulted in Bakgatlha-Ba-Kgafela

CPA in the North West going beyond land restored to them

within the Pilanesberg Game Reserve, and now administering

privately owned land and causing serious confusion within the

community of Bakgatlha-Ba-Kgafela.

Is it now not the time for this House to have a discussion ...

if CPAs are still the right vehicle for communal

landownership, as what we are seeing is shocking, where land

restored to CPAs is still worked by white land thieves because

of the failure by the department in supporting our people.

In conclusion, we are calling on Mr President to stop sleeping

on duty and sign off all Bills currently before ...

[Inaudible.] [Time expired.]

**FINANCE MINISTER'S BUDGET SPEECH**



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(Member’s Statement)

Ms P N ABRAHAM (ANC): Hon Deputy Speaker, the ANC welcomes the

Minister of Finance's Budget Speech delivered on behalf of the

executive on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 in the Good Hope

Chamber in Parliament. We believe that the 2022 Budget speaks

to the poor and vulnerable in that it increases the social

wage to 59% of total noninterest spending. This is aimed at

addressing poverty and unemployment, and to support economic

recovery. Half of the population now receive at least one

grant from the state. On spending programmes, we welcome the

medium-term allocation of R76 billion for job creation

programmes. In addition, R18 billion is made available for the

Presidential Employment Initiative, totalling R94 billion.

The small business loan guarantees of R15 billion that will be

facilitated through participating banks and development

finance institutions will also assist in job opportunities. We

are pleased to see that household consumption has grown by

5,6% in 2021 and is expected to grow by 2,5% in 2022. This is

a major driver in the economy and a positive signal for demand

side growth. We welcome the R110 billion set aside for

spending priorities. These include the COVID-19 Social Relief

of Distress Grant, which is extended for another 12 months;



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bursaries for students benefiting from the National Student

Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, and the Presidential Employment

Initiative; and an additional R52 billion financial support to

current bursary holders and first-year students under NSFAS. I

thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

**R15 BILLION OFFER - UMZIMVUBU WATER PROJECT**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: The R15 billion needed to raise the hopes

of African child dying a slow death of thirst can be in the

bank this month to build the long awaited nearly 100 metre

high wall for the Umzimvubu Cathman Water Project Maclear in

Joe Gqabi District Municipality mentioned in the 2022 in SONA

in the Sixth Parliament by President Ramaphosa to provide

water to one million residents around Maclear in the informal

Transkei in an area where our first struggle icons came from

[Inaudible.] apartheid but an area which is the last to get

water 28 years after liberation.

For Al Jama-ah this is a grand resistance dam. The hon Chief

Pemmy Majola is the home girl of the district. How will I ever

need help of Parliament through the office of the Speaker to



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safeguard and be on high oversight alert and help submit the

R15 billion offer needed to the Minister of Water. So, he had

in spite of funding being very hard to find it is not scuttle

by the long lines of spoilers.

I need Parliament’s help with my concern of the joining

Parliament Water and Sanitation Portfolio Committee under the

leadership of committee Chair hon Mashego on a week-long visit

to the Eastern Cape.

My statement on Al Jama-ah’s 15th birthday which Al Jama-ah

gets the speaking opportunity once a year is, will Parliament

play the extensive oversight role that is now required or sit

back and not carry out its mandate and ignore further long

delays to build the Uzumvubu Dam. Thank you very much hon

Deputy Speaker

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I noticed the Chief Whip of the Majority

Party. The operative word is Pemmy, forget about the rest.

**NEW LAWS TO STRENGTHEN FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

(Member’s Statement)



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*Sepedi:*

Moh C PHIRI: Modulasetulo, ke kgopela tumelelo ya gago ke time

vidio gore ke be le kamogelo ye botse ka gore ke kua kgauswi

le mollwane wa Zimbabwe.

*Sesotho:*

MOTLATSI WA SEPIKARA: Ho lokile mme, tswela pele.

*Sepedi:*

Moh C PHIRI (ANC): Ke tlile go bolela ka melao ye meswa ya go

tiiṧetṧa twantṧho kgahlanong le tlaiṧo ya basadi le bana.

*English*

In response to the suffering the women and children of this

country are subjected to, the ANC led government passes laws

designed to protect them. President Ramaphosa recently signed

into law three pieces of legislation that honour our

government’s commitment to strengthen the criminal justice

system, promote accountability across the state and put

support for survivors at the centre of all our effort.

The President signed off on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill,

the Criminal and Related Matters Amendment Bill and the

Domestic Violence Amendment Bill. These will see all sexual



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offenders listed on a national register and it will make it

easier for victims to give evidence and will provide the

support structure for the implementation of protection orders.

The enactment of legislation that protects victims of abuse

and makes it more difficult for perpetrators to escape justice

is a major step forward in government’s effort against this

pandemic

*Sepedi:*

Ke a leboga, Modulasetulo.

**RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr D BERGMAN:There can be no doubt in anyone’s mind that we

are in the midst of a full-on Russian invasion of Ukraine. The

casualties are piling up and the risk of an onslaught on Kiev

ever encroaching.

The DA has called on South Africa from months ago to use its

position in BRICS and proximity to President Vladimir Putin to

de-escalate the rising tensions that have been advancing since



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at least 2014. This has been an opportune time for the ANC to

reclaim some really lost space in the international arena by

making some positive gains from a series of blaring blusters.

The DA was hopeful when it saw the DIRCO press release that

seemed to be the voice of the Minister Naledi Pandor

condemning the actions of Russia and supported those calls as

well.

We were taken aback by reports in the Sunday Times that

suggested that President Cyril Ramaphosa was not happy with

this position and that we needed a more even-keeled position

and referred to his mediation statement.

We were then confused when the ANC came into the fray with

Minister Lindiwe Zulu’s statement which seemed to take the

party further back from discussion and confuse the country as

to where we now stand whilst the rest of the world seems very

united and vividly clear that there should be no threat of

World War III and that Russia needs to be stopped at all

costs.

It did not help when our leader John Steenhuisen exposed how

the ANC and our Chief of Defence happily paraded themselves at



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the Defender of the Fatherland Day celebration at the Russian

embassy while the injuries and deaths in Ukraine were piling

up.

The question that therefore needs to be clearly asked of the

Executive today is where does the Government stand in the

conflict? And will they be joining the rest of the world in

calling for sanctions against Russia, and if so, when will

this call be made?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I can’t see you from where I’m sitting,

pardon me it’s my vision, it’s not you. So, please go ahead.

**NATIONAL POLICE COMMISIONER SITOLE’S GOLDEN HANDSHAKE**

(Minister’s Response)

THE MINISTER OF POLICE: Thank you very much hon Deputy

Speaker. Indeed, I would concur with hon Whitfield that they

want transparency as we do want transparency about the abuser

of the leader of the DA in this province who happens to the

MEC and abuses women. Yes, he has abused women. He calls them

in the office as interns and get on top of them. Parly wants



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DA, Women and mothers to stand up on this one and don’t put

politics on this one. Please defend the weak, defend the women

that have been abused in the name of being employed.

Secondly, I don’t know why it took so long to realise that the

police are doing a good job. By the way, what they did in

Rosettenville is much smaller than what they did in Midrand

late last year where they arrested 25 of these guys and gunned

down five of them. This was the third one after Donville. So,

one must be very comfortable with the police doing very well

when it comes to ...[Inaudible.]... including what they did

yesterday morning in Delmas to those who were trying to cause

havoc there.

But also, the special team that is dealing with kidnappings is

doing very well. It took only three days to arrest the

kidnappers including those from Vereeniging, seven of those

that wanted a ransom. If you can at least applaud the police

on this one for the good work that they are doing. We

congratulate the police on what has been raised by General

Holomisa. It is something that we are looking at.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Deputy Speaker?



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THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: What are you rising on hon member? Hold on

Minister.

Mr N PAULSEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, why are we cheering the hon

Minister? Why are we cheering them for doing their job, they

are paid to catch criminals?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Take you seat hon member. You are out of

order in the first place. There’s no rule that allows you to

do what you are doing. You have no basis to do that. So, just

take your seat and be comfortable for a short while. You will

be home soon.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I’ll never be comfortable with the ANC

government.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister please go ahead and finish.

THE MINISTER OF POLICE: Deputy Speaker, I don’t want to be

cheered. I said cheer for the members of the South African

Police not me. I don’t want to be cheered, I don’t want

anybody cheering me on this one but cheer the members of the

South African Police who are doing a good job.



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On the organ issue of dealing with the trust national crimes,

yes, the organ is working. The Ministers are meeting with

police in these areas including the police dealing with these

matters as you see that the criminals are becoming blatant and

crossing boarders especially Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique

and Lesotho. We are handling that together to ensure that we

respond. Thank you very much Deputy Speaker.

Ms S GWARUBE: Sorry?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What are you rising on hon member?

Ms S GWARUBE: Deputy Speaker, in accordance to the NA,

Ministers are meant to use the opportunity of the Ministerial

executives to respond directly to members who have made member

statements. And the Minister is yet to respond to what hon

Whitfield has said. So, would you please provide some clarity

on that?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. Yes, the Ministers

will respond. Hon member we haven’t even finished. Go ahead.

Who is the next ministerial response?



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Yes, the Ministers

will respond, hon member, we haven’t even finished. Go ahead.

Who is the next Minister? I mean Ministerial response? Hon

members, are there any further Ministerial responses?

[Interjections.] No, hon members ... Yes, for once in your

life time you are right. It is unacceptable that we do not

have enough Ministerial responses. At least six. We will take

this with the appropriate authorities to talk about it. It is

not appropriate. [Interjections.] No, no, no, can you ...

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: Hon Deputy

Speaker?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have our hands up

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: Our hands

are up on the virtual platform.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, when you are on the virtual

platform, please just speak so that we hear you that you are

there because the hand is not visible as you can see that I am

not looking at any screen before me. So, I can’t see you.

Please go ahead. Is it Deputy Minister? Ministers, who is

going to start? Please go ahead.



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**COMMERCIALISATION OF HEMP AND CANNABIS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

(Minister’s Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION: Deputy

Speaker, I would like to respond to the statement made on the

announcement made by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his state of

the nation address to support hemp and cannabis

commercialisation. We also welcome this statement as the

Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, DTIC, and we

also welcome the progress made by the provinces in trying to

commercialise this sector.

The DTIC is playing an integral role in the development of the

cannabis master plan which is led by the Department of

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, and leads the

product development and manufacturing and market development

pillars of the master plan.

As part of supporting the industry, the DTIC will develop a

commercialisation policy to leverage on opportunities arising

from industrialisation of cannabis and hemp in the areas of

clothing, textile, leather including footwear, agro

processing, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics and facilitate



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investments to establish the manufacturing plants that will be

used to produce medicine, cosmetics, food and textile and

other value-added products. The DTIC will also facilitate

local and export market for cannabis products.

The DTIC, together with Industrial Development Corporation,

IDC, will also explore the possibility of having support

measures to support the sector. Thank you very much, Deputy

Speaker.

**CHILD ABANDONMENT AND NEGLECT IN SOUTH AFRICA**

(Minister’s Response)

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you very much,

Chairperson. I just wanted to quickly thank hon Masango for

bringing on board an issue that is of major concern to us too

that is related to child abandonment, and to say that as the

Department of Social Development we are responsible for the

wellbeing of children and we have to connect with other

departments that are relevant for this issue. We thank hon

Masango for bringing it up, and I am sure we will discuss it

at the portfolio committee. Thank you very much.



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**NEW LAWS TO STRENGTHEN FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

(Minister’s Response)

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: Deputy

Speaker, I will request not to switch on my video due to the

fact that I am currently on some medication. We also want to

welcome the statement with regards to the three Bills that

will help us deal with gender-based violence, GBV, in the

country. One of the Bills will enable members of society and

the community to lodge their forms through digital platforms

which we have already started in the Durban North Point Court

as a form of a pilot project. As the Bills come into place, we

are hoping to do it countrywide which we believe will

contribute a lot in helping victims of gender-based violence

to access justice from wherever they are. That will also help

authorities to be able to pick it up and be enabled to respond

as quickly as possible.

One of the Bills also makes it compulsory, which is now the

Act, for anyone who is aware of domestic abuse to report it to

the nearest authorities. We believe that this will help for

communities to come in and play a key role in the fight

against gender-based violence. We are hoping that communities



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will do so in their numbers because somewhere somehow every

one of us knows someone who could be abused or an abuser. This

is now a fight for all South Africans to take to each and

every corner of the country and let us make this country a

gender violence free country. It is upon us and all of us as

South Africans we can do it. Now enabled by law we have no

reasons to hide and not report any gender-based violence issue

that we are aware of. Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Deputy Speaker ...

[Interjections.]

Mr A H M PAPO: Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Minister. What is the point of

order?

Mr A H M PAPO: When we started the sitting you requested us to

keep our masks on and only remove them when we are speaking.

Member Paulsen has permanently removed and not having his mask

on in defiance of the Rules which you have outlined. I was

just raising that because we can’t have a member who doesn’t

follow what we are supposed to be doing in the House.



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, sustained.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Point of order, Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Paulsen ... [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Stop complaining and showing me a ...

[Inaudible.] ... sign. We will meet outside! We will meet

outside!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Paulsen ... Hon members, order! Order,

hon members. You can’t be making ... [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Deputy Speaker? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, hon member, I never gave you the right

to speak in the first place. [Interjections.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: These old men are threatening me. I want you

to remember they threatened first! They threatened first! They

must remember that!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member ... [Interjections.]



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Mr M N PAULSEN: you only threaten me once, after that ...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Paulsen, I think that you owe the

House a little bit of respect. Don’t speak – I haven’t given

you a chance to speak. Don’t speak, and I will not allow you

to speak. You owe ... [Interjections.] Hon member, you can’t

be screaming like that in the House.

Ms E N NTLANGWINI: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members at the back there, can you

stop that please?

Ms E N NTLANGWINI: On a point of order, Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, go ahead hon Natasha.

Ms E N NTLANGWINI: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Deputy

Speaker, it is really unparliamentary. First of all, let me

start with hon Hope. Right behind her the guy was not wearing

his mask or the member was not wearing his mask. That is why

they say sweep first in front of your door before you go and

sweep at another person’s door. So, he must ... [Inaudible.]



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... hon Paulsen. Secondly, there are two old men threatening

hon Nazir Paulsen. They must stop with that attitude of

threatening our members. We will not threaten them — we will

action very fast. They must not attempt ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, be careful of the language

you are using. You shouldn’t be doing that in the first place

— two wrongs don’t make a right. None of you must be behaving

as you do right now. It is not in order and I expect you

otherwise. Can you allow us to proceed with the House

proceedings please, and stop what you are doing?

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Deputy Speaker, I called a point of order

earlier on.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What are you rising on, hon member? I have

ruled on the matter.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: No, it is not on this matter because hon

Ntlangwini has attended this matter. Deputy Speaker, I wanted

to say that you have said to all of us when we speak here,

especially using our gadgets, it must be quiet. When the hon

Minister was responding here, we could hear his kids behind.

Can you also make sure that all of us follow the same Rules?



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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is the Rule, there is no problem with

that. We should always attend to that, but when things like

that happens no one plans them. So, I hope we will attend to

it generally. It is not a problem that we need to continue to

have.

Hon members, I request that we proceed. Is there any last ...

Oh, yes, hon Dlhomo, you were about to speak?

**VACCINE MANDATES FOR UNIVERSITIES**

(Minister’s Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Deputy Speaker, on the

issues of vaccines for COVID-19 in the country we are

currently using Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson vaccines. Those

are the ones that were available earlier on and were then

procured. We do have enough of those vaccines and all we

really would like to request is that members can encourage

South Africans to come forward and vaccinate.

It is also true that South African Health Products Regulatory

Authority, SAHPRA, has recently approved the use of Sinopharm

and Sinovac. They are both vaccines for COVID-19 manufactured



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and coming in from the People’s Republic of China. However,

there is no plan to procure them as yet because we have enough

vaccines. So, it is not about the President not wanting us to

procure them, it is just that we have enough stock of these

two vaccines that we procured. But Sinopharm and Sinovac are

now available in the country and have since been approved by

SAHPRA for use. We are not going to procure them for now

because we have enough vaccines. Thank you very much, Deputy

Speaker.

**CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL FORESTS AMENDMENT BILL AND OF REPORT**

**OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT**

**THEREON**

Ms N GANTSHO: Hon Deputy Speaker, good afternoon, hon members.

The National Forests Amendment Bill under consideration by

this House was introduced to Parliament during the Fifth

Parliament in July 2016.

The Bill was initially processed by the former agriculture,

forestry and fisheries committee and is being finalised during

this term by the reconfigured committee on environment,

forestry and fisheries during this term.



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The National Forests Amendment Bill, B11-2016, was tagged as

section 76 after the Joint Tagging Mechanism of Parliament

disagreed with the department’s tagging as a section 75,

largely due to the content of the Bill that affected

provinces. The contentious issue was the mention of indigenous

forests and nature conservation that are largely concurrent

competencies.

The previous Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and

Fisheries received submissions, they held briefings and public

hearings in 2016 in Parliament and extended public hearings in

2017 outside Parliament; deliberated and adopted introduced

amendments.

The National Assembly passed the amended Bill in 2018 and

referred it to the NCOP for concurrence.

The Bill lapsed in May 2019 and was revised in October of the

same year. Then the NCOP followed the due processes from 2019

and finally debated and passed it in December 2021 and

returned it to the National Assembly for concurrence.



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The portfolio committee considered and agreed with the version

of the National Forests Amendment Bill from the NCOP. The

amendments were fairly short and straightforward.

The amendments addressed trusteeship for the management of

national forests, the lack of efficient emergency measures

that halt the destruction of forests, the lack of provisions

for appeal processes in the Principal Act, inadequate

cooperative governance arrangements, lack of clarity of some

terms in the Act, and non-alignment of certain provisions of

the Act with the Constitution of the Republic and matters on

gender and people living with disabilities.

The committee is satisfied that the amendment Bill is

positioned to advance critical provisions in the Constitution,

particularly section 24 of the Constitution that advocates for

environmental rights, sustainable development and

transformation of society and the economy.

The National Forests Amendment promotes the sustainable

management and development of forests and provides for the

protection of certain forests and trees.



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The Bill plays a critical role in transforming the forestry

landscape to promote diverse participation in the forestry

sector and enable communities to derive economic value from

biodiversity.

The introduced amendments are in the same spirit as the

Principal Act. It is within this context that I would like to

appreciate the effort of the previous committees that

processed the Bill, and the members of the current Portfolio

Committee on Environment, Forestry and Fisheries.

We are looking forward to the implementation of the

legislation, particularly to improvement of co-operative

governance, development of biological assets and beneficiation

in communities for the benefit of current and future

generations.

I hereby recommended that the House adopts the presentation of

the National Forests Amendment Bill. I thank You! [Applause.]

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the Bill, as

amended, be passed.

*Declaration of vote*:



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Mrs C PHILLIPS: Deputy Speaker, South Africa is a country

blessed with an amazing climate and an extensive biodiversity

rarely found anywhere else in world, and a mineral wealth that

far outweighs that of many other countries.

A country that has one of the best Constitutions in the world

with world-class legislation; a country which belongs to all

who live in it, united in our diversity.

The DA supports amendments to regulations that aim to improve

the quality of life for all South Africans.

Unfortunately, all too often, our laws and regulations are

simply not enforced due to the lack of political will,

corruption and understaffed, undertrained and underequipped

law enforcement personnel.

The DA raised our concerns in the portfolio committee meeting

regarding the amendments as they were discussed in the last

Parliament with the previous committee and then came back to a

committee in a new Parliament with very few members who had

been properly briefed in the previous term.



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Section 13 of the National Environmental Management Air

Quality Act, clause 51 in the revised Bill, seeks to amend

this section and to empower the Minister with the

discretionary power to provide to appoint the membership of

the National Air Quality Committee.

The membership of such a committee should be an open process

to ensure that those who are appointed are fit for purpose,

have the requisite expertise, appropriate knowledge and most

importantly, are not simply shuls of the big oil and gas

corporations allied with the ruling party who seek to

encourage corruption in order to prolong our dependency on

fossil fields with little regard for our air quality and our

obligation to reduce carbon emissions.

We recently seen how the Minister of Mineral Resources and

Energy was able to issue a permit for seismic blasting with no

consideration for the local people or the environment.

According to Minister Creecy she could not intervene and the

only way to protect the affected parties was to approach the

court.

President Ramaphosa, why appoint so many Ministers if some

Ministers are more equal than others?



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We recently seen the Limpopo provincial government grant

permission for a Chinese-built coal-fire powerstation in

Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone. This permission shows

little or no regard for the required reduction in carbon

emissions that are so vital for the survival of our planet.

The United Phosphorus Limited, UPL, explosion has caused

damage to our environment that despite the intervention of our

top scientists it’s going to take up to 16 years for the

surrounding environment to recover.

While the DA absolutely supports economic development and job

creation, we cannot allow the Trade and Industry’s Minister to

keep pushing these developments at all costs.

The long-term consequences are already a reality in KwaZulu-

Natal that our children and our grandchildren should not have

to live with.

It is extremely consorting that our Ministers appear to act,

well, actually when they do, in silos, often in the interest

of big business, themselves and the ANC.



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Our Minister of Water Affairs stands by and watches as

thousands of tons of coal slurry wash down the Umfolozi River

after slymers dam at a coal mine veld.

Our Minister of Public Enterprises rings his hands in despair

when the country is loadshed again by Eskom, which leads to

sewerage pumps not working and millions of litres of extra

sewerage runs into our rivers, dams and the ocean.

My own town has been devastated by constant, prolonged power

outages caused not only by loadshedding but by theft and

vandalisms. Arrest? Hmm! I hear the Frank Sinatra’s song, *Just*

*Like Regrets*. There have been a few, far few to mention.

Our Minister of Police is thrilled when 20 protestors, many of

whom actually handed themselves in, are arrested after untold

air and water pollution has been caused by thousands of

protestors.

Our Minister of trade and Industry welcomes the Chinese

development of the special economic zone in Limpopo without a

care for the pollution created by the coal-fire powered

generation and other polluting industries.



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Our Minister of Labour is just so happy that there’s a

possibility of job creation that the degradation of the

quality of air that those people and their families will have

to live with just doesn’t seem to matter.

Deputy Speaker, we need a capable Cabinet of Ministers who do

not operate in silos, Ministers who do not put self-interest

and party first. Regulations and amendments remain just words

on paper until we have Ministers with the political will to

enforce them. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Deputy Speaker, I think I am the only one

awaken that knows that the hon Phillips was declaring the

wrong Bill. But anyway, back to the Forest Amendment Bill.

Deputy Speaker, when this Bill was tabled in this House, we

rejected it because we felt that it missed an opportunity to

transform the forestry industry, to break up the monopolies

that dominate it, and to create a legislative framework for a

thorough transformative drive in the industry.

The various iterations that the Bill has gone through at the

NCOP do no change our view that this Bill has failed to

provide solutions to the many challenges faced by people who

work in the forestry industry, those who live adjacent to



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forests, and those whose claims to land held by forestry

companies have been frustrated for the past two decades.

South Africa has extensive and valuable forest resources that

are valued for their biological diversity, for medicinal and

local uses, and for their aesthetic and spiritual values.

South Africa has more than 1,49 million hectares of industrial

forest plantations, and these plantations support a multi-

billion-rand industry, employing over a hundred thousand

people.

During the extensive public hearings, we heard first hand, the

conditions forest dwellers and forestry industry workers

experienced, and none of the amendments have addressed those

issues. Forestry development offers real opportunities for

poverty alleviation, employment and enterprise development in

the forestry communities and can therefore serve as a catalyst

to community development and upliftment.

The state owns a large chunk of these forests, and has opted

to lease them out to various white owned companies to next to

nothing. These companies, such as the Amathole Forestry

Company have no regard for the law or the people they work

with. The State has not facilitated any meaningful community



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involvement in the management of the forests adjacent to these

communities.

Communities should be empowered with skills and financial

resources required to establish forestry enterprises on their

own. We want forestry development projects to be socially,

economically and environmentally sustainable. Communities and

black emerging enterprises should not only be encouraged and

assisted to plant trees, but should participate in downstream

beneficiation and value-adding activities such as non-timber

forest products, eco-tourism and agroforestry.

We need revisit the role that South African Forestry Company

SOC Limited, SAFCOL, plays in the forestry industry. This

state-owned company currently resides in Public Enterprises.

Under the current Public Enterprises Minister, we have seen

how much of our forestry functions have been privatised and

further reducing public benefit in the forestry industry.

SAFCOL workers were promised they will receive shares if they

move to MTO, a private forestry company. Most SAFCOL workers

never received the shares they were promised if they move to

SAFCOL. Instead they were retrenched and bullied into early

retirement. We therefore reject this Bill.



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Mr N SINGH: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon colleagues, the critical

need to remedy deforestation cannot be overemphasised. Daily,

we witness the devastating impacts of climate change and in

the interest of future generations we need to act swiftly and

urgently in preserving our forests and woodlands.

It has been estimated that globally, forests could provide

more than one-third of the total CO2 reductions that are

required to keep global warming below 2°C until 2030. Further,

forests play a critical role in reducing soil erosion and

floods. With their rich animal and plant biodiversity, the

preservation and management of our forests must be central to

our environmental commitments.

The IFP strongly supports the Bill’s proposal to dramatically

increase the penalty amount provided for in the National

Forest Act, from R50 000 to R10 million, with the possibility

of imprisonment for certain categories of offences. Hon

members, as we always need to stress that our well-crafted

laws are only as effective as those who enforce these

provisions. The increase in penalties will mean very little if

we do not ensure that the forestry officers mandated to

patrol, seize and arrest in terms of the National Forest Act,

are well-equipped to fulfil these crucial functions.



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The Bill’s proposal to include people from vulnerable and

previously disadvantaged groups in the National Forests

Advisory Council, is a much-needed amendment. The need to

encourage participation of local people who rely on forestry

for their livelihoods, is fundamental for sustainable forest

management. It is very much aligned with recent emphasis

placed by our courts on the importance of including local

communities in environmental decisions.

Deputy Speaker, Ammucare Charitable Trust Foundation, known as

ACT, is a globally charity community operator in several

countries and it is founded by a spiritual leader,

humanitarian and philanthropist known as Mohanji. The local

branch is represented in South Africa by Ms Sulosh Pillay.

This organisation has already planted forest gardens in

Uganda, undertaking reforesting products in United Kingdom and

Mozambique. And it is currently involved in a fruit tree

plantation drive for 100 000 trees to celebrate the birthday

month of the founder. As he states:

Fruit tree plantation is not just an act of kindness; it

is a social responsibility. This is giving the fruits of

kindness to the coming generations beyond species. Fill

the forests with fruit trees. Plant more fruit trees in



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and around your city. It brings sweet grace to our lives

beyond time.

More organisations should follow this example. In conclusion,

the IFP strongly supports the objectives of the long-awaited

National Forest Amendment Bill and we support the committee’s

recommendation that the National Assembly approves the

amendments as made by the NCOP. I thank you.

Ms T BREEDT: Deputy Speaker, the National Forest Amendment

Bill has been amended by the other House and returned to the

National Assembly for concurrence. The Bill was initially

tabled in Parliament of July 2016, lapsed at the end of fifth

Parliament and we have revived it in this sixth Parliament.

The initial aim of the Bill was to amend the National Forest

Act of 1998 and to provide clear definitions of natural

forests and woodlands; to provide for public trusteeship of

the nation’s forestry resources; to increase the promotion and

enforcement of sustainable forest management; to increase the

measures provided for in the Act to control and remedy

deforestation; to provide for appeals against decisions

undertaken under delegated powers and duties; reinforce

offences and penalties, as my colleagues have extensively



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mentioned; and to provide for matters connected ...

[Inaudible.] ...

The proposed amendment of the other House is aiming to

strengthen provisions or promoting sustainable forest

management and not to change the current administrative

processes of the functional areas listed in Schedule 4 of the

Constitution. The proposed amendments will also not affect the

current provision mandate with regard to the management of

forests.

The principal Act further has various mechanisms to promote

the use of forests for the benefit of all. These have not been

affected by these proposed amendments. As a colleague

commented, these amendments are quite self-explanatory. These

amendments make the Bill better, but the implementation

thereof remains to be seen.

Deputy Speaker, Inkosi Buthelezi rightfully remarked once

that; it is the responsibility of all South Africans to

safeguard our environment and this must be a shared

responsibility. Chairperson, the FF Plus will support the

Bill. I thank you.



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Mr S N SWART: Deputy Speaker, the National Forests Amendment

Bill was introduced in 2016, that means the previous

Parliament spent three years dealing with what doesn’t seem to

be a very contentious Bill and it was not able to complete it.

Now, six years later eventually this amendment Bill has been

passed. I think we need to look very carefully at how

Parliament passes Bills which are not controversial and the

time that is taken. We have all agreed that this Bill is

necessary. It amends the National Forests Act to provide for a

clear definition of forestry, woodlands and public ownership

of its spaces to increase the promotion and enforcement of

sustainable forest management and to control and remedy

deforestation. There is nothing contentious about this. Thus

the ACDP supports it. We all sputtered it.

The challenge then is when one looks at the whole process from

the National Assembly to the NCOP. We are now sitting in 2022.

We have elections in two years. We then need to look at what

happens with all the Bills we are dealing with at the moment

that might lapse to the 2024 elections. Otherwise we will have

the same situation. I think we need to look carefully at it,

Deputy Speaker – how we deal with Bills that could pass on to

the next Parliament.



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The second issue which I need to highlight is the increase in

the penalty which all parties supported - from 50 000 to

R10 million. But being the longest serving member in the

Justice portfolio committee I know the challenges facing our

criminal justice sector. How are they going to manage dealing

with this very serious penalties that will have to be dealt

with in a higher court? I think that’s an issue that needs to

be highlighted. What the chairperson pointed out when the

portfolio committee was doing hearings on this issue is the

implementation. One of the aspects of every Bill that is

brought before Parliament is to what degree has been properly

costed. Can it be implemented? And the impact as I am

indicating there will be an impact from the criminal justice

perspective when one looks at the implementation of this much-

needed Bill.

We support the issue of the improvement of co=operative

governance and the beneficiation of communities. This is very

good. This is a very good amendment. The question is, why did

it take so long for it to be passed? The ACDP supports this

Bill. I thank you.

Mr B N HERRON: Deputy Speaker, we have no declaration to make,

but we support the Bill. Thank you.



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Mr C H M SIBISI: Deputy Speaker, the NFP welcomes the Bill,

but we emphasise that enforcement mechanisms need to be put in

place. The structures of the charter council and the

established trust must perform allocated tasks properly. The

Minister and Parliament must evaluate and monitor actions to

increase oversight and whip where necessary for the benefit of

citizens. I thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Mr S M JAFTA: Deputy Speaker, we have no reason not to support

the amendments. You can proceed, Deputy Speaker.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Deputy Speaker, Al Jama-ah supports the

amendments. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms T V B MCHUNU: Deputy Speaker, Ministers, Deputy Ministers

and members of the House, the ANC recognises the importance of

protecting the environment in order to guarantee the future

wellbeing of the coming generation. Our environment is our

greatest source of wealth for the nation. This contributes

directly to the economic development of our country. Our

country has one of the richest forestry ecosystem and

contributes meaningfully to job creation. The country’s forest

landscape has contributed to the development of many

industries such as paper and furniture making industries. We



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also know of the importance that our country’s forests play in

terms of mitigating against carbon emissions.

Section 24 of the Constitution of the Republic commits us to

use our natural resources in a sustainable manner while

deriving economic benefits from such use. It is important to

promote our national forest against various other forms of

destruction. The destruction of the country’s forestry either

through fire or other causes has a negative impact not only on

climate change, but on the socioeconomic wellbeing of the

communities that are residing next to these forests.

We all know of the destructive impact of the outbreak of

COVID-19 on our country’s economy. The economic reconstruction

and recovery plan has put growing our economy at the centre of

the plan and the forestry sector has a definite positive role

to play in this plan. As the ANC we are most concerned about

the wellbeing of the workers and our biasness towards the

working class is under no doubt. There are many job

opportunities created in the forest sector including its value

chain. In 1994, the ANC’s agricultural policy stipulated that

one of the goals of the ANC is to harness workers’ full

potential in the forestry sector while striving towards equity

in access to power and resources. We know that many of our



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rural communities are depended on their rural forestry land

for economic income generation and sustenance of their

livelihoods.

It is noted in the memorandum of the objects of the National

Forests Amendment Bill that, I quote:

Most poor people and vulnerable groups located mainly in

the rural areas of the country rely on the forestry for

their livelihoods.

This amendment will encourage their participation in ensuring

sustainable forest management. We are more than encouraged by

President Cyril Ramaphosa’s call for a new consensus and a

social compact that will help drive our country’s economic

growth and to protect the economic livelihoods. We therefore,

call upon all stakeholders involved to hit the call of the

President and forge this much-needed social compact.

South Africa is a very lucrative forestry industry and this

sector contributes significantly to our country’s economic

growth. The sector has an estimated export market value chain

of about R38 billion and employs well above 165 000 people.



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The estimated number of people employed in the sector in 1994

was around 60 000.

At the 54 national conference of the ANC it was resolved that

interventions be put in place to fully utilise the potential

of South Africa’s forestry sector to drive empowerment,

transformation, economic growth and decent work. This must be

done with deep consideration for climate change and our

National Development Plan has indicated that Africa has the

potential to reduce emission by protecting its forest.

The purpose of this National Forests Amendment Bill is to

promote sustainable management and development of forest and

to provide for the protection of certain forest and trees. The

amendment Bill seeks to strengthen and promote equity by

inclusion of participation by vulnerable and previously

disadvantaged groups into the National Forests Advisory

Council. The National Forests Advisory Council established in

terms of the National Forests Act of 1998, places a core and

critical role as a stakeholder advisory group that reviews

progress and give strategic directions to the National Forests

Programme, NFP. The National Forests Programme is a globally

adopted framework for national forests policy development,

planning and implementation and it is applicable to all



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countries and constitutes an integral part of our country’s

national sustainable development strategy.

In conclusion, as the ANC we support the adoption of this

report of the National Forests Amendment Bill and we take note

and acknowledge that this is the right step in terms of

realising the ideals enshrined in the Freedom Charter that all

South Africans shall share in the country’s natural resources.

I thank you. [Applause.]

Motion agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Bill, as amended, accordingly passed.

**CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LAWS**

**AMENDMENT BILL AND OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON**

**FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT THEREON**

Mr N L S KWANKWA: Deputy Speaker! Deputy Speaker ...

*IsiXhosa:*

... uxolo tata, kuyabanda, ...

*English:*



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... I did not want to disturb the speaker. Can they turn down

the air conditioner, please?

*IsiXhosa:*

Kubanda nyhani apha.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon members!

*IsiXhosa:*

Liyekeni ilungu elihoniphekileyo lifanele ukukhalaza Ndicela

nimncede.

*English:*

They will attend to your matter. Go ahead, hon member.

Ms N GANTSHO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The National

Environmental Management Laws Amendment under consideration by

this House was introduced to Parliament during the Fifth

Parliament in May 2017, respectively. The Bill was initially

processed by the former Environmental Affairs Portfolio

Committee and finalised during its term. The National

Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill, B14 of 2017, was

packed as section 76.



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The previous Portfolio Committee on Environmental Affairs

received submissions, held briefings and public hearings in

2018, deliberated, adopted and introduced amendments in June

2018. The National Assembly considered and returned the Bill

to the committee in September 2018, for further deliberations.

The committee deliberated and adopted the amendments,

following which the National Assembly passed the Amendment

Bill in November 2018 and referred it to NCOP for concurrence.

That Bill lapsed in May 2019 and was revised in October of the

same year. Then, the NCOP followed the due processes from 2019

and finally debated and passed it in December 2021, and

returned it to the National Assembly for concurrence. The

committee considered and agreed with version of the National

Environmental Management Laws Amendment, Nemla, Bill from the

NCOP. The amendments were extensive in that they affected

seven associated pieces of legislations such as; the Protected

Areas Act, Biodiversity Act, Air Quality Act, etc.

The ultimate purpose of the National Environmental Management

Laws Amendment Bill was to expand the National Environmental

Management Laws Amendment, Nemla, principles; advance

integrated environmental management; streamlining the

application process and advance the one environmental system;



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provide clarity on compliance and enforcement measures;

biodiversity and conservation measures; air quality

management, waste management and integrated coastal

management.

The critical anomaly that has been addressed is in section 74

where in the past, one sphere of government could review a

decision of another sphere of government on appeal. The

committee is satisfied that the Bill is positioned to advance

critical provisions in the Constitution, particularly section

24 of the Constitution, that guarantees every person within

South Africa the environmental rights that the Department of

Forestry, Fisheries and Environment has to deliver on the

benefit and enjoyment of the current and future generations.

The National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill

addresses environmental and biodiversity protection and

sustainable use. We then call upon sectors to advance

cooperative governance in the decision-making process to

eliminate conflicting messages among departments. We are

looking forward to the implementation of the legislation

particularly the improvement of co-operative governance and

sustainable development of our country that will benefit

current and future generations. I hereby recommend that the



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House adopt the presented National Environmental Management

Laws Amendment Bill. Thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Thank you very much,

Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, I move:

That the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment

Bill, as amended, be passed. Thank you.

*Declarations of vote:*

Mr D W BRYANT: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. As you may have

noted, Deputy Speaker, there was a little bit of a mix up

earlier in terms of our speeches. However, what I would like

to say is that these amendments were very well discussed and

argued throughout our committee. We did come to some very well

thought out conclusions. We do support the objectives that the

amendments aim to achieve.

Nevertheless, we did have some concerns as alluded to by my

colleague, hon Phillips, and her speech will be submitted to

the Table. In the whole, we felt that our opinions were taken

into consideration. We support the amendments to the law.

Thank you, Chair.



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Mr M N PAULSEN: Deputy Speaker, we supported this Bill when it

was first tabled in this House before it lapsed in the NCOP.

We are of the strong view that as a country we need more

stringent environmental laws to ensure that development does

not compromise the future of this generation and generations

to come. Despite some of the misgivings we still have about

some of the provisions, we are still generally supportive of

the thrust of this Bill.

We are particularly supportive of the inclusion in the

National Environmental Management Act, NEMA, of a new

environmental management principle promoting diversity in the

environmental sector, which requires the sector to advance and

promote the full participation of black professionals.

However, we are not as confident in the ability of the sector

to self-regulate and ensure that this provision is practiced.

The state-owned environmental agencies are the most

reactionary institutions as far as the idea of promoting black

professionals is concerned, because in the main, these

institutions still harbor the vilest racist in this country.

We however condemn the indiscriminate inclusion of a new

offense for non-compliance with Section 48(a) of the Protected

Areas Act. From our experience, these restrictive measures are



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not ... [Inaudible.] ... in judicious exploitation of marine

resources, but rather are used as measures to exclude

communities living in these areas.

Communities in fishing areas are the most marginalised while

white-owned companies are allowed to exploit marine resources

as much as they want. In as far as the one environmental

system is concerned which seeks to have one set of

environmental laws guiding the mining and water resources

sector in particular, we are of the view that legislative

mechanisms as provided for in these amendments are necessary.

What we are not sure about is the institutional capacity

within the environmental affairs to enforce these legislative

mechanisms.

We know this to be true because at the moment mining companies

are getting to do as they please. Of them all, we need these

amendments not only to regulate the one environmental system

but also to mainstream environmental thinking into all aspects

of development. We also would have wanted the Bill to

centralise the decision-making powers on environmental matters

in the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment. We

do not need an ardent supporter of fossil fuels such as that

fossil Gwede Mantashe, anywhere close to making decisions on



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matters that have to do with the environment ...

[Interjections.] ...

Mr B A RADEBE: On a point of order, hon Chair. We know that we

must refer to each other as hon members and secondly, we must

not give names the people who do not have, that’s Rule 84.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, Paulsen, you know that.

Mr M N PAULSEN: I didn’t hear what he said. He was wearing his

mask ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... no, no, no! You know what you did ...

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... I don’t know ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... no, you are out of order for not

calling the Minister appropriately, not that you don’t know

what you should be saying.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Okay, the hon fossil Gwede Mantashe, anywhere

close to making decisions on matters ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Paulsen!



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*Afrikaans*:

Asseblief, doen die regte ding, man, asseblief. [Please, man!

Do the right thing. Please!]

Mr M N PAULSEN: ... [Laughter.] ... in our 2019 election

manifesto, the EFF committed to streamline environmental

authorisation procedure to ensure that the Department of

Environmental Affairs becomes the only authorisation that is

able to grant authorisations for mining.

However, as we said, Deputy Speaker, while we are supportive

of the general provisions of the Bill, we do not trust the

corrupt and short sighted ANC to apply these laws to protect

our natural resources. Thank you very much.

Mr N SINGH: So I can say, ...

*IsiZulu:*

.... Sekela Somlomo ...

*English*:

... because he is there. This is an environment debate, hon

members. The environment is not conducive.



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*IsiZulu:*

Kuyabanda la kule ndawo. Kubanda kakhulu kufuneka kulungiswe

le nto Soswebhu Omkhulu.

*English:*

As National Environmental Management Act of 1998, Nema,

remains the overarching umbrella environmental legislation in

South Africa, which is implementable by no less than 11

competent authorities, it is critical that the legislation

remains up to date for our authorities to address the many

environmental challenges we face in protecting and sustainably

developing our environment. The Bill as we heard was first

introduced in May 2017, and it’s a pity that it has taken us

five years to get where we are. The Bill seeks, amongst

others, to clarify certain definitions, which is quite

essential, so that we don’t have any ambiguities, because

ambiguities find themselves to be the friends of those

challenging the laws, more often to the detriment of the

environment.

In the above respect we must complement the inclusion of the

provision for joint liability in respect of persons listed

under section 28(8). The IFP has long believed criminal

sanction in respect of environmental transgressions has been



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far too lenient on those found guilty of committing such

transgressions. Whilst on this point, allow me to additionally

raise, once again, the IFP’s call for ‘green’ courts –

specialist environmental courts with specially trained

prosecutors and Magistrates. Far too often one hears about

environmental crimes being committed, especially within our

rural jurisdictions, which simply do not have the

prosecutorial or magisterial environmental legislative

proficiency to be able to prosecute and adjudicate these

matters. The net result is that the accused are released with

nothing more than the proverbial ‘slap on the wrist’ fine - if

they are even found guilty.

As regards process, the NCOP must be commended for their

thorough interrogation of the Bill and their suggested

amendments thereto. These will greatly assist in narrowing

down or altogether eliminating some of these ambiguities that

still existed. It is the IFP’s view that this amendment Bill

will strengthen both NEMA, as well as the various SEMAs that

it seeks to amend. It will also enable the ‘one environmental

system’ and take us a step closer toward an integrative rather

than a silo-based approach to environmentalism in South

Africa. The IFP supports the Bill. I thank you.



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Ms T BREEDT: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, Nema is overarching

umbrella legislation for environment in this country. The main

purpose of the National Environmental Management Laws

Amendment, Nemla, Bill is to provide clarity on certain

matters to address the competencies and powers of the various

competent authorities and licensing authorities, address

operational and implementation challenges, make textual and

consequential amendments and to provide for matters not

previously catered on the legislation, for example the

wellbeing of animals. The Bill having been returned to the

National Assembly from the other House proposes certain

further amendments in terms of definitions, further provides

clarity on financial provisioning related matters and

providing that details should be prescribed by legal

regulations. Alignment of terminology throughout the Bill

specifically on compliance enforcement matters and

clarification is provided in respect of the environmental

mineral and petroleum inspectors mandate and roll.

The Bill has come a long way since its introduction in

Parliament. The fact that the Bill is before the NA again,

shows democracy in action, taking into account that we are in

second administration dealing with this Bill, it proves we are

still a long way from proper efficiency. It is however very



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worrisome the Bills pertaining to the environment taking

global warming into account, as well as international focus on

environmental legislation takes so long to be approved. We are

almost in the seventh year of this Bill and the implementation

thereof has not even started. Although this Bill seeks to

improve current legislation, there are certain concerns that

we still hold and I will highlight only two matters. The

powers of Ministers, especially that of the Minister of

Mineral Resources and Energy is concerning. We cannot write

legislation for incumbents and need to remember that the

Minister of Mineral and Resources task is, environmental

safeguarding is not necessarily that. Although decentralising

of powers and including municipalities in the implementation

of the Act is good. We need to be cognisant of the fact that

our municipalities are not currently performing even their

most basic mandates and my fear is that the environment will

suffer because of this.

Chairperson, for the future of the country and the world, we

need state-of–the–art environmental laws but more than that we

need people willing to properly implement them to ensure our

future. I thank you.



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Mr S N SWART: Deputy Speaker, today marks the end of extensive

progress that became known as the Nemla, for amendments and

they commenced in 2017. Chief Whip of the Majority Party, and

this amendment – the 145-page amendment - so I can understand

this taken a lot more time to deal with that. There are a

number of quite controversial issues given that NEMA is the

overarching law that governs all environmental issues in the

country. There were a number of other acts that were amended.

Now, there’s a broad support of all the provisions of this

act.

The ACDP does ever share concerns about the role and powers of

municipal managers under the Bill and whether the

municipalities many of whom are dysfunctional at this stage

have the capacity to deal with, for example, air quality

issues under National Environmental Management Air Quality

Act, NEMAQA. Have they got the capacity to do that and other

functions that are given at municipal level? While there are

however many noteworthy and important amendments, which the

ACDP supports. Time only allows us to reflect on the very

important issue of acid mine drainage. This, as we know, is a

very important issue given that according to the counter for

geoscience there are an estimated 6 000 derelicts and

ownerless mines in the country. Their rehabilitation places



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enormous strains on an already burdened fiscus on the state on

National Treasury and the problems that are associated with

mine drainage. We are all aware of that contaminated drinking.

That’s a serious problem in South Africa with droughts,

disruptive growth and reproduction of aquatic plants and

animals and of course, the corroding effects of acid on parts

of infrastructure such as bridges. So, surely it can no longer

be tolerated that companies in the mining industry are allowed

to mine areas and then with impunity to leave these areas

without rehabilitation to the detriment of surrounding

communities.

Now, the Nemla four main moments place far greater emphasis on

implementing stringent measures, to treat mine drainage and

will strengthen the abilities of authorities. To address these

issues and they provided much-needed clarity and for the

mining industry relating to the regulation of what is known as

financial provisioning, and this could drive the growth of an

entirely new and much-needed specialist mine rehabilitation

sector in the country. However, again one sits with the issues

relating to the criminal justice system, the issues relating

to increased penalties. I think that the hon Singh, the

mention of Green Courts is something like a good idea and

could I ask if I really pursue it in the justice committee. He



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could call it swat weather. Thank you very much, the ACDP

supports this Bill. I thank you.

Mr N L S NKWAKWA: Deputy Speaker, we support the Bill, no

declarations.

Mr C H M SIBISI: Deputy speaker, on behalf of the National

Freedom Party, I note and welcome the National Environmental

Management Laws Amendment Bill. We hope that in the enactment

and promulgation of this Bill, its intended course will be

realised and trickle down to our people on the ground,

particularly those in this particular sector. Recent studies

on the largest contributors to climate change have come up and

it is mainly attributed to deforestation and agriculture. We

call on the department and the Minister to reassess this Bill

if in anyway will cause significant deforestation because of

agriculture and livestock. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The NFP

supports the Bill.

Mr M NYHONTSO: No declaration from the PAC, Deputy Speaker.

Mr S M JAFTA: Deputy Speaker, the singing into law of the

National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill will

significantly address the lingering challenges of the



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environmental culpability. A low penal regime to environmental

indiscretions and align some of the provisions of Nema and

Nemla. The scope of listed activities to which the EIA process

is mandatory can now be additionally prescribed by the

relevant authority. This process will see financial provisions

applied to every environmental impact assessment activity.

We are therefore moved by the fact the rehabilitation closer

and maintenance of coast will now accompany every EIA process

on a given and prescribed activity. The adjustment of section

24(g) regime must also be welcomed. No longer will companies

commence unlawful activities in the hope that section

24(g)application will rescue them. Under the revised Bill,

offending companies will have to pay R10 million in section

24(g) application. There are other ancillary aspects to the

Bill which are equally significant such as veto power given to

licensing authority to suspend or revoke an EAL if an EAL

holder is found to be in violation of any applicable condition

set out in the ACA or AEL. We support the Bill in its current

form and this particular report. I thank you.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Deputy Speaker, I don’t know whether you

like the snoek in Cape Town but because of sewage pollution

40% of the snoek is diseased because what happens is poor



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sewage pollution at the Zandvliet sewage plant for example is

pumped into the river and it generates toxins that generates

gases that goes into the sea. The study by a University of the

Western Cape over one year found that, that is the cause of

the disease of the poor snoek. I was very happy when I read in

the Nema Act that the officials responsible in the City of

Cape Town can be jailed for 10 years or pay a R10 million

fine, and I was hoping that they will have their day in court.

Get bail and let the law take its course. But the problem is,

in spite of getting a directive against them from the director

of environmental enforcement getting the support of a Public

Protector, who all participated before them and said you must

sort out this mess and then also they are required by the

Human Rights Commission to facilitate a solution between the

community and the city. When City of Cape Town placed an

appeal before the MEC in charge of the Environmental Affairs,

he dismissed the findings against the city. Now this happened

three times. So, how can we get enforcement and hon members

spoke about enforcement? I see the Minister of Police is here.

I want to know from him. Is it necessary to go to the Director

of Environmental Enforcement to go via the green or the blue

scorpions? Can’t we lay a charge at one of your police

stations and you open the docket and then these officials are

all before the court and you give them bail please, but the



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law must take its course? Thank you very much, hon Deputy

Speaker.

Ms T V B MCHUNU: Hon Deputy Speaker, Ministers and Deputy

Ministers, hon members of this House, I greet you all. Thank

you. The ANC has one of the most progressive environmental

policies and legislation, not only in the African continent,

but in the world. It is true that the ANC cares about the

environment and the sustainable use of the resources.

As South Africans, we recognise that our whole existence is

dependent on our environment and nature. These do not only

provide for us with a living space, but also the very food

that we consume in order to sustain livelihoods.

In 1992, the ANC’s “Ready to Govern” document, provided us

with a blue print for environmental policy and legislative

formulation.

The ANC embraces the sixth environmental policy guiding

principles on sustainable development, equitable access to

environmental resources, public participation, the planning

and the development of natural resources and public access to

the courts on issues of environmental concerns.



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Among others, the ANC believes that all citizens of South

Africa have the right to a safe and a healthy environment and

to a life of wellbeing. This point can be emphasized by a

statement that was made by the founding father of our nation

former President Nelson Mandela when he said during his

opening address at a conference on national environmental

policy and I open quote:

South Africa needs to urgently develop our

industries and to feed and house our people.

Therefore, developing a sound environmental policy

will call for an exceptional combination of wide-

ranging consultation together with scientific and

technical expertise.

This Bill amend the National Environmental Management Act of

1993, also known as Nema - [I know that in Hansard we do not

abbreviate an Act, however, I am following what the hon member

is saying.]

The National Environmental Management Act is our Bible in the

environmental management which is an overarching umbrella

legislation for the environment in the country. It is

implemented in 11 competed authorities. That is the Department



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of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment. The Department of

Mineral Resources and Energy, including the nine provincial

governments.

The purpose of this Amendment Bill is that this Bill amends

the National Environmental Management Act, National

Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, National

Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, National

Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act,

National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, the

National Environmental Management: Waste Act and the National

Environmental Amendment Act of 2008.

With regard to air quality: The state of air quality in our

municipalities has always been a concern. It is for this

reason that amendments related to air quality under the

National Environmental Management Laws Amendment are most

welcomed. This will go a long way in terms of ensuring that

the state of air quality within our communities is improved.

The World Health Organisation has in the past reported that

the numbers of South African citizens who die from air related

pollution has increased. Particularly, in areas such as

Johannesburg and Durban. The proposed amendments will provide



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for a mechanism in dealing with air pollution and will

prescribe for consequence management in dealing with unlawful

conduct of listed activities resulting in atmospheric

emissions. Air quality Act requires reporting on emissions and

licencing of listed activities issued under the provisions of

this Act.

With regard to waste: The National Environmental Management

Laws Amendment will provide for the amendment of certain Waste

Act provisions. As the ANC we recognise the vast other

opportunities provided by the efficiency management of waste

produced. We do not only see it as a challenge. The state of

cleanliness in our communities is very disappointing. Most of

our local municipalities are struggling to deal with tons of

waste produced by households, private sector and public or

civic entities. We have taken note of the serious challenges

faced by our municipalities and handling of their waste

material.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we are equally concerned by lack of big

corporations in terms of developing proper waste management

plans for their respective industries.



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Mining companies are for example one of the biggest polluters.

This has had a negative impact on the pollution of underground

water with negative consequences on the production for nearby

agricultural farming.

The proposed legislative amendment will enhance the quality

and efficiency of waste management and thus makes provision

for a penalty in case of noncompliance with environmental

legislation provisions.

The amendment of section 1 of National Environmental

Management: Waste Act, brings much needed clarity in terms of

the definitions including, but not limited to domestic waste,

hazardous waste, business waste, building and demolition waste

as well as insect waste.

With regard to public participation: We are happy with the

level of public participation that was conducted effectively.

We propose for the adoption of these amendments. Thank you.

[Applause.] [Time expired.]

Motion agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly passed.



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**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON BASIC**

**EDUCATION ON FIRST AND SECOND QUARTELY REPORT ON PERFOMANCE OF**

**DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION IN MEETING ITS PRE-DETERMNED**

**OBJECTIVES FOR 2021/22**

Ms B P MBINGO-GIGABA: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker.

Members of the executive, Deputy Ministers, Chief Whip of the

Majority Party, hon members, allow me to start off with an

anecdote which reminds us that this consideration of report is

presented during a period in which we commemorate human rights

month because of the strong nexus between education and human

rights.

As public representatives we are called to ensure that we

promote human dignity in our schools, ensure that a child has

equal access to education. And, we redress issues that seeks

to undermine the imperatives of our Constitution. Like we have

recently seen at school like Hoerskool Jan Viljoen. Such

incidents should never happen again because children are our

future. It’s a phrase that is often used without a full

understanding of its implications. The scenario that happened

at this particular school last two weeks is hampering on human

rights of our leaners.



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Turning to the focus of the day which is the first and second

quarterly report of the Department of Basic Education for

2021-2022. The Department of Basic Education first quarterly

report is aligned to planned strategic imperatives and targets

as set out in the Department of Basic Education Strategic Plan

and the 2021-22 Annual Performance Plan. The strategic plan

was revised to clarify core functions in policy making

implementation and oversight as set in the National Education

Policy Act.

Hon Chair, the Department of Basic Education for the first

quarter report achieved 80% of its planned targets and 20%

were partially achieved. In quarter two, the department

achieved 82% of its annual targets and 80% were not achieved.

The comparable achievement for the previous year 2020/2021

were 55%, and 90% respectively.

Under financial performance, in the first quarter, the

spending was R293 million or 3,5% lower than expected after

the spending of 30,3% of the available budget of R27 billion.

The lower than expected spending is primarily due to Programme

4 which is based on payments or capital goods, and Programme 2



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spending, is also higher than expected primarily based on

goods and services.

On COVID-19, an expenditure of R700 000 spending was for

school portable toilets rentals and was carried forward due to

the billing delays from last year. The department spent R120,4

million on staff compensation, a decrease of R10, 3million

from the first quarter focus. This shortfall is primarily due

to the delay in filling vacant posts after the moratorium to

fill vacant seats was lifted in November 2020. The status

overall target achieved by the department for the second

quarter is 82% as I have indicated, and 18% indicators were

not achieved.

Under financial performance, for the second quarter, at the

end of the second quarter the department spent about

15,1billion or 55,6% of the available budget. That is 960

million of 6% less than the expected spending of R16,1billion.

This lower than expected spending was primarily due to the

payment of goods and services and fixed assets under

programmes two and four, due to the work completed in 2020-21,

R210 million was transferred to the school infrastructure

backlog grant. This takes into account a higher budget than



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the main allocation and is reflected in the payment of capital

goods and Programme 4.

On Programme 1, expenditure was higher than a projected

R3,8million, or 1,5% mainly under payments and capital assets.

This was due to the department purchasing a back-up generator

to ensure operations can continue when power supply is

interrupted. We are saying that the department has been able

to deliver on its first and quarterly report targets and has

ability to manage the financial resources allocated to provide

better access to our children.

In addressing infrastructure challenges faced by the

department of basic education, the portfolio committee

expressed to the department that it would need to come with a

comprehensive report on progress made with infrastructure.

In view of hundred billion that has been pronounced during the

state of the nation address, sona, 2022, as infrastructure

fund for water sanitation among other projects. As the

committee we will ensure that there is effective oversight for

the utilisation of infrastructure delivered to our school for

the benefit of the learners so the perennial challenges of



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infrastructure is resolved. We therefore recommend that the

report be adopted. Thank you very much.

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

talk to the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, can we just be

pardoned with the coldness in here. My nose is starting to

run. If we have done something wrong, please! The punishment

is enough. Can you just assist us? Hon Chief Whip, I hope you

are still warm, I am very cold.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Get closer to hon

Kwankwa when you are feeling so cold.

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

adopted.

*Declaration of vote:*

Mrs D VAN DER WALT: Thank you, Chairperson. On 7 December

2021, the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education considered

the First and Second Quarterly Report on the Performance of

the Department of Basic Education, DBE, in meeting its pre-

determined objectives for 2021-22. This period of reporting

can however not be read in isolation, especially where long

term planned targets are set.



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Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative, ASIDI,

is a point in case. This programme was introduced in 2011 and

is still part of DBE‘s 2025 schooling plan to address poor

school infrastructure and to prioritise schools with no

infrastructure or basic services. In April 2021, a report

stated that 5 176 of our almost 300 ordinary public schools

still use pit toilets. Limpopo with 2 144 is a province with

the highest user of this unacceptable sanitation facilities.

In the Eastern Cape, 944 schools and in KwaZulu-Natal, KZN,

901 schools have pit toilets only. The committee had reasons

to query the current status of backlogs regarding the planning

to build more schools in all the provinces. Recently, I

questioned on whether Statistics SA’s information was also

included in long term planning. It seems it’s not worth it.

A week ago I visited a school in Vaalwater Limpopo where the

circuit manager, with no power to do so, promised the parents

and learners that she will see that a new school will be built

for them next year on the property of the provincial

department. Besides not having a clue about her powers, she

also has no clue of the backlog nor the process of getting

schools built. And the current school is serving that

community quite well, politics!



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A sector we seem to neglect is our special schools. We

urgently need a comprehensive overview report of school and

hostel infrastructure across all provinces focussing on public

special schools.

With reference to the budget, I’d like to raise concerns on a

few issues. Firstly, the monitoring of spending conditional

grants, especially by the provinces. Continued funding to

schools which have been on the rationalisation list of

unviable schools for years to be closed but in the Eastern

Cape hundreds are still running. I am sure as they say “Eating

the money”

I also would like to raise the issue on how equitable share

calculation is made to provinces, specifically the formula

used for the portions allocated to public ordinary schools,

public special need schools and, our learners outside the

compulsory school going age of 7 to 15 years. Will it be worth

the department’s while to do an audit on all the circuit

offices and its operational cost? I think so. Even if the

Minister says provinces are accountable for their own

spending. She remains the custodian of education.



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The Vaalwater Circuit has been renting a complete shopping

centre for close to ten years. Mostly empty. In 2013, only

four staff members occupied the whole shopping centre for

offices. Surely, these wasted funds could have been used much

better in our education system which is in dire straits.

We are eagerly awaiting a report on how, where and when the

R210 million approved by National Treasury for infrastructure

projects will be spend. We have always been in support of the

opportunities the Funza Lushaka Bursary Programme offers our

students. The committee’s recommendation that the department

review any policy that prioritises the placement of Funza

Lusaka Bursary graduates above those graduates who funded

their own studies be reviewed is fully supported. We should at

all times aim to appoint the best candidates in teaching

posts. Our children’s education should remain the priority and

should never ever be negotiable.

In conclusion, a report indicating the effects of the COVID-19

pandemic in all grades on language and mathematics should also

be presented to the committee with quite clear achievable

steps on the recovery of such. Thank you, House Chair.

Ms N R MASHABELA: Chairperson, for many months towards the end

of 2021, various provincial departments failed to pay their



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teacher assistants their well-deserved stipends. These teacher

assistants service the most marginalised schools, and

neglecting to pay them, directly affects the learning process

of mainly poor black children.

Early this year, the departments, particularly the Eastern

Cape Department of Education, would not deliver stationery to

schools, again stunting the education and development of poor

black children.

A few weeks ago, taxis who provide scholar transport services

threatened to close schools because of a lack of payment in

the Eastern Cape.

These are some of the problems demonstrating the chronic

inability of this department to streamline their functions, to

ensure that the interests of learners, particularly black

learners from marginalised backgrounds are not compromised.

The department has not developed a comprehensive programme for

training teachers for learners with special needs, and to

date, we still do not have sufficient schools that cater for

these learners, particularly in rural provinces.



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It is criminal that the department has failed to place

beneficiaries of the Funza Lushaka bursaries, and in fact, has

failed to place all unemployed teachers in schools, while we

have such a serious shortage of teachers across the country.

We have also consistently condemned the department’s fixation

with the matric class, ignoring the plight of learners from

lower grades, who are forced to drop out in droves, because of

a number of factors.

The department still have no plan, or even appetite to stop

this high level of school dropouts. We reject this report.

Thank you.

Inkosi R N CEBEKHULU: Hon Chair, the Covid-19 pandemic

undeniably will continue to have a dire impact on the

development and the education of our children. It therefore of

utmost important that now, more than ever, we need to ensure

that no child is further disadvantaged. All our efforts should

be focussed on strengthening our children’s learning

competencies, especially reading and Mathematics.

It is therefore concerning that the report of the portfolio

committee on the performance of the Department of Basic



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Education shows that the department was only able to monitor

three schools for the implementation of the reading norms in

the second quarter, against an annual target of 18 schools to

be monitored.

These reading norms are described by the department as

important indicators to identify leaners at risk of reading

failure. However, much more urgency is required in monitoring

the implementation of these milestones.

Reading for meaning is critical in the development of

children, and South Africa’s poor record in this regard,

continues to haunt us.

The IFP has, in the past, expressed its absolute outrage at

the slow progress of the Department of Basic Education in

fulfilling its constitutional duty in eradicating the

infrastructure backlog at schools. The issue has been the

focus of many court challenges and yet, time and again, the

department has avoided it constitutional duty to ensure safe

schools for our children.

Despite the numerous court challenges and horrific reports of

the endangerment and death of children at schools, the report



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of the portfolio committee again reveals the department’s

dismal performance.

The annual target for schools to be provided with sanitation

facilities was set at 1 000 schools. The grim reality is that

the Department was only able to provide 69 schools with

sanitation facilities in the first quarter, and 123 in the

second quarter. This is less than one quarter of the

department’s goal.

These alarming facts cannot be accepted in any circumstances.

As members of the National Assembly, we should be outraged.

The IFP therefore strongly supports the portfolio committee’s

recommendation that the department must provide written

feedback within 30 days of the report, detailing a breakdown

of the Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative

projects. The IFP will closely monitor the department’s

performance in this regard, and continues to demand

accountability.

Lastly, the IFP agrees with the portfolio committee that the

department should be commended for completing the 2021 matric

examinations with minimal disruptions, considering the



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extensive challenges posed by load shedding and the pandemic.

[Time expired.] The IFP accepts the Report. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Just for orientation,

hon members, there is a monitor on the left-hand side of this

podium. Once there is no red light, know that your time has

expired. I have been very lenient, because I can see members

don’t recognise that. So, please, check.

Dr W J BOSHOFF: Hon House Chair, this quarterly report for two

quarters of the present financial year shows everything that

is wrong with education in South Africa. It is not that all

the performance indicators are negative, or that the

department does not meet them. It is also not that there are

too few objectives to meet. It is quite the contrary; there

are 70 indicators of which 10 are quarterly.

Let us keep in mind that the Department of Basic Education

does not manage a single school. Education is a provincial

function, managed in districts and circuits. There are

educational advisors for subjects and phases, for all

districts. Then there are principals in each school, leading

and managing teachers, who should all be professional

educators.



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In an education system with a culture of professionalism,

teachers do their best to do their work in a professional way,

overseen by principals, every now and then visited by a

circuit manager or subject advisor, to empower them to do

their work even better. The province will supply buildings,

books, water, sanitation and other necessary infrastructure.

All under governance of the school governing body, SGB.

The national department’s function would be to lay down policy

and the curriculum, ensuring that there is no disjunction

between different provinces. This department would monitor

provinces, not schools. Where there is persistent

dysfunctionality, it would be identified on district or

provincial level. If a Minister cannot lead the provincial

Ministers to sufficient improvement, both should lose their

jobs, because, despite my fear to state the obvious, the youth

is the future.

Now there are educational failures in all provinces and

probably most districts, urging the national department to

interfere. And because the national department is national, it

has to be informed on 70 objectives. And reporting has to be

done for each objective, meaning that teachers and officials



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need to report on their performance, rather than performing.

Those who perform, do the admin in what should have been their

spare time; and those who don’t, rather report than perform.

This is leading to a school system with an excessive

bureaucracy, so that a new Bill attempts to transfer

competencies from SGBs to heads of department.

The ANC cannot get away from its heritage of turning schools

into battlefields of liberation. Therefore, we do not have a

professional school system, but one dominated by a militant

trade union. The ANC needs to build a new education culture

from the bottom up. And schools, even parents in home schools,

which have a professional culture as it is, should be left

alone.

*Afrikaans*:

Dit sal selfbeskikking op onderwysgebied wees en dit is wat

die VF Plus voorstaan. Die VF Plus verwerp die verslag, nie

omdat dit onakkuraat is nie, maar omdat dit onnodig is. Ek

dank u.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): I am not sure whether

it the earphones, but honestly speaking, we can hardly hear

what you are saying. Maybe, it is your earphones. Even in the



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earlier statement that you made, we could not hear what you

were saying.

Ms M E SUKERS: Hon House Chair, it is the ACDP’s contention

that education trainers left the station and that more and

more children are being left behind. They simply cannot catch

up with the training unless we do something new. Many children

were left behind long before the Covid-19 hit and now many

more are at risk of being left behind. This year, members of

my constituency in the Western Cape struggled with the

placements while into February.

The problem is not confined to the Western Cape; Gauteng also

struggles with learner placements. Grade 1 and Grade 8

learners, many applied well in the set dates for applications,

simply could not find replacements. The quarterly report holds

up some vaguely hope that some improvements to ... [Inaudible]

will help with the learner issues.

We cannot gamble with the future of our children on these

hopes. The parents, quite frankly are losing hope that school

placement practice will ever be resolved. Rather than hope and

dwindling computer systems, let us have research on why we are

struggling with learner placements. Let us estimate learner



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demand correctly and how to fix it. I come from a hospitality

background and in restaurants dealing with unexpected guests

and in managing the booking system, it is something that can

be done. Yet, what a small business deals with every night

seems to be an insurmountable problem for a department with

thousands of officials.

One solution in the hospitality is to supply more places. We

need to supply more places in the provinces, squeezing in a

few more tables as you do in a restaurant. This report does

not in any way talks about inevitable solutions such as

virtual schooling, cutting the regulatory burden for low fee

and small independent schools so that they can absorb more

learners and promoting the independent education as an

economic sector.

These are solutions that should be pursued and in closing, I

want to suggest to the committee and to the members of the

House more broadly that too often we are debating and making

statements about the reports that need bureaucratic objectives

but they do not meet the pressing needs of our people. You do

not need a PhD to see that placement is the issue year in –

year out. This is a challenge that the department has no idea

on how to address it. Thank you, Chair.



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*IsiXhosa:*

Mnu N L S KWANKWA: Siyabulela mama, uRingo bekumele ukuba

ulapha, asiculele la ngoma yakhe ithi, *Ndiyagodola*. Ngelishwa

ke akekho apha phakathi. Mama, angekhe siyixhase thina le

ngxelo kwaye kufuneka siyithethe inyaniso icace gca, oku

kwekati emhlophe ehlungwini ngeendawo zethu apho sisuka khona.

Okokuqala, phaya kula ndawo yam nakumanye amaphondo, abafundi

basafundela phandle nakwizindlu zodaka. Okwesibini, sithetha

...

*English*:

... about piloting, robotic, coding and all these fancy stuff

...

*IsiXhosa*:

... ezingasayi kufikelela ebantwini. Jonga, ngexesha

bekuvaliwe, abantwana basezilalini bebekhala, besithi abakwazi

ukufunda nge-internet.

*English*:

They do not have connectivity and experience a lot of network

challenges.



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*IsiXhosa*:

Kula lali yam ukuba ndigodukile, ndakugqibela eDebe ...

*English*:

... to have a signal.

*IsiXhosa*:

Ukugoduka kwam, ndihlala ndingenalo uqhagamshelwano

[connectivity signals] impelaveki yonke. Kunjalo kuyo yonke la

Mpuma Koloni namanye amaphondo akumaphandle, yinyaniso emsulwa

ekufuneka siyithethe leyo. Kukho nesi sigezo kweli phondo

laseNtshona Koloni, ekufuneka ndibhalele uMphathiswa ngalo. Le

yokuba abantwana bethu kwezi zikolo bazipase zonke izifundo

zabo batshone isiBhulu kunyanzeleke ukuba mabaphinde ibanga.

Ndikuxelela inyaniso emsulwa, uze ubabuze ukuba ingaba kunjalo

kusini na.

Ndiye ndizibuze umbuzo ndithi ...

*English*:

... is the department not supposed to use its discretional

authority to say ...

*IsiXhosa*:



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... akukho mfundi oza kuphinda ibanga kuba etshone isiBhulu

angazukusisebenzisa. Uza kusithetha phi isiBhulu, kweyiphi

indawo?

Okwesithathu, kukho lo mcimbi kaFunza Lushaka. Iyaba calula

abantu bakuthi la nkqubo. Imihla nezolo abantu bakuthi bakhala

isimbonono sokuba abaqeshwa kuba bezihlawulele ngokwabo

izifundo zabo. Eli gama lithi *Prioritise* ligama elingalunganga

kakhulu kwaye ligama elicalulayo.

*English*:

You are penalising people because they can afford to pay

school fees.

*IsiXhosa*:

Ngoku nifuna ukuba abantu babe behamba bedibanisa amadolo

kwezi ndawo bekhangela uFunza Lushaka abangazukumfumana.

*English*:

The other issue which is important is that ...

*IsiXhosa:*

... kufuneka siqiniseke ukuba le ngxaki yokumitha kwabantwana

asiyongxaki yesikolo kuphela. Kufuneka le ngxaki siyithathele



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kuthi nje ngabazali, siyithathele kuthi ukuze siyilungise

ngokwethu.

*English:*

This is a societal issue.

*IsiXhosa*:

Iphinde indikruqule mna into yabantu abantsundu, sesimane

sithetha ngeengxaki zokufakwa kwabafundi ezikolweni [Placement

issues.], sizimoshe ngokwethu izikolo zethu ezilokishini.

*English*:

Some of the schools which have been built for us in the

townships, the facilities are a million times better than the

so-called former model C schools.

*IsiXhosa*:

Ingxaki yethu thina bantu bantsundu asikwazanga ukuziphatha

ezi zikolo. Into esiyenzayo siyaziqhekeza, sizimoshe,

sakugqiba sihambe siye kufola kwizikolo zabanye abantu. Ndiza

kwenzela umzekelo mna Mphathiswa. Kwesa sikolo ndandifunda

kuso, eMzomtsha High School ndafumana abantu sahamba saya

kufaka iikhompuyutha. Kwatsho kwafundiswa izifundo

zekhompuyutha senza nethala leencwadi.



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Sathi siphinda sibuya emva kwenyanga sisiya kukroba, safika

kuqhekeziwe esikolweni zibiwe zonke. Ngumntu waseAfrika ke

lowo ayingorhulumente kwaye nabantu bakuthi kuyafuneka ukuba

bazibhence bayeke ukusiqhatha apha babane besithi banengxaki

bengakhange baphakame. Enkosi.

Mr C H M SIBISI: Hon House Chair, on behalf of the NFP ...

*IsiXhosa*:

USIHLALO WENDLU (Nks M G Boroto): Tat’uSibisi ndicela

uphakamise kancinci ilizwi.

Mr C H M SIBISI: Hon House Chair, on behalf of the NFP, we note

and welcome the first and second quarterly reports on the

performance of the department in question. We are amongst the

stakeholders and public representatives who called on the

Minister and her department to consider and allow learners to

go back to school on a full time basis in 2022 academic year.

However, we are worried about the loss of teaching and

learning time due to the Covid-19.

Studies have shown that two academic years were disrupted by

the pandemic with an 80% of loss of time in 2020 and 50% in



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2021. This has undoubtedly left a dent in our Department of

Basic Education system thus we call on the Minister and her

department to employ more measures or interventions that will

not exacerbate this loss of teaching and learning time. The

NFP supports the report.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Hon House Chair, I am not going to bash

the City of Cape Town. What I am going to complain about is

that we are not going to get our education system going unless

we change our educator/learner ratio. The World Bank in 1994

forced the country to increase the educator/learner ratio. At

the time, I engaged with President Mandela and he personally

signed all the correspondence. Unfortunately, his officials

convinced him that it was of course no harm to the education

of our children. It has caused a lot of harm and if we are not

going to reverse that decision to increase the

educator/learner ratio we will never get our education system

right.

I made an appeal earlier on to the Minister of Police to save

the snoek. We need to save our children from schools. They are

under threat all the time. Even the hon Minister, if you have

to put a cash pay in every school, please do so. We cannot



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allow our children to live under intimidation and threats into

our schools because it harms education.

Lastly, hon House Chair, I would like to appeal to the

Minister of Communication that she is going to auction the

spectrum that will bring about cyber civilisation in South

Africa. Half of the spectrum must be given free of charge to

the Department of Basic Education and maybe later on Home

Affairs as well and the Police. Spectrum is like water and air

and it is a birth right especially of learners.

We appeal to the Minister of Communication to find a way that

schools especially in the villages can be introduced to the

cyber civilisation and be prepared for the jobs that will

emerge from cyber civilisation. They do not need to go to

universities anymore. There is no need for universities. They

just need one or two years at high school to learn the skills

that will enable them to do the next generation jobs and not

the stone age jobs which some political parties in the

opposition want to get our children to operate in. Thank you

very much, hon Chair.

Mr B S YABO: Hon House Chair, hon members, thank you very

much. [Interjections.]



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

I’ve just called members to order. Hon member, please.

Mr B S YABO: One of the critical functions of Parliament is to

ensure accountability of the executive on implementing the

manifesto commitments of the ANC on behalf of the people of

South Africa. Critical in this oversight task is our ability

to ensure that the department’s implementation achieves its

outcomes and impact as per the annual performance plan of

2021-2022.

The department performed under conditions of the coronavirus

pandemic, and it has been relatively outstanding and

resilient. The basic education system is a large and complex

system, which adapted to the changes imposed by the health

pandemic. The fact that schools continued with teaching and

learning using a rotational system, while matriculants also

concluded learning demonstrates a government that works, which

places the developmental needs of our nation at the front of

its agenda to grow a nation that we have. The majority of the

performance indicators of the Department of Basic Education

are largely covered at the end of the year despite this being

the fact that the department, in its first quarter and second

quarterly reports, provided progress on other annual



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indicators which have enabled the portfolio committee to have

a comprehensive assessment of implementing programmes.

The department, in his first quarter, achieved six performance

areas whilst it did not achieve four and partially completing

one performance indicator. The department improved in the

second quarter, achieving eight out of 10 targets while two

were partially achieved. This shows continuous improvement and

progress. One of the partially achieved targets in the first

quarter is on the percentage of invoices paid within 30 days

upon receipt by the department. Nonetheless, the department

achieved 99,93%. As the shortfall in achieving the 100% target

was due to a supplier not providing the correct information

for approval, and I think they deserve some applause for that.

[Applause.] Although you cannot applaud a fish for swimming.

This is a critical performance indicator because the payment

of service providers by government departments has an economic

impact. Small and medium-sized enterprises, SMMEs, usually

face cash flow challenges due to such delays, which negatively

impacts workers and households. And I think that the payment

of these invoices is the department's own contribution to

alleviating and ameliorating the impact of the COVID-19

pandemic.



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It is notable to recognise that the department also focused on

social cohesion programmes which are pivotal for nation-

building. This then the department does through engagement

with learners, educators, parents, school governing bodies and

other education stakeholders. The department achieved this

target in a number of districts, implementing the programmes

in school assemblies to end school-related gender-based

violence, with 22 in the first quarter and 18 in the second

quarter.

Gender-based violence and other social ills affecting our

schools and learners require a programmatic approach to ensure

that school culture and discipline create a conducive

environment for learning without any discrimination against

race, class, or gender. The backlog of infrastructure in our

basic education system is one of the key priorities which the

department is delivering on. A total of 21 new schools through

the Accelerated School Infrastructure Development Initiative,

Asidi. These initiatives are also delivering 1 000 schools

with sanitation facilities critical for the dignity of our

children. One of the major focus of the department is to

improve learning outcomes by ensuring that learners are able

to read with meaning by the age of 10. It is for this reason

that the department supports the National Reading Coalition



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for its reading champions programme. The Read to Lead campaign

is another critical programme to promote the culture of

reading in our schools while encouraging parents to read

storybooks to their children at home.

The coronavirus pandemic has shown the importance of all

stakeholders in the sector working together to create a

conducive environment for the optimal performance of our

learners. Reading, as a culture, should be entrenched in all

of our schools, homes, communities for it to develop into a

standard culture. [Applause.] The portfolio committee made

numerous recommendations to ensure a focused oversight on key

areas which improve the efficiency of the education system.

We have recommended that the department briefs the portfolio

committee on the teenage pregnancy policy, and that the

department should ensure that learner dropouts are tracked,

traced and brought back into the system. We are losing too

many children and learners to dropping out of the system too

early. We further recommend that the department provide the

portfolio committee with a detailed report on school

connectivity challenges in order to address the challenge,

something that was raised here by the hon Kwankwa.

Connectivity is not a privilege, but it is a necessity for



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efficient information sharing and learning. As ANC, we will

continue to monitor closely the performance of the department,

then recommend interventions where required. The ANC supports

this report. [Applause.]

Question put.

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted (Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom

Front Plus, and United Democratic Movement dissenting)

**PASSING ON OF ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA’S MOST PROMINENT SPORT**

**COMMENTATORS, DUMILE MATHEZA**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms R C ADAMS: Chairperson, I hereby move without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes with sadness the passing on of one of South

Africa’s most prominent sport commentators, Dumile

Matheza, on Tuesday, 1 February 2022;



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(2) acknowledges that the multilingual broadcaster who

worked for the SABC on both radio and television

platforms was a popular versatile sports commentator

from the early 1980s;

(3) further acknowledges that he was one of the SABC’s

Afrikaans commentators during the 1995 Rugby World

Cup which the Springboks memorably won at Ellis

Park;

(4) further notes that he was also a former Boxing SA

board member;

(5) believes that his passing brings an end to a

remarkable career in sports, news actuality and

magazine broadcasting;

(6) further believes that his passing leaves a massive

void after creating a unique space in radio and

television industry; and

(7) conveys its condolences to his wife, children and

extended family.



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Agreed to.

**CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF TWO WOMEN BRUTALLY ATTACKED AND**

**MURDERED**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms T BODLANI: Chairperson, I hereby move without notice:

That the House-

(1)

notes with sadness that Ms Retshiditswe Phatsoane

and Ms Tsepiso Ntomane were brutally attacked and

murdered while on their way to join family and

friends for New Year’s Eve celebrations in Windmill

Park in the City of Ekurhuleni on 31 December 2021;

(2)

further notes that their bodies were found in the

veld next to the local dumpsite, three days after

they went missing;



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(3)

(4)

acknowledges that the scourge of gender-based

violence in South Africa prevents women from living

their lives freely;

recognises that it is necessary to fast track the

implementation of legislative measures to curb the

scourge of gender-based violence and to effect

harsher punishments for perpetrators; and

(5)

conveys its heartfelt condolences to the families of

Ms Phatsoane and Ms Ntomane.

Agreed to.

**WORKERS CALLED TO UNITE AFTER CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULING**

**DECLARED 2018 WAGE AGREEMENT INVALID**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chairperson, I hereby move without notice:

That the House-

(1)

notes the Constitutional Court ruling between the

National Education, Health and Allied Workers'



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Union, Nehawu, and the Minister of Public Services

and Administration handed down on 28 February which

declared that the wage agreement between the state

and civil servants signed in 2018 was invalid;

(2)

(3)

further notes that Nehawu appealed the decision of

the Labour Appeal Court which declared a multiyear

wage agreement invalid;

recognises that the judgement is a big blow to the

collective bargaining process provided for by

section 23 subsection 5 of the Constitution which

now gives the state unilateral powers to disregard

wage agreements;

(4)

further acknowledges that unless are guaranteed

security of wage agreement, the state will forever

be crippled by a demoralised workforce;

(5)

(6)

also acknowledges that workers will be left

vulnerable and unprotected from this state;

calls on workers and forums and all stakeholders to

convene and consult to seek more practical a way



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forward to preserve the power of bargaining councils

and for the workers to unite;

(7)

also notes the fact that the ANC majority in this

Parliament will reject this motion that is in

solidarity with workers should send a strong message

to workers that the ANC ruling elite is the enemy of

the workers.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): There is an objection

from the ANC. [Interjections.] Hon Hlengiwe Mkhalipi, please

don’t do that. [Interjections.] The DA is also objecting.

Thank you very much. [Interjections.] Hon Mkhalipi, please,

your time to speak has passed. You have been given the

opportunity and you called for this. This motion will be

converted to a notice of motion. Thank you. We are proceeding

now to the ANC.

*Afrikaans*:

Asseblief, mense! Kan ons ’n bietjie stilte kry! Ag nee, man!

[Please, everybody! Can we have some silence! No, man!]

**CONGRATULATIONS TO INKOSIKAZI NOSANDI MHLAULI AS THE FIRST**

**WOMAN CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL AND**

**KHOISAN LEADERS**



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(Draft Resolution)

Ms M T KIBI: Chairperson, I hereby move without notice:

That the House-

(1) notes that the House extend its warmest

congratulations to Inkosikazi Nosandi Mhlauli for

being elected unopposed as the first woman

Chairperson of the National House of Traditional and

Khoisan Leaders on Tuesday 25 January 2022;

(2) acknowledges that her election marks a historical

moment as she becomes the first woman to be elected

in this position since the inception of the House;

(3) recalls that Inkosikazi Mhlauli led the Eastern Cape

Provincial House of Traditional Leaders for 15 years

until she was elected to the National House of

Traditional and Khoisan Leaders in 2017 as the deputy

chairperson;

(4) further recalls that she acted as chairperson since

the passing on of Inkosi Mahlangu in July 2021;



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(5) remembers Inkosikazi Mhlauli as one of the women

trailblazers leading the fight for gender and human

rights equality; and

(6) congratulates and wishes her well in her new position

of responsibility.

Agreed to.

**INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY OBSERVED**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr N SINGH: Chairperson, I hereby move without notice:

That the House-

(1) notes that International Mother Language Day is

observed every year on 21 February;

(2) acknowledges that the day is an essential platform

to promote the importance of cultural and linguistic



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diversity, and multilingualism for peaceful and

sustainable societies;

(3) further acknowledges that the theme of the 2022

International Mother Language Day which is, “Using

technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and

opportunities”, and this will discuss the potential

role of technology to advance multilingual education

and support the development of quality teaching and

learning for all;

(4) further notes that it encourages the implementation

of the use of technology for multilingual learning

as research shows that education in the mother

tongue is a key factor for inclusion and quality

learning;

(5) also notes that it also improves learning outcomes

and academic performance which is crucial,

especially in primary school, to avoid knowledge

gaps and increase the speed of learning and

comprehension; and



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(6) calls on the government to ensure that progress is

being made in mother tongue-based multilingual

education and to also encourage a growing

understanding of its importance, particularly in

early schooling, and that there is deeper commitment

to its development in public life.

Agreed to.

**INTERNATIONAL TOURIST GUIDE DAY CELEBRATED**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr I M GROENEWALD: Chairperson, I hereby move without notice:

That the House-

(1) notes that the International Tourist Guide Day was

celebrated on 21 February 2022, as has been done

each year since 1990;

(2) further notes that awareness about this day has

grown from an initial 15 countries in 1990, to more

than 70 countries celebrating this event worldwide;



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(3) acknowledges that tour guides are members of the

hospitality and travel industry and render

indispensable services to the tourism industry;

(4) also notes that tourism plays a critical role in the

broader South African economy, directly accounting

for 2,9% of the gross domestic product, supporting

over 725 000 jobs directly and accounts for 8,2% of

total investment activity, according to a 2018

report by Statistics SA;

(5) realises that the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic

had a significant impact on the South African

tourism industry, mainly due to the lockdown and

travel restrictions that were imposed;

(6) acknowledges that these resulted in an estimated

decrease of 71,0% of tourists between 2019 and 2020

and subsequent closure of large numbers of tourism

related businesses and hundreds of thousands in job

losses;



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(7) further acknowledges that government has implemented

its Tourism Sector Recovery Plan, re-affirming

tourism’s position as a major contributor to the

South African economy and its envisaged role in the

broader economic reconstruction and recovery effort;

(8) urges on government to make more resources available

to all players in the tourism industry, without

prejudice based on race, as all role-players provide

much-needed employment to all spheres of the

population.

Agreed to.

**ROLE PLAYED BY 70 FIREFIGHTERS**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms S R VAN SCHALWYK: House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House-

(1) appreciates the role played by the 70 firefighters

who successfully contained the huge fire that



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destroyed parts of the South African Parliament in

the early hours of Sunday, 2 January 2022;

(2) notes that the firefighters worked over 71 hours

with courage and bravery to contain the fire;

(3) recalls that the fire severely damaged the National

Assembly building, including the National Assembly

Chamber, where the official sittings of both Houses

of Parliament are usually held; and

(4) applauds the firefighters who fought hard to bring

the fire in the precinct under control.

Agreed to.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ULRICH LE ROUX FROM PAAL BOYS HIGH**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, I move without notice:

That the House-



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(1) congratulates Ulrich le Roux from Paarl Boys High, who

was the top National Senior Certificate learner for

2021;

(2) notes that Le Roux achieved an average of 97,86% with

seven distinctions;

(3) further congratulates all the top learners and the

whole matric class of 2021 for their achievements

despite the loss of learning and teaching time due to

the prolonged absence of learners from schools due to

the Covid-19 pandemic; and

(4) commends all principals, teachers and support staff

for their hard work this past year, and applauds them

for their ongoing sacrifices in our schools throughout

the country.

Agreed to.

**ELDEST SON OF KING KHAWUTA, KING HINTSA**

(Draft Resolution)



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Mr N L S KWANKWA: House Chair, I move without notice:

That the House-

(1) notes that the eldest son of King Khawuta, King

Hintsa, was born in 1780, and was a commander in

chief, who led the Gcaleka forces to many battles;

(2) further notes that King Hintsa was regarded as one of

the greatest Xhosa Kings who ruled from 1820 until

his gruesome death in 1835;

(3) acknowledges that during his reign and during his peak

the Xhosa Kingdom stretched from Mbhashe River south

of Mthatha, to the Gamtoos River (Xelexwa) in the

Southern Cape;

(4) recalls that King Hintsa was beheaded by Harry Smith,

George and William Southey along the banks of Nqabara

River;

(5) acknowledges that the gruesome and inhumane death of

King Hintsa continues to be a matter of great pain

and concern for the Xhosa nation, especially given



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the fact that his skull continues to sits in British

museums for the amusement of tourists nearly two

centuries later;

(6) further recalls that King Hintsa’s skull has not been

re-united with his remains and buried with the dignity

befitting of a king of his stature, nor was there an

apology tendered by the British for this inhumane act;

(7) recognises the spiritual significance of the return

of the skull of King Hintsa kaKhawuta to be buried

with his body for the healing of the Xhosa nation and

to ensure and that it finds closure even if is two

centuries later; and

(8) calls on government to support the initiatives and

the discussions that are currently underway between

the British government and the Rharhabe Kingdom as

well as the Hleke Royal House for the return of the

skull of one of the greatest Kings of the Xhosa

nation, King Hintsa ka Khawuta.

Agreed to.



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**PASSING AWAY OF MS PRIMROSE MRWEBI**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms V VAN DYK: I move without notice:

That the House-

(1) notes that Ms Primrose Mrwebi - the celebrated local

writer, poet, teacher and director - sadly passed

away at the age of 46 years over the weekend of 12

February 2022;

(2) further notes that Ms Mrwebi was a graduate of the

Waterfront Theatre School and contributed frequently

at literary festivals across the Western Cape;

(3) acknowledges that Ms Mrwebi has for the last few

years played an important role in the Baxter

Theatre’s Zabalaza Theatre Festival as a facilitator

and advisor;

(4) recalls that Ms Mrwebi was especially dedicated to

supporting younger writers and founded the



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PrimPoetry Foundation, which gives young writers and

artists a platform to perform their work;

(5) recognises that Ms Mrwebi’s death has left a big

void in the Western Cape’s arts and culture sector,

and that her legacy will live on in the art and

lives of the young people she inspired; and

(6) conveys its heartfelt condolences to the family of

Ms Mrwebi.

Agreed to.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MS CYNTHIA MACHABA FROM NGWANAMAGO PRIMARY**

**SCHOOL IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

(Draft Resolution)

Dr S S THEMBEKWAYO: House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House-

(1) notes that Ms Cynthia Machaba from Ngwanamago

Primary School in Limpopo province was named in the



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top 10 finalists for the Global Teacher Prize in

partnership with the United Nations Education,

Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Unesco;

(2) further notes that Ms Machaba was selected from

12 000 nominations and applications from over 140

countries;

(3) acknowledges that Ms Machaba, a proud teacher, is

recognised as an exceptional professional who plays

an important role in our society;

(4) recognises that as a top 10 finalist she shared the

prize with the winner;

(5) further congratulates Ms Cynthia Mashaba, and wishes

her success in her profession;

Agreed to.

**NANTSA VACCINE MANUFACTURING CAMPAS AT BRACKENGATE, IN CAPE**

**TOWN**

(Draft Resolution)



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Mr M S SOKATSHA: Hon House Chair, I move without notice:

That the House-

(1) welcomes the opening of the NantSA vaccine

production campus in Cape Town by the hon President

Cyril Ramaphosa and the chief executive office, Dr

Patrick Soon-Shiong on 19 January 2022;

(2) notes that the state of the art campus is part of a

farm broader initiative to propel Africa into a new

era of health science;

(3) understands the new vaccine manufacturing plant ...

[Inaudible.] ... Africa to access vaccines without

having people of rich countries;

(4) further understands that the plant will produce

Covid-19 vaccines, and will also make medicines for

the treatment of cancer, TB and HIV and Aids; and

(5)

acknowledges that the country now has capability to

use the human capital of South Africans to

manufacture the 25th century medicine;



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(6) also acknowledges that the facility will also focus

on a development of a second generation 19 vaccine

with the aim to produce 1 billion doses a year by

2025, and lastly

(7) commends the partnership between the government and

entities like networks to mobilise investment and

develop skills.

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

Sokatsha, you should have told us your new method of not

showing yourself. [Laughter.]

Mr M N PAULSEN: Chairperson? Chairperson?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Yes, hon Paulsen. Let

me finish this first. Are there any objections to the motion?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Chairperson, I object. I don’t know what he

was trying to say. I object to it.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): It’s fine. Then the

motion will be converted to a notice of a motion. Thank you.



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[Interjections.] No, no, no, hon Papo, let the people be.

That’s it.

**SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN’S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House-

(1) notes that Banyana Banyana, our National Women’s

Football Team after an exceptional performance has

qualified for the African Women Cup of Nations to be

hosted in Morocow; Banyana Banyana draw on the second

leg 1-1 after clinching the first leg 2-0 against

Algeria advancing convincingly on a 3-1 aggregate;

(2) also notes that we provide limited funding for women’s

sports and development in South Africa compared to

their male counterpart;

(3) further notes that there is a lack of adequate funding

for sports development in the country, particularly



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women sports limit the ability of many vulnerable

sportsmen and sportswomen to showcase their talents;

(4) calls upon this honourable House congratulates

Banyana Banyana Football Team, including the coach

and management on the success and making us proud;

(5) also calls on the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture

to ensure that measures are put in place to engage

with the Department of Basic Education to enhance

sports development at full levels;

(6) also calls on the Minister and the department to make

more funding available for sports, particularly

women’s sport including women football;

(7) further calls on the Minister to engage and encourage

business to invest in our sports women as well;

Agreed to.

**THE PASSING OF THE VETERAN ACTOR NTATE PATRICK SHAI ON**

**SATURDAY, 22 JANUARY 2022**

(Draft Resolution)



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Ms V P MALOMANE: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes with shock and sadness the passing of the

veteran actor Ntate Patrick Shai on Saturday, 22

January 2022;

(2) recalls that Ntate Shai was one of South Africa’s

most talented actors and had delivered powerful

performances in the roles he took on;

(3) acknowledges that he is best known for the roles in

Soul City, Generations and Zero Tolerance;

(4) remembers that he was nominated for a 2014 Safta

award in the category Best Supporting Actor for his

role in Skeem Saam, and again in 2018 for his

portrayal of Jacob Moloi in 7de Laan;

(5) further remembers that his most recent TV role was

on screen to play the role of Mr Phasha on 1 Magic’s

The River; and



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(6) conveys its condolences to his family and friends in

the performance industry.

Agreed to.

**THE STANCE TAKEN BY KENYA AND THE AFRICAN UNION ON THE**

**ESCALATING CONDUCT AND TERROR PERPETRATED BY RUSSIAN AGAINST**

**UKRAINE**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S M JAFTA: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes the stance taken by Kenya and the African

Union on the escalating combat and terror

perpetrated by Russian against Ukraine;

(2) recognises the foresights of Kenyan ambassador,

Martin Kimani, who derided Russia’s aggression in

Ukraine and its recognition of Ukraine’s self-

proclaimed independence states;



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(3) recalls that war and strife not foster conditions of

its human right and security;

(4) affirms Ukraine’s right to its independence and

territorial integrity;

(5) calls on Russia to dispute resolutions processes in

order to charge the new global order going forward;

and

(6) appeals to the South African government to

communicate its message on this issue with clarity,

informed by the SA Foreign Policy on Human Rights

and Global Peace.

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

any objections to the motion? Can we be recorded, please? Oh,

there are no objections. Oh, I saw you standing and I thought

you wanted to say something. Okay. What are you saying?

Mr M N PAULSEN: There is an objection.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Oh. Hon members,

please, I want to speak. If you object, you must be on record,



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please. That’s why I didn’t hear you well. The motion will be

converted to a notice of a motion.

Mr M N PAULSEN: Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Yes, hon member, what

is it?

Mr M N PAULSEN: Chair, I want you to register the EFF’s

objection to that motion.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): No, once it is

rejected, it’s fine. Thank you.

**THE PASSING OF RIKHADO “RIKY RICK” MAKHADO ON TUESDAY 22**

**FEBRUARY 2022**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M A ZONDI: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House –



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(1) notes with sadness the passing of Rikhado “Riky

Rick” Makhado on Tuesday, 22 February 2022;

(2) recalls that Makhado created a name for himself in

the hip-hop industry through his critically

acclaimed hit single Sidlukotini, released in 2016;

(3) remembers that he is also known by several other

names including Boss Zonke, King Kotini and Master

Makhado;

(4) acknowledges that his passing comes just a few days

after he had announced a partnership with African

Bank;

(5) recognises that his nurturing and developing of

young musical talent is well documented and will

forever be remembered; and

(6) conveys its heartfelt condolences to his family and

friends in the music industry.

Agreed to.



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**LIEUTENANT ELMARIE MYBURGH TACKLING CASES OF GENDER-BASED**

**VIOLENCE**

(Draft Resolution)

Mrs M B HICKLIN: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes that South Africa has an unacceptably high

rate of gender-based violence and psychologically

motivated crimes against women;

(2) further notes that Lieutenant Colonel Elmarie

Myburgh is one of the only four female South African

criminologists in the SA Police Force, and the only

trained profiler;

(3) recognises that in 27 years of service, she has

investigated 70 serial murder cases and 90 serial

rape cases;

(4) acknowledges that her analysis reports of the so-

called Facebook serial rapist, ensured that he was



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found guilty of 17 counts of rape, 10 of robbery and

related crimes, and sentenced to eight life terms,

and 223 years for imprisonment; and

(5) further acknowledges that South Africa owes a lot of

gratitude to Lieutenant Colonel Myburgh for ensuring

that perpetrators of gender-based violence and

psychologically motivated crimes remains behind bars

for years to come.

I so move in the name of all gender-based violence victims. I

thank you, House Chair. [Applause.]

Agreed to.

**WORLDWIDE GRASSROOTS GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE THE KINGDOM**

**OF MASJID-AL AQSA IN JERUSALEM**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Hon House Chairperson, I move without

notice:

That the House –



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(1) notes a worldwide grassroots global initiative that has

been launched to promote the kingdom of Masjid-al Aqsa

in Jerusalem;

(2) further notes that organisations from all over the

world have pledged to support the campaign, declaring

Aqsa Week from Thursday, 24 February until 2 March

2022;

(3) understands that on 28 February 2022 more than

2 billion Muslims observed the celestial journey

Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, undertook from

Masjid Al Aqsa to heaven, where he received

instructions from the Almighty to convey the five daily

prayers to Muslim believers;

(4) recognises the celestial journey prepares Muslims for

Ramadaan, started at Masjid Al Harram in Makkah,

proceeded to Madinah, then offered prayers at Mount

Sinai, proceeding to Bethelem where Prophet Isa, Peace

be upon him, was born, to the grave of Moses outside of

Masjid Al Aqsa, to honour them and show respect; and



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(5) calls for a peaceful Ramadaan for worshippers at Al

Aqsa in Jerusalem.

Agreed to.

**THE PASSING OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS DESMOND MPILO TUTU ON 26**

**DECEMBER 2021**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr O M MATHAFA: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes with great sadness the passing of Archbishop

Emeritus Desmond Mpilo Tutu on Sunday, 26 December

2021, at the age of 90 in Cape Town;

(2) recalls that as a cleric, Bishop Tutu travelled

widely, gaining an MA in Theology from King’s

College in London;

(3) acknowledges that he won the Nobel Peace Prize in

1984 for fighting against apartheid system and

championing peace in South Africa;



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(4) further acknowledges that in 1986 he was appointed

Archbishop of Cape Town, the effective head of the

Anglican church in South Africa;

(5) remembers that after the nation’s first free

election in 1994, President Nelson Mandela appointed

him as a chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation

Commission, TRC, to investigate hearings into

apartheid-era human rights abuses;

(6) further remembers that in 2015, he launched a

petition urging global leaders to create a world run

on renewable energies within 35 years, which was

backed by more than 300,000 people globally; and

(7) conveys its condolences to Mam Leah Tutu, the Tutu

family, the board and staff of the Desmond and Leah

Tutu Legacy Foundation and friends.

Agreed to.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**



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Ms X S QAYISO: House Chair, I hereby give notice on behalf of

the ANC that on the next sitting day of the House, the House

debate the building of the developmental state, including

socioeconomic development, revision of services and

facilitating people’s participation.

Ms H ISMAIL: I hereby move on behalf of the DA that on the

next sitting day of the House, this House debate illegal

mining as a matter of importance ... [Inaudible.] ... going on

for a number of years ... [Inaudible.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): We couldn’t hear you,

Ma’am. You still have some time. Can we allow somebody to ...

[Inaudible.] ... take ... [Inaudible.] ... over from the DA?

Can you reach the ...

Ms H ISMAIL: Shall I try again, Chair?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Your network, it’s uh

... I can’t hear you?

Ms Gwarube?



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Ms S GWARUBE: I was asking if we could circle back, House

Chair, when she’s back.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Okay. EFF?

Mr M N PAULSEN: I hereby move on behalf of the EFF that on the

next sitting day of the House, the House debate the lack of

transformation in the fishing sector with regards to allowing

new entrants into the commercial fishing sector and the

control that big fishing corporations have over this

department. Thank you very much.

Mr O M MATHAFA: House Chair, I hereby move on behalf of the

ANC that on the next sitting day of the House, the House

debate the implementation of a social compact in order to

steer the country towards active citizenry and ethical

leadership.

Prof C T MSIMANG: Hon House Chair, on behalf of the IFP I

hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day

of the House, that this House debate the ripple effects and

impact of all criminal activity perpetrated by illegal

immigrants in many different parts of South Africa.



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Mr P MEY: House Chair, I hereby give notice that on the next

sitting day of the House, I shall move on behalf of the FF

Plus, that the House debate possible solutions to address the

critical water shortages experienced by the Nelson Mandela Bay

area, over and above the Nooitgedacht Water Scheme that is

still under construction.

Mr O M MATHAFA: Chairperson, I hereby move on behalf of the

ANC that on the next sitting day of the House, the House

debate expanding South Africa’s economic diplomacy

capabilities to ensure closer alignment between the diplomatic

mission structures and the objectives of economic diplomacy,

including in personnel and representation.

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, I will move on behalf of the ACDP

on the next sitting day of the House, that the House debate

the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine and the urgent need for

a mediated ceasefire, given that the invasion not only

violates the sovereignty of an independent country in

violation of international law but has resulted in the loss to

date of 352 civilians, including that of women and children as

well as the widespread destruction and infrastructure.



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Mr N L S KWANKWA: House Chair, on the next sitting day of the

House, I shall move that the House debate the efficacy or lack

thereof of all these stimulus and bailout packages implemented

by the government since the beginning of COVID-19 in order to

reignite economic growth, create jobs and eradicate poverty.

Ms H ISMAIL: Thank you, Chair. I hope you can hear me now. I

hereby move on behalf of the DA that on the next sitting day

of this House, this House debate illegal mining as a matter of

national importance, that it has been going on for a number of

years, the impact it has on the economy and the environment

and the cost of the lives it has taken.

An HON MEMBER: Chairperson, we don’t hear anything.

[BREAK IN SOUND: TANYA LYONS]

Ms G K TSEKE: House Chair, I hereby move on behalf of the ANC

that on the next sitting day of the House, the House debate

assessing water allocation to the previously disadvantaged and

ensuring that this scarce resource is used equitably and

sustainably in order to support the development objectives of

the country.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: House Chairperson, I’m amazed by at the

attention the Russian invasion of Ukraine is receiving. I move



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on behalf of the NFP that on the next sitting day the House,

this House deliberate on the abuse, harassment, intimidation,

rape, murder and violation of the human rights of the

Palestinian people by Israel, and resolves to downgrade the

South African embassy in Israel to a liaison office until such

time Israel stops the hostilities against the Palestinian

people, respects the rights of the Palestinian people who have

been dispossessed from their land and property to exist and

complies with all international agreements entered into.

Mr M A TSEKI: Chairperson, noting the settlement of people

from the rural areas into the cities of South Africa, I hereby

move on behalf of the ANC that on the next sitting day of the

House, the House debate addressing the challenge of rapid

urbanisation.

Mr S M JAFTA: Chairperson, on behalf of the AIC I move that

that on the next sitting day of this House, this House debate

the high unemployment rate among South African graduates.

Ms T S MASONDO: Chairperson, I hereby move on behalf of the

ANC that on the next sitting day of the House, the House

debate the impact of globalisation and its impact on young

people.



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Mrs E R WILSON: Chair, I hereby move on behalf of the DA that

on the next sitting day the House, that the House debate

hundreds of billions of rand in medico-legal claims against

the Department of Health and the incapacity of the Health

ombudsman to adequately address the crisis and remove the

backlog.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Al-Jama-ah moves that this House debate an

investigation into the integrity of the SA Human Rights

Commission, based on the commission taking a matter on behalf

of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies to court, on the anti – so-

called – anti-Zionism comments made by former Cosatu official

Mr Bongani Masuku. This shows support for Zionism in many

quarters. It is also noted that the SAHRC failed to withdraw

the case even after the United Nations structures – three of

them – declared Israel an apartheid state. Al Jamah-ah makes a

call for new leadership of the SA Human Rights Commission. I

understand that condemnation of Zionism is not condemnation of

Jews, which we love as brothers and sisters in faith.

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, House Chair – on a point of order.



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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Yes, hon Swart. What is

the point of order?

Mr S N SWART: The point of order is that hon member Hendricks

is casting aspersions on members of the SA Human Rights

Commission that are appointed by this House. Therefore, I

would ask you to study the record in this regard.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): I will do that and I

will revert back to the House with a ruling. Thank you.

The DA – you still have the first slot that was not used. You

may proceed.

Mr B B NODADA: Chairperson, I hereby move on behalf of the DA

that on the next sitting day of the House, the House debate

the implementation of strategies and solutions to tackle the

problem of the high learner-dropout-rate to improve learner

retention in South Africa’s public schools.

Ms A S HLONGO: House Chair, I hereby move on behalf of the ANC

that on the next sitting day of the House, the House debate

youth participation in the implementation, management and

monitoring of sports transformation.



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The House adjourned at 17:31.

