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***PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

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The House met at 14:01.

House Chairperson Ms M G Boroto took the Chair and requested

members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or

meditation.

**ELECTION OF TEMPORAL PRESIDING OFFICERS**

(Draft Resolution)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon Chair, I move:

That the House notwithstanding Rule 27 on the election of

temporary presiding officers, elects Mr Q R Dyantyi and

Ms R M M Lesoma to act as temporary presiding officers in

the Chamber during hybrid sittings of the National

Assembly, as and when necessary, for the remainder of the

Sixth Parliament.



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Motion agreed to.

**MOTION OF CONDOLENCE**

(*The late Mr Duma Moses Nkosi*)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Chairperson, I move

That the House—

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

the ANC, Member of Parliament, Mr Duma Moses Nkosi

on Thursday, 16 December 2021, at the age of 64;

(2) recalls that Mr Nkosi served as a member of the

nation's first democratic Parliament in 1994 and

went on to become the Executive Mayor of the City

of Ekurhuleni from 2001 to 2008;

(3) further recalls that in 2019, he returned to

Parliament and that at the time of his passing he

was serving as the chairperson of the Portfolio

Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition;



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(4) acknowledges that he was a great leader and

servant of the people, a former Robben Islander

and freedom fighter who dedicated his entire life

to liberate and to serve the country;

(5) further acknowledges that he served in various

prominent senior positions including serving as

the president of the South African Local

Government Association, Salga, and the first

president of the South African Commercial Catering

and Allied Workers Union, Saccawu;

(6) remembers him as a humble, selfless, respectful

and principled man of integrity;

(7) believes that his passing is a great loss to the

legislative sector and South Africa as a whole;

and

(8) extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to

the Nkosi family, friends and to all South

Africans.



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Mr D W MACPHERSON: House Chairperson, the DA is deeply

saddened by the passing of our portfolio committee chairperson

on Trade, Industry and Competition hon Nkosi. You said he left

us on 16 December 2021. Although Mr Nkosi had been ill for

some times he continued to chair meetings of the committee

right up until his passing. Mr Nkosi certainly had a colourful

and long career in politics, speeding many decades from

serving as a Member of Parliament in this House from 1994 to

2001, then as the executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni from 2001

until 2008, and coming back to join us in Parliament in 2019.

There are many stories of the good work that Mr Nkosi did as

the executive mayor. There are a number of DA Members of

Parliament, MPs, who were councillors under his mayorship have

recalled to me, including the current executive mayor

Tania Campbell who said this about Mr Nkosi, and I quote:

He was an astute politician who commanded an enormous

respect by his peers. I will always remember his gentle

and diplomatic leadership and the approach that he took.

Mayor Campbell has also said that her multiparty government

would endeavour to embrace Mr Nkosi, and I quote:



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... political tolerance and humility in the exercising of

their duties and in government.

There can be no doubt or question about Mr Nkosi’s commitment

to his political party, the ANC, to his country and to this

Parliament. This is something I am sure he will be remembers

for when the history books are written.

Well, we did not always agree with some of the decisions that

Mr Nkosi had taken as the chair of the committee, but he was

someone who was approachable offline to raise concerns about

issues that we felt were important to South Africa. The DA

prays that Mr Nkosi’s wife, his children and his family will

find rest and peace during this sad time. I thank you.

Ms Y N YAKO: Chairperson, I first met hon Nkosi in the Sixth

Parliament. Please. excuse me with the load shedding and

everything I am trying to find the best possible space for me

to speak. When we first met he ask us to meet for lunch after

our first sitting as a committee. During that meeting he took

us through as to where we had been and the people we wanted to

become as well as what we sought to achieve within the

committee.



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Hon Nkosi’s emphasis was on education. As a young woman it was

a forward plan. His was that these are politics and as such we

should always think outside the box - which is Parliament.

We worked incredibly well with this man who was liberal to his

thought. A man who really dislike bad language and was always

witty almost to a cony point with his remarks. We always butt

heads with the opposition, but we always found each other. His

family lost a husband, a dedicated father who would always

speak about being the only man within his household. This

showed that he took care of us just as he would to his

daughters when they would go out in outings.

Hon Nkosi was a professional to the very end. When I say that

to the very end I mean it because through his last breath we

were in a committee and we couldn’t understand how he would be

so strong. He was so ill, but yet he found himself and he was

there in presence. He continued to ignore even though we would

ask him, are you okay? He never wanted to give end.

I hope his daughters as well as Mrs Nkosi take pride in the

fact that the man they had in their lives was a very kind man.

He was a very dedicated man. He was a very professional man.

He was a man who was inspirational to us. As a young woman we



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did speak about education a lot. We did go and take each other

through as to what I wanted to be. He was a very consciousness

as to what direction I wanted to take in politics. For me it

means a lot because it not a lot a time to meet a man in

politics who would want to understand where you come from,

where you are going, a man who would want to understand

exactly what direction you wanted to take. This is a calibre

of a man I am speaking about when I speak about the former

chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on the Trade, Industry

and Competition. I hope his family do take into cognisance to

the fact that not that they had a father, not only that they

had a husband and not only that they had a family member, but

they also had a man who cared about the general direction that

South Africa wanted to take.

There are so much more that I could say about hon Nkosi. So

much more, but I don’t think there are words that could fulfil

my own heart as somebody who served with him, as somebody who

met with him, as somebody who spent time with, as somebody who

laughed with, cried with and lamented with him on many issues.

However, I do want to say to his family that you should know

that he did honour you, he did love you and that he was there.

He served this country to the very best possible that he



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could. May his soul rest in peace! Thank you very much, hon

Chair.

*IsiZulu*:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G BOROTO): Sotswebhu ungathusi

umama uHlengwa ngiyakucela. [Ubuwelewele]. Cha, angakuthusi

mama.

*English:*

Ms M D HLENGWA: This is an intimidation, but I am not

intimidatable.

*IsiZulu*:

Thina njenge-IFP sizwakalisa okukhulu ukudabuka. Ubaba uNkosi

uke waba ngumlamuleli phakathi kwe-IFP ne-ANC eThokoza

ngakhoke bekukhona lobo budlelwane nalobo buhlobo, yingakho

nje siphatheke kabi.

*English*:

It is with deep sadness that the IFP heard of the death of hon

Nkosi. I wish to extend our deepest condolences - on behalf of

His Excellency, Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the President of

the IFP, hon Velenkosini Hlabisa, and the IFP Parliamentary

caucus, to the family and friends of the hon Nkosi, as well as



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his colleagues in the ANC, and those members that served

alongside him in the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry

and Competition.

In his role as the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on

Trade and Industry and Competition, he served the committee

with passion, integrity and diligence. His institutional

knowledge of Parliament and his experience as a Mayor of

Ekurhuleni from 2001 to 2008, enriched his leadership skills,

which he carried over into his role in the Portfolio Committee

on Trade and Industry. His leadership will be greatly missed

and the IFP would like to acknowledge the life and work of hon

Nkosi.

Hon members, let us honour the life of hon Nkosi by diligently

fulfilling our oversight duties as Parliament. Let his memory

be a strong reminder that our work should be guided by

passion, dedication and always, with the goal of creating a

better future for our people.

On behalf of our leader in Parliament, Prince Mangosuthu

Buthelezi, and all the IFP Members in the National Assembly, I

would like to again extend our sincere condolences on this

tragic loss. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.



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Mr F J MULDER: Hon House Chair, I got to know the late hon

member Duma Moses Nkosi as a humble person who refrained from

raising his voice, refrained from bitter speech or harsh

language and he was never unkind although his views often

differ from that of opposition parties more especially that of

the FF Plus.

We often had in depth discussions on our total opposite

political views. And I respected the fact that he would argue,

debate, motivate and defend his views while listening to the

political views of others.

The late hon Nkosi was a devoted lifelong community servant

and stood proud for what he believed till the end of his days.

The former trade unionist, Executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni,

member of the South African Communist Party, SACP, in Gauteng,

Member of Parliament and Comrades Marathon runner had a

disciplined mind often took time to have personal discussions

with me while serving in the Portfolio Committee of Trade and

Industry and Competition.

The FF Plus offers its condolences to the family of hon Nkosi

and his loved ones. Thank you, Chairperson.



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Ms M E SUKERS: Chairperson, I speak on behalf of our Deputy

President, hon Wayne Thring, who served with hon Nkosi. On

behalf of the President of the ACDP, Reverend Dr Kenneth

Meshoe, our leadership and members, allow me to once again

offer our sincere condolences to the family of hon Duma Nkosi

as well as his broader family within the ANC.

My first face to face meeting with hon Nkosi was over a meal.

His office called to invite me to have lunch with the Chair of

the Department of Trade and Industry and Competition, DTIC,

Portfolio Committee. This was not long after we had been sworn

in as newly elected Members of Parliament, MPs in 2019. It was

at this lunch meeting that I got to know a little better the

man seated on the chair of our committee. I discovered that we

both served in the local government for many years. The

difference being that he was a former Mayor.

I found the hon Nkosi to be an intelligent, decent, up right,

always punctual and hardworking MP. Though we served at our

opposing sides of the political fence and our meetings were at

times very robust with hon Nkosi. I could agree to disagree

while simultaneously both maintaining our civil and respectful

posture towards each other.



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Indeed, we are a poorer with the passing of hon Nkosi. He has

left behind in his family and political party a vacuum which

will not be easy to fill. Allow me to encourage the family of

hon Nkosi with the following quotations. Alan Keller says and

I quote:

What we have once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never

lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.

Hebrew proverb says and I quote:

Say not in grief that they are gone, but give thanks that

they were yours.

Mathew 5:4 says and I quote:

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

Psalm 34:18 says and I quote:

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted; he rescues those

whose spirits are crushed.

Mathew 11:28:30 says and I quote:



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Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give

you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am

gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your

souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Once again our prayers and condolences go to the family,

friends and relatives of hon Nkosi.

*IsiXhosa:*

Mnu N L S KWANKWA: Sihlalo weNdlu, ndima apha egameni le-UDM

ndize kugxwala emswaneni ngesi sithwakumbe sokushiywa kwethu

nguBhut’Duma. Bendisithi nguBhut’Duma mna xa ndimbiza kuba

kaloku leyo yindlela ebesithetha ngayo njengama Afrika. Uyenye

yeenkokheli ebekusithiwa xa kusiyiwa kwiikomiti zemicimbi

yamasebe, nanjengoko kungasoloko kuvisiswana phaya kuba kaloku

abantu abafani namanzi ababheki kwicala elinye, athi noxa

sisilwa nje kodwa sibe sihloniphene. Besiyihloniphile into

ethi mdala kuthi noxa simphikisa nje.

Kula komiti yemicimbi yesebe ebesebenza kuyo, njengoko kaloku

thina sifana neza ntaka kuthiwa zintambanane, siphephezela

apho sithanda khona. Bekusithi kula Komiti yeMicimbi yeSebe

lezoRhwebo noShishino xa ndithe ndayindwendwela njengomoya

oyingcwele, sifike sigagane noBhut’Duma siphikisane ukanti



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ngamanye amaxesha sivumelane. Okubalulekileyo kukuba, uyenye

yeenkokeli endizaziyo ukuba zithobekile kwaye xa zithetha

zithi, ikamva loMzantsi Afrika ngoku Nqabayomzi likuni

njengeenkokheli ezintsha. Nokuba thina simoshile, xa

ningalungisi apho simoshe khona, niza kuzilungiselela lo

Mzantsi Afrika kwixa elizayo.

Ndifuna ukuthi kusapho lakwaNkosi, izihlobo nezalamane,

umbutho wakhe i-ANC, tutwini kuni, akuhlanga lungehlanga,

thuthuzelekani. Lalani ngenxeba kwaye sikhala nani. Ndifuna

ukuthi, memze aphumle ngonaphakade Thixo, umkhanyisele

ngokhanyiso olungacimiyo. Siyabulela.

*IsiZulu*:

Mnu C H M SIBISI: Angibonge, Sihlalo, siyi-NFP ngokukhulu

ukuthobeka sifisa ukudlulisa amazwi enduduzo emndenini,

kungosikazi kababa uDuma, izihlobo kanye nombutho we-ANC.

Sithi duduzekani ngalokhu okuyisehlo esehlile. Umhlonishwa

uNkosi ube ngomunye wabasebenzi bePhalamende kusukela

ngezikhathi zokuqala zenkululeko yaleli lizwe. Usebenzele

abantu baseNingizimu Afrika isikhathi eside.

Ngakho sinethemba ukuthi umphakathi waseNingizimu Afrika

uyalila nawo uyadabuka ngokuzwa izindaba zokudlula kwakhe



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emhlabeni. Iningizimu Afrika-ke igqenywe ingozi engeqiwa

ntwala ngalokhu kuhanjelwa yiqhawe ebelifana nomhlonishwa

ubaba uNkosi. Sithi-ke umphefumulo wakhe sengathi ungalala

ngokuthula. Akwehlanga lungehlanga. Siyabonga, Sihlalo weNdlu.

*English:*

Mr S M JAFTA: ... is not favouring me where I am. May I please

switch off my video.

THE HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G BOROTO): It’s off already. You

may proceed.

Mr S M JAFTA: Thank you, Chairperson. The AIC wishes to deep

its revolutionary banner in memory of our colleague, comrade

Duma Moses Nkosi, who joins other civil servants like cadre

Jackson Mthembu Collins Chabane, to form a formidable alliance

of the living dead.

Comrade Nkosi was kind. He was part of the first batch of

parliamentarians who joined the National Assembly in 1994

alongside Joe Modise, Baleka Mbethe, Bantu Holomisa and many

others. It was in this period that the Transformative

Legislative Framework was adopted. He saw the passing of

radical legislation such as the Employment Equity Act, Choice



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on the Termination of Pregnancy Act, the Constitution of the

Republic of South Africa, 1996 and a host of other ground-

breaking laws. Comrade Nkosi was right at the centre of these

... [Inaudible] ...

Not only was his leadership attributes demonstrated by his

involvement in parliamentary committee, but they were also

revealed through his ability to lead key institutions like the

Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South African Commercial

Gauteng Workers Union and the South African Local Government

Association in Gauteng. He was also the Executive Mayor of

Ekurhuleni Metropolitan.

We, in deed lost a great soul, a leader and a public servant.

May his soul rest in peace. Once again, the AIC convey its

condolences to his dearest family.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Hon House Chairperson, AL-JAMAAH has a

special place in each heart of all former Robben Islanders who

brought about our revolution. We extend our deepest sympathies

and prayers to the family of Mr Duma Moses Nkosi on his sudden

demise on 16 December 2021. Mr Nkosi was a struggle veteran,

and we have a very few left. We many years in Robben Island

was born as a servant to his people.



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He was amongst the first crop of lawmakers to serve in the

country’s first democratically elected government - from a

hero to a Member of Parliament. He held many vital positions

which has been mentioned by the hon members. While holding all

these positions, Mr Nkosi did not shy away from exposing

capitalist exploitation – a problem that we still have today.

But he left behind a legacy which we must fulfil, and that is

to continue to struggle towards real freedom, economic

transformation, economic freedom in society and to build

sustainable communities like smart cities and smart villages

and smart locations and not live in Stone Age ...

[Inaudible.].

AL-JAMA’AH’s heartfelt condolences to his family, the ANC and

his constituency - but he didn’t have constituency, he was a

Member of Parliament for all South Africans and all Members of

Parliament. May our prayers be a source of comfort to his

family during the difficult time. Thank you very much, hon

House Chair.

Mr S H MBUYANE: House Chairperson, greetings to the Chief Whip

of the Majority Party and hon members, and special greetings

to the Nkosi family. We gathered here to pay tribute to a

beloved son of our liberation movement, a fierce and resolute



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warrior of our working class, a champion for the poor and the

marginalised. We are here to celebrate a life well lived, a

struggle well fought and selfless service well undertaken. A

friend, a colleague and a noble servant, a comrade, and ...

Chair, this thing was just ... on behalf of the ANC, the

movement of which comrade honourable proudly served for many

years, I would like to take this opportunity to convey pour

deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family,

friends and comrades. His passing is indeed a huge loss to the

broader revolutionary alliance and has continued battling for

the victory of the national democratic revolution.

Hon Duma’s talent, skill and experience accumulated through

many years of leading in tripartite alliance became invaluable

to the ANC in Parliament and the people of South Africa as a

whole. Hon Duma spent his life as a community activist, trade

unionist, a leader and a civil servant. He cut his teeth as

the ANC activist from 1979 and deepened his working class

consciousness in the trade union movement as a shop steward at

Makro due to the commitment and love for the working class. He

was later elected as a president of the working class

conscious.



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He served as the Chairperson of the ANC branch in Thokoza from

1990 to 1996. He was elected amongst the first crop of the ANC

Members of Parliament in 1994, serving until 2001, wherein he

chaired the Portfolio Committee on Mineral and Energy for four

years. Therefore, he served as a second major of Ekurhuleni

Metropolitan Municipality in 2001, helping to steer the

municipality made up of a number of towns, into a single

entity.

True to his modest and humble character, Comrade Duma was

always willing to serve the people of South Africa in whatever

capacity that is aligned with the need of the poor and

dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of the

people. In 2011, he joined the Economic Development department

as a senior official for eight years. During this period, he

worked diligently as part of the collective that addressed

ways to create jobs and support local communities through

addressing challenges faced by investors in small businesses.

He helped unblock a number of key projects, including those in

the supply of water and energy security for business across

the length and breadth of our country.

In 2019, he was elected again as a Member of Parliament, this

time to serve as a Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on



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Trade and Industry. He chaired our committee with humility and

maturity, and exhibited profound wisdom and knowledge. He was

never arrogant and had the highest level of integrity, a true

leader who was always exemplary, and accommodative of

divergent views. It was indeed an honour to have close with an

individual with such as inspiring humanity and courageous

spirit.

He was one of the greatest asset of the ANC, the alliance and

the activist Parliament, which we have all committed ourselves

to, which we have all committed ourselves to. What is left for

us is to pick up where he left off and continue with the

battle for social transformation of our people. We have to

confront the multiple crisis facing South Africa such as the

intractable high level of unemployment, poverty, inequality

and associate crisis of social reproduction.

We would be failing his legacy of we do not take this task

seriously. Even when he was in his weakest, hon Nkosi remained

committed to serving the people of South Africa until the day

he ceased to be with us. He was a seasoned, principled

politician, a true organic leader and intellectual, a champion

of the working class and a very humble servant of the people.



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*IsiZulu*:

Hlubi! Dlamini! Wena we Kunene! Kwalakwala!

*English:*

I thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPESON (Ms M G Boroto): Siyathokoza Mhlonishwa

[Thank you, honourable]. That concludes the speaker’s list on

this matter. I take it that hon members that there are no

objections to the motion being adopted. Will members rise to

observe a moment of silence in memory of D M Nkosi - the

family must be seated. Thank you, you may be seated.

The presiding officers associate themselves with the motion

and the condolences of the House will be conveyed to the Nkosi

family. Maybe just as an announcement before we proceed,

Parliament has provided the condolence motion book outside

these doors and you will be allowed to write your messages

from Parliament. Until we go on recess, it is only then that

the books will be taken to the family. Please, those who are

coming into the Chamber, let’s proceed and let’s make sure

that we sign that condolence book. The third motion on the

Order Paper is also in the name of the Chief Whip of the

Majority Party.



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Debate concluded.

Motion of condolence for the late Mr D M Nkosi agreed to.

**MOTION OF CONDOLENCE**

(The late Moloko Maggie Tlou)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: House Chair, I move

without notice:

That the House –

(1)

(2)

notes with deep sadness the passing of ANC Member

of Parliament, the honourable Ms Moloko Maggie

Tlou on Thursday, 3 February 2022;

acknowledges that Maggie Tlou, affectionately

known as Mmane Maggie, enjoyed an illustrious

political career marked by dedication, service and

selflessness;



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(3)

(4)

further acknowledges that she was a diligent

activist from the Progressive Women’s Movement who

was active in the Winterveldt area during the 80s;

remembers that her political credentials include

serving as regional executive committee member of

both the ANC and the ANC Women’s League in Tshwane

and later a member of the Provincial Executive

Committee of the ANC in Gauteng from 2014 to 2018;

(5)

further remembers that she was deployed to the

Gauteng Provincial Legislature as a Member of

provincial Legislature, where she served in the

Portfolio Committees on Economic Development and

Education;

(6)

recalls that after 10 years in the legislature,

following the 2019 general elections, she was

deployed to the National Assembly as a Member of

Parliament;

(7)

further recalls that at the time of her passing

she was serving in the Portfolio Committee on Co-

operative Governance and Traditional Affairs,



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known as Cogta, where she leaves an enduring and

shining legacy; and

(8)

extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to

the Tlou family – the two daughters are here with

us, Thembi - Kgomotso and last born Mmakau.

*Sesotho:*

Mme wa dikgutsana, setjhaba se ya lla ka wena. Nkwe ya mabala,

robala ka kgotso.

*English:*

The HOUSE CHAIRPESON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, Chief Whip. I

will just ask the two daughters who are with us to stand up so

that the members can see you. Thank you very much.

Mr E R J SPIES: Thank you, hon Chairperson, hon members and a

special greeting to the family of hon Tlou. Today I rise on

behalf of the Democratic Alliance and in particular on behalf

of my colleague, hon Brink, who unfortunately cannot be here

today. I did not have the honour and privilege to know hon

Tlou for very long because I only joined the committee last

year.



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However, I share in the sentiments and the tribute that my hon

colleague has written down. We would like to extend our

heartfelt condolences to the African National Congress and the

Tlou family on the passing of hon Maggie Tlou. As a member of

the 2019 intake of Members of Parliament, I regret not having

more time with ma’m Tlou due COVID-19 and lockdown as most of

our committee interaction since the election has been virtual.

Nevertheless, I do remember the few opportunities we had to

attend in person meetings and oversights visits together.

Despite our differences in politics and age, she treated me

with warmth and friendliness and the utmost respect.

On occasion she also spoke to me in my home language. The

surest way of expressing empathy with someone especially in

this country of ours. We both lived in Pretoria and so we had

a lot to talk about. I remember the petition that hon Tlou

brought to the committee to assist the community of ...

[Inaudible.] ... with long overdue housing allocations. At her

insistence, both the city and the province were called to

explain themselves at the committee. The people of ...

[Inaudible.] ... were well served by her intervention.

Today, we honour the memory of hon Tlou and we pray that God

gives comfort to her family. The family I want to say, please,



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know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers, and we

share in your sorrow. May her beautiful soul rest in peace. In

the words of Helen Keller, “What we have once enjoyed we can

never lose, all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.” I

thank you.

Mr K CEZA: Chairperson, allow us to pay homage to mam’Tlou.

The EFF is quite deeply saddened by the passing of mam’Tlou,

who passed away on the 3 February 2022. We shall miss her

delayed elastics from the rhythm of her voice, poised and well

prepared member of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative

Governance and Tradition Affairs.

Hon members, we meet here today with heavy hearts and sorrow.

I do not know and I did not have to remember mam’Tlou by her

first names. As a young African man, I thought, through the

right of passage, to address the elderly with the respect they

deserve. As we commemorate a life well lived, mam’Tlou was an

epitome, an experienced member of the committee who was

determined to conduct an oversight over executive departments,

provinces and municipalities. A journey that has taken her

many years. Some days filled with laughter, some filled with

tears.



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At a difficult period, such as lockdown, we crumbled at yet

another loss, but journey well-travelled. As Che Guevara once

said: “Live your life not celebrating victories, but

overcoming defeats” We believe that hon mam’Tlou’s passing

also indicates the victories over those obstacles in the

struggle for clean and sound governance. Leaving young people

... [Interjections.] [Inaudible.] ... in terms of

participating in the country’s politics, past determining

their fate in economic liberation than otherwise currently

determined in certain economic cycle. This is what is what we

engaged on with mam’Tlou.

Mam’Tlou understood well that as members of the portfolio

committee, in order to defeat the common enemy of corruption,

maladministration and financial mismanagement as often raised

in the auditor general’s report, the committee should be able

to propel forward the principles of accountability, for us to

unite, to hold those liable accountable. This is to say that

we have drawn from the fountain of knowledge in local

government and legislation that accompanies it in mam’Tlou.

We are therefore together with mam’Faith Muthambi who presided

over the committee that was visited by Vietnamese

parliamentary members, exchanging gifts which we have declared



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in Parliament, thanks God. Hon members, allow me to quote one

of the mystic in the eastern philosopher by the name Hazrat

Inayat Khan:

I have loved in life and I have been loved,

and I have been raised above life's joy and sorrow.

My heart, aflame in love, set afire every heart that came

in touch with it. A thousand deaths my heart has died,

and thanks be to love, it lives yet.

There can be no rebirth without a dark night towards the

horizon of the soul, a total annihilation of all that you

believed in and thought that you were. I seek the morning

breeze at a better place where the inevitable dwells. Your

potential was exhausted to the end, and you sat in the

committee with diligent and commitments.

Let me take this opportunity to let you know, mam’Tlou, that

those you left behind will not give up the fight from the

issues you raised of artisans’ replacement within Municipal

Infrastructure Support Agent, MISA, budget that the committee

needed to focus and target its attention on most salient

matters and recommend the increasing disaster recovery grant

and the fact of climate change. These are the issue that you



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expound mam’Tlou. The EFF is therefore extending its

condolences. May your soul rest in eternal peace.

*IsiXhosa:*

Wanga umphefumlo wakhe ongasekhoyo ungaphumla ngoxolo

olungunaphakade. [May her departed soul rest in eternal

peace.]

Thank you.

Ms Z MAJOZI: Chairperson, on behalf of Prince Buthelezi who

served with mam’Tlou in the portfolio committee on Cooperative

Governance and Traditional Affairs, I would say; the IFP would

like to offer its sincere condolences to the family and

friends of the hon Ms Moloko Maggie Tlou, as well as her

colleagues in the ANC, and those members that served alongside

her in the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and

Traditional Affairs.

As a nation, we have experienced so much loss over the past

two years, and our hearts are heavy as we yet again have to

bid farewell to one of our fellow members. Hon. Tlou was

described by her fellow COGTA committee members as a humble,

selfless, disciplined community development worker and servant



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of the people, especially for those who had been historically

disadvantaged. She used the committee as the means to demand

that service delivery is delivered to the people.

Ms Tlou was deployed to the National Assembly after the 2019

elections, and had served her party and the people of South

Africa with diligent. Since the 80s, she was a member of the

Progressive Women’s Movement, and later served in leadership

roles in the ANC Women’s League structures. We would like to

acknowledge and celebrate hon Tlou’s life of service, and

commit to honouring her legacy of selfless dedication in the

pursuit of service delivery for our people.

Condolences to the two daughters of mam’Tlou. Losing a loved

one is hurting, but losing a parent is devastating. I pray

that God gives them strength to overcome this hard time. I

again echo the heartfelt condolences of our leader in

Parliament, his Excellency, hon Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi,

as well as all the Chief Whip and all members of the IFP

caucus in the National Assembly. May her soul rest in peace.

Thank you, Chairperson.

Mr I M GROENEWALD: House Chair, on behalf of the FF Plus, I

want to convey our deepest condolences to the family,



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friends, and colleagues of hon Tlou. Hon Tlou was a member of

the Portfolio Committee of Cooperative Governance and

Traditional Affairs, of which I am also a member. She served

with pride and commitment and was an informed and experienced

colleague.

She was very concerned about the state of municipalities and

the lack of adequate service delivery. Prior to her election

to the national assembly, she served her community as a member

of the Gauteng provincial legislature. With her experience,

and her love for local government, she made constructive

contributions to the portfolio committee.

She was dedicated to her organization, the ANC. I also wish to

express our sincere condolences with the ANC. With her loved

ones I wish to share the following; In sorrow, we mourn those

we’ve lost. In gratitude, we embrace those around us. In

sympathy, we reach out to those who grieve and pray that God

for ever hold you in His peace. Thank you, House Chair.

Mrs M E SUKERS: Thank you Chairperson, for the sake of

connection I’ll just keep my video off. On behalf of our

President, Rev Kenneth Meshoe, the executive and the members



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of the ACDP, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family

of mama Tlou and the political family the ANC.

In reading the background of mam Maggie and that she laboured

in politics since the 80s, it filled me with so much

admiration for a woman whom I never had the privilege to speak

to but upon whose soul shoulders us as the next generation of

women leaders are standing.

We were but children in the 80s and the song writer rightfully

said:

“What shall I render to Jehovah for he has done so very

much for me.”

We thank God for the leaders that we as young women of this

generation have in women like mam Tlou. We’d like to extend

our thanks to the children of mam Moloko Maggie Tlou for the

sacrifice they had to make during their mother’s illustrious

political career and service to our country.

We want to encourage you today that as Africans we know that

death is but a doorway. For those who believe in Christ and

live for him, it is the beginning of eternal life with the one



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we love and who loved us before we were even born. Our

blessing to you today, may the Lord bless you, keep you and

make his face shine upon you in your time of loss. Thank you

Chair.

Mr N L S KWANKWA: Thank you very much House Chair. On behalf

of the UDM, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the

family, relatives, friends, comrades in the congress movement

the ANC of MaTlou.

MaTlou was one of the Members of Parliament who was dedicated

and committed to community development and courses in

particular of women empowerment. Nowhere was her role as a

gender activist more evident than in a role as an activist in

the progressive women’s movement. Even if she was serving as a

member or the Portfolio Committee on Cogta, she was always

concerned about the state of municipalities and worked hard to

try and ensure that we provided the necessary support that we

could as this House in order to ensure that municipalities

without exception operated at optimal level and that they are

able to serve the people of South Africa.

I would like to say that to us as the UDM, mam Tlou came

across as a selfless leader who was committed to the course of



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building a better life for all but more especially those who

are previously disadvantaged.

She leaves an admirable legacy in the political space and

we’ll forever remember her for her unbiased views and her

commitment to building a better life for all.

To the Tlou family and loved ones, you are in our prayers. We

hope you find peace and comfort in your time of grief.

*Sesotho:*

Ka Sesotho ba re, robala ka kgotso mme Tlou. Ke a leboha.

*IsiZulu*:

Mnu C H M SIBISI: Ngiyabonga Sihlalo, siyi-NFP sifisa

ukudlulisa amazwi enduduzo emndenini kamama uMaggie Tlou,

amadodakazi, abangane, nezihlobo kanye nozakwabo abenabo

ekomidini kwa-Cogta nasebuthweni wakhe u-African National

Congress. Njengoba besaqhubeka bezilile bezilela ukudlula

kwakhe emhlabeni, siyethemba ukuthi imizwa nemicabango

enidlula kuyo kulesi sikhathi esinzima uNkulunkulu uzokwazi

ukunipha amandla, aniqinise nikwazi ukubhekane nazo zonke noma

nikwazi ukubhekana nesimo esibuhlungu sokushiywa yilungu

lomndeni futhi yilungu lobulungu le-ANC. Siyethemba ukuthi



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imikhuleko iyoniqinisa futhi iniduduze nikwazi ukubheka

phambili. Sifisa sengathi uNkulunkulu anganibusisa abese

esebusisa nomphefumulo wakhe ulale ngokuthula. Ngiyathokoza

Sihlalo.

Mr S M JAFTA: Thank you Chair. As the leadership of the AIC,

we wish to pass our condolences to the family of mama Moloko

Tlou. Mama Tlou served in the Cogta Portfolio Committee after

the 2019 general elections.

We learned through her party the ANC that she held values of

unity of purpose to heart. These values are consistent with

our own commitment to building a united, cohesive and non-

racial democratic South Africa.

Their leadership roles were wide and disperse. She served in

the ANC Women’s League structures at both regional and

provincial level. She also served in the Gauteng ANC PEC from

2014 to 2018. Mam Tlou as attested by her colleagues, was

diligent and hard working. May her resilience spirit rest in

eternal peace. Thank you.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Thank you very much hon House Chair. Hon

House Chair, on behalf of Al Jama-ah and our constituency in



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Winterveld, I would like to express our sincere condolences to

the family, friends, members of the ANC, fellow Members of

Parliament on the death of mama Maggie who sadly passed away

on 3 February 2022.

It is an honour to have her two daughters here with us today

and we appreciate the special effort they made to join us in

the Good Hope Chamber.

Mama Maggie was a conscientious person who ensured that the

officials response to enquiries from her constituency. That

was an example for me and I hope I can follow her example.

While serving in Cogta she insisted that the director general

on audit outcomes responds to questions relating to payments

made to contractors every month. So, there was attention to

detail.

We also remember her strong and committed leadership displayed

in the ANC Women’s League at regional and provincial level.

This was going to be advanced because of the objective to

bring about more involvement by women in Parliament.



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She will be remembered as a humble and committed person who

served the community with dignity. Although I’m only an

alternative member of Cogta, the few weekends I attended, mama

Maggie stood out as a giant leader. Our thoughts and prayers

are with the family and friends during this time of their

bereavement. We pray they find comfort in the memories and

great legacy she has left behind and she indeed left behind a

great legacy. Thank you very much hon House Chair.

*IsiXhosa:*

Mnu G G MPUMZA: Mandibulele Sihlalo.

*English:*

The family of hon Maggie Tlou, dear Comrades and friends, hon

members, we stand before you today on behalf on hon Tlou whose

organisation is the ANC, to convey our heartfelt condolences

to the family, the friends and Tlou’s daughters, in

particular. Together with her, we were called upon by the

National Liberation Movement to serve the people of this

country and in Parliament to act as agents of transformation

and replace the noble ideas of nonracialism, nonsexism and the

democratic social order.



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We are here to salute and commemorate a life of sacrifice, a

struggle that was lived by hon Tlou, from the early age in the

1980s. Hon Tlou became part of the generation of activists

that would fell the flames offreedom. This is a generation

that responded to the clarion call made by the former

President of the ANC, Oliver Tambo, when he said:

Our own tasks are very clear. To bring about the kind of

society that is visualised in the Freedom Charter, we

have to break down and destroy the old order. We have to

make apartheid unworkable and our country ungovernable.

The accomplishment of these tasks will create the

situation for us to overthrow the apartheid regime and

for power to pass into the hands of the people as a

whole.

A generation of activists that hon Tlou was part of, is a

generation that acted as the midwives of political liberation,

as South Africa transitioned from colonial apartheid and

birthed a new democratic society. She cut her clothes, she cut

her political links in the UDF activities, and became one of

the scores of women who took a decision to challenge

patriarchal retions in society. This is at the time when it



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was not fashionable even within the movement, some were still

trapped in the backward cultural practices.

We owe women like hon Tlou a great debt of gratitude for

insisting that the liberation drive and the broader society

placed the gender question at the centre of development. This

is how we all eventually appreciated that. Total liberation of

the blacks in general, and Africans in particular, will be

incomplete without answering the question of the liberation of

women. Hon Chairperson, allow me to say that, hon Tlou did not

perceive, but lived and breathed a commune solidarity,

underpinned by her boundless fountain of love and a deep faith

in the values and aspirations of a people, as was symbolised

by her activities around addressing the question of non-

housing in Nellmapius in Tshwane.

The ideological orientation of hon Maggie Tlou assimilated in

the days of gender activism from the rank and file of the

Progressive Women’s Movement continued to be evident as she

carried out her tasks in the various areas of her deployment

in the democratic state. It became clear to all of us that as

a legislature in Parliament, her life mission was to ensure

that the gender question is answered in the process of

implementing development programmes.



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This was a useful quality we appreciated about her because

women constitute the majority of the population in our country

and most of the socioeconomic challenges we face, affect women

the most, whether it’s unemployment, poverty inequality, it is

women that are marginalised than any other social structure.

For the marginalisation of women, the fact that power

relations are schooled in favour of men, has led to the ugly

phenomenon of gender based violence and femicide.

This is something which deeply worried her in our conversation

and she assisted us to analyse the cause and effect of this

phenomenon, and further assisted in answering the question,

what needs to be done? She appreciated her strong her views on

this issue and men who are engaging in the process of learning

and re-learning, she forced us to reflect on our rule and what

changes we need to make at a personal level. This is how

provocative she was, even with her gentle approach.

As part of honouring her and the work that she dedicated her

entire life to complete, we must pick up the spear and

continue to strike against patriarchy. For us men it may be an

even tougher struggle because it may be a struggle to change

approaches towards women, that we have been socialised to

espouse since boyhood. In her honour we recommit ourselves to



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the noble ideas to nonracialism, nonsexism, democratic and

prosperous society. Rest in Peace, Comrade Maggie Tlou. Thank

you.

Debate concluded.

*IsiXhosa:*

USIHLALO WENDLU (Ms M G Boroto): Siyabulela, tata.

*English:*

As we conclude that speaker’s list, I take it, hon members,

that there is no objection to the motion. Now, may we rise to

observe a moment of silence in the memory of Mamu’Tlou.

Motion agreed to, members standing.

Motion of Condolence for the late Ms M M Tlou is agreed to.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON**

**COMMUNICATIONS ON ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF**

**STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY**

Mr B M MANELI: Hon House Chair, hon Ministers and hon Deputy

Ministers, hon members, committee support staff and fellow



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South Africans I rise to introduce to this House the report on

the annual report and financial statements of the State

Information Technology agency, Sita, almost two days since

this august House engaged in a very important debate as a way

of celebrating the International Women’s Day in the year 2022

under the theme, and I quote, “Gender Equality Today for a

Sustainable Tomorrow.”

This theme remains relevant in our oversight task of ensuring

state-owned companies, SOCs, like Sita deliver in their

developmental mandate in a way that is transformative and

sustainable.

This remains our understanding on why we need to repurpose

Sita as a state information and communication technology, ICT,

agency as part of the reconfiguration and or rationalisation

process of the SOCs, as pronounced by His Excellency the

President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, in the Sona since the

installation of this Sixth Administration.

Hon House Chairperson, according to section 5 of the Money

Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act the National

Assembly through its committees must annually asses the

performance of each National department. The committee must



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submit the annual Budgetary Review and Recommendations Report,

BRRR, for the department as it falls under its oversight

responsibilities for tabling in the National Assembly.

This process happens every October of each year, where the

committee assess service delivery performance given available

resources. Evaluate effective and efficient use as well as the

forward allocation of resources and make recommendations on

the forward use of resources.

The Portfolio Committee on Communications, considered the

performance and submissions to National Treasury for the

medium-term periods of the two departments reporting to it;

namely the Department of Communications and Digital

Technologies and Government Communications and Information

Systems, GCIS.

Furthermore, the committee is mandated to assess all entities

reporting to the two departments and as such the following

entities financial performance of 2020-21 financial year was

scrutinised. One being the Film and Publications Boards, FPB,

the Independent Communications Authority of SA, Icasa,

Sentech, Boardband Infraco, BBI, the National Electronic Media

Institute, Nemisa, the SA Broadcasting Corporation, SABC,



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Universal Service and Access Agency of SA, Usaasa, the

Universal Service and Access Fund, Usaf, and ZEDNA on 9 and 10

November 2021.

The Sita tabled its report only after the BRRR was concluded

while SA Post Office, Sapo, has yet to table its annual report

for the period.

The committee met with Sita on 15 February 2022. This report

is the summary of the reporting of Sita tabled on 30 November

2021 after the BRRR process was concluded by the committee as

indicated above.

Hon members, whilst the pandemic and the economy turned down

affected the performance of Sita like other entities, it is

worth noting that Sita achieved 72,22% of its annual targets

with the qualified audit opinion. It is quite an improvement

from the 2019-20 financial year of 60% annual target

achievement.

In keeping with the National Development, NDP, 2030, and the

Fourth Industrial Revolution, 4IR, commissioned perspectives

on digital transformation in the period under review, Sita



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fulfilled a pertinent role by enabling government departments

to deliver public services.

Furthermore, the rate of digital transformation was

accelerated and a compelling case was made for the greater use

of digital technologies. To this end, Sita as the ICT agency

of government enabled government departments to operate

remotely and seamlessly making available more digital

platforms while maintaining cost-effectiveness.

In addition, more e-Services were developed, capacity on crowd

was optimally utilised and the backlog on the certifications

for higher education was incrementally reduced for the

convenience of citizens. All this was done without

compromising the financial viability of Sita as the self-

funded SOC.

Fellow South Africans, the observations and recommendations of

the committee as stated in the report are therefore put before

this august House for consideration. However, it must be

placed on record that contrary to the negative narrative that

South Africans are made to believe about failing cadre

deployment and collapsing state entities, Sita remains one

example where a competent Executive Caretaker, Luvuyo Keyise,



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was brought in to lead the entity. Competent men and women

were attracted back to the entity to fill vacancies and ensure

its repurposing. History has begun to absolve us. I thank you,

House Chair. [Applause.]

There was no debate.

The ACTING CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY (Ms R M M Lesoma):

Hon House Chair, I move that the report be accepted by this

House.

*Declaration of Votes:*

Ms T K BODLANI: Thank you so much, Chairperson, the DA

welcomes the report of the Portfolio Committee on

Communications and Digital Technologies on the annual report

and financial statements of the State Information Technology

Agency, Sita. Noting that the Sita tabled its report only

after the Budgetary Review and Recommendation Report, BRRR,

process was concluded. The committee met with the Sita on 15

February 2022.

As an information and communications technology, ICT, agency

of government, this entity is well-placed to be a springboard

of improving the lives of South Africans by enhancing public



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service delivery and reaching the ever illusive 4th Industrial

Revolution by the government of the day.

The Sita mandate is clear, which is to improve service

delivery to the public through the provision of information

technology, information systems and related services in a

maintained information system, security environments to

government departments and public bodies, and to promote

efficiency in our departments and public bodies using

information technology.

With that said, we note 15 recommendations made by the

committee. From the 15 recommendations, allow me to highlight

five of the 15. Firstly, all the areas of underachievement as

indicated by the Auditor-General are addressed expediently.

The DA holds highly the process of auditing and its importance

cannot be overstated. We rely on such professional and

impartial process as an oversight and accountability

mechanism. We call upon the management and the board to put

every resource available to address all matters raised by the

Auditor-General. Noting that any auditor report has an effect

in how an organization is perceived by the public and how the

organization sees itself.



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Secondly, is that the committee acknowledges that the entity

should not depend on external outsourcing and should instead

create internal skills to enable the organization to be self-

sustainable. As the DA, we fully support this recommendation

as it would ensure that the agency builds solid institutional

knowledge and will not find itself paying consultants

perpetually without any transfer of skills to the entity as we

have seen in many government departments and state-owned

companies, which are today on the brink of collapse.

Thirdly, is that we look at an amount of R1,5 million for a

nonexistence conference must be recovered. The DA notes that

the agency is self-funded. That said, every cent meant to

bring South Africans up matters. The loss of any funds,

whether through corruption or fruitless expenditure is felt by

the end users. We will support every endeavour by the Sita to

recover the R1,5 million and call upon the agency to be

expedient in recovering the R1,5 million.

Fourthly, is that the tender processes become transparent with

accountability and integrity using the digital platforms

created by the Sita for a proper communication with all

stakeholders irrespective of the delegations of some of the

supply chain management responsibilities of the department.



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Again, public perception is everything. The DA fully supports

the above recommendation of the committee. All service

providers have a right to an open tender system. This will

ensure that we eliminate any sense of doubt about the winning

bidder. This will go a long way in building public trust in

the tender system.

Lastly, which I would like to expand on from the committee is

that the Sita’s plans to continue to recover all finances

obtained illegally by companies for unused software licenses

across the state as supported by the committee. Every cent

matters if the Sita as an entity of government is going to

succeed in providing e-government services and help the

economy of South Africa. This is a crucial matter which should

be addressed with the urgency it deserves. I thank you,

Chairperson.

Mr S TAMBO: Thank you, House Chairperson, the tragedy of the

Coronavirus ought to have frog-marched the ... [Inaudible.]

... technology services of the state into the 21st century, to

make it easy for citizens to access state services and for the

state to connect more meaningfully to the citizens.



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It is therefore inexcusable that the State Information

Technology Agency is intimately involved in the information

technology and network connectivity problems experienced by

the Department of Home Affairs. The excuse by the leadership

of the Sita that Home Affairs is encountering the problems it

is encountering because they insisted on buying cheap network

connectivity option just does not cut it. The Sita should be

at the centre of state technologies services, and not just

with Home Affairs but across all levels of the state.

It is an embarrassment that the Sita has not been able to

assist the Department of Public Service and Administration to

move away from the Z83 requirement for those applying for jobs

in the public service, for instance.

As far as the financial statements of the said period are

concerned, the Auditor-General painted a very concerning

picture of the entity and gave it a qualified audit opinion.

The entity is simply unable to account for its own property

and technology portfolio. There was R820 millions of irregular

expenditure at the entity and R1,5 billion of irregular

expenditure incurred in the last financial years, and this has

been condemned. This leaves those responsible for this



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maladministration to go untouched, unaccountable, and with no

clear plan of ensuring that this does not happen again.

The entity is strategically placed to revolutionarize public

service through cutting edge innovations that remove

unnecessary red tape in the provision of public services. It

is stark with visionless leadership and overseen by a corrupt

political network that seeks to milk the state at every

available opportunity. We therefore reject this report. Thank

you.

Ms Z MAJOZI: Thank you, hon House Chair, the COVID-19 pandemic

has now been with us for more than two years, and in addition

to all the negative health impacts, it also forced us to

embrace the so-called ‘new normal’. Even today, we are

participating in a hybrid sitting of the House, with members

present physically, but with many of us joining virtually from

South Africa’s other eight provinces.

When the pandemic struck, government was forced to pilot, and

find a way to continue with the business of Parliament. The

Department of Communications and Digital Technologies, and

specifically, the State Information Technology Agency, Sita,

played a central role. We would like to commend the Sita for



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providing seamless and secure remote access solutions services

to 8 336 officials, as well as the work done to provide video

conferencing tools, upgrading, and provisioning of

connectivity and more. Although there were a few hiccups in

the early days, it has on the whole been a smooth transition.

The Sita further provided 24/7 customer service support,

another achievement worth mentioning.

However, as the IFP, we feel it is also important to highlight

the areas where the Sita has failed to meet expectations.

Although it is refreshing to encounter a public entity that is

sustainable and financially viable, this does not give the

Sita a free pass when it comes to audit outcomes. The entity

received a qualified audit opinion largely due to their

failure to adhere to several of the standards of Generally

Recognised Accounting Practices, GRAP.

Also, of great concern to the IFP, is that the Sita reported

R820 millions of irregular expenditure and R18,6 million

fruitless and wasteful expenditures. In addition to this,

R1,5 billion was incurred in the previous year and condoned.



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It is never acceptable to waste or irregularly spend state

monies, but even more so, in our current economic climate,

where every rand needs to be carefully accounted for and

invested where it can have the greatest impact in relation to

service delivery.

We are pleased to hear that the Sita management has now

changed its focus to the prevention of irregular expenditure,

and we will be monitoring the success of the various measures

that have been introduced.

As the IFP, we are further in agreement with the various

committee recommendations, particularly those relating to

ensuring – I am sorry - that tender processes are transparent

and adheres to all the requirements of the PFMA and various

Treasury regulations related to procurement. This,

particularly in light of the fact that procurement processes

have been identified by various commissions of inquiry,

including the Zondo Commission. [Time expired.] ... The IFP

accepts the report.

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, we from the ACDP support the

report. We welcome the report because it does highlight a

number of the deficiencies at State Information Technology



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Agency, Sita. In particular, we join the committee in

expressing the concern about the qualified audit as well as

fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

I’m just ... [Sound glitch.] [Inaudible.] ... recommendation

regarding the issue of tender processes and the compliance

with the relevant legislation particularly the Public Finance

Management Act, PFMA, as well as tender regulations, should be

supported and needs to be implemented.

Chair, these are great concerns to the ACDP that a number of

organizations have lacked compliance with the PFMA, tender

regulations and in light of the fact that there are now

[Inaudible.] powers for the Auditor-General to prosecute those

[Inaudible.] that do not comply with the PFMA. With our

perspective we would like to see further action taken against

the [Inaudible.] and in the Sita’s who do not comply with

relevant legislation.

The ACDP supports the report. I thank you.

Mr C H M SIBISI: Hon Chair, the NFP notes the report of the

Portfolio Committee on Communications on the annual report and

financial statement of Sita.



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House Chair, 4th Industrial Revolution, 4IR, is here to stay

and Sita is the entity to drive and lead South Africa to the

realization of the 4th Industrial Revolution.

Now, how can this be realized if the entity itself has an

inadequate Information Technology, IT, control environment?

This is the State Information Technology Agency, how?

Secondly, the NFP is particularly concerned about the entity’s

enormous irregular expenditure of R820 million; R560 million

of continuing from prior years and only R260 million detected

in the current years. Needless to mention the fruitless and

wasteful expenditure amounted to R18,6 million.

House Chair, some things we really need to look at them

carefully and ask ourselves if we are happy with the way our

entities, agencies and departments are performing.

We cannot accept irregular expenditures of such enormous

amounts and fruitless and wasteful expenditures under the

current fiscal constraints that we are faced with in this

country.



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This cannot be normal. But it looks like we have normalised

poor performance and waste of resources during the time when

we need these resources the most. Thank you, House Chair.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Hon House Chair, too many first century

competencies is the new buzz words and we hope in future

reports we will hear about the research and the funding that

the entity has provided to establish 21st century competencies

so that all South Africans, from the primary school level, can

be geared towards achieving 21st century competencies.

We can’t carry on with stone-age competencies. Thank you very

much, hon House Chair.

Dr M BASOPU: Hon Chairperson and hon members, speaking at the

Digital Economy Summit in July 2019, President Ramaphosa

implored us to define and redefine our society and explore the

future of digitally-enabled economy that is transformative,

fair, sustainable and competitive.

The State Information Technology Agency has a fundamental role

to play in our vision and strategy of the 4th Industrial

Revolution, particularly in affording an opportunity for the



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Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises, SMMEs, and finding local

solutions.

Hon members, a critical component in the growth of the

Information and Communications Technology, ICT, sector is

directed ... [sound glitch.] [Inaudible.] ... of high demand

of spectrum.

To this extend, we are happy that the first round of the

auction went well and the ANC welcomes the bids made by Telkom

and Rain respectively.

This process, hon Chair, has indeed been long overdue and we

look forward to the economic opportunities in the digital

economy it is going to create.

As hon members might be aware, in the recent past the agency

was not in the greatest shape and as such it has resulted in

the appointed of another Administrator for repossessing of an

agency in order to address its immediate challenges, to align

with the government digital transformation plan.

The ANC is proud of the hard work and dedication that has been

demonstrated by the Administrator and his team. And we welcome



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the appointment of the board as the ... [sound glitch.]

[Inaudible.]

While COVID-19 caused a lot of strain and frustration to a lot

of businesses, it also provided some opportunities for the

agency to put its turnaround strategy into action by working

with the various government departments to ensure that they

are able to optimally use of digital software that will enable

them to continue to carry out their mandate to serve our

people in the midst of such deadly pandemic.

If digital terrestrial transformation was accelerated, more e-

services were developed, capacity on the cloud technologies

were optimally utilized, amongst other things.

Sita’s annual performance reflects an achievement of 72,22% of

their set annual targets as reflected in the report. While

this indicates that not all targets were met, but the ANC

welcomes the interventions they were able to make on the

development of multi e-government services and the

establishment of an e-government portal that serves as a

single point of entry to government’s electronic services. The

portal currently has more than 55 e-services available.



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Members, Sita also managed to reduce the backlog of the

Department of Higher Education and Training’s certificates,

which backdated to 1992, thereby supporting government’s

service delivery and satisfying the needs of deserving

candidates.

The ANC believes that government must put efforts to ensure

that SMME opportunities are created in the whole ICT value

chain and further encourage black industrialists’

participation in the country as a whole.

There must be a deliberately [Inaudible.] intervention to

promote local content, production, hardware and further create

an enabling environment for innovation in areas of software

development, application development and in the black

industrialists’ programmes to ensure the development of SMMEs.

Another key programme for the Department of Communication and

Digital Technologies is SA Connect project, which is aimed at

making sure that we bridge the digital divide that exist in

the country. Sita supported government in this initiative by

upgrading 249 sites and ultimately bringing the total number

of connected sites to 970; which means 730 new sites and 257

upgrade sites.



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While we acknowledge, amongst other things, the improved

financial performance and self-sustainability that the agency

is moving towards, the ANC remains concerned about the fact

that Sita received a qualified audit opinion.

The office of the Auditor-General was unable to determine the

correct carrying amount of property plan and equipment. In

addition, intangible assets were not adequately assessed for

impairment and reporting date as required by draft 26.

In conclusion, Chairperson and hon members, on irregular, on

fruitless and wasteful expenditure, during 2020-21 financial

year Sita reported R820 million irregular expenditure and

R18,6 million fruitless and wasteful expenditures. In addition

to this, R1,5 billion was incurred in the previous years and

condoned.

Finally, the ANC implores the entity to put in place

consequence management, but more fundamentally, will be to put

in place preventative mechanisms going forward.

Chairperson, therefore, the ANC supports this report and its

recommendations. Thank you very much, Chairperson. [Applause.]



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Question put.

Objections noted.

Report agreed to.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM ON**

**QUARTER 1 AND QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2021-22**

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*Siswati*:

Mk L S MAKHUBELA-MASHELE: Angitsatse lelitfuba malunga

lahloniphekile eSishayamtsetfo Savelonkhe nginibingelele,

kulolusuku lwanamuhla.

*English*:

Hon members, we table the report of the Portfolio Committee on

Tourism for the first quarter and the second quarter

performance for the financial year 2021-2022 for this House to

consider.

The Department of Tourism and its entity, which is South

African Tourism performed the first quarter and the second

quarter functions within a highly challenged environment, due



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to the COVID-19 regulations and the travel restrictions, which

were put in place to mitigate and lower the transmission of

the virus, after the discovery of the Delta and the Omicron

variants, respectively.

Hon members, the advent of COVID-19 on our shores has had long

lasting and severely devastating effects on the tourism

sector. To this day, some of the businesses have not been able

to reopen, and some are barely breaking even.

By the end of quarter one, the department had achieved 48 of

its 67 identified targets, which translates to about 71% and

in terms of its spending, it is about 23% of the budgeted

allocation. By the end of quarter two, the department had only

achieved 44 of its identified 61 targets, which translates to

about 72% and which only translates to about 35% of its budget

allocation.

The spending patterns reflect underspending for both the

department and its entity. The ANC remains concerned about the

other factors which may not be attributed to COVID-19 that

impacted negatively on the performance of the department and

its entity. These issues are such as lack of coordination,

poor working relations amongst others.



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South African Tourism, which is the only entity of the

department, achieved 16 of its targets, which also translates

to about 18% of its allocated budget for quarter one. For the

second quarter, the entity reported on the 24 targets which

translates to about 34% of its budget allocation, for quarter

two. However, we are concerned hon members, but we do welcome

these functions by the department because we know that tourism

in its nature, wanted people to converge and if we wanted to

mitigate against the spread of the virus, we had to put in

place restrictions which haunted the tourism sector and put it

to a standstill.

Hon members, the sector is picking up the pieces and

rebuilding, as we do so, we must be guided by the clarion call

from the President of Republic in his 2022, state of the

nation address, when he said:

We need to work together to forge a social compact to

include every South African and every part of our society

as we embark on a recovery and create jobs.

Hon members, as we envision and work towards the tourism of

the future post COVID-19, we have an obligation to put more

impetus on dismantling the systems that continue to oppress



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women, and strengthen our resolve to create policies that will

transform the patterns of ownership in the tourism sector and

its value chain. We must ensure that the tourism sector does

translate to the benefit of those that were previously

disadvantaged. As we do so, we must able to ...

[Interjection.]

The House Chairperson (Mr M L D Ntombela: Thank you very much,

hon member.

Ms L S MAKHUBELA-MASHELE: Hon members, we table the report for

this House to consider. Thank you. [Applause.]

The House Chairperson (Mr M L D Ntombela: As there’s no list

of speakers, I now recognise the hon, the Chief Whip of the

Majority Party.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: House Chair, I move that

the report be adopted.

*IsiXhosa*:

Liyandoyikisa ilungu elihloniphekileyo uMasipa. [Kwahlekwa]



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*Declarations of vote:*

Mr M S F DE FREITAS: Thank you, Mr House Chair. The frank and

honest report on the Tourism Department’s first and second

quarter performance and that of their entity, South African

Tourism, admits that it was the lockdown and associated

regulations that dismayed to the tourism hospitality and

related sectors causing the loss of hundreds of thousands of

jobs. No one is fooled when we’re told that it was coronavirus

disease 2019, Covid-19, that caused this. It was this

government, the ANC government, even the opportunities created

by this government to assist the sector proved to be

substandard using a court case, for example, as an excuse to

stop providing assistance. A reality is the usual and as the

usual the ANC that Tourism Relief Fund as well as the refund

for tour guides were an opportunity to launder money, steal

and plunder it.

When that was happening in competent and ill-qualified ANC

cadres couldn’t or wouldn’t administer its funds properly. It

is shocking to see that the department is unable to undertake

a most basic of administrative tasks such as confirming

identity numbers. As a result, and astronomical over

R13 million of these funds have been paid out incorrectly by

the Department of Tourism. Replies by the Minister to



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questions that are posed confirmed that officials were working

for the state and people already receiving grants for paid

out. Even dead people were paid out. What indictment on the

department and slap in the face to those who have lost their

jobs and those that are still waiting for any type of support.

Instead of trying to micromanage and control the sector by

creating training programmes that have no empirical research

indicating the demand for them in the first place, they should

rather allow the private sector itself to undertake this.

Government should instead create an environment that will make

it more attractive and more conducive for businesses to grow

in the sector and to develop it in South Africa.

Specialist companies that can respond to international bids

are best place to do this. Government should rather assist

those companies which ultimately bring in much-needed foreign

revenue and thus creates jobs and opportunities. Countries

that have assisted tourism and hospitality specialists’

businesses, actually these sectors grow and develop

exponentially. It’s not job of this department to create an

attractive environment for tourism and hospitality. It’s not

its job to be involved in actual business of tourism.



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Hon members of the portfolio committee agreed that we need to

encourage grow and develop tourism in rural areas, towns and

villages. However, this will only happen if this government

ensures that the required infrastructure that will make this

happen is there in the first place. Tourists will visit these

areas only if they have a meat to get there and are

comfortable and safe when they are there. Infrastructures such

as good roads, access to water and electricity is what will

ensure that new tourism opportunities occur because when the

required infrastructure is in place the private sector will do

the rest. In this context the department should focus on

improving communication, co-ordination and collaboration

between itself and other departments as this remains a major

problem in each of the departments that have different and

sometimes even are posing priorities.

Although the ANC government expects tourists to visit

tourism’s sites, they appear to fail to understand importance

of maintaining and building additional infrastructure that

will ensure that tourists visit these sites and areas now and

in the future. To illustrate this South Africa had the best

... [Inaudible.] ... tourism sector in the continent. Today,

thanks this government’s lack of maintenance modernisation,

absence of infrastructure, protection, corruption, theft and



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cadre deployment it’s nonexistent. Until this government

understands what it should be doing and put old fashioned

ideology aside, tourism in South Africa will not realise this

true potential for economic growth and job creation. Thank you

very much, House Chair. [Applause.]

Mr P G MOTEKA: Thank you, House Chairperson. May I please

switch off my video because there’s no network where I am?

House Chairperson, we are not going to support this report due

to the following: Statistics South Africa ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIR (Mr M L D Ntombela): Order, order! Order, hon

members! Order, hon members, give a member a chance to state

his case. EFF!

Ms E N NTLANGWINI: On a point of order, House Chair. Can our

member please be protected by the hon Chief Whip of the ANC.

Please, we know her voice is loud, but she must just ...

[Inaudible.] ... down.

The HOUSE CHAIR (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon Ntlangwini, let the

member continue, please. Hon Pebane!



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Mr P G MOTEKA: Thank you, House Chairperson. I was

interrupted. May I proceed? Thank you very much, House

Chairperson. As EFF we will not support this report due to the

following: Statistics South Africa released a tourism 2020

report in which they noted that the foreign arrivals dropped

by 71% from just over 15,8 million in 2019, to less than

five million in 2020. It is obvious to everyone that Covid had

a huge effect on this sector, but what this period had

demonstrated to us is an inability of the leadership of the

sector to reimagine tourism during times of global

difficulties like this era of Covid.

We have been consistent in our calls for much more aggressive

approach to promoting local and regional tourism in order to

counterbalance the unsustainable reliance on foreign tourism

in the country. This week and even before Covid-19 strike,

this is because we have no leadership in this department. The

department has failed to even meet their own targets for the

first and the second quarter of this financial year. The

tourism recovery plan offers nothing of substance other than

giving the Temporary Employer-Employee Relief Scheme, Ters,

grant to an unidentified category of employees.



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The department merely spent 19% of its own budget for

destination movement during this period despite the grate need

for diversifying or tourism value proposition in the country.

They achieved only eight out of their 19 targets of tourism

sector support. It is difficult to understand why this has

happened because the entire tourism is on its knees as a

result of Covid. The tourism equity fund has been embroiled in

court shenanigans because of the challenge from races groups

who are fighting the prioritisation of black people to benefit

from the fund.

We do not know why the department has not approved this

decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals in the Constitutional

Court. The right-wing ... [Inaudible.] ... by the courts on

questions of transformation was still challenge because this

risk of shutting out millions of black people from active

participation in the economy. Therefore, we reject this

report. Thank you, House Chair.

Mr K P SITHOLE: Hon House Chairperson, tourism undeniably

served as a vital lifeline for our economy in 2018. The

tourism sector in South Africa contributed R130 billion to the

gross domestic product, GDP, and contributed about 4,5% of

total employment in South Africa. This sector is one of the



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worst hit by the devastating impact of the pandemic and it

demands our collective effort to rebuild ... and to ensure

everything possible is done to eliminate any further

breakdowns.

It is with this in mind that the IFP, on consideration of the

performance report, is greatly alarmed by the Department of

Tourism’s continuous failure to address fruitless and wasteful

expenditure, as well as the vacancy rate within the

department. The report notes 57 vacancies ... the beginning of

the financial year, of which 34 were prioritised to be filled.

The failure of the department to fill all these prioritised

positions cannot and should not be condoned. This failure

seriously hampers performance and the achievement of project

targets, and in these challenging times we need to demand

accountability. We cannot allow this.

We also ... [Inaudible.] ... the Auditor-General’s concerns

that the overall audit outcomes of the tourism portfolio have

regressed in 2020-21 and it calls for proper consequence

management. As a portfolio committee, we need to closely

monitor the quality of performance reports of this vital

sector.



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The IFP also echoes the portfolio committee’s concern on the

leadership instability at SA Tourism, which is further

aggravated by high vacancy rates in critical positions.

Considering the urgent need to rebuild the tourism sector,

this critical failure to ensure that the organisation is

instilled with direction and stability cannot be tolerated.

The IFP will closely monitor recruitment at the organisation,

especially the constitution of the new board by the Minister.

The IFP is vocally in support of investing in community-based

tourism projects and in ensuring that our rural communities

reap the advantage of tourism. We have also much to offer in

this unique and diverse country of ours but it is vitally

clear that very little effort is made by the department to

support community-based tourism projects.

As noted by the portfolio committee, the formulation of

targets regarding community-based tourism projects are vital

and delays in appointing service providers seriously hamper

these projects. Again, this simply cannot be tolerated,

especially in the aftermath of the pandemic. We must ensure

that we invest in our communities that are struggling to

survive.



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The IFP strongly supports the portfolio committee’s

recommendation and we will continue to monitor the performance

of the department. The IFP supports the report.

Mr I M GROENEWALD: Hon House Chair, the importance of the

tourism sector for the economy of South Africa cannot be

stressed enough. In the tourism sector from a macro view, you

will note that the one helps the other, thereby making one

another stronger. When tourists visit South Africa, they don’t

contribute to only one business but they contribute to the

whole value chain.

On the downside, it must also be stressed that when something

like the social unrest of KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng happens,

it affects the whole value chain. The report puts it well. The

unrest had a negative impact on confidence in the country’s

social stability and brand. It isn’t limited to the social

unrest, but it’s also due to murder and general criminality

taking place at resorts, parks and tourist destinations. When

these crimes take place with no concrete action, it damages

the brand and desirability of South Africa as a tourist

destination.



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The report recognises that investors are watching the tourism

environment because they are not sure when the country will

likely recover. Yet, economic recovery and investor confidence

do not only fall on the shoulders of the Department of Tourism

but on that of every department in the government’s structure.

The department must adapt quicker to the ever-changing trend

of the tourism sector. The department must try to get other

departments on board with their vision for the recovery of the

tourism sector.

Lastly, the report wants to blame legal action against them

for not reaching targets. I quote, “The interdict placed on

the Tourism Equity Fund has halted the department’s efforts to

stimulate sector transformation.” This is misleading and wants

to shift the blame from the department’s failure, and by doing

so try to make the applicant the monster of the tourism

sector’s transformation plan. Yet in a case made against the

department and the then Minister, it was put clearly that when

the Minister made a directive on 6 April 2021 in terms of the

Disaster Management Act, the Minister was not legally obliged

by the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act to make

eligibility for assistance from the Tourism Relief Fund

subject to the Tourism Sector Code made in terms of the Act,

and the directive was consequently unlawful.



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Furthermore, it was put in court by the department that the

amount of R200 million was already disbursed to recipients.

It is a shame that the department wants to blame their failure

on someone else.

The court papers further state that both parties and therefore

the department agree that the Tourism Relief Fund was a

transformation initiative and not a COVID relief fund. Shame

on the then Minister and the department for trying to misuse

the tragedy of the pandemic to enforce ANC policy onto a

market that was crippled the hardest in the pandemic. The

court found that the then Minister, Minister Ngubane,

committed an error of law, and I want to repeat, the Minister

committed an error of law. Thank you, House Chair.

*Afrikaans*:

Mev M E SUKERS: Agb Voorsitter, die staat het die

toerismebedryf gevaal. Van die Kaap tot bo in die Bosveld, is

daar mooi plekke, geskiedkundige blyplekke, restaurante, klein

kafees, wat hul deure vir altyd in die laaste twee jaar

toegemaak het. Die toemaak van hierdie plekkies het die gesig

van dorpies vir altyd verander en met dit honderde mense van

werke en inkomste beroof.



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Die ACDP ondersteun die komitee se aanbeveling dat klein

dorpies meer besigheid moet kry en dat die departement dit ’n

prioriteit moet maak. Hierdie departement is die toonbeeld van

hoe stadig die staat is om van pas te verander in ’n

veranderde omgewing.

*English*:

Any good business would change its strategies and reprioritise

plans to ensure growth. We however do not see it in this

report.

*Afrikaans*:

In die Karoo is ’n moedige vrou Karen du Toit, wie se

besigheid werk aan ons mense in die omliggende gebiede van

haar gastehuis verskaf, en vir die afgelope paar jaar het sy

jong mense opgelei en sosiale inisiatiewe ondersteun uit die

opbrengs van haar gastehuis. Sy het al twee keer ’n oordrag by

die bank aangevra net sodat haar werkers nog steeds ’n salaris

kan verdien en om die deure van haar besigheid oop te hou.

Daar is baie sulke besighede en die regering moet hulp aan

mense soos Karen verleen. Werkskepping moet die prioriteit

wees sodat meer mense hul families kan ondersteun.

*English*:



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Rural development’s needs must get a stronger focus and this

must be integrated with other departments such as Education

and Social Development, to stem migration to cities and to

retain the youth in rural areas by supporting skills

development programmes in the tourism sector within these

dorpies [villages]. What is the department and its entities

going to do to encourage investment in this sector,

specifically in our rural areas?

The ACDP is pleading with the department to make it a priority

and to invest in businesses like small businesses and to make

employment creation the main priority. Thank you, Chair.

Mr C H M SIBISI: House Chair, the NFP notes and welcomes the

report of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism. Now that we are

almost over COVID-19 we need to ensure that we enhance tourism

in the country to revive the economy and generate revenue for

the sector. The high levels of crime in the country are

affecting the tourism sector. A comprehensive plan needs to be

put in place between the South African Police Service and the

Department of Tourism on how we can assure tourists’ safety so

that they can be encouraged to come to the country.



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Different tourist sites must be marked now that we are moving

towards having the e-Visas, but we need to ensure that we

protect the tourists while they are in the country. We have

beautiful places and tourist attraction sites in the country.

The departments, together with tour operators, must put a plan

together on how to attract tourists in South Africa to revive

the sector and contribute towards our economic growth. Perhaps

the government could provide some incentives to the business

in the country, given the fact that they are impacted by the

energy crisis and COVID-19.

We call on the department and SA Tourism to put together a

comprehensive marketing plan that can be advertised abroad to

attract more tourists. The government is not doing enough to

revive this sector and there are also jobs at stake if we do

not act. There should be no fear of getting people to come

into the country. The Department of Home Affairs must also

come in to assist the Department of Tourism with tourists

coming into the country and ensure that when their tourist

Visas expire, they leave the country. Thank you, hon House

Chair.

M G E HENDRICKS: Hon House Chair, many of us are now tired of

hearing plenary session after plenary session about cadre



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deployment which is nothing more than saying protect white

dominance in this case of the tourism industry. No one must be

left out, but listening to the hon members that represent

white tourism, it looks like we are on our own. They just moan

and moan and groan. So, Al Jama-ah’s engaging the ambassador

in Indonesia and the City of Cape Town ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Hon members, please

...

*IsiZulu:*

... kuningi ukuhlokoma.

*English:*

Continue, hon member.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: You see, they still moan and groan.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Continue, hon

Ganief.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Thank you very much, hon House Chair. So,

Al Jama-ah has engaged the ambassador of Indonesia and

conveyed that there are opportunities to the City of Cape Town



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and they are very excited. There is a market of 10 million

Indonesians that want to visit Cape Town and other parts of

the country and the big five. Many Indonesians think that

there are lions roaming the streets and that the giraffes walk

around in the Bo-Kaap.

So, the tourism needs to do a bit more of marketing to make

sure that tourists can identify what they like. We have to

start levelling the playing fields. As the Al Jama-ah we

welcome the opportunity for home stays in our different

communities, and our 5 000 villages that we have in South

Africa. Tourism cannot be restricted just to the cities which

is largely white controlled.

So, Al Jama-ah welcomes this reports, and I think moving

forward we need to assist the Department of Tourism instead of

continually moaning and groaning about cadre deployment and

this and that. We need to move on and no one must be left out.

Thank you very much, hon House chair. [Applause.]

Ms S T MANELI: Hon Chairperson and hon members, the South

African economy has not been fundamentally transformed to

serve all people. Unemployment remains high, particularly

amongst the young people. The National Development Plan



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recognises the tourism sector as a highly labour-intensive

industry which stimulates the development of small businesses

and which generates foreign direct investment and significant

export earnings.

Based on these facts, both the public and private sector

should strengthen their collective resolve to work towards the

recovery of this sector. The ANC-led government is committed

to increase support for the tourism sector including cultural

tourism to boost its job creation capacity by adopting a wide

and a whole government approach to tourism.

Hon members, tourism is interconnected to almost every

department. We call on all government departments to

contribute to its growth and development. By so doing,

government, working together with social partners, will be

alleviating poverty from many people, women in particular who

are well represented in the sector.

The ANC welcomes the efforts that the department, together

with its provincial counterparts, is putting in place to

revamp tourism infrastructure. A few days ago, the Deputy

Minister of Tourism was officially handing over the newly

developed Baviaanskloof Interpretative Centre and Leopard



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Trail Hikers’ Huts in the Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site in

the Eastern Cape.

While the report indicates that there might have been some

setbacks on the full implementation of the tourism recovery

plan, it remains the blueprint for the realisation of the

sector’s recovery and more impetus needs to be placed on the

implementation of the plan.

Hon House Chair, the report we are tabling today reflects a

mixture of good and bad performance. Though the COVID-19

really hit hard on the sector, there have been some noticeable

achievements and we would like to encourage the department to

do better where they didn’t do well, but also strive to excel

in those areas where they did relatively well.

In quarter one, instead of the planned 574 work opportunities,

997 were created. However, the department fell short on this

target. In quarter two instead of achieving the planned 956

work opportunities, only 395 were created. We are concerned

about the drop in the quarter two.

Hon House Chair and members, it is disheartening to witness

critical programmes that seek to address the fundamental



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challenges within the sector be delayed by the court

processes. The Tourism Equity Fund, TEF, was officially

launched by the President on 26 January 2021. On 26 April 2021

an order by the High Court of South Africa interdicted and

restrained Small Enterprise Finance Agency, SEFA, from

receiving, processing or making any payment to any application

for the funding from the TEF pending confirmation of the

validity of the criteria for the fund.

The court interdict by AfriForum and solidarity has delayed

180 million worth of grants from being allocated to deserving

and needy business in the sector. Under-spending and non-

achievement on the Expanded Public Works Programme, EPWP, and

on programmes that were aimed at developing the women and the

youth in the sector is a matter of grave concern, and we would

like to encourage the department to consider making use of the

digital platforms to carryout some of their training

programmes if meeting physically is not possible.

These are the concerns to us because it is through such

initiatives that we are able to impact on the lives of our

people. Despite the challenges, we are happy that the sector

was able to achieve of all its four targets by the end of

quarter two under programme four business events. The entity



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was able to develop and launched its global business events

campaign. The campaign is targeted at increasing tourism’s

contribution to inclusive growth by positioning South Africa

as a business events destination. This also includes the

domestic business events campaign which is targeted at

positioning South Africa as a business events destination for

the domestic market.

Before COVID-19 the Meetings Incentives Conferences and

Exhibition industry was estimated to be worth 853 billion and

was projected to double to 1,6 trillion in 2030. That just

gives an indication of how much South Africa could leverage

from that, and we welcome the intervention made by the entity.

The ANC supports the report and its recommendations. Thank

you. [Applause.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr M L D Ntombela): Thank you very

much. That was the maiden speech from the hon Sindiswa Maneli.

Question put.

Motion agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front

Plus and the African Christian Democratic Party dissenting)



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Report accordingly adopted.

Business of the House concluded.

The House adjourned at 16:17.

