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***PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

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The House met at 14:00.

The House Chairperson, Mr C T Frolick, took the Chair and

requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or

meditation.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, in the

interest of safety in the Chamber, you are required to keep

your mask on and sit in your designated seat and area. The

first item on the Order Paper is Member’s Statements. Members

are reminded that statements should not exceed one and a half

minutes and party opportunities are also not transferable. So,

let us stick to one and a half minutes’ rule, please!

**FLOODS IN KZN, EASTERN CAPE AND NORTH WEST COST OVER 400 LIVES**

**AND BILLIONS OF RAND WORTH OF DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE**

(Member’s Statement)



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Mr B A RADEBE (ANC): Chairperson, the recent floods in

KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape and North West serve as a

reminder that climate change is real and should be addressed.

The extent of these floods have cost over 400 lives and left

billions of rand worth of damage to infrastructure. Also, more

than 700 people have been displaced following the devastating

fire in the Joe Slovo settlement in Langa. The rain

experienced in KZN in particular is the worst the country has

ever experienced.

President Cyril Ramaphosa declared this crisis as the National

State of Disaster which will allow the government to deal with

the impact in a holistic manner through the integrated and

coordinated approach across all spheres of government. The ANC

thanks individual citizens, organisations and private

companies for the support and comfort given to those affected.

As a nation, we owe our gratitude to the SA Police Services,

the SA Defence Force and other emergency personnel who have

been undertaking search and recovery operations. We also thank

the Houses of Parliament of the Republic of SA for agreeing on

a special sitting on 26 April 2022 to express solidarity with

the victims. We wish to convey our deepest condolences to all

those who lost their loved ones and hope that all those who



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are still missing will finally be found for the families to

get closure. I thank you, Chair.

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

May I ask the Table staff to sort out the clock in front of

us, please! It’s impossible to follow if the clock is not

running. Just activate it, please! Thank you.

**AFTERMATH OF KZN FLOODS AND ETHEKWINI METRO’S CHAOTIC STATE OF**

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr D W MACPHERSON (DA): Three weeks ago, KZN and particularly

the eThekwini Metro was hit by floods that have left 450

people dead, more than 50 still missing and thousands

homeless. However, things seem to be going from bad to worse.

eThekwini is in a constant state of chaos characterised by a

mayor who is so absent from this disaster, he may as well not

even be in office; municipal officials who have resorted to

turning off their phones and are unable or unwilling to assist

councillors; and our provincial government which has already

embarked on questionable acquisitions like buying temporary

housing units for R68 000 each.



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House Chair, still today, tens of thousands of homes remain

without water. There are thousands of electricity faults that

have not been fixed and councillors are bearing the brunt of

their hands off leadership by the mayor and the premier.

Water-borne disease and hunger are about to explode in the

Metro. Still today, no one can point to where the disaster is

being run from, or who is in charge of disaster management.

This is completely typical of how the ANC handle disasters.

They are more focused on chowing the money meant for those who

need it the most.

Chair, the DA calls on the President to get the premier, his

MECs, the mayor and eThekwini officials to do their job, which

is simply to restore water and electricity to residents or all

those affected by the floods without delay. We cannot wait

another day. Thank you.

**EFF DEEPLY SADDENED BY BRUTAL MURDER OF HILLARY GARDEE,**

**DAUGHTER OF FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, GODRICH GARDEE**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms O M C MAOTWE (EFF): House Chair ...



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

Before the EFF proceeds, the hon Pieter Mey on the platform

has his microphone on and it is causing a disturbance. It is

important that, if we expect the Ministers to respond, they at

least can hear what is being said.

Ms O M C MAOTWE (EFF): House Chair, the EFF is deeply saddened

by the passing of Hillary Gardee, the daughter of former

Member of Parliament and former Secretary-General of the EFF,

Commissar Godrich Gardee in a tragic situation which has left

the collective leadership and the general public shattered and

at a loss for words. The body of Hillary Gardee was found

60 kilometres outside of Nelspruit in Mpumalanga this morning.

Hillary, aged 28, was abducted on 29 April 2022 while

returning from Superspar Plaza in KaMagugu, Mpumalanga. We

weep with Commissar Gardee, the Gardee family and all those

who were close to this young, kind and beautiful soul.

Hillary Gardee was a generous, caring and free-spirited young

woman who had ventured into the information technology

industry as a postgraduate student at Unisa. Hillary had the

potential of contributing to the development of South Africa’s

technological terrain in a meaningful way. Her selflessness is

best exhibited by her decision to adopt a three-year-old girl-



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child at a young age herself. A child who, by God’s grace,

survived this terrible ordeal without being harmed. We send

our deepest condolences to the Gardee family and may Hillary’s

soul rest in perfect and eternal peace. I thank you, Chair.

**ANC STRONGLY CONDEMNS BRUTAL KILLING OF THREE SISTERS IN**

**L-SECTION, UMLAZI, KWAZULU-NATAL**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms G P MAREKWA (ANC): Chair, the ANC strongly condemns the

senseless killing of three sisters and the injury of two

children in their home in Umlazi L-Section on 27 April 2022.

It is very hard to comprehend why those innocent and

defenceless women could be brutally killed like that. Over the

past years, our country has been deeply traumatised by acts of

extreme violence perpetrated by men against women and

children. We view this violence against women of our country

as an assault on the foundation of our democracy. We hope the

police will prioritise this case and leave no stone unturned

in finding the perpetrators so that they can face the full

might of the law. We call on community members to share

information with the police in order to effect arrests. We

wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of the



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deceased sisters and wish the injured children speedy

recovery. I thank you, Chair.

**IFP URGES SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO URGENTLY FIX IMMIGRATION**

**CRISIS**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms L L VAN DER MERWE (IFP): Hon House Chairperson, more than a

decade ago the integrity of the SA Passport came under the

spotlight when the UK introduced a strict passport regime for

South Africans seeking to enter the UK. At the time, the UK

government said:

There are concerns that SA Passports are available to

people who are not entitled to them.

Fast forward, 12 years later to Friday, 25 March 2022, a

Pakistani national and kingpin of a syndicate producing fake

South African passports along with his wife and 29 others were

arrested. It has now emerged that this criminal network was

operated from the Department of Home Affairs and it spans

seven provinces.



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While the IFP welcomes the arrests and the work that Mr

Motsoaledi has done in this regard, the reality is that the

revelation of the work of this syndicate comes at the time

when our government already presides over a full-scale

immigration crisis. We have nonexistent borders; the current

manual asylum-seeker system has collapsed; corruption within

the department is endemic; international criminal syndicates

have infiltrated South Africa; and many non-citizens enter

South Africa, never to leave again.

The IFP’s view is that this government must table before the

nation and to this House, as a matter of urgency, a plan to

fix our immigration crisis to ease the tensions that have

arisen in our communities of late; and address the very real

and legitimate concerns South Africans are raising around the

failures of this government’s immigration system. I thank you,

Chair.

**PAC MOURNERS SHOT AT BY MEMBERS OF SA POLICE SERVICES**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr M NYHONTSO (PAC): On Saturday, PAC mourners in West Rand

were shot at by the SA Police Services, SAPS. One Colonel



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Ndumbini ordered that we must be shot and he will account. We

want the Minister of Police to take action against this

Colonel because this is the third time he has done this,

before we regard the SAPS as the enemies of the PAC members.

Thank you.

**FF PLUS CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DECAY**

**IN NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr I M GROENEWALD (FF PLUS): Hon House Chair, just a

correction. It’s the Freedom Front Plus. The North West

Premier highlighted the backlog of road infrastructure in the

province. He stated that the total infrastructure is worth

R92,5 billion but the budget for road infrastructure

maintenance over the last three years averaged R1,4 billion

per year.

The province underspent on maintenance budget and only spent

an average of R1 billion per year over the last three years.

The North West province budgets 1,3% of the assets’ value for

maintenance and that against the norm of 8%. Thus, a shortage



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of R6,2 billion per year and they don’t even spend their

budget adequately.

Minister Mbalula visited Makwassie Municipality and made a

promise to the people that within one month there would be

visible progress on the repair of the road. There’s little

progress made on the road but rather a mess, and there’s no

sign of follow-up visits by the Minister. The public is

disappointed in the Minister for not keeping his word.

A further disappoint is that SA National Roads Agency Limited,

Sanral is given a budget of R45 million for the whole of N12

running through JB Marks, Matlosana and Makwassie Hills. The

allocated budget is not enough for sustainable solution for

the dilapidated national road in the municipal area, and that

is due to a lack of maintenance by the ANC-led governments

over decades.

It is time for action and we call on the Minister to honour

his promise and see that sustainable solution with the

necessary budget is put in place for the N12 road

infrastructure. We call on the Minister for in-depth

investigation and the turnaround on road infrastructure decay

in North West, not empty promises and statements. I ask the



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Minister to honour the fact that he said he will make a return

visit to Makwassie Hills and when he does, I’ll meet him

there. Thank you, hon House Chair.

**ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER SIEGE FROM DANGEROUS**

**CRIMINALS**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr B M HADEBE: Thank you, House Chair, the recent killing of

two security guards in Jo’burg by alleged cable thieves

heavily armed with AK-47, is strongly condemned. The affected

guards are contracted by City of Jo’burg to protect electrical

infrastructure and services in the city. They work with city’s

technicians every day to ensure that residents have

uninterrupted power. The theft of cable is a great concern,

and it occurs on daily basis, not only in Jo’burg, but

country-wide.

Cable thieves are getting more organised and dangerous,

putting lives at risk and undermining government’s efforts to

provide service delivery and revive the economy. The ANC calls

for harsher sentences for destruction of essential



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infrastructure, and more stringent bail condition for

perpetrators. I thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): The ACDP.

Mr W M THRING: Hon House Chair, we were informed that we do

not have an opportunity to make the declaration today.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): You always have the

opportunity to make a Statement.

Mr W M THRING: A Member’s Statement, sorry.

**LAUNCH OF ISUZU D-MAX BAKKIE IN NELSON MANDELA BAY TO CREATE**

**JOBS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr C N MALEMATJA: Thank you, Chair, the ANC welcomes the newly

manufactured Isuzu D-Max Bakkie in Nelson Mandela Bay, Eastern

Cape, recently. The launch is a result of an investment

commitment by Japan’s Isuzu Motors Limited, which forms part

of the investment drive started by President Ramaphosa in

2018. The plant will provide over 1 000 jobs and indirectly



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employ 24 000 people, contributing to community upliftment.

The fact that the bakkie is being manufactured in South Africa

is more than a matter of pride.

It is a welcome contribution to the government’s efforts to

significantly expand local production as we work to rebuild

our economy and create jobs. The automotive industry is one of

the economy’s most important sectors. It is a significant

source of employment and small business development in the

Eastern Cape, particularly in Gqeberha. Thank you.

**ZONDO COMMISSION**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr G K Y CACHALIA: House Chair, whether Busi Mavuso’s

utterances in SCOPA were made in the appropriate forum is

moot.

What it did do, however, is to place on record what is on the

lips of every South African – that successive ANC governments

have been and are responsible for the mess we find ourselves

in at Eskom and there is no getting away from that.



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Now, Volume 4 of the Zondo report has named and shamed ANC

deployees, members, acolytes and ministers. Where is the

accountability? Where are the prosecutions? Almost 1500 people

have been implicated, but not one has been prosecuted.

National Treasury has emerged as the sole government entity

with some honour. What is worrying though is that many of

those currently in Government who were complicit through acts

of commission or omission are now spinning a yarn that clothes

them as latter day saviours?

How, I ask you, can those who either knew and kept quiet, or

were so incompetent that they didn’t know what was going on

under their noses, be trusted to deliver the requisite

transparency, accountability, consequences and action?

Our country has been hobbled economically and morally by the

culpable collective that is the ANC and they must be held to

account. Only then will the full extent of their crimes be

exposed and dealt with.

Instead, we have new SA Airways, SAA, appointment of John

Lamola as the CEO, a man who began Denel Aviation’s demise and

was implicated in the Gupta leaks, has been their preferred



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candidate for the board of Airport Company SA, ACSA. I am

afraid, it is more of the same, and this company has had

enough as 2024 will show. Best you take note. Thank you.

**OVERSIGHT VISIT BY JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

**COMMITTEE TO THE EASTERN CAPE**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms Y N YAKO: Thank you, House Chair, recently, the Justice and

Correctional Services Portfolio Committee went on an oversight

visit to the Eastern Cape and across the Eastern Cape. What

struck me the most, was the atrocious condition of the

Master’s Office in Mthatha, they are dealing with the woes,

the sister states, death, pain and all manner of emotional

conditions.

Yet, when we arrived, there was no electricity. Some people

had to be turned back in a way for days on end. People

travelling hours and hours away, just to be turned away, just

because the system simply does not work without the

electricity. It left me with a bitter taste in my mouth

because, what about the dignity of their loved ones and their

families? Why had the Department of Justice and Correctional



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Services not prioritise the vast provinces such as the Eastern

Cape in terms of the infrastructure?

Black mothers and fathers are frustrated by loss, turned away

without clear answers to when they will find assistance. Why

is Public Works okay with paying R100 000 in rates for a

building that doesn’t even have a proper ventilation, a

building without a generator, no access to any facility for

disabled people? Why is the government in this country fine

with not restoring dignity to our people?

The Department of Justice and Correctional Services truly

needs to take itself seriously and not outsource its powers to

Public Works, who clearly demonstrate that they don’t know

what their mandate is. Thank you.

**FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms K D MAHLATSI: Thank you very much, House Chairperson. The

ANC is calling for an urgent action to solve the crisis of

foot and mouth disease outbreak involving farms and communal

areas. Five out of nine provinces are affected by this

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outbreak, which are Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, North

West and Gauteng.

The disease presents with sores in the mouth and in between

the digits of hooves causing them to be depressed, reluctant

to eat and lame. It attacks domesticated animals such as

cattle, pigs, sheep and goats. As part of government

intervention all affected farms, dip tanks and other premises

in the five affected provinces were placed under quarantine

and no cloven hoofed animals are allowed to move from these

locations.

The ANC urges all farmers to exercise caution and be vigilant

for signs of symptoms on their livestock. We call on all

citizens of South Africa to comply with government’s call and

stop the illegal movement of animals out of the affected

areas. Thank you very much, House Chair.

**THE MONTH OF RAMADAN**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Thank you very much, House Chair. We since

have completed the fasting during the month of Ramadan



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yesterday when the moon was sited with the naked eye as

professed in the Holy Koran. Today is Eid al-Fitr, the day in

which we received the divine reward and the Almighty’s grace

after the month of Ramadan.

The day of Eid al-Fitr is celebration to mark the end of

Ramadan and the spiritual blessings. Former President, Nelson

Mandela, considered Eid as a celebration for all South

Africans and his wish was that Eid should be national public

holiday. There are provisions to swap public holidays and the

employers should accommodate their Muslim employees to take

off this day without fear or victimisation and deductions from

salary.

Inmates in SA Correctional Centres are now also not left out

from celebrating Eid al-Fitr. Al Jama-Ah applauds the

Department of Correctional Services for implementation of

policy on guidance to allow spiritual leaders to bring

traditional food to prisons on the days of both Eids.

Al Jama-Ah says thank you to the government for this gesture

of ubuntu, and Al Jama-Ah wishes everyone a joyous Eid al-Fitr

Eid Mubarak.



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**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT TO CREATE JOBS AND SKILLS**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms N E MOTAUNG (ANC): Thanks, House Chair. The partnership of

the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government and the eLan

Foundation’s Shift Africa in a multi-billion-rand development

will create employment opportunities for 100 000 young people.

The eLan Foundation is the non-profit organisation of the

property and development company eLan Property Group. It was

formed in 2019 to improve the lives of communities in which

the company operates.

The recent job opportunities are as a result of the property

group’s R16-billion Blythedale Coastal Estate Resort

development in the iLembe District.

The estate will include schools, a shopping centre, a

retirement village, a beach resort hotel, upmarket housing and

apartments.

The project will also include the construction of 3 000 low

income social housing units. It will help to reduce the



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unemployment and provide skills training, especially for youth

and women. This will yield more business opportunities for

Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises. Thank you, Chair.

**WORKERS’ DAY**

(Member’s Statement)

Dr M J CARDO (DA): Hon Chairperson, on Sunday we celebrated

Workers’ Day but in truth there was nothing to celebrate.

South Africa is not a nation of workers; we are a nation of

the workless. We have the highest unemployment rate in the

world, 35,3% on the strict definition, or 46,2% if you include

people who have given up looking for work.

Twelve million South Africans don’t have a job. Youth

unemployment is catastrophic and rising. Many of those lucky

enough to have a job are angry and resentful. The cost of

living has gone up but the incomes have remained static. We

saw this frustration boil over on Sunday when President Cyril

Ramaphosa was forced to abandoned his Workers’ Day speech in

Rustenburg. The President was eventually taken away in a

police nyala.



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This humiliating retreat shows that the ANC’s own alliance

partner the Congress of SA Trade Unions, Cosatu, is fed up

with it. Years of corruption and economic mismanagement have

come back to bite the ruling party.

But the anger of the employed is nothing compared to the anger

of the unemployed. We need to address our growing unemployment

crisis as a matter of urgency. That is why the DA says we must

revisit our labour laws, free up the private sectors to create

jobs and stop government drowning small business in red tape.

Thank you.

**HANDED OVER OF 11 ANIMAL HANDLING FACILITIES TO FARMING**

**COMMUNITIES ACROSS BOJANALA DISTRICT BY NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT**

**OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

(Member’s Statement)

Ms K D MAHLATSI(ANC): Thank you very much, House Chair. Animal

infrastructure is one of the key factors of the national

agriculture and agro-processing master plan.



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Creating an enabling environment for farming will not only

contribute to improved health of the animals, but also improve

food security and create more jobs.

We are therefore encouraged with the 11 animal handling

facilities which were handed over to farming communities

across the Bojanala district by the North West Department of

Agriculture and Rural Development.

The facilities are worth R5,9 million and they will include

holding pens, crush pens and animal pest control sprayers. A

borehole has also been drilled at the location of each of the

facilities to improve and provide water for the farmers.

These facilities will make the processes of artificial

insemination, castration, vaccination, dehorning and the

weighing of large and small livestock easier.

These are all necessary resources that assist farmers with

many challenges and provide easier management of their

animals. We hope that these interventions will result in a

positive impact and look forward to this initiative being

rolled out to other districts. Thank you very much, House

Chair.



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

Hon members, earlier the ACDP indicated that they were not

aware that they had an opportunity for a statement. The hon

Thring came to explain the situation to me and I have granted

now the opportunity to the hon Swart who is on the virtual

platform to make that statement. Hon Swart?

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE**

(Member’s Statement)

Mr S N SWART (ACDP): Thank you, House Chair. House Chair, the

ACDP is deeply concerned about the state of our

municipalities. There can be no doubt that the majority of

municipalities are in the dysfunctional state due to poor

governance, financial mismanagement and insufficient capacity.

The number of municipalities are in a financial dire strait.

According to Securities and Exchange Board of India, Sebi,

indicators used by the National Treasury has risen from an

already high 86 in 2013-14 to an unacceptable 175 in 2019-20

with a staggering 123 municipalities having passed unfunded

budget. This has resulted in poor service delivery resulted in



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numerous service delivery protests and is a major concern to

the ACDP.

A National Treasury Review has identified deficiencies in

capacity, especially amongst senior municipal executives and

technical managers responsible for advising political office

bearers has a major contributor to poor performance.

The ACDP calls on Parliament on the Co-operative Governance,

Tradition Affairs Committee as well as National Treasury and

other role players to ensure that the appalling state by our

municipalities is address and improve as this is where service

delivery takes place. I thank you, House Chair.

**CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF GARDEE AND THE EFF**

**GBV AGAINST WOMEN**

**AFTERMATH OF KWAZULU-NATAL FLOODS**

(Minister’s Response)

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you very much, hon

Chair. Just for start is to really pass our condolences to the

family of Gardee and the EFF in general because we know that



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they will be there for him. This for us, hon Chair, continues

to raise the problem of gender-based violence in particular

and violence South Africa as a whole. But it also calls upon

us men and women, Members of Parliament and members of our

communities in general to really put aside all forms of

political challenges and focus on this problem because whether

we like it or not it is something that shames all of us in

general as South Africans. It doesn’t point a finger to any

political organisation. So, it is our plea from the Department

of Social Development - can we unite against this issue.

The second issue, Chairperson, which was raised by the hon

Mcpherson is around the issue of KwaZulu-Natal, which by the

way we must remember that it is not only KwaZulu-Natal,

Eastern Cape was also affected. Some parts of the North West

had also been affected. And I do want to say to hon member, if

you want us to give the report that we have of what we have

really done on the ground, please you feel free to do so. We

have made a presentation to the portfolio committee of what we

have done as a Department of Social Development alone. But I

can tell you, the entire government in the three spheres of

government, we have been in the ground doing the best we can.



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But in closing, I also want to pass the message, Chairperson,

that constructive criticism is useful for South Africa because

sometimes we miss the point or scoring points here and

forgetting about the fact that we need to help our

communities. This issue of climate change and the manner in

which our people are building and the manner in which our

people are living, it is our responsibility collectively as

South Africans to raise this issue to them to say let us

unite. It’s one thing to be opposition. I don’t have a problem

with opposition. We fought for this opposition to be here.

Yes, as a matter of fact we dare. When we wrote the

Constitution we make sure that there is multi-party democracy

in South Africa but not for destruction but for construction.

Thank you.

**FLOODS IN KZN**

(Ministerial Response)

The MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT: Thank you

very much, hon House Chair. Allow me this afternoon to

highlight an example of community empowerment and climate

adaptation good practice in the face of the climate change



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induced flooding that took place in KwaZulu-Natal a few weeks

ago.

The ... [Inaudible.] ... of the Quarry Road West informal

settlement led by amongst others Ms Thembisa Nomlala, were

able to prevent not a single member of their community from

drowning when 450 homes were swept away on the night of 11

April. Their partnership with the eThekwini Metropolitan

Municipality and the University of KwaZulu-Natal has put in

place an ecosystem restoration project in the Palmiet

catchment area, a flood early warning system and an effective

community evacuation process, all of which led to this

remarkable achievement of preventing deaths when this tragedy

occurred.

As we adapt to the realities of climate change, myself and my

counterpart in KwaZulu-Natal will be supporting this

significant project to expand it into all catchment areas in

the eThekwini Metropolitan area so that we empower communities

to look after themselves in the face of climate change, we

build partnerships between government and communities and we

also set about the urgent and important task of restoring

ecosystem services in those catchments that are now severely

vulnerable to flooding. Thank you very much.



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**AFTERMATHS OF FLOODS**

(Ministerial Response)

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Thank you,

hon House Chairperson. I also want to pass my condolences to

the Gardee family, and may his daughter’s soul rest in peace.

Just on the disaster in KwaZulu-Natal, as departments we

submit a weekly report in the Disaster Management Centre in

Pretoria. But just briefly, from the public works and

infrastructure, 49 state-owned buildings were damaged. We have

put together a 108 internal and external built environment

professionals to help us with the assessment and the process

for restoration has started. We have also released 258 parcels

of land for resettlements of communities from low-lying flood

areas. The KwaZulu-Natal province also released 193 land

parcels.

Hon Chairperson, we also working on the rural bridges. We have

targeted 18 rural bridges for this financial year. We have

identified another six that will be funded by the province of

KwaZulu-Natal. But all in all we have received another 28

bridges from municipalities that needs to be repaired.



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I will be visiting KwaZulu-Natal again on Thursday to hand

over three of the bridges. However, we are working with the

Department of Defence to work as fast as we can to restore

these rural bridges to allow the communities access to the

latest ... [Inaudible.] ... But the report was also submitted

this morning to the Portfolio Committee of Public Works and

Infrastructure. I thank you, Chairperson.

**ZONDO COMMISSION**

(Ministerial Response)

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES: Good afternoon, Chair and

thank you very much. Let me in the first instance greet all of

our Muslim brothers and sisters Eid al-Fitr (Festival of

Breaking the Fast) and I hope they have a good day with their

families. Secondly, my condolences to the Gardee family on

this terrible loss that they have experienced.

Thirdly, with quick reference to the comments from the hon

member from the DA. We, as the department together with

Transnet have also been involved from day one in the

rehabilitant the harbour making sure that in record time the

Bayhead Road is repaired. It was an extensive repair but it



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was done with great deal of patience between Transnet and the

private sector company.

There is a huge damage that has been examined and evaluated.

Currently, there are bids out to make sure that we reconstruct

eleven areas between eThekwini and Cato Ridge that have been

seriously damaged by the rain and where the railway lines are

hanging - so to speak, without any foundation. And there has

been frequent interaction with the premier and other

stakeholders as Minister Zulu pointed out as well. All of us

would be totally opposed to any kind of corruption or over

expenditure that is involved in this process.

As far as hon Cachalia is concerned, I think he has got some

facts wrong about Professor Lamola. If he has any other

information he should let me know. I’m informed that his name

doesn’t appear in the Zondo Commission reports. There is no

doubt that we agree with him that now is the time for

prosecution, now is the time for orange overalls. If there is

one lesson to be learned, it is the huge amount of damage that

has been caused to the institutions like Eskom that we are

still in the process of recovering from. Thank you.

**PAC MOURNERS SHOT AT BY MEMBERS OF SA POLICE SERVICES**



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(Ministerial Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE: Thank you, House Chair. My

camera won’t be switched on owing to connectivity problems

where I am. Chairperson, good afternoon to you and to the hon

members on the virtual and those that are physically in Cape

Town. I want to talk about the issue of the police officers

becoming the enemy of the people as raised by the hon member

of the PAC.

Our view and attitude has always been that we should support

the collaboration between the communities and the police

officers. In this case where an incident is mentioned of a

police officer having shot at protesters, we will definitely

take this matter up and be sure that police officers don’t act

in a manner that is not in accordance of what is expected of

them. We will definitely ensure that this is processed and

dealt with accordingly, so that there is harmonious

relationship between our police officers and communities.

Because our work as the South African Police Service will

never be effective unless we work in collaboration with our

communities and people. Thank you very much, hon Chairperson.



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**IFP URGES SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO URGENTLY FIX IMMIGRATION**

**CRISIS**

(Ministerial Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: Thank you very much,

House Chairperson. we welcome the statement that has been made

by hon Liezel on issues pertaining to border management and

border security. We want to make it very clear that we would

not back down in terms of arresting those who are doing wrong

things within our border environment whether within the

country or intending to enter the country illegally. We would

continue to effect arrests on all those who are doing wrong

things whether they are South Africans or they are illegal

foreign nationals or even legal foreign nationals.

We will continue with our work of operationalising the Border

Management Authority, BMA, in order to make sure that we

curtail the openness of our borders and ensuring that they

don’t become porous. We are now in the process of getting more

than 200 border management officers who will be mending our

borders.



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We will also continue to do the regular visits as we have been

doing in Maseru as well as Beit bridge where we were also able

to improve our environment and arrest all those that are doing

wrong things. We remain committed to make sure that we guard

the sovereign integrity of our country and the integrity of

our border environment. Thank you.

**CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS AMENDMENT**

**BILL AND OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATIVE**

**GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS ON AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

Mr F D XASA: Thanks hon Chairperson, hon Ministers who might

be around and hon members. The Local Government: Municipal

Systems Amendment Bill has finally gone through both Houses of

Parliament following rigorous public participation processes

as prescribed in terms of section 76 of the Constitution and

as ordered by the Constitutional Court judgement of

8 March 2019. It’s a great milestone in terms of the

recovering of the gains that had been lost through the

invalidation of the Municipal Systems Amendment Act of 2011 by

the court. The court’s judgement was an opportune moment in

terms of presenting an opportunity for both Houses of

Parliament not only to comply with the court’s directive of



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tagging the Bill as a section 76 **...** but also to introduce

even more far-reaching reforms than those contemplated in the

amendment Act of 2011.

To professionalise and depoliticise local government

administration, it is necessary that all municipal staff, not

just municipal managers and those managers reporting directly

to them, are prohibited from holding political office while in

the employ of the municipality. This will go a long way in

addressing the very distinction between political leadership

and administration that has tended to characterise local

government.

Some municipal labour bodies will most likely contest this

provision, as previously seen in the case of the SA Municipal

Workers’ Union. However, both Houses have done the legal

groundwork to ensure that the limitations of this right is

constitutional and justifiable, given the important purpose

and public interest served by this provision. Section 36(1) of

the Constitution envisages this scenario to ensure stability,

security of tenure and the retaining of institutional memory

in local government.



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Both the Portfolio Committee and the Select Committee on Co-

operative Governance and Traditional Affairs have agreed that

contracts of managers directly accountable to municipal

managers should be permanent, to no longer be at the

discretion of the municipal council ... to make this permanent

or fixed. However, it is of utmost importance to ensure that

these managers have the requisite skills and qualifications

for these positions even though it will be in an acting

capacity. While the Bill has a specific clause that stipulates

this requirement, it is also incumbent upon provincial

executives to ensure that candidates are properly vetted

before concurrence is granted.

So, for the forgoing reasons, the portfolio committee supports

and concurs with the amendments as proposed by the National

Council of Provinces on the Local Government: Municipal

Systems Amendment Bill of 2019, and I ask the House to pass

the Bill.

There was no debate.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: House

Chairperson, I move that the Bill as amended be passed. Thank

you.



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*Declaration(s) of vote*:

Mr C BRINK: Thank you, Chairperson. Please permit me to leave

my camera off. Hon members, when the previous version of this

Bill served before the House the DA supported it, and the

changes proposed by the National Council of Provinces aren’t

fundamental.

As we pointed out back then, for us the most important

provision of this Bill is the ban on municipal officials

holding elected or appointed office in a political party. The

NCOP amendments do not dilute this political office ban. The

... [Inaudible.] ... amendment Act, which this Bill will

finally replace, had a similar limitation on the right of

municipal officials to be party political office bearers but

the previous prohibition only applied to the municipal manager

and his or her direct reports. Now, and following a

transitional period, all municipal employees will be

prohibited by law from serving on a decision-making body of a

political party in either an elected or appointed capacity.

The DA believes that this fundamental rights limitation is

reasonable and justifiable when weighed against the

constitutional imperative of a professional and apolitical

Public Service. Municipal plumbers, planners and electricians

must do their jobs in service of the public and with an ethic



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of professionalism. If they want to be politicians, they must

stand for elective office. The political office ban contained

in this Bill does not take away this choice.

Cadre deployment, the ANC’s policy of appointing party

political agents in Public Service jobs that require political

impartiality and technical expertise, has done enormous damage

to this country. Together with race quotas in employment,

cadre deployment has made a career in local government

unattractive to many talented professionals. It has destroyed

the service-delivery capacity of hundreds of municipalities

and left communities with unlit and potholed streets, broken

sewerage and electricity systems and in some instances even

the inability to pay salaries. We must try to rebuild the

constitutional wall that is meant to separate party and state.

This provision won’t defeat cadre deployment by itself but at

least it establishes a clear principle in our law. Now, let’s

extend the same principle to the rest of the Public Service,

meaning the provincial Public Service and the national Public

Service.

The most significant difference between the Bill passed by

this House in December 2020 and the version proposed by the

NCOP which is before us now, is that it will require senior



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managers who report directly to the municipal manager to be

appointed on a permanent basis. The municipal manager will

still be appointed on a fixed-term basis.

In theory, fixed-term contracts ought to make performance

management easier and allow an incoming administration to

start with a clean slate. This might still be true for those

positions that are not appointed directly by the municipal

council. However, in practice it is just as difficult to get

rid of incompetent senior managers in a municipality that are

of course appointed by the council on a fixed-term basis as is

the case with permanent appointees. This is the result of

rigid labour laws and even more rigid and frankly, confusing

disciplinary regulations promulgated under the systems Act and

the Municipal Finance Management Act. Many municipal councils

have fallen into the habit of simply buying out the remainder

of a fixed-term contract instead of subjecting its holder to

proper performance management and disciplinary processes. Of

course, this comes at an enormous expense to the public.

As the Western Cape Provincial Government and others pointed

out to the Select and Portfolio Committees on Co-operative

Governance, the turnover of top officials every five years has

a disruptive effect on most municipalities. This circus of



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fixed-term turnovers is often also used by municipal councils

to settle political and factional scores, and so, many of the

most experienced and dedicated municipal officials simply do

not apply for top jobs. In this way, the longer-term project

of building a permanent professional Public Service is

undermined in most municipalities.

On balance, the DA’s concerns about this Bill, also expressed

by us when the amendment Act was passed in 2011 ... many of

those concerns remain valid, especially concerns about the

powers granted to the Minister. However, as in 2011, these

concerns don’t prompt us to vote against the Bill, and in

fact, it is critically important that the uncertainties

created by the Constitutional Court declaring the 2011

amendment Act unconstitutional, be resolved. For this reason,

the DA supports this Bill as amended by the NCOP.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Thank you very much, Chairperson. On behalf

of the EFF, we would like to state that the Bill was debated

in the portfolio committee before it was sent to the National

Council of Provinces, and as the EFF we stated our firm

position that all municipal workers must be employed on a

full-time basis instead of being subjected to exploitation and

abuse.



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The ruling party used its majority to oppose this progressive

recommendation by the EFF, meant to protect workers in

municipalities. The NCOP confirmed the EFF’s recommendations

and the NCOP rejected the ANC’s counter-revolutionary stance

of turning workers into permanently enslaved people. Hence,

the Bill is here again.

We were happy that rationality and superior logic prevailed as

we have forced the arrogant ruling party to accept defeat.

They remain the enemy of the workers and we are happy that

workers can see through their pretence. As the EFF, we

reiterate our commitment that the exploitation of workers

through various forms of abusive contracts such as fixed-term

contracts as opposed to permanent jobs must come to an end.

Local government must employ all workers permanently instead

of on fixed-term contracts to provide security for workers.

Fixed-term contracts do not allow workers to plan for their

future. It will be hard for any worker to buy a car, a house

and plan for his or her children’s education. Hence, many

choose the option of corruption, which is not an excuse for

corruption. It also causes instability at municipal level if

municipal workers do not have job security. Therefore, we

support this amendment Bill.



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Mr S S ZONDO: Hon House Chairperson, the Bill - first tabled

in 2019, then sent to the National Council of Provinces for

concurrence in 2020. And now returned with the proposed

amendments, legislates very necessary amendments in order to

increase not only accountability and performance of municipal

managers and staff, but also to prevent corruption and

mismanagement of public funds.

Many of our local government structures are nothing but cadre

deployment opportunities, where those employed have little or

no training in the required field of competency, the net

result of which leads to service delivery failures to the

people.

Legislated accountability and performance appraisals of

municipal managers and those managers who report to municipal

managers is long overdue.

Further, uniformity in all staff systems and procedures of a

municipality, as is determined by the Minister through

regulations, is overdue.

The prohibition of the employment of a person in a

municipality if the post to which he or she is appointed is



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not provided for in the staff establishment of that

municipality should not even have to be written into our law.

It should follow as a matter of course. Unfortunately, that is

not the case in many of our municipalities, hence it now

having to be legislated against.

The Bill grants regulatory powers to the Minister in respect

of municipal managers and managers directly accountable to

municipal managers. This should be so, as the Minister is the

person ultimately responsible for the success and the falter

of local governance structures.

In conclusion, the IFP supports the Report of the Committee

and the amendments as proposed by the Select Committee on

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Water,

Sanitation and Human Settlements. I thank you.

Mr I M GROENEWALD: House Chair, the Bill tries to address

matters of professionality, but it is a little too late. It is

however a shame that there must be a law written to implement

professionality within local government. If local government

employed people on merit and not on skin colour or political

connections, professionalism would have been a moral

performance indicator.



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No Act will address the matters of no political will, no

consequence management or cadre deployment if the people for

whom it is written for don’t implement such laws, as we do

have lawless local government, and this is confirmed by the

Auditor-General, AG, year on year.

Hon House Chair, I want to repeat what I said previously, due

to the decay of infrastructure, political interference and no

political leadership in ANC municipalities, professionals

don’t want their name associated with such municipalities in

fear that it will reflect badly on their professional career.

We have seen this many times, where professionals are employed

by municipalities and gave relevant advice. Such advice has

been ignored by political leadership of the ANC because it

does not suit their pocket lining and afterwards those

professionals are made the scapegoat.

This Bill has proved that the ANC failed miserably in local

government and cadre deployment is coming back to bite them.

If the ANC do not act on the lawlessness and disregard for law

of municipal employees and elected representatives of the ANC,

the intended measures within this Bill will have no effect.



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The FF Plus do support the Bill though. Thank you House Chair.

Mr S N SWART: House Chair, it cannot be denied that the policy

of cadre deployment has contributed to the dismal state of

affairs at local government level, where many officials were

either not professional or sufficiently qualified have been

deployed.

When this Bill was introduced way back in 2011, it was widely

supported, sadly it could not be implemented ... [Inaudible.]

... has been found unconstitutional by the Constitutional

Court in 2019 due to incorrect tagging. The Bill was then

corrected and this Bill now seeks to address these issues by

prohibiting municipal managers and managers who are directly

accountable to municipal mangers from holding political office

in political parties, as well as regulating the employment of

municipal employees who have been dismissed.

The ACDP believes that this will go a long way to prevent

political deployment of persons who are not properly qualified

to perform necessary municipal functions. It will also stop

the practice of those managers and other staff members who

have been dismissed from being employed or deployed to other

municipalities.



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We also welcome the further far reaching amendments that have

been introduced to professionalise and depoliticised the

issues related to municipalities and these were added by both

the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, CoGTA,

Portfolio Committee and then the NCOP Select Committee. And we

commend both these committees for the commitment to address

these serious challenges at local government level across the

political divide. The ACDP will then support the Bill as

amended by NCOP and this report. I thank you.

Ms A M SHAIK EMAM: House Chairperson, the NFP welcomes the

Report of Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and

Traditional Affairs, on the Consideration of Local Government,

Municipal Systems Amendment Bill. Let us at the very outset

advise that the NFP supports this Bill.

Now, hon House Chairperson, yes indeed, I think this is long

overdue and it augurs well for the future, particularly if we

can take this to all spheres of government, to ensure that

those that are employed in the different spheres of government

are those that have the capacity, the ability and the

integrity to be able to provide the services.

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And we do know House Chairperson, what the quality of the some

of the administration that we have, particularly at local

government level, where only 18 out of 257 municipalities who

were found to have had clean governance.

And more importantly House Chairperson, is that interference

and the collusion between political parties - and let me

reiterate the point that all political parties wherever they

govern, only employ their own people and this will go a long

way to prevent that and ensure that there is a transparent

process with no political interference even in the employment

of the administrative staff.

But it is important to note that, when we do that hon House

Chairperson that, a fixed term contract simply means to a

person that there’s no assurance or guarantee that you can

even go in and – like I think my hon colleague from the EFF

said:

You cannot even go and make commitment in terms of buying a

home or buying a car and things of that nature.

And that is why we think it should be permanent position and

if you are fit for purpose and you are able to provide the



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services, well then indeed you will have the job for the rest

of your life, but if you are not then we must be able to

remove you. And the NFP will support this Bill. Thank you.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Hon House Chair, *Al Jama-ah* supports the

amendments to the Bill, especially in the City of Cape Town,

where cadre deployment *is at* its highest and where we find

that preference is given to mostly white males, even white

females are left out. So, we really support this Bill*.* Thank

you very much hon House Chair.

Ms D R DIREKO: Thank House Chairperson, Chief Whip and Deputy

Chief Whip, Ministers and Deputy Ministers on the platform,

Members of Parliament on the platform and those present here.

Hon Brink, I think we need to school you about ANC’ cadre

development for it seems like you are confusing it with your

all white party, the DA, whereby you employ people because of

their skin colour instead of their credentials. Hence you will

always come here and howl about the cadre deployment because

you don’t understand it.

Hon Mkhaliphi, we note your grandstanding, it’s within the

political party especially you guys as the opposition. You



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always have a tendency that every time when you come here you

will howl because you are used to being oppressed in the

organisation.

As the ANC, we understand the importance of engagement. We

persuade and be persuaded. That’s how [Interjections.]

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Point of order Chair?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member on the

podium. What is the point of order hon Mkhaliphi?

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chair, are we discussing the amendment of

the Bill or are we attacking each other here because we are

equal to the task? We need to be protected.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): That’s not a point of

order hon member.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: She must stick to the debate. She must not

attack us Chairperson because we can also attack her and it’s

not necessary.



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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon Mkhaliphi, it’s

not a point of order. Order hon members. Hon members here in

the Chamber, don’t get excited. Continue hon member.

Ms D R DIREKO: Thank you House Chair. The ANC remains

committed to the vision of capable, ethical and developmental

state as articulated in the National Development Plan. This

was described as the state that has capacity to formulate and

champion social compact which mobilised sections of the

society including private sector, working class and

communities with the intention to lead a developmental agenda

in addressing the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment

and inequality.

We have made significant stride in building this developmental

state. However, we recognise the fact that it has not been the

easiest task more especially in local government based on the

state that we find local government. Local government is the

face of government. When people want to understand anything

that is happening in government they first go to

municipalities instead of provincial or national departments.



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It is for this reason that the ANC supports the report and

proposes amendment to the Municipal Systems Bills. This will

have a direct impact on strengthening political and

administrative interface, human resource capacity and service

delivery local government level.

The amendments are in the spirit that has been intended in our

Constitution, Section 154(1) which provide that I quote:

“The national and provincial government by legislative

and other measures must support and strengthen the

capacity of municipalities to manage their own affairs to

exercise their powers and functions.”

The ANC locates the importance of Municipal Systems Act in the

1998 White Paper on local government which recognised that the

democratic state inherited from the apartheid regime which was

of poor local governance system which were characterised by

unskilled and disempowered frontline workers as well as poor

coordination between the department, lack of performance

management system and under representation of women

representatives in managerial positions.



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Local government’s mandate was articulated in the White Paper

and still requires new capacities, attitude and approach which

will strengthen the relationship between the municipal council

and administration, the management and the workforce,

community members, municipalities and relevant stakeholders.

The ANC views this amendment as an advantage towards achieving

the vision of developmental state and the objectives stated in

the White Paper or local government during the fundamental

stage of our democratic dispensation.

Firstly, the ANC welcomes the amendment in Section 57

providing that any staff member who has been dismissed for

financial misconduct contemplated in the local government

Municipal Finance Act, corruption or fraud that they may not

be re-employed for a period of five years.

This is in line with our commitment to fight corruption,

maladministration and unethical conduct across the state. This

is significant because corruption erodes the capacity of the

state to deliver services as well as facilitating development.

As we are supporting the renewal process of local government,

we also need to show zero tolerance to those who are not doing



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what is expected of them, the wrong elements and there must be

severe consequence management to those who are doing wrong

things in local government.

Secondly, we note the proposed amendment to provide that the

employer’s contract of managers directly accountable to the

municipal managers must be on permanent basis. This will allow

for institutional instability, keeping institutional memory,

the development and retention of human resources at senior

management level in municipalities.

Furthermore, this will also allow continuity and ensure that

changes in local government are not disruptive to the

administration and do not compromise service delivery.

*Sesotho:*

Empa, dimasepala tsa rona le tsona di lokela hore di etse

mosebetsi o lokileng nakong eo ba hirang batho. Ba hire batho

ba nang le bokgoni, batho bao e leng hore bana le thupello mme

ba se ke ba hira feela.

*English:*



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So, therefore we urge Cogta that they must make sure that they

put strict requirements for these positions and qualifications

requirement should be of higher level.

The new amendment also provides that staff members in the

municipalities are prevented from holding political office in

political parties, whether permanent or acting capacity. This

will encourage a healthy political administrative interface

which will ensure that administrative decisions are insulated

from political influences. This is ANC’s a long standing

position which we have consistently maintained since our

manifesto towards 2011 local government elections.

Over the years, we’ve been proven right as observed by the

state of local government report which highlighted that this

is one of the contributing factors of the degeneration of our

municipalities. Our municipalities are highly politicised.

Most of our municipal staff are also politically active and

have a high political influence outside the municipal

environment and that makes it difficult for service delivery

to be achieved because when they have their political issues

outside the municipalities, they take those matters to the

institution.



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Finally, we welcome the strengthening of Section 57 to provide

for the appointment of senior managers that after appointments

have been made, their service level agreement must be signed

within 60 days of the appointment.

The ANC will also play its role in ensuring that the key

performance indicators model is developed to ensure that there

is no reduction in compliance but tangible deliverables that

managers must achieve in their function within a reasonable

timeframe.

The agreement will also assist in strengthening

accountability. If managers or directors fail to perform what

they have been appointed for, then there will be necessary

steps to be followed and if necessary face dismissal as we

cannot have liabilities in municipalities.

Towards the 2021 local government elections, the ANC developed

a performance contract [Time expired.] Thank you. We support

the Bill.

Question put.

Question agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).



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Bill, as amended, accordingly passed.

**DEBATE ON FREEDOM DAY: CONSOLIDATING OUR DEMOCRATIC GAINS BY**

**GIVING ENHANCED MEANING TO OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS THROUGH**

**THE BUILDING OF A MORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY**

Ms T M JOEMAT-PETTERSSON: Hon House Chairperson, hon Chief

Whip, hon Deputy Chief Whip, Ministers, Deputy Ministers, hon

members, we would like to wish our Muslim compatriots and

fellow South Africans Eid Mubarak. Allow me to join those who

have extended their condolences to the former EFF Secretary

General, Adv Gardee. Hon members from the opposition and the

ANC, today we received one of the most important letters from

our President, the most significant letter that we have ever

received since our democracy. Our President said that the

workers have spoken and we must listen. Do you understand

workers? Obviously, many of you don’t.

The President’s letter says that the voices of the workers

have been heard and he has called for a social compact between

government, labour and business to solve the workers’

complains of the workers. He has also called on all of us to

improve the quality of life of all the people of this country.



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President Ramaphosa indicated to us that, when he addressed

workers two days ago, they demonstrated their unhappiness with

their wages and their conditions of employment. That event has

become the hallmark of Freedom Day. What it means is that the

people of South Africa have the right to voice their concerns,

they have the right to have their voices heard and they have

the right to express their complains and their opinions

freely. This is what freedom means.

Originally, Freedom Day was about the ability of all to choose

the political leadership they wanted. Now, we reach out for

economic freedom, which is about everyone having the ability

to choose the job they want. That is the economic freedom we

now are building on in the second phase of our struggle. This

is how we need to assist our economy in allowing people to

choose how to live their lives.

In the 1980s, we received an important letter from our

President, O R Tambo. It came to us in the form of a song.

That song was, and I quote:

I received a letter, coming from O R Tambo.

We can free ourselves.



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You can throw the bombs now; we can free ourselves.

[Interjections.] [Applause.]

There are three important events that took place in our

country over the past few days. The first important event was

Freedom Day, the second was a MK Unity Conference and the

third was May Day. Today, World Press Freedom Day, we have the

freedom of expression. All these three events highlighted that

we are in the second phase of our liberation struggle – the

struggle for economic freedom. Military veterans received a

letter from President O R Tambo to shoot and sabotage for our

national liberation. At the MK Unity Conference, President

Ramaphosa implored us to stop the sabotage of our economy, of

our economic infrastructure, for our own economic freedom.

President Ramaphosa spoke to the working class. He gave them a

letter and he said that we must fight a collective battle for

our economic freedom, our freedom against poverty,

unemployment and inequality, and that this was the cornerstone

of the second phase of our struggle and that we do not dare to

fail the unemployed and our workers.

Immediately after the occasion of 29 April, South Africa,

under the ANC-led government entrenched a new democratic



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Constitution. We have a Constitutional Court presided over by

world-class jurists, to interpret and defend our Constitution.

We have established a number of other institutions to give

effect to our Constitution, including the Independent

Electoral Commission, the Human Rights Commission and the

Commission for Gender Equality.

We have scrapped all the old race laws, guaranteed freedom of

speech and the press, protected the rights of the LGBTQI plus

community and advanced the rights of women in many spheres of

their lives. We have brought clean water to millions of South

Africans, connected millions to the electricity grid. We

integrated public schools that used to be racially segregated

as well as the country’s universities and other institutions

of higher learning. We raised the literacy rate and brought

free health care to millions of children. We ended diplomatic

isolation and rejoined the community of nations, so as to play

an influential role on the international stage.

The South African government continues to provide a lifeline

and a source of income for 18 million indigent people and 11

million benefit from the R350 relief grant. Tertiary education

is now possible to many young people from working class

backgrounds through the support from government.



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We reaffirm our commitment to the Constitution. We did not

envisage a country where we would have corruption, gender-

based violence, theft, crime. We were, as the ANC, central to

the negotiations that culminated in the development of the

South Africa we live in, but yet our constitutional democracy

is still not enough.

Our primary mission as the governing party now and has always

been to mobilise all the classes and strata that objectively

stand to gain from the success of the cause of social change

and economic change.

Let us all unite to defend the gains of our democracy by

fighting the scourge of corruption, by fighting the scourge of

gender-based violence.

*Afrikaans*:

Ons oorgang word gekenmenrk deur verskillende fases met

verskillende benaderings. Aan die begin van ons demokrasie het

ons op die bou van ons samelewing gefokus. Nou het ons ’n

fokus op die bou van ons ekonomie.

Ons moet vooortgaan om stelsels te bou, om in hierdie

Parlement stelsels van openbare aanspreeklikheid en ’n fiskale



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herverdelingskomponent te bou, wat poog om uiterste armoed en

kwesbaarheid te verminder.

*English*:

Our first setback as a country is that managing policy

contestation is harder because of the institutional

fragmentation of the state. Different state agencies have

mandates that align with divergent constituencies. The second

setback is the emergency expenditure programmes to address

scourges such as Covid-19, which has ballooned the already

high debt to GDP ratio and placed into question many large

developmental infrastructure projects.

The social compact that we need between labour, government,

business and state to solve workers’ complains will be at the

cornerstone of government’s joined plan to act in unison and

solve silos, duplication and fragmentation.

Our oversite role as a Parliament is about the legislative arm

strengthening the executive and not hounding in Parliament and

hounding the executive. We have an inclusive economic growth

path that we have to build collectively.



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The past 28 years have affirmed that it is policy choices that

are the outcomes of class and political contestation. The

state rules and enforces collectively, binding decisions in

the common interests, but these common interests depend on the

capacity of competing social forces to exercise influence over

the state.

As the ruling party for the past 28 years, we have been

subjected to that contestation, sometimes hidden and sometimes

in the open. However, in all that contestation, we have always

been biased to the working-class and the poor and will

continue to do so.

It is necessary for us to celebrate freedom Day, bearing in

mind that our transition is characterised by different phases

with different emphases. Our transition was never about

freedom from political bondage only. From the onset,

democratisation was inextricably linked to freedom from

socioeconomic bondage captured in the motto, a better life for

all.

The second phase of our struggle is again, I repeat, about

economic freedom. The transformation in land ownership showed

us that it was only the ANC who fought for the redistribution



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of land and voted in this nature. The production and the

change of ownership of the means of production will only

happen through our tripartite alliance and a smooth and

vibrant functioning of our tripartite alliance.

With this, I wish to agree with agree with our President that

the workers have spoken and we must listen.

*Setswana*:

Ke a leboga.

*IsiXhosa*:

Enkosi kakhulu.

Ms S GWARUBE: House Chair, our deepest condolences must be

extended to the Gardee family on the tragic loss of their

daughter.

*IsiXhosa*:

Sithi kubo mabalale ngenxeba ...

*English*:

... we can never consider ourselves free until the war against

women is defeated. Even in the rough and tumble of politics,



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may we never forget or take for granted the incredible feat it

was for South Africa to become a constitutional democracy. Our

transition to democracy did not only have a global

significance, it signalled a new beginning for a people that

had been oppressed and alienated by colonialism and apartheid.

In 1994, the nation could finally dream of a better South

Africa, where the colour of your skin and the texture of your

hair did not determine your lot in life. However, that dream

then soon turned into a nightmare for the 35% of working age

South Africans who are without work, for the seven out of 10

young people who are unable to live a life of dignity as they

battle endemic unemployment and the 30 million South Africans

who are living in poverty. Having marked Freedom Day with the

people of Alfred Nzo last week, it was evident that freedom

remains a theoretical concept that is not a lived reality for

many parts of our country. Local municipalities have been

hollowed out and they have been looted and completely

incapacitated as a result ...

*IsiXhosa*:

... abantu bahlala ebugxwayibeni.

*English*:



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They have long lost hope in this government’s ability to

deliver a better life for them. That became clear when

President Ramaphosa was prevented from delivering a May Day

address on Sunday, because workers are demanding better from

their employer and this government. People are tired of empty

words like from the speaker before me, which are cold comfort

in a country where the rising cost of living compounds our

poverty crisis.

*IsiXhosa*:

Abantu balambile, abantu abanayo imisebenzi, abantu

abazifumani iinkonzo kurhulumente. Abantu bonele kukubukela

amasela karhulumente esiba imali ebekelwe ukuphuhlisa eli.

Badiniwe kukufunda ...

*English*:

... about the findings of the Zondo Commission, detailing how

many in government and indeed in this House have robbed us

blind.

*IsiXhosa*:

Abantu ba ...

*English*:



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The chasing of the President out of the North West is only the

beginning of things to come. People can no longer be fed lies

and history lessons about the liberation movement that fought

against oppression. The true barometer of the freedom of this

country is how this government tackles the unemployment and

poverty crisis. No South African is free when more than half

of the country is poor, and no South African is free when

millions of young people cannot find work. Twenty-eight years

later, South Africa is indeed in need of a different form of

liberation. They need to be free from governments sponsored

poverty and the life of indignity. Thank you.

Ms N V MENTE: Thank you very ... [Inaudible.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, it is

clear that the hon member is having a challenge with the

network. [Interjections]

Ms O M C MAOTWE: House Chair!

Mr N F SHIVAMBU: House Chair, can we request that you take the

next speaker, then we then get ... [Interjections.]



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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Yes, thank you, I was

going to do that. Order hon members. Order! We will go to the

next speaker and then we will return to the hon Mente. The

next speaker is the hon Singh from the IFP. The hon Singh!

Mr N SINGH: Thank you very hon House Chair. Firstly, let me on

behalf of the IFP offer our sincere condolences to the Gardee

family on this very tragic and sad loss. I also want to on the

same breath wish all our Muslim brothers and sisters Eid

Mubarak during this time.

The IFP was founded and operates upon three key values. They

are, solidarity, freedom, and unity in diversity. These values

are intrinsically interconnected. This too, can be said of us

as South Africans. All must be free or none can experience

true freedom. As a people who were oppressed and deprived of

basic human rights by the former apartheid regime, we well

know that the attainment of our freedom was hard-fought and

hard-won.

As the IFP, we would also like to acknowledge all freedom

fighters, including the contributions our founder and

President Emeritus, Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, a man who has

lived his life in service to the people of South Africa, and



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is a champion of freedom for all. Chairperson yet, his labours

and ours are not yet over, and the pursuit of freedom remains.

Although 27 April 1994 marked the day that all South Africans

were afforded political freedom, tragically, almost 30 years

later, most do not have economic freedom or socioeconomic

parity. According to a March 2022 World Bank report, South

Africa is the most unequal country in the world, ranked first

among 164 countries in the bank’s global poverty database. In

2020, the Children’s Institute at the University of Cape Town

reported that 2,1 million children lived in households that

reported hunger. Of these, 22% were from KwaZulu-Natal and 19%

from Gauteng.

How can we speak of freedom when millions of children go to

bed hungry and uncertain of when they will get their next

meal? As the IFP, we call on the government of the day to

accept responsibility for some of these failures.

House Chair, in addition to crippling poverty and hunger, it

is widely reported that service delivery and accountability

are nonexistent. Levels of crime remain high, while the

justice system is shackled by a lack of resources and

manpower. South Africans generally do not feel safe and if



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daily media reports of violent crimes offer any indication,

neither are they safe.

Chairperson, further under the ruling party, corruption is so

rife that government’s default position for new projects seems

to announce measures that will hopefully prevent monies from

being stolen. Instead of spending the money, we want to guard

the people that are going to spend the money. This daylight

robbery of taxpayers’ funds is the true thief of freedom.

Every rand of irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure

translates into another child going to bed hungry, or a rural

community not getting a much needed bridge, or school.

As the IFP, we believe that the people of South Africa will

only truly be free when they have sufficient food, they have

access to water and electricity and they are safe; their homes

are not built on floodplains, and all have universal access to

decent healthcare.

This belief and our hope for a just, prosperous, and moral

society, as well as our commitment to servant leadership that

puts the people first, is what guides everything we do as a

party.

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In conclusion, we will continue to hold government to account,

and call out corruption. Where we govern, we are committed to

efficient service delivery. As the IFP, we stand in solidarity

with the people of South Africa, and will continue to work for

and with communities so that they can also attain economic

freedom, solidarity and justice. I thank hon Chair.

Ms O M C MAOTWE: House Chair ...

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

Ms O M C MAOTWE: Can I take it on behalf of hon Mente? Her

network is bad.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): No problem, proceed.

Ms O M C MAOTWE: Thank you, House Chair. We want to reiterate

that we are paying our last respect to the fearless activist,

Hillary Gardee, a daughter to our former secretary general,

commissar Godrich Gardee. May her beautiful and caring soul

rest in the revolutionary peace. We also wish to thank all

political parties who have done so by wishing and sending

condolences to the Gardee family.



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Chairperson, this year marks the 28th year since black people

were allowed to vote for the first time in this country on the

basis of one man one vote. That day, marked the end of formal

apartheid and the beginning of political freedom for all. The

freedom we attained in 1994 has however proven holler for most

of our people who remain landless, jobless and homeless. Our

mothers had to battle the apartheid laws and forced by the ANC

that removed them from the side of the road where they made a

living by selling food instead of helping them to formalise

their businesses.

The 28 years of political freedom are a hollow victory to the

almost 74% of young people between the ages of 18 and 35 who

are unemployed in this country and are now only been paid

R350. That, does not afford a food basket in this country. It

is meaningless to the more than 46% of the unemployed in the

country including over 50% of the population of the Eastern

Cape and Limpopo that remains unemployed. In 1994, the

unemployment rate stood at 20,5% for a standard definition of

unemployment and 31,5% for the expanded definition.

In the first quarter of 2014, the standard definition of

unemployment stood at 25,2% and expanded rate of unemployment

was at 35,1%. Today, 28 years later, since the attainment of



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political freedom 35,3% of our people are unemployed and the

expanded definition of unemployment stands at 46%. This place

credence to our claim that political freedom is meaningless

without economic freedom because our people will not eat

voting rights. They need bread, they need homes, they need

quality education and they need land from which they can grow

their own food. House Chair, over the past 15 years our public

schooling system has consistently enrolled over a million

learners for grade 1. However, consistently over the same

number of years, just above 500 000 learners seat to write

their final matric exams. This means that 50% of young people

are lost from the education system every year.

In 1994, the government of the ANC promised to redistribute

30% of agricultural land back to black people by 1999. Today,

28 years later, just over 10% of the land has been distributed

back to black people. The land claims process which was

started in 1994, led to more than 79 000 land claims lost by

1998. Today, the government has not yet completely settled

these claims. There are thousands of old men and women who

died waiting for their land or for compensation for being

forcefully removed from their land. Today, the government that

supposedly brought us freedom has completely abandoned the



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struggle for land and now want to back white landowners to

donate land back to black people.

Our struggle for land has been reduced into a charity case in

terms of which white land thieves can decide out of the

goodness of their hearts to donate back stolen land to those

from whom they stole it. Our state-owned enterprises which

were used by the colonial and apartheid regimes to deal

decisively with the problem of unemployment ... [Inaudible.]

... has now been reduced into rubble. Eskom, which was not

long ago among the world’s best power producers has now been

reduced into a ghost institution. It is unable to satisfy the

energy needs of this country. Sasol and Telkom have been fully

and partially privatised respectively. The SAA has been

partially privatised, Denel is on its knees and Transnet is a

playground for white companies’ interests.

These institutions are crucial for driving development in the

country. Without strong state-owned enterprises, we can simply

kiss any chance of massive industrialisation goodbye. Small

business owners in our townships and in small towns are wholly

at the mercy of protection rackets who have created their own

parallel state because the country’s security forces are

wholly incapable of protecting our people. Our country has one



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of the worst murder rate in the world. Our security services

are completely clueless on what needs to be done to safeguard

the interest of the citizens.

What is a true freedom? True freedom lies in recognising and

employing the youth wherein failure to employ them should

result in a form of compensation for going to school with a

graduate grant. True freedom lies in having land returning to

the indigenous people of this country. It lies in having

habitable homes for the vast majority of our people. It lies

in freedom of movement for women and children without having

to worry about being kidnapped, raped and killed. True freedom

lies in quality education for each and every child in this

country, it lies in having functional public hospitals, in

having municipalities delivering services to our people. True

freedom lies in having the mineral wealth of this country

benefiting the vast majority of the citizens, not a select few

fat cats.

True freedom is a country that prioritise industrialisation

for the people, capacitate the state to render services for

the citizens of this country and until we attain economic

freedom for all in this lifetime, we have nothing to

celebrate. I thank you, Chair.



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Ms H DENNER: Thank you, hon House Chair. Please, allow me to

convey our deepest condolences to the Gardee family with the

terrible loss they’ve suffered. We will keep them in our

prayers. Hon House Chair, the Constitution guarantees us as

citizens certain freedoms, such as the freedom from being

discriminated against and freedom from bodily harm. It

furthermore guarantees us certain rights like the right to

equality, human dignity, life, food, access to water, access

to service delivery and to education. Wonderful! “Mooi”

[Beautiful] stories.

However, if the Bill of Rights is the yardstick that we

measure against, how free are we truly? How are we free if we

as women cannot walk home from a shop without having to look

over our shoulder? If a farmer cannot go to bed at night

without having to sleep with the firearm next to his bed, just

to keep himself and his family alive for one more day. How are

we free if a mother must go to sleep at night hungry so that

her children could eat while wondering where tomorrow’s food

will come from? Are we as women freer than we were in

September 2019, when we protested against gender-based

violence and femicide outside Parliament, when the President

announced an action plan, that included the establishment of

11 additional sections offences courts?



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I recently asked the question to the Minister of Justice and

Correctional Service about how exactly how many of these

courts have been established to date? I received a long-winded

reply, basically confirming that none of these,

specifically from this additional courts have been established

up to now. Meanwhile; Charlene October, Florence Schwartz ...

[Sound Interjections.] ... have lost their freedom and their

lives due to gender-based violence ... [Inaudible.] ... The

unemployment rate has risen to 35,3%. The highest it has ever

been.

Youth unemployment for youth aged 15 to 24 years in no form of

education or training is at a staggering 66,5%. Is this

freedom? Workers in South Africa are caught in a hopeless

spiral of unemployment. What is government’s response to this?

They strengthened legislation that makes employment creation

impossible. How will workers ever be free? Local economies are

dying due to the lack of service delivery, which is probably

the only thing that South Africans or indeed free of these

days. We are free from quality service delivery, we are free

from consistent waste and refuse removal, from quality water

supply, proper roads infrastructure and functioning

municipalities.



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*Afrikaans*:

Nog iets waarvan Suid-Afrikaners vry is, is volhoubare

*elektrisiteitsvoorsiening*. Waarom? Omdat infrastruktuur

onderhoud en ontwikkeling vir hierdie regering ’n uitheemse

konsep is, wat telkemale sneuwel voor die drang van korrupsie,

selfsug en wanbestuur. Is die verbruiker, voedsel en werk

voorsiener, werker en belastingbetaler in Suid-Afrika werklik

vry in die ware sin van die woord? Nee, ons is nie. Ons is nie

eers vry om ons erfenis en geskiedenis te herdenk nie, want

selfs dit word vertrap ter wille van ’n kwynende ANC

meerderheid se geykte politieke ideologieë.

*English:*

We will never be free if our Constitutional rights remain only

on paper. No democratic gains would mean anything if mothers

and fathers can’t put food on the table because they cannot

find work, if learners don’t receive quality education because

it is simply not made available, if local economies cannot

thrive because the power is shut off twice a day for hours ...

[Inaudible.] ... if citizens don’t have the freedom of

movement because crime is rampant and law enforcement is

missing in action and if we do not have a government that

prioritises proper service delivery.



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We may have gained democracy on paper and the Constitution

that promises every freedom in the world but we are not free,

hon House Chair. Our jailer has merely been replaced. I thank

you.

Rev K R J MESHOE: Thank you, House Chairperson, I want to

convey the ACDP’s condolences to the Gardee family and the EFF

on the tragic loss of their daughter.

According to the founding provisions of our Constitution, the

Republic of South Africa is one sovereign democratic state

founded on, amongst other things, values such as human

dignity, the achievement of equality and the advancement of

human rights and freedom.

The theme of this year’s Freedom Day celebrations was

“Consolidating Our Democratic Gains”. I believe the more

accurate theme should have been “Counting Our Democratic

Losses” as there is enough evidence to prove that as a nation,

we are regressing and not progressing.

When asked by the SA Broadcasting Corporation, SABC, how they

were going to celebrate Freedom Day, the vast majority of

respondents said there was nothing to celebrate. Frustrations



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due to poor service delivery or lack thereof was cited by most

respondents as the reason they had nothing to celebrate. One

respondent tweeted on @MorningLiveSABC:

What freedom? It was meant to be for all who live in

South Africa. Instead, we have apartheid in reverse,

looting of all the coffers that should be assisting the

poor and marginalised and poor education levels leading

to less job opportunities for the youth.

How can people celebrate freedom when their human dignity,

human rights and freedom are undermined by poverty caused by

high unemployment, corruption, red tape and government’s

inefficiency? Citizens, particularly women and children are

not free to enjoy their communities or walk the streets

without fear of being attacked and raped. Parents are

concerned by reports of children being kidnapped at schools

and ransom being demanded by the criminals who kidnap them.

In addition, we have a severe energy crisis which impacts

negatively on sustainable development, job creation and our

dream of economic freedom. Without an efficiently-run Eskom,

small businesses are struggling even to recover from losses



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incurred over the past two years due to hard lockdowns.

Government continues to fail South Africans in this regard.

It has been reported that in a foreword to a book about

Koeberg by Dr John Maree where he wrote that between 1960 and

1992, Eskom was able to reduce the real price of electricity

by 35%, and they predicted that by the end of this century,

they would be able to reduce the real price of electricity by

another 10%. Unfortunately, that is not happening.

Eskom’s notable legacy has since been reduced to ongoing

breakdowns, continued threats of load shedding, and impacts

the very core of our economic struggles. [Time expired.]

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, House Chairperson, in the early days

of the COVID-19 pandemic, as the world blocked down and nobody

knew where we were going, wise people were quick to remind us

that crisis presents an environment for new opportunities to

flourish. It was Albert Einstein who said: “In the midst of a

crisis, lies great opportunity.” Even the nursery tale of the

“Three Little Pigs” taught us that when people live in houses

made of straw, and a great wind comes and blow them down, it

is an opportunity to build again better.



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South Africa entered the pandemic teetering on the edge of the

economic disaster and psychological despair. Unemployment,

extreme poverty and inequality were not COVID-19 inventions.

What COVID-19 helped to do, to some extent, was to remove the

blinkers from the eyes of those who didn’t want to see. It

forced the middle class to see the miserable lives that many

of our fellow South Africans still live due to our collective

failures to create a more just and equal society 28 years

after consigning apartheid to history. It forced our leaders

to account for their leadership. It helped focus our

collective minds on what kind of society we would like to be.

There were promising early signs including community action

networks, twinning affluent and nonaffluent areas, food

gardens and feeding schemes that sprung up across the country.

This third Freedom Day in the presence of the pandemic is a

good time for us to reflect on how we have done. We have had

enough time to go through the initial stage of the disaster

and see what’s left to build a nation on sturdier legs of

spatial, social, economic, and environmental justice. It is to

our great detriment that malfeasance continue to define the

South African story. Instead of adopting a forward-looking

stance and focusing on developing the green shoots of promise,



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we are continuously back in the sewers of the national

narratives, looting and mismanagement. Instead of using this

period to conduct the necessary planning to implement a basic

income grant, we have tinkered it around the edges with a

temporary R350 per month emergency grant. Instead of our

cities recognizing the growing need to house desperately

homeless people, they are evolving into squalid tent cities.

We must not fall into the privileged trap of questioning

whether there is anything to celebrate on Freedom Day. The

triumph of peace is still navigating our way out of 350 years

of statutory white privilege was fundamental. But as we saw in

last year’s elections, people are losing faith in the old

parties, in politics and in the fact that their lives are not

yet better.

When we look objectively at our performance under the extreme

pressures of COVID-19, we have to say that if there was an

opportunity, we seem to have missed it.

The flooding reminds us to brace ourselves for increasingly

disastrous climatic events, and as elected representatives we

must set higher standards for ourselves to prevent any further



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deepening of the crisis of poverty and unsustainable living.

Thank you.

Mr B B NODADA: House Chairperson, on 27th April, in 1994, our

nation ended oppression and was filled with the hope and

expectation of a better life for all. Yet, 28 years later,

there is growing poverty and joblessness caused by the ANC

government – a new form of oppression.

Real freedom comes from jobs, clean water and sanitation, a

good health care, safe communities and good education. Freedom

without these is not real freedom.

Education is a key tool to realise opportunity that enables

real freedom as was the dream from the generation of 1976, who

fought against an inferior Bantu education. It is unacceptable

that we still find ourselves in a similar position despite

attaining political freedom. Our education system still

produces a vast majority of learners that drop out, that are

underskilled, and end up jobless, and join the 3,3 million

youth not in education, employment and skills training.

Like Bantu education, some of our schools are still made of

mud and dilapidated asbestos with pit toilets. We have over



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1 500 underqualified teachers, which will negatively affect

the delivery of quality teaching and skills transfer. This

only widens the inequality gap in education especially where

learners in rural and township areas are unable to take full

advantage of education to get them out of poverty.

The reality is that if you are born a poor child, growing up

in rural or township South Africa, you would most likely be

one of the 50% of Grade 1 pupils who will never write a matric

examination. You may be one of the four in five Grade 4

learners who can’t read or write for meaning. Most certainly,

you would be part of the 80% of children who received an

education that is amongst the very worst world in almost all

indicators. An education that will consign you to a lifetime

of poverty.

If through sheer grit and determination you manage to beat

these odds of poor infrastructure, poor quality teaching and

survive dying in a pit toilet to pass a matric exam, chances

are, you would be part of the 75% of matrics without a

bachelor’s pass. If through hard work, you manage to attain a

diploma or degree, you might be part of the thousands of

graduates sitting at home or standing at the robots looking

for work.



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When the ANC education system is done with you, you may be

part of the seven in every 10 young South Africans without a

job and have no real freedom to break away from poverty and

joblessness – the new form of oppression.

The classroom has the opportunity to provide a space for

freedom, a space where our children can think critically and

remove the boundaries that seek to hold us back. The

classroom, through the practice of quality teaching has the

power to teach learners to confidently take advantage of

opportunity and be a tool to end poverty despite one’s

background.

Where the DA governs, more children stay in school. School

infrastructure is built and maintained and quality teaching is

monitored. That’s why more parents take their children to DA-

governed municipalities.

It is time that the ANC does the same, because without a

decent education, any form of freedom for poor South Africans

in particular, will remain simply elusive. ... [Time expired.]

... I thank you. [Applause.]



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Ms K D MAHLATSI: Hon Chairperson, let me also take this

opportunity to send our condolences to the Gardee family, from

the ANC, ...

*Setswana*:

... re are go lelapa la ga Gardee le EFF, loso ke ngwetsi ya

malapa otlhe. Le mo maemong a, e santse ele Modimo.

*English*:

May her soul rest in peace. Chairperson, honesty and truth is

a very expensive commodity when it comes to the opposition in

this House. They will continue to mislead our people in

believing that the ANC-led government has done nothing for our

people since the dawn of democracy. They will continue to

defend the benefits of the apartheid brutalities on our people

with an intention of maintaining the status quo. However,

denying the truth doesn’t change facts. It is a fact,

apartheid divided us, left us poor and continues to inflict

poverty through stubborn unchanging economic patterns of

monopoly capital which has downed us into an unequal society.

It is indeed a fact that citizens acquired extensive rights

and freedom and the deliverable number of social benefits have

advanced rapidly. Yet, unemployment, poverty and inequality



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remains, while ownership and control of the economy laid

predominately with monopoly capital under white minority

control. It is undisputed that the democratic government has

successfully provided many services which were ...

[Inaudible.] ... to, not possible under the apartheid regime.

However, even during period of relatively strong domestic

economic growth in the late 90s and the early 2000, crisis

levels of unemployment, inequality and poverty persists. As we

commemorate 28 years of our freedom, as the ANC, we will not

fear to tell the people of South Africa that it is not yet

uhuru. We will not fear to tell the people of South Africa

that political freedom is yet to translate to translate into

economic freedom. We will not further fear to tell the people

of South Africa that 300 years of colonialism and apartheid

has landed us where we are today, its reality.

The recent R300 million pay check to the Sibanye-Stillwater

CEO is a brazen display of a normalisation of high levels of

the income inequality. This happens when workers who extract

the precious minerals and little wages without decent shelter.

We affirm the call by His Excellency, President Cyril

Ramaphosa, when he noted in his weekly letter today that:



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Workers at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium, also made plain

what nearly every South African knows; the working class

and the poor are suffering. A social compact or

structural transformation working with labour business,

government, civil society and people is critical. We are

in solidarity with the struggle of the working class and

the poor. Together, we shall confront exploitation of

workers.

As we acknowledge the socioeconomic challenges of our country,

we continue to draw strength from the words of His Excellency,

President Cyril Ramaphosa when he said:

We shall not rest until we have fulfilled the potential

of our country. We shall not rest until we have built a

new economy based on fairness, justice and equality. We

dare not take a moment to pause. Together, we will build

a new economy. The time is now.

*Setswana*:

Ke nako!

*English*:



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... [Laughter.] ... Not at all! We further take note that the

National Development Plan, NDP and Economic Recovery Plan

provides a framework for the second phase of transition. The

aspect of this phase will involve in accelerating the pace of

delivery of existing programmes. Others aspects will entail

new ways of implementing existing programmes and there will

also be new programmes.

As the NDP outlines, the structure of the economy will be

transformed through the industrialization Broad-based Black

Economic Empowerment and through strengthening and expanding

on roles of the state in the economy. The NDP is clear about

the needs of expansion and participation of the fullest range

of people and stakeholders of our country. The state cannot on

its own effectively implement the socioeconomic second phase

of our transition.

It is almost three decades since the dawn of our democracy.

The people of South Africa are not interested in petty

politics. They want to know what have we done to contribute to

the reduction of unemployment, poverty and inequality in our

country. As we respond to this question, we rely on the

principle of reconciliation of facts with the truths, and the

truths with the facts.



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*Setswana*:

Baagi ba Aforikaborwa, ...

*English*:

... this is what the ANC has done. In this decade,

agriculture and manufacturing remains critical economic

drivers. Colonial land disposition has exacerbated asserts

inequality and the ANC will continue to address this injustice

through the proactive land acquisition strategy. About 170 254

hectares of land have been acquired and redistributed since

2019 to date. Of these 170 000 hectares, a total of 81

hectares has been redistributed to women, 44 000 hectares to

youth and 489 hectares to people with disabilities.

In respect to expansion of security of tenure and labour

tenants, a total of 18 000 has been released to beneficiaries.

In respect to land restitution, a total of 185 366 hectares

has been restored to their rightful owners during this period

of reporting, while R14,2 billion has been paid to those who

opted to financial compensation through land restitution.

Aside from state procurement measures to boast the local

industries, number of partnerships with private sector has

contributed positively to the increase of South African



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production and output. As the ANC, we are proud to report on

the progress on localisation. Toyota Corolla Cross involves a

first for South Africa, first local hybrid vehicles production

through R2,6 billion investments have been done. There will be

localisation of 621 local suppliers, 16 of which are black

owned to the value of R1,4 billion annually.

A major edible oil manufacturer is investing in a plant of

processed local sunflower seeds. In addition, the R1,5 billion

investments in Richards Bay will see the company replacing

important edible oils with the local refined oils. South

Africa will be a recipient to the latest messenger of

ribonucleic acid technology used to develop vaccines and other

therapeutic contributing to localisation of vaccines and

further investment of approximately 3 million dollars by a ...

[Inaudible.] ... of foreign investors. These are some of the

tangible interventions which will contribute to build

productive forces through manufacturing and will increase

quality of jobs on science and innovation.

In a world that is fast improving with technology and science,

the ANC government has ensured that professions in science and

technology are careers of choice and the public institutions

are resourced to advance these ideals. For 2022 financial



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year, government has supported more than 8722 honours,

masters, PhD students across programmes. This will assist in

our research and development capacity building.

On Higher Education, education remains the highest priority of

the ANC government. The commitment of the ANC government

towards educating its youth can never be questioned. For the

current financial year, National Student Financial Aid Scheme,

NSFAS has total revenue amount of R39,6 billion. Funding

500 000 university students as well as 3000 Technical

Vocational Education and Training, TVET students. No

developing country has ever increased funding for higher

education financial aid for post students like the ANC. For

those who wish to see NSFAS scrapped, let us remind you hon

members, NSFAS is not going anywhere.

Government has placed the skills revolution at the centre of

development of youth and graduates to be active economic

participants through workplace based learning programmes. At

this point in time, for the current financial year, 2022-23,

skilled development opportunities will be expanded to 107 000

based learning programmes and 22 000 learners will be entering

artisan programme.



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As I conclude, we want to reiterate that the ANC delivered.

The ANC lives. The ANC leads. However, in order to realise the

true freedom of all, we should unite against the scourge of

gender-based violence and femicide. We should ensure that in

our quest for creation of equitable society, the empowerment

of women should be at the key pillar of socioeconomic

transformation. The youth of our nation should protect and

defend our democratic gains and be the catalysts of economic

freedom in our lifetime. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Hon House Chair, allow me to, on behalf of

the NFP, extend our condolences to our brother, comrade and

friend Adv Gordrich Gardee on the loss of his beautiful

daughter, Hillary Gardee, who was allegedly murdered. It is

very said indeed. May her soul rest in peace! Hon Chairperson,

also allow me to, on behalf of the NFP, extend our best wishes

to the 1,7 billion strong Muslim community worldwide who are

celebrating Eid al-Fitr today, and many of them celebrated it

yesterday.

I think I said this before. Unfortunately, you are not judged

by what you have done, but what you could have done or what

you ought to have done with the available resources and power

that we have enjoyed. Former leaders like the icon Nelson



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Mandela, Chris Hani, Govan Mbeki, Yusuf Dadoo, Imam Haru,

Achmat, ImamSteve Biko and Albertina Sisulu, have one thing

common about them all. They gave their lives and fought a

struggle to liberate us and free us. What have we done for 28

years later with the freedom that they fought for us so that

we could enjoy it today? We must admit that we still have

freedom of speech, we have freedom of choice and we elect

public representatives and leaders in political parties in

this country.

An amount of 77% of black children in South Africa do not have

fathers at home. Do you think these children can ever enjoy

economic freedom in South Africa? They can’t! A question we

need to ask is, where is the 77% of black fathers, why are

they not playing their role in the freedom of their children?

Actually, what we have done is that we have taken the freedom

that was given to us, that was fought for us and we have

actually sold its quittance to those who we have manipulated

into believing that they can bring about a change.

We cannot continuously 28 years later raise concerns about

colonialism and colonialists. We have what it takes to make a

difference. That’s why the NFP always appeals to all different

political parties to come together in the interest of working



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together to create a better life for our people. South Africa

remains one of the most unequal societies in the world. Why

does it need to be a disaster? Why 500 people have to die to

know that our people are living in risky and dangerous grounds

of the river banks? Why is it that we ignore these things when

we pass them every single day of our lives?

If we want to ensure economic freedom it must start with

education, but look at the quality of education. Sixty percent

dropped out in the first year of tertiary institution. One in

two children who starts school do not finish school in Grade

12. How can you enjoy economic freedom in South Africa if you

continue with this? My appeal is that let us work together in

the interest of the country. Thank you, Chairperson. [Time

expired.]

Mr S M JAFTA: Hon Chair, as we are celebrating Freedom Day and

Workers’ Day, the mortars of 32 mine workers in Marikana laid

in waste. The lives of Life Esidimeni mental health care users

and the life of Sindiso Magaqa killed for exposing corruption

laid in silence deep underground.

We cannot dismiss these deaths as isolated or that they are

not a reflection of our state of affairs. Our country has



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indeed reached rock bottom. Our achievements have not been

consolidated. We have regressed in education, health,

efficient ... [recording paused] policing and social

infrastructure [recording paused] pose the risk of crowding

out our standing in education, social services and health.

We are at crossroads. Our priorities in 1994 have largely been

scampered by endemic corruption, lack of accountability,

unchecked state power and executive-minded Members of

Parliament. We have declined in mathematics despite our

spending priorities in this area. Workers’ rights have not

been championed given this appalling state of our trade unions

who at best are divided, weak and too many to cohesively

protect a solid base of ordinary workers. We have neglected

the working class and unemployed young South Africans.

Hon Chairperson, we are celebrating Freedom Day and Workers’

Day, but there is little to write home about.

In closing, let me pass the AIC condolences to the Gardee’s

family for the loss of their daughter. May her soul rest in

peace! I thank you, hon Chair.



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Dr L A SCHREIBER: Hon Chair, I am glad that the topic of

today’s debate explicitly links Freedom Day to our

Constitution because Freedom Day is a celebration of our

transition to a constitutional democracy based on individual

liberty. Freedom Day in many ways is Constitution day.

But as we have heard throughout this debate there is also

profound political disagreement brewing in our society about

how to bring about the substantive freedom from poverty,

unemployment and violent crime that we have clearly not yet

achieved. On the one side are those who recognise that we have

not achieved these meaningful freedoms because the governing

party has failed to live up to the task outlined to it in the

Constitution. This grouping of constitutionalists which is led

by the DA, but have support in other parties, understand that

loyalty to constitutional values holds the key to achieving

substantive freedom. On the other side stands those who

scapegoat our Constitution for the failure of the ANC to

create a truly free and open society. This later group’s

position was most clearly articulated recently by Minister

Lindiwe Sisulu. In an open she attacked our Constitution and

dismissed its guardians at the Constitutional Court as, I

quote, “mentally colonised.”



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A few weeks later on Human Rights Day no less, the ANC Premier

of KwaZulu-Natal Sihle Zikalala called for a coup d'état

against constitutional democracy in favour of the so-called

parliamentary sovereignty. This is the exact same system that

prevailed under apartheid and we gave the government unfitted

power to make any law of its choosing even laws that violate

our most basic human rights. Many high profile ANC leaders

from the radical economic transformation, RET, faction clearly

fall into this anticonstitutionalist camp.

Its vision is still most clearly articulated by the EFF which

has long led the assault on our Constitution. As the competing

narratives of the Freedom Day made clear, South Africa is

headed for a profound show down leading up to the 2024

elections between the democrats loyal to the Constitution and

the demagogues at war with it. A win for the democrats will

usher in a new DA coalition government that will restore South

Africa to the constitutional path because we understand that

the Constitution and the rule of law is not an obstacle to

ending poverty and unemployment, but holds the key to doing

so. On the other hand, a win for the demagogues will see the

EFF party and their allies subverge the constitutional order

with devastating consequences.



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With the ANC now clearly set to lose its majority in 2024,

every South African, including the members of this very House,

should reflect on the following question. Am I among those who

scapegoat the Constitution for South Africa’s failure to

achieve substantive freedom or do I rightfully blame the

government that has failed to implement and uphold the

Constitution? The answer each one of us provides for this

question will determine whether South Africa will celebrate

Freedom Day in the years to come. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr M NYHONTSO: House Chairperson, condolences to the Gardee

family and the EFF. Chair, on the 3rd of May in 1963 this

Parliament passed a law against Robert Sobukwe in jail till

this side of eternity. To the PAC, given enhanced meaning to

our constitutional rights means this parliamentary forum must

not pay power over cracks or hide the difficulties by painting

over deep cuts in the wall and pretending as if we have done

our job.

Let us acknowledge that the negotiated Constitution was not an

open and transparent post process with public scrutiny and

rigorous debates by the masses of the people. It is a deal

made behind closed doors in a smoke-filled room by dubious

characters with an agenda to mislead and implement the



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confident tricks on us. The western powers had undue influence

on the Codesa talks serving their own interest rather than

that of the people. A distracting bloodshed in communities of

the African people took place, some called it the low

intensity warfare. This is the reason for a hybrid

Constitution that accommodates a quasi-federal and a quasi-

centralised state with remnants of apartheid and settler

colonialism embedded in it and make the new society so

crooked, so “krom” that South Africa has ripped the image of

the most unequal nation in the world.

The judicial process is so expensive for the robbed Azanian

masses that they want their premium asset, the land. It would

be very difficult to achieve. This means the legal process is

prohibitive. It actually protects those who stole the land and

established title deeds for themselves before 1994. When the

African people could not by law own any property. Apologies

for the legal route do not tell us about the possibility to

fail to get the property back because legal representation is

very expensive. The courts want incontrovertible evidence that

we were robbed of the land.

We cannot enhance ridiculous constitutional rights that are up

in the air and carry no meaningful weight to enhance human



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rights culture and democratisation Constitution but for us

means we must all have transformative approach. Freedom day in

South Africa is imperfect to be lauded and showered with

praises. It is 28th years of toil and misery for the

overwhelming majority of their Azanian masses. We have

previously said it is a day of betrayal of the wishes and

aspirations of the people. An enhanced meaning would begin to

a process for the second national liberation struggle under a

conducive climate, constitutional and peaceful processes. We

must begin that national constitutional discourse and engage

the masses in the national dialogue. I thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Nontsele, I am

sorry. I am told that your hand is up. Hon Nontsele from the

virtual platform. Okay, we proceed. I think it was just a

mistake.

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

Jamaah is moved by the outpouring of grief of the Gardee

family and EFF. My sincere condolences, hon House Chair. Hon

House Chair, former President Mandela stated, we know too well

that our freedom is incomplete without a freedom of the

Palestinians. So, South Africa has not achieved freedom. The

settler terrorists continue to prevent Muslims from entering



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one of the Islam’s holiest mosques. South Africa should

condemn in the strongest way the apartheid Israeli regime for

preventing Christians from praying at the church of the

resurrection, now known as the church of the holy sepulchre.

Also, Christians were prevented from witnessing the lighting

of Israeli holy fire on the eve of Easter. Like I said, we,

Muslims were violently prevented from offering prayers at

Masjid Al Agsa during Ramadan and more so on Laylatul Qadr.

Al-Jamaah thanks Dirco for condemning Israel and taking the

lead here, while nearly half the political parties in this

Parliament stand with Israel in spite of Christians and

Muslims voting for them. Thank you very much, hon House Chair.

Mr J W W JULIUS: In the William Shakespeare play, Hamlet, when

soon after his father’s death, his mother got married to his

father’s brother, Hamlet then lashed out against his mother

saying:

“As if an increase of Appetite had grown by what it fed

on.”

Chairperson, this increase of appetite is exactly what

happened and is still happening in South Africa. Soon after



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the death of the evil apartheid, BEE and other empowerment

deals meant to be distributed equitably, were hijacked by

powerful politicians in our country, taking millions upon

millions of Rand in mining, banking and various other deals

for themselves. Politicians took for themselves and left the

crumbs to the people. This is why we still sit in an unequal

society.

Hon Matlatsi, yes, political freedom must still translate into

economic freedom, not for the ANC and especially President

Cyril Ramaphosa. They are stinking rich while the people are

suffering. What type of leader would take for yourself

billions in mining shares and you leave the crumbs to the

miners? [Applause.] What type of leader can that be? That is

why he was chased away.

Hon Tina Joemat-Petterson, you said President Ramaphosa said

the workers have spoken and we listened. Now if you listen

closely, workers said that you benefitted billions from

mining, President Ramaphosa and we’ve got nothing. The miners

didn’t speak only to President Cyril Ramaphosa, they spoke to

all ANC corrupt ones that stole from them. They didn’t speak

to the ANC alone. You also said hon Tina Joemat-Petterson that

the ANC will always ... side with the poor after 28 years you



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sided with the poor. Why are they still poor? Why are they

still unemployed? Why are they crying out out there? Because

you did nothing for them.

Madam Speaker, there is nothing wrong with empowerment deals.

But was it done equitably and fairly? Why are we seeing ANC

politicians having lavish lifestyles and the people have

nothing? But every time you come to the stage you say

apartheid, apartheid, apartheid. Apartheid was an evil system.

Apartheid is now gone and dead, its freedom. Be accountable,

start saying what you did wrong. Don’t come and blame and

blame. But the new culture in government because of ANC

politicians and President Ramaphosa is and still is ... the

politics pay handsomely. Just go and ask the President. I

thank you. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE: House Chair ...

*IsiZulu*:

... siqale ngokukhalela umndeni wakwa-Gardee ngokuhanjelwa

indodakazi yabo. Sithi, baduduzeke balale ngenxeba.

*English*:



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To you House Chair, to my colleagues, Ministers and Deputy

Ministers in attendance, hon members.

This year’s Freedom Month is observed under the theme

*Consolidating our democratic gains*.

South Africa’s transition from apartheid colonialism to a

modern constitutional democracy is hailed as one of the best

proven human experiments across the globe.

Accompanying that transition was a deep appreciation by the

liberation movement, led by the ANC, that nation-building and

national reconciliation are critical elements of this

transition. Throughout its existence, the ANC has been ceased

with the task of nation-building.

Building a cohering nation is an imperative if we are to

undermine the legacy of colonialism and apartheid.

Colonial conquest had two contradictory consequences: on the

one hand it brought together various different communities

into one state in a single territory; on the other hand, the

very conquest was used by the colonizers to prevent the

unification of these communities into a nation.



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The colonizers, who enjoyed exclusive political and economic

rights, developed forced and a false sense of identity premise

primarily on the basis of race and European descent.

South Africa, for a very long time, was a state, a pariah, one

at that, without a nation; it also meant that there was no

shared identity, even for imagination. So, the process of

building a nation only started in 1994.

Social cohesion programme is at the core of the architecture

of building a united, nonracial, nonsexist, democratic and

prosperous society.

The beneficiaries of the past order, in their desperate

attempt to disown the past and its injustices, in terms of how

it disenfranchised the majority, predominantly blacks, there

has often been denial of the causal relationship between

redress and nation-building. That is, there is a denial of

redress as a necessary condition towards nation-building and

reconciliation.

This current government having understood its historical duty

to build a united, nonracial, nonsexist, democratic and

prosperous society, certain critical thigs had to be done,



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amongst those are the following: to uproot illiteracy, provide

access to health, education, decent human settlement, water,

sanitation, electricity, to cite but the few.

In terms of the 2019 baseline survey, there is already 82% of

the adult population living in formal houses or formal housing

in this country.

Our current constitutional policy and legal frameworks related

to immigration impacts on our ability as a country and

government to adequately respond to the housing and human

settlement needs of immigrants, both legal and undocumented.

In terms of our current policy, all citizens are entitled to

acquire adequate housing and this includes persons who acquire

permanent citizenship through process of naturalisation.

According to the same 2019 baseline survey progress has been

impressive in this regard considering the fact that clean

running water and electricity were a novelty for many

communities during apartheid. Only 10% of adults reported to

have access to water outside of their yards or their places of

dwelling. In other words, 90% has water inside of their yards

and their places of dwelling.



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With regard to electricity, an overwhelming majority of 92%

had access to electricity as we speak. A resounding success

compared to the estimate of only 53,6% in October household

survey of 1994.

Universal access to basic education, funding to guarantee the

right of entry to high education for those who passed Grade

12, even those who have not passed Grade 12 still have a

chance to access higher education through Technical and

Vocational Education and Training, TVET colleges. This is

facilitated by the substantial investment in support for

students from poor and working class backgrounds.

National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, funding has

increased more than fivefold, just in six years, from

R5,9 billion in 2014 to R34,7 billion in 2020. In the 2021-22

financial year NSFAS funding has reached over R43 billion, a

further increase of nearly R10 billion in just two years.

Through the NSFAS, government has made it possible for a vast

majority of black poor youth to access education, which

remains one of the foremost channels to break the cycle of

generational poverty.



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Provision of social security is not meant to create permanent

dependency to government. And I agree with hon Gwarube that

our people are facing poverty in their millions. It is

precisely a caring government intervention that has ensured

that, to date, almost 19 million beneficiaries who benefit

from social security system. An amount of R248 billion in

annual spend on this programme.

Since 2019, 529 audio-visual records were digitized. Amongst

them, the Rivonia Treason Trial dictabelts and the Truth and

Reconciliation Commission, TRC, audio tapes. This was also

made possible by the employment of unemployed youth who were

appointed as part of the Presidential Employment Stimulus

Package. As part of this package, 45 099 pages were digitized

and 26 397 photographs.

It is also through this package that we have seen R808 million

invested to our artists and athletes in this past two years,

translating to 59 224 of artists and athletes benefiting, and

creating and retaining 37 556 jobs.

Over the years, renaming of the following was done: 71 towns

were renamed in this country, three cities, six airports, two

mountains, four roads and 400 villages and rural settlements.



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And this is done to transform the heritage landscape of our

country.

In the same period, 103 newly-built and all modular libraries

were completed.

Over the last three financial years, nine booklets of living

human treasures have been published by this government and the

Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.

Every year we fund and support, financially, students for

African languages, anything between 120 to 400 per annum in

all the universities which we have in our country.

Part of the apartheid project was to ensure that African

languages have no currency and as they were excluded from the

use of corporate environment as well as in academia. It is

encouraging that we are beginning to see students completing

Masters and PhD dissertations across a variety of academic

fields using African languages.

Chair, we are the first ones to say that there is a lot that

still needs to be done, government is doing its best but the

challenges of our country are still facing us. We understand



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very well that the road to social progress is always under

construction and we are part of constructing that road to

social progress.

I want, Chair, just to deal with one issue here which the

member who has just left the podium spoke about; workers

talking to the President. First and foremost, what we are

dealing with there is the wage negotiations between the

employers and the employees. The very fact that workers saw it

fit to raise it with the Head of State in government tells you

that workers do have confidence in this government that it can

intervene in instances which affect employers and employees.

And we are not going to shy away as government, we’ll do our

part to ensure that the two parties come together, workers get

the good out of this.

I also heard, hon Chair, member of the EFF about the issue of

how committed they are in reforming the land and land

restitution and appropriation. I would only advice that to see

this revolutionary edge, let them be part of the process of

passing and ensuring that we amend section 25 of the

Constitution. Otherwise, any other thing outside of that will

just be a cheap talk.



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I heard what the hon Schreiber said about them being

constitutionalists. I don’t even know whether he has been part

of the process and how this Constitution was actually

formulated. All I know is that as part of formulating the

Constitution, his party was very coy on the issue of one man

one vote, or one person one vote. So, I don’t think we’ll have

much to learn from him in terms of the Constitution and how

the Constitution ... [Inaudible.]

We have learned from our past and we are now using each day as

an opportunity to do better and faster, and we are determined

to consolidate our constitutional democratic gains. Thanks,

House Chair. [Applause.]

**D J BLACK COFFEE WINS HIS FIRST GRAMMY AWARD**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M R M MOTHAPO: The African National Congress move without

notice:

That the House –



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(1) notes that Nkosinathi Maphumulo, popularly known as

D J Black Coffee, won his first Grammy Award at the

64th Annual Grammy Awards in Las Vegas on Sunday, 3

April 2022;

(2) further notes that he won the Best International Act

Category, setting himself on a trajectory to reach

this pinnacle moment in his career;

(3) acknowledges that Black Coffee, who attended the

event with his son, Esona, took home the award for

the best dance electronic album for his 12-track

album subconsciously, making him the first South

African producer to be nominated for the award and

winning it;

(4) understands that the South African music producer,

beat additional five contenders to scoop the

category award; and

(5) congratulates Nathi Maphumulo for representing South

Africa well on the international stage.

I thank you, hon House Chairperson.



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Agreed to.

**GERDA STEYN BREAKS RECORD**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M S MALATSI: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby move on

behalf of the Democratic Alliance:

That the House –

(1) notes that Ms Gerda Steyn achieved a record-breaking

third consecutive Two Oceans Marathon win on Sunday,

17 April 2022, and in the process became the first

athlete in 22 years to claim a hat-trick of

victories in this ultramarathon;

(2) further notes that Ms Steyn also became the first

woman to break the three-and-a-half-hour barrier and

in the process made her 30-year-old record the race,

completing it in a time of 03:29:42;

(3) acknowledges that Ms Steyn said that she ran a

strategic race as she had been focussing her



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training on marathons over the past two years while

opportunities to compete in ultramarathon events

have been extremely limited due to the coronavirus

disease 2019, Covid-19, pandemic;

(4) recognises that Ms Steyn has pledged to donate a

portion of her prize money so that she can inspire

and assist young athletes in Pietermaritzburg; and

(5) congratulates Gerda Steyn on her momentous

achievements and wishes her well in her future

races.

Agreed to.

**SIBANYE-STILLWATER PAYS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MILLIONS OF**

**RANDS**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms P MADOKWE: Thank you, House Chair. I rise on behalf of the

EFF:

That the House –



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(1) notes that Sibanye-Stillwater paid its chief

executive officer, CEO, above R300 million in the

year 2021;

(2) further notes that Sibanye-Stillwater mine workers

have been on strike after 10 months of unsuccessful

negotiations, with workers demanding R1 000

increase, and the mine claiming that it can only

afford R850;

(3) recognises that Sibanye-Stillwater is refusing to

give workers R1 000, but gave their CEO and

management hundreds of millions of rands, while its

workers’ sweat and blood that labours the belly of

the beast mining minerals;

(4) acknowledges that companies like Sibanye-Stillwater

and many on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, JSE,

are only concerned with enriching CEOs, management

and shareholders while workers and their families

continue to suffer in extreme poverty;

(5) furthermore, acknowledges that failure to eradicate

pay inequalities between black and white workers



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will only sow seeds of crime, hatred and divisions

in an already broken society;

(6) condemns corporate South Africa, especially banks

and the financial sectors and calls that they do

away with races pay inequalities; and

(7) calls on Sibanye-Stillwater to meet workers’

rightful demand of R1 000 increase.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): The motion being

objected to will now become a notice of a motion. Thank you.

The ANC.

Mr B A RADEBE: House Chairperson ... [Inaudible.] on the

virtual platform.

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

your noises are too high for me to even hear what the member

on the platform is saying. Hon Radebe, proceed.

**FORMER KENYAN PRESIDENT DIES**

(Draft Resolution)



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Mr B A RADEBE: The African National Congress moves without

notice:

That the House –

(1) notes with sadness the passing of the former Kenyan

President Mwai Kibaki on Thursday, 21 April 2022, at

the age 90;

(2) remembers that he served as Kenya’s third president

from December 2002 to April 2013;

(3) recalls that the former President Kibaki championed

the cause of democracy and unity in Kenya and

beyond;

(4) believes that the people of Kenya have lost a hero

and a father to the nation who revived that

country’s economy; and

(5) conveys its heartfelt condolences to his family and

to the government and people of the Republic of

Kenya.



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I thank you, House Chairperson.

Agreed to.

**WORKER’S DAY CELEBRATION**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr N SINGH: Thank you, hon House Chairperson. I hereby move on

behalf of Inkatha Freedom Party:

That the House –

(1) notes that Worker’s Day is observed each year on 1

May, as a public holiday;

(2) further notes that this day is also known as Labour

Day or the International Workers’ Day and is

observed in many countries throughout the world

since 1891, and here in South Africa only since

after the first democratic elections in 1994;

(3) acknowledges that the major goal is to recognise the

immense hard work put in by the working class, to



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educate them about their rights, to protect them

from being exploited, and to ensure that workers are

aware of the opportunities available to them for

their welfare and progress;

(4) further acknowledges that Workers’ Day in South

Africa holds its own cultural significance, as the

public holiday has come to signify not only the

sacrifices made on the long road toward fair

employment standards, but also the bitter battle

against apartheid, in which trade and labour unions

played a key role; and

(5) calls on all leaders of industry, government

departments and owners of businesses who have

legions in their employ to both respect as well as

impress upon their staff the importance and

relevance of the rights of workers.

Agreed to.

**PEDRIE WANNENBURG DIES**

(Draft Resolution)



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Ms H DENNER: Thank you, House Chair. House Chair, I hereby

move on behalf of the FF Plus:

That the House –

(1) notes with sadness the passing of former Springbok

and Blue Bulls rugby player, Pedrie Wannenburg,

during a motor vehicle accident that took place in

Texas, United States of America on Friday, 22 April

2022;

(2) acknowledges Wannenburg’s various achievements as

ambassador for both the National Green and Gold and

the Blue Bulls rugby union, which include being the

first player to play 100 matches for the Bulls, of

which 99 were consecutive from 2002 to 2010, as well

as his international rugby career with, amongst

others, the Denver Stampede and Ulster rugby clubs;

(3) wishes his son, Francois, who was seriously injured

during the accident, a speedy recovery; and



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(4) conveys its sincere condolences to his son, wife

Evette, daughter Isabelle and the rest of his family

and loved ones.

Agreed to.

**THABO MASEBE DIES**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms J TSHABALALA: Thank you, House Chair. It’s Tshabalala on

the virtual platform, I hereby move on behalf of the ANC a

motion without notice:

That the House –

(1) notes with shock the untimely passing of the Acting

Director-General in the Gauteng Premier’s Office, Mr

Thabo Masebe on Sunday, 17 April 2022;

(2) acknowledges that Mr Masebe was a multi-skilled

communicator with over 20 years of experience in the

public service;



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(3) further acknowledges that he was a loyal and

committed servant of the people who dedicated his

time to transforming the provincial communications

services;

(4) remembers him as a meticulous public servant with a

wealth of knowledge in government;

(5) further remembers that he executed all his duties

with diligence, precision, and competency;

(6) recalls that before his appointment as the Head of

Communications in the Gauteng provincial government,

he worked at The Presidency as the spokesperson to

former Deputy President, Kgalema Motlanthe; and

(7) sends its heartfelt condolences to the Masebe family

and the Gauteng provincial government.

Agreed to.

**STERLING HUMANITARIAN WORK DURING FLOODS IN KWAZULU-NATAL AND**

**THE EASTERN CAPE**



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(Draft Resolution)

Mr W M THRING: House Chair, I move without notice:

That the House—

(1) acknowledges the sterling humanitarian work done by the

Church in South Africa, other religious bodies, as well

as various non-governmental organisations, NGOs, in

responding to the devastation caused by recent floods in

KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape; and

(2) applauds these sectors for their sacrifices made,

intuition shown and lifesaving interventions for the many

thousands affected by the floods.

Agreed to.

**SPORTSMAN AND LONG-SERVING POLITICIAN MR DAWIE DE VILLIERS**

**PASSES AWAY**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr D JOSEPH: House Chairperson, I move without notice:



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That the House–

(1) notes with sadness the passing of Mr Dawie de

Villiers, sportsman and long-serving politician, at

the age of 81, on 23 April 2022;

(2) further notes that during his political career, Mr de

Villiers an honourable Member of Parliament, the

Minister of Trade and Industry, Mineral Resources and

Energy, Public Works, Environmental Affairs and

Tourism in the Cabinets of former Presidents P W

Botha, F W de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, as well as

South Africa’s ambassador to the United Kingdom;

(3) remembers the contribution that Mr de Villiers made to

the advancement of transformation and democratisation

during apartheid, both within the ranks of the

National Party and as a participant at CODESA, and

that former President Mandela described him as a

competent South African who played a major role in

building a democratic South Africa;

(4) recalls that Mr de Villiers also served as a Reverend

in the Dutch Reformed Church; and



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(5) conveys its heartfelt condolences to the family of the

late Mr de Villiers. May his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

**BAIL HEARING FOR FARMER WHO SHOT A WOMAN HE THOUGHT WAS A**

**HIPPOPOTAMUS**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms M R MOHLALA: Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House—

(1) notes that the racists farmer, Hendriks van Wyk,

appeared before the Lephalale magistrate court for a

bail hearing after he shot Lenah Lefowane;

(2) also notes that Piet shot at Lenah and claimed he

thought that Lenah and Piet Lefowane who were fishing

in the nearby river were hippopotamus;



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(3) acknowledges that it is only racists who see black

people as animals, and think it is okay to shoot at

them;

(4) recognises that failure to effectively redistribute

land is the basis for racists like Hendriks van Wyk to

think they can shoot black people because they think

they are animals;

(5) sends a message of support and speedy recovery to

Lenah Lefowane; and

(6) calls on all citizens to stand up and fight racism

everywhere it raises its ugly head. Thank you

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Are there objections to

the motion?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, Chairperson, please note the objection of

the FF Plus.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): With the objection, the

motion will now become a notice of a motion.



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**NOXOLO GROOTBOOM CONFERRED WITH SECOND HONORARY DOCTORATE**

**DEGREE**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms N J KUBHEKA: House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House–

(1) notes that a second honorary doctorate degree from the

Nelson Mandela University has been conferred on

retired broadcaster, Noxolo Grootboom, for her

invaluable work and contribution to journalism;

(2) further notes that she received a Doctor of Philosophy

for her contribution to the media industry while also

uplifting the isiXhosa language;

(3) understands that she retired from the South African

Broadcasting Corporation, SABC, in March 2021 after 37

years as a newsreader; and

(4) wishes her well and thanks her for her service and

dedication to her craft.



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Agreed to.

**SOUTH AFRICA’S CAITLIN ROOSKRANTZ WINS GOLD AT THE 2022**

**ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CUP**

(Draft Resolution)

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

That the House–

(1) notes that South African gymnast sensation, Caitlin

Rooskrantz, has brought glory to our country by

winning two gold medals at the World Cup in Cairo;

(2) also notes that Caitlin Rooskrantz hails from

Blydeville in Lichtenburg, North West province;

(3) further notes that in 2019 Caitlin Roonskrants was the

first female South African artistic gymnast to qualify

for the Olympics since 2004;

(4) recalls that despite her knee injury in 2017, she

persevered and made a remarkable recovery to qualify



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and become the first female South African artistic

gymnast to qualify for the Olympics;

(5) realises that we have limited opportunities in South

Africa for gymnasts and inadequate training facilities

compared to her counterparts from Russia, America and

many other countries;

(6) acknowledges that Caitlin Rooskrantz suffered a

setback at the age of 18 when she lost her dad and

grew up under difficult circumstances with her mother

as the only breadwinner;

(7) congratulates Caitlin Rooskrantz on her success in

winning two gold medals and bringing glory to our

beautiful country, South Africa;

(8) also congratulates her coach and team on the success;

and

(9) calls upon the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture to

intervene in sporting codes that experience

difficulties in terms of facilities and funding.



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Agreed to.

**PROFESSOR TSHILIDZI MARWALA HONOURED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY**

**OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FOR THE YEAR 2022 IN THE FIELD OF**

**EDUCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms N T MKHATSHWA: House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House–

(1) notes that Professor Tshilidzi Marwala has been

honoured by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

... [Interjections.]

Mr B A RADEBE: Point of order, Chair. Hon Shaik is disturbing.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Munzoor? Munzoor? Shaik

Emam, please switch off. Proceed, Mma.

Ms N T MKHATSHWA: Thank you very much, House Chair. I move

without notice:



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That the House–

(1) notes that Professor Tshilidzi Marwala has been

honoured by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

as one of 261 honourees for the year 2022 in the field

of Educational and Academic Leadership;

(2) also notes that Prof Marwala, a recipient of the Order

of Mapungubwe, contributes to matters pertaining to

the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Africa’s place in

the world;

(2) further notes that Professor Marwala, a published

international scholar, contributes to the field of Big

Data, Machine learning and Artificial intelligence

which saw him publish books such as *Closing the gap –*

*the Fourth Industrial Revolution in Africa* as well as

*Leading in the 21st century*; and

(3) acknowledges Professor Marwala, the only African in

this year’s honourees, for representing South Africa

on the international stage. I thank you.

Agreed to.



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**CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING ON OF SA POLICE SERVICE DIVER,**

**SERGEANT BUSISIWE MJWARA**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms G P MAREKWA: I hereby move without notice on behalf of the

ANC:

That the House –

(1) notes with sadness the passing on of the

Pietermaritzburg’s the SA Police Service, the SAPS,

diver, Sergeant Busisiwe Mjwara, on Sunday 17 April

2022;

(2) further notes that the 43-year-old Sergeant Mjwara

was part of the K9 Search and Rescue Unit and

drowned in the Msunduzi River with her police dog,

Leah, during search and rescue efforts following the

devastating floods in KwaZulu-Natal;

(3) recalls that they were searching for three people

who had disappeared in the Henley Dam area;



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(4) remembers her as brave, fearless and a dedicated and

patriotic police officer who passed on serving the

country; and

(5) conveys its heartfelt condolences to her family and

colleagues at the SA Police Service.

Agreed to.

**MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURES’ ATHLETICS CLUB CONGRATULATED FOR**

**PARTICIPATION IN TWO OCEANS MARATHON**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr J J MCGLUWA: I hereby move without notice on behalf of the

DA:

That the House –

(1) notes that a number of employees and members from

provincial legislatures participated in the Two

Oceans Marathon on 17 April 2022;



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(2) acknowledges in particular the efforts of the

members of the North West Legislature’s Athletics

Club, who participated in the Two Oceans Marathon

with courage, tenacity and above all, a deep love

for sports;

(3) congratulates Simosakhe Mncwango and Kabelo Jonker

for competing in the 56km race;

(4) further congratulates Mpho Mahlakoleng, Tiroyaone

Setuki, Zwidofhela Mafoko, Tseleng Maleme, Ishmael

Matshogo, Thenjiwe Duku and Naomi Lejaka for

competing in the half marathon race; and

(5) conveys its appreciation to the members of the North

West Legislature’s Athletics Club for the

contribution they continue to make to promote sports

in the province.

Agreed to.

**SADNESS ON THE GUNNING DOWN OF CITY OF ETHEKWINI’S PHUMZILE**

**TSHATSHI**



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(Draft Resolution)

Ms M A MOLEKWA: I hereby move without notice on behalf of the

ANC:

That the House –

(1) notes with sadness the passing of Phumzile Tshatshi,

an eThekwini Municipality employee gunned down near

Verulam while on duty dispatching water tankers to

flood victims on Saturday, 23 April 2022;

(2) remembers that the 36-year-old Tshatshi was a

supervisor for the city’s water and sanitation unit

based in Ottawa depot, in the north of Durban;

(3) recalls that she sustained multiple gunshot wounds

to the body and was declared dead at the scene;

(4) further recalls that 10 spent 9mm cartridges were

recovered near her body;



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(5) strongly condemns this barbaric act and calls upon

law enforcement agencies to work hard to arrest the

perpetrators; and

(6) conveys its heartfelt condolences to the Tshatshi

family and colleagues at the City of eThekwini.

Agreed to.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Mr P R MOROATSHEHLA: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at

its next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates high risk of drug abuse by learners in

our schools and thereby coming up with measures to address

this impasse.

Ms M O CLARKE: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House debates the need for government policies and

regulations to be aligned with scientific advice and evidence,

especially in relation to policies and regulations aimed at



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the management of future pandemics caused by communicable

diseases.

Ms A M SIWISA: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the EFF:

That the House debates the incompetence of the SA Police

Service in dealing with gender-based violence cases; and

also debates the slow process of finalising rape kits that are

still in backlog, not excluding the slow process of the

justice system in holding perpetrators accountable for their

deeds and some being released prematurely and given an

opportunity to execute more gender-based violence;

Ms A S HLONGO: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates strategies and interventions to address

and resolve the painful issues of child-headed households.

Ms L L VAN DER MERWE: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that

at its next sitting I shall move on behalf of the IFP:



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That the House debates the collapse of South Africa’s

immigration system which has led to an immigration crisis and

the effects thereof on our vulnerable communities.

Mr F J MULDER: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the FF Plus:

That the House debates the detrimental effects that state

capture, poor governance, corruption, the inability of Eskom

to provide uninterrupted electricity and the inability of

provincial and local government to stimulate the recovery of

the South African economy have on the sustainability of free

economic zones and industrial parks as job creators in South

Africa.

Mr B M HADEBE: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates the prevalence of workplace bullying in

South Africa and whether there are differences in employees’

experience of bullying with regards to sociodemographic

characteristics and diversity experience.



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Mr S N SWART: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ACDP:

That the House-

(1) debates the lack of timely and proper public

infrastructure maintenance which has resulted in

power outages at Eskom;

(2) debates the collapse of the public rail and failed

transport system in certain areas, water shortages

and sewerage treatment failures that contributed to

the recent flooding and tragic loss of live in

KwaZulu-Natal.

*Afrikaans*:

Me V VAN DYK: Agb Voorsitter, hiermee stel ek namens die DA

voor dat, in die volgende sitting,

Die Huis-

(1) oor die omvang en die impak van die staatskaping wat in

Alexkor plaasgevind het debateer, wat onder andere

gelei het tot die verarming van die plaaslike



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gemeenskappe in Richtersveld, en watter stappe die

regering behoort te neem om te verseker dat daar wel

ondersoeke en optrede gaan wees teen diegende waarna

daar in die Zondo-kommissie se verslae verwys word.

Mr M TSHWAKU: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the EFF:

That the House debates the shortage of water, widespread load

shedding and a festival of potholes in the Limpopo region, in

areas such as Sekhukhune, Vhembe and Mopani.

Ms N T MKHATSHWA: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at

its next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates the protection, promotion, development

and management of indigenous knowledge systems including

traditions, knowledge and practices.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at

its next sitting I shall move on behalf of the NFP:

That the House debates about public servants who receive

double salaries as a result of being employed by the state in



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more than one position despite the high unemployment rate in

the country.

Mr P M P MODISE: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates adapting and managing unavoidable and

potential damaging climate impacts through intervention that

builds and sustain our social, economic and environmental

resilience.

Ms T MGWEBA: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates building a developmental state that is

capable of playing a transformative role and guide all social

partners towards achieving the national objectives and goals.

Ms C V KING: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House debates the financial sustainability of fee-

free higher education and impact it has on higher education

sector.



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Mr B M HADEBE: Chairperson, I hereby give notice that at its

next sitting I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates the impact of global warming in South

Africa.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): I realised that the

camera is actually searching for you because you are sitting.

I know it was an agreement, but it doesn’t augur well. I think

we should talk about this issue of making motions sitting

down, etc. We will talk about it. We agreed, but it doesn’t go

well, more especially now when they are looking for you but

they can’t be able to capture you on camera. It is something

that we should talk about.

Business of the House concluded.

The House adjourned at 17:07.

