



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

Chairperson:  
Speaker of the National Assembly

Committee Secretary:  
A Mbanga x 3218

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Thursday, 10 November 2022 [Virtual]

Present:

N N Mapisa-Nqakula (Speaker)

Boroto, M G (House Chairperson)	Mkhaliphi, H O
Gwarube, S (Chief Whip of the Opposition)	Mulder, Dr C P
Jafta, S M	Ntlangwini, E N
Koornhof, Dr G W (Parliamentary Counsellor to the President)	Papo, A H M (Parliamentary Counsellor to the Deputy President)
Kwankwa, N L S	Shaik Emam, A M
Herron, B N	Shivambu, N F
Lesoma, R M M (Programming Whip)	Swart, S N
Majodina, P C P (Chief Whip of the Majority Party)	Wessels, W W
Lotriet, Dr A	

Staff in attendance:

Secretary to the National Assembly Mr M Xaso, Ms N Giba (Committees) and Dr T Mbatha (Constitutional and Legal Services Office).

**1. Opening**

The Speaker opened the meeting at 08:30 and welcomed all present.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies from Deputy Speaker Mr S L Tsenoli, House Chairpersons Messrs C T Frolick and M L D Ntombela, Mr N Singh and Secretary to Parliament Mr X George were tendered.

**3. Consideration of draft agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed, with the addition of an item on 'Reporting mechanism on the Section 89 motion' under the agenda item on the Programme, as requested by the Chief Whip of the Opposition.

#### **4. Consideration of minutes of meeting of 3 November 2022**

On the proposal of the Programming Whip, seconded by Mr Swart, the minutes of 3 November were adopted.

#### **5. Matters arising**

The Speaker reported that a meeting of the Rules Committee would be held on 23 November 2022, during the slot usually utilised by the Chief Whips' Forum, in order to consider, among others, the Report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into allegations of state capture, corruption and fraud in the public sector including organs of State and the President's Implementation Plan. The previous meeting of the committee, on 4 November, did not conclude on the issue.

Mr Xaso indicated that a comprehensive report on the status of all the Bills before committees would be presented by the Committee Section.

#### **6. Report from Committee Section**

Ms Giba presented a report on legislation that would be finalised before the end of the current term as follows:

- The General Laws (Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing) Amendment Bill would be finalised on 10 November
- Prevention of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill on 16 November
- Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities Amendment Bill on 18 November
- Housing Consumer Protection Bill on 25 November
- National Health Insurance Bill on 29 November
- South African Postbank Limited Amendment Bill on 29 November

Ms Giba also reported that the Portfolio Committees on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and Employment and Labour had finalised their report on their oversight work on the living and working conditions of farm workers, farm dwellers and farmers. The Committee on Section 194 Inquiry intended to finalise its work by 29 March 2023, subject to approval.

#### **7. Report by Bills Office**

Dr Mbatha presented a report on legislation before committees and indicated that the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill and Adjustments Appropriation Bill had been referred to the Standing Committee on Appropriations following the adoption of the Revised Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals. There were 37 Bills before committees and Relocation of the Seat of Parliament Bill had been certified for introduction.

## **8. Consideration of draft Parliamentary programme**

The Programming Whip presented the Parliamentary Programme for the Fourth Term and highlighted the following:

Budgetary Review and Recommendation Reports (BRRRS) were scheduled for Tuesday, 15 November.

Questions for oral replies to the Economics cluster and Second Reading debate on the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill were scheduled for Wednesday, 16 November.

Questions to the Deputy President were scheduled for Thursday, 17 November.

With regards to legislation that might lapse at the end of the year, Mr Xaso clarified that such legislation could be revived by way of a motion if there was a decision to do so.

Mr Papo expressed concern in that, notwithstanding a resolution limiting the time allocated for declaration of vote on BRRRS to two minutes, members had prepared longer declarations than that. This posed a challenge to presiding officers.

In view of the fact that the National Assembly was scheduled to adjourn on 1 December, Dr Mulder appealed that everything should be done in order for the session not to go beyond that date. Mr Kwankwa concurred that there should be a proper management of the business of the Assembly in accordance with the programme. The Programming Whip replied that she had noted the concerns raised and indicated that everything would be done in order to adjourn as agreed but that, should the Electoral Amendment Bill be returned to the National Assembly due to amendments from the National Council of Provinces, a sitting could be required beyond 1 December. In that case, the Speaker said that either the National Assembly could sit beyond that date or the Bill could be passed in its current form with a provision that amendments could be effected after the Elections in 2024. Immediately after the Elections, a process of amending the Bill could be put in place.

### *Reporting mechanism on the Section 89 motion*

Mr Xaso advised the meeting in terms of Assembly Rule 129(i) as follows:

*'Once the panel has reported, the Speaker must schedule the report for consideration by the Assembly with due urgency, given the programme of the Assembly. The President must be informed of the scheduling and any decision on the report. In the event that the Assembly resolves that a Section 194 inquiry be proceeded with, the matter must be referred to the impeachment committee established by this rule for that purpose.'*

In terms of its programme the panel had until 17 November 2022 to conclude its work.

## **9. Announcements**

Mr Xaso reminded the meeting that mini-plenaries were scheduled that afternoon virtually, to debate members' motions.

## **10. Closure**

The meeting adjourned at 08:55.