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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at 14:00.

The Chairperson took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G BOROTO): Hon members, the rules in the House have not changed in terms of the protocols. Ensure that I don't call you out for removing your mask. Let's continue doing that.

The first item on the Order Paper is a motion in the name of the Chief Whip of the Majority Party. I will now recognise the Chief Whip.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party: House Chair, thank you very much and greetings to all members in this august House. Happy International Women's Day.

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HON MEMBERS: Malibongwe!

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the following items that were on the Order Paper and which, in terms of Rule 351, lapsed at the end of the last sitting day of the 2021 annual session, be revived for consideration by the National Assembly.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G BOROTO): Hon members, just to clarify, these items that are here are items that were on the other paper. Which in terms of Rule 351 lapsed at the end of the last sitting day of the 2021 annual session, and the Chief Whip is asking us to revive them.

I believe everyone has the Order Paper I'm not going to call them one by one. Are there any objections?

Agreed to.

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the following Bills and Reports that were on the Order Paper which, in terms of Rule 333 and Rule 351, lapsed at the end of the last sitting day of the 2021 annual session, be revived for consideration by the National Assembly

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): No objections agreed to. We will now move to the next item on the order paper which is Members' Statements. I would also wish to request to the members of the executive that are not in the House if they wish to do so. Let them please do. I hope you have your gadget to see the hands? Thank you. That will help us a lot.

DISBANDMENT OF NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMISSION BOARD

(Members' Statement)

Ms J HERMANS: House Chair, the ANC welcomes the progressive step that was taken by His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa in signing the proclamation to enable the Special Investigating Unit, SIU, to investigate the alleged acts of corruption, graft, money laundering and theft in the National Lotteries Commission, consistent with the ANC's commitment to combat corruption as part of its renewal ethos.

We acknowledge the sterling work of the investigation conducted by the SIU in terms of its draft report inclusive of concurrent prosecutorial work, against those clearly identified in concluded cases.

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We therefore call for the disbandment of the National Lotteries Commission Board with immediate effect. We also call for the SIU to be provided with the necessary support to expedite its work without any hindrance so as to meet the April target of successfully submitting its final report of the first phase to the President of Republic South Africa for action. Thank you, House Chair.

NYANGA CRIME STATISTICS AND RESOURCES

(Members' Statement)

Ms S GWARUBE: Chairperson, for years the people of Nyanga Township in the City of Cape Town have lived in what has been considered the murder capital of South Africa. Through deliberate interventions of the Western Cape Provincial Government, through its Provincial Safety Plan, and the interventions of the City of Cape Town through its Law Enforcement Advancement Plan. Nyanga's crime statistics continues to fall and have been on a downward trajectory for the past four financial years as reported by Minister Bheki Cele.

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While we commend the City of Cape Town and the government of the Western Cape for making bold steps to keep our communities safe, we also need to congratulate the Community Policing Forum and other community structures which work in lockstep with the law enforcement stakeholders.

For years, there has been under resourcing of the South African Police Service, SAPS, in the province. The Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town could no longer sit back on the basis that policing is a national competence. This government had to take active steps to keep communities safe. Budget had to be reprioritised and efforts had to be made to augment the work of the under resourced SAPS.

IsiXhosa:

Bekungancono ukuba uMphathiswa uCele unokusebenzisana norhulumente wasaNtshona Koloni kunye neSixeko saseKapa. Ekugqibeleni Mphathiswa, okubalulekileyo kukuqinisekisa ukuba abantu bakhuselekile.

English:

It's not about egos or political battles, it's about lives. There are times ...

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IsiXhosa:

... apho ezopolitiko kufuneka zibekwe bucala.

English:

... and this is one of those issue. We should all be applauding the collaborative efforts of SAPS, the City of Cape Town, the Western Cape province and the people of Nyanga in fighting crime in this area. Thank you.

DILAPIDATION OF MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN

(Members' Statement)

Ms Y N YAKO: Hon Chairperson, for the last three weeks I have visited the Mangaung Metropolitan several times. I have known dilapidation but not to the level of Bloemfontein. From the set countenance of Braamfischer Airport to the many dangerous potholes in every single street. To the barely standing buildings and despondency in people's faces as they walk aimlessly to whatever jobs they are able to sustain themselves with in the central business district, CBD.

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The City of Mangaung is but a rotten ... [Inaudible.] ... full of inactivity and dust. Young men and women from Thaba 'Nchu in Botshabelo, Van Staden's Rust do not stand a chance of surviving drug and alcohol abuse because this government has chosen to line the pockets of a few at the expense of generations of many who will one day inform the trajectories of this country's economic state.

When we say we want jobs and land manje [now], it is not a chant but proof that we, the youth do not have jobs. We have many vacant dilapidated factories because you have allowed an investment and refuse to capitalise on investment that is already there. But now most of that investment has since been moved to Lesotho. Botshabelo and Bloemfontein industries are a thing of the past.

Minister Patel, what is your industrial policy around the manufacturing and in the textile? And please do not ... [Inaudible.] ... me about masterplans. Because these masterplans we have not seen them in action. These masterplans do not feed our families. Do not tell this House about covid and its impact because we have felt covid and its impact for decades now.

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What is the strategy around rebuilding growing industries, such as the textile and manufacturing industries? [Time Expired.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G BOROTO): Thank you. Your time is up. Hon members, let's remind each other, it's one minute thirty seconds for Members' Statements.

LIFESTYLE AUDIT

(Members' Statement)

Ms D P SIBIYA: House Chair, the ANC encouraged by the stepping up and intensification of compulsory lifestyle audit for government officials to ensure employees lifestyle are in line with their declared income. We believe that the importance of conducting lifestyle audits is a positive step towards the realisation of a capable, ethical and developmental state and more importantly fighting corruption.

Instances of public servants unduly benefiting from the state resources and procurement opportunities have increased and the lifestyle audits will help to strengthen the already existing financial disclosure frameworks. As from February 2022,

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intensifying lifestyle audits and its effective implementation can serve as meaningful deterrent for people who find themselves under observation and who may be asked to explain the origins of their wealth.

They are also useful in that they identify assets and goods allowing authorities to freeze sequester them while a full investigation is conducted, which increase the possibility of stolen assets being recovered. I thank you, Chair.

SCHOOL ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

(Members' Statement)

Mr S S ZONDO: Chairperson, South Africa's complex relationship with alcohol cannot be separated from social, political and economic circumstances the country face. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country two years ago it brought with it mental health complications that nobody anticipated.

With many people losing their jobs and many home situations being halted, it tragically presented new opportunities for alcohol and depression to run rapidly. Children were no longer

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attending schools in person and that came with its own implications. More youths were faced with anxiety and depression, which still persists.

The impact of mental health due to the sudden change is still being felt. Particularly by children and teenagers of school-going age.

The World Health Organisation, WHO, ranks South Africa as having the 5th highest alcohol consumption by popularity. Compared to the rest of the world just before the pandemic, one can only imagine what that looks like now. With the report that in some schools and areas pupils did not even come back to school and those that did go to school have developed new or worse drug and alcohol habit.

As the IFP, we call on the government to give this very serious matter the attention and urgency it deserves and find solution to this ongoing issue. I thank you.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AGREEMENT

(Members' Statement)

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Rev K R J MESHOE: Chairperson, the World Council for Health, a coalition of scientists, doctors, lawyers, civil society advocacy organisations and the ACDP opposes the World Health Organisations, WHO, move to implement a power grab in the form of a global pandemic agreement while the world's attention is diverted by the Russia and Ukraine crisis.

We believe that the proposed World Health Organisation's Global Pandemic Agreement is unnecessary and is a threat to the sovereignty of nations and the citizen's inalienable rights. It increases the WHO suffocating power to declare unjustified pandemics, impose dehumanising lockdowns, and enforce expensive, unsafe and ineffective treatments against the will of the people.

The World Council for Health believes that people have the right to participate in any agreement that affects the lives, livelihoods and wellbeing. We are concerned as the ACDP that the WHO has not engaged in any process of public participation. The ACDP believes that without an unbiased democratic process the Global Pandemic Agreement driven by the WHO will be illegitimate and invalid. The ACDP therefore insist that this Parliament must also debate this matter and there must also be a public participation process so that

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members of the public can make informed decisions about their future and that of their families and future generations. Kea leboga mme [Thank you.]

HIGHER DENSITY MULTI-STOREY HOUSING

(Member's Statement)

Mr P MEY (FF PLUS): House Chair, the country is experiencing a massive backlog in the supply of affordable housing to lower-income groups, and our approach and design of such housing development are contributing to the problem. We should therefore reconsider South Africa's approach of delivering low-density single storey houses that require large investments in water, electrical and civil infrastructure and rather opt for higher-density multi-storey developments which require substantially less investment in this regard and resulting in much lower unit cost and also lower servicing costs.

This will enable the country to supply more accommodation to our local communities within the available budgets and have added cost benefits for those communities due to being not accessible to main transport routes and shorter distances

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between housing developments, schools, clinics and other communities.

We owe it to the lower-income community of South Africa to provide them with some cost effective housing that not only satisfy their accommodation needs but also contribute to their general living standards. Thank you, House Chair.

DR NEIL AGGET DID NOT COMMIT SUICIDE

(Member's Statement)

Ms N H MASEKO-JELE (ANC): The ANC welcomes the ruling by the Johannesburg High court on Friday 4 March 2022, that the South African antiapartheid activist and trade unionist, Dr Neil Aggett, did not commit suicide.

According to the ruling, the antiapartheid activist was killed by the apartheid security branch police who severely tortured him for days before he was found hanging in his cell at John Vorster police station, more than 40 years ago. Judge Motsamai Makume has now called for the Security Branch members still alive to be held to account.

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Dr Aggett was the first white person to die in police custody and was hailed for his medical work in black communities and his interest in trade unions. Dr Aggett is one of many antiapartheid activists who died in detention at the hands of the police and whose death was declared a suicide amid a cover-up by apartheid police who enjoyed the backing of the courts, which rubber-stamped the deaths.

While it was said that he had hanged himself by climbing up the grille in his cell, only one fingerprint was found to belong to Aggett on the bars of the grille after tests in 2019. The then Justice and Correctional Services Minister, Michael Masutha, authorised the reopening of the inquest. I thank you.

RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE NOT A JUST WAR

(Member's Statement)

Mr B N HERRON (GOOD): House Chairperson, the just war theory proposes that although war is terrible, it can sometimes be justified. In order to claim that a war is just three sets of criteria apply. The morality of the war, the moral conduct

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within the war, and the morality of the post or settlement and reconstruction.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is not a just war; it is a breach of international law just as Israel breaches international law in its war against Palestine. There is no moral justification for the war it is justified on the basis of politics, economics and ideology.

South Africa's inability to condemn Russia's actions is likewise not based on morality. South Africa should have both the moral fibre and intellectual dexterity that more than one thing can be true at the same time. We condemn the Russian invasion while also acknowledging the west played in fuelling the crisis, while also demanding meaningful mediation.

If Russia was prosecuting a just war, we could debate where we stand. But in the present circumstances we should stand unequivocally that the situation demands negotiation and compromise, but equally demand that Russia withdraws her troops. We stand with the people of Ukraine as we do with the people of Palestine. South Africa should go once again as it has done in the past and actively facilitate processes for peace. Thank you, House Chair.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Nqola, come after hon Nkosi. Hon Nkosi, it is your opportunity now.

Mr B S NKOSI: The ANC welcomes the establishment of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School, inaugurated on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon Nkosi, sorry, are you having your earphones one? If you do, please remove them because we can hardly hear what you are saying. Proceed, hon Nkosi? Okay, in the meantime please check where you are. We will give you an opportunity to check where you are and try to find what is wrong with your gadget. Can we now allow hon Nqola?

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AFRICAN NATIONALS IN UKRAINE

(Member's Statement)

Mr X NQOLA (ANC): House Chair, The ANC condemns any form of discrimination and none more so, during a time of war and strife. We are extremely worried by the reports emanating from the Ukraine border of mistreatment and discrimination not only

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of African nationals trying to flee Ukraine but also citizens from India and the Middle East.

Many of these nationals, mostly students, have been refused the right to cross the border to safety and have accused Ukrainian security forces of racially profiling them, and of stopping them from getting on trains.

Through social media, videos have been circulating showing officials threatening African students and chasing groups of people. Many of them were shown wandering around an empty railway station after being refused entry to board the trains transporting Ukrainian citizens. One could go further to analyse the double standards in the media coverage of the crisis in Ukraine in comparison to devastation in other regions such as Africa and the Middle East.

The remarks by some journalists referring to Ukraine as a relatively civilised city which is not a place like Iraq or Afghanistan only serves to heighten the racist narrative.

As the ANC we call for an end to this kind of discrimination, an end to this violence and bloodshed and for peace to prevail. Thank you very much, House Chair.

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**MSUNDUZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY RESIDENTS WITHOUT WATER AND
ELECTRICITY**

(Member's Statement)

Ms H S WINKLER (DA): House chair, the Msunduzi Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal is facing a crippling crisis in the provision of water and electricity to not only its residents but to business. Some areas such as Mafakathini have had no access to water for the last nine years. This is in fundamental violation of their basic human rights.

Electricity and water outages are being experienced from hours to sometimes days, and often water and electricity are experienced at a loss at the same time. Over Christmas in 2021 residents of Msunduzi sat without electricity for nine days and all their food spoiled. To date, they have not received one ounce of compensation. The situation has become untenable and we fear for the collapse of the entire city.

Msunduzi is presently under administration for the second time and yet still this has not seen any improvements in service delivery. Urgent interventions are needed to save this capital city of KwaZulu-Natal, Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WOES IN KWAZULU-NATAL

(Member's Statement)

IsiZulu:

Nk M S KHAWULA (EFF): Niyaphapha. Ngibonge Sihlalo, njenge-EFF sizwakalisa okubuhlungu ukuhlukumezeka ngendlela abantu bakithi abahlukekumezeka ngayo phansi koMnyango Wezokuhlaliswa Kwabantu. E-ward 54 umphakathi wakhona uma ungabheka izindlu zakhona ubheke amathoyilethi, ngeke wacabanga ukuthi abantu bakithi laba. Kanjalo nase-ward 101

Bese ngiphinda ngizothi kuNgqongqoshe Wezokuhlaliswa Kwabantu kunento enkulu eyenzakalayo laphayana KwaZulu-Natal, umkhuba omusha ofikayo. Kunenhlangothi yamaSulumani ehlangene nabameli uthole ukuthi wena umuzi owawuthengwe ngabo-1950 nawushiyelwa ngabazali niyezwa sekuthiwa phumani kuwona ngoba usuthengiw, senibona ngezincwadi zezithunywa zenkantolo, ngiyiphethe nje kuyimanye, sezizonikhipha.

Kanjalo nase-ward 52 e-Phoenix e-Unit 12, e-Unit 20 nakhona kunenkinga efanayo. Le mindeni engikhuluma ngayo abangokuqala laphaya eMtshebeni eNanda abathengiswa ngabazali babo ngo-1950 ngingakazalwa, lana e-Phoenix baneminyaka engu-18 behlala

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khona kodwa sekuthiwa manje mabaphume endaweni ngoba sekuzovulwa amabhizinisi. [Ubuwelewele.] Ume kancane nje ungilalele. U-ward 45 kwa-L KwaMashu ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Mama Khawula, no, you have a very good story ...

IsiZulu:

... ungayinikeza uNgqongqoshe uma usho ukuthi uphethe nezinto

Nk M S KHAWULA: Akalubambi ucingo uNgqongqoshe wakho

USIHLALO WENDLU (Nk M G Boroto): Sizokusiza mama, isikhathi sesitatimende

Nk M S KHAWULA: Hhayi buyiselani u-Sisulu-ke. Akalubambi ucingo loNgqongqoshe.

English:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, thank you. Please, we will talk outside and assist Mama Khawula. You have information ...

IsiZulu:

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Nk M S KHAWULA: ... Makeze manje ngimnikeze.

English:

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): ... that we need. Thank you, Mama. We proceed.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MWALIMU JULIUS NYERERE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

(Member's Statement)

Mr B S NKOSI (ANC): House Chairperson, the ANC welcomes the establishment of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School, inaugurated on Wednesday 23 February 2022 at Kibaha in the coast region of Tanzania. This campus will serve political parties in the region and be a platform for China to enhance exchanges with them as a form of party-to-party diplomacy.

It will train leaders from pro-independence parties in South Africa, Mozambique, Angola, Namibia and Zimbabwe, as well as Tanzania. This project comes as a significant milestone in the SADC region, in honour and remembrance of Mwalimu, who is known for sharing the values of integrity and commitment in leadership.

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For a long time, the six progressive parties in southern Africa have united and led their people in the cause of national independence, construction and development, winning the support of the people.

These are the Revolutionary Party of Tanzania, the African National Congress of South Africa, the Mozambique Liberation Front Party, FRELIMO, and the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola, MPLA, the SWAPO Party of Namibia and the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front.

This campus will provide an important platform for these sister parties to improve their governing capacity and will play an active role in promoting the development and revitalisation of their respective countries.

**FIVE LIFE SENTENCES SERVED ON THE CONVICTED SERIAL KILLER,
THABISO MNDawe**

(Member's Statement)

Ms K D MAHLATSI (ANC): Chair, I am taking it on behalf of Mr Nqola. In his 2022 state of the nation address, His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa, made a clarion call for

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the intensification of the fight against gender-based violence and femicide, GBVF.

The five life sentences served on the convicted serial killer, Thabiso Mndawe, is fundamental in the fight against gender-based violence and femicide. Mndawe was recently sentenced by the Acting Judge, Denise Coetzer, at the Mbombela High Court for premeditated murder and for defeating the ends of justice. He pleaded guilty for the murder of five women found in his yard, in Numbi Trust outside Hazyview.

The five life sentences are a land mark victory in the fight against GBVF. This is a strong signal that such a crime has no place in the society. Criminals like Mndawe do not deserve to stay in our societies, hence they need to be removed permanently. Mndawe committed the heinous crimes between 2018 and 2019. We commend the police for his arrest and the successful prosecution. The effectiveness of the justice system is key in the fight against the GBV scourge. Thank you very much, House Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Please arrange your speaking order because Mr Nqola was on the screen, and it is as if I am discriminating.

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**UNREHABILITATED ASBESTOS QUARRIES A HEALTH HAZARD FOR
RESIDENTS OF MULDRSDRIFT, MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

(Member's Statement)

Mr J ENGELBRECHT (DA): Madam Chair, unrehabilitated and exposed asbestos quarries pose potential serious health hazards for residents of Muldersdrift in the Mogale City Local Municipality.

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, through Mintek, has reportedly conducted an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the asbestos problem and recommend mitigation actions to be undertaken, should there be such a need.

The information forthcoming from the department, unfortunately, seems to be lacking. Residents in the area are uncertain and anxious, not only because of potential health risks unrehabilitated asbestos mines pose, but also due to the effect that it may have on property value, viability of planned developments and possible disruptions in their daily lives as a result of rehabilitation that might or might not happen in future.

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One would have thought that the extreme levels of frustration and anxiety being experienced by the residents would be something that Minister Mantashe could anticipate and as such prioritise the conclusion of the investigation and provide feedback to the community.

The fact that a large primary school is situated in the immediate proximity of one of these derelict unrehabilitated asbestos quarries, should definitely have worried Minister Mantashe enough to take immediate action.

So, on behalf of the residents of Muldersdrift I pose the question: What is going on, Minister Mantashe? Thank you.

**RENOVATION OF THREE SCHOOLS IN HAMMANSKRAAL TO HELP IMPROVE
TEACHING AND LEARNING**

(Member's Statement)

Ms B P MBINGO-GIGABA (ANC): House Chair, the ANC believes that the recent renovations of three schools in Hammanskraal will ensure that teaching and learning in a conducive and productive environment will only serve to further advance the work of educators and learners.

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Ramabele Secondary as well as Mmatso and Rapeleho Primary Schools received fresh wall plastering, coats of paint, office furniture in addition to laptops to aid their teaching, learning and enhance their skills.

The renovations were sponsored by Altron Nexus together with the Gauteng Department of Finance and e-Government, working closely with the Gauteng Department of Education.

Staff rooms were given white, large boardroom-type tables, that will provide all teachers with a conducive working station; and Ramabele Secondary was also given smart boards connected to the internet. They were renovated to provide a teaching and learning environment worthy of the community.

An Information and Communications Technology, ICT, to introduce learners to learners while they're still in primary school.

It is also encouraging to note that the renovations will not stop with these schools, but that other schools in the areas in need of improvement will be identified and receive much needed assistance. Thank you, House Chair.

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NYANGA CRIME STATISTICS AND RESOURCES

(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF POLICE: Hon Chair, I'm really worried about member of the DA, Gwarube. What has improved the situation at Nyanga is that, firstly, in the Western Cape the SA Police deploy 200 police every month for the last year to work around that station; secondly, the new station of Harare has been built to assist that station, to take the pressure out of it. The deployment has been increased, we have 86 vehicles there and 339 police in that station.

The Western Cape has received most numbers of training, some of those members have gone back to that station.

The new Station Commander, Brigadier Ncatha, whom the community has asked the question 'Where he has been?' because he's one of the best there. Those are the things, by the way, that have reduced crime there.

We are prepared to work with the Western Cape government, together with the local government; so long they work within the law. That's the thing we have said time and again, hence

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we have met the Premier and Mayor to say 'let's work within the law'.

Lastly, I would request the member that has raised the question that they should put on the leach on their male members and their leaders not to abuse women in that particular area so that we can reduce gender-based violence. Thank you very much, Chair.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MWALIMU JULIUS NYERERE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AFRICAN NATIONALS IN UKRAINE

(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION:
Chairperson, I wish to respond to the statement by the hon Rev Meshoe on the proposed global treaty on pandemic preparedness. I assure the hon Meshoe that such a document be agreed by member states, we would certainly have to bring it, as we do with all international instruments, to Parliament for deliberation and consideration by our Parliament.

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So, the hon Meshoe should not worry that something will be adopted, which would not be considered by our elected representatives.

With respect to the statement by Mr Nkosi. We certainly join the ANC in welcoming the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere School of Leadership. We are very pleased that this school will serve as the building of leaders for the future of political leadership of the African continent but also ensure that the six liberation movements, which include Chama Cha Mapinduzi of Tanzania, will continue to play a role in the reconstruction and development of the African continent. So, we certainly welcome this development.

We agree as well with Mr Ngola. We have been really pursuing efforts to ensure that we get South Africans back home from the Ukraine. We have been assisted by the ambassador of South Africa, Ambassador Groenewald, in the Ukraine as well as by our ambassador in Moscow.

We have a number of young people already back in South Africa. There are some that are stuck in between the border of Ukraine and Russia, and we are currently in discussion with the Foreign Affairs Department of Russia to ensure that our

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students are granted safe passage so that we might return them back home to South Africa. I thank you, Chairperson.

DISBANDMENT OF THE NATIONAL LOTTRY COMMISSION BOARD
SOUTH AFRICA'S INDUSTRIAL POLICY

(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION: House Chair, I welcome the statement by hon Hermans on the National Lottery Commission, NLC. In particular that the statement recalls the decision by President Ramaphosa to authorise the investigation by the Special Investigating Unit, SIU, into the affairs of the NLC.

The findings of the SIU confirmed that the board of the NLC has failed to ensure proper administration and good governance particularly in respect of proactive funding of beneficiary organizations.

I've requested my legal team to initiate the process of terminating the membership of the existing board members whose term of office expire on 31 March 2022.

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The SIU investigation follows a range of interventions by the executive including requiring the NLC to publish the names of beneficiaries in the annual report after they initially refused to do so, instituting an independent forensic investigation into the grant-funding by the NLC and successfully defending the decision by the NLC to challenge the decision on the forensic investigation in court, and instituting disciplinary actions against an NLC board member based on the findings of the preliminary SIU report, and taking a range of other actions to ensure that public trust is restored to the NLC.

The board of the NLC, as the Judge of the Gauteng High Court recently noted, is an institution that refuses to account for its actions.

I will be briefing the portfolio committee on the actions taken by the executive to address the matters raised by the SIU as soon as its final report is available.

In response to hon Yako. The department regularly brief the committee on the matter of industrial policy focused on sectoral implementation.

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I addressed the portfolio committee on 27 October last year and these presentations have outlined the progress.

The executive will welcome the opportunity to do a further briefing to the portfolio committee specifically on the clothing, textile, footwear and leather industry. I thank you.
[Applause.]

FIVE LIFE SENTENCES SERVED ON THE CONVICTED SERIAL KILLER,

THABISO MNDWE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WOES IN KWAZULU-NATAL

(Minister's Response)

IsiZulu:

UNGQONGQOSHE WEZOLIMO, UKUBUYEKEZWA KOMHLABA NOKUTHUTHUKISWA
KWEZINDAWO ZASEMAKHAYA: Ngiyabonga kakhulu Sihlalo weNdlu
yeSishayamthetho, ngingasho ukuthi ngizophawula kabili
kuzincomo ezibekwe ngamalungu alandelayo. Uma ngingaqala nje
ngomama uDibolelo ngalokho akushilo ngesigwebo esithathwe
Inkantolo Enkulu yamaJaji mayelana nalowo obechaphaza
abesifazane. Sithi siyabonga futhi siyathemba ukuthi imithetho
njengoba le Ndlu yeSishayamthetho iya ngokuyicubungula,
iphinde iyiphasise yenza konalokho ukuthi isize labo

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bobulungiswa amajaji ukuthi akwazi ukukhipha izigwebo eziyizona zona. Kodwa njengoba sazi ukuthi ikhona futhi eminye imithetho ephinde yasayindwa nguMongameli ezosisiza nako kulolu daba. Kanti ke futhi siyazi ukuthi ukuhlukunyezwa kwabesifazane ngumshikashika wethu sonke, hhayi kuphela uhulumeni kanye namalungu eNdlu yesiShayamthetho. Kubalulekile ukuthi siqhubeke nomsebenzi wokugqugquzela imiphakathi ukuthi ilwe nalolu daba ngoba luyihlazo futhi luyichilo emphakathini yakithi.

Okwesibili, udaba oluphakanyiswe umama uKhawula. Mama uKhawula ngikuzwile ubalula indaba yokungagculiseki kahle ngezinye zezinto eziphathelene noMnyango weZezindlu kanti ke ngasho ukuthi ziyakuchaphazela kancane futhi mayelana noMnyango ophethwe ozomhlaba. Sizolubheka lolu daba mama olushilo mayelana nokususwa kwabantui kulezindawo ozibalile njengasePhoenix kanye nangaseNanda. Ngiyothanda ukuthi umama uKhawula asilekelele ngokusinikeza izincomo zakhe njengoba ebezisho ngezinto ezithinta imindeni ethize, hhayi nje ukuthi asabalalise. Kuyosisiza ukuthi silandelele ukuthi singalekelela kanjani. Ngiyabonga Sihlalo ohloniphekileyo.

DR NEIL AGGETT DID NOT COMMIT SUICIDE

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FIVE LIFE SENTENCES SERVED ON THE CONVICTED SERIAL KILLER,
THABISO MNDawe

(Minister's Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (Mr JH Jeffery): House Chair, I just want to respond on two of the statements. Firstly, was to welcome the statement from the ANC on the Neil Aggett inquest. It's good that justice has finally prevailed in the sense of the truth coming out although, obviously, people still haven't been held to account for what they did.

I think it's particularly important at this stage where many of the younger people have forgotten or are not aware of what was like, what the apartheid regime was like. When people were detained without trial it wasn't in terms of Criminal Procedure Act where they could be brought or had to be brought to court within 48 hours; it was literally, they were locked up and didn't see anyone.

Neil Aggett was the 51st detainee person to die in detention. And part of the group that was detained with him were other members of this House, former members, Barbara Hogan, the

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former Minister, Sisa Njikelana and then also to particularly refer to the Deputy Director-General in the Treasury, Ismail Momoniat, who was also tortured in that period. Somebody who has been aligned by some of the members of this House on previous occasions.

So, I think it is very important we remember what happened and I also hope that this House will ratify the convention on the suppression of the punishment and crime of apartheid, which is before this House.

Secondly, then just on the issue of femicide, the five life sentences to Thabiso Mndawe. I think it shows that the law does work. The problem is that in spite of that, men carry on abusing and killing women. And it's something we all need to address; it's not aliens from another planet that are abusing women or killing women, it's our own fathers, brothers, sons and so on. And we as a country, as a whole, we need to work harder to address it and to stop men abusing and killing women. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Hon members, I don't have hands. Unless somebody can't raise the hand from the executive, we still have a slot.

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But I think more statements have been responded to, but I will allow you, Mr Jeffrey, to proceed!

HIGHER DENSITY MULTI-STOREY HOUSING

(Minister's Response)

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (Mr JH Jeffery): House Chair, it's not one within my portfolio but just the hon member from the FF-Plus who spoke about the need for housing. And to maybe point out that back in the 1980s the National Party government, which I assume he was still a part of before the Conservative Party left, they demolished more houses annually than they built. Thank you.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION – COMMISSION FOR GENDER
EQUALITY, CGE, REPORT ON FOLLOW-UP HEARINGS ON GENDER
TRANSFORMATION AT TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS 2019-20**

Ms B P MBINGO-GIGABA: Chairperson, members of the executive council and the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, we are presenting the consideration of report of the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on the oversight that we have

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conducted in Ngaka Modiri Molema District and Dr Kenneth Kaunda District in the North West as well as Lejweleputswa and Mangaung districts in the Free State province. Prior to the deliberation on the report, first allow us to remark that today, 08 March, is dedicated by the United Nations as the International Women's Day. We therefore wish to take this opportunity to, first and foremost, add our voice to salute women at local, national and international level in our struggle and achievement for gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow. It is my wish that justice be served to perpetrators of gender-based violence as we celebrate the International Women's Day.

IsiXhosa:

Igama la makhosikazi! Malibongwe!

English:

The objectives of the oversight in these two provinces form part of our first term Parliament programme this year. In support of Parliament oversight role, the objective of the oversight is primarily focussed on the state of the school readiness for 2022 by focussing on the following, amongst others, the COVID-19 protocols, the state of admission and registration of learners, the functionality of farm and

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technical secondary schools, the state of the school infrastructure and the early childhood development in the schools. There are challenges and of course there are successes.

Allow me to recommend that in the North West the learner transport need to be addressed with the relevant stakeholders. All unplaced learners must be placed as of the 01 February. The renovations and maintenance of infrastructure is required and must be completed with immediate effect. The department must address the identified challenges that impact on effective teaching and learning and strive to address them promptly at the appropriate level.

The recommendations that we have done in the Free State, apart from the fact that the Free State is a pocket of excellence in schools, is that we have noted that there is a need to investigate the root causes for learner dropouts as the intervention programmes are in place. The teenage pregnancy percentage for Free State province is fairly high as members recommended that such learners be assisted to return to school after delivery.

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Some of the schools visited with infrastructural challenges were not on the priority list for assistance and support and we queried whether these schools could be considered for the conclusion of the priority list. The department ensured that the needy schools were prioritised for refurbishment, maintenance and renovations. Technical schools and agricultural technology schools will be supplied with materials and updated machinery as required.

In conclusion, we are saying that the oversight visit to the North West and Free State provinces provided the committee with an opportunity to strengthen oversight in order to hold the government accountable on issues related to the state of schooling.

We wrapped our oversight visits by engaging the circuit managers, district managers, provincial education department officials and the Department of Education that they should try to assist the schools with necessary resources and support.

Thank you very much, Chair. [Applause.]

There was no debate.

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UMBHEXESHI OYINTLOKO WEQELA ELILAWULAYO: Sihlalo weNdlu, ndiphakamisa ukuba le Ndlu iyamkele le ngxelo ithiwe thaca apha nguSihlalo weKomiti yeMicimbi yeSebe leMfundo esiSiseko. Enkosi Sihlalo.

Declarations of vote:

Mr B B NODADA: Chairperson, as legislators and elected servants of the people of South Africa, it is imperative that we must go beyond enjoying air conditioned boardrooms and sitting in the comfort of our desktops on Zoom, while listening to carefully crafted presentations on the state of our basic education system. It is our duty to see the reality for ourselves on the ground. Oversight is an effective way to hold the executive and departments' implementation plans to account. It is to ensure that local issues are being addressed. The aim is to ensure that the best quality education, one that is conducive to teaching and learning, is provided. Taxpayers' money needs to be put to good use so that we create an education system that provides opportunity for learners to get out of poverty and unemployment.

What we saw on the ground in North West and Free State is unsurprisingly different from the beautiful picture that

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is often painted in our meetings. I am unsure as to why our system is idealised when it carries so many flaws that we have responsibility of fixing as legislators. The North West department is currently under the administration of the national Department of education. It has failed to manage the department to provide quality education to learners. And we have also seen it being embroiled in the latest VBS Mutual Bank scandal.

We visited over 13 schools in the province and we identified some chronic issues. Firstly, we saw poor infrastructure facilities. Poor sanitation continues to be a nightmare for the department. In Bojanala District alone there are 21 schools with inadequate sanitation facilities including traditional pits. In Boitseanape Technical Secondary School we came across old and dilapidated buildings with their ceilings collapsing. What was also concerning is that the workshop's machinery and equipment was not being serviced or maintained. In Onkgopotse Tiro Comprehensive School learners had to write exams without electricity.

What is even more concerning is that in Ikalafeng Special School workshops do not comply with Health and Safety Act. Second, there were many space challenges leading to

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overcrowding. Retlametswe Special School was a sad sight for learners with disabilities studying in overcrowded classes. Classes have not been built according to the department's norms and standards, with two shanties being used as classrooms. Due to lack of infrastructure, learners with different conditions were grouped in one classroom. For example, learners with Autism, Attention Deficit Hypertension Disorder do not get special care, but are rather grouped together.

Thirdly, the teacher vacancies and high learner dropouts cannot be ignored. North West Education department has 89 post level one vacancies. Teacher vacancies contribute to high teacher=learner ratios increasing overcrowding in schools and ultimately hindering the quality of education being provided.

In North West Secondary School for the Deaf, there is a shortage of interpreters. Currently, there are only three in that school.

What only exacerbates the above-mentioned problems is the poor leadership and management we are seeing.

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The Makgwe Primary School governing body, SGB, spent R33 000 to cut down an already fallen tree with the aid of the circuit manager. Instead of fixing the roof of all the classrooms that were blown away they decided to spend this money on just a tree which boggles the mind. A combination of all the above-mentioned issues have undoubtedly contributed to the 40% dropout rate in North West Education department. As we have seen in Cocekani Technical School more than 60% of learner dropout between Grade 11 and matric. There is currently no mitigation strategies to track, trace and retain learners.

However, in the Free State education department we saw a completely different contrast to what we witnessed in North West. We visited schools that were well maintained, with strong leadership, quality teaching, well-maintained infrastructure in workshops, well supported learners with special educational needs, LSENS, schools and a responsive department in many fronts. This is a province with pockets of excellence.

Despite this though, we did however identify a variety of challenges linked to teacher vacancy rate where there is

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over 121 post level 1 teacher vacancies. There are challenges regarding infrastructure.

However, the biggest challenge for the Department of Education in the Free State has to be the dropout rate. The Free State has the top matric pass rate when the Minister announced. However, of the 56 000 learners who were supposed to sit for exams in 2021, only 25 000 of them set for exams.

As the DA we have submitted that the national and provincial departments of education must ensure that the Infrastructure and Efficiency Grant, IEG, grant is efficiently used to urgently improve maintenance in schools, eradicated dilapidated asbestos and pit toilets. Furthermore, it is essential that the budget allocated by the Treasury is used to fill the teacher vacancies. We have further suggested that the Department of Education must collaborate with Social Development to curb the dropout rate so that we don't contribute to the 3,3 million youth that is not in education, employment or training. The DA will not support. [Applause.]

Ms N R MASHABELA: House Chair, we note the report of the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on the oversight visit to the North West and the Free State provincial departments as

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presented. The report vindicates our long-held conviction that South Africa's basic education system is characterised by crumbling infrastructure, overcrowded classrooms and poor water and sanitation infrastructure which perpetuates the inequalities in our society. This important report highlights the huge challenges faced by learners and teachers daily. We hope that its recommendations will not gather dust in the records of the Department of Basic Education.

The insistence of the Department of Basic Education on rotational time tabling is really laid bare by this report. There is simply inadequate infrastructure in majority of our schools due to limited space to comply with COVID-19 regulations and social distancing.

In the Bojanala District alone there are 21 schools with inadequate toilets facilities including pit toilets. An amount of 17 have major maintenance challenges and four are pit toilets. It should not shock us that Boitseanape Technical Secondary School has dilapidated buildings and collapsing ceilings.

House Chair, the SA Human Rights Commission report released last year already highlighted these challenges. In Ngaka

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Modiri Molema 16 schools are supplied water through the water-tanker services by the municipality. We are especially concerned that some recommendations do not have timelines and the report simply says, with urgency, but we know that the Minister has no sense of urgency whatsoever. She has proven this for the past 13 years.

We must commend the teachers who continue to dedicate their lives to improving the lives of learners including teachers of Onkgopotse Tiro Comprehensive School, that despite the challenges they face they even use their own vehicles to transport learners.

The Department of Basic Education has failed millions of our children whose only hope for the future is acquiring good education. We reject this report because it does not propose any tangible means of holding the department to account for its failures. Thank you, House Chairperson.

Declarations of vote:

Mr S S ZONDO: Hon Chairperson, I deliver this declaration on behalf of hon S L Ngcobo. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit our shores, one of the major weaknesses in our public service system was the education sector. A number of issues in this

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sector were exposed, which directly placed the health of our learners and teachers at an increased risk.

Apart from the COVID-19 virus, which still poses a current risk, services and hygiene facilities at our schools in general were inadequate. The concerns of general hygiene, whether COVID-19 exists or not, must be taken seriously by the department and be swiftly addressed. Our learners, youth and teachers spend considerable amounts of time with each other daily. It is unacceptable that in this day and age we still have water delivery, safe drinking water and proper sanitation being an ongoing issue.

The report itself lists these issues as basic services, meaning that government is failing to provide the minimum safe conditions of sanitation to our learners, never mind being at the forefront of quality services. In the Bojanala District, there are 21 schools with inadequate toilet facilities, including pit latrines.

In 2019, President Ramaphosa promised to prioritise the eradication of pit latrines in schools ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Sorry, honourable.

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Sepedi:

Malatji, tima! Tima, motho yo moswa. Tšwela pele, ntate.

English:

Mr S S ZONDO: In 2019, President Ramaphosa promised to prioritise the eradication of pit latrines in schools within three years, and his predecessor, former President Jacob Zuma, made this promise in 2013. It is now 2022 – nine years later – and the ANC-led government has repeatedly failed to keep these promises. Minister, what has this department done to hold the President accountable for not meeting his deadline for the eradication of pit latrines in all schools across the country? Why has this department not realised this most basic need?

The IFP finds the continued existence of pit latrines in schools completely unacceptable. We call on parents, learners, teachers and civil society to partner with the IFP in holding government accountable. We need to ensure that promises are kept and our citizenry is treated with the respect they deserve. I thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Can we allow them to clean first, then the FF Plus can go ahead. Proceed, FF Plus.

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Dr W J BOSHOFF: Hon House Chair, in January, the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education visited selected schools in North West and Free State. How the schools were selected, was not expressly reported, but it seems that only one school in good shape was visited. What would a really good school in rural South Africa look like? The most important feature would not be the beauty of the buildings and the terrain, although we may very well find it well kept.

It would not be the quality of plumbing for water and sanitation, although we would not expect problems in that area. It would not be the imposing office of the principal with rows of degrees hanging on the wall, although we would expect the principal to be qualified and hardworking. It would not even be happy and hardworking learners attending classes presented by punctual and well prepared teachers, although we would expect that at a school - it goes without saying.

The result of the most important feature could be deducted from the above-mentioned information. It would in fact be a community which has taken ownership of the school as an extension of the family - as an institution which specialises in formal education while parents are economically active. It would be an interaction between young people - children, if I

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may still use the word - between children and teaching adults, between parents and teachers as educators in different roles, between the local educational community and the state which provides buildings, water, sanitation and direction to the work schools have to do.

All of this will be facilitated by the school governing body. It is easy for the state to overestimate its own role, but it is also easy for the community to overestimate the state's role and wait on it to do what communities should do by themselves. What we will see is not perfect harmony because that is seldom productive and progressive. It will be characterised by tension between different interest groups, but the tension would not develop into animosity, or worst of all, apathy. When one or more of these role-players overestimate their own role or relinquish it all together, schools which are found with pit toilets are the norm, where neither the community, nor teachers, nor support staff, nor learners take pride in the general appearance or functionality of the school. Even all schools are somewhere on a spectrum of functionality with some room for improvement.

School from across the spectrum have been visited by the committee. The bad news is that there are really dysfunctional

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schools. The good news is that there are also some good schools, also in poor and rural context. That means that there are role models. My advice to communities which want to improve their schools is not to lift up their eyes unto the government, from whence help will not cometh, but to put shoulder to the wheel, welcoming the state once it presents itself. I thank you.

Ms M E SUKERS: Chairperson, in the words of John Maxwell, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." This oversight tells the tale of two provinces and the strength or weaknesses of its leadership. And I want to agree with the hon Boshoff in outlaying the attributes of what makes a good rural farm school. And we certainly saw that at the farm school in Free State.

The ACDP supports this report by the committee. And because of this farm school, I want to focus on specifically one issue as it is in the report. We believe that the department should take note of the challenges of integration learners from rural communities experience when they are moved to township schools, far away from home, as indicated in this report. This priority of merging and closing nonviable schools are in

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direct contradiction of the rural development objectives and it contributes to the disintegration of farming communities.

The principal of Nkagisang Primary School requested that Grade 8 and Grade 9 should remain at the school, until children are matured enough to move to the further education and training, FET, phase. The reason for this plight is because of the high dropout rate of learners and losing them in townships to gangsterism and drugs. The issue of maturity and readiness in terms of sending children far away from home to new environments during these abnormal times is one that the department should be addressing.

The second issue raised by the same school was lack of a social environmental impact study as it pertains to the mine in the area. We wish to state that the same should be done before the schools are closed or merged in farming communities. We believe the education sector, especially in rural communities, is an excellent opportunity for the department to respond to the presidential address to contribute to economic developments.

The department can make it much easier for communities to open collaborative schools or independent schools in those farming

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communities rather than sending foundation phase children to big schools in townships and losing children in the first phase of their high school years because they are being bullied and because they are not adapting to new environments. The ACDP supports this report and we really want to emphasise that the department needs to relook at the approach that they are taking in closing and merging these farm schools. Thank you.

Mr N L S KWANKWA: House Chairperson, there is an IFP Member of Parliament who called President Cyril Ramaphosa, Jacob Ramaphosa. We want to agree that he is indeed Jacob Ramaphosa because he and former President Zuma are mealies of the same ANC bag, but other than that, we don't have a declaration on this point.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Unfortunately, you are out of order. Hon Kwankwa, you are out of order. The member actually rectified himself. He never said what you are saying. ATM?

Mr N L S KWANKWA: No, we agree with him, he is Jacob Ramaphosa.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, and bye bye! [Interjections.] So, there is no ATM. Good? [Interjections.]. NFP? [Interjections.]. AIC? [Interjections.].

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: House Chairperson, can I rather do the declaration if Comrade Sibisi is not available? I am not sure why he is not here.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Yes, you are allowed. Proceed, you are from the NFP, isn't?

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Can I go ahead from here, House Chairperson, it that alright?

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

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Thank you, House Chairperson. The NFP notes the report on the oversight visit. But the challenges we face is as follows, and I am not sure why the department does not take this seriously. When one in two children who starts school do not finish school, surely there must be a problem. If 60% of the children from basic education level go to a tertiary institution and drop out in the first year, there has to be something wrong. I had the opportunity under the

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Standing Committee on Appropriations to go and visit some of these schools, and it is not like the department makes it ... [Interjections.] ... - believe me. We have gone in search of brand new schools that were built at R60 million or R70 million. They had a laboratory with no air-conditioners at all. We had educators there. The same toilets were used by both boys and girls and it is the responsibility of the educators to take these children to the toilets. That is the quality of education we are providing, particularly in many of the rural schools. I think the department needs to take this seriously, and that if it continues like this, they are not going to address the skills needs of this country. Let us not be in denial, House Chairperson. We know that there are challenges - I mean 28 years later, and there are no toilets, and we are doing very little about it.

In supporting this report, we are saying that we should sit down and find solutions to the problems. We cannot allow it to continue. Thank you very much, House Chairperson.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Hon House Chair, learners need to be prepared for the 21st century competencies, and it is a pity that the report did not address this during the oversight visit. This was a wonderful opportunity to identify the

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champion educators embracing the cyber civilisation and provide them with the support to prepare our learners for the future and not restrict them to the Stone Age competencies. I still wait to hear whether the Basic Education department has shared the 21st century competencies with educators or know what such competencies are. It seems leadership in Basic Education is still in the Stone Age and putting out fires and counting pit toilets. Thank you very much, hon House Chair.

Ms N G ADOONS: Hon Chairperson, greetings to you, the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, the executive and all members, [molweni].

The ANC wishes all women in our country across the continent and the entire world a happy Women's Day. Malibongwe!

Chair, the Basic Education Portfolio Committee oversight visit's purpose to assess the state of readiness is a critical face of the year in the basic education system. Planning for the year was undertaken in the previous year to ensure that all schools have necessary learning and teaching material.

The coronavirus pandemic has further compounded preparations as the department had only not focus on teaching and learning

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resumption, but adhere to COVID-19 protocols. It is for these reasons that as early as 30 November 2021, the portfolio committee received a briefing from the department on the state of readiness for 2022. We made enhancing recommendations to ensure readiness for the 2022 school calendar.

Our oversight visit in schools in the North West, in the Ngaka Modiri Molema and the Dr Kenneth Kaunda Education Districts in particular, has enabled us to assess the state of our schools and to engage with different stakeholders to get their reflections.

This is a critical aspect for us as representatives for the people. For to strengthen our schools through engagements and interactions with different stakeholders is pivotal.

The visit also enabled us to have holistic focus on the province beyond the schools visited, as we received comprehensive presentations from the provincial Department of Basic Education.

Hon members, this report contains critical recommendations that response to pressing issues affecting our people.

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Our visit to Boitseanape Technical Secondary School which is the Quintile 4 school found that 40 out of 41 teachers were vaccinated. While over 10% of the learners from Grade 8 to 12 were vaccinated reflecting a high uptake by teachers. It is with sadness that the school lost one of their teachers due to COVID-19.

The school received all its learner and teacher materials. Its challenges were largely infrastructure as other members also alluded to, which has deteriorated and lack of connectivity. We have recommended an urgent intervention on the infrastructure and the supply of critical machinery and equipment as it is a technical school.

We also visited Retlametswe Special School which caters for learners with severe intellectual disabilities. All learners in the school received a 100% transport subsidy and the school was ready to reopen.

The greatest concern was with the inadequate infrastructure which result in learners with different inabilities in one class constraining effective attention. We recommended the expansion of infrastructure and provision of a psychologist, a

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therapist and other social services, within six months of the adoption of this report.

Hon members, this is a critical matter to ensure inclusive learning in assuring that learners with disabilities are able to be skilled in order to be involved in productive activities within their abilities.

The other critical area in our basic education system are focus schools which develop learners for specialisation in different economic sectors. Our visit to Sanishoff High School which is an agricultural school is a major highlight of our visit, because it demonstrated a practical way of embedding agricultural skills to develop our future farmers and specialists in the agricultural sector. The school has livestock and also sells a thousand litres of milk every two days to Clover.

Focus schools need to be expanded in our basic education system to ensure that we prepare learners for economic sectors which are strategic for economic development and the transformation of our country.

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Tiang Primary school in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District is deeply rooted in the inclusive education and it caters for differently up led learners. It provides educational support for a diversity up led and those who are wheel chair bound. It is an inclusive school that is allowed to admit learners with mild and moderate disabilities to enhance their educational programmes with schools and receive a disability budget allocation.

In the Free State, we visited Lejwe Le Putswa and Mangaung Districts. The provincial department also provided a comprehensive presentation on the different critical areas for preparation in relation to infrastructure water supply, delivery of learner teacher material that were 100% delivered. In the Free State province, the prevalent challenge was the lack of adequate classrooms for different grades.

We undertook an oversight visit to Lettie Fouche Special School which serves learners with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities. We made a specific recommendation on the filling of a therapist post as it is a critical function particularly for learners staying in the hostel.

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Our oversight visit, to Bainsvlei Combined School, in Mangaung, which is located in a farming community was ready and COVID-19 compliant. The major concern is that the learners there, dropout and leave school after completing Grade 7 to go and work in farms. We have made specific recommendations with specific timelines to address various challenges we came across as the committee.

We further commend the significance progress undertaken by two provinces in ensuring school reopening. It is critical that this report is adopted, in less than two months since the visits to ensure rapid implementation by the department on our recommendation. The ANC supports this report. I thank you, Chair. [Applause.]

Motion agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

DEBATE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
GENDER EQUALITY TODAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT:

Thank you very much, Chairperson and good afternoon, hon

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members. This very important parliamentary debate is taking place at an opportune time as we gear up for the 66th UN Commission on the Status of Women, which is scheduled to be held in New York from 14 to 25 March 2022, under the priority theme: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental risk reduction policies and programmes.

So, the theme of today's debate: Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow, touches at the core of the global theme as we commemorate International Women's Day. The Commission on the Status of Women allows us to take stock of the implementation of commitments governments made under the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. These landmark agreements, adopted unanimously by 189 countries, remain as a critical agenda for women's empowerment and are considered the basis of global policy on gender equality. It affirms that women's rights are human rights, and that equality between women and men benefits everyone.

The Platform for Action imagines a world where each woman and girl can exercise her freedom and choices, and realise all her rights, such as to live free from violence, to go to school,

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to participate in decisions and to earn equal pay for equal work.

Advancing gender equality in the context of the climate crisis and disaster risk reduction is one of the greatest global challenges of the 21st century. The issue of climate change and sustainability has had and will continue to have a severe and lasting impact on our environment, economic and social development. Climate change effects will be felt everywhere and knows no borders. However, its most crippling effects will be borne by those who are amongst the most vulnerable and marginalised, who are women and girls.

Women are increasingly being recognised as more vulnerable than men to climate change impacts as they constitute the majority of the world's poor and are more dependent on the natural resources which climate change threatens the most.

Parallel to the climate crisis is the coronavirus 19 pandemic which has affected every sphere of life and has paralysed every community around the globe, making the global market situation worse and thus negatively impacting on the economy.

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The years 2020-21 have been record breaking for extreme weather events around the world, with extreme weather that is more frequent, intense and widespread than experienced in past years. Furthermore, the economic costs of COVID-19 are likely to shatter the chances of meeting existing climate financing goals, as funding for climate change will be diverted to respond to COVID-19.

According to the findings of the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's sixth assessment report, science has confirmed yet again that even if deep emission cuts happened right now today, the world will inevitably be struck by exacerbating impacts resulting from locked in warming until the end of the century. This clearly tells us that gender responsive climate action is no longer an option but an imperative.

The detrimental effects of climate change can be felt in the short term through natural hazards such as landslides, floods and droughts, and in the long term through a more gradual degradation of the environment. The adverse effects of these events are already felt in many areas and sectors such as agriculture and food security, biodiversity and ecosystems,

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water resources, human health, human settlements and migration patterns, and even energy and transport.

Globally, it is estimated that 70% of those who live on less than a dollar a day are women. Women own about 1% of the world's property and 75% of illiterate adults are women. In our country, women make up 50% of the population with a large proportion living in impoverished circumstances that are most vulnerable to extreme weather events and ... have no proper infrastructure, thus making them more affected by climate change and its impacts. Women also face social, economic and political barriers that limits coping mechanisms.

On 17 February 2022, I had the honour of attending, as a guest speaker, a preparatory event organised by *Ilitha Labantu* in the Western Cape in partnership with the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, to flesh out women's needs and priorities ... going for the upcoming 66th Commission on the Status of Women, CSW66, meeting in New York. The discussion had an enriching effect on South Africa's position to the CSW66 agreed conclusions on what the most vulnerable women and girls on the ground are grappling with on a daily basis, especially with regard to empowerment in the context of climate change, the environment and disaster risk reduction.

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Climate change worsens existing vulnerabilities and adds to the pressures on the environment and natural resources which so many South Africans directly depend on. For example, after climate-related disasters like the floods that were recently experienced in the country, women are among the first to lose their homes and jobs, and have to work long hours to control their situations and get their households back in order, while men are more mobile and continue their daily activities. Many women continue to head households in many rural villages across the country where they are not readily mobile because they care for the children and the elderly while relying on reduced natural resources and subsistence agriculture to sustain their families and generate an income.

With that said, women and girls are effective and powerful leaders and change makers for climate adaptation and mitigation actions. They have a natural, historic and indigenous strong knowledge base and expertise that can be used in climate change mitigation, disaster reduction and adaptation strategies. They are involved in sustainability initiatives around the world and in their communities, and their participation and leadership results in more active climate action. Women as mothers and primary educators have a critical role to play in the promotion of behavioural change

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in economic and societal activities. It is therefore important that inclusive economic growth is key to addressing unemployment, gender equality, health and other poverty-related issues.

Our National Climate Change Adaptation ... which was approved in 2020, defines the country's vulnerabilities, plans to reduce those vulnerabilities and leverage opportunities, and outlines the required resources for such action, whilst demonstrating progress on climate change adaptation. It also outlines a set of objectives, interventions and outcomes to enable the country to give expression to its commitment to the Paris Agreement. As a guiding principle, our strategy aims to promote the participation of women, take gender differences in vulnerability to climate change into account, and address the needs and priorities of both women and children.

The vulnerability to biodiversity loss, desertification and climate change impacts are deeply connected to gender, and conversely, sustainability interventions, responses and solutions need to consider gender issues if they are to fully meet the objectives for which they were established.

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We are also promoting the integration of gender issues in disaster resilient-related programmes, including promoting and requiring the generation of gender disaggregated data and analysis, and the monitoring and evaluation of the specific impacts that these events have on women and girls.

Our department has also developed a Strategy towards gender mainstreaming in the environment sector 2016-21, the first of such sector strategies in the country to provide strategic guidance for gender mainstreaming in the environment sector. This is for the purpose of ensuring that initiatives in the sector are aimed at supporting the creation of policies that support gender analysis and mainstreaming during the development of new projects, and including gender perspectives in the whole project cycle management.

It is thus very important to continue to examine the opportunities, as well as the constraints, to empower women and girls to have a voice and be equal players in decision-making related to climate change and sustainability as essential for sustainable development and greater gender equality.

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As I conclude, the strategy has highlighted a few of the issues that we need to take into consideration:

Firstly, ensuring that women and girls' voices are not excluded from global and national decision-making;

Secondly, making sure that an urgent stop to gender-based violence, GBV, is attended to; and

Lastly, in raising the aspirations of girls and their parents, we need to give girls images and role models that expand their dreams.

IsiXhosa:

Xa sisitsho Sihlalo ...

English:

... we just want to salute ...

IsiXhosa:

... sinika imbeko koomama. Kaloku uze ukhumbule ukuba umama akabunjwanga ngodongwe okanye uthuthu, ubunjwe ngelungu elinamandla kakhulu emzimbeni womntu, ithambo. Yiyo loo nto

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umntu ongumama akwaziyo ukugina njengethambo nakweyiphi na imeko, kuba akabunjwanga ngothuthu. Ndiyabulela Sihlalo.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Thank you, Deputy Minister Sotyu. As we proceed, I just want to remind Mr Zondi, mama Khawula, Ms Sukers that the Rules have not changed. I will now invite the hon Chief Whip of the Opposition. Ms Mazzone?

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Thank you very much, House Chairperson Boroto and please forgive me for not being in the House, but I'm a bit under the weather today.

Firstly, I'd like to wish all women a happy Women's Day. However, for me personally and for many of the members of my party, this isn't a very happy Women's Day. When a crime is committed, it is bad enough when it is someone that you know of or someone that you are acquainted with, but when the crime happens and it happens within your family it is even worse to deal with. The DA is no different, and has had a massive embarrassment caused to it very recently by someone who should've been taking care of the most vulnerable in society, and whose actions have led us to look at things in a very

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different way and certainly to understand that if we don't act first, no-one will act for us.

It's because of that, that I am proud of people like Premier Alan Winde who found out about an MEC ... and hon Chair, nothing that I say today will not be within the particular ... in the public domain. The MEC for Safety and Security was investigated for sexual misconduct and the Minister was immediately removed from the executive by Premier Alan Winde. An independent investigation, and I hasten to add the words, independent investigation, took place which found that there was sufficient credibility in the allegations of sexual misconduct, there was sufficient credibility in the allegations of alcohol abuse and there was sufficient evidence that the MEC had created an environment that was conducive to sexual harassment or alternatively, taking advantage of young women sexually.

Now that is unacceptable and I am very proud of the fact that my party acted and acted immediately. However, we cannot hide from these things. Sexual misconduct and GBV happens everywhere, and it is up to us as women and it is up to us as society to speak out even when it is very difficult to do so.

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It can be a brother, it can be a father, it can be an uncle, but we must never be afraid to stand up and protect our women.

I've noticed that the older I get, I perhaps think of myself as not being a prude at all, but I find myself getting more and more irritated when I look on social media and I see photos of women being objectified, draping themselves around men and doing this because they are so desperate for any form of income that they will lower their standards and simply become objectified by male counterparts.

I make a call to all South Africans today. If women are not all treated equally and if we leave one woman behind, we have failed in our duty. I ask all South Africans to join me and join the DA in acting with haste when we find out about any sexual misconduct because that is the only way to sustainable growth and to make sure that women play an active part in society.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chairperson, when a German Marxist theorist and activist, Clara Zetkin, proposed for the concept of an International Women's Day back in 1910, she did so on the background of the brave struggles waged by millions of women over generations. Comrade Zetkin and many of the women who

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worked with her and those who came before them had been well aware of the peculiarity of the struggles of women, and working women in particular. Just a few years earlier, over 15 000 women had marched through the streets of New York demanding shorter working hours so that they could take care of their families, and demanding equal pay for equal work. Comrade Clara carefully identified the struggle for women as inherently a socialist struggle. She once noted:

When a battle for suffrage is conducted, it should only be conducted according to socialist principles, and therefore, with the demand of universal suffrage for women and men.

These ideals are forever relevant to our own society today because the struggle for the emancipation of women has not changed much, particularly in our own country. Today in South Africa, more than half of our population is women, and almost 40% of all households in the country are headed by women who are responsible for the wellbeing of their families and extended families. It is women who are at the coalface of poverty, who suffer the most from crime, who are scorned the most in public institutions, who almost always get the short end of the stick when it comes to access to justice, who do not get paid equal for equal work.

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A 2018 study by Economic Research Southern Africa found that female-headed households are more likely to be poor in relation to male-headed households. This is because, in general, women are paid far less than men, even for doing the same work. Female-headed households are approximately 40% poorer than those headed by men. Also, 48% of female-headed households support extended family members compared to 23% of male-headed households doing the same. As recent as 2020, the Statistics SA Inequality Trends report indicated that women earned on average 30% less than men doing the same job. The same was confirmed by the Gender Pay Gap Report of the National Business Initiative released in 2021.

We all know this to be true, but we have not taken any serious step towards addressing these problems. The EFF has consistently advanced the cause of women's emancipation since our formation in 2013. We have consistently called for land to be made available to women, particularly rural women, because they are the main drivers of sustainable change in communities. We have called for the protection of our environment because healthy ecosystems provide critical ecosystem services that are so critical for the lives of millions of rural women.

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It is in that context that we support the struggles of the people of Xolobeni because we know that deep down land struggles are women's struggles. Our municipalities and government departments must be compelled to provide opportunities to women-led initiatives because it is these initiatives that leave a lasting legacy in our communities. It is shameful that our society and our government are hell-bent on demonising advances made in the struggle for women's emancipation. The President and his backers are doing all they can to stop the Judicial Service Commission, JSC, process that recommended the appointment of the first female Chief Justice in the country. They do this because, at the core, they cannot imagine an arm of the state as important as the judiciary that is led by a black woman.

The opposition to the appointment of Judge President Mandisa Maya has nothing to do with her qualifications and skills, but everything to do with the fact that she is a black woman. It is an opposition that is anchored by stinking patriarchy. It is this same group that is hounding out the Public Protector, Busisiwe Mkhwebane. The drive to remove her from her position comes from people who cannot stand a strong black woman in this country. As comrade Clara Zetkin said back then, "when men are silent, it is our duty to raise our voices on behalf

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of our ideals." We will fight for the realisation of these ideals for a socialist society because only under a socialist society would the emancipation of women be truly realised. Thank you very much.

Ms M D HLENGWA: Hon Chairperson, hon members, as we unite globally today, under the theme: *Gender equality today, for a sustainable tomorrow*, we are starkly reminded that climate change has a much greater impact on women. The 2022 theme calls on the global community to find urgent solutions to address the climate crisis and specifically on the impact of the climate crisis on women. Women, according to the United Nations, UN, are much more vulnerable as they are more dependent on natural resources and constitute the majority of the world's poor.

In February this year, we saw the devastating impacts of the floods in many parts of the country, such as eMadlangeni and the Greater Kokstad local municipalities, where heavy rains left nearly 140 people homeless. The reality of climate change, coupled with the dire social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, has only worsened the social burden carried by women. According to Statistics SA, the rate of unemployment among women was recorded at 36,8% for the second

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quarter of 2021 compared to 32,4% amongst men. Women, who - according to 2019 data - head nearly 38% of households in South Africa, continue to be short-changed by a system in dire need of transformation. This grim reality calls for the urgent implementation of policies to empower and uplift women, especially in rural economies. These women rely on natural resources and work as subsistence farmers and small-scale producers. We must also, as the UN emphasises, increase women's leadership roles in the green economy. This will require a firm commitment from our government and more importantly, it requires the roll-out of such initiatives. We cannot merely continue, year-on-year, to discuss gender equality, investing in women-owned businesses, and increasing women's access to land.

We need to see these promises become reality. Policies and programmes specifically designed to benefit women mean very little if women are not aware of these programmes, and if the government fails to meet targets and timeframes.

IsiZulu:

Kuyosidabukisa uma abantu besifazane bengekunakwa ngalolu hlobo zikhona izinhlelo, kukhona okwenziwayo kodwa kungafezeki ngenxa yokuba umuntu wesifazane akanakekile. Uke washo omunye

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ukuthi ngisho sebehola, sebenza into efanayo kodwa abaholi ngokufanayo. Ngakhoke abantu besifazane mabanakwe. Isikhathi manje sokuba senze singakhulumi.

English:

Now is the time for action and implementation. I thank you.
[Applause.]

Ms T BREEDT: House Chairperson, gender inequality is so woven into the climate crisis, economic growth and sustainable tomorrow that it is one of the core issues at the heart of the UN Sustainable Development Bills that has informed this year's International Women's Day theme.

Figures indicate 80% of people displaced by climate change and climate related disasters, our women and growth while 70% of the 1,3 billion people living in conditions of poverty are women. It is therefore, crucial that sustainability and gender equality efforts globally go hand in hand. Bringing this home, the reality in South Africa are not much different to the global reality women and girls face daily.

Poverty and food insecurity are central for women being vulnerable. There is a strong correlation between hunger and

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gender inequalities. The marginalised groups indicated in 2017 report shows that on average 40,6% of female-headed households were without an employed household member.

Gender equality is regarded as an imported determinant of food security. However, during 2019 approximately one-tenth of female-headed households, that's 11,1% reported having suffered from hunger as compared to 9% of male-headed households.

Sustainable development relies on ending discrimination towards women and provide an equal access to education and opportunity for employment. Gender equality has been conclusively shows to stimulate economic growth, which is important especially in countries with higher unemployment rates and less economic opportunity.

The UN women reported that an organisation for economic operation and development member countries half of their economic growth over the past 50 years is attributed to girls having better access to education. The decrease in the gap between the number of years of schooling that girls received compared to boys also played a role, still not enough has been done to close this gap and to truly empowered women and girls.

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Furthermore, Chairperson, we need to remember that South Africa's Constitution and the Bill of Rights grant women equal rights and that labour regulation protects women from being discriminated against because of their gender. Yet statistics prove quietly opposite regarding the realities and pay disparity that women in South Africa face.

In 2017, the World Economic Forum compiled the report based on gender-based pay disparity in 144 countries worldwide. It focusses specifically on four measure sectors, health, economics, statistics and education. The report revealed that South African men make approximately R6 600 more than women monthly. The country's gender pay gap is highlighted in the Quarterly Labour Force Survey, QLFS, 2018 report which saw that the medium monthly earnings were below parity at 0,76% in 2018, not much of an improvement from 2013, 0,71.

In terms of the perception on income being the catalyst for women being independent the result of the Governance Public Safety and Justice Survey shows that only 55% of males believe that earning an income was the best way for women to be truly independent. On average, 64% of South Africans believe that women earning more than their partners would almost suddenly cause trouble.

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Chairperson, these are not my figures and they are not made up. They are facts and I can continue reciting finding that state that gender stereotypes and patriotic tendencies are the back part of the problem. But until this Parliament and the Parliaments around the world become cognisant of the fact that the global sustainability and gender equality are inextricably connected, there will be no true quality or empowerment of women. And we will remain mere quotas. I thank you.

Ms M E SUKERS: Chair, we suffered the incongruence of a society in pursuit of the equality of women who is dancing to the vulgarity of a cad by song. There are no songs to sing of celebration in the world that celebrates the demining of women who is advocating for her liberation an equal treatment.

The ACDP can support most of the targets as set out in a Sustainable Development Goals Five as these goals or targets rather aligned with the Biblical truth that all are equal and made in the image of God and because it promotes human agency, which is key to the developments. Discrimination on the basis of gender is a moral deviation from truth.

What we contained, however, is that in the world in pursuit of equality, the demining of women through pornography remains

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unchallenged by lawmakers and that the emphasis on abortion as a sexual and reproductive right empowers not women but the profiteers whose business model at a global level is supported by governments like our South African government. The case against Dr Jade Force, who is insistence on providing full council to a young mother seeking termination of pregnancy proves again that abortion care is nonexistence. We cannot emphasis equality without recognising that it is a woman who falls pregnant. It is a woman who carries a child for nine months, and in most cases raises that child alone. Healthcare or the lack thereof affects primarily women. The lack of a holistic social care network affects women. It is a woman who applies for a child care grant. It is a woman who applies at the Department of Home Affairs for birth certificate. It is a woman who seeks employment benefits.

It is a woman who crosses rivers in seeking for asylum. It is a woman who applies for refugees' status in foreign places far away from the place that she calls home. It is the women of Africa who suffered under impotent government who forget the virtue of their forefathers, and it is a woman who suffered the most by the inefficiency of the same government.

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There is an incongruence in the pursuit of equality who is ignoring the very practices that further myelin women and empower men within the own women's body. Legalising prostitution does not give women agency over their lives. It enables the exploitation. So, is the continuing failure to link the easy access to pornography and the escalation of gender-based violence. Gender-based violence is the true performance score card on how far we are with the pursuance of a just unequal society where women are celebrated and are not killed.

We live lastly on the continent where women are displaced by inequality. They remain homeless until they die not in her bed of old age. But too many times they die of a gunshot wounds or by a knife bludgeon to death. That is how far we have come. Thank you, Chair. [Applause.]

Mr N L S NKWANKWA: House Chair, gender equality remains one of the greatest challenges facing South Africa and perhaps humanity in the 21th centaury. Despite the progress made towards achieving an equal society major gaps for women of colour, women living with disabilities and members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex, LBTQI

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communities still persist. Such gaps, you must admit that still prevail across the social economic and political spaces.

It is regrettable that nearly 30 years since we attained freedom women are still experiencing different forms of discrimination where they find themselves excluded on economic activities due to lack of access to finance, lack of skills and harassment at work places.

Another economic form of inequality is the gender pay gap where in there is a difference in wages between a man and a woman for the same work of equal value. It simple means, despite the progress that we have achieved in trying to make sure that we have transformative policies in place and in order to build an inclusive economy, gender inequality remains a challenge in South Africa that requires us to tackle it head-on. Social efforts also undermined this. Social efforts and social conventions where women are undermined culturally and their places regarded to be in the kitchen also becomes a major problem because despite the progress we have made since 1994 that still persist.

Furthermore, regardless of women's significant contribution to economic and social development in South Africa there are

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still inappropriately by any social ill and emergency as well as poverty. For instance, the emergence of Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated poor socioeconomic status of women. Thousands of women street vendors across the country could not provide for their families due to the irrational lockdown regulations implemented by the government without caring for the livelihoods of the people who are in the informal sectors who are predominantly women.

Sadly, even the unemployment results for the third quarter in 2021 indicated that South African labour markets is more favourable to men than it is to women. This is the shortcoming that we have failed to address as this House, which we must consider to ensure that we hold employers accountable for the failure in as far as this is concern.

Chair, it is time that we all work hard in this House to create favourable conditions that will enable equal participation on social, economic and political spaces for women. While we must celebrate the significance of women in this country and the progress that they have made since 1994, it is important that we create an environment that is conducive for them to succeed and to truly self-actualise. We thank you, Chair.

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Mr B N HERRON: Chairperson, due to our history of slavery, colonialism and apartheid, South Africans have well developed understandings of prejudice and discrimination. Not just applies to race but also to language, location, culture and sexual orientation. We pretty much embrace the full gambit of hatred. Our Constitution has theoretically unstitched all of these divisions and we have made some progress. For example, South Africans must be very careful about racist utterances.

Besides outgrowing racial discrimination as a society, we seem to have deprioritised dealing with other prejudices that continue to define us as a nation. We speak about them a lot, but what are we actually doing? We the women of South Africa wives and mothers, working women and housewives declare our aim of striving for the removal of all laws, regulations, condemnations and customs that discriminates against us as women and deprive us in any way of our inherent right to the advantages, responsibilities and opportunities that society offers to only one section of the population.

Chairperson, that statement has much currency today as when the women's Charter was adopted nearly 70 years ago. The phase of poverty in our country remains unquestionably that of black women. The feminization of poverty perpetuated through labour

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market that Statistics SA describes as heavily racialized and gender biased. Men are more likely to be employed and women in the workplace are likely to earn 30% less than men. The incident of family violence and gender based violence is ever on the rise.

We have failed to create workplaces that are free of sexual and gender based violence, harassment and discrimination and masculine solidarity are culture of patriarchy enables powerful men to get away with transactional sex. We commemorate women's day and make forceful speeches when a particularly horrendous incident of gender-based violence gets the news. But our families, communities and schools continues to generate new generation of haters, raised to believe in the subservient of women.

The campaign for gender equality is not achieved for as long as solidarity of tolerance only gets broken every now and again. Real leaders of all genders must stand up every time there is transgression, not only when standing up was politically unavoidable.

Chairperson, sustainable development cannot be achieved without gender equality. If we are honest with ourselves,

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whatever we have done and no matter how many times we debate gender issues, we are making no progress. Maybe we should stop the symbolism on international days, the hot air of speeches and do real things. Like legislate inequality and recognising femicide as a hate crime would be a good start. Thank you, Chairperson.

Ms N K SHARIF: House Chairperson, we cannot have gender equality until we fight the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide. I want to make it clear to this House, having plans, signing declarations, and speaking about gender-based violence and femicide in all the state of the nation addresses, has done nothing to change the lives of women and Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, LGBT, in South Africa. It has done nothing to keep women safe and to hold perpetrators to account.

This government has made it clear that they do not give a damn about women and the LGBT, and it is time we take a stand and say no more. Being born a woman in South Africa is being given a life sentence of abuse and violence that we face from inside and outside our homes. The South African Police Service's released stats on sexual violence and domestic violence experienced by women is not decreasing. In fact, taking into

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account the amount of unreported cases, the figures provided to us is lower than the real figures.

In a period of nine months, 38 854 sexual offence cases had been reported with rape accounting for 86,8% and 53 529 women have reported domestic violence under this government. In total, this is almost a 100 000 women - 100 000 women from April to December 2021. Given the very evident increase of violence against women, don't allow them to sell you dreams. To make it sound as if they are doing the most, when in fact, they keep on doing the least, and the real amount of women and girls facing violence is clearly increasing.

If these figures do not bother you, then perhaps looking at the case backlogs of sexual offences at criminal courts should. As of March 2021, there is a backlog of 12 557 cases, and as of December 2021, there is a backlog of 15 605 cases or so we think since they have admitted to having system and data challenges. This means that perpetrators are walking our streets as free men, while survivors are being traumatised consistently through postponement of their cases often for years on end.

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House Chairperson, women do not feel safe and cannot trust a system that continuously let them down. Women do not report sexual violence because they do not feel like they will get justice and given these stats, it is true. Justice is difficult to come by when you are born a woman in South Africa. The case backlogs at criminal courts is just another example of failure. The thousands of case backlogs need urgent intervention if this government wants us to take anything they say seriously.

Government must do more to ensure women are safe in this country and that government systems works, especially within SAPS and in the criminal courts. So that women are able to report crimes against them. We must do more as women are dying every single day in this country, and the justice system continues to fail them. House Chairperson, what we need is less lip service and more doing. I thank you.

Ms N GANTSHO: Thank you, hon House Chairperson, good afternoon hon members. We are already experiencing the impact of climate change in the country, and it is increasingly evident that the impacts are not just environmental, but also social and economic. The models from the SA Weather Service and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR, show

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that the impacts are going to get worse over the next decade unless drastic actions are taken at the global, regional and local levels.

The effects of climate change are not the same throughout the country as some provinces are in the grip of drought, while others are experiencing floods. The inequality gap in the country makes the impacts to be experienced differently between different generations, races, income groups and between men and women. These factors create different adaptive capacities, wherein rural communities and poor households are likely to experience severe impacts.

Women carry the largest burden in climate change mostly because of unequal access to productive assets and climate-related migration between provinces. While women are the most vulnerable group in society, they are also better positioned to play a critical role as influential change agents to address climate change at both local and national levels. As a country, we have contributed to the climate change problems we are facing, although at a smaller scale than industrialised countries.

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While we acknowledge our contribution to the problem, we are taking responsibility and have put mechanisms in place to reduce and reverse carbon emissions. Carbon emissions are the major drivers of climate change, and South Africa has committed to limiting global average temperature increases. As a signatory to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC, we have renewed our resolute stance on sustainable development in line with the Paris Agreement.

In the Paris Agreement, which we are party to, we have committed to consider human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment in all climate actions. This gender-mainstreaming is gradually permeating all government plans. The Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs, that have to be achieved by 2030 are aligned with South Africa's National Development Plan and other overarching national policy directives on climate change matters. Our seriousness on climate response can be seen in our ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution that we submitted last year.

The commitments are in line with the National Climate Change White Paper. The National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy is our tool to deliver on the Paris Agreement. We have tied the adaptation strategy with the Climate Change Response

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Monitoring and Evaluation System to keep track of our progress. South Africa is mobilising both internal and external funds to enable adaptation, mitigation and resilience. The newly established Presidential Climate Commission creates an additional layer of robust monitoring and evaluation, and have developed a long-term low emissions strategy.

We are aware that climate change responses need strengthening at the local level, hence the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is capacitating municipal councillors and officials on environment and climate change needs. This is where the District Development Model shortens the gaps between policy development and implementation. Climate change adaptation requires substantial funding, and South Africa is party to such funding mechanisms, for example, the Adaptation Fund, which South Africa acceded to in July 2002, has dedicated over US \$165 million to increasing climate change resilience in 25 countries around the world.

Moreover, we also contribute to the Green Climate Fund designed as an operational entity of the financial mechanisms of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and South Africa regularly attends summits of Conference of

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the Parties, COP, as we have attended the Cop26. We need to strengthen the flow of the secured funds to respond to the needs of rural communities, particularly where women carry more of the climate-change burden. Women must be put at the centre of climate change as they are most affected, and should be involved when crafting solutions and incorporating their ways of adaptation.

There are also important gender issues associated with climate change adaptation such as inequalities in access to resources. Access to resources will empower women to intensify their role in climate change adaptation and mitigation. The consideration of women to be part of the decision making at national and local levels is a progressive step toward climate adaptation and mitigation. It is easing to know that the Climate Change Bill considers the climate change response from provinces and municipalities through the National Adaptation Strategy Plan.

As South Africa, we have taken a developmental approach in our Climate Change Bill by undertaking that the national adaptation objective, and is incorporated into all relevant planning instruments, policies and programmes which address the actual and potential impacts of climate change. We have adopted the Just Transition approach to ensure environmental

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sustainability as well as decent work, social inclusion and poverty eradication. This approach speaks to women's issues, particularly in the transition to a low-carbon economy, the just transition also considers the socio-economic challenges faced by women, and the most vulnerable.

The transition also emphasises how women can be empowered with the matter relating to climate change and how addressing the issue of climate change can improve matters related to health, food security and unemployment. In conclusion, hon Chair, the climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies of the country are adequate to respond to the challenges. They just need to be aggressively implemented and overseen closely. The implementation of our strategies is a contribution to local, regional and international efforts of fighting climate change and gender inequalities. I Thank You.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Thank you, House Chairperson. Allow me to start off by paying tribute to my former leader, Zanele KaMagwaza-Msibi, who is not here this year or today and the role that she played. Let me also add something that I've said before that a woman can be a mother and a father but rarely, will you find a man to be a father and a mother. However, very

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importantly, when the issue of woman comes to mind it reminds me of a mother.

I have said this before, as well that you can have nothing in the world but if you've got a mother, you've got everything. You can have everything in the world but if you don't have a mother, you still have nothing. Now, women were created differently with special features, special qualities and there has to be a reason for that. What is disappointing and I want to add on what hon Jeffery said when he spoke about the gender-based violence and the role that different kinds of men play. Hon Jeffery, let me help you there.

You missed out Members of Parliament because when they were ordinary citizens they worship their wives. When they became Members of Parliament they found mistresses, young ones, they left their wives and their children. You will notice that on Valentine's Day, Members of Parliament are taking the girls and the mistresses on Valentine's Day leaving the poor wives and children at home. That is the problem we have.

You know, 17,1% of females do not even go to school. Why don't they go to school? It is because of family responsibilities at home. Now, Deputy Minister, Jeffery, you will agree with me,

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one of the major problems we have in society today is parental alienation and that comes from both men and women. When they fight each other, the woman does not want the children to go to their father and the man does not want the children to go with their mother. Remember, it is a criminal offence in many countries all over the world.

Nevertheless, the question we need to ask ourselves is, why is this so common amongst black communities? Is it a cultural problem? Is it a religious problem? You don't find that as popular amongst the other race groups. What is the problem? One of the issues - and I know some people will not like it, but that is the fact - it comes from the root causes and that is the dysfunctional families. If you do not go to the root causes of what is going on and how these families are becoming dysfunctional, you are not going to address them. Thank you very much. [Time expired.]

Mr S M JAFTA: Thank you, hon Chair. As we mark the annual International Women's Day, gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow is our guiding theme. For us, a broader meaning of this theme compels us to ask the following questions particularly on intersection between gender equality and a sustainable global order:

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Why are women severely affected by climate change as opposed to men? Is gender inequality guaranteed under a global order that still allows women to earn lesser than men? In attaining a sustainable tomorrow, why is it that women are still second-guessed when leading formidable institutions like the International Monetary Fund, IMF, the International Trade Organisation or the World Health Organisation? Why are women assessed differently to men in our workplaces?

Hon Chair, these questions are not exhaustive, we must therefore begin a process by which we centre our discussions and solutions to gender inequality against the lands of our flag bearers. Inequality robs us skilful, industrial and hardworking women across the globe. It deprives us the opportunity to extract in a meaningful guidance from Women as leaders of the society and to seek refuge in their wisdom and to inculcate a culture of patience in our private spaces. As we mark the International Women's Day, we must confront the demons of wars, discrimination and violence particularly because their impact on women is wide, aggressive and hurting.

Hon members, we cannot build a global order if women are still constrained by the evils of inequality, poverty and unemployment to achieve our collective aspirations as a

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society. In South Africa, we must make it requirement that political parties contesting elections must have an equal balance of women and men in their caucus ...

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: ... you too, you too ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): ... order, hon members, order!

Mr S M JAFTA: The AIC included, hon Chief Whip. This must also apply to our courts, the Chapter 9 Institutions and government departments. Hon Chair, gender inequality must also be harnessed through our commitment to levelling the playing field by amongst others, breaking monopolies and involving women in the running of starts up. We wish all women a happy International Women's Day. Thank you.

Mr W M MADISHA: Thank you very much, hon Chair and members. I want to say, happy International Women's Day to all our women here in our country and beyond our seas. We know that as we are seated here, there are women all over the world who are going through very serious problems. Women today in Ukraine they are moving around with their children on their backs. In Russia, we know what is happening. It is extremely, extremely

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sad. I hope we can rise as we move out of here and pray for them.

Hon Chair, as we dedicate this day to our women, we must examine where we truly come from. We talk about gender equality but then the question arises; is this true gender equality? I know we have risen on very many occasions in the past and spoken about this particular point, but I must say, Chair and members, even after we had spoken nothing was changed. Our Constitution was amended. It was amended 17 times in a number of sections. However, when it comes to the area of women nothing has been done.

As Parliament, we have risen with and we are promoting a new tactic of women oppression as well as the suppression of their true democratic rights. Consistently we rise, particularly, those among us who own power and say gender equality so that we can get support from the weak. When I say the weak, I'm referring to the women so that when you go and get ...
[Interjections.] ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): ... order, hon members, order! Continue, hon Madisha.

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Mr W M MADISHA: When I say the weak is a euphemism that shows that the people that we are talking about are the weak people when it comes to oppression and suppression. We therefore, have got to look into that. Now, each time, those of us who have got power when we rise what do we do? We say gender equality, etc. Why do we do that? So that when we go to elections, because women are many, they then can be able to move with us because we shall have risen to paint a picture that we do care about them. Then, they shall be there to vote us into power. Now, these are some of the things that I would appeal to all of us both in our country and beyond our seas to say we need to truly look into this particular point.

I have risen on two occasions in the past two years and said that we must look at ourselves even here and say how many political parties are led by women. To the best of my knowledge and I believe I'm not incorrect, it is only one. So, all of us both in Parliament here and 700 political parties around the country. I want to say that something has got to be done ... [Time expired.] ... Thank you.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Thank you very much, hon House Chair, Al Jama Ah political party welcomes the recent ruling by the Supreme Court of Appeal that the father who avoided paying

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maintenance to his student daughter and ex-wife must pay up the debt almost 30 years later. The party launched a judgement which recognises the advantage to women and children where maintenance payments are evaded. Al Jama Ah proactively brought about amendments in a Maintenance Act. These were supported in every corner of South Africa who realised the Act's shortcomings. The amendments were published in the government gazette number 45616 on 10th December 2021. It brought the amendments in order that our women folk who are not sure are not short-changed by the men folk who fathered the children with them.

A woman folks should be addressed as equals in the households and by extension in society, be it urban or rural areas. So, no one way of seeing that this equality will remain for a sustainable tomorrow. Many folks must see that they execute their legal ... [Inaudible.] ... financial duties that's been described by the social constitutional system. Any legal ... [Inaudible.] ... will naturally have an adverse effect on gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow. Reporting by the media and the negligence can largely be laid at the feet of the male journalists and the male editors such important amendments have escaped their attention.

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The theme for this year's International Women's Day reminds us that gender equality is a key component for achieving sustainable development in South Africa. Gender equality can be pursued from different forms as a starting at home eliminate domestic violence, eradicate gender-based violence against all women and girls; eliminate the discriminatory practice in the corporate world against women who earn 27% less than males. But mostly we must not strive towards the devaluation of women by strengthening girls from being women. The devaluation of women is very intrinsic to Western into the capitalist corporate cultures that we live in modern society and the state must restore the value of motherhood and they can learn lessons from Chief albert Luthuli's values and ethos on fatherhood who complements this and was not patriarchal. We hope our amendments will have a constitutional master and be a model for all in Africa. Thank you very much, hon House Chair.

Ms S GWARUBE: Thank you, House Chairperson, International women's Day comes as cold comfort to millions of women in our very own country who battle to live a meaningful life. While international bodies like the UN encourage us to celebrate how far we have come in terms of closing the gender gap and achieving parity. We must be brutally honest with ourselves about the very real hindrances to women's substantive

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upliftment. As national legislation in South Africa, we must certainly be the engine room for this kind of required reforms in our country.

Of course, this debate was largely on gender-based violence about femicide because of the scourge that we face in this country. The statistics speak for themselves, women in this country are living in a violent society akin to a war zone. The conviction rate of those crimes are negligible in contrast to the scale of the crisis. This is - in part - due to poor policing, poor evidence collection and inadequate investigations that lead to many perpetrators walking free. In addition to this, some blame must be placed on the leaders of our country - some of whom sit in this House. Let me be quite clear, perpetrators of violence against women are not some monsters out there. They are colleagues. They are leaders in society and some are very own hon members.

The measure of whether any organisation is committed to rooting out violence against women is not whether or not such perpetrators exist. It is whether or not that organisation is prepared to deal with a matter and deal with it decisively. In my very own party allegations of sexual violence surfaced and when this happened investigations were launched. Action was

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taken speedily while also protecting the victims and the whistle-blowers. We expect nothing less, it's not about politics, it is about what is just.

The reality is that there must never be any place to hide for anybody who commits this kind of crime, not in our political parties and not in our Parliament. Because GBV continues to consume all and national conversation about the fight for gender-based equality, we are being completely left out of the conversation on a number of things. How do we ensure that the laws that are passed in this House and the decisions that are being made reach the millions of women who require the change the most? How do we bridge the gap of economic exclusion faced by women who look to us for many of these reforms? How has COVID-19 pandemic deepened the inequality disproportionately affecting poor black women in this country? How impactful are platforms like the Women's Parliament when there is no sexual harassment policy for Members of Parliament? When the decisions of this very Parliament are not binding to this House? Has having 50-50 representation in Parliament really brought about substantive change we need for women's lives to change? How do we tackle the climate crisis that disproportionately affects women in South Africa? Have we been united and vocal about the regressive policies in many

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workplaces across the country that hinder women and women's advancement? No, we have not. These are not just women's issues, Members of Parliament ...

IsiXhosa:

... apho kuthiwa oomama mabaxoxe izinto zabo ecaleni bebodwa.

English:

The power to bring about real change is contested in the town square of mainstream politics and that is where we should be bringing these matters. Women cannot be relegated to being obligatory diversity tickets. Mine is not a girl power speech or a "womandla" speech. Frankly, women world over have grown tired of meaningless platitudes that do nothing to materially change their lives. Until we can be intentional and unapologetic about using the levers of power in this very legislature itself to change lives, we will have very little to celebrate going forward. Thank you. [Applause.]

Ms Z NKOMO: Thank you, hon House Chairperson, our beautiful Chief Whip of the majority party and hon members, I thank you for this opportunity.

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Firstly, I would like to address hon Mazzone by saying that we note and welcome the action taken by the Premier of Western Cape with regard to the allegations of the former MEC. It must also be noted that this happened after the ANC in the Western Cape opened a case against the MEC in January ...

[Interjections.] ... yes ... and our further call on Premier Alan Winde to remove Albert Fritz from the executive committee and allow law enforcement agencies to deal with these dangerous matters ... [Interjections.]

Mrs H O MKHALIPHI: Chairperson.

Ms Z NKOMO: ... You must listen. The women of South Africa leave in fear because of men like Albert Fritz. Worse, he had been accorded the role of protecting the communities in the province and creating safe environment particularly for women and children. ... [Interjections.] ... of course.

Hon MkhaliPhi, we must always be relevant when we debate in the House.

The issue of the Public Protector is currently being processed by the section 194 committee established through a decision of this House. The committee and the House will decide on the

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matter. By the way, the ANC always advocates for women emancipation, hence this House is led by a woman. [Applause.]

Hon Sharif, my dear sister ... [Interjections.]

Mrs H O MKHALIPHI: Are you relevant?

Ms Z NKOMO: Yes.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members.

Ms Z NKOMO: ... in the Committee on Multiparty Women's Caucus, you always acknowledge that the issues of gender-based violence are societal issues. Well, we understand. In the House, there are political games that we must play.

Hon Sharif, you want to pinpoint the police ... let's not play with social issues when we have to work together in addressing this collectively. However, as much as we appreciate your imperatives on issues of gender-based violence and femicide, today's theme was to recognise the contribution of women and girls around the world who are leading the chat on climate change - Adopting mitigation and response to building a more sustainable future for all. We would have loved to hear your

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views on how we can collectively put efforts together to build a sustainable future. Hon Jafta ...

IsiZulu:

... siyakucela singamakhosikazi ale Ndlu ...

English:

... charity must begin at home. You must practice what you preach. Between the two of you, one must do the honourable thing, that is resign and open a space for a woman.

[Applause.]

Hon members, the time has come that the democratic movement as a whole and all its activities should adapt concepts and practices that overturn old modes of approach towards the female ... [Inaudible.] ... half of the population of our country. We must ensure that women are organized from the local level upwards and draw them into struggle in their millions and as equal participants at all levels of organizations regardless of the form of struggles.

The mass involvement of women is vital for our success in the objective we have set ourselves, that of ensuring the speedy democratic transformation of our country. This was an

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instructive message from the January 8th statement of the ANC in 1991, which was delivered by President Nelson Mandela, who addressed on behalf of the then president of the ANC, uTat'u-Oliver Reginald Tambo and the collective of the national executive committee on the occasion of the 78th anniversary of the ANC.

The liberation movement has always maintained that the total emancipation of oppressed African - you are distracting me - people in our country, the continent and the diaspora will be implemented without the emancipation of women from all forms of oppression.

The women's movement which was formed and mutated alongside within the ANC played a key and decisive role not in the struggle against colonial apartheid but also in the democratization of South Africa. [Interjections.]

Mr J TSHABALALA: Chairperson.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, on both sides of the House, you are conversing with one another and you are interrupting the speaker. Don't do that. It is not

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very clever to interrupt your own speaker. Continue, hon member.

Ms Z NKOMO: Thank you - you are continuing on the left - The transformation of legal and constitutional framework, the economy, culture, ideology and other forms of relations in our society is owed to the greatest strides which were made by the women of our country advancing towards a nonsexist society.

The South African Constitution provides special protection for women as part of groups who remain marginalised due to historical inequalities, which also includes the rural and urban, poor children, youth, the aged, people living with disability and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer plus, LGBTQ+, community. This constitutional provision is a reflection of the commitment of Parliament to achieve maximum social transformation through representing the interest of women and the most marginalized society.

Generally, the country has made great strides in the area of women representation in political and legislative roles. The South African Parliament is one of the most gender diverse across the globe. It is ranked third in Africa and 10th in the world.

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Over the last 24 years, the democratic state has transformed the public service by the inclusion of women and placed the question of women emancipation at the centre. However, this is has not translated into progress in other sectors such as business and academia. There are some areas where we have seen elements of regression, for example, nearly all director generals at national government are men. This highlights that the struggle for transformation continue to wage on and that the gains we made can be undone unless we are vigilant and focused.

Since 2015, South Africa has won the albatross of shame of being considered by the World Bank as the most unequal society in the world, with a Gini coefficient of 0,63%. Statistics SA confirmed that the income and wealth inequalities which characterise the structure of the South African economy are not only racialized but also gender biased. The largest contributor of overall inequality came from the labour market at 74,2%. Women workers earn approximately 30% less on average than male workers. The report reveals that males are more likely to be employed and have relatively better paying jobs compared to - and you are a male but you are distracting me while we have a problem with you ...

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members.
Hon members, it's a small venue. If you raise your voice, hon member, you disrupt the speaker. Whilst interjections are allowed, please limit them to when it is necessary. Please continue, hon member.

Ms Z NKOMO: Thank you, House Chair. Furthermore, women face hunger more often than men due to disparities in income, limited access to employment on means of production and cultural practices that put them last or allow them smaller portion when food is in short supply.

According to Statistics SA, in 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic broke, around 38% of households were headed by women. Female-headed households are approximately 40% poorer than those headed by men. Also, 48% of female-headed households support extended family members compared to 23% male-headed households doing the same.

In addition, women have to handle supporting children while earning less than men, coping with gender-based violence and struggling with access to resources to improve their lives. There can be no doubt that power relations remain skewed in favour of men.

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Hon members, the nervous condition of women in our country was exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic and has reproduced gender-based violence and femicide. Already, South Africa was named by the International Criminal Police Organization, Interpol, as "the rape capital of the world". Over 100 people are raped every day in our country. This means that the number of people being brutally violated adds up to tens of thousands every year.

At the centre of this reality is the rape culture which shapes out the patriarchal relationship in a society. Girls are made responsible for household chores and caregivers often at the expense of their homework and further education.

The Gauteng Department of Health, the most populated province in South Africa said that, more than 23 000 girls under the age of 18 gave birth between April 2020 and March 2021, of which 934 were under 14 years, compared to 14 577 of girls aged 19 who had babies in the same province. These shocking statistics reflects the rape culture continue to thrive in our society.

We call upon law enforcement agencies to follow up on these cases because sexual intercourse with a minor is an act of

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rape. Linked to the rape culture in our society is the phenomenon of femicide which can be understood as an intentional murder of women because they are women. Femicide in the majority of cases is perpetrated by men. Sometimes, female family members may be involved. Most cases of femicide are committed by partners or ex-partners and involve ongoing abuse in the home, threats of intimidation, sexual violence or situations where women have less power or fewer resources than their partner. There is also violence against members of LGBTQ+ community, who are victims of murder and corrective rape.

Hon members, rape culture, gender-based violence and femicide premise upon perpetuation of patriarchy in our society and we must make conscious decision to wage an ideological struggle against it. We must locate the role that women must play in the radical socioeconomic transformation in our society, where we will make fundamental change in the patterns of ownership, control and management of the economy to ensure that the system and structure. This is of paramount importance because women bear the brunt of exploitation in our society. It is in every socioeconomic challenge confronting us. It is women who are mostly affected, be it poverty, crime and vulnerability to disease; it is women who suffer.

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In the struggle for transformation, we must be clear that the education sector is a sight for struggle. Women must make advances in academia. We must be deliberate about empowering women to acquire critical skills required in the economy.

Oxfam confirms that education is the great equalizer in breaching the wealth and income gap between men and women. Education is also an instrument that can be used to socialize young boys and girls to foster an advanced culture that will inform social relations which will reject backward practices and the world's view of patriarchy.

The ANC and the women's league have always stood at the forefront of the transformation of society and firmly located the role and position of women in the broader struggle for the liberation of blacks in general and Africans in particular.

There can be no doubt that the gender question is firmly on the national agenda. We, in the ANC, have moved along with the women of our country and the broader community of LGBTQ+ as we confront the challenges posed by a patriarchal society ...

[Inaudible.] ... advances towards a nonsexist society.

As women - you must listen my fellow man from Ekurhuleni.

[Interjections.]

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Ms J TSHABALALA: This DA, these man are howlers.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon member, hon Nkomo, may I request the members on the platform ... the Rules for virtual sittings are very clear. You cannot just interrupt and switch on your mic. You can be removed from the virtual platform. Let us not do that hon Tshabalala. It is wrong. Continue, hon member.

Ms Z NKOMO: Thank you, hon House Chair, as women on the right, this august House, we have long resolved that we will not use this platform, especially on issue relating to women, to squabble or grandstand but rather pledge solidarity with all women across the globe, especially those whose rights are oppressed. Every platform afforded to us, we will continue to fight for the emancipation of women. We will continue to raise the flag high and fight against patriarchal norms, fight for the rights of women, freedom of expression and the inclusion of women in all sectors of the society. You strike a woman; you strike a rock.

IsiZulu:

Wathinta abafazi wathinta imbokodo. Malibongwe.

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Debate concluded.

FAMILY OF 19 DIE IN HORROR CRASH

(Draft Resolution)

Mr X S QAYISO: The ANC hereby moves without notice:

That the House

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of 19 people who were killed in a head-on collision between a Toyota Quantum minibus and a truck on the R34 between Bloemhof and Schweizer-Reneke in the North West, on 26 February 2022;
- (2) understands that 17 family members, who were among the 19 people, were returning home from a relative's wedding anniversary celebrations at the time;
- (3) further understands that the other two people who died were the driver of the minibus taxi and his friend, whereas the truck driver remained unharmed;

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- (4) acknowledges that of the 22 occupants in the minibus, only three including a child survived and were admitted to a local hospital in a critical condition;
- (5) further acknowledges that the North West government dispatched a team of officials to assess the needs of the bereaved families;
- (6) appeals to road users to exercise caution at all times; and
- (7) conveys its condolences to the families of the bereaved and wishes the three injured passengers a speedy recovery.

Agreed to.

NYANGA NO LONGER MURDER CAPITAL CITY

(Draft Resolution)

Mr N P MASIPA: I hereby move without notice on behalf of the
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That the House

- (1) notes that Nyanga is no longer regarded as the murder capital of South Africa after a range of interventions by the SA Police Service, the Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town led to the number of murders falling by more than a third over the last four financial years;
- (2) further notes that the decrease in the number of murders was only made possible due to the cooperative efforts of all the community structures and various law enforcement stakeholders joining hands to fight crime in the area;
- (3) acknowledges that the deployment of resources and at least 1 100 officers to date in communities impacted by high crime rates in the city through the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan contributed significantly to the work done by the SA Police Services;
- (4) recognises that the collaborative efforts of community structures and the various law enforcement

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stakeholders in other areas has also resulted in decreasing murder rates in Kraaifontein at 40.5%, Harare at 14.5%, and Khayelitsha at 21.1%; and

- (5) congratulates the SAPS, the Community Policing Forums, Neighbourhood Watches, the law enforcement officials, Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town for managing to bring down the high murder rate in Nyanga and other communities, and wishes them success in their future collaborative safety efforts.

Agreed to.

THUSO MBEDU SCOOPS AWARD IN USA

(Draft Resolution)

Mr B S MADLINGOZI: I hereby move without notice on behalf of the EFF:

That the House

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- (1) notes that Thuso Mbedu, a South African actress, won the award for Best Female Performance in a new scripted series at the 37th annual Independent Spirit Awards;
- (2) further notes that this is the premier awards event for the independent film and television community in the United States of America (USA);
- (3) acknowledges that Thuso, a talented black actress who we should all be proud of, is contributing to the work she calls a timeless work of art;
- (4) recognises her as a shining star, an ambassador of the African continent;
- (5) further recognises that Africa has more talent and Thuso Mbedu is an example of opportunity;
- (6) calls on government working with society to build community-owned film and video facilities in our rural areas, townships, and cities to encourage other young people who are equally talented but are not given the opportunity;

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(7) further calls on young people in sports, arts, and creative industry to keep away from substance abuse; and

(8) congratulates Thuso Mbedu and wishes her success in her career.

Agreed to.

**A 29-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL BRINGS CHANGE WITH HIS TEACHING
EXCELLENCE**

(Draft Resolution)

Ms N G ADOONS: I hereby move without notice on behalf of the ANC:

That the House

(1) appreciates the 29-year-old Eastern Cape school principal who steered his under-resourced rural school from a 28% matric pass rate in 2018 to an impressive 88.6% in 2021;

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- (2) remembers that the district education authorities urgently roped in Mr Abonga Mdze as a teacher in 2019, after the school's dismal performance the year before;
- (3) remembers that Mr Mdze started his official teaching career as a mathematics teacher at the KT Mchasa Senior Secondary School in Tsolo in 2015 and while there, he started winter classes that saw the school's maths result improve;
- (4) acknowledges that his teaching excellence was noted by his peers and in 2017, Mr Mdze formed part of the Eastern Cape Department of Education's winter school programme in the OR Tambo Inland Circuit;
- (5) recalls that the winter classes he started in 2015 produced such good results that the department rolled out a similar project throughout the circuit;
- (6) believes that his achievement is testimony to the fact that young people are capable of holding leadership positions; and

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- (7) congratulates Mr Abonga Mdze for the sterling job and for his dedication.

Agreed to.

**KZN DIVISION HIGH COURT PASSES JUDGEMENT ON MATTERS OF LATE
KING**

(Draft Resolution)

Prince M G BUTHELEZI: I hereby move without notice:

That the House

- (1) notes that judgment was handed down in the KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court on 2 March 2022 on matters related to the late King of the Zulu Nation, His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu;
- (2) further notes that this timeous judgment comes just days before the commemoration of one year since His Majesty's passing on 12 March 2021, when the late King's legacy and reign will be honoured and remembered;

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- (3) appreciates that in delivering judgment, the Deputy Judge President Justice Mjabuliseni Isaac Madondo clarified matters regarding the successor to the Zulu throne;
- (4) acknowledges the declaration by the Deputy Judge President that His Majesty King Misuzulu kaZwelithini is the undisputed successor to his father, the late King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu;
- (5) welcomes the preparations that will now be made for the King's coronation; and
- (6) wishes His Majesty King Misuzulu kaZwelithini courage, strength and wisdom as he begins his reign, knowing that the institution of the monarchy unites the nation, secures stability and protects the inheritance of all the people of the Zulu Kingdom.

Agreed to.

THE PASSING OF JUNE SEYMOUR

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(Draft Resolution)

Mr W W WESSELS: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of June Seymour, an actress and a radio legend, at the age of 88, on 25 February of this year;
- (2) further notes that she was the former head of translation at the South African Broadcasting Corporation, SABC;
- (3) also notes that Seymour completed her degree in drama at the University of Cape Town, before she started her career in radio, doing voice work, where she will especially be remembered for her role as Anna-Mart in the radio programme: Die Du Plooy van Soetmelksvlei;
- (4) acknowledges that she was generally known as the pioneer and matriarch of voiceover, translation and dubbing work for radio and television at the SABC, where she built this department up from the ground,

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until it was known as the best of its kind in the world during the 1980s; and

- (5) extends its sympathies with her family, friends, loved ones and colleagues with the loss of this pioneering woman in the entertainment industry of our country.

Agreed to.

THE PASSING OF EDDIE MHLANGA

(Draft Resolution)

Ms A GELA: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes with sadness the untimely passing on of Prof Eddie Mhlanga, the Chairperson of the National Committee on the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths, on Saturday 5 February 2022;

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- (2) remembers that he was a renowned obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Mpumalanga Department of Health who contributed hugely to healthcare equality;
- (3) further remembers that he was an advocate for women's and child healthcare and was instrumental in helping to implement the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act of 1996;
- (4) recalls that he was a Professor and former Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, where many patients and staff alike held him in high regard;
- (5) further recalls that he also served on the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics Task Team on the Prevention of Unsafe Abortion and was a past board member of Partners for Reproductive Justice;
- (6) believes the country has lost an extraordinary patriot with impeccable qualities; and

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- (7) conveys its deepest condolences to the family of Prof Mhlanga and friends in the medical fraternity.

Agreed to.

NOMINATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S SA SPORTS AWARDS

(Draft Resolution)

Mr W M THRING: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes the nomination of Springbok rugby captain, Siya Kolisi, double Paralympics champion, Ntando Mahlangu and Olympic 200 m breaststroke champion, Tatjana Schoenmaker, for this year's SA Sports Awards;
- (2) further notes that South African athletes and officials who excelled on the international stage, will be honoured in the ceremony at the Durban International Convention Centre, ICC; and

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- (3) congratulates all nominees of the SA Sports Awards, who showed great determination and resilience during a difficult period, globally.

Agreed to.

THE HIGH RATE OF UNSAFE ABORTIONS

(Draft Resolution)

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

That the House-

- (1) notes, with great concern, the high rate of unsafe abortions performed at illegal places around South Africa;
- (2) further notes that, despite the fact that the termination of pregnancy is legal in South Africa, it is estimated that between 52 and 58% of the estimated 260 000 abortions performed every year are illegal;

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- (3) remembers that Act 92 of 1996, Choice on Termination of pregnancy Act, places an obligation on the government to provide reproductive health services to all;
- (4) acknowledges that the 2017 Amnesty report found that less than 7% of the country's 3 880 public facilities performed termination of pregnancy, which is far less than the 505 facilities designated by the Department of Health to perform termination of pregnancy;
- (5) encourages people to ensure that they perform termination of pregnancy at places that are licenced and by licenced medical practitioners; and
- (6) calls for the Department of Health to intensify education and awareness programmes around this issue, which seeks to address current challenges, and ensure that abortion care facilities are safe, affordable, that the process is dignified and accessible to all South Africans, especially the poor.

In light of the objection, the motion without notice will become a notice of a motion.

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INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION RECEIVED BY MR WESTRAADT

(Draft Resolution)

Ms A STEYN: Hon House Chairperson, I move without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes that Mr Raymond John Westraadt, the Gqeberha-based artist, was born in 1961 in South End in Gqeberha, where he lived until he and his family were forcefully removed in 1971 and placed in a railway camp known as Sydenham;
- (2) further notes that, while Mr Westraadt still has a home base in Gqeberha, he also lives in and draws inspiration from Nieu-Bethesda in the Karoo;
- (3) acknowledges that Mr Westraadt has received international recognition for his work in recent years, through his work being published in publications in the United States of America, Germany and other parts of Europe;

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- (4) recalls that Mr Westraadt received the German-based Palm Art Award for Excellence, as well as the New York-based ARTYA Award for bringing environment conservation awareness through his contribution to the fine arts in 2020;
- (5) further recalls that Mr Westraadt was honoured in New York with an International Top 60 Masters Award from Art Tour International in 2021; and
- (6) congratulates Mr Westraadt on the international recognition he has gained for himself and South African artists in general, and wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Agreed to.

CORRUPTION IN POLICE STATIONS

(Draft Resolution)

REJECTED

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Ms H O MKHALIPHI: House Chairperson, I rise on behalf of the
EFF:

That the House-

- (1) notes that the portfolio committee went on oversight at Norwood Police Station in Johannesburg;
- (2) further notes that during our visit we were told that firearms that were supposed to be in a safe, where evidence is stored were found in a violent crime scene and it was only discovered then that these were stolen firearms that were removed from the evidence storage. This means that evidence is contaminated and criminals go free at the end of the day because police officers are renting out firearms that are meant to be evidence to criminals to conduct cash in transit heist, hijackings and murders;
- (3) acknowledges that this is not only happening at Norwood Police Station but it is happening at many other police stations;

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- (4) recognises that until we professionalise our police services and remove rotten elements at the top, that have links with criminal organizations, South will remain a very violent society; and
- (5) calls on all communities to work with the police and the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, IPID, to report criminals in uniform, to fight the scourge of crime.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): If there are no objections, I put the motion... House Chair, the ANC objects. There's an objection from the ANC. The motion will be converted to a notice of motion.

THE SUCCESS OF THE SALGA NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN CAPE TOWN

(Draft Resolution)

Mr B M HADEBE: House Chair, the ANC moves without notice:

That the House-

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- (1) notes the success of the 6th South African Local Government Association, SALGA, Conference held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 2-4 March 2022;
- (2) remembers that the conference is held every five years after local government elections and is attended by senior decision makers in municipalities made up of mayors, speakers, municipal managers and chief financial officers, from across the country's 257 municipalities;
- (3) recalls that seven commissions were established in the conference which looked at solutions around financial stability of municipalities, the professionalization of local government, economic growth and skills improvement, among others;
- (4) believes the deliberations and proposals raised at this commissions will possibly shape the new strategic direction for local government from 2022 - 2027;

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- (5) understands that the new leadership of SALGA was elected to take the organisation forward for the next five-year local government term; and
- (6) congratulates the newly appointed executive under the leadership of SALGA President, Councillor Bheki Stofile ...

IsiXhosa:

... bayaqhuba ooBheki kodwa, andifuni ukungayithethi loo nto.

English:

... who is the Speaker of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

Agreed to.

Mr B N HERRON: House Chairperson, we have no motion. Thank you.

**PROTECTION OF LOCAL JOBS IN THE GROWERS AND MANUFACTURING
SECTOR**

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(Draft Resolution)

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: House Chairperson, on behalf of the NFP, I move without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes that South Africa has increased import tariffs on sugar to protect local growth and mealies, resulting in crisis being created for local sugar converters;
- (2) also notes the negative impacts of tariffs free import from Eswatini;
- (3) further notes tariff free from Eswatini, have almost increased by R1 billion since the tariffs were increased;
- (4) therefore, calls upon this honourable House to request the Department of Finance, Trade and Industry and Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to engage with the affected smaller

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manufacturers, who are negatively impacted,
resulting in job losses; and

- (5) calls on relevant parties to revisit the South Africa-Eswatini agreement with the view of protecting local jobs in the growers and manufacturing sector.

Agreed to.

MOTION ON THE PASSING ON OF NOMAKULA KULI ROBERTS

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M A ZONDI: House Chair, the ANC moves without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes with deep sadness the recent passing on of media personality, Nomakula Kuli Roberts on Tuesday, 9 February 2022 at the age of 49;
- (2) further notes that her 30 years' career spanned the spectrum of occupations from political activist,

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writer, tabloid journalist and editor, gossip columnist, social commentator, Television, TV presenter, radio disc jockey, DJ and professional celebrity;

- (3) acknowledges that she was one of the first young black women in the post-apartheid period to speak openly on topics such as sex and the anxieties of modern relationships;
- (4) further acknowledges that she was best known for her appearance in the television programme *What Not to Wear* as a co-host, and
- (5) extends its heartfelt condolences to her two children, family, friends and colleagues in the entertainment industry.

Agreed to.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR BIDVEST SOUTH AFRICA' STELLAR PERFORMANCE

(Draft Resolution)

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Mr S M JAFTA: House Chair, as the AIC we move without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notices Bidvest South Africa, S A, stellar performance amidst global exigencies and stubborn pandemic which was evinced by trading profit growth of 24,8%, accounting to a wholesale of R5,1 billion growths;
- (2) acknowledges, innovative leadership that has amplified by the Chief Executive Officer, CEO, Mpumi Madisa;
- (3) recognises the potential of Bidvest in unlocking massive infrastructure development in the automotive development sector to the oceans economy and the freight value chain;
- (4) congratulates Mpumi Madisa for successful leading a global giant under a period in which wealth was been brinks by protectionist policies and unbalanced trade practices;

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- (5) implores company's management to continue with its local and content set aside, especially for emerging suppliers and small enterprises

Agreed to.

MOTION ON TEAM SA WINNING LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Draft Resolution)

Ms R C ADAMS: The ANC moves without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes that the South African lifesaving squad showed its class to win this year's Lifesaving Africa Championships held in Alexandra, Egypt;
- (2) further notes that South Africa dominated the water events and was the main catalyst in the Proteas finishing the championships with a combined total of 500 points, with hosts Egypt finishing second on 468 points and Morocco claiming bronze with 410 points;

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(3) acknowledges that although Morocco and Egypt caused several headaches for South Africa in the Beach Sprint individual races, the Proteas were dominant in the Beach Sprint Mixed Relay where they claimed gold; and

(4) congratulates Team South Africa and wishes them well in future competitions.

Agreed to.

THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT PURCHASED TWO DA VINCI ROBOT

(Draft Resolution)

Ms C V KING: House Chairperson, I hereby move on behalf of the DA:

That this House-

(1) notes that the Tygerberg Hospital has become the first public hospital in Africa to use da Vinci robot to perform robotic-assisted surgery;

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- (2) further notes that da Vinci robot provides surgeons with an advanced set of instruments to use in performing robotic-assisted minimally invasive surgery and that one of its benefits that is result in fewer post-operative complications;
- (3) acknowledges that the Western Cape Government purchased two da Vinci robots, the most technologically advance surgery robot available in October 2021, the other one is at the Groote Schuur Hospital and the main diseases the robot is focusing on are, colorectal, liver, prostate, kidney and bladder cancers, and women with severe endometriosis;
- (4) recognises the contribution made by Dr Tim Forgan, an esteem of nurses and other national experts from the Stellenbosch University to the field of micro scoping surgery in South Africa; and
- (5) congratulates the Tygerberg Hospital and Western Cape Government in their achievement of putting full value of innovation and patient care into practice.

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Agreed to.

REQUESTS THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE HAJJ QUOTA

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: House Chair, on behalf of Al Jama-ah
Ebrahim Hendricks move without notice:

That the House:

- (1) notes the opportunity announced by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the custodian of the two holy mosques in Mecca and Madina, his Excellency King *Salman* bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud for South Africans to perform the Hajj, the obligatory pilgrimage;
- (2) further notes that Hajj period starts in July this year;
- (3) praises the Saudi Arabian government for removing South Africa off the red lists and allowing direct fly South Africa and removing COVID-19 restrictions;

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- (4) notes that there's... [Inaudible.] ... of 16 years for South Africa Muslims; and
- (5) requests engagement with the Saudi government to increase the Hajj quota to 5000 or more for South African pilgrimage;
- (6) notes that the increased Hajj quota would have reached out to those women who are ... [Inaudible.] ...with holly pilgrimage, the fourth pillar of Islam to the small businesses around from the kitchens for many years;
- (7) further likes to call South African government to offer consular support for the South African delegation visiting Saudi Arabia on 15 March, to achieve successful negotiations on the increase - Hajj visa is 200, Hajj visa just not enough while Saudis get unlimited visas on arrival;
- (8) acknowledges that Saudis receive visas from arrival - South Africa and South Africa government ... [Inaudible.] ...for Saudi Government how ... [Inaudible.] ... on visa South African... [Inaudible.];

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- (9) further acknowledges that the Saudis government have similar arrangement on Hajj visas for Muslims travelling European countries as negotiated by their parliamentarians.

Agreed to.

MOTION ON CUSTOM MADE WHEELCHAIRS FOR THE NEEDY

(Draft Resolution)

Ms T S MASONDO: House Chairperson, the ANC moves without notice:

That the House-

- (1) notes that a donation of 900 specialised and custom-made wheelchairs were donated from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Western Cape Health Department's Rehabilitation Centre in Lentegour on Monday, 28 February 2022;
- (2) further notes that the department is also set to receive 1 200 mobility devices, including crutches,

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quad canes, walkers and commodes, as well as eight wheelchair repair workshops, with work benches, tools and spare parts, to the value of R5,4 million, to be supplied over the next 18 months;

- (3) acknowledges that these assistive devices go a long way in terms of helping people with disabilities who have the greatest need and have the least access to these resources; and
- (4) appreciates and welcomes the donation by the church and offers its gratitude in helping to alleviate the plight of people with disabilities.

Agreed to.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr N E DLAMINI: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

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That the House debates the need to act with speed and purpose to restore the state-owned enterprises as drivers of economic growth and development.

I so move.

Mr D W MACPHERSON: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the Democratic Alliance:

That the House debates the impact of localisation on South Africa's economy.

I so move. [Applause.]

Ms L H ARRIES: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the EFF:

That the House debates the shortage of early childhood development, ECD, for people living with disabilities in each ward in the country and the shortage of trained practitioners for ECDs for people living with disabilities and the shortage of environmental health

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worker practitioners to deal with the 100 registered ECDs and thousands unregistered ECDs and programmes.

I so move.

Mr S N GUMEDE: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates acting with the vigour, diligence and determination in fighting corruption and other criminal activities in state-owned enterprises and in the private sector.

I so move.

Mr S S ZONDO: I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the IFP:

That the House debates the effects of alcohol and substance abuse in our schools, following the restrictions imposed due to the coronavirus disease 2019, Covid-19, pandemic.

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I so move.

Ms H DENNER: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the FF Plus:

That the House debates the unsustainable major of the Expanded Public Works Programmes and the wasteful expenditure in this regard.

I so move.

Ms C M PHIRI: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the African National Congress:

That the House debates confronting the resurgence of patriarchy and discriminatory attitudes towards the role of women in society.

I so move. Thank you, House Chair.

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Mr S N SWART: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ACDP:

That the House debates the rapid rising of fuel price and its impact on food, public transport and other costs of living in the country and the needs for the urgent review of all elements that make up the fuel price.

I thank you.

Ms B S MASANGO: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the Democratic Alliance:

That the House debates the ongoing closure of Post Offices and its adverse impact on the payout of social grants in South Africa.

I so move. [Applause.]

Mr B S MADLINGOZI: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters:

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That the House debates the removal of *Die Stem* in our National Anthem, a song that was sung when our people were being butchered and murdered by the apartheid government.

I so move.

Ms F A MASIKO: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the African National Congress:

That the House debates the active participation and empowerment of women in transforming the economy.

Thank you, House Chair.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Thank you, House Chairperson. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the National Freedom Party:

That the House deliberates on inadequate funding for women sports in South Africa.

I so move.

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Ms A S HLONGO: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates establishing more youth development centres to help the youth in remote areas to gain information about government services and employment opportunities.

Thank you.

Ms T S MASONDO: Thank you, House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House debates strengthening measures to ensure that children with disabilities are able to access all services in a barrier-free environment.

I thank you.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, House Chairperson. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the Democratic Alliance:

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That the House debates the marketing of Robben Island Museum as an important world heritage site and popular tourist destination that should be visited by many more South Africans in the wake of the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on international and domestic tourism and museums.

I so move. Thank you.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Thank you, hon House Chair. I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of Al Jama-ah:

That this House –

(1) debates the merits of a call for the release of Dr Aafia Siddiqui incarcerated in America in Texas after being kidnapped in Islamabad in Pakistan, to demonstrate Parliament's concern for the plight of women in any part of the world, especially on International Women's Day;

(2) Dr Siddiqui is already in solitary confinement for 25 years; and

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(3) I so move for the release Aafia Siddiqui campaign.

Mr M NONTSELE: House Chair, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting day of the House I shall move on behalf of the African National Congress:

That the House debates redressing measures in the workplace by focusing on development, access to training and career mobility.

I so move.

The House adjourned at 17:28.