

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. The House met at 14:01.
2. House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. [14:02] The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the House –
 - (1) establishes, in terms of Rule 253, an *ad hoc* committee to consider and report on the **General Intelligence Laws Amendment Bill**, upon introduction of the Bill, the committee to –
 - (a) exercise those powers as set out in Rule 167 that may assist it in carrying out its task;
 - (b) consist of 11 members of the Assembly, as follows: ANC 6, DA 2, EFF 1, and other parties 2; and
 - (2) sets the deadline by which the Committee is to report as 1 March 2024.

Motion agreed to.

4. FIRST ORDER [14:03]

Debate on Heritage Day – Celebrating our cultural diversity in a democratic South Africa.

Debate concluded.

5. PRECEDENCE GIVEN TO THIRD ORDER [15:29]

Consideration of **Draft notice determining remuneration of Commissioners of Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) for 2022/2023** (Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 September 2023, p 12).

There was no debate.

Draft notice determining remuneration of Commissioners of Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) for 2022 approved.

6. PRECEDENCE GIVEN TO FOURTH ORDER [15:32]

Consideration of **Draft notice determining remuneration of Councillors of Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)** (Portfolio Committee on Communications and Digital Technologies) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 September 2023, p 10).

There was no debate.

Draft notice determining remuneration of Councillors of Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) approved.

7. SECOND ORDER [15:33]

Consideration of Request for Approval by Parliament of **The 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)** in terms of section 231(2) of Constitution, 1996 (Report of Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 30 August 2023, p 6).

Ms D P Sibiyi, as a member of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, African Christian Democratic Party, National Freedom Party, Pan Africanist Congress, Al Jama-ah and African National Congress.

The 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) accordingly approved (Democratic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus and African Christian Democratic Party dissenting).

8. [15:59] Decision of question on draft resolution by Dr P J Groenewald: That the House –

- (1) notes the alarming increase in the number of attacks and murders of farmers and farm-workers;

- (2) acknowledges that compromised rural safety and the brutality of farm attacks have a negative impact on the rural economy and food security;
- (3) establishes an ad hoc committee, in terms of Rule 253, the committee to –
 - (a) conduct a comprehensive review of the impact of the increasing number of farm attacks and farm murders on rural safety and food security in South Africa;
 - (b) assess the effectiveness of the existing safety measures to prevent and address such crimes;
 - (c) consider recommending to the Minister to take necessary steps to ensure the designation of farm attacks and murders as a national priority crime;
 - (d) conduct public hearings with all interested and affected parties, including farmers and farm-workers, civil society organisations and local communities;
 - (e) exercise those other powers set out in Rule 167 that may assist it in carrying out its task; and
 - (f) consist of 11 members of the Assembly, as follows: African National Congress 6, Democratic Alliance 2, Economic Freedom Fighters 1, Inkatha Freedom Party 1 and Freedom Front Plus 1; and
- (4) sets the deadline by which the Committee is to report as 1 March 2024.

Question put: That the motion in the name of Dr P J Groenewald be agreed to.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

House Chairperson Ms M G Boroto announced that the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 83: (DA – 64; IFP – 7; FF Plus – 8; ACDP – 3; NFP - 1).

NOES – 171: (ANC – 152; EFF – 17; PAC – 1; Al Jama-ah – 1).

Question not agreed to.

Motion accordingly negatived.

9. FIFTH ORDER [16:15]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development on **Oversight visit to North West Province from 27 – 31 March 2023** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 29 May 2023, p 3).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

10. SIXTH ORDER [16:16]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and Portfolio Committee on Employment and Labour on **Joint oversight on living and working conditions in farming communities** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 10 November 2022, p 23).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (Freedom Front Plus dissenting).

11. SEVENTH ORDER [16:17]

Decision of question on Report of Standing Committee on Appropriations on **Oversight visit to Department of Defence and institutions in Gauteng Province from 19 to 22 April 2022** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 24 November 2022, p 4).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

12. EIGHTH ORDER [16:17]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Communications and Digital Technologies on **Oversight visit to Gauteng and Free State from 29 to 31 March 2023** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 15 June 2023, p 22).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

13. NINTH ORDER [16:18]

Decision of question on Request for Approval by Parliament of **Treaty for the Establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA)** in terms of section 231(2) of Constitution, 1996 (Report of Portfolio Committee on Health) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 26 May 2023, p 6).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (Democratic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus and African Christian Democratic Party dissenting).

14. TENTH ORDER [16:18]

Decision of question on Request for Approval by Parliament of **African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralisation, Local Governance and Local Development** in terms of section 231(2) of Constitution, 1996 (Report of Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 2 May 2023, p 5).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

15. ELEVENTH ORDER [16:19]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture on **A petition from artists and members of the public, calling on the Assembly to investigate the commissioning by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture of the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra at an estimated cost of R54 million (submitted by Mr T W Mhlongo, MP)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 3 March 2023, p 92).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (Democratic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

16. TWELFTH ORDER [16:20]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements on **Oversight visit to Northern Cape and North West Provinces** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 31 May 2023, p 38).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

17. THIRTEENTH ORDER [16:20]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services on **Oversight visits to Eastern Cape, Limpopo and Free State Provinces** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 11 October 2022, p 3).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

18. FOURTEENTH ORDER [16:21]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans on **Oversight visit to selected military bases and DMV housing sites in Bloemfontein area from 23 – 25 November 2022** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 3 March 2023, p 3).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

19. FIFTEENTH ORDER [16:21]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Police on **Oversight visit to Northern Cape and Gauteng Provinces on 21 and 22 May 2023** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 31 May 2023, p 27).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

20. SIXTEENTH ORDER [16:22]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities on **A petition from the Post Office to Parliament Task Team and the Uyinene Mrwetyana Foundation, calling on the Assembly to establish the National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (submitted by Ms N K Sharif, MP)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 6 September 2022, p 118).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted.

21. The House adjourned at 16:23.

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Secretary to Parliament