

PARLIAMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2019

Meeting of House: 14:00

QUESTIONS:

Deputy President.

MOTIONS

1. Draft resolution (Chief Whip of the Majority Party): That the House suspends Rule 139(1), which provides *inter alia* that questions to the Deputy President must be scheduled by the Programme Committee in accordance with Rule 210 for a question day once per month during session time, in order to conduct a second question session for the Deputy President on Tuesday, 22 October 2019.

2. Draft resolution (Chief Whip of the Majority Party): That the House -
 - (1) notes that –
 - (a) during 2016 and 2017, the Executive Authority received a number of allegations, including allegations of financial misconduct, levelled against the Secretary to Parliament, Mr G M E Mgidlana, who is also the Accounting Officer;
 - (b) on 25 May 2017, the Executive Authority requested the Audit Committee to promptly investigate the allegations, including the allegations of financial misconduct as they are obliged to do by section 67(2)(a) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act (Act No 10 of 2009)(FMPPLA);
 - (c) on 9 June 2017, the Secretary to Parliament was placed on paid special leave in order to allow the investigation of the matter by the Audit Committee;

- (d) on 27 October 2017, the Audit Committee recommended that disciplinary action be considered against the Secretary to Parliament;
- (e) the Executive Authority instituted disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the applicable procedures and as required by section 67(2)(b) of the FMPPLA;
- (f) disciplinary charges were served on the Secretary to Parliament on 1 February 2018 and the hearing was scheduled to commence on 12 February 2018;
- (g) the Secretary to Parliament was charged with thirteen counts of serious misconduct, and on 30 August 2019, a disciplinary hearing presided over by an external chairperson found him guilty on the following charges, namely that he was –
 - (i) guilty of serious misconduct by accepting an ex gratia payment for himself, and by recommending to the Executive Authority that certain employees listed in the charge sheet were also eligible for the ex gratia payment;
 - (ii) guilty of serious misconduct by allowing his spouse to travel with him at Parliament's expense during the times and to the events listed in the charge sheet;
 - (iii) guilty of abusing the Parliamentary Protection Services (PPS) driving function to provide driving services for a relative and his spouse in violation of the Travel Policy;
 - (iv) guilty of serious misconduct by failing to stop the PPS drivers from using blue lights and/or sirens when providing driving services for him and on some occasions together with a relative;
 - (v) guilty of serious misconduct for chairing a Special Bid Adjudication Committee;
 - (vi) guilty of serious misconduct by appointing a Chief Information Officer in circumstances where she did not meet the minimum requirements for the position; and
 - (vii) guilty of misconduct, for having used Parliament's corporate credit card on the dates and in respect of the amounts contained in the charge sheet, in violation of the Policy on Corporate Credit Card;
- (2) further notes that in light of the seriousness of the misconduct and of several key provisions of the FMPPLA that were contravened, the Chairperson of the disciplinary hearing, on 30 August 2019, recommended summary dismissal for the Secretary to Parliament;
- (3) accepts the findings of the disciplinary hearing and the recommendations of the Chairperson of the disciplinary hearing; and

- (4) resolves that the Secretary to Parliament be dismissed summarily and his contract of employment be terminated with immediate effect.

FURTHER BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

1. Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on Public Accounts on **Oversight visit to Eskom and its projects of Medupi and Kusile from 26 to 30 August 2019** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 16 October 2019, p 3).
2. Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on Appropriations on **Special Appropriation Bill [B 10 – 2019 (Reprint)]** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 10 October 2019, p 3).
3. First Reading debate – **Special Appropriation Bill [B 10 – 2019 (Reprint)]** (National Assembly – sec 77) – (Minister of Finance).
4. Second Reading – **Special Appropriation Bill [B 10 – 2019 (Reprint)]** (National Assembly – sec 77) – (Minister of Finance).
5. Consideration of Request for Approval by Parliament of **Convention establishing the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Observatory** in terms of section 231(2) of Constitution, 1996 (Report of Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Technology, see Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 8 October 2019, p 3).
6. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration on **First Quarterly Performance 2019/2020 financial year: Department Public Service and Administration and its entities, and Public Service Commission** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 19 September 2019, p 19).
7. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration on **First Quarterly Performance 2019/2020 financial year: Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation and entities** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 19 September 2019, p 10).
8. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration on **First Quarterly Performance 2019/2020 financial year: Statistics South Africa** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 19 September 2019, p 5).
9. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Tourism on **Consultative Workshop on Tourist Safety and Security in South Africa** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 18 September 2019, p 5).

10. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure on **Oversight visit to Gauteng** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 16 September 2019, p 6).

MOTIONS (Notice given previously):

See p 53-57 (Deputy Chief Whip of the Majority Party, Mr M Waters, Mr P P Keetse, Ms M L Dunjwa, Mr M Hlengwa, Mr S N Swart, Ms N F Shabalala, Ms H Jordaan, Mr A M Shaik Emam, Mrs S P Kopane, Mr V Pambo, Mr S H Mbuyane, Mr B M Hadebe, Ms G K Tseke, Ms S T Xego, Mr M H Hoosen, Ms H O Mkhali, Dr L A Schreiber, Mrs M R Mohlala) p 58-63 (Ms N G Adoons, Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi, Mr V Pambo, Mr L E McDonald, Inkosi R N Cebekhulu, Mr S N Swart, Mr L N Mangcu, Mr F J Mulder, Mrs D van der Walt, Ms N V Mente, Mr M A Molekwa, Ms M M E Tlhape, Mr L M Ntshayisa, Mr V C Xaba, Mr M R Mashego, Ms N N Chirwa, Mr N Capa, Ms A Gela, Mrs V van Dyk, Mrs E N Ntlangwini, Ms S R van Schalkwyk) p 68-71 (Ms P Faku, Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi, Mrs E N Ntlangwini, Ms F A Masiko, Mr E M Buthelezi, Ms P A van Staden, Ms S G N Mbatha, Mr S N Swart, Mr A M Shaik Emam, Mr N L S Kwankwa, Mrs A Steyn, Mrs T P Msane, Ms J C N Mkhwanazi, Ms E D Peters, Mr V Zungula, Mr Z J Peter, Mr J R B Lorimer, Mr Z Mlenzana, Mr B S Nkosi, Mr N S Matiase, Ms A Gela, Mr T H James).

MOTIONS (Notice given on 17 September 2019):

1. Subject for discussion (Ms N E Motaung): Reviewing competition legislation to enable economic regulators to promote competition, based on fact-based inquiries and investigations.
19(2)dn63e
2. Subject for discussion (Mr K J Mileham): The on-going water crisis in the area of Makhanda Local Municipality, steps being taken to address this and contingency plans to ensure continued availability of supply to residents of the town.
19(2)dn64e
3. Subject for discussion (Mr N S Matiase): The legalization of marijuana for wide ranging medical purposes, industrial and commercial use.
19(2)dn65e
4. Subject for discussion (Mr P R Moroatshehla): Developing vocational skills which have the greatest potential for promoting employability.
19(2)dn66e
5. Subject for discussion (Mr S L Ngcobo): The backlog in the issuing of certificates by the Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology to successful Technical and Vocational Education and Training College students.
19(2)dn67e
6. Subject for discussion (Mr P Mey): The possible interventions by the relevant local authorities and the Department of Water and Sanitation to alleviate the impacts of the drought conditions currently being experienced in the Eastern Cape and the Nelson Mandela areas specifically.

19(2)dn68e

7. Subject for discussion (Ms E T Myeni): The crucial role of the informal sector in poverty alleviation.
19(2)dn69e
8. Subject for discussion (Mr S N Swart): The implications of a possible sovereign ratings downgrade by rating agency Moody's and the steps required to avoid such a downgrade.
19(2)dn70e
9. Subject for discussion (Mr S J F Marais): Defining the type, size, capacity and capabilities required of the South African National Defence Force, in order to give effect to section 200(2) of the Constitution, and in the interest of national safety.
19(2)dn71e
10. Subject for discussion (Mrs T P Msane): The Giyani water crisis has become a pool of corruption due to the total disregard of the needs of the residents.
19(2)dn72e
11. Subject for discussion (Ms M D Mabiletsa): Transforming and diversifying the financial sector to ensure that it serves the economy and the people.
19(2)dn73e
12. Draft resolution (Mr A M Shaik Emam): That the House deliberates and resolves to place a moratorium on all evictions from occupied state-provided rental homes unless alternative accommodation is provided.
19(2)dn74e
13. Subject for discussion (Ms M R Mashego): Infrastructure investment as a key instrument for development and growth.
19(2)dn75e
14. Subject for discussion (Mr T T Gumbu): Building a culture that protects and promotes human rights, respect and dignity of all citizens.
19(2)dn76e
15. Subject for discussion (M.Gen. O S Terblanche): The apparent collapse of the crime intelligence mechanism within the South African Police Service (SAPS), and the negative impact this has on the capabilities of the SAPS to combat crime.
19(2)dn77e
16. Subject for discussion (Mr T Malatji): Establishing an education system that serves as a platform to nurture future generations to be patriotic, and engage in good social and moral activities for building a national democratic society.
19(2)dn78e
17. Draft resolution (Mrs M B Hicklin): That the House –
 - (1) notes that the Republic is experiencing critical problems with the training of nurses, and stands to face a looming training crisis by the end of this year if delays at key regulatory authorities are not finalised;
 - (2) further notes that to date very few private and public institutions have been accredited by the SA Nursing Council (SANC) to offer courses

in nursing following a change in the curriculum and training requirements;

- (3) realises that the Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology has failed to declare public nursing colleges as institutions of higher education;
- (4) recognises that institutions that are currently accredited will not be allowed to continue offering training in the old legacy programmes which will come to an end on 31 December 2019, which will negatively impact on the production of new nurses;
- (5) understands that the scope of post-basic training which will negatively be impacted includes, among other disciplines, peri-operative, intensive care unit, trauma, midwifery, neonatal intensive and paediatric care;
- (6) acknowledges that the current complement of nursing staff is an aging population and that the training of additional nurses is imperative if the healthcare sector is to offer appropriate care to all, and if the Government is to avert the looming shortage of 400 000 and more nurses by 2025, and bring down the staff to patient ratio of 1:40 by the time the National Health Insurance is implemented; and
- (7) calls on the Minister of Health, Dr Z L Mkhize, to intervene in terms of section 17 of the Nursing Act, Act 33 of 2005, to ensure that regulations on the training of nurses and accreditation of new training institutions are finalised as a matter of urgency.

19(2)dn79e

APPENDIXES

PETITIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

1. **Petition from the residents of Germiston, Ekurhuleni metropolitan municipality calling on the Assembly to investigate the numerous power outages (Mr M Waters)** – (Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs – National Assembly).
2. **Petition from the residents of Boksburg, Ekurhuleni metropolitan municipality, calling on the Assembly to investigate the numerous power outages (Mr M Waters)** – (Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs – National Assembly).
3. **Petition from the residents of Kempton Park, calling on the Assembly to investigate chronic inadequate visible policing and shortage of vehicles at the Kempton Park police station (Mr M Waters)** – (Portfolio Committee on Police – National Assembly).

4. **Petition from the residents of Alberton, calling on the Assembly to investigate public participation and legislative compliance in the proposed housing development in Alberton (Mr D Bergman)** – (Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs – National Assembly).

BILLS REFERRED TO JOINT TAGGING MECHANISM (JTM)

1. **Recognition of Customary Marriages Amendment Bill** [B 12 - 2019] (National Assembly – proposed sec 76).
2. **Judicial Matters Amendment Bill** [B 13 - 2019] (National Assembly – proposed sec 76).

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1. **National Health Insurance Bill** [B 11 - 2019] (National Assembly – sec 76) – (Portfolio Committee on Health – National Assembly).
2. **Recognition of Customary Marriages Amendment Bill** [B 12 - 2019] (National Assembly – proposed sec 76) – (Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services – National Assembly).
3. **Judicial Matters Amendment Bill** [B 13 - 2019] (National Assembly – proposed sec 76) – (Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services – National Assembly).

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

1. **Convention establishing the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Observatory** (Tabled on 18 September 2019) (Referred to Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Technology on 19 September 2019 – reported on 8 October 2019).
2. **Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) on the Establishment of an International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) Component in the Republic of South Africa** (Tabled on 18 September 2019) (Referred to Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Technology on 19 September 2019).