

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME

THIRD TERM

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CLUSTERING OF MINISTRIES: A GUIDE FOR QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLIES

CLUSTER 1 - Peace and Security	CLUSTER 2 - Social Services	CLUSTER 3 – Governance	CLUSTER 4 – Economics	CLUSTER 5 – Economics
• Correctional Services • Defence and Military Veterans • Home Affairs • International Relations and Cooperation • Justice and Constitutional Development • Police • Minister in The Presidency (State Security)	• Basic Education • Health • Higher Education • Human Settlements • Social Development • Sport, Arts and Culture • Water and Sanitation	• Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs • Minister in The Presidency (GCIS) • Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation • Public Service and Administration • Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities	• Agriculture • Communications and Digital Technologies • Electricity and Energy • Employment and Labour • Finance • Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment • Mineral and Petroleum Resources	• Land Reform and Rural Development • Public Works and Infrastructure • Small Business Development • Tourism • Trade, Industry and Competition • Transport • Science, Technology and Innovation

FIRST TERM 2026		SECOND TERM 2026	
NA: 27 January – 2 April (10 Weeks) NCOP: 27 January – 27 March (9 Weeks)		21 April – 26 June (9 Weeks)	
NA Leave Period NCOP Leave Period NCOP Committees/ Plenary NCOP Constituency Period NA Constituency Period NA Committees oversight	5 – 12 January 5 – 12 January 13 – 15 January 16 January – 6 February 14 – 26 January 27 January – 6 February	152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 May – 03 June May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3 August (5 weeks)
NCOP Members' Training NA Members' Training Joint Sitting (SONA) Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation address	10 – 11 February 10 – 11 February 12 February (19:00) 17 – 18 February 19 February	152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 May – 03 June May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3 August (5 weeks)
State of the Province Addresses NCOP Committees NA Plenaries/ Mini-plenaries Budget speech <i>(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)</i>	23 - 27 February 23 – 27 February 24 February – 2 April 25 February	152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 May – 03 June May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3 August (5 weeks)
NCOP Strategic Planning Session NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Legislation	3 – 4 March March March 5 – 27 March	152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 May – 03 June May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3 August (5 weeks)
<i>Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March</i>		152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 May – 03 June May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3 August (5 weeks)
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<i>Easter Weekend 3 – 6 April</i>		152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 May – 03 June May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3 August (5 weeks)
NCOP Constituency Period NA Constituency Period	30 March – 20 April (3 weeks) 7 – 20 April (2 weeks)	152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul NA Committees oversight NCOP Committees oversight Taking Parliament to the People NCOP Leave Period NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Debate on Vote 2: Parliament Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA Committees Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP Constituency Period	15 – 19 April 21 – 30 April 21 – 24 April April/ May 28 April – 4 May 5 – 8 May 4 May – 19 June April/ May 12 May – 03 June May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3 August (5 weeks)

THIRD TERM 2026		FOURTH TERM 2026	
NCOP: 4 – 28 August (4 Weeks) NA: 4 August – 28 August (4 Weeks)		21 September – 4 December (10 Weeks)	
NA Committees	4 – 7 August	NA Committees (Oversight/BRR Reports)	1 – 15 October
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	4 – 14 August	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	October
NCOP Questions to Cluster 3: Governance	August	NCOP Oversight Week	October
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President,	August	NCOP Questions to the President	October
<i>Women's Day: Sunday, 9 August</i>		NA Plenaries/Mini-Plenaries	20 October – 27 November
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	11 – 27 August	NNA Questions to the President	October/November
NA Questions to the President	August/September	NA Questions to the Deputy President	October/November
NA Questions to the Deputy President	August/September	NA Questions to Clusters	October/November
NA Questions to Clusters	August/September	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	October – December
NCOP Provincial Week	17 – 21 August	NCOP Questions to Cluster 4: Economics	October/ November
NCOP Committees	24 – 28 August	NCOP Questions to Cluster 5: Economics	October/ November
153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Tanzania	September	NCOP Questions to Deputy President	November
69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), Cape Town	13 – 18 September	Tabling: 2026 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget	21 October
NCOP Constituency Period	31 August – 5 October (5 weeks)	Revised Fiscal Framework (Within 15 days)	November
NA Constituency Period	31 August – 18 September (4 weeks)	Division of Revenue Amendment Bill	November
<i>Heritage Day: Thursday, 24 September</i>		Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by NA	November
		NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	10 - 27 November
		Joint Programme Committee meeting	29 October (p)
		NCOP Annual Address by the President	November (p)
		NA Committees	1 – 4 December
		Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by NCOP	December (p)
		NA Constituency Period	7 – 15 December
		<i>Reconciliation Day Wednesday, 16 December</i>	
		Leave Period	17 December – 8 January 2027

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL BODIES DIARY:

- 1) 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) 13 – 18 September 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

- 1) 4 November 2026

PROPOSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

- 1) Artificial Intelligence, Elections, and Disinformation – 7 August
- 2) Parliamentary Diplomacy – 28 August
- 3) Budget and Financial Oversight (BRRR aligned) – 9 October
- 4) Debate and Plenary Conduct / Appropriate use of devices during parliamentary meetings – 16 October
- 5) Handling Traditional and Digital Media / Social Media Use – 4 December

WEEK 23

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 3 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 3 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) Questions to Cluster 3A: Governance • Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs • Public Service and Administration
WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) 1. Motions 2. Consideration of Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate on Taking Parliament to the People – North West (12 – 15 May 2026) Report
THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 08:00 – 09:45 NAPC workshop on bills (Virtual) 10:00 Caucus	THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) Questions to Cluster 3B: Governance • Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities

COMMITTEES	Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 08:00 – ± 16:15 2 nd (PGIR) Workshop (Virtual) MEMBERS' TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING Artificial Intelligence, Elections, and Disinformation 09:00 – 13:00 (Virtual) COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK 24

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 10 AUGUST PUBLIC HOLIDAY	MONDAY, 10 AUGUST PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 14:00 – ±16:45 PLENARY (Virtual) 1. Consideration of Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Bill [B 14D – 2022] (National Assembly – sec 76) and of Report of Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on	TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 08:30 – 09:45 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) 1. Motions 2. Consideration of Reports 3. Legislation

amendments proposed by National Council of Provinces (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 25 February 2026, p 16). (51) 2. Consideration of Report of Joint Standing Committee on Financial Management of Parliament on Site visits undertaken to inspect progress made in rebuilding of infrastructure destroyed in 2022 fire and installation of Nieuwmeester Dome (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 May 2026, p 27). (51) 3. Consideration of Report of Ad Hoc Committee to Review and Amend the Parliamentary Villages Management Board Act (Act No 96 of 1998) on Oversight visit to Pelican Park and Acacia Park Parliamentary Villages on 13 March 2026 (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 3 June 2026, p 4). (51)	4. Debate on Woman's Day
WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – ±17:00 PLENARY • Questions to the Deputy President (Virtual)	WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 08:30 – 09:45 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) 1. Consideration of Reports 2. Legislation

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 08:30 Programme Committee (Virtual) 10:00 Caucus WOMENS' PARLIAMENT	THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus 12:45 - 13:30 Provincial Delegations meetings 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) Questions to Cluster 1D: Peace and Security • Home Affairs Questions to Cluster 2A: Social Services • Higher Education
FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST WOMENS' PARLIAMENT	FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK 25

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 17 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 17 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST	TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:

COMMITTEES	<i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” & “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i>
WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips’ Forum (Virtual) 15:00 – ±18:30 PLENARY (Virtual) • Questions for Oral Reply: Cluster 3 - Governance (210)	WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK: <i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” & “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i>
THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 08:30 Programme Committee (Virtual) 10:00 Caucus 15:00 – ±18:00 PLENARY (Virtual) 1. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Transport on Oversight visit to Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) on General	THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK: <i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” & “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i>

Overhaul Programme from 29 – 30 April 2026 (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 10 June 2026, p 5). (51) 2. Consideration of Report of Joint Standing Committee on Defence and Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans on Joint Oversight visit to Denel Aeronautics in Gauteng as well as Sandock Austral (SA) Shipyard, Naval Base Durban and Air Force Base Durban in KwaZulu-Natal, from 28 to 30 April 2026 (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 5 June 2026, p 4). (51)	
FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST 10:00 – ±13:00 MINI-PLENARY SESSIONS (Virtual) <i>Mini-plenary 1:</i> 1. First Reading debate – Long-term Insurance Amendment Bill [B 17 – 2026] (National Assembly – proposed sec 75) – (Mr N L S Kwankwa, MP). 2. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Social Development on Oversight visit to Gauteng Department of Social Development, its funded NPOs, National DSD Gender-Based Violence Command Centre and to National Development Agency (NDA) and its funded projects (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 20 June 2025, p 75). (51) 3. Consideration of Report of Joint Standing Committee on Financial Management of Parliament on Parliament of Republic of South Africa's 2024/25 Annual Report (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 May 2026, p 3). (51) <i>Mini-plenary 2:</i>	FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK: <i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” & “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services</i>

4. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Agriculture on Oversight visit to Free State Province to assess interventions to control Foot-And-Mouth Disease (FMD) from 16 – 20 March 2026 (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 22 April 2026, p 4). (51) 5. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Police on Performance of Office of Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations Judge for 2024/25 financial year (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 May 2026, p 64). (51) 6. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Police on Performance of Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) for 2024/25 financial year (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 May 2026, p 86). (51)	
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WEEK 26

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 24 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 24 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 14:00 – ±17:00 PLENARY Questions to the President	TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 08:30 – 09:15 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 09:30 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) Questions to Cluster 1A: Peace and Security - Police - Justice and Constitutional Development

	14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) Questions to Cluster 1B: Peace and Security • Minister in The Presidency • Correctional Services
WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Virtual) COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 08:30 – 09:45 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 08:30 Programme Committee (Virtual) 10:00 Caucus COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:00 Caucus 12:45 - 13:30 Provincial Delegations meetings 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) Questions to Cluster 1C: Peace and Security • International Relations and Cooperation • Defence and Military Veterans

FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST MEMBERS' TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING Parliamentary Diplomacy 09:00 – 13:00 (Virtual) COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST JOINT COMMITTEES
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NA CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 31 AUGUST – 18 SEPTEMBER

NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 31 AUGUST – 5 OCTOBER 2026