

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME

FIRST TERM 2026

As updated on 13 March 2026

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctional Services • Defence and Military Veterans • Home Affairs • International Relations and Cooperation • Justice and Constitutional Development • Police • Minister in The Presidency (State Security) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Education • Health • Higher Education • Human Settlements • Social Development • Sport, Arts and Culture • Water and Sanitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs • Minister in The Presidency (GCIS) • Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation • Public Service and Administration • Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Communications and Digital Technologies • Electricity and Energy • Employment and Labour • Finance • Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment • Mineral and Petroleum Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 August (5 weeks)	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 – 22 May May (p) May/June 26 – 29 May Africa Day: Monday, 25 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3
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	Freedom Day: Monday, 27 April Workers' Day: Friday, 1 May NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Africa Day: Monday, 25 May May May May/June 26 May – 19 June May/June May/June May/June 23 – 26 June 25 June (p) 29 June – 3	
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	NCOP Strategic Planning Session NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Legislation Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March 12 March 19 /March February - March March March March	
NCOP Strategic Planning Session NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Legislation Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March NA Questions to the President NA Questions to the Deputy President NA Questions to Clusters NA debate on Fiscal Framework Tabling of departmental strategic plans NA debate on Division of Revenue Bill	3 – 4 March March March 5 – 27 March Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March 12 March 19 /March February - March March March March	NCOP Strategic Planning Session NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Legislation Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March 12 March 19 /March February - March March March March	
NCOP Constituency Period NA Constituency Period	Easter Weekend 3 – 6 April 30 March – 20 April (3 weeks) 7 – 20 April (2 weeks)	Easter Weekend 3 – 6 April 30 March – 20 April (3 weeks) 7 – 20 April (2 weeks)	

THIRD TERM 2026	FOURTH TERM 2026
<p style="text-align: center;">NCOP: 4 – 28 August (4 Weeks) NA: 4 August – 18 September (7 Weeks)</p> <p>NA Committees 4 – 7 August</p> <p>NCOP Plenaries/ Committees 4 – 14 August NCOP Questions to Cluster 3: Governance August NCOP Questions to the Deputy President August</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Women's Day: Sunday, 9 August</i></p> <p>NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries 11 – 27 August NA Questions to the President August/September NA Questions to the Deputy President August/September NA Questions to Clusters August/September</p> <p>NCOP Provincial Week 17 – 21 August NCOP Committees 24 – 28 August</p> <p>153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Tanzania September 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), Cape Town 13 – 18 September</p> <p>NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries 8 – 18 September</p> <p>NCOP Constituency Period 31 August – 5 October (5 weeks)</p> <p>NA Constituency Period 21 September – 5 October (2 weeks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Heritage Day: Thursday, 24 September</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 October – 4 December (9 Weeks)</p> <p>NA Committees (Oversight/BRR Reports) 6 – 16 October</p> <p>NCOP Committees/ Plenaries October NCOP Oversight Week October NCOP Questions to the President October</p> <p>NA Plenaries/Mini-Plenaries 20 October – 27 November NNA Questions to the President October/November NA Questions to the Deputy President October/November NA Questions to Clusters October/November</p> <p>NCOP Committees/ Plenaries October – December NCOP Questions to Cluster 4: Economics October/ November NCOP Questions to Cluster 5: Economics October/ November NCOP Questions to Deputy President November</p> <p>Tabling: 2026 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget 28 October Revised Fiscal Framework (Within 15 days) November Division of Revenue Amendment Bill November Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by NA November NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries 10 - 27 November</p> <p>Joint Programme Committee meeting 29 October (p)</p> <p>NCOP Annual Address by the President November (p)</p> <p>NA Committees 1 – 4 December</p> <p>Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by NCOP December (p)</p> <p>NA Constituency Period 7 – 15 December</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reconciliation Day Wednesday, 16 December</i></p> <p>Leave Period 17 December – 8 January 2027</p>

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL BODIES DIARY:

- 1) Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Istanbul: 15 – 19 April

PROPOSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

- 1) IPU Webinar: Building AI literacy in Parliaments – 1 April
- 2) Role of Political Structures and Committees and Parliamentary Ethics and Codes of Conduct – 24 April
- 3) Stellenbosch University Webinar series: AI in Government – 28 – 29 May
- 4) Public Speaking and Debate Techniques and Oversight in Practice: Drafting speeches, parliamentary questions and motions – 26 June
- 5) The legislative process – 7 August
- 6) Parliamentary Diplomacy – 28 August
- 7) Budget and Financial Oversight (BRRR aligned) – 9 October
- 8) Debate and Plenary Conduct / Appropriate use of devices during parliamentary meetings – 16 October
- 9) Handling Traditional and Digital Media / Social Media Use – 4 December

WEEK 8

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 16 MARCH <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	MONDAY, 16 MARCH <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 14:00 – ±18:30 PLENARY (DOME) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion: Ad Hoc Committee to review and amend the Parliamentary Villages Management Board Act 2. Member's statements (50) 3. Debate on International Women's Day (106) 4. Debate on Human Rights Day: <i>Celebrating 30 years of the Bill of Rights as a sovereign and free constitutional Republic</i> (106) 5. Decision of question on Draft Resolutions from Mr S I Gama on the current crime crisis as a national governance emergency (<i>no debate</i>) 6. Decision on question on Draft Resolution from Mr S Lonzi on the need for a Parliamentary Inquiry into the state of post-secondary education in South Africa (<i>no debate</i>) 	TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) Questions to Cluster 2C: Social Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water and Sanitation - Human Settlements
WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – ±18:30 PLENARY (DOME) <p style="text-align: center;">Questions for Oral Reply: Cluster 3 - Governance</p>	WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 10:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate on Human Rights Day: <i>"Deepening a culture of social justice and human rights"</i>
THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus	THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus

<p>14:00 – ±19:00 PLENARY (DOME)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Questions to the Deputy President (180) 2. Debate on Urgent Matter of National Public Importance (Dr M A Maimane): The escalating crisis in the Middle East following the recent US attack on Iran and the implications this has on South Africa (124) 	<p>14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) Questions to Cluster 2D: Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science, Technology and Innovation - Sport, Arts and Culture
<p>FRIDAY, 20 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 20 MARCH</p> <p>09:30 Members Support and Facility Forum (MSF) meeting</p>

WEEK 9

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 23 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 23 MARCH</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 24 MARCH</p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – ±19:30 PLENARY (DOME)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of 2026 Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals and of Report of Standing Committee on Finance thereon (ATC, March 2026) (121) (p) 2. Statement by the Minister of Electricity and Energy on the Eradication of Load Reduction (p) (89) 3. Consideration Report of Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition on Request by Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to make recommendations regarding candidates for position of Chairperson of Board of National Lotteries 	<p>TUESDAY, 24 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 – 09:45 Committee of Chairpersons meeting</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Consideration of Select Committee on Finance Report on the Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals (Provisional) 3. Legislation 4. DA Sponsored Debate: Good governance as the foundation of Local Government: <i>“The role of ethical leadership in restoring public trust”</i>

<p>Commission (ATC, 25 February 2026, p 5) (declarations) (51)</p> <p>4. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on Study tour to Kingdom of Denmark (ATC, 2 December 2025, p 4).(declarations) (51)</p>	
<p>WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH</p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p> <p>10:00 Chief Whips’ Forum [Closed meeting]</p> <p>13:00 – 14:45 Committee of Chairpersons Meeting (M46)</p> <p>15:00 – ±18:30 PLENARY (DOME)</p> <p>Questions for Oral Reply: Cluster 4 – Economics</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 – 09:45 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)</p> <p>09:30 – 12:00 Multi-Party Women’s Caucus (Steering Committee meeting)</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. EFF Sponsored Debate: Rural infrastructure deterioration: “<i>A debate on Municipal Fund Withholding (Section 216(2) of the Constitution)</i>”
<p>THURSDAY, 26 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 Programme Committee</p> <p>10:00 Caucus</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:00 MINI-PLENARY SESSIONS (<i>Virtual</i>)</p> <p>Party Motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (ANC) (114) 2. (Al Jamah-Ah) (114) <p>Party Motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. (ANC) (114) 	<p>THURSDAY, 26 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Caucus</p> <p>13:00 – 14:00 Provincial Delegations meetings</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. ANC Sponsored Debate: Taking decisive action to fix Local Government and improve the delivery of basic services

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FRIDAY, 27 MARCH COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 27 MARCH JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK 10

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 30 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 30 MARCH
TUESDAY, 31 MARCH COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 31 MARCH
WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 15:00 IPU Webinar : Building AI literacy in Parliaments	WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL
THURSDAY, 2 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY	THURSDAY, 2 APRIL
FRIDAY, 3 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, 3 APRIL

NA CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 7 – 20 APRIL

NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 30 MARCH – 20 APRIL