PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME

FIRST TERM 2026

As updated on 6 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
• 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

NA: 27 January – 2 April (10 Weeks)
NCOP: 27 January – 27 March (9 Weeks)

NA Leave Period	**5 – 12 January**
NCOP Leave Period	5 – 12 January
NCOP Committees/ Plenary	13 – 15 January
NCOP Constituency Period	16 January – 6 February
NA Constituency Period	**14 – 26 January**
NA Committees oversight	**27 January – 6 February**
NCOP Members' Training	10 – 11 February
NA Members' Training	**10 – 11 February**
Joint Sitting (SONA)	**12 February (19:00)**
Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address	**17 – 18 February**
Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation address	**19 February**
State of the Province Addresses	23 - 27 February
NCOP Committees	23 – 27 February
NA Plenaries/ Mini-plenaries	**24 February – 2 April**
Budget speech	**25 February**
(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)	
NCOP Strategic Planning Session	3 – 4 March
NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services	March
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	March
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Legislation	5 – 27 March

Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March

NA Questions to the President	**12 March**
NA Questions to the Deputy President	**19 /March**
NA Questions to Clusters	**February - March**
NA debate on Fiscal Framework	**March**
Tabling of departmental strategic plans	**March**
NA debate on Division of Revenue Bill	**March**

Easter Weekend 3 – 6 April

NCOP Constituency Period	**30 March – 20 April *(3 weeks)***
NA Constituency Period	**7 – 20 April (2 weeks)**

SECOND TERM 2026

21 April – 26 June (9 Weeks)

152nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Instabul	**15 – 19 April**
NA Committees oversight	**21 – 30 April**
NCOP Committees oversight	21 – 24 April
Taking Parliament to the People	April/ May

Freedom Day: Monday, 27 April

NCOP Leave Period	28 April – 4 May

Workers' Day: Friday, 1 May

NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	**5 – 8 May**
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees	4 May – 19 June
NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security	April/ May
NA Budget Vote debates	**12 – 22 May**
NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	May *(p)*
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	May/June
NCOP Committees	26 – 29 May

Africa Day: Monday, 25 May

Debate on Vote 2: Parliament	**May**
Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply)	**May**
Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA	**May/June**
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	**26 May – 19 June**
NA Questions to the President	**May/June**
NA Questions to the Deputy President	**May/June**
NA Questions to Clusters	**May/June**

Youth Day: Tuesday, 16 June

NA Committees	**23 – 26 June**
Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP	25 June *(p)*
Constituency Period	**29 June – 3 August *(5 weeks)***

THIRD TERM 2026

NCOP: 4 – 28 August (4 Weeks)
NA: 4 August – 18 September (7 Weeks)

NA Committees	**4 – 7 August**
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	4 – 14 August
NCOP Questions to Cluster 3: Governance	August
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	August

Women's Day: Sunday, 9 August

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**
NCOP Provincial Week	17 – 21 August
NCOP Committees	24 – 28 August
153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Tanzania	**September**
69th Commomwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), Cape Town	**13 – 18 September**
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	**8 – 18 September**
NCOP Constituency Period	**31 August – 5 October (5 weeks)**
NA Constituency Period	**21 September – 5 October *(2 weeks)***

Heritage Day: Thursday, 24 September

FOURTH TERM 2026

6 October – 4 December (9 Weeks)

NA Committees (Oversight/BRR Reports)	**6 – 16 October**
NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	October
NCOP Oversight Week	October
NCOP Questions to the President	October
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**
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
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**
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**

Reconciliation Day Wednesday, 16 December

Leave Period	**17 December – 8 January 2027**

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) Stellenbosch University Webinar series: AI in Government – 23 – 24 April
3) Role of Political Structures and Committees and Parliamentary Ethics and Codes of Conduct – 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 7

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 9 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	**MONDAY, 9 MARCH** CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 14:00 – 19:00 **PLENARY (DOME)** 1. Tributes to the Late Mosiuoa Lekota (46) 2. Members' statements (50) 3. Statement by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development on the 30-year anniversary celebration of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (p) (89) 4. Consideration of Reports of the Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services on • **Oversight visit to Zonderwater Training College and Zonderwater Correctional Centre** (ATC, 3 December 2025, p 11) • **Follow up Oversight visit to Pollsmoor Correctional Centre** (ATC, 3 December 2025, p 5) (51) (declarations) 5. Debate on International Women's Day (106)	**TUESDAY, 10 MARCH** 08:30 – 09:45 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 14:00 **PLENARY (HYBRID)** Questions to Cluster 2A: Social Services - Basic Education - Higher Education
WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – ±18:30 **PLENARY (DOME)** Questions for Oral Reply: Cluster 2 – Social Services (210)	**WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH** 08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (*Closed meeting)* 09:30 – 12:00 Multi-Party Women's Caucus (Steering Committee meeting) 14:00 **PLENARY (HYBRID)** 1. Motions 2. Reports

	3. Legislation 4. MKP Sponsored Debate: Towards improved intergovernmental coordination in Border Management: "*Meeting humanitarian and service delivery obligations*"
THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus 14:00 – **PLENARY (DOME)** 1. Questions to the President (180)	**THURSDAY, 12 MARCH** 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus 13:00 – 14:00 Provincial Delegations meetings 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) Questions to Cluster 2B: Social Services - Health - Social Development
FRIDAY, 13 MARCH COMMITTEES	**FRIDAY, 13 MARCH** JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK 8

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 16 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	**MONDAY, 16 MARCH** CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 14:00 – **PLENARY (DOME)** 1. Member's statements (50) 2. Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on Appropriations on **Oversight visit to Eastern Cape Province**	**TUESDAY, 17 MARCH** 14:00 **PLENARY (HYBRID)** Questions to Cluster 2C: Social Services - Water and Sanitation - Human Settlements

from 14 to 17 October 2025 (ATC, 2 December 2025, p 94) (declarations (51) 3. 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) 4. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Employment and Labour on **Oversight visit to Free State Province from 14-18 October 2025** (ATC, 27 November 2025, p 3) (declarations) (51) 5. Motions without notice 6. Notices of motions	
WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – ±18:30 **PLENARY (DOME)** Questions for Oral Reply: Cluster 3 - Governance	**WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH** 10:00 **PLENARY (HYBRID)** 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate on Human Rights Day: *"Deepening a culture of social justice and human rights"*
THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus 14:00 – ±18:30 **PLENARY (DOME)** 1. Questions to the Deputy President (180) 2. Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure on **Oversight visit to Free State and Western Cape** (ATC, 26 November 2025, p 270) (declarations) (51) 3. Consideration of Reports of Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements on • **Oversight visit to Helen Bowden Building renamed as Ahmed Kathrada House, Green Point, Cape Town on 14 November 2025**	**THURSDAY, 19 MARCH** 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) Questions to Cluster 2D: Social Services - Science, Technology and Innovation Sport, Arts and Culture novation - Sport, Arts and Culture

(Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 26 November 2025, p 264) • **Oversight visit to North-West and Gauteng Province** (ATC 21 November 2025, p 8) (declarations) (51) 4. Debate on Human Rights Day (106)	
FRIDAY, 20 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	**FRIDAY, 20 MARCH** 09:30 Members Support and Facility Forum (MSF) meeting

WEEK 9

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 23 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	**MONDAY, 23 MARCH**
TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 14:00 – ±17:30 **PLENARY (DOME)** 1. Statement by the Minister of Electricity and Energy on the Eradication of Load Reduction (p) (89) 2. Consideration of 2026 Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals and of Report of Standing Committee on Finance thereon (ATC, March 2026) (121) (p)	**TUESDAY, 24 MARCH** 08:30 – 09:45 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 14:00 **PLENARY (HYBRID)** 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: "*The role of ethical leadership in restoring public trust* "
WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum [Closed meeting]	**WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH** 08:30 – 09:45 Provincial Whips Forum (*Closed meeting)*

13:00 – 14:45 Committee of Chairpersons Meeting (M46) 15:00 – ±18:30 **PLENARY (DOME)** Questions for Oral Reply: Cluster 4 – Economics	09:30 – 12:00 Multi-Party Women's Caucus (Steering Committee meeting) 14:00 **PLENARY (HYBRID)** 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. EFF Sponsored Debate: Rural infrastructure deterioration*: "A debate on Municipal Fund Withholding (Section 216(2) of the Constitution)"*
THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus 14:00 – ±16:00 **MINI-PLENARY SESSIONS** *(Virtual)* Party Motions: 1. (ANC) (114) 2. (Al Jamah-Ah) (114) Party Motions: 3. (ANC) (114) 4. (DA) (114)	**THURSDAY, 26 MARCH** 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:30 Caucus 13:00 – 14:00 Provincial Delegations meetings 14:00 **PLENARY (HYBRID)** 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. ANC Sponsored Debate: Taking decisive action to fix Local Government and improve the delivery of basic services
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 COMMITTEES	**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