



PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

FIRST TERM PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2026

(As agreed to by the NCOP Programme Committee on 26 March 2026)

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Note:

National Assembly

National Council of Provinces

Explanatory notes on introduction of Bills:

For a Minister to introduce a Bill in Parliament, the Department must comply with:

1. **Joint Rule 159 (submission to Presiding Officers after Cabinet approval)***
2. **NA Rule 241 / NCOP Rule 186 (Gazette - intent to introduce)**
3. **Certification by State Law Adviser and submission to Bills Office**

*Departments are advised to forward electronic versions of JR 159 submissions to the Office of LOGB and the Bills Office, and **to follow the above chronological order**, to prevent delays.

Calculations for deadlines are based on the following formula:

s76 Bills: 2 WEEK:s for technical preparation (from submission of certified Bill to introduction), 12 WEEK:s for committees (i.e. 8 for the NCOP and 4 for the NA), and 1 WEEK: for preparation of amendments, plenary and transmission between the Houses.

s75 Bills: 2 WEEK:s for technical preparation (from submission of certified Bill to introduction), 12 WEEK:s for committees (i.e. 8 for the NA and 4 for the NCOP), and 1 WEEK: for preparation of amendments, plenary and transmission between the Houses.

Deadline set for the submission of legislation for introduction in 2026:

..... for bills to be passed by the time Parliament rise

Internal deadlines set for legislation to be passed:

Internal deadline for s76 bills to be passed by the **National Assembly** is2026

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CLUSTERING OF MINISTRIES: A GUIDE FOR QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

| CLUSTER 1 - Peace and Security | CLUSTER 2 - Social Services | CLUSTER 3 - Governance | CLUSTER 4 - Economics | CLUSTER 5 - Economics |
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| <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Police ▪ Justice and Constitutional Development ▪ Correctional Services ▪ Defence and Military Veterans ▪ International Relations and Cooperation ▪ Home Affairs ▪ Minister in The Presidency | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sport, Arts and Culture ▪ Basic Education ▪ Higher Education ▪ Science, Technology and Innovation ▪ Health ▪ Human Settlements ▪ Water and Sanitation ▪ Social Development | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs ▪ Public Service and Administration ▪ Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities ▪ Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agriculture ▪ Land Reform and Rural Development ▪ Forestry, Fisheries and Environment ▪ Employment and Labour ▪ Mineral and Petroleum Resources ▪ Electricity and Energy ▪ Communications and Digital Technologies | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trade, Industry and Competition ▪ Finance ▪ Public Works and Infrastructure ▪ Tourism ▪ Transport ▪ Small Business Development |

WEEK: 23 – 27 MARCH 2026

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES | COMMITTEES |
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| <p>THURSDAY, 26 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 Programme Committee</p> <p>10:00 - 12:30 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:00 MINI-PLENARY SESSIONS <i>(Virtual)</i> [Committee reports, petitions and international agreements]</p> | <p>THURSDAY, 26 MARCH</p> <p>08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Caucus</p> <p>12:45 – 13:30 Provincial Delegations meetings</p> | <p>THURSDAY, 26 MARCH</p> |
| <p>FRIDAY, 27 MARCH</p> <p>JOINT COMMITTEES</p> | <p>FRIDAY, 27 MARCH</p> <p>JOINT COMMITTEES</p> | <p>FRIDAY, 27 MARCH</p> <p>Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings</p> <p>Oversight visit (follow up on progress made) on the Magog village petition (Petitioner is calling the National Council of Provinces in relation to the alleged systematic disregard of mining regulatory Framework in Magog village, Umzumbe by the SA-Lithium mining company), Port Shepstone, KwaZulu-Natal (Proposed)</p> <p>Joint Standing Committee on Defence</p> <p>09:00 – 12:00 Joint briefing by the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and the South African Police Service (SAPS) on their state of preparedness for the planned domestic deployment, as announced during the 2026 State of the Nation Address (SONA) (Joint meeting with the PC on Police)</p> |

NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 30 MARCH – 20 APRIL 2026

NA CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 7 - 20 APRIL 2026