



PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THIRD TERM PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2026

(As agreed to by the NCOP Programme Committee on 27 August 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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PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK FOR 2026
(As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 20 January 2026)

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, Istanbul 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 – 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 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	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 NA Budget Vote debates NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill NCOP Questions to the Deputy President NCOP Committees Africa Day: Monday, 25 May 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	10 – 11 February 10 – 11 February 12 February (19:00) 17 – 18 February 19 February
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 (p)	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 Africa Day: Monday, 25 May 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	23 - 27 February 23 – 27 February 24 February – 2 April 25 February (p)
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	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 Africa Day: Monday, 25 May 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	23 - 27 February 23 – 27 February 24 February – 2 April 25 February (p)
<i>Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March</i>		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 Africa Day: Monday, 25 May 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	
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	February/March February/March February - March March March March	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 Africa Day: Monday, 25 May 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	23 - 27 February 23 – 27 February 24 February – 2 April 25 February (p)
<i>Easter Weekend 3 – 6 April</i>		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 Africa Day: Monday, 25 May 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	
NCOP Constituency Period NA Constituency Period	30 March – 20 April (3 weeks) 7 – 20 April (2 weeks)	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 Africa Day: Monday, 25 May 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	23 - 27 February 23 – 27 February 24 February – 2 April 25 February (p)

THIRD TERM 2026		FOURTH TERM 2026	
NCOP: 4 – 28 August (4 Weeks) NA: 4 August – 18 September (7 Weeks)		6 October – 4 December (9 Weeks)	
NA Committees	4 – 7 August	NA Committees (Oversight/BRR Reports)	6 – 16 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 (p)
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	8 – 18 September	Revised Fiscal Framework (Within 15 days)	November
NCOP Constituency Period	31 August – 5 October (5 weeks)	Division of Revenue Amendment Bill	November
NA Constituency Period	21 September – 5 October (2 weeks)	Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by NA	November
<i>Heritage Day: Thursday, 24 September</i>		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

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
Includes: ▪ Police ▪ Justice and Constitutional Development ▪ Correctional Services ▪ Defence and Military Veterans ▪ International Relations and Cooperation ▪ Home Affairs ▪ Minister in The Presidency	Includes: ▪ Sport, Arts and Culture ▪ Basic Education ▪ Higher Education ▪ Science, Technology and Innovation ▪ Health ▪ Human Settlements ▪ Water and Sanitation ▪ Social Development	Includes: ▪ Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs ▪ Public Service and Administration ▪ Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities ▪ Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	Includes: ▪ Agriculture ▪ Land Reform and Rural Development ▪ Forestry, Fisheries and Environment ▪ Employment and Labour ▪ Mineral and Petroleum Resources ▪ Electricity and Energy ▪ Communications and Digital Technologies	Includes: ▪ Trade, Industry and Competition ▪ Finance ▪ Public Works and Infrastructure ▪ Tourism ▪ Transport ▪ Small Business Development

WEEK: 24 – 28 AUGUST 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:00 Multi-Party Women's Caucus meeting 12:45 - 13:30 Provincial Delegations meetings	THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST Select Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Mineral Resources Oversight visit to Cradock. Eastern Cape
FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 09:00 – 13:00 MEMBERS' TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING, Parliamentary Diplomacy (Virtual) JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 08:30 – 12:00 Multi-Party Women's Caucus (Steering Committee) meeting	FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST Select Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Mineral Resources Oversight visit to Cradock. Eastern Cape Joint Standing Committee on The Financial Management of Parliament 08:00 – 13:00 Briefing on the Parliament of the RSA's draft 2027/28 annual performance plan and budget, Update on progress made in the development of an appropriate funding model for Parliament Joint Standing Committee on Defence 09:00 – 12:00 Initial Engagement on the New Defence Policy Documents Approved by Cabinet (Closed) Joint Committee on Ethics and Members' Interests 10:00 – 15:00 Agenda to be confirmed Select Committee on Security and Justice 15:30 Briefing by Legal Advisor and Content Advisor and consideration of way forward Electoral Reform Consultation Report (ERCP) briefing by Legal Advisor and Content Advisor and consideration of way forward Joint Meeting PC Home Affairs, PC Cogta and SC Security

NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 31 AUGUST – 5 OCTOBER 2026

NA CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 31 AUGUST - 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

- ❖ 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, Tanzania: September 2026
- ❖ 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), Cape Town 13 – 18 September 2026