



**PARLIAMENT**  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

# THIRD TERM PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2026

*(As agreed to by the NCOP Programme Committee on 25 June 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** is .....2026

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**Deadline set for the submission of Questions for Questions Sessions:**

21 and 23 July for submission of Questions to Cluster 3: Governance scheduled for 4 and 6 August 2026

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

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

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

**CLUSTERING OF MINISTRIES: A GUIDE FOR QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**

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

**WEEK: 3 – 7 AUGUST 2026**

<b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES</b>	<b>COMMITTEES</b>
<b>MONDAY, 3 AUGUST</b> CONSTITUENCY DAY	<b>MONDAY, 3 AUGUST</b> CONSTITUENCY DAY	<b>MONDAY, 3 AUGUST</b> CONSTITUENCY DAY
<b>TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST</b> 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	<b>TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST</b> 14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b> Questions to Cluster 3A: Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs</li> <li>- Public Service and Administration</li> </ul>	<b>TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST</b> 10:00 COMMITTEES
<b>WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST</b> 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed Meeting)	<b>WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST</b> 14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motions</li> <li>2. Consideration of Reports</li> <li>3. Legislation</li> <li>4. Debate on Taking Parliament to the People – North West (12 – 15 May 2026) Report</li> </ol>	<b>WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST</b> 10:00 COMMITTEES
<b>THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST</b>	<b>THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST</b> 14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b> Questions to Cluster 3B: Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>- Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation</li> </ul>	<b>THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST</b>
<b>FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST</b> JOINT COMMITTEES	<b>FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST</b> JOINT COMMITTEES	<b>FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST</b> JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 10 – 14 AUGUST 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
<p><b>MONDAY, 10 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 10 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 10 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 – 09:45 Committee of Chairpersons meeting</p> <p>14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motions</li> <li>2. Consideration of Reports</li> <li>3. Legislation</li> <li>4. Debate on Woman’s Day</li> </ol>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST</b></p> <p>10:00 COMMITTEES</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p> <p>10:00 Chief Whips’ Forum (Closed meeting)</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 – 09:45 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)</p> <p>14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration of Reports</li> <li>2. Legislation</li> </ol>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST</b></p> <p>10:00 COMMITTEES</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 Programming Committee</p> <p>10:00 Caucus</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST</b></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>14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b></p> <p>Questions to Cluster 1D: Peace and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home Affairs</li> <li>Questions to Cluster 2A: Social Services</li> <li>- Higher Education</li> </ul>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST</b></p>

<b>FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST</b> JOINT COMMITTEES	<b>FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST</b> JOINT COMMITTEES	<b>FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST</b> JOINT COMMITTEES
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❖ 55th CPA Africa Region Conference, Malawi, Lilongwe, 9 -15 August 2026

WEEK: 17 – 21 AUGUST 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
<p><b>MONDAY, 17 AUGUST</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 17 AUGUST</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 17 AUGUST</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p> <p>14:00 <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation (p)</li> <li>2. Committee reports (p)</li> </ol>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p> <p>10:00 Chief Whips’ Forum (Closed meeting)</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 Programme Committee</p> <p>10:00 Caucus</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST</b></p> <p>PROVINCIAL WEEK - REPORT BACK:</p> <p><i>“Confronting the challenges facing the timely delivery of viable public infrastructure to communities” &amp; “Building viable municipalities for enhanced delivery of basic services”</i></p>

WEEK: 24 – 28 AUGUST 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
<p><b>MONDAY, 24 AUGUST</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 24 AUGUST</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 24 AUGUST</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 – 09:15 Committee of Chairpersons meeting</p> <p>09:30 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b></p> <p>Questions to Cluster 1A: Peace and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Police</li> <li>- Justice and Constitutional Development</li> </ul> <p>14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b></p> <p>Questions to Cluster 1B: Peace and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minister in The Presidency</li> <li>- Correctional Services</li> </ul>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST</b></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 Committees</p> <p>10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Virtual)</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 – 09:45 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)</p> <p>COMMITTEES</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST</b></p> <p>10:00 COMMITTEES</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 Programme Committee</p> <p>10:00 Caucus</p> <p>14:00 – ±18:00 <b>PLENARY (THE DOME)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members' Statements</li> <li>2. Legislation</li> </ol>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST</b></p> <p>08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting</p> <p>10:00 – 12:00 Caucus</p> <p>12:45 - 13:30 Provincial Delegations meetings</p> <p>14:00 <b>PLENARY (VIRTUAL)</b></p> <p>Questions to Cluster 1C: Peace and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International Relations and Cooperation</li> <li>- Defence and Military Veterans</li> </ul>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST</b></p>

<p><b>FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST</b></p> <p>JOINT COMMITTEES</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST</b></p> <p>JOINT COMMITTEES</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST</b></p> <p>JOINT COMMITTEES</p>
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**NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 31 AUGUST – 5 OCTOBER 2026**

**NA CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 21 SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER 2026**

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