



PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

FOURTH TERM PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2026

(As agreed to by the NCOP Programme Committee on 27 August 2026)

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Note:

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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

Internal deadline for s75 bills to be passed by the **National Assembly** is2026

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 	
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 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	Africa Day: Monday, 25 May	
<i>Human Rights Day: Saturday, 21 March</i>			
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	Youth Day: Tuesday, 16 June	
<i>Easter Weekend 3 – 6 April</i>			
NCOP Constituency Period NA Constituency Period	30 March – 20 April (3 weeks) 7 – 20 April (2 weeks)		

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: 5 – 9 OCTOBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus	THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 12 – 16 OCTOBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus	THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 19 – 23 OCTOBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 14:00 - ±15:15 PLENARY 1. Medium Term Budget Policy Statement 2. Introduction: Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B – 2026](prop s77)	WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus	THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 26 - 30 OCTOBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 08:30 Programme Committee 10:00 Caucus	THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) 1. Reports 2. Legislation	THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER
FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER JOINT COMMITTEES

NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 2 – 6 NOVEMBER 2026

❖ Local Government Elections; 4 November 2026

WEEK: 9 – 13 NOVEMBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 08:30 – 09:45 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate	TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 10:00 – 13:00 COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)	WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 08:30 Programme Committee (p)	THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses 12:45 - 13:30 Provincial Delegations meetings 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Debate	THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 16 – 20 NOVEMBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate	TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 10:00 – 13:00 COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 08:30 Programme Committee (p)	THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Debate	THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 23 – 27 NOVEMBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 08:30 – 09:45 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate	TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 10:00 – 13:00 COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)	WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 10:00 – 13:00 COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 08:30 Programme Committee (p)	THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses 12:45 - 13:30 Provincial Delegations meetings 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Debate	THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 30 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate	TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 10:00 – 13:00 COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER	THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Debate	THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER
FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER JOINT COMMITTEES

WEEK: 7 – 11 DECEMBER 2026

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees	TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER	TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 09:00 – 12:30 Committees 10:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER	THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 10:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) (Provisional) 1. Consideration of the Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B – 2026] (s77) 2. Farewell speeches	THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER
FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER	FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER	FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER

LEAVE PERIOD: 14 DECEMBER – JANUARY 2027