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PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2018

SECOND TERM

AS AGREED TO BY THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON 17 MAY

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PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2018/2019
As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 28 March 2018

SECOND TERM		THIRD TERM	
NA 17 April – 15 June (9 weeks) NCOP 17 April – 29 June (11 weeks)		NA 14 August – 14 September (5 weeks) NCOP 31 July – 21 September (8 weeks)	
NA Committees	17 April – 4 May	NA Committees/ Oversight	14 – 17 August
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan		NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	31 July – 8 August
Briefings to NCOP Committees	17 April – 22 June	NCOP Questions to Cluster 3: Governance	31 July and 2 August
NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services	17 and 19 April		
Local Government Week	23 – 26 April		
	<i>Freedom Day: Friday, 27 April</i> <i>Workers' Day: Tuesday, 1 May</i>		<i>Women's Day: Thursday, 9 August</i>
NCOP Oversight Week	8 – 11 May	Women's Parliament	August (p)
NCOP Plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	3 May	NCOP Oversight Week	14 – 17 August
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	13 June	NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	21 – 24 August
NA Plenaries	19 - 24 April (p)	NCOP Report Back Session - Taking Parliament to the People: Free State	28 – 31 August
NA Plenaries	8 – 29 May	NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	21 August – 7 September
NA Budget Vote debates	9 - 18 May	NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	3 – 14 September
	<i>Africa Day: Friday, 25 May</i>	NA Committees/Oversight	11 – 14 September
Debate on Vote 2: Parliament	May	NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	September
Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply)	May	NCOP Preliminary Oversight Visits – Taking Parliament to the People: Gauteng	17 – 21 September
Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA	May		<i>Heritage Day: Monday, 24 September</i>
NA Committees	30 May – 15 June	NA Constituency Period	17 September – 8 October
Youth Parliament	June (p)	NCOP Constituency Period	25 September – 8 October
	<i>Youth Day: Saturday, 16 June</i>		
Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP	28 June (p)		
NA Constituency Period	18 June – 13 August		
NCOP Constituency Period	2 – 30 July		

FOURTH TERM	FIRST TERM 2019
9 October – 30 November (8 weeks)	7 February – 26 March (8 weeks)
NA Committees (<i>BRR Reports</i>)	Leave Period
9 – 19 October	2 – 4 January
NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	Constituency Period
9 – 12 October	7 January – 6 February
NCOP Provincial Week	NCOP Review Session
16 – 19 October	February
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	Joint Sitting (SONA)
16 October – 30 November	February (19:00)
NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address
23 October – 29 November	February
NCOP Questions to Cluster 4: Economics	Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation address
30 and 31 October, 1,6,8 and 13 November	February
NCOP Questions to the President	NCOP Plenaries/ Committees
October/ November	February – March
Tabling: 2018 Medium-Term Budget	Budget speech
Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget:	<i>(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)</i>
Revised Fiscal Framework	NCOP Committees Strategic Planning (Annual Review) sessions
Division of Revenue Amendment Bill	February
Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by Parliament	NCOP Report Back Session – Taking Parliament to the People:
October	March
November	NA debate on Fiscal Framework
November	7 March (<i>p</i>)
NCOP Questions to Deputy President	Tabling of departmental strategic plans
November	11 March (<i>p</i>)
Taking Parliament to the People: Gauteng	NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill
19 – 23 November	26 March (<i>p</i>)
NCOP Annual Address by the President	NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/Departmental Strategic Plan
23 November	March
Constituency Period	<i>Human Rights Day: Thursday, 21 March</i>
3 – 14 December	<i>Easter Weekend 30 March – 2 April</i>
<i>Reconciliation Day: Saturday, 16 December</i>	Constituency Period
Leave Period	2 April -
18 December – January 2019	

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. **Submission of Bills for introduction**

*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 WEEKS for technical preparation (from submission of certified Bill to introduction), 10 WEEKS for committees (i.e. 6 for the NCOP and 4 for the NA), and 1 WEEK for preparation of amendments, plenary and transmission between the Houses.
- s75 Bills:** 2 WEEKS for technical preparation (from submission of certified Bill to introduction), 12 WEEKS 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 2018:

30 May 2018 for bills to be passed by the time Parliament rises

WEEK 16

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 21 MAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 21 MAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 22 MAY 09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES):</p> <p>10:00 – ±12:00 Debate on Vote 36: Water and Sanitation (NA Chamber) Debate on Vote 40: Sport and Recreation South Africa (OAC) Debate on Vote 7: National Treasury (E249)</p> <p>14:00 –±18:30 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debate on Vote 2: Parliament (255) 2. Consideration of Reports on Budget Votes (<i>no debate</i>) <p>Study Groups</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 22 MAY 14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Policy debate on Budget Vote 2: Parliament 3. Policy debate on Budget Vote 25: Economic Development 4. Policy debate on Budget Vote 31: Small Business Development (Items 3 and 4 – one debate)
<p>WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>14:00 –±20:00 PLENARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (266)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of Report of Round Table Discussions on Youth Development, 29 July 2015 (ATC, 8 March 2016, p 3) 2. Consideration of Report of Women's Round Table Discussion, 1 – 2 September 2015 (ATC, 7 April 2016, p 12) 3. Consideration of Annual Report of Joint Committee on Ethics and Member's Interests (2016) (ATC, 9 November 2017, p 4) 4. Consideration of Reports of the Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament on the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Parliament of the Republic of South Africa's 2017/18 Mid-Year Performance (ATC, 1 December 2017, p 3) 4.2 Parliament of the Republic of South Africa's 2016/17 Annual Report (ATC, 1 December 2017, p 17) 5. Consideration of Reports of Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings:

	<p>5.1 Study tour undertaken to Sweden, Stockholm, from 2 to 6 October 2017 (ATC, 8 May 2018, p 145)</p> <p>5.2 Hearing of the embrace dignity petition (ATC, 8 May 2018, p 182)</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 24 MAY 08:30 Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:30 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resumption of debate on Vote 1: The Presidency (Reply by President) 2. Debate on Africa Day: <i>The legacy of Nelson Mandela in building a better Africa and a better world</i> (84) 	<p>THURSDAY, 24 MAY</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy debate on Budget Vote 35: Transport (proposed) 2. Debate on Africa Day: <i>“Advancing the legacy of Nelson Mandela in building a better Africa and just world”</i>
<p>FRIDAY, 25 MAY 10:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of Report of SC on Appropriations on <i>Appropriation Bill</i> [B 3 - 2018] (ATC, May 2018, p) (<i>no debate</i>) (p) 2. First Reading debate: Appropriation Bill [B 3 – 2018](s77) (94) (p) 3. Consideration of Votes and Schedules: Appropriation Bill [B 3 – 2018](s77) (150) (p) 4. Second Reading: Appropriation Bill [B 3– 2018](s77)(<i>no debate</i>) (p) 	<p>FRIDAY, 25 MAY</p> <p>JOINT AND AD HOC COMMITTEES</p>

WEEK 17

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p>MONDAY, 28 MAY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 28 MAY</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 29 MAY 10:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debate on Youth Day (84) 	<p>TUESDAY, 29 MAY 08:30 - 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons meeting (S26)</p>

<p>2. Consideration of Report of PC on Science and Technology on <i>National Research Foundation Amendment Bill</i> [B 23 – 2017](s75) (ATC, 29 March 2018, p 16)</p> <p>3. Second Reading debate: National Research Foundation Amendment Bill [B 23B – 2017](s75)</p> <p>14:00 – PLENARY (Contd.)</p> <p>4. Questions to the Deputy President (180)</p> <p>5. Consideration of Report of PC on Rural Development and Land Reform on Communal Property Associations Amendment Bill [B 12 – 2017] (ATC, 25 April 2018, p 3)</p> <p>6. Second Reading debate: Communal Property Associations Amendment Bill [B 12B – 2017] (s76(1))</p> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p>08:30 – 10:00 Joint Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) (V119)</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs on Notice of Intervention issued in terms of section 139(1)(b) of the Constitution, 1996 to Inkosi Langalibalele and Mpofana Local Municipalities, KwaZulu – Natal (provisional) 3. Policy debate on Budget Vote 5: Home Affairs 4. Policy debate on Budget Vote 15: Higher Education and Training
<p>WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY</p> <p>08:30 - 10:00 Programming Committee meeting (S12A)</p> <p>13:00 - 14:00 Provincial Delegation meetings</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Policy debate on Budget Vote 23: Police 4. Policy debate on Budget Vote 20: Independent Police Investigative Directorate (Items 3 and 4 – one debate) 5. Policy debate on Budget Vote 36: Water and Sanitation <p><i>Note: [Deadline for Submission of Questions to the Deputy President scheduled for 13 June 2018]</i></p>
<p>THURSDAY, 31 MAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 31 MAY</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses</p>

	14:00	PLENARY Debate on the annual address by the Deputy President of the RSA to the NCOP: <i>Building a partnership for socio-economic advancement in the true spirit of Nelson Mandela and Albertina Sisulu</i>
FRIDAY, 1 JUNE	FRIDAY, 1 JUNE	
COMMITTEES		JOINT AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

WEEK 18

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 4 JUNE	MONDAY, 4 JUNE
CONSTITUENCY DAY	CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 5 JUNE	TUESDAY, 5 JUNE
COMMITTEES	14:00 PLENARY 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Policy debate on Budget Vote 37: Arts and Culture 5. Policy debate on Budget Vote 40: Sports and Recreation (Items 4 and 5 – one debate)
WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE	WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE
COMMITTEES	14:00 PLENARY 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Policy debate on Budget Vote 24: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries 4. Policy debate on Budget Vote 39: Rural Development and Land Reform (Items 3 and 4 – one debate)

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses 14:00 PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Policy debate on Budget Vote 29: Mineral Resources 4. Policy debate on Budget Vote 38: Human Settlements
FRIDAY, 8 JUNE <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	FRIDAY, 8 JUNE <p style="text-align: center;">JOINT AND AD HOC COMMITTEES</p>

WEEK 19

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 11 JUNE <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	MONDAY, 11 JUNE <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
TUESDAY, 12 JUNE <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	TUESDAY, 12 JUNE 08:30 - 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons meeting (S26) 08:30 – 10:00 Joint Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) (V119) 14:00 PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Policy debate on Budget Vote 28: Labour 5. Policy debate on Budget Vote 33: Tourism (Items 4 and 5 – one debate)
WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE	WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE

COMMITTEES	08:30 - 10:00 Programming Committee meeting (S12A) 13:00 - 14:00 Provincial Delegation meetings 14:00 PLENARY Questions to the Deputy President
THURSDAY, 14 JUNE COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses 14:00 PLENARY 1. Reports 2. Legislation 3. Policy debate on Budget Vote: 14 Basic Education 4. Debate on Youth Day
FRIDAY, 15 JUNE COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 15 JUNE JOINT AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

NA CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 18 JUNE – 13 AUGUST

NCOP CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 2 – 30 JULY