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National Council of Provinces

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FIRST TERM 2017

(As agreed to by the NCOP Programme Committee on 15 March 2017)

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PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2017
As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 9 March 2017

FIRST TERM		SECOND TERM	
24 January – 31 March (10 weeks)		2 May – 30 June (9 weeks)	
Constituency Period	9 – 20 January	<i>Workers' Day: Monday, 1 May</i>	
NA Committees	24 January – 8 February	NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees	2 May – 29 June
NCOP Committees	23 – 27 January	NA Committees	2 - 5 May
NCOP Committees Oversight Week	30 January – 3 February	Joint Sitting: Debate on 20 th Anniversary Celebration of the Constitution and the NCOP	May
NCOP Review Session	7 February	NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services	9 May
Joint Sitting (SONA)	9 February (19:00)	NCOP plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	11 May (p)
Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address	14 – 15 February	NCOP Preliminary Oversight Visits - Taking Parliament to the People: Free State	15 - 19 May
Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation Address	16 February	NA Plenaries	9 – 12 May
NA Plenaries/Committees	21 February – 17 March	NA Budget Vote debates	16 May – 2 June
NA Committees / Oversight	22 – 31 March	<i>Africa Day: Thursday, 25 May</i>	
NA Plenary (Budget speech) <i>(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)</i>	22 February	Debate on Vote 2: Parliament	May
NA debate on Fiscal Framework	8 March	Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply)	May
Tabling of departmental strategic plans	10 March	Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA	May
NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	15 March (p)	NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	June
NCOP Plenaries/Committees	28 February – 31 March	NA Plenaries	5 – 15 June
NCOP Committees Strategic Planning (Annual Review) sessions	28 February – 1 March	NA Committees/ Oversight	19 – 30 June
NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security	7 March	Youth Parliament	June (p)
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	15 March	<i>Youth Day: Friday, 16 June</i>	
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees	7 – 8 March 14 – 15 March	Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP	29 June (p)
NCOP Constituency Period	22 – 24 March	Constituency Period	3 – 31 July
NCOP Committees Oversight Week	27 – 31 March		
<i>Human Rights Day: Monday, Tuesday, 21 March</i> <i>Easter Weekend 14 – 17 April</i>			
Constituency Period	3 – 28 April		

THIRD TERM		FOURTH TERM	
1 August – 15 September (7 weeks)		2 October - 1 December (9 weeks)	
NA Committees/ Oversight	1 - 18 August	NCOP Provincial Week	2 – 6 October
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	1 – 11 August	NA Committees (<i>BRR Reports</i>)	3 – 13 October
NCOP Questions to Cluster 3: Governance	3 August	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	12 October – 16 November
	<i>Women's Day: Wednesday, 9 August</i>	NA Plenaries	17 October – 1 December
Women's Parliament	August (<i>p</i>)	NCOP Questions to Cluster 4: Economics	12, 17, 19 October
NCOP Oversight Week	14 - 18 August	Tabling: 2017 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget: Revised Fiscal Framework	18 October October
Taking Parliament to the People: Free State	21 – 25 August	Division of Revenue Amendment Bill	November
NCOP Annual Address by the President/ Deputy President	25 August	Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by Parliament	November
NA Plenaries	22 August – 8 September	NCOP Questions to Deputy President	November
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	September	NCOP Report Back Session - Taking Parliament to the People: Eastern Cape	20 – 24 November
People's Assembly	September (<i>p</i>)	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	28 – 30 November
NCOP Oversight Week	4 – 8 September	Constituency Period	4 – 15 December
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	11 – 15 September		<i>Reconciliation Day: Saturday, 16 December</i>
NA Committees/ Oversight	11 – 15 September	Leave Period	18 December – Jan 2018
	<i>Heritage Day: Sunday, 24 September</i>		
Constituency Period	18 – 29 September		

Note:

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Taking Parliament to the People – (NCOP):

Taking Parliament to the People (Address by the Deputy President to the NCOP):

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), 10 WEEK:s 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 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 2017:

..... 2017 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** is2017

Internal deadline for s75 bills to be passed by the **National Assembly** is2017

Questions Session:

Deputy President scheduled for 15 March 2017

CLUSTERING OF MINISTRIES: A GUIDE FOR QUESTIONS FOR ORAL & WRITTEN REPLY

CLUSTER 1 - Peace and Security	CLUSTER 2 - Social Services	CLUSTER 3 - Governance	CLUSTER 4 - Economics
<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Police ▪ Justice and Correctional Services ▪ Defence and Military Veterans ▪ International Relations and Cooperation ▪ State Security ▪ Home Affairs 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arts and Culture ▪ Basic Education ▪ Higher Education and Training ▪ Health ▪ Human Settlements ▪ Social Development ▪ Sport and Recreation ▪ Water and Sanitation 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs ▪ Public Service and Administration ▪ Minister in the Presidency: Performance Monitoring and Evaluation ▪ Minister of Women 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries ▪ Economic Development ▪ Energy ▪ Finance ▪ Labour ▪ Mineral Resources ▪ Public Enterprises ▪ Public Works ▪ Trade and Industry ▪ Tourism ▪ Transport ▪ Rural Development and Land Reform ▪ Telecommunications and Postal Services ▪ Communications ▪ Science and Technology ▪ Small Business Development ▪ Environmental Affairs

WEEK: 13 – 17 MARCH 2017

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
<p>WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±18:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second Reading debate: Division of Revenue Bill [B4 – 2017](prop s76(1)) 2. Consideration of recommendation of Portfolio Committee on Communications on appointment of Interim SABC Board members in terms of section 15A of the Broadcasting Act (Act No 4 of 1999) 3. Consideration of request for <i>Permission in terms of Rule 286(4)(c) to inquire into amending other provisions of Magistrates' Courts Act (No 32 of 1944)</i> (Interim Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services on Courts of Law Amendment Bill [B 8 - 2016](s75), Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 1 December 2016, p 25) (5) 4. Debate on 20th Anniversary of the Constitution and Human Rights Day: <i>Celebrating 20 years of the Constitution and human rights</i> (84) <p>Study Groups</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH</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> <p>Questions to the Deputy President</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH</p> <p>Select Committee on Communications and Public Enterprises</p> <p>10:00 – 13:00 Briefing by the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services on the strategic plan</p> <p>Select Committee on Security and Justice</p> <p>10:00 – 13:00 Briefing by the Correctional Services on the Correctional Services Strategic Plans for 2017</p> <p>Select Committee on Trade and International Relations</p> <p>10:00 – 13:00 Briefing by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) on the 2015/16 Annual Report</p>

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH

08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)

10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS

14:00 – ±16:30 **PLENARY**
Questions to the President

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH

10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses

14:00

PLENARY

1. Motions
2. Consideration of reports of the Select Committee on Communications and Public Enterprises:
 - 2.1 Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) – Guadalajara 2010 (ATC, 8 February 2017, p 8 (Statement))(10)
 - 2.2 African Telecommunications Union (ATU) Convention of 1999 (ATC, 8 February 2017, p 8) (Statement)(10)
3. Consideration of report of the Select Committee on Trade and International Relations on South Africa's Protocol of Accession to the Agreement Establishing the Advisory Centre on World Trade Organisation (WTO) Law (ACWL) (ATC, 22 February 2017, p 4) (Statement)(10)
4. Consideration of report of the Select Committee on Security and Justice on the Draft Notice and Schedule submitted in terms of section 2(3) of the Judges' Remuneration and Conditions of Employment Act, 2001 (Act No 47 of 2001), determining the rate at which salaries are payable to Constitutional Court Judges and Judges annually (ATC, 23 February 2017) (Statement)(10)
5. Consideration of the Justice Administered Fund Bill [B 26 - 2015](s75) (Statement)(10)
6. Debate on Human Rights Day:
"Celebrating 20 years of the Constitution and a culture of human rights"

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH

Select Committee on Security and Justice

17:00 – 19:00 Briefing by the SAPS and IPID on their respective Strategic Plans for 2017

<p>FRIDAY, 17 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 17 MARCH</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 17 MARCH</p> <p>Constitutional Review Committee</p> <p>09:00 – 13:00 Deliberations on the 2016 public submissions</p> <p>Joint Standing Committee on Defence</p> <p>09:00 – 13:00 Briefing by the Department of Defence and Military Veterans on Force Design and Force Structure, Adoption of the outstanding Minutes</p> <p>Select Committee on Appropriations</p> <p>09:00 – 13:00 Briefing by the South African Local Government Association (Salga) on the 2017 Division of Revenue Bill – Joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Appropriations</p>
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WEEK: 20 – 24 MARCH 2017

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
<p>MONDAY, 20 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 20 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 20 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 21 MARCH</p> <p>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 21 MARCH</p> <p>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 21 MARCH</p> <p>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 23 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 23 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 23 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>FRIDAY, 24 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 24 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 24 MARCH</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>

WEEK: 27 – 31 MARCH 2017

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
<p>MONDAY, 27 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 27 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY, 27 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY, 28 MARCH COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 28 MARCH COMMITTEES OVERSIGHT WEEK</p>	<p>TUESDAY, 28 MARCH</p> <p>Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Select Committee on Security and Justice: Joint oversight visit to Northern Cape and Free State</p> <p>Select Committee on Economic and Business Development and Select Committee on Trade and International Relations: Joint oversight visit to Mpumalanga</p> <p>Select Committee on Education and Recreation and Select Committee on Social Services: Joint oversight visit to Mpumalanga</p> <p>Select Committee on Land and Mineral Resources: Oversight visit to North West Province</p> <p>Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs</p> <p>10:00 – 13:00 Briefing by the Department of Labour, Trade and Industry and Statistics South Africa on the programmes aimed at empowering youth, Briefing by IDC on Women Entrepreneurial fund Briefing by Commission for Gender Equality 2015 tabled reports and investigations on Racism in South African High Schools</p> <p>Select Committee on Finance</p> <p>10:00 – 13:00 Public hearings on the Financial Sector Regulation Bill [B 34B – 2015](s75)</p>

<p>WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES OVERSIGHT WEEK</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH</p> <p>Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Select Committee on Security and Justice: Joint oversight visit to Northern Cape and Free State</p> <p>Select Committee on Economic and Business Development and Select Committee on Trade and International Relations: Joint oversight visit to Mpumalanga</p> <p>Select Committee on Education and Recreation and Select Committee on Social Services: Joint oversight visit to Mpumalanga</p> <p>Select Committee on Land and Mineral Resources: Oversight visit to North West Province</p> <p>Select Committee on Finance</p> <p>10:00 – 13:00 Public hearings on the Financial Sector Regulation Bill [B 34B – 2015](s75)</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 30 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 30 MARCH</p> <p>COMMITTEES OVERSIGHT WEEK</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 30 MARCH</p> <p>Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Select Committee on Security and Justice: Joint oversight visit to Northern Cape and Free State</p> <p>Select Committee on Economic and Business Development and Select Committee on Trade and International Relations: Joint oversight visit to Mpumalanga</p> <p>Select Committee on Education and Recreation and Select Committee on Social Services: Joint oversight visit to Mpumalanga</p> <p>Select Committee on Land and Mineral Resources: Oversight visit to North West Province</p>

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27	Constituency Day	Political Party Day	Constituency Day	Caucus		Constituency Day	Committees	Committees	
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