

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

SECOND TERM PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2024

(As agreed to by the NCOP Programme Committee on 7 March 2024)

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**6th DEMOCRATIC
PARLIAMENT**





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 2024:

..... 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** is2024

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Deadline set for the submission of Questions for Questions Session:

22 April 2024 for submission of Questions to the Deputy President scheduled for 9 May 2024



CLUSTERING OF MINISTRIES: A GUIDE FOR QUESTIONS FOR ORAL

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



PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2024
(As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 30 November 2023)

FIRST TERM		SECOND TERM	
30 January – 28 March (9 weeks)		16 April – 3 May (3 weeks)	
Leave Period	2 – 5 January	NCOP Committees Offboarding and Exit Session	16 -17 April
Constituency Period	8 – 26 January	NCOP Committees / Plenaries	18 April – 3 May
Joint workshop	30 January – 2 February	Freedom Day	27 April
NA Committees/ Oversight	30 January – 7 February		
Joint Sitting (State of the Nation Address)	8 February (19:00)		
Debate on President's State of the Nation Address	13 February		
Resumption of Debate on President's State of the Nation Address	14 February		
Reply by President to Debate on President's State of the Nation Address	15 February		
State of the Provinces Addresses (SOPAs)	15 – 29 February		
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	20 February – 28 March		
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	20 February – 28 March		
Budget Speech (Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)	21 February		
NA Debate on Fiscal Framework	March		
Tabling of Departmental Strategic Plans	March		
NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	March		
NA Questions to the President	19 March		
NA Questions to the Deputy President	28 March		
2023 Provincial Week Report Debate	6 March		
<i>Human Rights Day: Thursday, 21 March</i>			
<i>Easter Weekend: 29 March – 1 April</i>			
NA Constituency Period	2 April -		
NCOP Constituency Period	2 – 15 April		



WEEK: 15 – 19 APRIL 2024

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 15 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 15 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 15 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 16 APRIL	TUESDAY, 16 APRIL COMMITTEES	TUESDAY, 16 APRIL COMMITTEES
WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL	WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) COMMITTEES	WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL COMMITTEES
THURSDAY, 18 APRIL	THURSDAY, 18 APRIL COMMITTEES	THURSDAY, 18 APRIL COMMITTEES
FRIDAY, 19 APRIL	FRIDAY, 19 APRIL COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 19 APRIL COMMITTEES



WEEK: 22 – 26 APRIL 2024

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 22 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 22 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY <i>Note: [Deadline for Submission of Questions to the Deputy President scheduled for 9 May 2024]</i>	MONDAY, 22 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 23 APRIL	TUESDAY, 23 APRIL	TUESDAY, 23 APRIL
WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL	WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL	WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL
THURSDAY, 25 APRIL	THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Consideration of the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill [B 13B - 2021](s76) (Provisional) 4. Consideration of the Climate Change Bill [B 9B - 2022](s76) (Provisional) 	THURSDAY, 25 APRIL
FRIDAY, 26 APRIL	FRIDAY, 26 APRIL	FRIDAY, 26 APRIL



WEEK: 29 APRIL – 3 MAY 2024

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 29 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 29 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 29 APRIL CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 30 APRIL	TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Consideration of the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill [B 2B – 2022](s76) (Provisional) 4. Consideration of Marine Pollution (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment Bill [B 5—2022](s76) (Provisional) 	TUESDAY, 30 APRIL
WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY WORKERS' DAY	WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY WORKERS' DAY	WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY WORKERS' DAY
THURSDAY, 2 MAY	THURSDAY, 2 MAY 08:30 – 10:00 Programme Committee meeting	THURSDAY, 2 MAY
FRIDAY, 3 MAY	FRIDAY, 3 MAY	FRIDAY, 3 MAY



WEEK: 6 – 10 MAY 2024

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 6 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 6 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 6 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 7 MAY	TUESDAY, 7 MAY 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Consideration of the Municipal Authority Demarcation Bill {B 14B – 2022}(s76) (Provisional) 4. Consideration of the Transport Appeal Tribunal Amendment Bill [B 8B—2022](s76) (Provisional) 5. Consideration of the Railway Safety Bill [B 7B—2021](s76) (Provisional) 	TUESDAY, 7 MAY
WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY	WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY	WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY
THURSDAY, 9 MAY	THURSDAY, 9 MAY 14:00 PLENARY (HYBRID) Questions to the Deputy President	THURSDAY, 9 MAY
FRIDAY, 10 MAY	FRIDAY, 10 MAY	FRIDAY, 10 MAY



WEEK: 13 – 17 MAY 2024

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 13 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 13 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 13 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 14 MAY	TUESDAY, 14 MAY	TUESDAY, 14 MAY
WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 08:30 – 10:00 Provincial Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)	WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY
THURSDAY, 16 MAY	THURSDAY, 16 MAY 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation	THURSDAY, 16 MAY
FRIDAY, 17 MAY	FRIDAY, 17 MAY	FRIDAY, 17 MAY



WEEK: 20 – 21 MAY 2024

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES	COMMITTEES
MONDAY, 20 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 20 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 20 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 21 MAY	TUESDAY, 21 MAY 14:00 PLENARY (VIRTUAL) 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Farewell speeches	TUESDAY, 21 MAY
WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY	WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY	WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY
THURSDAY, 23 MAY	THURSDAY, 23 MAY	THURSDAY, 23 MAY
FRIDAY, 24 MAY	FRIDAY, 24 MAY	FRIDAY, 24 MAY