



**PARLIAMENT**  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2017**

**FOURTH TERM**

AS AGREED TO BY THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON 7 SEPTEMBER

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

FIRST TERM		SECOND TERM	
<b>24 January – 31 March (10 weeks)</b>		<b>2 May – 30 June (9 weeks)</b>	
<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>9 – 20 January</b>	<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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Constitution and the NCOP	2 May (p)
NCOP Review Session	7 February	NCOP plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	4 May (p)
Joint Sitting (SONA)	9 February (19:00)	NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services	9 May
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) (Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)	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	7 – 8 March	Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP	29 June (p)
Briefings to NCOP Committees	14 – 15 March	<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>3 – 31 July</b>
NCOP Committees Oversight Week	27 – 31 March		
<i>Human Rights Day: Monday, Tuesday, 21 March</i> <i>Easter Weekend 14 – 17 April</i>			
<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>3 – 28 April</b>		

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

**WEEK 27**

<b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES</b>
<b>MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER</b>  CONSTITUENCY DAY	<b>MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER</b>  CONSTITUENCY DAY
<b>TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER</b>  COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]	<b>TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER</b>  COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]	<b>WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER</b>
<b>THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER</b>  COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]	<b>THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER</b>
<b>FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER</b>  COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]	<b>FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER</b>

**WEEK 28**

<b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES</b>
<p><b>MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER</b></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p> <p>COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>COMMITTEES [BRR REPORTS]</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER</b></p>

WEEK 29

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p><b>MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Subject for discussion (Mr N T Godi): <i>The relevance and effectiveness of provinces and district municipalities in our system of government (85)</i></li> <li>4. Motions without notice</li> <li>5. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>6. Notices of motions</li> </ol> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER</b></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±17:00 <b>PLENARY</b> Questions to the Deputy President</p> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER</b></p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER</b></p>

14:00 – ±16:00 <b>JOINT SITTING (p)</b> Debate on National Women's Day (120)	
<b>FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER</b> COMMITTEES	<b>FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER</b>

**WEEK 30**

<b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES</b>
<b>MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER</b> CONSTITUENCY DAY	<b>MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER</b> CONSTITUENCY DAY
<b>TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER</b> 09:00 – 12:45 Committees  14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Member's motion (85)</li> <li>4. Motions without notice</li> <li>5. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>6. Notices of motions</li> </ol> Study Groups	<b>TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER</b> 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)  14:00 - ±15:15 <b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER</b>

<p>1. Medium Term Budget Policy Statement 2. Introduction: Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B – 2017](prop s77)</p> <p>Study Groups</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER</b> 08:30 – 09:00 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 – 12:30 MULTI-PARTY WOMEN'S CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Motions without notice</li> <li>4. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>5. Notices of motions</li> </ol>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER</b></p>

**WEEK 31**

<b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES</b>
<p><b>MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER</b> 09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER</b></p>



<p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Member's motion (85)</li> <li>4. Motions without notice</li> <li>5. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>6. Notices of motions</li> </ol> <p>Study Groups</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±18:00 <b>PLENARY</b> Questions for Oral Reply: (180)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cluster 2: Social Services</li> </ul> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:30 <b>PLENARY</b> Questions to the President</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER</b></p>

WEEK 32

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p><b>MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Member's motion (85)</li> <li>4. Motions without notice</li> <li>5. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>6. Notices of motions</li> </ol> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±18:30 <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Questions for Oral Reply: (180) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cluster 3: Governance</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Consideration of Report of SC on Finance on <i>Revised Fiscal Framework</i> (ATC, November 2017, p ) (10) (p)</li> </ol> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER</b></p>

<p><b>THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Member's motion (85)</li> <li>4. Motions without notice</li> <li>5. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>6. Notices of motions</li> </ol>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER</b></p>

**WEEK 33**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p><b>MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Second Reading debate: Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B – 2017](prop s76(1)) (94) (p)</li> <li>2. Member's motion (85)</li> </ol>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Motions without notice</li> <li>4. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>5. Notices of motions</li> </ul> <p>Study Groups</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±17:00 <b>PLENARY</b> Questions to the Deputy President</p> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Motions without notice</li> <li>4. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>5. Notices of motions</li> </ul>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER</b></p>

**WEEK 34**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
<p><b>MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislation</li> <li>2. Committee reports</li> <li>3. Member's motion (85)</li> <li>4. Motions without notice</li> <li>5. Members' statements (40)</li> <li>6. Notices of motions</li> </ol> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±18:00 <b>PLENARY</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Questions for Oral Reply: (180)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cluster 4: Economics</li> </ul> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER</b></p>

14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b> 1. Legislation 2. Committee reports 3. Motions without notice 4. Members' statements (40) 5. Notices of motions	
<b>FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER</b>  COMMITTEES	<b>FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER</b>

**WEEK 35**

<b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES</b>
<b>MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER</b>  CONSTITUENCY DAY	<b>MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER</b>  CONSTITUENCY DAY
<b>TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER</b> 09:00 – 12:45 Committees  14:00 – <b>PLENARY</b> 1. Legislation 2. Committee reports 3. Member's motion (85) 4. Motions without notice 5. Members' statements (40) 6. Notices of motions	<b>TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER</b>

<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>15:00 – ±18:00 <b>PLENARY</b> Questions for Oral Reply: (180)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cluster 5: Economics</li> </ul> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 – <b>PLENARY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration of Report of SC on Finance on <i>2017 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement</i> (ATC, November 2017, p ) (<i>no debate</i>) (p)</li> <li>2. Consideration of Report of SC on Appropriations on <i>2017 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement</i> (ATC, November 2017, p ) (<i>no debate</i>) (p)</li> <li>3. Consideration of Report of SC on Appropriations on <i>Adjustments Appropriation Bill</i> [B – 2017] (prop s77) (ATC, November 2017, p ) (<i>no debate</i>) (p)</li> <li>4. Debate on 2017 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement &amp; First Reading debate: Adjustments Appropriations Bill [B – 2017] (prop s77) (94) (p)</li> <li>5. Consideration of Votes and Schedule: Adjustments Appropriations Bill [B – 2017](prop s77) (150) (p)</li> <li>6. Second Reading debate: Adjustments Appropriations Bill [B – 2017](prop s77) (<i>no debate</i>) (p)</li> </ol>	<p><b>THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER</b></p>

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER  COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER
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**LEAVE PERIOD: DECEMBER – JANUARY 2018**