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PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2017

FIRST TERM

AS AGREED TO BY THE NA PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON 2 MARCH

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PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK
As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 26 May 2016

FIRST TERM 2017	
24 January – 31 March (10 weeks)	
Constituency Period	**9 – 23 January**
NA Committees	24 January – 8 February
NCOP Committees/ Members Training	24 January – 8 February
Joint Sitting (SONA)	**9 February**
Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address	14 - 15 February
Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation Address	16 February
NA Plenaries/Committees	21 February – 17 March
NA Plenary (Budget speech)	**22 February**
(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)	
NA debate on Fiscal Framework	March *(p)*
Tabling of departmental strategic plans	March *(p)*
NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	March *(p)*
NA Committees / Oversight	22 – 31 March
NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security	23 February
NCOP Plenaries/Committees	28 February – 31 March
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	March
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan Briefings to NCOP Committees	March
NCOP Committees Strategic Planning (Annual Review) sessions	March
Taking Parliament to the People	March *(p)*
NCOP Annual Address by the Deputy President	March *(p)*
Human Rights Day: Monday, Tuesday, 21 March	
Easter Weekend 14 – 17 April	
Constituency Period **3 – 21 April**	

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	CLUSTER 5 – Economics
• Defence and Military • Veterans • Home Affairs • International Relations and Cooperation • Justice and Correctional Services • Police • State Security	• Arts and Culture • Basic Education • Higher Education and Training • Health • Human Settlements • Social Development • Sport and Recreation • Water and Sanitation	• Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs • Minister in the Presidency • Minister of Women in The Presidency • Public Service and Administration	• Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries • Communications • Economic Development • Energy • Environmental Affairs • Finance • Labour • Mineral Resources • Public Enterprises	• Public Works • Rural Development and Land Reform • Science and Technology • Small Business Development • Telecommunications and Postal Services • Trade and Industry • Tourism • Transport

WEEK 7

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 6 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	**MONDAY, 6 MARCH** CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 – ±19:00 **PLENARY** 1. Consideration of Final Report of Ad hoc Committee on South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Board Inquiry into the fitness of the SABC Board (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 27 February 2017, p 3) (72) 2. Consideration of *Recommendation of candidates to fill vacancy on Council of Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (Icasa)* (Report of Portfolio Committee on Communications, see Announcement, Tablings and Committee Reports, 21 February 2017, p 3) (5) 3. Subject for discussion (Ms T E Kenye): *Promoting harmonious co-existence and respect for the rights of all persons, including foreign nationals, as enjoined by our Constitution* (85) 4. Motions without notice 5. Members' statements (40) 6. Notices of motions Study Groups	**TUESDAY, 7 MARCH** 10:00 **PLENARY** Questions: Cluster 1 – Peace and Security 14:00 **PLENARY (Cont.)** Questions: Cluster 1 – Peace and Security
WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 - 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)	**WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH**

15:00 – ±19:30 **PLENARY** 1. Questions for Oral Reply: (180) • Cluster 3: Governance 2. Consideration of *Fiscal Framework* and *Revenue Proposals, 2017* and of Report of SC on Finance thereon (ATC, March 2017, p) (94) *(p)* Study Groups	
THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 09:00 Joint Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS 14:00 – ±16:00 **PLENARY** Questions for Oral Reply: • Deputy President	**THURSDAY, 9 MARCH** 09:00 Joint Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses 14:00 **PLENARY** 1. Motions 2. Consideration of the Justice Administered Fund Bill [B 26 - 2015] (s75) (provisional) 3. Debate on Taking Parliament to the People – Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, Eastern Cape (14 – 18 November 2016) Report
FRIDAY, 10 MARCH COMMITTEES	**FRIDAY, 10 MARCH**

LAUNCH OF COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS CHAPTER
[6 MARCH, OLD ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, 09:00 – 13:00]

WEEK 8

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 13 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	**MONDAY, 13 MARCH** CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 – ±15:30 **PLENARY** Draft resolution (Ms L L van der Merwe) on the looming South African Social Services Agency grant payments crisis (85) *(Immediately after plenary)* **MINI PLENARIES** [Old Assembly Chamber and E249] Study Groups	**TUESDAY, 14 MARCH** 08:30 - 10:00 Multiparty Whips Forum (*Closed meeting)* 08:30 – 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons Meeting
WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 - 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – **PLENARY** 1. Second Reading debate: Division of Revenue Bill [B4 – 2017](prop s76(1)) *(p)* 2. Debate on Human Rights Day 3. Committee reports Study Groups	**WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH** 08:30 - 10:00 Programming Committee Meeting (S12A) 13:00 - 14:00 Provincial Delegation Meetings 14:00 **PLENARY** Questions to the Deputy President
THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)	**THURSDAY, 16 MARCH** 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses

10:00 – 12:30 CAUCUS 14:00 – ±16:30 **PLENARY** Questions to the President	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 2.2 African Telecommunications Union (ATU) Convention of 1999 (ATC, 8 February 2017, p 8) (provisional) 3. Debate on Human Rights Day
FRIDAY, 17 MARCH COMMITTEES	**FRIDAY, 17 MARCH**

WEEK 9

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

WEEK 10

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 27 MARCH CONSTITUENCY DAY	**MONDAY, 27 MARCH** CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 28 MARCH COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	**TUESDAY, 28 MARCH** COMMITTEES OVERSIGHT WEEK
WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	**WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH** COMMITTEES OVERSIGHT WEEK
THURSDAY, 30 MARCH COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	**THURSDAY, 30 MARCH** COMMITTEES OVERSIGHT WEEK
FRIDAY, 31 MARCH COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	**FRIDAY, 31 MARCH** COMMITTEES OVERSIGHT WEEK

CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 3 – 21 APRIL