



PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2017

THIRD TERM

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

| FIRST TERM | | SECOND TERM | |
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| 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 | 2 May (p) |
| NCOP Review Session | 7 February | NCOP plenary on Division of Revenue Bill | 4 May (p) |
| Joint Sitting (SONA) Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address | 9 February (19:00) 14 – 15 February | NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services | 9 May |
| Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation Address | 16 February | NCOP Preliminary Oversight Visits - Taking Parliament to the People: Free State | 15 - 19 May |
| NA Plenaries/Committees | 21 February – 17 March | NA Plenaries | 9 – 12 May |
| NA Committees / Oversight | 22 – 31 March | NA Budget Vote debates | 16 May – 2 June |
| NA Plenary (Budget speech) <i>(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)</i> | 22 February | <i>Africa Day: Thursday, 25 May</i> | |
| NA debate on Fiscal Framework | 8 March | Debate on Vote 2: Parliament | May |
| Tabling of departmental strategic plans | 10 March | Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply) | May |
| NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill | 15 March (p) | Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA | May |
| NCOP Plenaries/Committees | 28 February – 31 March | NCOP Questions to the Deputy President | June |
| NCOP Committees Strategic Planning (Annual Review) sessions | 28 February – 1 March | NA Plenaries | 5 – 15 June |
| NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security | 7 March | NA Committees/ Oversight | 19 – 30 June |
| NCOP Questions to the Deputy President | 15 March | Youth Parliament | June (p) |
| NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan | 7 – 8 March | <i>Youth Day: Friday, 16 June</i> | |
| Briefings to NCOP Committees | 14 – 15 March | Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP | 29 June (p) |
| NCOP Committees Oversight Week | 27 – 31 March | Constituency Period | 3 – 31 July |
| <i>Human Rights Day: Monday, Tuesday, 21 March Easter Weekend 14 – 17 April</i> | | | |
| Constituency Period | 3 – 28 April | | |

| THIRD TERM | | FOURTH TERM | |
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| 1 August – 15 September (7 weeks) | | 3 October - 1 December (9 weeks) | |
| 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 | Constituency Period | 4 – 15 December |
| NCOP Plenaries/ Committees | 11 – 15 September | | |
| NA Committees/ Oversight | 11 – 15 September | | <i>Reconciliation Day: Saturday, 16 December</i> |
| | <i>Heritage Day: Sunday, 24 September</i> | Leave Period | 18 December – January 2018 |
| Constituency Period | 18 – 29 September | | |

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 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence and Military • Veterans • Home Affairs • International Relations and Cooperation • Justice and Correctional Services • Police • State Security | <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs • Minister in the Presidency • Minister of Women in The Presidency • Public Service and Administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries • Communications • Economic Development • Energy • Environmental Affairs • Finance • Labour • Mineral Resources • Public Enterprises | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Works • Rural Development and Land Reform • Science and Technology • Small Business Development • Telecommunications and Postal Services • Trade and Industry • Tourism • Transport |

WEEK 20

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES | |
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| MONDAY, 31 JULY | CONSTITUENCY DAY | MONDAY, 31 JULY | CONSTITUENCY DAY |
| TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST | COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST | |
| WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST | COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST | |
| THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST | COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST | |
| FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST | COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST | |

WEEK 21

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES |
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| MONDAY, 7 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY | MONDAY, 7 AUGUST CONSTITUENCY DAY |
| TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST WOMEN'S PARLIAMENT (p) | TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST |
| WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY | WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY |
| THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST |
| FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST |

WEEK 22

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES |
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| <p>MONDAY, 14 AUGUST</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p> | <p>MONDAY, 14 AUGUST</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p> |
| <p>TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p> | <p>TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST</p> |
| <p>WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST</p> |
| <p>THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 CAUCUS</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p> | <p>THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST</p> |
| <p>FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST</p> <p>COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT</p> | <p>FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST</p> |

WEEK 23

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES |
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| <p>MONDAY, 21 AUGUST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p> | <p>MONDAY, 21 AUGUST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p> |
| <p>TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Committee reports 3. Motions without notice 4. Member's statements (40) 5. Notices of motion <p>Study Groups</p> | <p>TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST</p> |
| <p>WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±17:30 PLENARY</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Questions to the Deputy President</p> <p>Study Groups</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST</p> |
| <p>THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Committee reports | <p>THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Motions without notice 4. Member's statements (40) 5. Notices of motion | |
| FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p> | FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST |

WEEK 24

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES |
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| MONDAY, 28 AUGUST <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p> | MONDAY, 28 AUGUST <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p> |
| TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 – MINI PLENARIES x2 (p) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member's motion 2. Committee reports Study Groups | TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST |
| WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – MINI PLENARIES x2 (p) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member's motion 2. Committee reports Study Groups | WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST |

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| <p>THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:30 PLENARY</p> <p>Questions to the President</p> | <p>THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST</p> |
| <p>FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>COMMITTEES</p> | <p>FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER</p> |

WEEK 25

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES |
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| <p>MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>CONSTITUENCY DAY</p> | <p>MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER</p> |
| <p>TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>14:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Committee reports 3. Motions without notice 4. Member's statements (40) 5. Notices of motion <p>Study Groups</p> | <p>TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER</p> |

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| <p>WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>15:00 – ±17:00 PLENARY Questions to the Deputy President</p> <p>Study Groups</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER</p> |
| <p>THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 CAUCUS</p> <p>14:00 – PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Committee reports 3. Motions without notice 4. Member's statements (40) 5. Notices of motion | <p>THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER</p> |
| <p>FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEES</p> | <p>FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER</p> |

WEEK 26

| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY | NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES |
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| MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER CONSTITUENCY DAY | MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER |
| TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER |
| WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER |
| THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER |
| FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT | FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER |

CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 18 – 29 SEPTEMBER