

**PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2018**  
As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 16 November 2017

FIRST TERM		SECOND TERM	
<b>23 January – 29 March</b> (10 weeks)		<b>17 April – 29 June</b> (11 weeks)	
Leave Period	2 – 5 January	NA Committees/Oversight	17 – 20 April
<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>8 – 22 January</b>	NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/ Departmental Strategic Plan	
NA Members' Training	23 – 26 January ( <i>p</i> )	Briefings to NCOP Committees	17 April – 22 June
NA Committees	30 January – 7 February	NCOP Questions to Cluster 2: Social Services	17 and 19 April
NCOP Members' Training	30 – 31 January	Local Government Week	23 – 26 April
NCOP Review Session	6 – 7 February		
Joint Sitting (SONA)	8 February (19:00)		<i>Freedom Day: Friday, 27 April</i>
Debate on President's State-of-the-nation Address	13 – 14 February		<i>Workers' Day: Tuesday, 1 May</i>
Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation address	15 February	NCOP Constituency Week	30 April – 4 May
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	20 February – 16 March	NA Committees	2 – 4 May
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	20 February – 29 March	NCOP Oversight Week	8 – 11 May
Budget speech	21 February	NCOP plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	May ( <i>p</i> )
<i>(Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue Bill)</i>		NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	May/June
NCOP Committees Strategic Planning (Annual Review) sessions	27 – 28 February	NA Plenaries	8 – 11 May
NA Questions to the Deputy President	28 February and 14 March	NA Budget Vote debates	15 May – 1 June
NA Questions to the President	8 March ( <i>p</i> )		<i>Africa Day: Friday, 25 May</i>
NCOP Questions to Cluster 1: Peace and Security	6 and 8 March	Debate on Vote 2: Parliament	May
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	March	Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (followed by Reply)	May
NCOP Report Back Session – Taking Parliament to the People: Eastern Cape	12 – 16 March	Decision on Appropriation Bill by NA	May
NA debate on Fiscal Framework	13 March ( <i>p</i> )	NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	5 – 15 June
Tabling of departmental strategic plans	14 March ( <i>p</i> )	NA Committees/ Oversight	19 – 29 June
NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill	15 March ( <i>p</i> )	Youth Parliament	June ( <i>p</i> )
NA Committees /Oversight	20 – 29 March		<i>Youth Day: Saturday, 16 June</i>
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees/Departmental Strategic Plan		Decision on Appropriation Bill by NCOP	28 June ( <i>p</i> )
Briefings to NCOP Committees	20 – 29 March	<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>2 – 30 July</b>
	<i>Human Rights Day: Wednesday, 21 March</i>		
	<i>Easter Weekend 30 March – 2 April</i>		
<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>3 – 16 April</b>		

THIRD TERM		FOURTH TERM	
<b>31 July – 21 September (8 weeks)</b>		<b>9 October – 30 November (8 weeks)</b>	
NA Committees/ Oversight	31 July – 17 August	NA Committees ( <i>BRR Reports</i> )	9 – 19 October
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	31 July – 8 August	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	9 – 12 October
NCOP Questions to Cluster 3: Governance	31 July and 2 August	NCOP Provincial Week	16 – 19 October
		NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	16 October – 30 November
	<i>Women's Day: Thursday, 9 August</i>	NCOP Committees/ Plenaries	23 October – 29 November
Women's Parliament	August (p)	NCOP Questions to Cluster 4: Economics	30 and 31 October, 1,6,8 and 13 November
NCOP Oversight Week	14 – 17 August	NCOP Questions to the President	October/ November
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	21 – 24 August	Tabling: 2018 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget: Revised Fiscal Framework	October October
NCOP Report Back Session - Taking Parliament to the People: Free State	28 – 31 August	Division of Revenue Amendment Bill Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by Parliament	November November
NA Plenaries/Mini-plenaries	21 August – 7 September	NCOP Questions to Deputy President	November
NCOP Plenaries/ Committees	3 – 14 September	Taking Parliament to the People: Gauteng NCOP Annual Address by the President	19 – 23 November 23 November
NA Committees/Oversight	11 – 14 September	<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>3 – 14 December</b>
NCOP Questions to the Deputy President	September		<i>Reconciliation Day: Saturday, 16 December</i>
NCOP Preliminary Oversight Visits – Taking Parliament to the People: Gauteng	17 – 21 September	<b>Leave Period</b>	<b>18 December – January 2019</b>
	<i>Heritage Day: Monday, 24 September</i>		
<b>Constituency Period</b>	<b>25 September – 8 October</b>		