



PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME 2017

SECOND TERM

AS AGREED TO BY THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON 11 MAY

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

FIRST TERM		SECOND TERM	
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)	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 Briefings to NCOP Committees	7 – 8 March 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	
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	
NCOP Oversight Week	14 - 18 August	Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget:	18 October
Taking Parliament to the People: Free State	21 – 25 August	Revised Fiscal Framework	October
NCOP Annual Address by the President/ Deputy President	25 August	Division of Revenue Amendment Bill	November
		Decision on Adjustments Appropriation Bill by Parliament	November
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>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
<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 13

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 15 MAY <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY DAY</p>	MONDAY, 15 MAY <p style="text-align: center;">PRELIMINARY OVERSIGHT VISITS: TAKING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE: XHARIEP DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE</p>
TUESDAY, 16 MAY 09:00 – 12:45 Committees MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES): 14:00 – ±16:00 Debate on Vote 30: Science and Technology (NA Chamber) <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Debate on Vote 11: Public Works (OAC)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Debate on Vote 7: National Treasury (State Security) (E249)</p> 16:15 – ±18:15 Debate on Vote 15: Higher Education and Training (NA Chamber) <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Debate on Vote 16: Health (OAC)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Debate on Vote 29: Mineral Resources (E249)</p>	TUESDAY, 16 MAY <p style="text-align: center;">PRELIMINARY OVERSIGHT VISITS: TAKING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE: XHARIEP DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE</p>
WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES): 14:00 – ±16:00 Debate on Vote 8: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (NA Chamber) <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Debate on Vote 18: Correctional Services (E249)</p> 16:15 – ±18:15 Debate on Vote 22: Office of the Chief Justice and Judicial Administration (NA Chamber) <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Debate on Vote 5: Home Affairs (OAC)</p>	WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY <p style="text-align: center;">PRELIMINARY OVERSIGHT VISITS: TAKING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE: XHARIEP DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE</p>
THURSDAY, 18 MAY 08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 CAUCUS	THURSDAY, 18 MAY <p style="text-align: center;">PRELIMINARY OVERSIGHT VISITS: TAKING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE: XHARIEP DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE</p>

MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES): 14:00 – ±16:00 Debate on Vote 38: Human Settlements (NA Chamber) Debate on Vote 31: Small Business Development (OAC) Debate on Vote 12: Statistics South Africa (E249) 16:15 – ±18:15 Debate on Vote 4: Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (NA Chamber) Debate on Vote 21: Justice and Constitutional Development (OAC)	
FRIDAY, 19 MAY MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES): 10:00 – ±12:00 Debate on Vote 39: Rural Development and Land Reform (NA Chamber) Debate on Vote 26: Energy (OAC)	FRIDAY, 19 MAY PRELIMINARY OVERSIGHT VISITS: TAKING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE: TAKING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE: XHARIEP DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE

WEEK 14

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 22 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 22 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 23 MAY 09:00 – 12:45 Committees MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES): 14:00 – ±16:00 Debate on Vote 34: Trade and Industry (NA Chamber) Debate on Vote 33: Tourism (OAC) Debate on Vote 7: National Treasury (E249) 16:15 – ±18:15 Debate on Vote 35: Transport (NA Chamber) Debate on Vote 23 & 20: Police & Independent Police Investigative	TUESDAY, 23 MAY 08:30 - 10:00 Multiparty Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) 08:30 - 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 14:00 PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Voting on the Protected Disclosures Amendment Bill [B 40B – 2015](s75) 3. Voting on the Financial Sector Regulation Bill [B 34B – 2015](s75) 4. Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Finance: Draft amendment to the Supply Chain Management Regulations in

<p>Directorate (IPID) (OAC)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 37: Arts and Culture (E249)</p> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p>terms of section 169 (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (No 56 of 2003) (ATC, 15 February 2017, p 3) (Statement)(10)</p> <p>5. Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Appropriations: Oversight visit to Municipal Infrastructure Grant projects in Saldanha Bay Local Municipality, Western Cape (ATC, 14 March 2017, p 41) (Statement)(10)</p> <p>6. Policy debate on Budget Vote 15: Higher Education and Training</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY</p> <p>09:00 – 12:45 Committees</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting)</p> <p>MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES):</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:00 Debate on Vote 24: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (NA Chamber)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 14: Basic Education (OAC)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 32: Telecommunications and Postal Services (E249)</p> <p>16:15 – ±18:15 Debate on Vote 28: Labour (NA Chamber)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 10: Public Service and Administration (OAC)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 13: Women (E249)</p> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY</p> <p>08:30 - 10:00 Programming Committee Meeting (S12A)</p> <p>13:00 - 14:00 Provincial Delegation Meetings</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <p>Policy debate on Budget Vote 33: Tourism</p>
<p>THURSDAY, 25 MAY</p> <p>08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249)</p> <p>10:00 CAUCUS</p> <p>MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES):</p> <p>14:00 – ±16:00 Debate on Vote 19: Defence and Military Veterans (NA Chamber)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 9: Public Enterprises (OAC)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 6: International Relations and Cooperation (E249)</p> <p>16:15 – ±18:15 Debate on Vote 25: Economic Development (NA Chamber)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 17: Social Development (OAC)</p> <p>Debate on Vote 27: Environmental Affairs (E249)</p>	<p>THURSDAY, 25 MAY</p> <p>10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <p>1. Consideration of Reports on Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament:</p> <p>1.1 Parliament of the Republic of South Africa's 2015/2016 Annual Report (ATC, 21 October 2016, p 8) (provisional)</p> <p>1.2 The 2016/17 Mid-Year Report of Parliament of the Republic of South Africa (ATC, 20 March 2017, p 2) (provisional)</p> <p>2. Policy debate on Budget Vote 23: Police</p> <p>3. Policy debate on Budget Vote 20: Independent Police Investigative Directorate (Items 2 and 3 – one debate)</p>

FRIDAY, 26 MAY MINI PLENARIES (BUDGET VOTES): 10:00 – ±12:00 Debate on Vote 40: Sport and Recreation South Africa (NA Chamber) Debate on Vote 36: Water and Sanitation (OAC) Debate on Vote 3: Communications (E249)	FRIDAY, 26 MAY COMMITTEES
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WEEK 15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 29 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 29 MAY CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 30 MAY 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 – ±18:30 PLENARY Debate on Vote 2: Parliament (215) (p) Study Groups	TUESDAY, 30 MAY 14:00 PLENARY 1. Motions 2. Legislation 3. Reports 4. Policy debate
WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 14:00 – ±20:00 PLENARY Debate on Vote 1: Presidency (266) (p) Study Groups	WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 14:00 PLENARY 1. Legislation 2. Consideration of Reports of Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings: 2.1 Tolbat Petition (ATC, 13 December 2016, p 181) 2.2 Hearing of the Transkei Road Transport Corporation Petition held on 10 September 2015 (ATC, 13 December 2016, p 183) (provisional) 3. Policy debate
THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 CAUCUS	THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 10:00 – 12:30 Party Caucuses

14:00 - PLENARY Resumption of debate on Vote 1: The Presidency (Reply by President) (p)	14:00 PLENARY 1. Legislation 2. Consideration of Report of Constitutional Review Committee on 2013 public submissions dated 14 March 2017 (ATC, 27 March 2017, p 3) (provisional) 3. Policy debate
FRIDAY, 2 JUNE COMMITTEES	FRIDAY, 2 JUNE 09:00 – 13:00 Sub - Committee on Review of NCOP Rules meeting (provisional)

WEEK 16

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 5 JUNE CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 5 JUNE CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 10:00 – ±13:00 PLENARY 1. Consideration of committee reports (p) 14:00 – PLENARY (Contd.) 2. Consideration of committee reports (p) Study Groups	TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 08:30 - 10:00 Multiparty Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>) 08:30 - 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons meeting 14:00 PLENARY 1. Motions 2. Legislation 3. Consideration of Select Committee on Education and Recreation: 3.1 Joint oversight visit with the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training to Gauteng (ATC, 13 April 2017, p 6) 3.2 Oversight visit to Limpopo (ATC, 13 April 2017, p 18) 3.3 Oversight visit to the Pixley Ka Seme District, Northern Cape (ATC, 13 April 2017, p 36) (provisional) 3.4 Policy debate
WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)	WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 08:30 - 10:00 Programming Committee Meeting (S12A)

<p>15:00 – ±18:00 PLENARY Questions for Oral Reply: (180) • Cluster 5: Economics</p> <p>Study Groups</p>	<p>13:00 - 14:00 Provincial Delegation Meetings</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Reports 3. Policy debate
<p>THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 CAUCUS</p> <p>10:00 – ±13:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First Reading debate: Appropriation Bill [B5 – 2017](s77) (94) (<i>p</i>) <p>14:00– PLENARY (Contd.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Consideration of Votes and Schedules: Appropriation Bill [B5 – 2017](s77) 3. Second Reading debate: Appropriation Bill [B5– 2017](s77)(<i>no debate</i>) 	<p>THURSDAY, 8 JUNE</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Reports 3. Policy debate
<p>FRIDAY, 9 JUNE</p> <p>COMMITTEES</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 9 JUNE</p> <p>COMMITTEES</p>

WEEK 17

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 12 JUNE <div>CONSTITUENCY DAY</div>	MONDAY, 12 JUNE <div>CONSTITUENCY DAY</div>
TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 09:00 – 12:45 Committees 14:00 – PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Member's motion (84) 3. Motions without notice 4. Members' statements (40) 5. Notices of motions Study Groups	TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 14:00 PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate
WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 10:00 – 11:00 Chief Whips' Forum (Closed meeting) 15:00 – ±17:30 PLENARY Questions for Oral Reply: (120) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy President (<i>p</i>) Study Groups	WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 14:00 PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate
THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 08:30 NA Programme Committee (E249) 10:00 CAUCUS 14:00– PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation 2. Committee reports 3. Motions without notice 4. Members' statements (40) 5. Notices of motions 	THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 14:00 PLENARY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate

FRIDAY, 16 JUNE	FRIDAY, 16 JUNE
YOUTH DAY	YOUTH DAY

WEEK 18

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 19 JUNE CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 19 JUNE CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 20 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	<p>TUESDAY, 20 JUNE</p> <p>08:30 - 10:00 Multiparty Whips Forum (<i>Closed meeting</i>)</p> <p>08:30 - 09:30 Committee of Chairpersons meeting</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate
WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	<p>WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE</p> <p>08:30 - 10:00 Programming Committee Meeting (S12A)</p> <p>13:00 - 14:00 Provincial Delegation Meetings</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate
THURSDAY, 22 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	<p>THURSDAY, 22 JUNE</p> <p>14:00 PLENARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions 2. Reports

	3. Legislation 4. Debate
FRIDAY, 23 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	FRIDAY, 23 JUNE COMMITTEES

WEEK 19

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
MONDAY, 26 JUNE CONSTITUENCY DAY	MONDAY, 26 JUNE CONSTITUENCY DAY
TUESDAY, 27 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 14:00 PLENARY 1. Motions 2. Reports 3. Legislation 4. Debate
WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE
THURSDAY, 29 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 14:00 PLENARY 1. Legislation 2. Consideration of the Appropriations Bill [B 5 – 2017](s77) (provisional) 3. Reports
FRIDAY, 30 JUNE COMMITTEES/OVERSIGHT	FRIDAY, 30 JUNE COMMITTEES

CONSTITUENCY PERIOD: 3 – 31 JULY