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HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we will now observe a moment of prayer, silence, or meditation. Thank you, you may be seated.

Honourable Members, it is with deep sense of sadness to officially announce to this House the passing on of the former Member of this House and the Premier of the North West Provincial Legislature, Rre Kaobitsa Bushy Maape, who passed on the 16 May 2026. He has dedicated his life to serve the people of the North West and many parts of the country. He will be remembered for his calmness, kind and great sense of humility.

Honourable Members, can we now rise and observe a moment of silence for Rre Maapa. You may be seated.

We extended our deepest condolences to the family, friends, colleagues, comrades in the liberation struggle, the ANC, the people of the North West Province during this difficult time. May his soul rest in eternal peace, we will give parties represented in this Legislature the opportunity to convey their condolences at the end of the Sitting.

Secretary, you may read the net order.

SECRETARY: ORDER NO. 2, MOTIONS AS PER RULE 101

2.1. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AS PER RULE 106

2.2. NOTICE OF MOTIONS AS PER RULE 107.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, let me draw your attention to Rule 106 Subsection which states that, “a motion without notice must not contain a debatable aspect and where the motion without notice contain a debatable aspect it shall fall off at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or be converted to a Notice of Motion”.

Based on this Rule I will then request that if a Motion without Notice is converted, a Member should formally table a Notice of Motion before this House.

Honourable Members, before I take hands I have been informed that the Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc Committee on allegation made by Mayor of Naledi Municipality to Member of this House has requested to table a Motion to request the extension of the time of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

I now call on Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc Committee, Honourable Oliphant to table the Motion. Honourable Oliphant?

HON. OLIPHANT: Thank you and good morning Madam Speaker. Honourable Members, I move Without Notice in terms of Rule 106 of the Standing Rules of the Legislature that the House noting that the House has resolved to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate the allegations made by Councillor Groep against Members of the Legislature.

Noting further, that the House has resolved to extend the due date of submission of the Ad-Hoc Committee Report with findings and recommendations to the House to be on or before the 31st of May 2026. Noting further that the Ad-Hoc Committee is at the stage of finalising its report, however has not yet adopted it and should further awaits comments from implicated parties and observe the prescribed timeframes.

The Committee has, since the previous Sitting at which an extension was granted by this House made considerable progress in its work. In this regard the Committee considered an adopted report on the 7th of May and is yet to adopt further reports.

The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, the 19th of May 2026 to consider further inputs from Members and to finalise the draft report. Thereafter the draft report must still be furnished to implicated parties to enable them to submit comments within the prescribed time period. Upon receipt of these comments the Committee will reconvene to consider the inputs received and finalise the report prior to its submission.

In light of the outstanding procedural requirements the Committee will not be able to conclude and submit its reports by the 31st of May 2026. I therefore move that this House resolve as follows:

- That the life of the Ad-Hoc Committee and the timeframes within which the Ad-Hoc Committee must submit the report be extended to the 30th of June 2026.

I so move Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Oliphant. Does the House adopt the Motion? Des the House adopt the Motion?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Members. The Committee time will now be extended to the 30th of June as agreed by the House. are there any Motion without Notice? Can I see hands? MEC Mokuu did you have your hand up? Ok, if by mistake I didn't recognise your hand I will definitely call you at the end. Honourable Wallhorn?

But before Honourable Wallhorn, Honourable Members don't read the Motion that speaks to the condolences to the Premier because parties will have an opportunity at the end of the Sitting. Yes Honourable Wallhorn, your motion?

HON. WALLHORN: Thank you Speaker. Honourable Speaker, the Democratic Alliance request that this House record its congratulations to Sipho Magosa from Madidi in the North West for building his media company into a platform that has produced over 100 music videos, secured broadcast placements for unsigned artists and provided training and mentorship to young creatives.

This an amazing feat that shows you don't need money to create something grate, you need courage and determination and a will to go wherever your dreams take you.

The DA calls for cooperation between Mmabana, Arts and Culture, the North West Department of Education and Mr Magosa and his company to design a pilot school linked music and media training programme using Mmabana venues and Mar Magosa's production capacity.

The DA also calls on the MEC of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation as well as the MEC of Education to investigate the above and to provide feedback to this August House on an integrated future for young people talent development for North West. I so move.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Wallhorn. Does any Member wish to respond to the Motion. MEC?

HON. TLHAPI: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will indeed investigate, I don't know whether the Motion is debatable or what, because if *e na le* investigation it means *e na le* debatable aspect, or maybe I did not follow Honourable Wallhorn, *ke utlwile fela* investigation *ke be ke tsosa tlhogo*.

HON. SPEAKER: Focus MEC when you are in the House, especially when it speaks to your department, but it's not a problem, if there is an issue you will meet Honourable Wallhorn at the end of the sitting so that you are able to check, and then you agree and then you will table a Motion for debate, if the issue that the MEC is raising, it shouldn't be a crisis. Thank you very much. Honourable Dantjie MEC?

HON. DANTJIE: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. On behalf of the African National Congress I rise to table a Motion without Notice welcoming the official handover of Batho Batho Primary School in community of Mareetsane outside Mahikeng on Tuesday, 12 May 2026

This R58 million project replaced the old school infrastructure with a modern, state of the art facility featuring 16 classrooms, library, science lab, 3 Grade R classrooms, heightening a safe and conducive teaching and learning environment for our children.

The handover truly signifies a total commitment by the Department of Education to develop rural areas, afford learners with quality education through access to amenities providing them with skills development and fostering early exposure to technology, very essential for an AI and Fourth Industrialisation revolution.

This community is pleased that their learners will be taught in an environment that will not only uplift their dignity but boost their morale and ultimately motivate them to do well and excel in their studies. This will also encourage educators to focus more on the sustained delivery of quality of education and promote meaningful learning experiences for the learners.

As the African National Congress, we would like to make a call to the community of Mareetsane to take care of their newly renovated school, and assert that will in future redefine this village as a Centre of Excellence.

As I conclude Madam Speaker, we remain committed to ensuring that we deliver quality and inclusive education to all communities across Bokone Bophirima and we declare that the Constitution of South Africa indeed served the rights of every citizen in South Africa, I particular our poor rural communities. *Enkosi, Siyabulela!*

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Does any Member wish to respond to the Motion? None, Honourable Tsholo?

HON. TSHOLO: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. I rise on behalf of uMkhonto weSizwe Party to congratulate the MK Student Movement in its remarkable achievement for having won seats at UNISA Student Representative Council 2026 elections held in April 2026 National Campus and in UNISA Regional Campuses.

- At National Campus, they have got 1 seat;
- Johannesburg Campus, 1 seat;
- KwaZulu Natal, 1 seat.

MKSM Honourable Speaker, is an organisation aimed at advocating for the right and interest of the students across the higher learning institutions, and it organises students in institutions of higher learning, particularly colleges, universities of technology and universities in general, including the North West Province.

MKSM Honourable Speaker, it's primary focus is to fight for quality and decolonised higher education system.

The MK Students Movement plays a very meaningful and decisive role in mobilising students to actively participate in the electoral process and support the MK Party in the pursuit of the two third majority rule to change the current Constitution with the entrenched clauses that perpetuate unemployment, poverty, inequality and dispossession.

MKSM seeks to abolish the colonial and imperialist system that continues to oppress the black child, to ensure that students within the higher institutions of learning integrate through cultural heritages and traditions, and to ensure that there is black consciousness within our students.

In conclusion Honourable Speaker, MKSM is fast expanding to all tertiary campuses, and MKSM branches are holding programmes focussing on student recruitment, as well as mobilisation behind nine pillars of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party to win the 2026 Local Government Elections, the North West Province is included in that two third majority. Thank you very much Honourable Speaker, as I submit.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Tsholo. Does any Member wish to respond to the Motion? Does any Member wish to respond to the Motion?

Thank you, none. Honourable Kodisang, your Motion?

HON. KODISANG: Thank you Honourable Speaker. As I rise on behalf of Action SA in the North West Province to move a Motion without Notice in terms of Rule 106, to urgently place before this House the deepening unemployment crisis in the North West Province. As confirmed by the latest Quarterly Labour Force Survey which shows that our province now has the highest expanded unemployment rate in the country of 54.8%, meaning more people are without work than those who are employed.

Honourable Speaker, this House has debated, we have made speeches and warned, yet for the people of the North West work remains out of reach and hope continues to fade.

It is the young people in Mahikeng who studies, graduate and still returns home unemployed. It is the father in Rustenburg who leaves home every morning searching for work that no longer exists. It is the in villages across Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District who carries the burden of entire households with no income.

Honourable Speaker, this crisis is not accidental, it is the result of a failing provincial economy characterised by stalled infrastructure projects, weak municipal governance, declining investor confidence and an inability to translate the province's natural wealth into jobs for its people. We cannot continue to speak about economic potential while our people are trapped in permanent unemployment.

I therefore move that this House notes with urgency the unemployment crisis in the North West Province as a matter requiring urgent immediate provincial intervention. Calls on the provincial government to table a ...[INTERRUPTION]...

HON. SPEAKER: Is that an order? Honourable Kodisang can you hold on? Honourable Moema?

HON. MOEMA: Yes, we are lost, it appears that we are dealing now with a statement, it doesn't sound like a Motion, maybe Speaker can consult and get back to us. Thank you Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Kodisang you were left with few seconds on your Motion, I am not sure if it is a Motion or a statement as the Member is requesting, but you had few second?

HON. KODISANG: It is a Motion.

HON. SPEAKER: MEC? Just take your seat.

HON. DANTJIE: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. In line with what Honourable Moema, I am also confused because in terms of your earliest guidance to the House, if it's a Motion without Notice, it has debatable items. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Kodisang, can you clarify, and do you agree that we convert it to a Motion to be debated?

HON. KODISANG: I agree Madam Speaker. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. It will be, it will go through the right processes that it be tabled as a Motion. Thank you Honourable Members. I will now call Honourable Van Huyssteen.

HON. VAN HUYSSTEEN: Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the Democratic Alliance to congratulate Luan Munnik, a talented North West University student on his excellent performance at the African Athletics Championships. Luan executed a brilliant tactical delivery to take the men's 1500 metres title, and had impressive composure and tactical aptitude.

His calm composure under pressure and explosive finish won him the continental gold and a spot to the 2027 World Championships, a tremendous achievement and testimony to this hard work, talent and dedication. Luan's triumph as a student athlete for North West University makes him a tremendous model of what it means to achieve success in and out of the classroom.

His triumph is something to be proud of and is a huge inspiration to young individuals in our province and indeed throughout our entire country.

We look forward to seeing this young athlete conquer the track and continue to bring pride to the North West Province. Thank you Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Van Huyssteen. Does any Member wish to respond? None. Honourable Matuane, your Motion?

HON. MATUANE: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I hereby move a Motion without notice on behalf of the EFF, that the House notes and congratulates the outstanding achievement of the North West University Soccer Institute for winning the ABC Motsepe League provincial decider this past Saturday, 17th May 2026.

Honourable Speaker, the final match was a heated clash between Stream A and Stream B winners, North West University and Army Rockets Football Club, but it was a goal by Momelezi Mngadi in the 42nd minutes that put NWU in the lead and ultimately led to the victory.

This historic victory means that the North West University Soccer Institute will now proudly represent the North West Province in the national playoffs of the ABC Motsepe League. Their qualification to this stage is not only a victory for the institution, but also a victory for the young people of our province who continue to excel in sports despite limited investment in the sporting infrastructure and development programmes.

The Economic Freedom Fighters believes that sports remain a powerful tool for youth development, social cohesion and economic opportunity. The success of the North West University Soccer Institute must therefore serve as a motivation for the provincial government to invest more resources into community sports facilities, football development programmes and to the nurturing of young talent from rural and township communities across the North West Province.

The Economic Freedom Fighters congratulate the players, technical teams, management and supporters of the North West University Soccer Institution for this remarkable achievement and wishes them success as they prepare to represent the province in the national playoffs. I so move.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Matuane. Does anybody want to respond? MEC Tlhapi?

HON. TLHAPI: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Let me also join Honourable Matuane on congratulating the North West University, and also Madam Speaker, for your House to note that we will embarking on a rural development programme working together with the university so that even *ngwana yo o tswang ko* Magong can also rely on the opportunity *e eleng gore bana ba ko* North Wet University *ba na le yone*.

So, we are so happy as the department for the North West University to achieve that. Thank you very much.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Honourable MEC Sambatha?

HON. SAMBATHA: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I rise on behalf of the African National Congress to note that illegal mining is costing the economy an estimated R70 billion per annum on commodity sales, taxes and royalties.

The African National Congress commend the South African Police Services in the North West for successful disruption of operation conducted at Tlathlaganyane, commonly known as Ten Sisters in Mableskraal, which led to the arrest of two suspects linked to illegal mining activities. The operation conducted on the 7th of May 2026 resulted in the confiscation of equipment believed to be used in illegal mining, including Yellow CAT excavator, a compressor and a water pump.

Illegal mining continues to pose serious threats to public, economic stability, environmental sustainability and the rule of law in the province.

The ANC therefore commends the members involved in the operation for their vigilance, integrity and dedication in ensuring that those involved in illegal criminal activities are brought to book. We therefore appeal to our communities to report illegal mining operations associated with violence as well as other criminal activities to safeguard safety within our rural communities and call for intensified crackdown on lawlessness. I thank you Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Does any Member wish to respond? Honourable Moema?

HON. MOEMA: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. As the EFF we sincerely agree with Honourable Sambatha that indeed illegal mining is costing the province, is costing the country. However, all these things are happening under the ANC government, it is under the ANC government that we saw some of these illegal mining escaping under police custody, a certain Neo Tiger in Stilfontein escaped under police custody because of the carelessness of the ANC government.

So, it is about time government regulate local trade, it's about time government nationalise these minerals, it can't be correct that the private sector is the one that enjoys impunity over these things. So, they are maximising their profit, capital is enjoying profits under the ANC government. Thank you very much Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonakile?

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker, and as the DA we wish to also join in to the Motion that illegal mining is a problem, but joining what Honourable Moema is saying we have a Minister there who is sleeping on the job called Gwede Mantashe, who is

really failing in that department, and maybe it's about time that redeployment is looked into because our problems are many and the Minister is not doing much. So, the ANC is partly to blame for what is happening, I agree with Honourable Moema. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: No colleagues, Honourable Members, when I identify those who want to speak you don't raise your hand because you don't like what another Member is saying. You are part of it, Sonakile you are part of it, Honourable Sonakile you are part of it because I realised that your hand was not up, your hand was not up.

You know Honourable Members, I am trying that I don't close anybody outside because this is your platform, but try to do things right, try to do things right.

Honourable Tlhapi, you also want to respond, I hope you don't respond to Honourable Sonakile, you respond to the Motion. But going forward Honourable Members, I am not going to allow it, when I say any Member who wish to respond, you must raise your hand, you are not going to raise it after somebody have spoken and you want to challenge it, it doesn't work like that. Yes, what is the point of order?

HON. STEYL: Thank you Speaker. I don't think it is appropriate for a Member of the Executive to respond to a statement by a Member of the Executive. Can I just get clarity on that one because these are Member statements. Oh, is it Motions, *ke kopa tshwarelo*.

HON. OLIPHANT: I knew it, I knew you are out of order.

HON. SPEAKER: No Honourable Members, Members, these are motions, and unless I am missing in the Rules where it says only these Members can respond and these, unless I am being assisted with the Rule. I know for statement we are very clear on who should respond to the statement, not with regard to Motions, unless there is a Rule that I am missing Honourable Steyl.

With regard to statement only Exco will respond to statement by Members, only Members will respond to statement by Executive. I wish to be assisted if there is a Rule that I am missing. Honourable Tlhapi?

HON. TLHAPI: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I request your House to convert this Motion to debate, I see that *ena le* debatable aspect, *so ke* request gore re convert to debate. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: I am still the Speaker, unless something happened I didn't know that I am no longer the Speaker. So, it's me who should decide what should happen. Honourable Sambatha, do you want to convert the Motion to ...**[INTERRUPTION]**...

HON. SAMBATHA: It's the proper way to respond to them Madam Speaker, I agree, it will allow us to respond properly. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. The Motion will duly follow all the correct processes. I will now go to Honourable Sonti, your Motion?

HON. SONTI: *Ngibonge Somlomo.* Honourable Speaker, I hereby rise on behalf of the EFF to table a Motion without Notice congratulating Manqoba Montsho of Letlhabile near Brits for the successful publishing of his debut novel at the tender age of 20.

The psychological thriller entitled, "Where You Can't Hide" explores identity, fear and the pressure to survive in difficult situations which are concepts that are easily relatable. It follows the fictional story of a detective and her private investigator husband in their pursuit to uncover the truth behind the disappearance of a university student.

Honourable Speaker, what Manqoba has accomplished is both encouraging and commendable. The publishing of his novel serves as a reminder of how versatile and without age restriction the concept of success is.

The EFF applauds Manqoba for carving his own path and making his name and talent known to the literary community. We applaud him for the inspiring example he has set for those who wish to follow a similar path of becoming established authors or novelists. We wish him great success in his carrier and all his future undertaking. I so move. *Ndibonge* Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Sonti. Does any Member wish to respond? I am checking all of you. None. Honourable Tlhapi, your Motion?

HON. TLHAPI: Honourable Speaker, I rise on behalf of the African National Congress to table a Motion without notice commending the South African Police Services and its specialised units for their decisive and intelligent-driven operation that led to the dismantling of a multi-million rand drug manufacturing laboratory in Swartruggens *mo* North West.

The arrest of 11 suspects, including foreign nationals underscores the scale and complexity of organised crime networks operating within our borders. This successful operation valued at an estimated R100 million demonstrates the effectiveness of coordinated law enforcement efforts involving Crime Intelligence, Organised Crime Investigations, and the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation.

It is a clear signal that South Africa will not tolerate criminal syndicates that threaten the safety, health and wellbeing of our communities. The ANC reaffirms its unwavering commitment to supporting law enforcement agencies in their fight against organised crime, particularly drug syndicates that exploit vulnerable communities. Drug trafficking and manufacturing erode the social fabric of society, fuelling addiction, violence and instability.

The ANC views the dismantling of such networks as essential to safeguarding families, youth and the broader community. The ANC support the intensified intelligence-led operations, improved interagency coordination, and investment in modern policing methods to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises.

Given the involvement of foreign nationals, the ANC calls for strengthened cross border collaboration to prevent South Africa from being used as a hub for international drug cartels. While applauding arrests and prosecutions, the ANC also emphasise the need for comprehensive rehabilitation programmes and community education to reduce demand of illicit substances. Parliament and government structures must continue to exercise robust oversight to ensure the anti-crime strategies are effective, transparent and aligned with constitutional values.

The ANC stands firmly with the people of South Africa in the fight against crime. We commend the bravery and dedication of our police officers and reiterate that criminal syndicates will find no safe haven in our country. Together through vigilance, justice and community solidarity we will build safer communities and a more secure nation. I thank you Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Does any Member wish to respond? Order Honourable MEC, it is unparliamentary, can you withdraw that?

HON. MEC: ...[INAUDIBLE]...

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Honourable Sonakile, Honourable Moema?

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much Speaker and thank you for protecting us.

HON. SPEAKER: Wait, wait, I want to take hands so that nobody raises hands after he feels one's statement bothered him or her. It is only Honourable Khunou, Honourable Tsholo do you want to respond. So, it's Honourable Sonakile, Honourable Moema and Honourable Khunou. Thank you, in that order.

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much Speaker. Speaker, the DA also welcomes that successful operation that was conducted by the law enforcement agencies. But Speaker, while the ANC now seeks to celebrate this breakthrough, the reality is that organised criminal syndicates do not establish billion rand drug operations overnight. This network strives where there are weak borders, failing intelligence system, corruption, poor oversight and ineffective governance, all of which has worsened under the ANC rule.

So, one successful raid does not erase years of state failure that have allowed drugs, illegal firearms trafficking and organised crime to spread into communities across the country. The reality now is whether government will ensure successful prosecutions, expose any local collaborators and investigate possible corruption links. The DA will continue to support law enforcement in fighting such crimes. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Moema? Honourable MEC?

HON. MOEMA: Are we protected Speaker?

HON. SPEAKER: That is why I called MEC to order, you are protected, don't worry the Speaker is here.

HON. MOEMA: I know, we are together Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Yes.

HON. MOEMA: Thank you very much Speaker. Much as I want to join the MEC in her Motion, I wish to register two things, one is that this is a pure collaboration of our longstanding argument that the crime statistics we received from Honourable Wessels Morweng are not correct because a lot of crime is happening on the ground. So, this drug burst on its own it corroborates what we have long argued.

But secondly, our youth suffers from this particular abuse of drugs, and this happens that it is National Crime Intelligence that discovered this while we have Crime Intelligence, the Division that deals with similar crimes in the province. For a very long time they could not dictate this, where were these police who exists in the province, so it meant they are sleeping on the job. And equally they must be held accountable for these operations that happens without them dictating, without them combatting this particular crime.

So, it can't be that National Crime Intelligence must then descend and deal with issues that were supposed to be dealt with domestically as a province. So, this clearly means our MEC is sleeping on the job together with those who are dealing with law enforcement in the province. Thank you Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Khunou?

HON. KHUNOU: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. I really want to urge this House to support this motion and really provide concrete suggestions on dealing with crime and stop playing to the gallery, and stop playing to the gallery. Thanks Honourable Speaker. So, the MEC and all of us must keep focus and ignore this hauling that we are accustomed to in the House. thanks.

HON. SPEAKER: I think the Motion is been supported. Honourable Mokuu, Your Motion?

HON. MOKUA: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I rise on behalf of the African National Congress to table a Motion without Notice in the intervention since the outbreak of foot and mouth disease and measures implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to maintain its spread.

The department has confirmed several new cases across the municipalities, including Mahikeng, Rustenburg, Kagisano Molopo, Ditsobotla, Lekwa Teemane and Naledi Local Municipalities. This outbreak poses a serious threat to lives production, food security, rural livelihood and the agricultural economy of our province.

We have however noted intensified interventions through vaccination programmes, veterinary monitoring, bio-security enforcement and collaboration with industry stakeholders. Thousands of vaccines doses have already been distributed to approve veterinarians and feedlots, while additional support from organisations such as Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations and Red Industry Service will strengthen field operations in affected areas.

Of particular concern, a report of suspected infections involving wildlife species such as roan antelope and buffalo which increase the risk of further transmission through close contact and environmental exposure.

The ANC welcome the efforts been undertaken by veterinary teams, farmers and stakeholders working to contain the disease. We further urge livestock owners, transporters and farming communities to comply fully with biosecurity protocols and immediately report any suspect of symptoms to veterinary authorities. Protecting the livestock sector remains essential for safeguarding jobs, supporting rural economies, and ensuring long terms agricultural sustainability in the province. So we move Speaker, thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. Does any Member wish to respond? I see Honourable Steenkamp, Honourable Kodisang, Honourable MEC, only those three.

HON. STEENKAMP: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. The DA notes with pleasure the statement by the MEC and we would like to make it clear, you know we are also celebrating the great stride that we are having in the province because none of this would have been possible if there wasn't such excellent leadership from the Minister of Agriculture, John Steenhuisen. And MEC we would like to further extend the congratulations that you do take the leadership from your National Minister. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Kodisang?

HON. KODISANG: Thank you Madam Speaker. Action SA note with dissatisfaction the statement by the Honourable Member because a lot still needs to be done around the foot and mouth disease saga, because there is a lot of confusion in our municipalities around that area, extension officers are not fully aware of what needs to be done and not to be done, farmers are left unattended, they don't know what is happening, they are eager to be brought into the processes, but extension officers are not helping and assisting. In the North West we plead that this foot and mouth disease be taken serious, and farmers be taken serious. I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable MEC?

HON. SAMBATHA: Honourable Speaker, thank you very much, and thank you very much for the Motion. The fact is that there is no farmer who is not aware of what must be done on the outbreak and vaccination programme. Unfortunately, on the 7th of April the National Minister and the Minister of Agriculture for Botswana were in Ramotshere Moiloa doing vaccination. It can't be that communities are not aware.

The only component you must also celebrate is the fact that the increase on the vaccination distribution for North West from originally 5% to 19%. As we speak we are now receiving 267 000 because vaccine income from South Africa has increased.

Based on the work that is done by the National Minister and MinMEC on ensuring that vaccination is done because on respond only vaccination is going to ensure surety for trade of red meat in South Africa and elsewhere.

So, we are taking the matter very serious as the sector led by a Minister and all of us throughout the country because we are vaccination 14 million of the headcount of cattle in the country, not in one province. Thank you very much.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. We are going towards the end. Honourable Sonakile, your Motion? *O nnetse go balabala*, your Motion?

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you Honourable Speaker. On behalf of the DA I hereby move without notice that the House notes with pride that accounting students from the North West University have achieved an outstanding 97% pass rate in the South African Institute of Chattered Accounts, SAICA qualifying examination, significantly outperforming the national average.

Recognises this achievement as a reflection of academic excellence, institutional commitment and the dedication of both students and academic staff. Acknowledges the critical role that highly skilled accounting professionals play in strengthening financial governance, improving accountability and combatting corruption in both the public and private sectors.

Commends the NWU for consistently producing graduates of a high calibre who contribute meaningfully to the country's financial development. Further notes that such excellence is precisely what is required to restore integrity in public finances and ensure that government institutions are managed with professionalism and accountability our citizens deserve. And encourages continued investments in higher education and professional training to ensure South Africa builds a pipeline of ethical, competent and skilled professionals. I so move.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you. Does any Member wish to respond? None. Honourable Chief Whip, you are fine?

Honourable Members, I want to plead with all of you, especially Honourable Members on my right, this side please don't respond to me. You know you are creating a problem for me, there is a timeframe for Motions, Honourable Members come late to the House and when they arrive I must accommodate them, it is unfair.

Can we refrain from doing that because if I don't give you an opportunity it's like I'm depriving the people of the North West to get the information they need to know. But can you improve on coming to the House, especially when you have to resent a Motion, please.

Honourable Lenkopane, do you have a Motion? Yes, it is for the last time I allow Honourable Members, especially from the right.

HON. LENKOPANE: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I rise on behalf of the ANC to table a Motion without Notice welcoming the National Department of Health and the North West University for officially initiating the ground-breaking Nurse Lead Programme, a first of its kind initiative designed to empower current and emerging nurse leaders across the country.

Nurse Lead which is the cutting-edge curriculum tailored for current and emerging nurse leaders nationwide to completed by the end of 2026 and thereafter piloted at hospital sites across South Africa. It will bridge theoretical innovation with the realities of South Africa's hospitals and frontline staff pressure, empowering leaders to thrive amid real world challenges.

This powerful new chapter of South Africa Nursing Leadership began on the 5th and the 6th May 2026 led by Professor Coetzee and the North West University Research Foundation, Albertina Sisulu Research Chair and Nursing Science, together with South Africa's chief nursing and midwifery officer, Dr Mirriam Matandela of the National Department of Health.

As the ANC we commend this initiative as a significant milestone for both nursing education and healthcare leadership because it will produce nursing leaders who can function effectively and efficiently within health establishment facing complex challenges that require commitment, dedication and ethical decision-making.

This programme is a critical component within the World Health Organisation building blocks for achieving Universal Health Coverage, which is our ANC 55th conference resolution that we must achieve and ensure that we provide inclusive, quality and dignified healthcare services to our people.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. Does any Member wish to respond, Honourable Sonakile?

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you Speaker. It's actually a point of order, I just wanted to check *gore a MEC o sure gore* that Motion *ke* Motion *wa gagwe* because *ga sure le ene ka ntho e ntseng a e bala* because *gara utlwa le gore o itseng*, it's difficult to even respond to that Motion ...[INTERRUPTION]...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonakile can you sit down, can you sit down Honourable Sonakile, take your sit. Does the House adopt these Motions?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Honourable Members, we have adopted the Motions and there is nothing on the table. Are there any Notice of Motion? Any Notice of Motion, except those that we have agreed that they will go through the proper processes of the House? if there is none, Secretary may you read the next order?

SECRETARY: ORDER NO. 3, STATEMENT

3.1 STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS AS PER RULE 130

3.2 EXECUTIVE STATEMENTS AS PER RULE 130A.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. Does any Member wish to make a Statement in terms of Rule 130? No, the Executive Statements will come, now is the Statements of the House. I think I have covered you all, I think I have covered all you Members, if by mistake I thought I have covered you I didn't, I will definitely give an opportunity. Honourable Oliphant, your Statement?

HON. OLIPHANT: Honourable Speaker, I rise with profound excitement on behalf of the ANC to table a Statement extending its heartfelt gratitude to the people of Ward 20 in Kanana, Matlosana Local Municipality for once again demonstrating their enduring confidence in the African National Congress as the authentic leader of society and the foremost vehicle for social transformation not these fakes.

The Ward 20 by-election held on the 13th of May 2026 were necessitated by the untimely passing of the late Comrade Sello Molefi in February 2026. Comrade Molefi had served the people of Kanana with dedication, humility and revolutionary discipline as an ANC Councillor. The African National Congress continues to honour his memory and invaluable contribution he made in advancing the aspirations of our people, may his soul continue to rest in peace.

The results of these by-elections represent a decisive and overwhelming mandate for the African National Congress. The community of Ward 20 has once again affirmed its unwavering trust in the ANC as a dependable force for progressive change and people centre development.

The election of Letlhohonolo Mahogen as the new Ward Councillor for Ward 20 is both a continuation of this profound legacy and a renewed commitment to deepen service delivery and responsive governance.

The ANC secured an impressive 1 008 votes against a mere 136 by the Patriotic Alliance and shamefully only 100 by the EFF.

This is a significant increase from our 869 votes obtained during the 2021 Local Government Elections, the DA could not contest in that Ward. This remarkable growth of 139 additional votes is a clear demonstration of expanding public confidence in the movement and a powerful endorsement of the ANC'S programme to renew local government and improve the quality of life of our residents.

This increased voter turnout and strengthened electoral support underscore a fundamental political truth. When the African National Congress works hand in hand with communities, the movement grows stronger, and the people's aspirations are advanced.

HON. SPEAKER: As you conclude?

HON. OLIPHANT: The outcome of Ward 20 is a practical expression of the enduring bond between the ANC and the masses of our people. I thank you Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Does any Member wish to respond, it's your turn to respond, not when the Speaker is speaking. Does any Member wish to respond?

Honourable Botswe, your Statement? Oh, you want to respond now, do you want to respond?

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much Speaker. On behalf of the Democratic Alliance we wish to congratulate the ANC for winning that Ward, but the ANC there is something that they are not saying, they got 800 in 2021, they know now that they got 1000 the DA did not contest, when they were busy campaigning I saw the Deputy Speaker and Honourable Mokua telling people that no if you are a DA voter we are GNU vote for ANC this time.

So, that 1000 comes from the DA, we will come back you will see in November, the ANC is going to go back to its number and we will get our number back. I thank you, and congratulations.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Botswe, your Statement.

HON. BOTSWE: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. *Gwatla ga sisibala*, Honourable Speaker *go bua motho akere jaanong*.

Honourable Speaker, I rise to express a serious concern about the challenges faced by the Orbit College FC in accessing football facility that meet the standard required by the Premier Soccer League.

The painful reality is that despite the historic promotion of the Orbit College FC to the topflight of the South African football, there is not a single properly maintained stadium in the North West Province that can adequately host PSL matches. This is a direct consequence of years of negligent poor planning and failed governance by the ANC-led provincial government.

Honourable Speaker, our province has a stadium with a great potential such as the Olympia Park Stadium, Mmabatho Stadium and the James Motlatsi Stadium. However, these facilities have been left to deteriorate due to the lack of maintenance, poor infrastructure investment and the absence of a serious sport development programme by the government.

Some of these stadiums are once hosted major national matches and brought economic activities to our communities. But today they stand as symbols of government failure.

When the Orbit College FC gained promotion to the PSL the provincial government rushed to make promises to the people of North West Province and the club itself, they promised that the stadium will be upgraded and that the team would be able to play its home matches within the province. Today, those promises have collapsed.

The Orbit College FC is now faced to seek alternative venues outside the province because the ANC government was more interested in publicity and political grandstanding than in delivering real development for sport infrastructure.

This failure has had a devastating economic and social consequences for the people of the North West. Major matches that should have benefitted local businesses, street vendors, transport operators, accommodation establishment and township economies are now been taken to other provinces.

The recent match involving Kaizer Chiefs had to be played at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium instead of here in the North West. That match alone could have generated massive economic activities for our people while also giving local supporters the opportunity to experience topflight football in their own province.

Even more painful is the fact that the club's crucial final match as the Orbit College FC fights to retain its status in topflight football, will now be hosted at the Mbombela Stadium, at a time when the team needs full support of its own supporters.

HON. SPEAKER: As you wrap up.

HON. BOTSWE: The failing ANC government has denied the people North West the opportunity to rally behind their club. This is unacceptable and it exposes the extent to which sport is not taken seriously by the government.

Honourable Speaker, sport is not just an entertainment, sport create jobs, unite communities, keeps young people away from crime and substance abuse, and contributes meaningfully to local economic development. The collapse of sports infrastructure in the North West is therefore not only a sport issue but also a social and economic crisis created by the ANC government ...[INTERRUPTED]...

HON. SPEAKER: Your time is up. Honourable Botswe?

HON. BOTSWE: Thank you very much.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Does any Member of the Executive wish to respond to the Statement? Honourable Lenkopane?

HON. LENKOPANE: Thank you Honourable Speaker, we must acknowledge that the MEC for Arts and Culture and Recreation, Honourable Tlhapi has already placed before this House the intention and commitment of government to improve Mmabatho Stadium and other related sporting facilities within the province through her collaboration with the National Minister. it would be wrong to come and create an impression that nothing is happening and it cannot be measured through the participation of the team concerned. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Honourable Steenkamp, your statement?

HON. STEENKAMP: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I rise today deeply angry and deeply concerned about water crisis that is devastating my constituency, Tswaing.

For years now, our people have been forced to live without something as basic and essential as water. Government after government continues making promises, announcing budget and blaming everyone except themselves.

Speaker, how is it possible that in 2026 residents in parts of Tswaing still wakes up every single morning not knowing whether they will have water to drink, cook, wash or flush toilets with.

In Kopela village residents have reportedly suffered water shortages for more than 15 years, 15 years that is an entire generation growing up under a failed government. We are told that approximately R77 million rand was invested into infrastructure there, yet residents are still relying on private boreholes and the goodwill of neighbours just to simply survive. Reservoirs are dysfunctional, pipelines remain broken, projects have stalled, and simply nothing works. This crisis is spreading across Tswaing like wildfire.

In Khunwana village and Ottosdal communities have reportedly gone weeks without water now. In Delareyville residents have reportedly been without water since the 11th of May. In Geysdorp the main pipeline reportedly burst almost every second week, while all six pumps are allegedly non-functional. In Blesbokpan none of the four pumps are working. At Smook Farm all three pumps are dull. At Paaauwkop pumps have reportedly been standing broken for six years, six years.

And government official act all shocked when communities start protesting. The people in Tswaing are no longer protesting because they are impatient, they are protesting because they are exhausted ...**[INTERRUPTED]**...

HON. SPEAKER: As you wrap up.

HON. STEENKAMP: They are frustrated and are tired of been treated the way that they are. Sorry Madam Speaker.

Speaker, access to water is a constitutional right and the people of Tswaing deserve dignity, they deserve functioning infrastructure, and they deserve a government that actually delivers services instead of excuses. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Does any Member of the Executive wish to respond? Thank you. Honourable Modise, on record?

HON. MODISE: ...[INAUDIBLE]... *ga diyo ko Disaneng tse*. Honourable Speaker, I rise on behalf of the African National Congress to table a Statement extending its deepest condolences to the family of former President of the Republic of Botswana, Dr. Festus Gaontebanye Mogae. The government and the people of Botswana and Botswana Democratic Party following the passing of one of African most respected statement and principle leader.

Dr. Mogae who was buried over the weekend at a dignified state funeral befitting a person of his stature, at which the South African government was represented by the Deputy President, Mr Paul Mashatile, dedicated his life to the service of the people of Botswana and the advancement of the African continent.

An Oxford-trained economics and seasoned public servant, he provided steady and visionary leadership during his tenure as a President of Botswana, helping to consolidate democratic governance, economic stability, sound public administration and regional cooperation. His leadership earned him respect across Africa and the world as a disciplined, a humble and ethical servant of the people.

The ANC joins the people of Botswana and the broader African continent in celebrating the selfless legacy of towering intellectual giant and a humble servant of the Batswana. Dr. Mogae's contribution of African development and good governance and continental solidarity will remain part of the enduring legacy of the post-independence African leadership.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and his family, friends and the people of Botswana find strength and comfort during this difficult period. I thank you Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Modise. Does any MEC wish to respond? Thank you, none. Honourable Matuane, your Statement?

HON. MATUANE: Honourable Speaker, I rise on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters to express serious concern about the state of disaster management and disaster preparedness within the North West Province. Recent floods, storms, fires and other climate related disasters have exposed the painful reality that our emergency response systems are weak, underfunded and unable to respond effectively to the growing demands placed upon them by the community.

While disaster management plans may exist on paper, the lack of adequate funding and human resource it continues to make it extremely difficult for emergency teams to operationalise programmes and activities before, during, and after disaster events. There are no centres in Taung, Lekwa Teemane and Mamusa, Kagisano Molopo, except for the Dr Ruth District Disaster Centre that is not of assistance to the local municipalities.

A municipality know their own high-risk areas, vulnerable communities, roads and resources, better than anyone outside. Disaster don't wait for provincial or national help to arrive, a municipal centre means trained staff, equipment and plans are already on the ground while flood, fire or storm hit.

The province continues to suffer from severe staff shortage within the Disaster Management Centres, Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services. Many Municipalities within the province operate with limited personnel forcing a small number of emergency workers to cover large area without sufficient support. This shortage delays response times, place workers under immense pressure and ultimately put the lives of our people at risk.

The communities in rural area and township areas are often left stranded during emergency because there are simply not enough trained personnel to respond effectively.

Honourable Speaker, the lack of infrastructure and emergency equipment further worsen this crisis. Many municipalities do not have enough fire engines, rescue vehicles, ambulances, water tankers, or specialised emergency machinery required to deal with disasters.

In some instances, emergency vehicles remain grounded due to poor maintenance and lack of budget allocation. The province also lack adequate access to helicopters and aerial rescue capacity, which are critical during floods, veldfires and search and rescue operations in remote areas.

It is unacceptable that in 2026 our people still depend on overstretched and collapsing emergency system while millions are wasted on corruption and unnecessary luxuries by those in power. The provincial government must prioritise the strengthening of disaster management centres, the recruitment and training of more emergency personnel and the procurement of modern emergency equipment and infrastructure. We need properly equipped fire stations, operational ambulances, rescue boats, helicopters and reliable communication system across the province.

Climate change continues to intensify disaster and failure to invests in preparedness today will lead to greater loss of lives, infrastructure and economic activities tomorrow.

The EFF therefore calls on the provincial government to urgently increase funding towards disaster management and emergency response services. The safety and dignity of our people must never be compromised because of poor planning, austerity measures and government neglect. A capable and responsive disaster management system is a necessity to protecting the lives and livelihoods of the people of the North West Province. I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Matuane. Does any MEC wish to respond? Honourable Lenkopane, Honourable Mosenogi?

HON. LENKOPANE: Thank you Honourable Speaker. Let me join the Member on the Statement and equally to indicate that it is important to acknowledge the work that has already been undertaken by the Premier through the Provincial Disaster Management Centre and various coordination structures in responding to the needs of the communities affected by disasters across the province.

Government does not remain passive in the face of this challenges, through coordinated intervention, community consultation and intergovernmental response mechanism, the province has continued to engage directly with affected disasters.

Honourable Speaker, while challenges relating to municipal capacity, infrastructure and disaster preparedness remain, it is important that the efforts already undertaken by the government to support affected communities are recognised. The focus going forward must therefore be on strengthening coordination, and there are affected districts, including Dr RSM, it is a typical example of the Premier's coordination and reaching out to the people. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Mosenogi?

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. In joining MEC Lenkopane I wish to indicate that the provincial government is onboard, all structures have been activated, including the Provincial Coordinating Committee in terms of disaster where all Mayors and Municipal Managers and MEC's are partaking in that process.

The immediate response is currently on the ground to provide immediate relief in terms of temporary shelters, in terms of providing also food supply, blankets, working with the

Department of Social Development and other NGO's that have been quite of assistance in helping us to respond to communities that are in need.

All departments currently are doing their assessments of the extent of the damage to infrastructure and service delivery points that have been affected. And all that information would be consolidated for us to make a submission for us to apply for the Provincial Disaster Relief Grant, including the Municipal Disaster Relief Grant.

And we have put up a support in place to support all municipalities and departments where we have agreed also that all departments must appoint individuals who are relevant to always be on site and work with their Project Management Unit to make a thorough assessment and quantify the extent of the damage of infrastructure.

But going forwards we will call on an Infrastructure Summit to make sure that we look into other relevant models that are available to build a climate resistant infrastructure, so that we avoid to find ourselves in these challenges. While we are addressing the capacity challenges that we acknowledge exists because we currently have an acting person in the position. ...[INTERRUPTION]...

HON. SPEAKER: Your 1 minute is over.

HON. MOSENOGI: And the process of recruitment is underway, and we assure this House that within the next six months we will have a fully fledged Disaster Management Unit that is appointed permanently.

HON, OLIPHANT: The ANC leads, the ANC lives.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonti, your Statement?

HON. SONTI: Ngibonge Speaker. Honourable Speaker, Economic Freedom Fighters rise to express deep concern over the continued failure of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management to effectively manage and regulate public transport sector in the North West Province.

The recent transport related strikes and shutdowns that have erupted in different parts of the province, including Klerksdorp and most recently yesterday in Mafikeng, are a clear indication of a department that has lost control over one of the most critical sectors of our economy and daily lives.

These protects are not isolated incidents but rather symptoms of a much deeper crisis caused by poor administration, lack of communication and the failure of the department to engage meaningfully with transport operators. Communities are left stranded, workers are unable to reach their places of employment, learners are unable to attend schools and economic activity is disrupted because the department has failed to create a stable and properly regulated transport environment.

Honourable Speaker, the emergence and growth of door-to-door transport services commonly known as seven seaters is a reality that cannot be ignored. These services have become a necessary mode of transportation for many of our people, especially in areas where conventional public transport systems have failed to meet the needs of commuters.

However, instead of proactively engaging these operators, educating them on licencing requirements, permits processes and legal compliance, the department has chosen to operate in a reactive and confrontational manner. This failure has created confusion, frustration and conflict within the transport sector.

This department behaves like it's not led by a young person because it has completely failed to evolve with the times and adapt to changing transport realities. Around the world transport systems are continuously modernising and incorporating new forms of mobility to meet the

needs of growing populations. Yet in the North West Province the department continues to rely on outdated approaches that neither recognise nor accommodate emerging transport models.

This backward approach has resulted in unnecessary tensions between law enforcement agencies, existing taxi structures and new transport operators.

HON. SPEAKER: As you wrap up.

HON. SONTI: The failure of the department also reflects a broader absence of leadership and strategic planning. There is clearly no ongoing engagement programme with transport stakeholders, no proper awareness campaigns or legal operating procedures, and no transparent mechanism to integrate new operators into the formal transport economy. Instead of providing guidance and support the department only appears when conflict erupt, exposing its inability to govern proactively.

HON. SPEAKER: Your time is up.

HON. SONTI: The EFF therefore calls on the MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management to urgently convene an inclusive provincial transport summit involving taxi association ...**[INTERRUPTED]**...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonti, your time is up.

HON. SONTI: Thank you, thank you Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Does any MEC wish to respond? Honourable Morweng?

HON. MORWENG: Thank you Dr. Mama is very angry, I think she misses grandchildren. Be that as it may be Dr. the transport regulation in South Africa is regulated by the Land Transport Act. Now, from somebody who is a lawmaker would understand that at the moment the Act does not make provision for such 7 seaters.

Now, as things stands we need to create a conducive environment for the taxi industry that are already experiencing difficulty as a result of the industry been bloated. It is for that reason that the department was very decisive, guided by the Act because we are not constitutional delinquent in our approach or in our quest to execute duties.

Now, the department has discharged traffic officials and the police to make sure that as things stands they make it difficult for those 7 seaters because they are not yet legislated to operate.

As for the discussion in as far as the future is concerned for us to sit down with those 7 seaters and see how best they can be accommodated in the industry, that can be considered. And I made it clear, even yesterday when I swiftly within fifteen minutes resolved the crisis that was in Mafikeng, I made it clear, I made it clear to them that we will sit down and sit with them because they still need to benefit from the economy of this country. But be that as it may be ...[INTERRUPTION]...

HON. SPEAKER: Your 1 minute is over.

HON. MORWENG: ...We need to make the environment conducive for the taxi industry to operate. What disappoints me, especially from the EFF is that their leader is always hauling, making a lot of noise that he stands with the taxi drivers, but they are the one who are attacking them today.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable MEC.

HON. DABAMPE: You are the one who is hauling, your time is up ...[INTERRUPTION]...

HON. MORWENG: These ...[INAUDIBLE]... of note. Thank you Speaker.

HON. SONAKILE: Hands-off the MEC of COSATMA hands-off.

HON. SPEAKER: I couldn't tell the MEC that his 1 minute is over because, Honourable Sonakile, Honourable Morweng? Honourable Sonakile and Honourable Morweng, Honourable Morweng went beyond 1 minute because he couldn't hear me when I say your 1 minute is over, because you were drowning him. So, refrain from drowning speakers, otherwise they will have ample time to make their response because you are making them to drown. Honourable Wallhorn, your Statement?

HON. WALLHORN: Thank you Speaker. Honourable Speaker, during Africa Month we celebrate the founding of the Organisation of African Unity, now the African Union. And honour leaders such as Kwame Nkrumah, who envisioned a united and prosperous Africa. But in the North West Africa Month must mean more than speeches and ceremonies. For the DA it means delivering on our promises to the people of this province.

However, across North West too many learners are still being failed by the ANC. At Sewagodimo Secondary and Promosa Primary ceilings are collapsing, at Rantebeng II Primary learners have been without electricity since 2021. At Moratwe High School, 169 learners lost access to school transport. At Bethel High School for Girls the hostel conditions remain unsafe and undignified. At Herman Thebe High School, girls hostel destroyed by fire in January 2025 are still not rebuilt.

These are not isolated incidents, they are evidence of ANC provincial government that is not responding with the urgency our children deserve.

The same neglect is visible in sports and culture, Mmabatho Stadium, once a source of pride continues to deteriorate despite repeated promises of funding and repairs. Community art centres across the province are under resourced and falling apart, even though money has been allocated. There are limited opportunities for young artists and performers.

Honourable Speaker, the future of Africa would be determined by what happens in provinces like the North West, if our schools are unsafe, our hostels are neglected, our stadiums are abandoned, our cultural centres are crumbling, then we are betraying the vision of those who founded the African Union.

Africa Month must be about the action, action to repair schools, action to restore leaner transport, action to rebuild hostels, action to revive our sporting and cultural infrastructure. The people of North West deserve more than promises in Africa Month, they deserve results. I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Wallhorn. Does any MEC wish to respond? Honourable Tlhapi?

HON. TLHAPI: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, let me note what Honourable Wallhorn is saying, but safe to say if you drive to Mmabatho Stadium now, *ha otswa fela fa* Honourable Wallhorn you will see that there is a minor maintenance that we are doing with the resources that we are having, that was actually pronounced in your House Madam Speaker, by Treasury. So, the money that we are renovating Mmabatho Stadium is the one that we have and we are doing it in phases.

Secondly, arts centres are community based, therefore we are working together with the community across the province to make sure that these Arts Centres are helping our artists across the board. That is why, I am sure *ga o itse le gore pina ya "Bophelo ke eng", e recordilwe* in the North West ko Biesiesvlei *ko* one of the Arts Centres that we are having.

So, we are working together with communities to make sure that these art centres are indeed helping our communities. The only problem that you know Honourable Wallhorn, is that we do not have enough resources but we are doing everything that we can in phases. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Honourable Sonakile, your Statement?

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you Speaker. Speaker, the Democratic Alliance notes with serious concern the recent ruling by the North West High Court holding the Provincial Department of Health liable for the devastating brain injury suffered by a child during birth at Klerksdorp Hospital.

The Court found that medical staff failed to properly monitor the mother and unborn child during labour, ignored warning signs of foetal distress, delayed critical intervention and failed to perform a caesarean section which could have prevented permanent injury to the child.

While the DA welcomes accountability where negligence has occurred, this judgement once again raises deeply troubling questions about the state of healthcare management in the North West. Behind every medicolegal case is a human tragedy, a child condemned to lifelong suffering, a family backed in emotionally and financially, and a healthcare system that failed in its duty of care.

But Speaker, these cases also carries enormous financial consequences for an already collapsing provincial health system.

North West continues to face a growing medicolegal and contingent liability crisis amounting to billions of rand. Every successful negligence claim diverts desperately needed resources away from frontline services delivery, infrastructure upgrades, medicine procurement, staffing and emergency healthcare interventions.

The people of North West are effectively paying twice, first through poor healthcare services, and then again through massive legal pay-outs caused by negligence and administrative failures.

What is particularly alarming is that the Court also highlighted poor record keeping, delays, inconsistencies, and weak defence from the department itself. This points not merely to isolated mistakes but to systemic governance failures within the department.

The DA therefore calls on the MEC for Health for urgently table a comprehensive turnaround strategy to reduce medicolegal claims, to strengthen accountability at hospitals, improve maternal healthcare oversight and protect both patients and provincial finances. If this crisis is not decisively addressed contingent liabilities will continue swallowing future budgets and undermining healthcare delivery for the people of our province. I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Sonakile. Does any MEC wish to respond? None. Honourable Khonou, your statement. Oh, Honourable Mosenogi I didn't recognise you. I'm sorry MEC. You can come in.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much Speaker. We do really sympathise with what happened with the operation with the child that has been affected. We must also take note that our health professionals are operating under pressure and that all the other procedures not all the time will go well.

And sometimes it's not out of their own doing. But we sympathise also with the family, but we want to assure this Legislature that the department is taking all the steps necessary to ensure

that all health professionals act accordingly and that all the procedures that we undertake in the province and we must state that some and most of them have been a success. And we will work and make sure that going forward all of them will be a success.

And we do share the concerns that the Medico legal claims are putting a serious burden on the state and that's why it's in our interest as the provincial government that we must get our health facilities right. We must get all our facilities to operate at the level and standard with the necessary equipment and professionals that are conscious with the understanding that they are there to serve and that the lives of our people are in their hands. So we are working closely with organised labour ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: As your one minute is done.

HON. MOSENOGI: And the department to ensure that we get all the matters right. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Khonou.

HON. KHONOU: Thank you Honourable Speaker. I rise on behalf of the African National Congress to table a statement noting with serious concern the latest quarterly labour force survey released by Statistics South Africa which shows that the expanded unemployment rate rose to 43.7% with 301 000 more South Africans unemployed in first quarter of 2026.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Khonou, there is an order.

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much Speaker. Speaker, I think you made an earlier ruling that that matter be taken for a motion for debate, the one that Honourable Kodisang had made earlier on the statistics. So the Member is making that statement now which is then unfair because we want to participate in the debate on it. Thanks.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonakile, you're saying the statement that Honourable Khonou is making is the same as that we have converted? No, no, yes. It's a statement but the content if I'm getting this correct. The content of the statement of Honourable Khonou speaks to the content of the motion of Honourable Kodisang which we have agreed to convert into a debatable motion. Am I getting you correct? Yes. Is it clear CoC? Okay. So can we agree that if we agree, it will fall into part of the debate when we debate the motion of Honourable Kodisang?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Khonou. Honourable Tsholo, your statement.

HON. TSHOLO: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker. I rise on behalf of uMkhonto weSizwe Party to address a matter that strikes at the heart of the education system and the rule of law. That is the continued practice by the Department of Education of suspending school principals without following due legal processes.

A classical example of Baitshoki Secondary School where the principal was suspended without following due legal processes. Mr Blacious Matsoi Mongale. Over the past 18 months, Honourable Speaker, my office has received multiple reports from across the province where principals have been placed on precautionary suspension, removed from their schools and denied access to learners and staff often on the basis of vague allegations or administrative disputes.

In several of these particular cases, Honourable Speaker, the suspensions were effected without charge sheets like the one of Mr Blacious Matsoi Mongale without hearings and without the 30 day review required under the Employment of Educators Act and the public service regulations. This is not discipline, Honourable Speaker. This is an administrative overreach in totality.

Honourable Speaker, a principal is not just a mere manager, they are accounting offices of schools, they are instructional leaders and often the stabilising force in communities facing poverty, gang violence and resource shortages. To remove them abruptly like this one, without processes does three things. First, it violates constitutional rights of the very same principals which is Section 23 of the Constitution that guarantees fair labour practice. Section 33 guarantees just administrative action.

Suspending an educator nor a principal without notice, without reasons and without a hearing, fails both these particular texts that I'm referring to, Honourable Speaker. We cannot preach the rule of law in our classrooms while violating it in our offices. Secondly, it destabilizes schools. When principals are removed overnight, the school loses continuity like the SGBs are being bypassed, financial controls are being weakened.

Classical example, Honourable Speaker, the school's bank account has been attached, therefore the grants, the school is unable to access even to buy photocopy papers, Baitshoki Secondary School. Thirdly, it creates a culture of fear ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Your time is up.

HON. TSHOLO: In conclusion, Honourable Speaker, the department will argue that these are precautionary suspensions pending investigation but ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Your time is up.

HON. TSHOLO: Cannot become indefinite punishment. The Labour Court has ruled, Honourable Speaker, repeatedly ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Member!

HON. TSHOLO: That suspensions beyond 60 days without progress constitute ...
[INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo!

HON. TSHOLO: Yet we have principals on suspensions ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo!

HON. TSHOLO: For more than 34 months.

HON. SPEAKER: Your time is long up.

HON. TSHOLO: Ke ithomile. Ke apere mkhonto, ke ithomile. Wa mpona.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo!

HON. TSHOLO: Ga ke a romiwa ke ope. Ke ithomile.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo!

HON. TSHOLO: I am representing the views ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo! Honourable Tsholo!

HON. TSHOLO: Of principals who are in suspension in this particular ... [INTERJECTION]
...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo! Honourable Tsholo! You are out of order! Honourable Tsholo! You are out of order! This is my House. This is my House and the rules will be adhered to. When I call you, you don't speak to another Member. When I call you, you focus on me not another Member. It must never ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. TSHOLO: ... [INAUDIBLE] ... Apologise and Honourable Nathan must call himself to order.

HON. SPEAKER: No! Honourable Tsholo, it must never happen again. Honourable Members! Honourable Members, I'm very generous but when I call you as a Presiding Officer, it's important that you must focus on me. I don't want to do what I've done. I never do this before. I don't want to do it but Honourable Members, when I speak, Honourable Members focus on me not other Members. Please! Does any MEC wish to respond? Honourable Lenkopane.

HON. LENKOPANE: Thank you Honourable Speaker. Whilst concerns relating to suspensions and labour disputes may be raised publicly, it is important to recognise that labour related matters are governed by established legal and administrative processes outside the scope of the Legislature. The Legislature must remain focused on its constitutional mandate of oversight, law-making and public accountability.

Where proper procedures and remedies already exist, effected, it is important that parties must know that they are empowered to utilise the relevant institutional and legal mechanisms. It is therefore important that this House must not allow itself to be diverted from substantive governance matters through what increasingly appears to be a political ploy intended to stretch the mandate and scope of Legislature beyond its intended constitutional functions. Thanks Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Van Huyssteen, your statement.

HON. VAN HUYSSTEEN: Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise to table this member statement on behalf of the Democratic Alliance. The purpose of the NCOP week which took place from the 12th to the 15th of May, last week in Matlosana, North West, was to bring parliament to the people.

The move was a chance to increase public participation on issues such as water, sanitation, electricity, agriculture, economic development and health. Instead of an organised engagement with residents, the event took on the nature of a poorly scripted ANC campaign stop. Members were met with a programme as obscure as Brown Mogotsi's testimony before the Madlanga Commission.

Disgruntled, disillusioned residents came to express their anger and betrayal by the ANC to NCOP Members and delegates from various Legislatures across South Africa. We heard from a resident, Madam Speaker, that during the 1994 elections, he was a member of the youth. He voted ANC yet today he's 50 years old and he's still unemployed.

We heard the literal cries of a mother pleading for a house to be taken out of sewage in Matlosana where she has to boil Sta-soft on a stove top just to try and get rid of the stench of raw sewage. Parliament coming to the people turned into the people bringing the bitter truth of their daily struggles under ANC-led provincial and local government.

The programme turned into an anti-ANC campaign event. By the time of the event closure, no amount of Sta-soft could be boiled in any stove top in Matlosana to remove and hide what has been exposed which is the ANC stinks and the people of North West have smelled it. As the Democratic Alliance, we thank those who came to this NCOP gathering.

We thank those who voiced their concerns. The mothers spoke out for their children. The unemployed who came to tell us how they have to beg for work. The homeless demanding where is my house after three decades. The business owner asking when government will be paying their invoices for work tendered.

The Democratic Alliance did not go to the NCOP week to eat lunch, the DA was there and we heard the cries and no word missed a single beat. Together we can get our municipalities

working. Together we can get North West working but most importantly, Madam Speaker, together we can restore hope. ... [INAUDIBLE] ...

Kanana residents who coincidentally voted for the ANC last week on the 13th of May were already crying about their decision at the NCOP on the 14th, the very next day. So what is the conclusion following this NCOP week and what is the biggest question that North West residents need to ask themselves?

HON. SPEAKER: As you wrap up.

HON. VAN HUYSSTEEN: Residents need to decide: Are they going to start saving for Black Friday to buy Sta-soft in bulk to boil on their stove tops or are they going to vote DA on the fourth of November? I thank you Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. MECs, anyone who want to respond? Honourable Lenkopane.

HON. LENKOPANE: Thank you Honourable Speaker. It is really disappointing to note that where I was a panellist for two days; it is so disappointing Speaker to note that during the NCOP visit where I was a panellist for two days where our people were taken through the work of government especially focusing on mining, the work of Public Works, Health and the immediate response including the response of the MM and the Mayor of Matlosana to deal with the old infrastructure that cost us as the government.

Today we are sitting here and having the Honourable Member who is supposed to be actually taking a lead in guiding our people, misleading and talking about a 50 year old. It is also not fair that the person who was raising that matter, I was a panellist. She was responded to. It was attended to and it can't be a topic of Legislature today. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. We now come to Honourable Chief Whip.

HON. ROSHO: Tla ke go leboge Mmusakgotla. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the African National Congress to table a statement on the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, adopted by Parliament on the 8 May 1996, as one of the greatest milestones in the democratic history of our country and people.

This historic Constitution laid the foundation for the building of a united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa. Guided by the values and traditions of the liberation struggle, it drew inspiration from the 1923 ANC Bill of Rights, the African Claims Document of 1943, the Women's Charter, the Freedom Charter of 1955, the Constitutional Principles for a Democratic South Africa of 1991, and the Reconstruction and Development Programme of 1994.

The Constitution has guaranteed equal rights to all South Africans and entrenched the fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech, freedom of the media, the right to organise, the right to protest, and access to socio-economic rights such as education, healthcare, housing, social security and justice.

It has guided our democratic journey towards healing the divisions of the past and advancing the project of nation building and reconciliation. Over the 30 years, the democratic state has progressively expanded access to basic services, education, water and sanitation, healthcare, electricity, social grants and public infrastructure to millions who were deliberately excluded under apartheid.

The Constitution enabled the introduction of the social wage and created the framework for meeting the basic needs of the people, especially the poor and working class. The ANC also takes pride in the progressive jurisprudence and transformation of the judiciary under the democratic Constitution.

The ANC further celebrates the transformation of institutions of state, including the judiciary itself. The late Justice Yvonne Mokgoro became the first female Justice of the Constitutional Court, paving the way for greater gender transformation in the legal fraternity and the apex court. Today, women constitute the majority of the Constitutional Court, reflecting the constitutional commitment to non-sexism and equality. The Constitution remains a living instrument for socio-economic transformation and redress.

Among the major democratic advances flowing from the Constitution are the progressive laws aimed at expanding equality and access to opportunity, including the Basic Education Laws Amendment Act, which advances access, diversity and transformation in education in honour

of the generation of the 1976 June 16 Uprising, particularly as the country approaches the 50th anniversary of that historic revolt.

The National Health Insurance advances the constitutional vision of healthcare for all, while the Employment Equity Amendment Act strengthens the pursuit of equity and transformation in the workplace. As we celebrate these achievements, the ANC also recognises the 30 years of democracy have primarily laid the foundation for transformation and that much work still has to be done.

The struggle for economic transformation, inclusive growth, industrialisation, job creation, skills development, land reform and agrarian transformation therefore remains central to the full realisation of the Constitution's promise of a better life for all.

The ANC notes with concern the growing pushback against the transformative values of the Constitution by forces opposed to affirmative action, Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment, land reform and universal healthcare. We reject attempts to undermine transformation, sponsor secessionist tendencies, weaken national unity or reverse the democratic gains achieved since 1994.

The Constitution obliges all of us to heal the divisions of the past through meaningful redress and inclusion. At the same time, the ANC recognises that no Constitution is static or perfect. Constitutions evolve as societies evolve. We remain permanent, however, are the founding values of human dignity, equality, non-racialism, non-sexism, democracy and social justice that underpin our constitutional order.

As we commemorate 30 years of the democratic Constitution, the ANC calls on all South Africans to defend and deepen the constitutional democracy, to reject racism, tribalism, xenophobia, sexism and division, tendencies of exclusion and undermining some of the legislation that has been repealed for purposes of transformation ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: As you wrap up Chief Whip.

HON. ROSHO: And to continue working together to build a united, inclusive, prosperous and non-racial South Africa. I therefore, I move Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Chief Whip. Does any MEC wish to respond? Honourable Lenkopane.

HON. LENKOPANE: Thank you Honourable Speaker. Let me join the Chief Whip and clear to indicate that as government we remain and we continue to appreciate and uphold the Constitution of South Africa as one of the greatest achievements of our democratic dispensation. It is also important that at the same time we must honestly acknowledge that many of the socio-economic challenges confronting our people today are rooted in the deeply unequal and exclusive systems inherited from our painful past.

The Constitution must therefore continue serving not only as protector of rights but also as a transformative instrument for correcting historical injustices and building more equitable society. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Honourable Members, I now proceed to the Executive Statement in terms of Rule 130(a). Does any Member of the Executive wish to present a statement or make an Executive Statement? I'm taking hands. Honourable Lenkopane, Honourable Tlhapi. Those are the only two Executive Statements. Honourable Lenkopane.

HON. LENKOPANE: Thank you Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, the North West Provincial Government through the Department of Economic Development notes with pride the international recognition bestowed upon Sun City Resort after being awarded the prestigious IGA Summit Award for Casino of the Year.

This achievement comes at a time when our province continues to confront serious socio-economic challenges, particularly unemployment, poverty and inequality. Yet, amidst these challenges, this recognition stands as a powerful indicator of the resilience, potential and growing competitiveness in the North West economy.

Honourable Speaker, Sun City remains one of the largest employers in our province, sustaining close to 3 000 jobs across its operations, with approximately 250 employees directly attached to the casino, the recipient of the award operations. Importantly, employment within the casino

environment is not ordinary employment alone. It is highly regulated and professionalised sector requiring licensing, vetting and continuous compliance oversight by the North West Gambling Board of this government.

In this regard, this award reflects the credibility and integrity of our provincial gambling regulatory systems. It is reflecting effectiveness of the North West Gambling Board as a licensing authority. Honourable Speaker, this achievement are closely linked to sectors like tourism, hospitality, gambling and entertainment, trading and conferencing. And tourism continue to demonstrate its strategic importance as a driver of inclusive economic growth.

The contribution of the gambling and tourism sectors to the provincial revenue generation must also be acknowledged. Through licensing fees that we are collecting from Sun City, the gambling taxes, the tourism expenditure and related economic activity, it is very clear that this is to be celebrated by government.

Sun City on its international platform therefore becomes a symbol of economic resilience; destination competitiveness; employment sustainability; revenue enhancement; and the growing stature of the North West Province within the tourism and entertainment economy of Africa. Thank you Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Does any Member wish to respond? None. Honourable Tlhapi, your statement.

HON. TLHAPI: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, one of the constitutional mandates of the Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation is implementation of commemorative days as a mechanism to promote social cohesion and nation building.

In carrying out this mandate, the department commemorated freedom month on the 28th of April this year at Mmabana, Taung. The Freedom Day commemoration event commenced with the gender-based violence and femicide awareness walk aimed at addressing the persistent and grave challenges posed by the GBVF in our society.

This was followed by aerobics activities intended to encourage a culture of health, wellness and active living among both youth and elderly. In honour of the valiant stalwart of the

liberation struggle who against all odds made sacrifices to secure the freedom and the rights enjoyed by all citizens, the department observed this year's freedom month under the theme: Freedom and the rule of law - 32 years of democratic citizenship.

The occasion served as a moment of reflection on the state of our democracy acknowledging a significant progress we have made as government since the advent of the democratic rule. Following the first democratic elections of the 27th April 1994 while also recognising the challenges confronting our nation today.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I want to say that the prevailing socio-political dynamics facing our nation today coupled with the forthcoming seventh democratic local government elections that are to take place on the 4th November this year underscores the continued growth, resilience and maturity of South Africa's democratic dispensation.

It remains a collective responsibility of all citizens to uphold, to protect and advance the hard-won gains of freedom and democracy. I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Tlhapi. Does any Member wish to respond? Honourable Morweng.

HON. MORWENG: Thank you Speaker. The Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism under the leadership of MEC Bitsa Lenkopane has commenced an intensified 18-Day Service Delivery and Compliance Blitz, beginning in Kagisano-Molopo Local Municipality.

This programme is aimed at taking government directly to communities through on-site inspections and compliance monitoring together with senior management, boards and regulatory entities of the department. The campaign focuses on critical areas including liquor licensing, illegal gambling, hunting compliance, business licensing, tourism establishment compliance, and waste management systems within municipalities.

Honourable Speaker, the intervention has already exposed serious challenges raised by communities, including the misuse and fronting of trading and liquor licences, allegations involving foreign nationals operating through proxy arrangements, illegal gambling operations, and weak municipal waste management systems.

As part of enforcement operations, illegal gambling machines have already been confiscated, and the MEC has directed regulatory boards to institute immediate sampled investigations into all suspicious activities identified during the inspections.

The campaign has further revealed serious weaknesses in some municipalities regarding landfill management, wastewater processing, septic tank disposal systems, and community guidance on waste disposal sites and drop-off points.

Honourable Speaker, the Department remains committed to supporting municipalities through Section 154 interventions and all intergovernmental relations processes. However, accountability remains non-negotiable. Municipalities failing to comply with environmental legislation may face serious penalties, including fines of up to R10 million or imprisonment as prescribed by law.

The Department will continue engaging communities, businesses, tourism establishments and municipalities to restore compliance, protect the economy, improve service delivery and build a cleaner, safe and more sustainable North West Province. I thank you Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Morweng. Does any Member wish to respond? Honourable Sonakile.

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much Speaker. And Speaker, we welcome that move by the Department especially on the issuing of fines for municipalities especially on environmental crimes. But you know Speaker, this Executive Statement is concerning because Honourable Morweng as a Member of the Executive has his own department that he can talk to its successes ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonakile!

HON. SONAKILE: Yes Speaker ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonakile!

HON. SONAKILE: *Yaanong* it shows *gore* this thing ya *bo-convener ba* Mme Bitsa bo confirmed ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonakile!

HON. SONAKILE: Because *o starta* a delegate other Members to even do the job for her while she is in the House.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonakile! May you take your seat. Thank you for your comment. Honourable Members of the Executive, I want to bring your attention to the rule books. I believe every Member of this House have got a rule book. I wish to bring to your attention on Rule 130(a) Executive Statements.

And we cannot question that Honourable Lenkopane's statement that relate to what she said was read by Honourable Morweng. But Honourable Members of the Executive please acclimatise yourself with that rule because No. 4 of that rule, on the eve of the sitting before 12 'o clock, all your statements must be with the Chief Whip.

So it is important and you are only entitled to one statement per sitting. Now it's important that Honourable Members must read that rule and have a clear understanding because Executive Members, he-eh, hei! Executive Members are given an opportunity in the House to tell the community of North West of the good work they are doing.

That's the role of your statement, but if Members, hei! If Members of the Executive don't bring the statement in the House, it's a problem. So I'm pleading with you Honourable Members, but you only qualify for one statement per sitting. Thank you very much Honourable Members. Secretary, may you read the next order.

SECRETARY: ORDER NO. 4 ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, reports have been tabled through the ATC and referred to the relevant committee for scrutiny and further processing. Committee reports were also tabled through the ATC. Does the House adopt the committee recommendations as House resolutions?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Members. The committee recommendations are now resolutions of this House. Honourable Members, committee recommendations are now resolutions of this House. I'm repeating this colleagues. You'll understand why am I repeating it. Thank you very much. Secretary, may you read the next order.

SECRETARY: ORDER NO. 5 PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS

5.1 Division of Revenue Bill, [B5-2026]

Final Mandate

5.2 North West Consumer Affairs Bill, [B03-2025]

Second and Third Reading

5.3 North West Gambling Act, Amendment Bill, [B04-2025]

Second and Third Reading

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the Portfolio Committee on Premier and Finance conducted public hearings in the four districts of the North West Province on the Division of Revenue Bill [B5-2026]. Submissions were received and processed. The NCOP Select Committee processed submissions from the provinces. The Portfolio Committee further agreed to submit the final mandate in favour of the Bill to the NCOP. Does the House concur that the final mandate be submitted to the NCOP in favour of the Division of Revenue Bill [B5-2026]?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. The final mandate will be sent to the NCOP in favour of the bill. Honourable Members, I now call chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism, Honourable Khonou to present committee report on the North West Consumer Affairs Bill, [B03-2025] and move for the adoption. Honourable Khonou, you have 10 minutes.

HON. KHONOU: Honourable Speaker, thank you very much. Honourable Speaker, I wish to table a report of the Portfolio Committee. Firstly, in respect of the North West Consumer Affairs Bill. So the bill was referred by the Speaker Honourable Desbo Mohono to the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism for consideration and reporting.

The Portfolio Committee received presentations from the department on the 13th of June 2025. Following this briefing the committee embarked on public hearings throughout the province on the 20th of June held as follows: In Ngaka Modiri Molema, in Bojanala in the area of Mantserre, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati, Dr KK. So, in total 1 119 people were reached in various districts in the province.

The Portfolio Committee further to this public engagement, had roundtable discussions on the 6th of March together with the department, stakeholders and retailers where they were given a further opportunity to engage on the bill. But unfortunately, none of the stakeholders who had made written submissions were in fact did attend this roundtable discussion. This was a very important step, Honourable Speaker, so that we give effect to the constitutional imperative of meaningful public participation and not one where we just do the bare minimum.

Now what does the bill seek to achieve? It seeks to curb the current challenges associated with implementation of hybrid legislation which are not consistent with one another, align the provincial legislation to established norms and standards in terms of the Consumer Protection Act, to create certainty on the applicable legal system, to provide consistent, predictable and effective regulatory framework for the consumer protection in the province, to provide for accessible, consistent, harmonised, efficient and effective system of redress mechanism.

The objective of the Consumer Affairs Bill stated as follows: To provide for realisation, promotion and protection of consumer rights, to establish consumer affairs office, define objects of the bill, establish the consumer affairs office, provide powers, duties and functions of the office, establish the consumer affairs tribunal, provide for composition and disqualification of members of the tribunal, provide for powers of the tribunal and enforcement of its orders.

One of the duties and powers of the office to mediate disputes between consumers and suppliers, service providers, remove and condemn goods that are not labelled, issue compliance notices to businesses that are selling goods whilst not complying with the consumer protection legislation, issue fines to the businesses which are engaged in prohibited conduct, conduct awareness sessions and disseminate information to both consumers and businesses, monitor consumer market, to detect and prevent businesses from engaging in prohibited conduct, to give office the power to summon ... [INAUDIBLE] ... businesses to appear before it, refer unresolved cases to the Consumer Affairs Tribunal for adjudication.

The bill also makes provision for appointment of staff. We do note the existing staff so there won't be an extra burden in terms of hiring additional staff. We will make use of the existing personnel. And then just briefly on the powers of the tribunal to hear and consider, make determinations on whether businesses engaging in repeated conduct or not, to grant appropriate relief to consumers including requiring businesses to refund consumers for pecuniary loss suffered as a result of engaging in prohibited conduct, issue administrative fines for engaging in prohibited conduct, to impose administrative fines for businesses and consumers who do not comply with summons to appear before the tribunal or those who undermine or disrupt the tribunal proceedings, institute criminal prosecutions for non-compliance with tribunal orders.

I have already alluded to the matter of financial ramifications. The committee held quite extensive deliberations on this bill. There were a number of concerns which were raised and I think the department was able to respond adequately to these concerns. I'm not going to detain the Legislature by going through that section.

Just to illustrate once more the extent to which the Legislature went in terms of enhancing public participation. Firstly, to reflect where adverts were placed to get public participation: North West Papers, The Mail, Klerksdorp Rekord, Rustenburg Herald, Stellalander Community Newspaper, Even Solutions, Business Incorporated, Taung Daily News, Naledi News, GIS Media and so and so forth. They are all listed in the report.

And then there were further broadcasts on national radio, on Motswedding, YOU FM, SAFM, and then community radio stations are stated in the report. We received copious amount of submissions from the public engagements. Paragraph 7.1 lists the various issues which communities raised mostly about operational issues, administrative issues which the department is expected to attend to.

We also welcome the inputs that were received in Ngaka Modiri Molema, very similar concerns. The inputs which were raised, made by the public in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati. And then similarly the inputs which were made by the broader community of Bojanala. What is important to indicate; Honourable Speaker and Members is that all the four districts were in favour of this bill. There was an overwhelming support.

I made note earlier on or I made cognisance of inputs that were received from stakeholders who unfortunately did not attend this roundtable discussion. Thuso Monnnagotlhe who is a director of Lovisto Tours but a lot of those issues did not have any material impact on the bill as had been presented.

So the Portfolio Committee would like to recommend as follows: That the Legislature support this report, support this initiative and I would like to firmly move on behalf of the Portfolio Committee for this august House to consent to the adoption, the passing of the North West Consumer Affairs Bill of 2025. I present this report of the Portfolio Committee to this House for consideration. Thanks, Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Khonou. Does the House adopt committee report and its recommendations?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Members. The committee report is now adopted by this House, and its recommendation are now resolutions of the House. I'll now evoke Rule 252, Sub-section (3) to allow the House to consider both the principle and detail of the Bill and for the Bill to be read for the second time. Does the House concur?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Secretary, may you read the Bill for the second time.

SECRETARY: This bill shall be called the North West Consumer Affairs Bill [B03-2025].

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I will now read the roll call in terms of Rule 245, Sub-section (1) to determine the quorum. Where's my register? Okay. I will use this one. Honourable Babuile? Honourable Bogatsu? Honourable Botswe?

HON. BOTSWE: Present.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Dabampe?

HON. DABAMPE: Present.

HON. SPEAKER: On record. On record.

HON. DABAMPE: Present Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Dantjie?

HON. DANTJIE: *Ke teng Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Dial?

HON. DIAL: *Ke ka kwano Ngaka.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Groenewald? Honourable Khonou?

HON. KHONOU: Present Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Kodisang?

HON. KODISANG: *Ke teng* Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: On record. Just go on record.

HON. KODISANG: *Ke teng* Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Bring the mic closer to you so that it's on record.

HON. KODISANG: *Ke teng* Madam Speaker. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Honourable Lehari? Honourable Lenkopane?

HON. LENKOPANE: ... [INAUDIBLE] *o teng* Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Magagane? Honourable Maine?

HON. MAINE: Present Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Makgokgowa? Honourable Matshe? Honourable Matuane?

HON. MATUANE: *Bosele Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Modise?

HON. MODISE: *Mme o teng* Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Moema? Honourable Mohono, I'm present. Honourable Mokgosi? Honourable Mokua?

HON. MOKUA: *Ke teng* Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Morweng?

HON. MORWENG: Present Doctor.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Mosenogi?

HON. MOSENOGI: Present *Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Motsumi? Honourable Oliphant?

HON. OLIPHANT: Present Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Rosho?

HON. ROSHO: *Ke teng Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sambatha?

HON. SAMBATHA: *Ke teng Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sebegoe? *O rile eng?* Honourable Sambatha, what did you say? Repeat yourself.

HON. SAMBATHA: *Ke itse ke teng. Tsweetswee.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sebegoe? Honourable Sonakile?

HON. SONAKILE: Present.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonti?

HON. SONTI: *Ndikhona Somlomo.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steenkamp?

HON. STEENKAMP: Present Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl?

HON. STEYL: *Ndikhona Somlomo.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tlhapi?

HON. TLHAPI: *Ke teng Dokotela.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo?

HON. TSHOLO: *Ke teng Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Van Huyssteen?

HON. VAN HUYSSTEEN: Present Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Wallhorn?

HON. WALLHORN: *Teenwordig* Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Okay, okay. Honourable Members, I have satisfied myself that majority of Members are present in the House to consider the bill in accordance with Rule 245, Sub-section

(1) of the Standing Rules. The House will now adopt the Bill clause by clause. Honourable Moema, when I was calling the register, you were not here but I understood you were in the House. Maybe it was a comfort break for you. Can you go on record and confirm your presence? Honourable Moema?

HON. MOEMA: Thank you Speaker. We are present. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Okay. Now we will take Clause, one by one. Clause 1, does the House agree?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 2, does the House agree?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 3, does the House agree?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: When I talk to the House, I talk to the whole House and I'm expecting all Members of the House to agree. When you keep quiet, I'm not sure whether you are agreeing or not. So please I'm requesting all Honourable Members of this House to speak. Clause 4?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 5?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 6?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 7?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 8?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 9?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 10?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sonakile *o lapile ka bonako*. Clause 11?

HON. ROSHO: Deputy Minister is quiet.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 11?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 12?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 13?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 14?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 15?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 16?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seventeen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Eighteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Nineteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty there?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Some Honourable Members, I understand they were very tired already.

HON. SAMBATHA: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: It's still early. Honourable Members, I will now call on MEC for Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism to give a third reading speech if she deems it necessary and move for the adoption of the Bill. Honourable Lenkopane.

HON. ROSHO: Five minutes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Lenkopane is fine. Does the House; order! Honourable Lenkopane is fine. Does the House concur that the Bill be read for the third time?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Secretary, may you read the bill for the third time.

SECRETARY: The Bill is now called The North West Consumer Affairs Act No. 2 of 2026.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Secretariat. The North West Consumer Affairs Act No. 2 of 2026 will be submitted to the Premier for ascent as per Rule 256 of the Standing Rules. I thank

you so much Honourable Members. Now Honourable Members, I call again the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism, Honourable Khonou, to present the Bill [B04-2025] and move for the adoption. Honourable Khonou you have 10 minutes.

HON. KHONOU: Thank you very much once more Honourable Speaker. Honourable Bafana PTT Sonakile, the North West Gambling Amendment Act Bill of 2025 was formally referred by the Speaker Honourable Dr Mohono to the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism for consideration and reporting.

The Portfolio Committee received well-structured presentation from the Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Tourism on the North West Gambling Amendment Bill of 2025 through a virtual meeting which was held on the 13th of June 2025. Following this briefing, the committee once more embarked on public hearings throughout the province on the 20th of June 2025 held as follows: Ngaka Modiri Molema District, Makgobistad Community Hall, Bojalana District, Mantserre Community Hall, Dr Segomotsi Mompati District, Reivilo Community Hall, and Dr Kenneth Kaunda District, Ga-Mogopa Community Hall.

In total in excess of 1 237 people were reached in various districts in the province. The Portfolio Committee did in fact have roundtable discussions on the 19th of February together with the department, stakeholders where all the parties had discussions on the North West Gambling Amendment Bill.

The following stakeholders did in fact attend this meeting: Goldrush Gaming Group, Peermont Global North West Division, 4Racing, umAfrika Gaming Technologies. I think this roundtable discussion was very important because some of the stakeholders had inputs that could potentially materially impact on amendments on the bill. And through these roundtable discussions all the parties especially the gambling board they were able to find each other.

So we do not expect any litigation arising out of this amendment. The Portfolio Committee requested licensees must further engage with North West Gambling Board within a week of that roundtable discussion. And indeed, like I've just alluded to, Madam Speaker, they were able to find each other. We got a formal report from the CEO of the gambling board which indicated that say for a few cosmetic issues on the bill, they had actually reached consensus.

What are the objectives of this bill? This bill seeks to amend the North West Gambling Act of 2021, Act No. 2 of 2001 to effect textual amendments, to insert new definitions and new provisions and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The purpose of the bill is to prepare and ready ourselves legislatively for the introduction of online gambling, delete and amend certain definitions for purpose of clarity, amend Section 65 of the Act to address the powers of inspection for purposes of enforcement of the Act and also amend Section 82 of the Act to set a base for administrative enforcement of the Act on illegal gambling, sought to comply with Mogajane versus chairperson of the North West Gambling Board. This is a Constitutional Court case where the judgement was issued in June 2006.

Set a base for the amendment and introduction of fines surging through the regulations, introduce the North West Gambling and Betting Taxes Act, sought to comply with the constitutional court judgement in Casino Association of South Africa and others versus Member of the Executive Council of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism and others. This was a case of 2023. Remove any reference to levies to remain with taxes only.

The next section is to deal with motivation for amendments. The board is an administrative body regulating gambling. The Act is administrative in nature and not criminal. And up to now, enforcement has been approached in a criminal manner. In order to reduce reliance on the police for criminal investigations, there is a need to up or increase administrative enforcement which is a primary function of the board.

When you look at actual amendments, those are stated from page 5 of the report. Definitions, I hope I do not have to read every one of these amendments, but they are clearly stated in the report which has been tabled. This first part, definitions, market clarification and opening up definitions for other modes and types of licenses, remove references to National Gambling Act of 1996 as repealed by the 2004 National Act, enable the board to prosecute privately in terms of Section 8 of the Criminal Procedures Act, private prosecutions under statutory rights.

Insert requirement to responsible member to consult with Portfolio Committee in appointment of board members, enable appointment of an interim board in the event of absence of a substantive board, extension of circumstances which can lead to vacancies in the board, remove the requirement for taking an oath for purposes of employment, extend the sections to include betting, fines paid for illegal gambling to be for the use of the board.

Reasons, justification, those are clearly stated here. The section from section 24, section 37 from the top there of ... [INAUDIBLE] ... operations are not gambling and may do so with the certificate of suitability instead of a license. So it makes it easy for new entrants into the sector. It carries on with those sections I've alluded to, section 27, section 27(a), section 32(3)(a)(b), section 33, section 34, section, 35, section 36 and section 37.

Carries on in the next page, reasons for justification from the top of the page, section 38 to section 45. So it's 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45. And then carries on further in section 46, 49, 50 to 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 59(a), 59(b), 69(a), 64 to 65. Section 66 to 75, section 76, section 77 to 79, section 82, section 82(b) and then section 82. Section 87 to section 89, section 89(a), section 90 and then lastly the section that addresses Constitutional Court judgment and introduces the revised tariffs for gambling and betting taxes.

When you then look at deliberations of the Portfolio Committee, I think the Portfolio Committee was largely satisfied with the submission of the department and the gambling board. Some of the concerns that were raised have been attended to and will be addressed on an ongoing basis in quarterly performance assessment of the entity.

Just to reaffirm that in giving meaningful effect to public participation, constitutional provision of public participation, we advertised the bill for public comments, North West Newspapers, The Mail, Klerksdorp Rekord, Rustenburg Herald, Stellalander Community Newspaper, Even, Business Incorporated, News Fact, Taung Daily News, Naledi News, GIS Media, Meepong Post, Kagisano Molopo News, Ratlou Tribune, and Leekwa-Teemane News.

Additionally, broadcasts on national radio stations, Motswedding, YOU FM, SAFM, Radio Sonder Grense FM, community radio stations, Mafikeng FM, Vaaltar FM, Kopano FM, Star FM and Moretele FM. We once more got a ... [INTERRRUPTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: As you go to the recommendation with two minutes left.

HON. KHONOU: Just to acknowledge, Madam Speaker, that all the districts they made very positive inputs and the summary of those inputs is that they all in fact voted in favour of the Bill. I've alluded to submissions from the stakeholders, very, very valuable submissions that

we engaged with them about. And there is in our view, absolute consensus across the board welcoming this Bill in supporting it.

So the recommendations of the Portfolio Committee is firstly for the report to be adopted by the House and for the House to approve, to consent to the approval of this Bill. Thank you very much Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Khonou. Thank you. Honourable Members, does the House adopt the committee report and its recommendations?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Table staff, can you make sure that all Members have got water on their table because it's going to be a mountain of clauses here so that they get a lot of energy to speak. Make sure there's water everywhere for them. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much Honourable Members.

The committee report is now adopted by this House, and the recommendations are now resolutions of the House. I will now evoke Rule 252, Sub-section (3) to allow the House to consider both the principle and detail of the Bill and for the Bill to be read for the second time. Does the House agree?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Secretary, may you read the Bill for the second time.

SECRETARY: This bill shall be called the North West Gambling Act Amendment Bill [B04-2025].

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Secretariat. I will now read the roll call in terms of Rule 245, Sub-section (1) to determine the quorum of the House. Honourable Babuile? Honourable Bogatsu? Honourable Botswe?

HON. BOTSWE: Ke teng Mmusakgotla.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Dabampe?

HON. DABAMPE: *Ke sabotage. Ke teng.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Dabampe?

HON. DABAMPE: *Ha ke itse. Ke teng mare go na le sabotage. Ha ke tlhaloganye. Ke Nathan, ke bona a kgotlakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Don't worry, they will take care of that sound. Honourable Dantjie?

HON. DANTJIE: *Ke teng Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Dial?

HON. DIAL: Present Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Groenewald? Honourable Khonou?

HON. KHONOU: Present Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Kodisang?

HON. KODISANG: *Ke teng Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Lehari?

HON. BOTSWE: PTT.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Lenkopane?

HON. LENKOPANE: ... [INAUDIBLE] ... *o teng* Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Magagane? Honourable Maine?

HON. BOTSWE: PTT.

HON. MAINE: Present Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you. Sonakile you must be careful because the DS might cut your minutes. You don't speak too much when it's a Presiding Officer. Honourable Makgokgowa? Honourable Matshe? Honourable Matuane?

HON. MATUANE: *Ke hano Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Modise?

HON. MODISE: *Mme o teng* Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Moema?

HON. MOEMA: Present Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Mohono, I'm present. Honourable Mokgosi? Honourable Mokua?

HON. MOKUA: Present Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Molapisi? Honourable Morweng?

HON. MORWENG: Present Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Mosenogi?

HON. MOSENOGI: Present *Mmusakgotla*.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Motsumi? Honourable Oliphant?

HON. OLIPHANT: Present Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Oliphant?

HON. OLIPHANT: Present Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Okay. *O etswa ke wena Sonakile.* Honourable Rosho?

HON. ROSHO: *Ke teng Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sambatha?

HON. SAMBATHA: Present *Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sebegoe? Honourable Sonakile?

HON. SONAKILE: Present.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Sonti?

HON. SONTI: *Ndikhona Somlomo.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steenkamp?

HON. STEENKAMP: I'm present Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl?

HON. STEYL: *Agbare Speaker ek is teenwordig. Dankie.*

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Tlhapi?

HON. TLHAPI: *Ke teng Mmusakgotla.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Tsholo?

HON. TSHOLO: Present Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Van Huyssteen?

HON. VAN HUYSSTEEN: Present Madam Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Wallhorn?

HON. WALLHORN: *Teenwordig* Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Williams. Thank you Honourable Members. Thank you very much Honourable Members. Honourable Members, I have satisfied myself that majority of the Members are present in the House to consider the bill; we are dealing with Bills, it's better to focus. Honourable Members! Honourable Members, we are dealing with Bills. We better focus

because once we adopt them and they are our Act as the House, they go to the public. So it's important that when we deal with them, we become, *re nne le botsitso*.

This is our Act and it's an achievement for us as a province. I was saying I have satisfied myself that majority of Members are present in the House to consider the Bill in accordance with Rule 245, Sub-section (1) of the Standing Rules. The House will now adopt the Bill clause by clause. You have received water *akere*? They are 74. You have received water. Let's start. Clause 1?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Haven't' you received water?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Clause 2?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Ten?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Eleven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twelve?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fourteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seventeen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Eighteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Nineteen?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: No talking. Only agreeing.

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Twenty nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: I'm watching those who are not speaking.

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thirty nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Forty nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Do you need a break?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Okay. Fifty?

HON. MOEMA: Speaker?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Did someone say no on clause 52?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Fifty nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty five?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty six?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty seven?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty seven?

HON. ROSHO: He-eh Suzie bathong.

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty eight?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Sixty nine?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seventy?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seventy one?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seventy two?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seventy three?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Seventy four?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: I was watching those who were not talking. I know where I will get you. Thank you very much Honourable Members. I will now call MEC for Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism to give a third reading speech if she deems it necessary and move for the adoption of the Bill. Honourable Lenkopane.

HON. LENKOPANE: Honourable Speaker, I don't have much to say but just to agree with what the chairperson of the Portfolio Committee has put before your House but Speaker it would be unfair if I cannot raise that we really from the side of government appreciate the work done by your House.

This is the moment of history, Speaker. We are at a moment where the Premier has called all of us to undergo reform in the institutions that we are leading because our people are hungry, our people are unemployed. And the two bills that you have just processed to become the Act, or the amendment of existing Act is indeed a history and is a movement to the right direction.

We congratulate your House for the hard work and we understand that we are emerging from having paid out to the licencees close to 47 million of the constitutional court ruling and the corrective measures carried by this process is a clear indication that we have listened to our people, and we are moving to the direction.

This means economy, this means revenue enhancement. This means a formula that is also going to bail out our people, and this means inclusivity. We therefore congratulate and move for whatever that has been put before us. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Lenkopane. Does the House concur that the bill be read for the third time?

HOUSE: Yes.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Members. Secretary, may you please read the bill for the third time.

SECRETARY: The Bill is now called the North West Gambling Amendment Act No. 3 of 2026.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Secretariat. The North West Gambling Amendment Act No. 3 of 2006 will be submitted to the Premier for ascent as per Rule 256 of the Standing Rules. Thank you very much Honourable Members. Indeed, this is a good step in the right direction. And we will appreciate if more can come so that we amend because most of the old ordinances they are making our life as a province difficult.

So we will plead with the Members of the Executive that you look at all the bills that are making your department to run and bring them so that this House can engage itself with them and finally we amend what is causing a problem for the department to move and advance its course. We appreciate and thank you very much Honourable Members. Secretary, may you read the next order.

SECRETARY: ORDER NO. 6 DEBATE ON NOTICE OF MOTIONS AS PER RULE 107

6.1 The contract extension of the CEO of the North West Housing Corporation by the interim board

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, during the sitting of the 3rd of March 2026, Honourable Steyl; okay. Honourable Steyl; now I was distracted. Honourable Steyl tabled the notice of motion in terms of Rule 107 for the House to debate a notice of motion titled: The contract extension of the CEO of the North West Housing Corporation by the interim board.

Honourable Members, I will now call Honourable Steyl. While Honourable Steyl is coming, I will bring to your attention that Honourable Molapisi have appointed Honourable Mosenogi as the acting MEC as Honourable Molapisi is out of the country. Thank you very much. Honourable Steyl, you have 10 minutes.

HON. OLIPHANT: A re utlwe maaka a ga Steyl.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Speaker. This debate is the second time that the DA brought a motion to discuss and debate the disaster that is the North West Housing Corporation. In May 2024, we debated the issue of the proposed R74.3 billion Development Bank of Southern Africa loan to fund the construction of mega projects.

During that debate, some Members indicated that it was premature, but generally, as confirmed by Finance MEC Mosenogi, there would be no loan. But, six months later, we heard that the North West Housing Corporation was pursuing the Hillview mega project in Matlosana for the

township establishment of about 4 700 residential units without any secured funding and without any SPLUMA approval.

The projected cost for the establishment of bulk infrastructure at Hillview is estimated to be at 471 million Rand while the development to its completion could be more than R2.5 billion. The Department of Human Settlements appointed the Housing Corporation as the implementing agent for this mega-project in February 2024.

The Department of Human Settlements confirmed that no payments can be made to the Housing Corporation for the first phase of this project for bulk infrastructure, as per Section 8.2, which stipulates that construction may only commence once the SPLUMA processes have been concluded. So, who will be footing this 471 million Rand project?

Meanwhile, contractors have damaged existing bulk infrastructure, damaged sewerage lines and fibre cables, leaving a trail of destruction, pollution and great inconvenience to residents. Every time a bulk service is damaged, it is the City of Matlosana that must respond to fix the mess.

What is worse is this all appears and this all happens because the City of Matlosana had neglected to submit the plans for existing infrastructure. So the Housing Corporation they were just digging *nje, wena* Honourable Nathan. One can only assume that the costs continue to escalate. Speaker, against this backdrop that the complete and utter failure of governance and ethical leadership, *wa utlwa* Honourable Nathan, at the Housing Corporation today comes under scrutiny.

In October last year, during a meeting of the Portfolio Committee, MEC Oageng Molapisi announced shockingly and unsolicited that the contract of the CEO, Ntate Sello Mogodiri, would be extended by two years. Can you imagine! The committee was informed that this contract is going to be extended by two years and that the Chairperson of the Interim Board, Dr Manketsi Tlhape, was appointed the Chief Operations Officer.

To ease the blow, MEC Molapisi indicated that the Interim Board, which Dr Tlhape was the chairperson, had recommended the extension of the CEO's contract and then *jiki jiki*, MEC Tlhape was then appointed as the Chief Operations Officer of the Housing Corporation. Can you imagine!

Ultimately it was revealed that the Interim Board could not assess the CEO's performance because there was no previous board, there was no board to set the KPIs. Neither were there

any adequate performance assessments done. This apparently placed the Interim Board at a disadvantage to objectively assess the poor performance of Mr Sello Mogodiri.

This argument must be rejected. The committee's records show for many years concerning incidents of poor performance within the Housing Corporation under the so-called leadership of Mr Mogodiri. In defence of this contract extension, the committee was informed that where the CEO's contract ended and a new CEO recruited, it would have negatively impacted the soon to be appointed permanent board, but that interim board's tenure was extended in July 2025.

And almost a year later today, there is still no permanent board at the Housing Corporation and one year into this contract extension of the CEO Mr Sello Mogodiri, it is now clear that this interim board, right, facilitated the extension of the contract and in reward, the former MEC Tlhape got rewarded with a permanent job for more than one million Rand a year.

It is clear that the project in question that the interim board advanced to complete projects linked to Sello Mogodiri was this 471 million Rand contract at Hillview, Matlosana. The Interim Board was appointed in April 2025, a whole cabal of ANC cadres, recycled, previously serving in this Legislature, Parliament or as MECs.

When the committee raised questions about this cadre recycling that you are doing in the ANC, Sello Mogodiri ran to your Chairperson, Nono Maloyi, to complain that he is getting too much pressure in front of the Portfolio Committee and that he's scared to be held accountable. Despite Mr Mogodiri's poor performance and the serious questions around the Housing Corporation, his contract was extended for two years, more than two million Rand, more than two million Rand.

Honourable Speaker, when you look at how things progressed at the Housing Corporation ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl!

HON. STEYL: Since the beginning of this Seventh Administration ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl!

HON. STEYL: To where we are today ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Can you take your seat. There is a point of order. Honourable Tlhapi.

HON. TLHAPI: Thank you very much Speaker. Can a Member take a question Honourable Speaker?

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl, are you ready to take a question?

HON. STEYL: *Mmusakgotla ha ke na nako. Ke na le four minutes fela. Ke batla go qeta speech sa ka.*

HON. SPEAKER: He can't take a question. Thank you Honourable Tlhapi. You may continue.

HON. STEYL: *Ke lebogile Mmusakgotla.* Honourable Speaker, when you look at how things progressed at the Housing Corporation since the beginning of this seventh administration to where we are today, it is clear that the unofficial mandate of the Housing Corporation is to give jobs to ANC cadres and to pursue mega-projects for which there is no funding.

For years, Sello Mogodiri was at the same time both the Chief Executive Officer as well as the accounting authority because this ANC government that keeps on telling us that they do things right and they deliver services, never appointed a board for many years. Then under pressure MEC Molapisi quickly because of pressure from the committee went and found these people and appointed them.

So as the saying goes, one good turn deserves another. And the ANC's cadre deployment through the Housing Corporation is the perfect example of how state institutions are being abused to favour a few, this while the people of North West watch on desperate for the better life the ANC has been promising for the last 30 years.

The people of North West continue to receive appurtenances in service delivery, wating for houses. We heard today some individuals last week at Taking Parliament to the People at the NCOP have been waiting for 30 years for a house, right? They wait for clinics, they wait for roads, they wait for good schools, they wait for water and electricity and sanitation and then the ANC expects them to go and wait in line and vote *gape le gape* ANC. *Nagana!* And they continue to wait for a job ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. OLIPHANT: They done it just now. They done in Ward 20.

HON. STEYL: But the jobs are only guaranteed for these ANC cadres that fell out of political favour like we have seen at the Housing Corporation with Mogodiri and with Tlhape and everyone else that starves that entity. *Sies man! Ha ba na maswabi!* MEC Molapisi, and also all your ANC comrades ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl! Can you take your seat. Honourable Tlhapi.

HON. TLHAPI: Is sies parliamentary Madam Speaker?

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl, have you said the word sies?

HON. STEYL: Ee. Ee, ke a itse.

HON. SPEAKER: What language is sies?

HON. STEYL: Sies because of the corruption. *Mare ke tla e etsa ka Sesotho. Ga! Ga! Ke bobodu ntho ena.*

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Steyl wait! I want to be clear even myself that the word sies, is it parliamentary. You see I'm checking what language is sies and to whom are you saying sies? Are you referring to an individual when you are saying sies because it's belittling a person when you say sies in *ntho*. So can you refrain on using the word that are belittling other people.

HON. STEYL: Thank you Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Please! Please!

HON. STEYL: MEC Molapisi and also all the ANC comrades, whatever you are doing at the Housing Corporation is the reason why in every election cycle, you keep on losing votes. And by 2029, *wa utlwa* Freddy, Honourable Sonakile, by 2029 ... [INTERJECTION] ...

HON. SPEAKER: As you wrap up Honourable Steyl.

HON. STEYL: *Le tla lela botlhe* because all of you will be out of a job and the DA will come in and we will fix this Housing Corporation that you have, I don't know, *ba tlhatswa chelete tsa setshaba* for the last 30 years there inside Housing Corporation. Thank you Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Steyl. Honourable Mosenogi, you have 10 minutes.

HON. MOSENOGI: Ke a leboga Mmusakgotla Ngaka Desbo Mohono. Ke leboge Motlatsa Mmusakgotla Ntate Collen Mokone Maine, ke leboge Semesegolo sa rona sa Ntlo ya rona ya Kokoanotheomolao ya Bokone Bophirima Mme Motlalepule Rosho, ke leboge Batlotlegi botlhe ba ba leng ka fa gare ga Ntlo ya rona ya Kokoanotheomolao ya Bokone Bophirima.

Mmusakgotla, we remain ever transparent and accountable. This is why at the start of 2025/2026 financial year I acted by appointing an interim board in the Housing Corporation or the MEC of Human Settlements. The appointment addressed irregularities identified by the Auditor General where the CEO had assumed the roles of both accounting officer and accounting authority for the longest period of time, a clear risk for effective governance.

I directed the board to stabilise governance and review critical issues including the pending expiry of the CEO contract in June 2025, a matter that the interim board managed to deal with effortlessly considering all legislative prescripts guided such actions.

Honourable Speaker, the mandate of the Housing Corporation is pivotal as it reflects the commitment made by the Freedom Charter that there shall be houses, security and comfort. It is one entity that remains at the centre of delivering on this promise to give effect to Section 26 of the Constitution directing that the state must take reasonable legislation and other measures to achieve the progressive realisation of everyone's right to access to housing.

The North West Housing Corporation Act 24 of 1982 as amended is under review to meet the changing demands of the sector and will enable a response to the growing need for housing in the province. I would like to go to town on the mandate of the North West Housing Corporation but the purpose of the debate I will allow Members to go revisit our annual report as presented and adopted at respective committees of this august House and ultimately in this House.

This morning we are once again called to give rationale of the decision by the interim board which I have indicated that as part of their task they had to consider a matter of the CEO and produce a workable resolution. I may say the reason advanced by the board remains bona fide which led to my decision to grant the extension as requested by the board.

The interim board after rigorous consideration on the 28th of May resolved to recommend a two year extension of CEO Sello Mogodiri effective from the 1st of August until 31st September 2028. As the shareholder, I can confirm and adhere to the people of the province that the board considered amongst other important factors preventing a leadership vacuum.

In the initial appointment of the interim board, their tenure was ending simultaneously. The board term was ending on the 31st of July 2025 and so was the CEO's contract. Without a doubt, logic dictates that losing both at once would negatively affect business continuity, create strategic drift and disrupt operations. Thus, a decision to extend, remains the best to respond to what would have been adverse for the entity.

Institutional memory and audit process. The CEO possesses knowledge as a former accounting authority with the Auditor General on sight, his leadership was vital for accountability and navigating through the audit process. In terms of performance and stability, the tenure of Mogodiri was characterized by improvement in terms of audit outcomes. Entity has achieved four consecutive unqualified audit opinions.

It has remained operationally and financially resilient despite a stagnant grant, never requiring a bailout even when they have a serious challenge. Major projects like a smart city which promised jobs and transformation have advanced under the leadership of both the interim board amidst the challenge obviously that we are all aware of in the smart city project especially in Mahikeng.

Honourable Speaker, there are those who argue that due process were not followed and we wish to indicate that this argument we say due to non-existent performance assessment records, no formal negative performance assessment to consider and given his demonstrated understanding of the entity's social justice mandate, I fully agree and support the decision of the board.

Honourable Speaker, the extension remains credible, transparent and in the interest of corporation stability. The power to extend the contract is part of the oversight responsibility and I maintain that it was exercised prudently. The decision might look as an easy way out that might be far from the truth. The truth is that we choose the best option for the stability and the future of the entity. Addressing the broader state of the North West Housing Corporation to turn the other issues which has been masked under the contract.

Allow me Honourable Speaker to indicate that the administration of the Housing Corporation, we have agreed on a process plan to work out the solution in terms of the challenges that are facing the entity and to improve in terms of its governance, financial accountability and also performance.

Honourable Members, like many of our Departments or entities, the Housing Corporation is under acute financial strain, primarily due to the stagnant operational grant amounting to just over R40million or R44.7million that has not matched its expanding mandate.

We applaud the administration for introducing immediate cost containment measures as a rigorous revenue enhancement drive to mitigate against this challenge to drive over the entity continues to ensure compliance with PFMA and Treasury guidelines.

Honourable Speaker, to strengthen its portfolio and unlock capital for core projects, the corporation will look into disposing some of the non-viable assets in the entity, but they will first start with rigorous collection of what is due to the entity in order for the entity to all pay what is due also to municipalities across the province, but look at various option in bringing stability and where possible, transfers will be made also to relevant municipalities on some of the assets that we think are relevant for municipalities to undertake in line with the inter-governmental relations framework and we are meeting with EXCOs of relevant provinces including the EXCO of the province in undertaking such exercise.

In conclusion Honourable Speaker, let me remind that we will not be deterred. As government we remain focused on delivery, stability and good governance. The facts, that the Auditor General reports and the stability of the North West Housing Corporation speaks for itself.

I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable MEC. Before I call on the next speaker, I asked which language is “*sies*”.

The word “*sies*” is Afrikaans and it is an interjection used to express disgust, disapproval, disappointment or distaste.

Thank you very Honourable Members.

Honourable Botswe, you have nine-minutes.

HON. BOTSWE: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, sorry Honourable Botswe.

Honourable Members, clarifying the word didn't mean you should do what you are doing. You are out of order. You don't do that. Honourable Botswe, your nine-minutes.

HON. BOTSWE: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Nathan, "sies" is a pragtag mooi Afrikaans. Baie dankie.

Honourable Speaker, I rise on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters to firmly oppose the extension of the contract of Sello Mogodiri, the Chief Executive Officer of the North West Housing Corporation by the interim board. This decision is not only premature, but it is also an insult to the people of the North West who continue to suffer under a housing crisis, collapsing governance systems, corruption, maladministration and a complete failure of accountability within this entity.

The North West Housing Corporation was established to provide affordable housing and restore dignity to the poor and working-class people of our Province. Instead, it has become synonymous with controversy, questionable projects, governance failures and financial irregularities. At a time when thousands of our people remain without decent housing, when informal settlements continue to grow...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Botswe, can you take your seat. There is a hand. Honourable Oliphant.

HON. OLIPHANT: Thank you Speaker. I just wanted to ask the Honourable Members if he cares to take the House into confidence on what is the meaning of synonymous.

HON. BOTSWE: Just wait after ke fetsa fana. Ke tla go araba. Ke a fetsa.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Botswe, can you just respond that you will respond later. Don't just dismiss.

HON. BOTSWE: I said I will respond later Honourable Speaker.

At the time thousands of our people remain without decent housing, when informal settlements continue to grow and when communities are crying out for basic shelter, but we have of this institution has been rewarded with a two-year contract extension without any convincing justification before this House.

Honourable Speaker, this extension comes against the backdrop of serious governance failures at the Housing Corporation. For nearly two years, the entity operated without a functional board, leaving the CEO effectively as the sole accounting authority. Such a situation created fertile ground for abuse of power, weak oversight and administrative collapse. The interim board now tells us that the extension was necessary to prevent the “collapse” of the institution. But the real question is, who allowed the institution to deteriorate to such an extent that one individual is now portrayed as indispensable? Institution of governance must never revolve around individuals. They must be governed by system, accountability and transparent leadership.

Honourable Speaker, the EFF further wishes to interrogate whether the extension of the CEO’s contract truly complied with the spirit and requirements of the North West Housing Corporation Act...

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Botswe, there is an order. Honourable Moema.

HON. MOEMA: Thank you Speaker, I am raising in terms of Rule 68 of our standing rules. I thought you are going to protect the speaker but I see you are equally failing to do so and I am humbly requesting from you Speaker that can you speak to the caucus of the ANC to be disciplined. Our people are listening... you see what I am talking about.

HON. SPEAKER: I am not sure Honourable Moema when you I don’t protect the speaker. I really don’t understand. I don’t have a problem with the Rule. Honourable Moema, can you sit down. Honourable Moema, I have been calling all of you to order across the board. I have never been biased to any other speaker. I have been protecting, and I have been calling all of you when you are out of order. I have been calling Honourable Sonakile, I have been calling

Honourable MEC some this side and other Honourable Members. It can't be correct that you say I don't protect the speaker on the platform. It is uncalled for. It must never happen again. I protect all the speakers on the platform and I don't take sides for that matter.

Honourable Member, I have warned all of you and I said to all of you, I can't stop you from hackling, but make sure you don't drown the speaker.

There is nothing wrong hackling the speaker on the platform, but make sure that you don't drown the speaker to the extent that we can't even get on record on what the speaker is saying. I am going to repeat myself, I don't have to be reminded of Rules. I am the custodian of the Rules and Honourable Members, I am expecting all of you to have known the Rules.

Thank you very much.

Honourable Botswe.

HON. BOTSWE: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Speaker, the EFF further wishes to interrogate whether the extension of the CEO's contract truly complied with the spirit and requirements of the North West Housing Corporation Act and the Public Finance Management Act or whether legal technicalities are now being used to sanitize a politically convenient decision.

While it may be correct that the MEC possesses statutory authorities to approve executive appointments and extensions that authority cannot be exercised arbitrarily, irrationally or without proper accountability. The PFMA imposes a fiduciary responsibility on the MEC and the Board to act in the best interests of the entity and the people of the North West. The question before this House is therefore not merely whether the MEC had the power to extend the contract, but whether that power was exercised transparently, lawfully and in the public interest.

Honourable Speaker, the process itself raises serious concerns. The interim board claims to have supported the extension, yet this is the very same interim board that was appointed to stabilize governance failures within the Housing Corporation. How can an interim structure, which has barely had sufficient time to assess the state of the institution, make a far-reaching two-year executive extension decision without first completing a full governance and performance review?

The EFF further notes that the Legislature and the Portfolio Committee were informed of the extension only after the decision had effectively already been taken and implemented. This undermines the purpose of legislative oversight. Consultation cannot simply mean informing the committee after the fact. Oversight requires meaningful engagement, scrutiny and accountability before major governance decisions are implemented.

Honourable Speaker, if the Portfolio Committee was genuinely consulted, the MEC must table before this House the following documents:

- The formal recommendation of the interim board supporting the extension;
- The performance evaluation report of the CEO;
- The legal opinion relied upon by the MEC;
- The updated Service Level Agreement;
- The specific Key Performance Indicators attached to the extension; and
- Proof that Treasury and governance compliance requirements under the PFMA were satisfied.

Without these documents, this Legislature is expected to blindly accept and endorse a process that lacks transparency.

The EFF is also concerned about the Service Level Agreement itself. We are told that the extension was necessary for continuity, but continuity toward what exactly? The Housing Corporation remains plagued by allegations of corruption, weak internal controls, unresolved asset management issues, failed governance systems and questionable mega-project ambitions. If the SLA was renewed, what measurable deliverables were imposed on the CEO to correct these failures? What consequence management mechanisms were introduced? Or was this merely an extension without accountability?

Ke hover'a ta bone ya ma ANC.

Ke a leboga.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Rre Botswe. Honourable Khunou, you have nine-minutes.

HON. KHUNOU: Honourable Speaker, Dr Desbo Mohono, all Members of this august House, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman.

I though today is going to be different, but unfortunately is more of the same.

When you listen to Honourable Steyl here, it is like you are listening to an audio version of daily Sun, because all that he does is come with gossip. There is nothing with substance, this one went to the chairman, and so on and so forth. We will organise a proper session for you to meet the chairperson of the ANC in the province.

Certainly, we want to engage in proper debate, not gossip and the stuff that really belongs to the daily sun. the state of affairs of the North West Housing Corporation is marred by significant operational and governance improvements following a period number of challenges. We must note that it continues to face systematic issues inherent in the housing sector. The entity has successfully stabilised its internal operations and is making strides to achieve its key performance targets, that it operates within an environment of constraint budgets and high construction costs.

The challenging operating environment that the Housing Corporation finds itself in is already alluded to above, requires someone of the calibre and pedigree of the current Chief Executive Officer to put the entity back to its positive trajectory and deliver effectively on its mandate. The interim board of the North West Housing Corporation, in its wisdom and after thorough deliberations, at its board meeting, decided to extend the contract of employment of Mr Sello Mogodiri as CEO for the period of two-years effective from the 1st August 2025 to the 31st September 2028. It is not a haphazard decision, it is well considered decision.

The decision of the board to extend the contract is rooted on the mandate of corporation to provide housing and accommodation in the Province. to drive this massive programme, requires a dedicated and passionate team, led by the current Chief Executive Officer.

The extension of the contract of employment by the employer will enhance efficiency in the workplace and also ensure that there is continuity of operations. In order to support housing corporation's mega projects, the board saw it fit to extend his contract with a view to maximise the experience and the skills set of the current Chief Executive Officer.

When Mr Sello Mogodiri was appointed in 2021, there where challenges of administrative lapses which Auditor General highlighted in the report which cut at the heart of the operations

of the entities such as poor audit plans, the non-collection of rentals from tenants and a host of issues which points to governance failures.

With the support of the MEC, the department, dedicated management and team of committed colleagues, significant progress, we cannot deny this Honourable Speaker, was made by the collective towards the goal of ensuring the entities long term sustainability and success. We are confident as the ANC that the extension of the contract of Mr Mogodiri will serve the cause and in his two-years of extension by the board, with the concurrence of the shareholder, this will go a long way in driving transformation of the entity and other organisational 2025/26 financial year priorities.

With the remaining few years of the interim board in office, we have no doubt as the ANC that the current interim board will lay groundwork for the structured succession plan for the position of the CEO of the organisation. It is noteworthy Madam Speaker, that when the new interim board was appointed, there were mounting concerns of low performance levels and we are pleased that the board working interdorm with the CEO, the management and the entire staff compliment of the organisation instituted a performance turnaround strategy. We are also pleased that the entity, in the process of reviewing its organogram, the organisation is been recalibrated to become fit for purpose by having appropriately skilled and competent personnel.

As I conclude, we have a humble view that since in the inception of the new board, the state of affairs of the Housing Corporation has shown a significant improvement mugged by major governance and performance turnaround plans.

I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Khunou. I will now call Honourable Tsholo. You have four-minutes.

HON. TSHOLO: Thank you very much Honourable Speaker.

Madam Speaker, the uMkhonto weSizwe Party does not support the contract extension of the North West Housing Corporation CEO, Mr Sello Mogodiri.

The MKP is of the view that the contract was improperly and comradely extended without considering the CEO's concerning poor performance at the NWHC raised by the portfolio

committee and this is morally and constitutionally unjustifiable. The contract extension does not meet acceptable sound international ethical human resource practices but substantiates possible existence of favouritism and total disregard of objective merit factors. In this particular regard, uMkhonto weSizwe, finally conclude that, that particular extension of the contract is illegal and it was because of the unfinished mandate nor unlawful instructions by both who do have super ovulated powers over this particular entity. The sound internationally acceptable and morally acceptable human resource practices dictate that a contract extension can be made on three or six months for hand over to the new incumbent.

Both the North West Housing Corporation and the responsible MEC, in this case, Honourable Molapisi have not upheld the basic values, principles and ethics of good governance as governing public administration as required by Section 195 of the Constitution.

uMkhonto weSizwe Party would like to refer the provision of the Ministerial Handbook for Members of the Executive and Presiding Officers, approved by national cabinet on 7 February 2007; Chapter 1 General Standards.

Clause 2.1 of the Ministerial Handbook provides that Members of the Executive must:

- Perform their duties and exercise their powers diligently and honestly;
- Act in good faith and in the best interest of good governance; and
- Act in all respects in a manner that is consistent with the integrity of their office or the government.

Clause 2.3 provides, amongst others, that Executive Members may not act in a way that is inconsistent with their position. Executive Members may not use their position or any information entrusted to them to enrich themselves or improperly benefit any other person. Executive Members may not expose themselves to any situation involving the risk of a conflict between their official responsibilities and their financial and/or personal interest.

The Constitution of South Africa, Section 114(2) mandates provincial legislature to provide for mechanisms to ensure that all provincial executive organs of state in the province are accountable to it and to maintain oversight. In this regard Honourable Speaker, the portfolio committee on cooperative governance and Human settlement has been created for that for that purpose. It is therefore unconstitutional for the Honourable MEC for Human Settlement and the Housing Corporation to undermine the concerns raised by the Portfolio Committee and

willy-nilly extend the contract for two years whilst there are serious service delivery and performance concerns.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Member, your four-minute is up. Honourable Kodisang, four minutes.

HON. KODISANG: Mme Mmusi-MaKotla, Balekgotla baba leng faa, baagi ba Bokone Bophirima.

This debate is not merely about a contract extension. It is a debate on accountability, governance and public trust in an institution entrusted with restoring dignity through housing.

The North West Housing Corporation exist to serve the people of this province. yet today, thousands of residents remain on housing waiting lists, incomplete projects continue to stand across our communities and many families still live without adequate shelter and basic services.

Honourable Speaker, despite these ongoing challenges, the interim board chose to extend the CEOs contract for a further two years. This is despite concerns already raised before the portfolio committee regarding governance failures, controversial Smart and Mega City projects, developments on disputed land and the failed R250,000.00 Lokaleng event.

Even more concerning, committee proceedings revealed that proper performance appraisals had allegedly not been conducted. Re tshwanetse go botsa gore, on what measurable basis was this extension approved? How does an interim board, appointed temporarily to stabilise governance, commit the institution to a two-year contract without a transparent recruitment process and without a publicly demonstrated performance evaluation?

Honourable Speaker, even the Chairperson of the portfolio committee questioned this very extension. That concern is valid because this decision creates the perception that protecting leadership positions has taken priority over restoring accountability.

Section 195 of the Constitution is clear; public administration must be governed by transparency, fairness and accountability. Those principles cannot be optional when dealing with public entities responsible for billions in public resources and the housing needs of our people. Truly, the people of the North West are tired of instability, controversy and explanations while service delivery continues to collapse around them. It must be noted that

these very same projects are meant to create jobs for the people of Bokone Bophirima, a province that continues to record the highest unemployment rate in the country.

What confidence are we restoring when oversight structures themselves raise alarm over governance processes? What message are we sending to communities living in informal settlements when accountability appears secondary?

ActionSA believes stability can never replace transparency. Continuity can never replace merit and no public institution should operate without proper oversight and consequence management.

We therefore call on the MEC and the North West Housing Corporation to publicly disclose:

- The performance assessment used to justify this extension;
- The legal basis relied upon by the Interim board; and
- What measurable targets are attached to this renewed contract.

Honourable Speaker, housing is not a favour. Ke seriti sa motho.

The people of the North West deserve institutions focused on delivery, ethical governance and public trust not decisions that deepen suspicion and weaken confidence in public institutions.

Ke a leboga.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Honourable Oliphant, 10-minutes.

HON. OLIPHANT: Madam Speaker, the Premier in absentia, Honourable Members of the Executive Council, Members of the Provincial Legislature, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I will not be using words like synonymously, I will try to keep it simple so that we don't make synonymous problems for ourselves.

Section 195, I don't only know it, I taught. So there is a fundamental difference. Section 195 of the Constitution Honourable Kodisang, does not take away from contractual obligations of employers to their employees. If employment contracts provide for extension mechanism, those contracting parties are obligated under contractual law to exercise that which they have agreed

to. So fundamentally, Section 195 has nothing to do with the administration of contractual obligation. No, I could never agree with you, you don't understand what is happening.

Ga ke itse gore o tlotletswe ke mang Honourable Kodisang, mare they lied to you because I recall you were not here in that time. What is unlawful that is lawful is very simple; there is nothing unlawful in the extension of the contract of the CEO of the North West Housing Corporation and none of you have been able to prove anything or to bring anything to this debate. What you have done ke gore le re tletse ka mam'gobozi o re bolellang gore this one went to that one to say this thing; this one was given a contract because of that one. We don't need bo mam'gobozi to come and raise debates in this House. We want to debate facts, not elements which we do not know about.

HON. SPEAKER: Honourable Nathan, can you take a seat. There is an order.

HON. SONAKILE: Speaker, I am rising on a point of order. Is it parliamentary to call a Member mam'gobozi during a debate of a House?

HON. SPEAKER: What language is that one? Honourable Oliphant, please, don't use un-parliamentary words. Use the proper words. Honourable Sonakile, which language is mam'gobozi? Honourable Steyl?

Honourable Oliphant, avoid the languages that we don't have in the province and we don't understand because it is a problem for me to make a ruling. Please, try to be within our words.

HON OLIPHANT: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I was quoting this song, the song of Brenda Fasi that is liked by Helen Zille. So, I just took out mam'gobozi from that song. But non the less Speaker, let me swiftly continue.

Madam Speaker, this debate is nothing short of being irrelevant, vague and embarrassing. It can't be that Members of the Legislature don't understand the difference in our responsibility and that of a governing structure. It is correct Speaker that the board, whether it is interim or

whether it is appointed on a full-time basis, is fully clothed with the responsibility in terms of the act. It is not devoid of anything else outside of that.

Madam Speaker, let me remind the Democratic Alliance about the outcomes of the 2024 elections. They cannot begin to threaten the ANC about losing power when they have moved from the position of the official opposition to the next seat.

Honourable Speaker, there is no gainsaying that the North West Housing Corporation had faced issues of instability in the past, as there has been no stable board which had resulted in a trust deficit amongst stakeholders and the public at large.

The new interim board has swiftly established governance and board committees to ensure proper governance oversight and perform various functions to ensure stability. It also addressed the audit findings of the Auditor General.

There has never been, Madam Speaker, a R74billion loan. We dealt with this in this debate and we must not be misled.

Madam Speaker, on the issue of the Hillview development, this is a classic example of a black and white separation in Matlosana. We know the facts Madam Speaker. We know how people have gone and lobbied to have objections against township development in Matlosana to create a situation of the haves and the have nots. That township has not been established simply because of objections that have been raised.

The Housing Corporation no legal obligation to developing any bulk infrastructure and could not do so until the SPLUMA issues have been resolved. We must not be misled by any mam'gobozi.

The ANC's overriding objective is to see the entity being stabilised, ensure operational efficiencies and ensure that there is a brand management and protection for the organisation. This responsibility includes ensuring good governance practices so that where there are allegations made, the department can decisively intervene to correct whatever anomalies raised.

We are pleased as the ANC that when the MEC announced the appointment of the interim board in April 2025, the board was given a clear mandate to stabilise, rebuild the entity and complete stalled bulk projects in time.

The board was further charged with the key responsibilities of review the NWHC Act and resolving issues such as the transfer of properties held by municipalities back to the

Corporation as well other HR issues including the appointment or the extension of the contract of the CEO.

The board is also tasked with improving governance, which includes reviewing contracts and associations to ensure they add value and are financially sound. Part of the scope of the entity's mandate is a focus on the housing property development and property management. To that extent, the legislation empowered the board to participate in the property market economy.

The Housing Corporation is charged with the major responsibility of investigation, planning, preparing and executing scheme and programmes for the provision of shelters, accommodation and housing in the province.

The extension of the contract of the CEO was in line with the vision and strategy of the interim board. It is incumbent upon the entity to support provincial government in its endeavour to transform the spatial settlements in the North West and deal with the distortions that had been inherited from the past legacy of exclusion and deprivation.

The interim board is also charged with the planning and implementation of larger-scale urban development projects such as Mekgareng Smart City project, Mahikeng student accommodation, Mogwase and Rustenburg Mega City.

The planning and implementation of this massive projects is to give effect to the National Infrastructure Plan to address housing backlogs and create new urban areas.

The extension of the CEO's contract was necessary and the interim board unanimously decided to extend the contract of Mr Mogodiri until 31 September 2028 because the CEO in the middle of a far-reaching transformation project to take the Housing Corporation to the next level and no evidence to the contrary has been provided by anyone.

You must be able to understand where the strategy of the board must be implemented, how it must be implemented and who will implement that in order for the province to be able to achieve its goals.

Speaker, I thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Thank you very much Honourable Oliphant. Honourable Steyl, you have five-minutes.

HON. STEYL: Thank you Honourable Speaker.

O so ba mona...o jonkile this time, o mma Radebe.

Honourable Speaker, it is a pity that none of the Honourable Members of the African National Congress here today, saw absolutely anything wrong with what is happening at the Housing Corporation. That is because they have been used to this kind of behaviour of recycling cadres and looting the fiscus through entities like we saw during the nine wasted years of uBaba Jacob Zuma. So, you are doing the same here in North West.

Honourable Speaker, I need to correct something here, that ANC cadre interim board at the Housing Corporation recommended a five-year contract extension and then MEC Molapisi was like, we can't do five years, lets do two years. We will try let Members of the committee will come them.... No, we are not calm. What is happening at the Housing Corporation is corruption.

You see Honourable Speaker, the problem with Honourable Oliphant, he always comes here and he tells us what is lawful and what is unlawful. You see the problem when you have, when a person has this prism to look at things what is legal and illegal instead of what is ethical and immoral, you will never advance. The law of the Republic is there to prevent criminality and to be ethical is something that you have to find within yourself, but in the ANC, that is non-existent.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable Steyl, there is a question.

HON. BOTSWE: Thank you very much. Can you call mmaRadebe to order there? She is disturbing us.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable Botswe sit down. Continue and wrap up Honourable Member.

HON. STEYL: Thank you very much. Honourable Khunou, we will assist you. There were no gossips, these are all things. There is nothing gossiping there. There are committee reports. It is a pity the MEC Molapisi was not here and MEC Mosenogi, ke soso ka wena because you came here with that note that he gave. Instead as the custodian of the Province's finances you should have come here to tell us that this thing is irregular, that there is no funding for mega projects and then you wash your freedom charter in this corruption of the Housing Corporation. Sies man. Honourable CoC, there will be no clean audit. The DA has requested the Auditor General to investigate this thing in the Housing Corporation.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable Steyl, your time is up. Order, nna ga ke Speaker багаetsho. Honourable Tlhapi, ke wena o dirang Honourable Sonakile gore a dire modumo. Can you please respect the House, please.

Secretary, can you read order No. 7.

TABLE STAFF: Order No. 7; MEC'S Oral Replay to Question as per Rule 138(1) for the Governance Cluster.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Secretary. The question posed by Honourable to the Members of the Executive Council responsible for Corporative Governance and Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs. Honourable Acting MEC.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very Honourable CoC.

Please note that the question is very detailed because it requires also the specific budget allocation per project, so it would have been better if it was a written question, but however chair, details of all water infrastructure projects currently underway in municipalities across the province including projects costs are as follows:

- Moretele water supply to Moeka: around R179million;
- Madibeng and Geitsloot village water reticulation: R100million, under construction;
- Madibeng Local Municipality Klipgat extension water supply: R74.2million

- Hebron-Kgabalatsane water reticulation: R73.6 million
- Rustenburg Local Municipality replacement of Tlhabane AC sewer bulk line phase 2: R121.7million;
- Refurbishment of bulk line and Tlhabane water AC replacement Phase 2: R127.7 under construction;
- Moses Kotane Municipality replacement of Mogaswe asbestos pipe: R54.1million under construction
- Kgetleng-Revier Local Municipality, the refurbishment of boreholes and installation of new water treatment in Redirile/derby: R18.6million under construction;
- JB Marks construction of water reticulation in Ext. 6: R2.8million under construction;
- City of Matlosana refurbishment of electrical and mechanical equipment in the water pump station in KOSH: R4million under construction;
- Refurbishment and construction of 20.8mm concrete reservoir in Kanana: R112.2million under construction
- Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, Bodibe ward 17 water; R102.7million under construction
- Lotlhakane water supply: R40.8million under construction;
- Setlopo water supply: R113.7 million under construction;
- Lonely Park water supply: R165.2million under construction
- Borakalalo water supply: R40.6million under construction
- Dr RSM, augmentation of bulk water Infrastructure in Ipelegeng: R131.9 million which was recently completed.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable MEC, there is a hand from Honourable Sonakile.

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much CoC.

CoC, can I humbly request that the response be tabled because I am looking that it is long, but I am worried about the process in which it is going to be dealt in that, Honourable Modise, the Member of the House has asked and then Honourable Modise, the presiding officer will have to grant herself a chance to ask a follow-up. I am not sure how it is going to go on and on, but

I think there is some untenable situation that is going to unfold. Therefore, I would propose that it be tabled because MEC is still on page one and she is having 10 pages that she is holding.

I thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable Sonakile. That issue is covered in terms of how are we going to handle it. As long Honourable Modise is in the House, unlike when she is outside or absent when the question where tabled.

Honourable Mosenogi, you can continue.

HON. MOSENOGI: Water service grant which is WSIG funded projects:

- Moretele Local Municipality; Moretele South bulk water supply project: R607million under construction;
- Ward 12 water reticulation and yard connection: R74million under construction
- Madibeng: brits water treatment works upgrade: R868million under construction
- Rustenburg, Bethannie, madikwe, makolokwe bulk water supply: R90million
- Refurbishment of bulk line and Tlhabane water AC replacement phase 2: R127.7million under construction
- Moses Kotane, David, katnagel water supply: R20.7million under construction
- Mabeskraal to Uitkyk water supply pipeline: R48.2million under construction
- Faalkop water treatment works upgrade: R174million under construction
- Kgetleng Rivier, construction of Koster Bulk water pipeline, refurbishment of Koster water treatment work: R18.9million;
- Potchefstroom bulk supply: R363million under construction
- Upgrading of Promosa and Potch Dam bulk sewer line: R80million under construction
- City of Matlosana, alternate source of water supply in Jouberton: R57million
- Construction of Jouberton reservoir: R18million under construction
- Makwassie Hills refurbishment of Kgakala water pump station, kgakala sewer pump, under construction
- Ngaka Modiri Molema:CMahikeng South Bulk water supply: R102.7million under construction

- Ramotshere ground water source development: R15.1million under construction
- Dinokana river water scheme: R144 under construction
- DR RSM: Taung Naledi bulk water service project: R1.4billion under construction
- Bloemhof bulk water service: R650million under construction.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you Honourable Mosenogi for the respond. Honourable Chief Whip, do you have a follow-up on behalf of Honourable Modise?

HON. ROSHO: Thank you Chair of Chairs. Chair of Chairs, I think let us appreciate and welcome the response given by the Honourable MEC on behalf of the substantive MEC, MEC Molapisi and also the comprehensive breakdown that has been given to us. We note what Honourable Sonakile has indicated in terms of writing, but I think from our side where we are sitting, Chair, we are quite satisfied because the details have shown vital role in advancing local government interventions, how government is doing its intervention. They have provided a glandular reporting and clarity in terms of the intervention that they are making. As the ANC we are quite satisfied.

Thank you very much.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable Chief Whip. Any Member wish to make a follow-up? The second question was asked by Honourable Botswe to the MEC of Human Settlement.

HON. MOSENOGI:

- Dr RSM; Senior Manager Community Safety
- Naledi Local Municipality: Chief Financial Officer
- Madibeng Local Municipality: Chief Financial Officer and Technical Service Senior Manager
- Dr KK: Senior Manager Corporate Services
- Kgetleng: Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer

- Maquassi Hills: Senior Manager Corporate Services
- Matlosana: Manager LED
- Tswaing: Manager Community Services, Corporate Services Support and Municipal Manager
- Mamusa: Senior Manager Technical Services
- Moses Kotane: Senior Manager Infrastructure and technical services
- Kagisano-Molopo: Senior Manager planning and development, Chief Financial Officer, Senior Manager Technical and Infrastructure, Senior Manager Local Economic Development and Municipal Manager
- Ditsobotla Local Municipality: Senior Manager Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer, Senior Manager Community Services, Technical Services, Planning and Development
- JB Marks: Manager Sports Arts Culture and Heritage, Manager Technical Services and Manager Environment Water and Sanitation.

The reasons that influence these vacancies is either dismissal, resignation, expiry of the contract or disciplinary processes are underway.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. Honourable Botswe, do you have a follow-up question?

HON. BOTSWE: No.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you. Any Member who would like to make a follow-up question? Honourable Steyl.

HON. STEYL: Thank you CoC.

Just want to check maybe if MEC Mosenogi can tell us the delays in the appointments, making substantive appointments here. Is it because of the ANC's cadre deployment committee that is dysfunctional or what is the issue there.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much Honourable CoC. I have stated the reasons in bullet three because the question came with the reasons. So I have stated the reasons. What the Honourable Member is referring to, it is his imagination.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you Honourable MEC. The third question is posed by Honourable Tsholo to the MEC responsible for Corporative Governance and Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs.

Honourable Mosenogi on behalf of Honourable Molapisi.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much Honourable Chair of Chairs. As part of the medium-term operation plan, the North West Department of Human Settlements issued an instruction to Housing Development Agency to carry out the scope the work for the removal of asbestos programme on the 4th December 2025. This is said to be implemented in line with the NHBRC assessment report. The NHBRC report only covered settlements in JB Marks and Kgetleng Local Municipalities and subsequently those are the areas where the project will commence with the implementation. Numerous engagements have been held, conducted with officials and councillors of both Local Municipalities to prepare and be ready to kick-start the asbestos programme. Our department has currently allocated a budget of R43.8million for phase one which is the assessment and continuation as well as the actual removal.

Furthermore, the construction of asbestos roof structures around North West Province predates 1994, historical searches reveal that they are built as far back as 1950s TO THE 1980s citing some examples on established township development, mining extension like the Promfet asbestos mine and mass production of corrugated asbestos cement sheets by local building.

Again, presumably during or pre-2023 as the department conducted asbestos report through NHBRC which was completed in November 2023, the assessments are ongoing. As part of phase 1, the areas assessed and planned for removal in this current financial year include Redirile, 37 units; Reagile/Koster, 87 units; Ikageng Proper and Extension 7, 1017 units

assessed. The plan is to remove an estimated 240 units. Old Promosa, 751 units pending assessments to be conducted by NHBRC, however the plan is to remove an estimated of 100 units in the current financial year.

The other affected areas will undergo assessments during the 1st and 2nd quarters of the current years.

In terms of Question 4, Housing Development Agency is underway with the supply chain management process to:

- develop a database of asbestos removal contractors, social facilitators.
- Site verification exercise where undertaken in November 2025 with an intention to confirm the readiness status to commence with the actual removal and replacement of asbestos for the various municipalities which where assessed by NHBRC.
- Confirm the unit typology and cost alignment for implementation.
- Confirm the methodology and management approach towards handling the asbestos as per the NHBRC assessment;
- Confirm the risk categories for implementation

Meetings has been held since September 2025 and all the entities and Municipalities, officials and counsellors are ongoing for the management to implement the programmes. Appointment of service providers through HDA is expected to commence within 90 days after the advertisements bids which is already underway.

I thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you Honourable Mosenogi. Honourable Tsholo, do you have any follow-up questions?

HON. TSHOLO: Thank you very much Honourable Chair of Chairs.

Honourable Chair of Chairs, on question 4, can we be specific in terms of the timelines not timeframes because the Honourable MEC just indicated that it is underway. It says what are the established timelines for the completion Honourable CoC

HON MOSENOGI: Thank you very much. As stated, it is 90 days.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Any Member who would like to make a follow-up on this question? Honourable Sonakile.

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you.

I would like to check with the MEC why has the Department only now moved with urgency on asbestos removal when the health risks are associated with asbestos have been known globally for decades.

Thank CoC.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable MEC.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much. As stated that this project dates back from 1950s and so on. So to consolidate all the figures, we have to go to all files and verify the projects that require replacement of asbestos roof. It is not a process that we can undertake overnight and that information is available. We have to satisfy ourselves and plan accordingly and make budget available for such and we must acknowledge that budget will not overnight be available. It must be done in phases based on the assessment that has been done and also as we have stated that also some of the assessment is ongoing.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. Honourable Oliphant.

HON. OLIPHANT: Re a leboga Chair of Chairs. Just a comment. We appreciate and commend the department's clarity in outlining the phased approach towards asbestos removal. The allocation of R43million for phase 1 demonstrates seriousness in addressing health risks.

and the the detailed breakdown of areas assessed reflects commendable transparency and readiness. I have not further questions to ask.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable Members.

HON. VAN HUYSSTEEN: Honourable CoC. I have to raise this point of order. We are busy with responses by Members of the Executive. Honourable Oliphant has not asked a single question. He is not a Members of the Executive although he wants to be, he is not there. So, he must ask a question. I have not heard a question being asked CoC. It is not his platform.

Thank you very much members. Honourable MEC, Question 5 was posed by Honourable Steyl to the MEC Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Honourable Mosenogi on Behalf of Honourable Molapisi.

HON MOSENOGI: Thank you very much Honourable CoC.

The interviews where conducted on 20 April and the process is with HR conducting the competency assessment and all other verification before the submission is finalised for appointment and all other questions talk to this response.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable Steyl, do you have any follow-up question?

HON. STEYL: Yes CoC. As a submitting Member, I have two questions as a follow-up as per the rules.

CoC, what we what to know is what was the delay because since 2024, when I took my oath of office, we have been fighting for head of the disaster management and I would like to know

what the MEC will tell the residents in Khunotswana, in Ramotshere Moiloa, who for the second year, suffer flooding there because there is no functional disaster management centre and the District, Ngaka Modiri Molema is useless when it comes to responding to the desperate cries of the residents in Khunotswana.

Thank you

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you Honourable Steyl. Honourable Mosenogi.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much. You can tell the people of Khunotswana that the leadership of the Province, led by the ANC is responding to the disaster, it is present, it has been responding and it has been addressing side by side with all those people in terms of immediate response in terms of immediate relief to those who are affected by the disaster. There is a plan in place, there is no vacuum, there is an acting individual in that position supported by all other departments to ensure, we indicated earlier that all departments have been coordinated also at Provincial level and municipalities by the Premier and we have been undertaking such visits and the assessment report with the business case will be submitted to respond for long term purposes. Since 2024 and so, we will table a report on what informed the delay, but you will know that the matter was also re-advertised because of maybe the Department will indicate in the submission. Maybe they had a challenge of recruiting the right person.

Thank you very much.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Any Member who would like to make a follow-up question on this question?

Now we are going to Question 5 which was posed by Honourable Sebegoe to the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs. He is not here.

Question 6, posed by Honourable Babuile to the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs. He is not here.

HON. BOTSWE: Honourable CoC, ba mphile yone.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Ema pele. According to the Rules 138(11), if the member is not in the House, we are not going to allow anybody to ask a question on his/her behalf. Thank you. Itulele fatshe khaitse-a-ka.

Question 7, posed by Honourable Tsholo to the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs. Honourable Mosenogi on behalf of Honourable Molapisi.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much.

53 Traditional Councils. Two have received vehicles. The Bafokeng Traditional Council request was received this week and will be reviews in the next allocation. I thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. Honourable Tsholo, do you have any follow-up question?

HON. TSHOLO: Thank you very much Honourable Chair of Cahors. I don't have a follow-up.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Any Member who would like to make a follow-up question?

Let's go to Question 8 posed by Honourable Steyl to the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs. Honourable MEC.

HON. MOSENOGI: All municipalities have Section 79 committees and functionally, is measured by the planned number of meetings against those achieved. Municipalities submit regular reports against this. They are captured in the MPAT reporting system implemented by the Department and the MEC has full access to the dashboard as an early warning system. The system has also been presented to the AG.

I thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you Honourable MEC. Honourable Steyl, do you have any follow-up question?

HON. STEYL: Yes CoC and as per the Rules I have two follow-up questions as the submitting Member.

The first question is, if the system is telling you all the Section 79 committees are functional, how would we explain, following the 106 report into Tswaing where it is evident that the Section 79 committees are completely almost non-existent and are dysfunctional. The second is, don't tell us about the dashboard, print out the report for because the councillors, the DA councillors in all the Councils in Bokone Bophiri ba re Section 79 committee are not functional. So it means the MM le Majoro ba bua maka. They are just putting it in there, so give us the report so that we can take action.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable Steyl. Honourable MEC.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much. The report requested will be submitted and I think, because we relying on this report, we will make a verification by going on site as the Department to make sure that this Section 79 committees are functional. What I know is that most of these Section 79 committees, in most municipalities, because they are supposed to be full time functional, some municipalities have a challenge in terms of their financial positions, so as a result they have not yet appointed them full time. So it is a matter that because now, they are busy with the budgetary process, we indicated that all Speakers working with the Council must ensure that the budget that is adopted by Council, it also caters for oversight and strengthening of oversight.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. Honourable Members, any Member who would like to make a follow-up question? Honourable Khunou.

HON. KHUNOU: Thank you CoC.

Again, it is important as I preface my question that we appreciate the department's assurance that all municipalities have Section 79 Committees. My question is whether they can give us a written report to indicate measures they are taking to strengthen functionality of Section 79 committees.

Thanks.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable Khunou. Honourable Van Huyssteen.

HON. VAN HUYSSTEEN: CoC, thank you so much. I am now confused. In the MEC's initial response, she said all Municipalities are having functioning Section 79 committees. In her response to Honourable Steyl's question, she said, some are not functioning because of budget constraints. It can't be both. Is it functioning, or is it not functioning? My Question is, if the MEC doesn't know, she must just say, but are they functioning or not because we have now received two contradictory answers. What is the actual answer.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you Honourable Van Huyssteen.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you Honourable CoC. I said some of the Section 79 in some municipalities, is not that they are not functioning, their challenge is that some of them must be permanent. So there are challenges of budgetary issues which has been raised by multiple of them.

In response to Honourable Khunou, the main issue is that we will continue to support them, we will conduct training as expected to strengthen the capacity of this Section 79 committees to empower them and bring relevant institutions to further capacitate them in executing their responsibility as we do always.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable MEC for clarity. Question 9 was posed by Honourable Sebegoe to the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs to MEC, Honourable Molapisi. Chief Whip, do you have any information?

HON. ROSHO: No.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you. Question 10 was posed by Honourable Dabampe to the MEC responsible for Corporate Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Honourable Molapisi. MEC Mosenogi on behalf of the MEC.

HON. MOSENOGI: Thank you very much. 50 electrical and mechanical engineering candidates have been deployed in certain municipalities across the province. partnership between MerSeta and COGTA. 100 graduate posts and under graduate, built environment interns deployed in all the 22 across the province. Built environment includes town planning and engineering amongst others. Candidates of engineering are providing technical support in various municipalities. Technical skills are acquired through mentorship programmes in terms of the success, skills transfers from mentors to protégées, experience and exposure that will enable to them to find work.

I thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable MEC. Honourable Dabampe, do you have a follow-up question.

HON. DABAMPE: Thank you very much CoC. The MEC did not respond to question number 2 to say how successful are these measures and if a can ask a follow-up question, can this be responded to. Thank you.

HON. MOSENOGI: We can still submit a written response if what we have responded to does not satisfy you.

HON. DABAMPE: CoC, you see now, I thought CoC you are supposed to rule because this question was not responded to. How successful are these measures in light of all the challenges in all our municipalities and the MEC did not respond to this question? If they don't have an answer, they must say so, that we don't have and we will do it in written. They cant say we didn't hear because she didn't respond. If the department is not capable of responding, we can assist them because there is no success. That is a clear response that we can assist them with.

Thank you very much. We will wait for written.

HON. MOSENOGI: We responded, we said success of the afore mentioned measures, candidates' engineers are providing technical support in various municipal projects, number 1.

Number 2, technical skills acquired through the mentorship programmes, because they are acquiring technical skill when you deploy them on site, that is a success. Skills transfer from mentors, experience and exposure that will enable them to gain work experience.

Thank you very much.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable Steyl.

HON. STEYL: CoC, I will plead with you as the presiding officer, the Premier is not here, the leader of government business is not here and time and again MECs who are supposed to appear for oral questions are not in the House. So some way between the presiding officers, the leader of government business and the whipery, there is no whipping been done to make sure that the responsible members of the executive attend the legislature to be held accountable.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable Steyl, Honourable MEC is acting on behalf of Honourable Molapisi. I don't see any problem of answering the questions.

HON. OLIPHANT: I have a follow-up. Thank CoC. Let me start with the success of the question ka go nyatsa basadi. We welcome the departments identification of unstable municipalities and fixing its disaster readiness response as there are important steps towards fixing local government and building capable institutions.

CoC, stable and functionable municipalities are essential not only, but also for creating conditions needed for economic transformation, investment and inclusive development. That's the success of the programme. I have no follow-up questions.

Thank you very much.

HON. STEYL: Point of order CoC. The Chief Whip is sitting there, observing the abuse of the rules, not doing anything. A follow-up question is one-minute as per the rules.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Yes MEC.

HON. DAANTJE: Honourable CoC. In fact, Honourable Steyl is disrespecting you. You are moving to the next line. That means it is your decision. You are the presiding officer. If you say we move, we move. He can't want to bring you back.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Question 11 is posed by Honourable Matshe. He is not in the House.

HON. SONAKILE: CoC, on that question 11, Honourable Matshe is not in the House. You'd remember the directive of the SG, 10 days e fedile, wena le Honourable Sambatha, I think they are doing the right thing.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you for the information. Question 12 was posed by Honourable Moema. Honourable Moema is not here, ok. Question 13 was posed by Honourable Sonti. She is not here. Question 14 is posed by Honourable Matuane. She is not here.

Thank you very much Honourable Members for allowing Honourable MEC for responding to all the question. Now, Honourable Members, as you know that the Province of the North West lost the former Member of this House. Now I am going to give Members, only three-minutes, maximum of three-minutes to convey their condolences to the family and the entire House, and the North West Province as a whole.

I will start with Honourable Tsholo from MKP.

Honourable Tsholo.

HON. TSHOLO: Ke ne ke botsa gore a re a patelesega Honourable Chair?

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Nyaa, go tsa mo go wena Motlotlegi.

HON. TSHOLO: Ok. Jaanong why re sa bolellwa gore go tla simollwa ka rona?

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Honourable Kodisang wa ActionSA.

HON. KODISANG: Hee banna, ke nna ke thomang. Thank you so much CoC.

We rise to extend our condolences on the passing of former Premier of the North West Province, Ntate Keaobitsa Bushy Maape. We acknowledge his long service as a liberation

struggle activist, MK operative and former premier who played a role in the governance of this province during a critical period.

On behalf of ActionSA, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Maape's family, his comrades, the ANC and the People of the North West.

May his soul rest in peace.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable Kodisang. Honourable Groenewald is not in the House. Honourable Members from the DA, that is your opportunity to give your messages of condolences.

HON. SONAKILE: Thank you very much CoC.

On behalf of the DA in the North West, I'd like to extend our sincere condolences to former premier, Bushy Maape and his family following their bereavement.

Former Premier Maape, remains a significant figure in the political and governance landscape of our province. Having served the people of the North West in various leadership capacities over the years. He has always distinguished himself as an astute administrator with a deep understanding of government and public administration. While we often find ourselves on opposite sides of robust political debates, he always engaged with conviction and passion.

Many will still remember the light-hearted yet memorable moment in the National Assembly when he confidently declared that he hails from Mahura in Vryburg, and that there were no potholes in the Province. A statement that naturally drew spirited responses from opposition parties in the Province.

It remains one of those moments that reflected the vibrancy and humour that can still exist even in serious political contestation. At times such as these, however, politics take a back seat to our shared humanity. We wish the family, strength, comfort and peace as they mourn this painful loss.

May the departed soul rest in peace.

I thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS:

Thank you very much Honourable Sonakile.

Honourable Botswe on behalf of EFF.

HON. BOTSWE: Ke a leboga CoC. As the EFF mo Bokone Bophirima, we convey our sincere condolences on the passing of former Premier of the North West Province, Rre Bushy Maape.

Honourable CoC, the heaviness of bereavement is often a reminder that we are humans before we are politicians and public servants. Many of us, as the EFF caucus, we had the opportunity to work with the Premier Maape and hold him accountable for his service in the number 1 office of the North West Province. One thing that always stood out was ability to crack jokes, giggles and even in the mist of tensions, Premier Maape was never seen to taking himself too seriously. Though we share ideological differences, he had unique way of embracing everyone in the room by mixing English, Afrikaans and Setswana in a single sentence.

Indeed, death be not proud. As the EFF we stand in the unity with our beloved North West Province and bid farewell to the leader who had the courage to stand at the firing line and do so while smiling.

We extend our condolences and wish comfort to the Maape family, the African National Congress and everyone affected by this devastating loss.

Re a re a moa wa gagwe o robale ka kagiso.

Re a leboga.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS:

Thank you very much Honourable Botswe.

Honourable Rosho on behalf of the African National Congress.

HON. ROSHO: Tla ke go leboge Modulasetilo wa Baduladitilo.

Madam CoC, as the African National Congress, with deep loss of our veteran. As we pay tribute, we pay tribute to someone who is an long outstanding member of the African National Congress, former premier of the North West Province, freedom fighter, Mkhonto Wesizwe operative and a former Robbin Island political prisoner.

Comrade Maape, as we fondly called him, dedicated his life to the struggle for liberation, the advancement of the people of South Africa and the empowerment of communities through education, serving the movement with discipline, humility and unwavering commitment throughout his life.

Comrade Bushy was recruited in the underground structures of the ANC during the apartheid era and became an operative within the liberation movement. In 1996, he was imprisoned for his political activities and incarcerated in Robbin Island. While he continued pursuing education and intellectual development, despite the harsh conditions of apartheid and imprisonment. He was a gifted political educational commissar. He would be remembered for his immense and selfless service in contributing towards election machinery since 1994. Following his release, he served the people in various roles including the Chairperson of the ANC in the then Kgalagadi Region. He was a senior government official as we started the 1994 as an advisor in the office of the then premier, Popo Molefe. I think his contribution also as Premier from 2021 to 2024 will be remembered especially through a programme of Thuntisa Lerole, where he started the accelerated service programme and following through service delivery challenges.

As the African National Congress, Madam CoC, we dip our revolutionary banner in honour of comrade Bushy Keaobitse Maape and extend our sincere condolences as the African National Congress to the family, his children and to the comrades, to the veterans, to all the Robbin Island stalwarts who are still with us in this world and to the people of North West.

His life remains a testament to a generation of cadres who sacrificed greatly for freedom, democracy, education and development in South African and yet are not in formal leadership structures.

May his revolutionary soul in eternal peace.

I thank you.

HON. CHAIR OF CHAIRS: Thank you very much Honourable Rosho.

Thank you very much Honourable Members.

This concludes the business of today.

The sitting is adjourned until the 02 June 2026.

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