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1. The House met at 14:00.

2. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

3. [14:01] Members' statements.

4. [14:40] The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment made a statement on the signing of the Beneficiation Scheme Framework Agreement.

   Debate concluded.

5. FIRST ORDER [15:52]

   Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services on **Study tour to United Kingdom from 21 – 28 March 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 29 April 2026, p 45).

   Ms K A Ramolobeng, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

   There was no debate.

   Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, United African Transformation, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

The Deputy Chief Whip moved: That the report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

6. SECOND ORDER [16:27]

Consideration of Report of Joint Standing Committee on Defence and Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans on **Oversight visit to various military bases and South African National Defence Force (SANDF) deployments along South Africa - Zimbabwe border in Limpopo Province** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 14 November 2025, p 3).

Mr M D D Legoete, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, United Democratic Movement, United African Transformation, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

The Deputy Chief Whip moved: That the report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and United African Transformation dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

7. THIRD ORDER [17:06]

Consideration of Report of Joint Standing Committee on Defence and Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans on **Oversight visit to Denel, Armscor, Department of Military Veterans (DMV), 1 Military Hospital, Defence College and Thaba Tshwane Military accommodation in Pretoria, Gauteng Province from 24 to 28 March 2025** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 29 May 2025, p 9).

Mr M D D Legoete, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, United African Transformation, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Mr C M Dugmore moved: That the report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

8. FOURTH ORDER [17:43]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development on **Appointment of Small Enterprise Ombud** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 20 May 2026, p 6).

Ms M C Dikgale, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, ActionSA, Build One South Africa, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question put: That the recommendation for appointment of Adv Lufuno Tokyo Nevondwe, Adv Sonwabile Mancotywa, Adv Lehlohonolo Lucky Rabotapi and Adv Nande Mheshe to the Small Enterprise Ombud be approved.

Question agreed to (Democratic Alliance dissenting).

Recommendation of Adv Lufuno Tokyo Nevondwe, Adv Sonwabile Mancotywa, Adv Lehlohonolo Lucky Rabotapi and Adv Nande Mheshe to the Small Enterprise Ombud accordingly approved in accordance with section 17(F) of the National Small Enterprise Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No 21 of 2024).

9. FIFTH ORDER [18:16]

Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on Finance on **Determination by the President of remuneration of members of Financial and Fiscal Commission for 2025/26 financial year** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 20 May 2026, p 55).

Dr M J Maswanganyi, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, ActionSA, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Report adopted and **Determination by the President of remuneration of members of Financial and Fiscal Commission for 2025/26 financial year** accordingly approved (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

10. SIXTH ORDER [18:45]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities on **Determination by the President of remuneration of commissioners of Commission for Gender Equality for 2025/26 financial year** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 23 April 2026, p 4).

Ms L L van der Merwe, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, ActionSA, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Report adopted and **Determination by the President of remuneration of commissioners of Commission for Gender Equality for 2025/26 financial year** accordingly approved (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

11. SEVENTH ORDER [19:14]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements on **Study tour to Brazil from 2 to 6 March 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 15 May 2026, p 227).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

12. EIGHTH ORDER [19:15]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Social Development on **Study tour to United Kingdom from 23 – 28 March 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 15 May 2026, p 81).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

13. NINTH ORDER [19:16]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Social Development on **Oversight visit to KwaZulu-Natal Province to Sassa KZN and NDA Regional Offices, Sassa Local Offices in Stanger and Mandeni and NDA Funded Projects** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 9 December 2025, p 9).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

14. TENTH ORDER [19:16]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation on **Parliamentary diplomacy meeting with the EU Committee on Foreign Affairs and Oversight visit on SA Missions in Europe, at South African Embassy in Brussels, Belgium** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 11 December 2025, p 3).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and United African Transformation dissenting).

15. ELEVENTH ORDER [19:17]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry, and Competition on **Petition from National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 9 April 2026, p 3).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

16. TWELFTH ORDER [19:17]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Employment and Labour on **Oversight visit to Free State Province from 14-18 October 2025** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 27 November 2025, p 3).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

17. [19:18] Mr W T Letsie moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that renowned South African DJ, producer, entrepreneur and kwaito pioneer, Mr Oscar "Oskido" Mdlongwa, was awarded the Order of Ikhamanga in Silver by President Cyril Ramaphosa during the 2026 National Orders Investiture ceremony;

(2) further notes that the Order of Ikhamanga recognises South Africans who have been doing great in the fields of arts, culture, literature, music, journalism and sport;

(3) acknowledges Oskido's immense contribution to the growth and development of the South African music industry, his pivotal role in pioneering the kwaito movement, and his commitment to nurturing and creating opportunities for generations of young musicians;

(4) recognises his contribution to nation building, cultural preservation and the promotion of South African music and talent both domestically and internationally; and

(5) congratulates Mr Mdlongwa on this well-deserved national honour and wishes him continued success in empowering young artists and advancing the creative industry.

Agreed to.

18. Mr S G Vilakazi moved without notice: That the House –

(1) notes the recent briefings to the Standing Committee on the Auditor-General on cases arising from wrongdoing uncovered during government audits;

(2) further notes that investigations and disciplinary processes often take years to conclude, weakening accountability and public trust;

(3) recognises the recurring problem of officials resigning before facing the consequences of misconduct, only to reappear elsewhere in government;

(4) acknowledges the important role of the Auditor-General in uncovering corruption and protecting public money; and

(5) encourages government to strengthen accountability measures, close loopholes that allow officials to escape consequences, and prevent repeat offenders from moving between institutions without proper scrutiny.

Agreed to.

19. Ms Z S Abader moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with deep concern the arrival of winter across South Africa and the devastating impact it has on millions of people living in informal settlements, overcrowded dwellings and inadequate shelter;

(2) further notes that every year communities are exposed to flooding, fires, collapsing structures and severe weather conditions that place lives, livelihoods and property at risk;

(3) acknowledges that women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities are often the most vulnerable victims of these conditions and bear the greatest burden when disasters strike;

(4) recognises that access to adequate housing is not merely a constitutional obligation, but a fundamental matter of human dignity, safety and humanity, and that every South African deserves a place to call home;

(5) further recognises that the measure of a caring society is found in how it treats its most vulnerable citizens, and that no person should be forced to endure winter without the dignity, security and protection of adequate shelter; and

(6) laments the reality that, thirty-two years into democracy, millions of South Africans will once again spend winter under leaking roofs, on muddy ground and in overcrowded settlements, a painful reminder that the dream of a decent home, and the restoration of dignity and humanity to our people, remains an unfulfilled promise for far too many South Africans.

Agreed to.

20. Ms M L Mmolotsane moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes South Africa’s national football team, affectionately known as Bafana Bafana, is participating in the prestigious 2026 FIFA World Cup tournament;

(2) further notes the hard work, dedication, and resilience shown by the players, technical team, and Coach Hugo Broos in securing qualification and representing the aspirations of our nation on the global stage;

(3) believes that Bafana Bafana carries the hopes, dreams, and unwavering support of over 60 million citizens as they compete against the best teams in the world;

(4) congratulates the entire Bafana Bafana squad on their qualification;

(5) wishes the team the absolute best of luck in all their matches during the 2026 FIFA World Cup championships; and

(6) calls upon all South Africans to rally behind the team, fly the national flag with pride, and show the world the true spirit of the rainbow nation.

Agreed to.

21. Mr A K Ngobese moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that on 3 June 2026, a team from SANParks' Cape Research Centre, joined by SANParks rangers and volunteer students from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, planted more than 300 indigenous Cape Beech seedlings in Newlands Forest;

(2) commends SANParks, its conservation staff and community partners for their ongoing commitment to preserving and rehabilitating one of Cape Town's most important natural heritage sites;

(3) recognises that Cape Beech, or Boekenhout, is an indigenous species that plays a vital role in supporting biodiversity, restoring ecological balance and strengthening the resilience of indigenous forest ecosystems;

(4) acknowledges that this initiative forms part of the third phase of an ongoing rehabilitation programme, which has already seen more than 150 indigenous trees successfully planted during previous phases in 2025;

(5) further acknowledges the contribution of volunteers, students, researchers and conservation officials whose collective efforts continue to promote environmental stewardship and sustainable conservation practices; and

(6) welcomes SANParks' continued commitment to monitoring and nurturing more than 450 indigenous trees now planted across all phases of the programme, ensuring that future generations inherit a healthier and more resilient forest ecosystem.

Agreed to.

22. Ms S Peters moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes the performance of the South African National Sevens Rugby Team, the Blitzboks, at the 2026 Bordeaux Sevens World Championship in France;

(2) recognises that the Blitzboks have once again shown the world what it means to represent South Africa with courage, discipline, and determination;

(3) acknowledges that, by securing the SVNS World Championship title, our team has reaffirmed South Africa's place among the very best in international rugby sevens;

(4) realises that although their campaign concluded with challenging matches in the semi-final and bronze playoff, this does not diminish the magnitude of their achievement; instead, it reflects the intensity and competitiveness at the highest level of the sport;

(5) commends the players, coaching staff, and all those behind the scenes for their hard work, commitment, and resilience - their performance has inspired millions of South Africans and united our nation in pride;

(6) recognises that sport remains one of the most powerful forces for unity in our country, and the Blitzboks have once again reminded us of what we can achieve when we work together and strive for excellence;

(7) congratulates the Blitzboks on their World Championship victory; and

(8) thank them for representing the nation with distinction and wishes them continued success in the future.

Agreed to.

23. Mr P A van Staden moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that Ms Lara Pieterse, a Grade 12 learner at Jan van Riebeeck High School in Cape Town, has been selected to participate in several prestigious ballet productions during June 2026;

(2) further notes that these productions include *Orpheus in the Underworld*, presented by Cape Town City Ballet, Centre Stage and Cape Junior Ballet, as well as other major ballet performances;

(3) acknowledges her dedication to the performing arts, her achievement of Royal Academy of Dance ballet certifications, and her earlier participation in the Artscape Opera House production of *Coppélia*;

(4) recognises her commitment, talent and hard work in promoting and advancing the performing arts in South Africa; and

(5) congratulates Ms Pieterse on her achievements and wishes her every success in her future artistic endeavours.

Agreed to.

24. Ms D E James moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with grave concern the escalating violence on the Cape Flats, where, despite the deployment of the South African National Defence

Force (SANDF) under Operation Prosper, communities continue to live under siege, with daily gunfire, gang-related violence and spent bullet casings littering residential streets, and dead bodies, leaving innocent residents in constant fear;

(2) further notes the growing concerns expressed by residents, community leaders and security experts that current law enforcement interventions have proven inadequate, with an under-resourced and understaffed police service struggling to curb the bloodshed that continues to devastate communities across South Africa;

(3) recognises that meaningful progress requires intelligence-led operations that enable the SANDF, in support of the South African Police Service, to conduct targeted raids and strategic interventions against gang networks and organised criminal activity, rather than relying predominantly on highly visible patrols that have delivered limited operational impact; and

(4) expresses its belief that only a sustained whole-of-government approach, bringing together both national and provincial law enforcement agencies, government departments, civil society organisations, community structures, and other stakeholders, will effectively protect vulnerable communities from the scourge of gangs, drugs, and violent crime that continue to destroy lives and undermine public safety.

Agreed to.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED DUE TO TECHNICAL ERROR AT 19:33 AND RESUMED AT 19:35.

25. Mr M S Moela moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with shock and deep sadness the brutal murder of a retired Western Cape couple Ernst and Dina Marais in the northern section of the Kruger National Park;

(2) further notes that the bodies of Ernst and Dina Marais from Mossel Bay were found with stab wounds on 22 May 2026 in the Levubu River after they were reported missing;

(3) understands that the couple disappeared during a safari trip near the Pafuri region close to the Mozambique border, before their bodies were later discovered near Crook’s Corner;

(4) acknowledges that two suspects have been arrested in Mozambique, following a collaborative cross-border effort;

(5) understands that the officials are in the process of extraditing them to South Africa to stand trial for the double murders; and

(6) conveys its condolences to the family and friends of Ernst and Dina Marais.

Agreed to.

26. Mr S N Swart moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that non-profit organisation Made for More, based in Durban is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its founding by Julia Van Zyl in 2016;

(2) further notes that the organisation was started from a deep need to see children with physical disabilities not only educated, but celebrated and supported in every aspect of their lives;

(3) acknowledges that Made for More uses para-surfing and other sporting opportunities to include, equip and empower people living with disabilities;

(4) recognises that over the years, Made for More created platforms for athletes to grow in confidence, compete at provincial, and international levels, and most importantly, to find community and purpose through sport;

(5) recognises the remarkable work that the organisation has been doing in para-sport, Made for More was named "Recreation Body of the Year at the 18th Annual South African Sports Awards; and

(6) congratulates Made for More on this achievement as well as on celebrating ten years of ensuring that with opportunity, support, and faith, disabled athletes can reach their true potential and live passionate, purpose-filled lives.

Agreed to.

27. Ms S P Marais moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that the Free State Department of Health has closed the Westdene Clinic;

(2) further notes with concern that the clinic was reportedly closed without prior notice to patients and the affected community;

(3) recognises that patient files remain at the closed facility, leaving many patients unable to access healthcare services elsewhere or obtain their medication due to the absence of their medical records;

(4) further recognises that the closure of healthcare facilities and clinics is becoming an increasing concern in various parts of the country as provincial health departments face growing financial and budgetary pressures;

(5) acknowledges the severe impact that the closure of clinics has on poor and working-class communities who rely on public healthcare facilities for access to treatment and medication; and

(6) calls upon the Portfolio Committee on Health to conduct public hearings on the impact of clinic closures across South Africa, including the closure of the Westdene Clinic, and to table a report with findings and recommendations before the National Assembly.

Agreed to.

28. Mr M Nontsele moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that 12 June 2026 marks the annual international observance of the World Day Against Child Labour, a global day instituted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2002 to raise awareness and catalyse actions to eliminate the exploitation of children through labour;

(2) further notes that the global campaign theme for 2026 *is "Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults,"* emphasizing the shared global responsibility to build robust social protection mechanisms and enforce ethical labour standards;

(3) acknowledges with deep concern that despite significant legislative progress, millions of children worldwide, including many within vulnerable regions across our own continent, remain trapped in hazardous work conditions that compromise their health, safety, dignity, and fundamental right to basic education;

(4) recalls South Africa's unyielding constitutional commitment to protecting children from exploitative labour practices, as enshrined in Section 28 of the Bill of Rights, which declares that every child has the right to be protected from work that is exploitative, hazardous, or inappropriate for their age; and

(5) calls on all citizens to raise a "red card" against any practices that rob our nation's children of their childhood and potential.

Agreed to.

29. Mrs N L Hlazo-Webster moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes the increasing number of communities across South Africa affected by water outages, sewage spills and failing municipal water infrastructure;

(2) further notes that access to sufficient water is a constitutional right in terms of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;

(3) realises that failing water and sanitation systems pose serious risks to public health, dignity and economic activity; and

(4) acknowledges the urgent need for the Minister of Water and Sanitation to prioritise a comprehensive national intervention plan to address chronic water and sanitation failures, ageing infrastructure, sewage pollution and ongoing maintenance backlogs in municipalities across the country.

Agreed to.

30. Mr W T Letsie moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that Wits University claimed the top spot in Africa in the 2026 Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) which was released on 1 June 2026;

(2) acknowledges that, Wits University stands firmly within the top 1% of universities worldwide - a milestone that reflects the University's enduring commitment to academic and research excellence, innovation, and the advancement of the public good;

(3) believes that this remarkable achievement confirms Wits University's position as a leading African institution with global reach and relevance;

(4) understands that being ranked number one in Africa and among the top 1% globally is a testament to the collective excellence, resilience and ambition of the institution including its students, staff, alumni and partners; and

(5) commends Wits University for raising the country's flag high.

Agreed to.

31. Mr I Ismail-Moosa moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes the great achievement of a 16-year-old Zayaan Abdurahman who has been selected as one of seven South African learners who will travel to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Kennedy Space Center in Florida next month;

(2) further notes that she is a Grade 11 learner at Mondale High School in Mitchells Plain;

(3) acknowledges that she will represent Team South Africa at the International Space Settlement Design Competition (ISSDC) which is taking place in Orlando from 26 July to 4 August 2026;

(4) further acknowledges that she earned her place through the South African Space Design Competition (SASDC);

(5) realises that at the SASDC competition, high school learners were challenged to design futuristic and sustainable space settlements;

(6) further realises that the competition forms part of an international programme that includes six continents and encourages learners to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics;

(7) understands that the 109 learners from nine Cape Town schools took part in the competition and that her team won; and

(8) wishes her well in the International Space Settlement Design Competition.

Agreed to.

32. Ms T V B Mchunu moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with immense pride that Cape Town-based African filmmaker, producer, and tech entrepreneur, Zoe Ramushu, was shortlisted for the prestigious Impact Leadership Award at the 2026 Global Production Awards presented by Screen International;

(2) further notes that this major international recognition was announced and celebrated during the 79th Cannes Film Festival in France, where Ms Ramushu stood out among nominees from major global studios and film commissions across Europe and North America;

(3) recognises that this nomination celebrates *"Wrapped"*, a groundbreaking production technology platform built by Ms Ramushu that transforms the film and television industry's hiring practices by providing freelancers, women, and filmmakers of colour with the visibility they deserve, while allowing producers to source talent from an abundant, diverse pool rather than fragmented spreadsheets and word-of-mouth;

(4) commends Ms Ramushu for flying the South African flag high on the global stage and showing that African innovation is leading the charge in rewiring global film production; and

(5) congratulates Zoe Ramushu on this milestone achievement and wishes her and the Wrapped platform continued success in transforming the global media landscape.

Agreed to.

33. Mr P Kubukeli moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes the ongoing collapse of service delivery in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality and that communities in East London, Mdantsane, Duncan Village and Zwelitsha continue to face sewage

spills, failing infrastructure, unreliable electricity and deteriorating municipal services;

(2) further notes the Auditor-General's findings of more than R1.7 billion in irregular expenditure, weak financial controls and a persistent lack of accountability;

(3) realises that these failures have eroded public confidence, undermined economic activity and denied residents the basic services guaranteed to them; and

(4) calls on the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to conduct an oversight visit to Buffalo City Metro and to table a full report with findings and recommendations to this House within 30 days.

Agreed to.

34. Mr N T Tshotetsi moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that the month of June marks the annual commemoration of Youth Month in South Africa, a period dedicated to honoring the monumental contributions of young people to the liberation, democracy, and development of our country;

(2) further notes that the theme for Youth Month 2026 in South Africa is *"RESET@50: The Future Calls!"*;

(3) remembers that 16 June 2026, marks the 50th Anniversary of the historic 1976 Soweto Student Uprising, when thousands of brave young students defiantly marched against the unjust Bantu Education system and the brutal oppression of the Apartheid regime, paying the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy today;

(4) pays solemn tribute to the heroism of Hector Pieterson, Hastings Ndlovu, and the entire generation of 1976, whose selflessness, courage, and collective resolve permanently altered the trajectory of South Africa's liberation struggle; and

(5) urges all sectors of society, including the state, private entities, and civil society to treat youth socio-economic empowerment not merely as a policy objective, but as an urgent national imperative to ensure the economic freedom of our youth.

Agreed to.

35. [20:02] Notices of motion.

36. The House adjourned at 20:17.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament