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The Speaker and the Chairperson

1. Draft Bills submitted in terms of Joint Rule 201

(1) **Repeal of Certain Pre-1994 Justice Laws Bill**, 2026, submitted by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development.

Referred to the **Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development** and the **Select Committee on Security and Justice** for information.

(2) **Electronic Deeds Registration and Recordal Systems Amendment Bill**, 2026, submitted by the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development.

Referred to the **Portfolio Committee on Land Reform and Rural Development** and the **Select Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Mineral Resources**, for information.

National Assembly

The Speaker

1. Executive Undertakings

(1) The following Executive Undertakings are referred to the **Executive Undertakings and Petitions Committee** for consideration and report:

(a) **Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment –** During the sitting on **9 June 2026**, in response to a Member's Statement on *Violent Crime on Biodiversity in South Africa*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) "Environmental crime is a serious problem in this country, and we must take it head-on and fight it".

(ii) "In Cape Town, with regards to abalone and the problems we have with our fisheries industry, I have formed a ministerial task force that consists of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, SANParks, the City of Cape Town, as well as the SA Police Service that came together and collaboratively are taking it on the crimes that we are experiencing on our coastal borders here. We have made officers available, I have appointed somebody that oversees that and the collaboration that we get really shows us that where we work together, we can take on environmental crime".

(iii) "We hope that is something that we can expand on, but environmental crime definitely is something that we need to look more seriously at. I

think that the conversation that I, together with my counterpart in the Police, hon Cachalia, already had and will continue to have in this regard will help a lot".

(b) **Minister of Health -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 532 on *Combatting Misinformation about Lenacapavir*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) "The Department has a pharmacovigilance system in place to observe and monitor possible severe side effects that may be the result of the use of Lenacapavir".

(ii) "The Department is running a social mobilization and communication plan to inform the public about the use of Lenacapavir. This includes public campaigns. We are also working closely with the South African National AIDS Council, that consists of 18 sectors. The Department will make use of health workers to link patients with clinics, to spread awareness and to assure the public regarding the use of Lenacapavir".

(iii) "As part of the 1st phase of the roll-out of Lenacapavir, 6 provinces received dosages of the product. The remaining 3 provinces will receive Lenacapavir as part of the 2nd phase of the project".

(iv) "We are going to ask scientists and experts to write media and opinion pieces that will serve to inform the public and to debunk myths about Lenacapavir".

(v) "We are on the verge of obtaining our own voluntary license to produce Lenacapavir. The CEO of Gilead Sciences confirmed that they are ready to give South Africa a voluntary license as soon as they get the appropriate company to do so. We are hoping to see the first generic of Lenacapavir early next year, 2027".

(c) **Minister of Higher Education -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 600 on *Site for Establishment of Proposed University of Ekurhuleni*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) "Assessments are underway to determine the feasibility of 4 identified sites in Boksburg for the University of Ekurhuleni. Site approval processes can only be carried out once the final leg of phase 2 feasibility has been concluded and funding has been secured. This process is currently underway.

(ii) "After this project was stalled for some time due to funding constraints, the Project Steering Committee is in the process of being re-appointed. An infrastructure development process is also under way".

(iii) "We have plans for expansion for various universities, including the University of Fort Hare, Tshwane University of Technology and the University of North West".

(iv) *"We can provide you with the coordinates of the 4 sites identified for the University of Ekurhuleni. There is a tentative date for a site visit to these 4 sites. You are welcome to join us on this site visit".*

(v) *"We should at least have the first students at the University of Ekurhuleni by 2028. We should be ready to start bricklaying at Ekurhuleni University by the beginning of 2029".*

(vi) *"We are in discussions with the Minister of Finance about the funding model for the proposed University of Ekurhuleni. It is envisaged that the Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI) would be used to fund this project".*

(vii) *"In the second quarter of this financial year, we will submit an Infrastructure Framework for the post-school education and training system".*

(d) **Minister of Higher Education -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 604 on *Governance Failures at NSFAS and Required Interventions*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) *"Despite NSFAS being under administration, I can confirm that NSFAS continues to operate, to disburse funds and to assist students. The administration is a governance intervention, not an operational shutdown. The Administrator's mandate is to stabilize governance and to accelerate the operational improvements that the previous board had begun".*

(ii) *"Student funding for the 2026 academic year is secured and not affected by the administration. We issued communication to inform tertiary institutions not to prohibit any NSFAS students from registering and assuming their studies; funding to the amount of R4.7 billion was already disbursed".*

(iii) *"The administration of NSFAS is going to be in place for a period of 2 years at most. We are determined to ensure that we stabilise NSFAS. I will report to Parliament on the progress of the (NSFAS) administration as it develops. We are determined to ensure that we stabilize NSFAS".*

(iv) *"The agenda of funding deserving students remains a focus point".*

(e) **Minister of Higher Education -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 535 on *Unauthorised Salary Arrangement for the SETA Administrator*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) *"A recovery process for the overpayment on the remuneration is currently underway.*

(ii) *"I have instructed the department Director-General to investigate this matter fully and to submit a comprehensive report on all circumstances surrounding the remuneration arrangements".*

(iii) *"Where weaknesses in governance have been identified, they will be addressed. And where the evidence supports accountability measures against officials, whether at the entity or in the Seta or in the department itself, those measures will be implemented".*

(iv) *"If part of the recommendations includes referral of the irregular expenditure to the Auditor-General South Africa, or the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) as contemplated under section 4 of the Special Investigating Unit Act, of course, we will not hesitate to do that. Our interest is to ensure that public money is not improperly appropriated".*

(v) *"The investigation by the DG will have to cover the delay in the benchmarking process that led to this situation, and what consequences action needs to be effected even at departmental level".*

(vi) *"We believe in due process. We have set up a process and are committed to following this process".*

(f) **Minister of Basic Education -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 533 on *Limited Response in the National Catalogue*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) *"No learners should be left without age-appropriate reading material, because of the language that they speak. Our Constitution recognises all official languages, and the basic education system must give practical effect to that".*

(ii) *"The Department has advised that the process to address the Foundation Phase National Catalogue gap is attended to and underway. This includes a specific focus on the languages of isiNdebele, Tshivenda, Xitsonga and siSwati. It is incumbent on the department and the provinces to fill the gaps with regard to materials and requisite titles".*

(iii) *"I requested the DG as the accounting officer to provide a clear delivery plan for the 2027 academic year, including relevant timelines for all the language groups. I requested verified information on the number of learners and schools requiring materials by province, as well as the escalating steps if any publisher misses any of the timelines for delivery".*

(vi) *"We can't simply let the market response be the one that leads to whether or not children have access to their home language education and their language rights".*

(vii) "So, in this instance, we have established that these are the titles that are not enough and, therefore, we are putting measures in place with provinces to make sure that we procure those and that children, by 2027, have access to books that are in the language of their choice or in their home language".

(viii) "We will investigate the inequality of African languages. I can assure you there will not be any inequality regarding the accessing of reading materials".

(ix) "So, it is absolutely part of our plans to make sure that we address the early grade literacy problem".

(x) "The Minister indicated that figures on reading material vs learner number statistics per language and per province can be provided to members of Parliament".

(xi) "Ultimately, our commitment here is that regardless of whether or not there is an interest in the market, or whether or not there are sufficient numbers in the market, the department and government must step in".

(g) **Minister of Basic Education -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 597 on *Textbook Production Tender (Lighthouse Publishing)*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) "I have requested that the whole process pertaining to Lighthouse Publishing be investigated and fully audited".

(ii) "I have also requested that there be an independent external investigation that is conducted urgently by an external law firm with the required capacity and expertise, so that the integrity of the process can be tested properly".

(iii) "We have halted the process that the provinces must not procure until there is an independent investigation, the internal audit comes back, and we make sure that this process is above board".

(iv) "To ensure that there is accountability on the Lighthouse Publishing issue, we asked National Treasury to look at the procurement model; we asked internal auditing to do a full audit; we obtained an external investigator to investigate".

(h) **Minister of Water and Sanitation -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 566 on *Urgent Measures to Address Collapse in Water Infrastructure Management in City of Johannesburg*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) "We are playing a monitoring role in terms of assisting the City of Johannesburg to ensure that they adopt a water loss reduction programme in the Council".

(ii) "We have agreed with the City of Joburg to ringfence 10% of their budget on a monthly basis to take to their water entity, Joburg Water, so that it can be able to repair the infrastructure".

(iii) "Through the Presidential Working Group we assist them in terms of capacity. The water technical experts are already there assisting Johannesburg. We are always on a six-month basis getting updates from Johannesburg on how far this capacity has assisted them. There is a turnaround".

(i) **Minister of Water and Sanitation -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 610 on *Strategic Interventions and Measurable Targets in the National Water Crisis Action Plan*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) "Details agreed upon as part of the water crisis plan include insourcing of water tankers, fixing leaks, and ringfencing of water budgets. The plan is in place, the DG in the Presidency is now in the process of putting timeframes into place. The Water Action Plan has been consolidated. Replacement of decaying infrastructure is being prioritised".

(ii) "So, the finality in terms of the Action Plan ... in terms of short, medium and long, that is what was supposed to have been finalised a month ago so that the rollout then starts to say what are the immediate things".

(iii) "We are expecting a report on the work being done as part of the Water Action Plan".

(iv) "We will be launching a massive programme of boreholes in terms of handing them over. We have already started slicing from our own budget, because there's no new budget on this, but we are prioritising from the budget".

(j) **Minister of Human Settlements -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 534 on *Assessment of Flood Damage in Limpopo*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) "We dealt with an overall flood assessment in the Limpopo Province, and it gave us a total of 551 households that were affected. To date, 214 temporary residential units have been built, out of a total of 551 households that were affected. Contractors are still on site for the ongoing interventions. We hope the remainder of the families will be assisted as well".

(ii) "It is the responsibility of our CFOs, both national and provincial, to verify reports of flood damage and to justify the distribution of funding and resources".

(iii) *"What the policy indicates is very clear that we must eradicate mud houses because it is automatic if there is excessive rain. A mud house is the first one to collapse. The Department has a programme of mud house eradication. The question should be acceleration, of course, paired with the availability of resources".*

(iv) *"As a country, we must review our policy mechanism in terms of human settlement provision, particularly housing".*

(v) *"The Department's climate-resilient mitigation strategy is currently under verification, aligning it to the Innovative Building Technologies (IBT) process. We are trying to do away with TRUs. (Temporary Residential Units)".*

(vi) *"We have undertaken to assist municipalities, not only in the area of disaster, even in the area of the human settlements needs register, to actually verify and pack the register properly so that we could make it accessible to every South African for their area number".*

(k) **Minister of Human Settlements -** During the sitting on **10 June 2026**, in response to Question 570 on *Unlawful Occupation of Land (Amendment of PIE)*, the Minister made the following undertakings:

(i) *"We are also introducing an amendment (to the Bill on Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land Amendment Bill (PIE) that the court may grant an order which relates to the retention of a demolition, or the removal of improvements on a structure that would have been made that don't belong to you. We intend to protect the vulnerable groups as well, being children, the elderly and people with disabilities".*

(ii) *"The state will not run away from the responsibility of alternative accommodation".*

(iii) *"We are not running this in isolation; the Department of Public Works, in our partnership, has already released 2 400 hectares of state land for us to relocate the people who now are beginning to see who has placed them where. We relocate them to areas where they are safe".*

(iv) *"To determine whether the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land Act Amendment Bill has been successful in both protecting the vulnerable occupiers and reducing unlawful occupation, as part of the discussions and the deliberations that we have with the Justice Cluster, firstly is to map out all the cases which relate to illegal evictions or illegal occupations that are currently on the roll so that, one, we can be able to review them and be able to assist".*

(v) *"Yes, the law has not yet been promulgated. We are still at the public participation stage".*

(vi) *"We intend to then request the registration by the municipalities on what they've been affected and have been dealt with. In that way, we'll be able to create a report that will give us the indicators on how we'll accelerate in areas that need us to improve in relation to the Amendment Bill, but also its implementation".*

TABLINGS

National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

1. The Speaker and the Chairperson

(a) Monthly Financial Statements of Parliament – August 2026, tabled in terms of section 54(1) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act No. 10 of 2009).

2. The Minister of Finance

(a) Amendments to Prudential Standard FSB 1: [-] of 2026 – Framework for Financial Soundness of Branches, issued in terms of section 108(3) of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, 2017 (Act No. 9 of 2017) read with section 63 of the Insurance Act, 2017 (Act No. 18 of 2017).

(b) Report on contingent liability exposure of government for the quarter ended 30 June 2026.

3. The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

(a) Report and Financial Statements of Vote 32 – Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for 2025-26, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information of Vote 32 for 2025-26.

(b) Report and Financial Statements of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority for 2025-26, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2025-26.

(c) Report and Financial Statements of the Marine Living Resources Fund for 2025-26, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2025-26.

(d) Report and Financial Statements of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) for 2025-26, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2025-26.

(e) Report and Financial Statements of the South African National Parks for 2025-26, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2025-26.

(f) Report and Financial Statements of the South African Weather Service (SAWS) for 2025-26, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2025-26.