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PROCEEDINGS OF MINI PLENARY SESSION – OLD ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

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Members of the mini plenary session met in the Old Assembly Chamber at 10:01.

The House Chairperson Ms M G Boroto took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Debate on Vote No 40 – Sport and Recreation South Africa:

The MINISTER OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE: Chairperson, the Deputy Minister, and other hon Members of Parliament, the chair of the portfolio committee, the officials, directors-general Messrs Alec Moemi and Vusi Mkhize, the leadership of the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, Sascoc, with us, provincial sports federations, leaders of national sport federations, community clubs and sporting entities, athletes, sporting legends, the media and all stakeholders and partners in the sport and recreation sector, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

Let me extend our condolences to the families of the late James Small, a South African rugby hero, and the late Marc Bachelor, a prolific football striker. We also extend our condolences to the family of the late Johnny Clegg, a musical icon of our country who passed away yesterday. May their souls rest in peace.

Sport is a significant part of any nation's culture, health, education, economy and social upliftment. In this regard, South Africa is no exception. Sport touches people at an emotional and personal level and can give meaning to everyday life. Due to its profile, sport enjoys immense media attention and captures the hearts of a nation. It appeals to people from all walks of life – from the most remote villages where people gather around an open field to watch a local soccer game, to audiences at mega-international events hosted in world-class sport stadia.

In this regard, President Mandela had this to say and I quote:

> Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair.

In the same vein, the National Development Plan, NDP, says expanding opportunities for participation in sport will help to ensure sports

teams represent all people in our society. It will also ensure that South Africa produces results that match its passion for sport.

The impact of sport in all its facets places a considerable responsibility on the national department to ensure that sport and recreation are administered and governed in the best interests of all participants and stakeholders. To this end, the department will continue to transform the delivery of sport and recreation by ensuring equitable access, development and excellence at all levels of participation, thereby improving social cohesion, nation-building and the quality of life of all South Africans.

In order to achieve the desired results, we have to invest in world-class sport, especially in academies and similar institutions. We therefore announce that, during the current financial year, the department will spend over R80 million to build phase one of the National Training and Olympic Preparatory Centre in Mangaung. This world-class academy will become a key jewel in our crown of sporting excellence. It will be built in phases over several years. Provinces have committed 10% of their grant to ensure the building of this academy.

The country has not seen good results in the main sporting code of football. Football is the biggest sporting code in our country. The performance of Bafana Bafana has left a lot to be desired. We have

seen spectators dying at football events. We have to attend to the challenges plaguing this sporting code in its entirety.

While we accept that teams lose or win, it is when there is the absence of a fighting spirit in a loss that a country offers nothing but criticism. Teams that represent their country as soldiers – if they go out there and are seen to be fighting – get the sympathy of their countrymen and -women.

The overall poor showing of our football teams in their respective World Cups requires us to self-reflect and chart an inclusive way forward.

To this extent ... in fact, we have to say here that, with the Bafana Bafana we have ... while we got the kind of results ... but I can say that we have a better team this time around. We need to work on that and look generally where the problem is because we can deal with this problem.

Part of the problem we have to look into as South Africans is that we only think of the next tournament or the next match. We don’t take a longitudinal approach to ensure that the pipeline to the national team is well defined and well understood.

To this extent, in the current financial year, we will host a national football indaba to address the key issues and challenges

dogging this sporting code and seek to put it on a path towards success and financial sustainability. What is holding the growth of football in our country back? The role that various stakeholders should play, and how best we can support the development of football at grassroots level and at professional level to not only conquer Africa, but the world as well.

Pursuant to our quest for sport development, the department will continue to invest in the School Sport Programme. We believe that this programme is the bedrock of our entire development continuum. Forty per cent of the grant to provinces has been ring-fenced to deliver on this programme and we would like to ensure that it does exactly that because some of the reports point to the opposite. The funds are intended to support the training of teachers and coaches, delivery of teams to tournaments, provision of sport equipment and attire to Quintile 1 and 2 public schools.

The Rural Sport Development Programme will be expanded to five traditional councils per province in the current financial year. Our target remains to grow the programme to reach at least 50 000 participants over the next three years of implementation.

Since the adoption of the National Sport Facilities Plan, work has been continuing to ensure that the facilities are provided. The pilot programme has been under implementation over the last three years with ring-fenced funds from the municipal infrastructure

grant, Mig. An amount of R263 million has been ring-fenced for the current municipal financial year. In addition, we will continue to roll out outdoor gyms, multipurpose sport courts and children's playgrounds.

The backlog on sport infrastructure provision is huge. It's a matter that requires further engagements with stakeholders and partners. All of us who come from our communities know that. We see the lack of these facilities everywhere we go, whether in the townships or the villages.

The National Sport and Recreation Act, Act 110 of 1998 ensures that sport and physical activity contribute to social cohesion by legislating on sport participation and sport infrastructure. A few generations ago, physical activity was an integral part of daily life. Unfortunately, in the name of progress, we have chipped away at it so thoroughly that physical inactivity actually seems normal. We need to make it a priority to break the cycles of inactivity where they are already deeply entrenched, and prevent them in our emerging economy, whilst we still have time.

Our citizens do not only want to participate in sport and recreation, but also want to see those who represent them internationally raise our flag high with pride. We have recently seen our national under-20 football team, Amajita, eliminated from the Fifa Under-20 World Cup, the senior cricket team struggling to

stamp their authority on the 2019 International Cricket Council, ICC, Cricket World Cup, and Banyana Banyana also failing to proceed to the second round in their maiden year at the Fifa Women's World Cup. We must however acknowledge that, despite their lack of experience at World Cup level, they fought a brave fight and showed rare stoicism.

Despite this overall failure to set the world scene alight, we must acknowledge the lessons learnt and appreciate the efforts made by our teams. Whilst Amajita and Banyana know how to conquer Africa, their challenge remains closing the gap between continental and world success.

Our cricket team has a healthy boardroom behind it and a good talent pipeline. We must, therefore, find out after the World Cup what caused the imbalance that we saw in the team.

We continue to see Caster Semenya rising above her challenges and refusing to be defeated by matters off the racing track. Her resolve and tenacity gives us hope as South Africans to unite for a common cause and reason to support her even more. Our department remains fully behind Caster as she challenges a female classification rule imposed by the International Association of Athletics Federation, IAAF, at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, CAS. It remains the stance of the department that Ms Semenya, like all other athletes,

is entitled to compete the way she was born without being obliged to alter her body by any medical means.

On another front, we congratulate our elderly soccer players, Vhakegula Vhakegula Football Club, for their participation in the Twelve Team International Soccer Tournament organised by Little Miss Soccer in France, ahead of the Women's World Cup in June 2019. They had earlier also been to the United States of America, where they won the Veterans Cup, playing countries such as Brazil. We applaud them for serving as an example to other senior citizens on how they can improve the quality of their lives through physical activity. Their story is a story of hope. They chose to be active, and we can too.

Despite the challenges we might have encountered in other sporting codes globally, our netball team has since inspired the nation through their performances on the field of play. They are the shining star of our nation. Let's give them support as they proceed to the cup final and we hope and are very confident that they are going to win so that, when the World Cup comes here in South Africa in 2023, we will be winners.

As South Africans, it is on us to support our teams not only when we see them winning, but also to encourage them to win when the odds are against them. South Africa will host the Netball World Cup in

2023 here in Cape Town. This is a historic first for the sport in Africa.

Let’s now touch on the budget. The total budget allocation for 2019-20 to the Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa is R1,1 billion. Of this, R744 million is allocated to mass participation sport and recreation activities, implying that 64% of the budget goes directly to sport development, with R239 million being allocated specifically for schools.

The total allocation for transfers and subsidies stands at R855 million, or 74% of the total budget. Of this, R620 million is transferred to provincial departments by way of conditional grants to support sport and recreation delivery.

With these funds, where will our focus be this year? The NDP and our National Sport and Recreation Plan clearly recognise sport and recreation as a way to foster nation-building and social cohesion. To give expression to the visions of these plans over the medium term, the department intends to continue broadening the participation base in sport and recreation, cultivating sporting talent and encouraging excellence in the international sporting arena, pursuing the delivery of sport infrastructure, and championing transformation. For these things to happen, we need to pay attention to the bodies which preside over sport in our country and it is on that score that we are taking seriously what has been

happening, particularly at the level of Sascoc, and we will come to that later.

The provincial academies of sport are important and we will forge ahead to ensure that they work and are effective, for they serve as a reservoir for the talent development of high performance elite athletes. This fosters synergy and linkages to the national sport academy system. The national sport academy is at the core of high performance sport, and is responsible for athlete and team preparation.

In consultation with Sascoc, the department will oversee the establishment of the National Training and Olympic Preparatory Centre. The department will transfer R11 million to Sascoc to deliver Team SA to the African Games in Equatorial Guinea, the Confederation of School Sport Associations of Southern Africa Athletics Championships, the International Sport Federation Swimming Championships, and the 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Switzerland. Preparations will also be intensified as Team SA prepares to participate in both the 2020 Olympic and Paralympics Games in Japan. Funds from other sources are also used in conjunction with government funding.

It is important to say that we want to do this, but we also want Sascoc to help us. Things can’t continue being done in the way they have been in recent years. Something must change. It can’t be

business as usual because, if the report of the commission instituted by former Minister Nxesi is anything to go by, it means that something is terribly wrong with Sascoc and, if something is wrong with Sascoc, our federations wouldn't be able to reach the point where they are supposed to be. I had the first Dumelang session with Sascoc and I promised them to come back quickly so that we can sort out the issue of administration and the issue of corporate governance in such an important body.

The SA Institute for Drug-Free Sport, SAIDS, manages the implementation of a drug deterrent and prevention strategy that is compliant with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Unesco, International Convention Against Doping in Sport, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

SAIDS will receive R26 million in 2019-20 as the government fulfils its responsibility towards supporting an ethical anti-doping sports sector. Expenditure is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 4,7%, from R31,2 million in 2018-19 to R35,8 million in 2021-22.

As I close, I want emphasise the point that South Africa is a sporting nation and our athletes must understand that, when people criticise them, it is not out of anger or because they don't like them. They want to see us sow and we must sow. South Africa has all it takes in all the sporting codes to be the champions. We want to

be the sporting powerhouse continentally and globally. We can do that. But we are not going to achieve that if we don't get to the bottom of what is wrong in each and every sporting code in the country. There are things. Whether those things are with management, coaches or players, we are going to get to the bottom of that and ensure that we are a winning nation. Thank you very much, Chairperson.

Ms B N DLULANE: Hon House Chairperson, Minister and Deputy Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture, hon members of the committee, Sascoc and all national and provincial sport federations, all stakeholders in the sport and recreation sector, and members of the media present today, the ANC supports Vote 40: Sports and Recreation SA.

Hon members, let me, from the onset, extend congratulatory messages to the South African netball team on maintaining their winning record at the Netball World Cup in Liverpool with a 64-37 victory over Scotland on Monday. [Applause.] We wish them well in their upcoming match against our sister country Uganda today. They have already beaten so many countries. I can mention Trinidad, Tobago, Fiji, Jamaica and, lastly, Scotland. I am proud because I am a former netball GK number 7. Thank you, department, for supporting Netball SA.

We also congratulate Caster on her 200 meter victory in France. We did issue the statement but it was during our recess. I thank the

department for challenging ... as the Minister has already said ... And I also thank the South Africans. When this challenge was with us as the department, the South Africans were behind the department and the country at large. This, hon members, is a powerful indication that women are taking sports in South Africa to a higher level and they need our continued support. You strike a woman, you strike a rock!

We extend our condolences to the families as the Minister has already said. Yesterday we also mentioned that Marc was unfortunately shot dead on Monday evening. He is one of the few players to have played for both Kaiser Chiefs and Orlando Pirates. He also won the 1994 league title, the 1995 African Championships Cup, the 1986 BP Top 8, and the 1996 African Super Cup. Why do criminals today do this to us? It is sad but we hope that the law will take its course.

Former President Mandela once reflected that sport had the power to overcome old divisions and create the bond of common aspirations. This he said within the context of understanding that one of the cruellest legacies of apartheid was its distortion of sport and recreation in our society. The enforced segregation of sport and recreation, and the gross neglect in providing facilities for the majority of South African people, denied millions of people, in particular our youth, the right to a normal and healthy life

orientation. During those days we wanted this to be looked at. Thanks to 1994, a democratic government took over.

That is why the ANC, in its policy position, has always been resolute that it is important that sporting and recreational facilities be made available to all South African communities. And participation in sporting and recreational activities should reflect the demographics of the country.

Sport and recreation are an integral part of reconstructing and developing a healthier society. Sport and recreation should cut across all developmental programmes and be accessible and affordable for all South Africans, including those in rural areas, townships, the disabled, the young and the elderly. It is therefore important that sport and recreation continues to contribute in a meaningful and developmental manner to the building of a better South Africa.

We will continue to ensure that, through sport and recreation, we promote the values of nonracialism and nonsexism. We must ensure that gender parity in sport is promoted at all levels, including in national teams. Green jackets must be awarded for all sporting codes. We must standardise school sport across the country in both poor and affluent areas. Sport and physical education must be integral to the school curriculum from Grades R to 12. Sport infrastructure must be extended to rural and township schools, and be part of all new school buildings.

The department should liaise with traditional authorities. While I was thinking of saying that, I immediately remembered that the Minister told us that they had already visited traditional leaders. So, keep going and visiting those traditional authorities. You did mention a few of those that you have visited. Keep up the good work because, as ANC, without this movement, without those amakhosi, and without the churches, we would not to be here as a ruling party. We do honour them.

Ours is to ensure that we transform society and unite the country through the creation of an active and winning nation. We do this to ensure that sport and recreation contributes to social cohesion and safe communities as an apex priority, as mentioned in the state of the nation address by the hon President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa.

The department received a voted allocation of R1 153,6 billion for 2019-20 with an increase of 0,56% in real terms when looking at the inflation from the 2018-19 adjusted appropriation of R1 090,5 billion. The projected expenditure per programme which reflects the overall budget increase is less than R63,1 million. There was a significant increase in budget allocation for Programme 1: Administration, Programme 3: Winning Nation, and Programme 4: Sport Support. The budget increase is below the projected inflation and not enough budget was allocated accordingly. That is the problem that we have as South Africa.

Since the Fifth Parliament, we have been, together with the Minister, been trying and we are still trying even now as a new Parliament, to prioritise enough budget for sport. We said, who is looking after the drugs even in school? How are we going to fight the scourge of drugs if we don't have facilities and enough money to assist, especially the rural areas, with facilities? I stand here knowing that I was not aware that there is an increment on municipal infrastructure grant, Mig. If you are here, Salga, please do the right things and assist the department to have infrastructure in those areas.

In rural areas there are no facilities. There is nothing at all but we have municipalities which have this Mig. But I am worried. Minister and hon members, in the past Parliament once invited all the sister departments to come and explain. We had a big fight over this question of Mig. You can't have the Treasury that cannot do anything about Mig that is taken to do other important things of municipalities like water provision which is very important. Water is life and you can drink it. If you are not going to the ground and do whatever you want, then you'll go to shebeens and get drunk or you will go and get drugs, and kill players like the ones watching this. This is very serious and we call on everyone including Salga, to channel the Mig into assisting this department's small budget so that we can see improvement.

Having engaged with the department’s annual performance plan, we, therefore, recommend that the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture should, within the current year, advocate Recreation equally as it does Sport and brief the committee on the progress made regarding the implementation of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Recreation. It should continue to lobby for more funding to construct and revamp sport infrastructure in previously disadvantaged communities and rural areas.

When we come as a new committee, we must recommend SuperSport, LoveLife and also the SA Rugby Union, Saru, to assist us. As a former chairperson of the committee I declare that each and every one must knock at their doors so that they assist us. We know it is their money and budgets. It is about the kids and they have done that. We were all over without a budget as a committee and the chairperson, and they assisted us, hon members. We are still appealing that when you also come to our committee, I will declare that we do not want your brown envelopes. We want you to assist us with everything that we are asking from you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Mr T W MHLONGO: Chairperson, our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the late Marc Batchelor and Johnny Clegg. May their souls rest in peace.

We are looking forward to working with the Minister, but we will make sure that we do our oversight work and he must account. I would like to congratulate Netball SA as they will be playing in Uganda today. I would like to challenge all public, private and partnership to support our sport, especially netball.

We are still waiting for the Sascoc, progress report. April has passed and no recommendations have been adhered to.

Ibolile i-SASCOC, Ngqongqoshe. *(Translation of isiZulu sentence follows.)*

[SASCOC is rotten, hon Minister.]

What is happening? We are still waiting for an update regarding Tokyo 2020.

Kwenzakalani? *(Translation of isiZulu sentence follows.)*

[What is happening?]

Money has been set aside, but there is no progress report. Regarding invoices paid on time, we would like to urge the department to improve in this regard.

Abantu bethu kumele bathole imali yabo kahle. *(Translation of isiZulu sentence follows.)*

[Our people need to receive their money properly.]

Everything is outstanding. For example, what is outstanding is that, since you became a Minister, there is an inquiry which has been working on the FNB Stadium issue. Our people died in 2017. To date, no inquiry has been done.

Kwenzakalani? *(Translation of isiZulu sentence follows.)*

[What is happening?]

There was money set aside, but nothing has been done. Minister, we want to acknowledge the past in order to redress the past; reconciliation so important and it is urgent. We need all South Africans, regardless of race to work together. We believe that diversity is important. This government must deliver to all the people. Under the DA-led government, sport development will be high on the agenda. [Interjections.] South African sport needs cleansing.

Kunomkhonyovu kwezemidlalo. *(Translation of isiZulu sentence follows.)*

[There is corruption in sport.]

We need cleansing. This systemic corruption must be dealt with. Minister, we will support you, especially when you take decisions in the best interest of this country. What is important in sport is school sport.

Thina sakhula ezemidlalo zesikole ngolwesiThathu sifaka okhakhi sazi ukuthi yilanga elibekelwe eceleni ukuthi sidlale ibhola noma sigijime. Ngithemba ukuthi lelosiko kumele libuye futhi ukuthi abantwana bethu bafundiswe basebancane ukuthi ibhola lidlalwa kanjani. [Ubuwelewele.] *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[Wednesdays were set aside for sport at school when we were growing up. We used to wear khakhi shorts to play soccer or participate in athletics. I believe that culture should be revived so that our children can be taught how to play soccer at a young age. [Interjections.]]

We urge you to make sure to sign the performance contract with the director-general. School sports must be a key performance area for the director-general. Including that in the director-general’s performance contract will make sure that our children will know different sporting codes at a young age.

Kungathi abantu abansundu abafana nathi sazi ibhola kuphela. Sithi phansi ngokuthi kufundiswe ibhola kuphela emalokishini ethu. Sifuna

bafundiswe zonke izinhlobo zemidlalo ne-hockey. *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[It should not appear as if we as black people are only familiar with soccer. We are saying, "down with the teaching of only soccer in our townships, down". We want them to be taught all kinds of sporting codes, including hockey.]

Our country must learn from other countries. I believe our national team must learn to make sure that they take our national team seriously. They cannot even sing our national anthem – it is shocking. Now, we call upon ...

... Bafana-Bafana ukuthi bazimisele uma bedlala bazi ukuthi badlalela iQembu likaZwelonke. [Ubuwelewele.] *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[... Bafana Bafana to commit themselves when they are playing and know that they are playing for the national team. [Interjections.]]

We welcome the Soccer Indaba as it is long overdue and we believe that the Soccer Indaba won't be a talk show. We look forward to implementation. In order for us to support women - wathint'abafazi, wathint'imbokodo - we must implement gender equity and pay parity. Stop the robbery in soccer.

Ngathi aningizwa. [Ubuwelewele.] *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[It seems as if you are not hearing me. [Interjections.]]

There's resistance to making sure that there is equal pay for playing soccer in our country. But equal pay for equal work is just and it is fair. Let us promote gender equality in sports through promoting equal pay. Let us prioritise women in sports and we welcome what the Minister is going to do with Banyana Banyana.

Siyabonga. *(Translation of isiZulu sentence follows.)*

[Thank you.]

The budget allocation is not equal. I believe we must maybe challenge even the President. You have all the departments ...

... uma ungubaba unabantwana kumele abantwana bakho bonke uma ubathenga izicathulo bathengele bonke izicathulo. *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[... if you are a father you must buy shoes for all your children.]

Now we are saying to the President, the money that you have allocated to the sports is little. We believe it must be increased. Sport unites South Africa ...

... njengamanje uma ngathi sishayeleni iBanyana Banyana izandla. Sonke singashaya izandla. *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[... as of now, if I can say let us applaud Banyana Banyana, we will all applaud them.]

Now I challenge the President that, in the future, let us make sure we pull up our socks and put more money in this budget. I call on the department for the following. Let us implement the report on the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Recreation. There is a document which was meant to create job opportunities for young people. If you can implement this Minister, it will be alright. We must make sure that the department plans better and utilises whatever resources they have accordingly.

One of the greatest things with this department is that it doesn’t even know or is aware of how many stadiums or facilities are here in South Africa. We are calling for the creation of a national facility plan for municipalities to know the number of facilities they have as the government. [Interjections.] You do not know; there is no asset register. The ANC has failed to have an asset register.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Order! Order.!

Mr T W MHLONGO: There is no asset register.

Ayikho. *(Translation of isiZulu sentence follows.)*

[It is not there.]

We need an increase for Boxing SA and we must make sure that when more money is allocated to them they use it appropriately.

Siyabonga Sihlalo ngalokhu engifuna ukukusho ngiyazi ukuthi kuzobanga impikiswano. *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[Thank you, Chairperson. I know what I want to say will spark a debate.]

We must stop funding LoveLife because it is now getting R45 million, while its focus is on health. Its budget must come from the Health department. We are saying sports money should be used appropriately by LoveLife.

The department has received a clean audit. We would like to congratulate it and we are looking forward to work together with the Minister. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr B S MADLINGOZI: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister, ladies and gentlemen, the EFF sends heartfelt condolences to Johnny Clegg's family and to Mama Nomhle Nkonyeni's family.

Minister, for 25 years, the ANC government has failed to properly conceptualise this department and what its role should be. [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms M G Boroto): Order!

Mr B S MADLINGOZI: Any organisation that considers itself to be revolutionary would realise the potential this department has. But this government and department has no idea what they are doing, and are only interested in sport when there is money involved, and at the level of professional male sports - everybody else doesn't matter. But this attitude is misguided. The primary focus of this department should be on sport at the grassroots level, and family sports. These two areas receive little attention and support. The government should be selflessly taking care of the poor black child. It has been 25 years ...

A key failure of this government has been its inability to link sport and physical activity with preventative health care. In South Africa, noncommunicable lifestyle diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and certain types of cancer are killing our people in their hundreds of thousands and leaving many more unfit and unable to be

productive. The consequences this has for our economy most likely goes into the billions of rands, but the consequences it has for our people and society are even worse. An unhealthy people is a reflection of an unhealthy society. Every day, the number of South Africans diagnosed with diabetes and high blood pressure grows and grows with the latest estimates suggesting that 3,5 million South Africans have been diagnosed with diabetes.

Currently, the approach to this problem is informed by pharmaceutical companies who want people to consume their medicine. The approach to these noncommunicable lifestyle diseases must focus on prevention and not treatment, and sport has a key role to play in this. Sport has a key role in this if you listen carefully. Countries like Cuba and China have adopted this approach and it has produced results, and good results. The government through this department must ensure that sporting equipment and facilities are available to people across South Africa.

The current allocation of sporting resources is the same as it was during apartheid. You have the so-called white schools with swimming pools, fields, courts, training equipment and professional coaches, while, in the townships and rural areas, our schools are lucky if they have proper fields, functional equipment, and coaches. Black children are being denied the opportunity of enjoying sports, but also of being healthy. The legacy of apartheid is being continued. While in the past, your department made attempts to allocate some

resources to schools in black communities, that has never produced much results, and that is because of corruption, incompetence, lack of vision and a small budget. [Interjections.]

There are a number of things that must change if this government wants to provide the black child the same access to sport and recreation facilities as they do to the white child. I will now give you a few examples of what can be done, so as not just to make speeches about it. It's been 25 years. All schools should have proper fields, swimming pools, dedicated coaches, physical exercise teachers, equipment and courts. All municipalities need to have multipurpose indoor and outdoor sports facilities located within communities so that it is easily accessible for children and people within the communities. Each ward in this country needs to have an outdoor gym and all wards need to have at least one park where families can relax and be outdoors.

The other burning issue that this department must immediately address is the unequal treatment of the male and female sporting codes. Female athletes in South Africa continue to be neglected. They receive less than their male counterparts from government institutions and from sponsors. We are not only talking about Banyana Banyana; we are also talking about all female athletes across all sports. It makes no sense that more government money is being used to support sportsmen who are already professional athletes and make large salaries, while less funding is allocated to

amateur sportswomen who are working other jobs. This is not right and will not help the development of female sports - just like you are saying because you are not a serious person.

Government needs to make funding available to establish and support female sports leagues in this country. Banyana Banyana recently showed the potential that this country's female athletes have. Imagine what could be achieved if, from an early age, female sportswomen received proper support and training. Imagine what could have been achieved if every member of the Banyana Banyana squad was able to dedicate all of their time and energy to soccer, and did not have to have a side job. But until this government changes its approach and attitude to female sport, we will have to keep on imagining. It has been 25 years; we cannot beg anymore. We have to come and take these things, because now that the Women's World Cup is over, female athletes will once again be forgotten. So, we reject the Budget Vote.

Inkosi B N LUTHULI: Ngibonge Sihlalo, ngibingele oNgqongqoshe noNgqongqoshe womnyango, i-IFP ithanda ukudlulisa amazwi okudabuka ku-Johnny Clegg osishiyileyo. *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[Inkosi B N LUTHULI: Thank you, Chairperson. I greet the Ministers and the Minister of the department. The IFP would like to convey its condolences to the family of the late Johnny Clegg.]

The IFP acknowledges the budget allocation to the department and demands that the department spends wisely in order to achieve its planned objectives. Sport has proven to be very effective in giving the youth a sense of purpose, especially at school level. Even beyond that, there are many job opportunities created through sport, given that we have the challenge of a very high unemployment rate in this country. The government and in particular this department needs to ensure that it pools from all it has to ensure that of all sporting codes are accessible by all South Africans, mainly those from disadvantaged backgrounds who are not exposed to the many different codes and cannot afford to take part in the ones they may want to.

Twenty-five years into our democracy, the ANC-led government has done little to redress the legacy of apartheid spatial planning with regard to the provision of sports facilities. As part of the IFP's founding values, we uphold and cherish diversity. We want all sporting teams to reflect all the people who call South Africa home.

Funding remains a challenge for many athletes to attend trial games, training camps and eventually to play in tournaments as the cost of these is too high. The department needs to be mindful of this. The IFP calls on all the people and government to embrace and support different sporting codes, especially those that remain in the shadow of soccer in the country. We need to ensure that women and girls ... The IFP supports the ... [Inaudible.] [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Ms H A JORDAAN: Hon House Chairperson, I started my speech on the debate on Arts and Culture yesterday by saying that there is no need to remind the Minister and his department just how important a role the department has to play in nation-building and social cohesion. This is indeed true, not only for arts and culture, but also for sports and recreation. While it is the responsibility of the department to promote multilingualism, sport is a universal language that we can all speak. For instance, the hon Paulsen and I may not agree on many things, but I hope we are on the same page in our support of Bafana Bafana or the Springboks.

I sincerely hope that we are also on the same page regarding the importance of the promotion of recreational activities among all communities towards promoting a healthy, active, lifestyle to curb the incidences of lifestyle diseases.

Suid-Afrika is ’n sportnasie, soos die agb Minister gesê, met ’n ellelange rekord van uitstekende sportprestasies en atlete. Die departement se verskeie programme en die implementering van die begroting moet toesien tot ’n volhoubare prestasierekord, deur die bevordering van sport vanaf skole tot op professionele vlak.

Daar is egter verskeie struikelblokke wat deur die ANC-regering self geskep is, wat in die pad van ’n voortgesette prestasierekord en behoorlike nasiebou en sosiale kohesie staan. *(Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follows.)*

[South Africa is a sporting nation, as the hon Minister said, with a very long record of excellent sporting achievements and athletes. The department’s various programs and budget implementations must ensure a sustainable track record through the promotion of sport from school level to a professional level.

However, there are several obstacles created by the ANC government itself, which stand in the way of a continued record of achievement and proper nation-building and social cohesion.]

The National Development Plan’s transformation vision for sports in 2030 is that participation in each sporting code begins to approximate the demographics of the country. This statement in itself is fatally flawed. Sport is competitive; it is the nature of any game or competition. Therefore, you cannot force participation to equate to some cosmetic quota. Participation must be based on merit or there would be no game or competition.

Hon Minister, we will not soar if we do not promote proper sports development and field sports teams that are picked on merit. If the ANC government is serious about promoting and developing sport for the greater good of the South African community, it should rather focus on proper sports development from grassroots levels in schools. Cosmetic transformation of professional sports teams by forcing them to adhere to a certain quota will not succeed in the long run. Athletes must be able to compete on merit by receiving

proper coaching with proper facilities from the lowest level in order to compete at provincial and national levels.

The state of sports and recreational facilities in our country is an enormous problem. The National Development Plan envisages that the government ensures adequate facilities for the majority of the population to play sport and the adequate maintenance of such. Let me tell you, the ANC has failed dismally at attaining these goals. [Interjections.] The sports facilities in local communities are in a deplorable state and I am sure no one can argue with that fact. Facilities under the management of municipalities are even worse off. In the Free State province, from Edenburg to Sasolburg, and I am sure everywhere else in between, there is not a single public swimming pool in working condition. These facilities, once the pride of small towns across the country, have become dumping sites. The same goes for stadiums and other sporting facilities. There are many communities that desperately want to contribute to local sporting facilities, like that of Wesselsbron in the Free State where the once-proud Frikkie Cronjé Stadium is in ruins, yet the municipality refuses help from the community to maintain it because it has absolutely no political will to do so.

The allocation of R620 million towards the mass participation and sport development grant to the nine provinces must be carefully monitored with the proper checks and balances to ensure the funds indeed go towards furthering the development of sport and recreation

in the provinces. For too long, transfers to provinces and federations have not been used for their intended purposes. There must be severe consequences for the misappropriation of these funds.

Die regering moet ophou inmeng in sport. Skep ’n omgewing waarin sportsoorte ontwikkel word en atlete kan deelneem en gelyke geleenthede tot deelname het. Die ANC-beheerde regering se volgehoue inmenging in die kies van sportspanne bedreig ons eens trotse sportnasie.

Ten slotte, dra ek, namens die VF Plus, ons medelye oor aan die naasbestaandes van James Small. Hy was ’n ware Suid-Afrikaanse sportheld wat gesorg het vir baie opwinding op en van die veld af.

Ek wens ook vir Erin, Karla, Bongiwe en die res van die Suid-Afrikaanse netbalspan sterkte toe met die Netbal-wêreldbekerreeks. Hulle maak ons trots. Ek dank u. (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follows.*)

[The government must stop interfering in sport. Create an environment in which sport is developed and athletes can participate and have equal opportunities. The ANC government’s continued interference in the selection of sport teams threatens our once proud sports nation.

In conclusion, on behalf of the FF Plus, I convey our condolences to the next of kin of James Small. He was a true South African sports hero who caused a lot of excitement on and off the field.

I also wish Erin, Karla, Bongiwe and the rest of the South African netball team good luck with the Netball World Cup series. They make us proud. Thank you.]

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE: Hon House Chair, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, hon Nkosinathi Mthethwa and other Ministers present, the MECs of the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, who are here, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation, Ms Beauty Dlulane and other hon members, the directors-general of both departments, Mr Alec Moemi and Vusi Mkhize, and other officials of both departments, stakeholders and partners of sport and recreation, ladies and gentlemen ...

Molweni. [Good day.]

The National Sport and Recreation Plan, otherwise called the NSRP, acknowledges that, worldwide, sport strategies are focused on increasing levels of participation in sport and recreation, as well as achieving success at an international level. As the NSRP reminds us, no country can expect to achieve and sustain success at the elite level without a strong participation base at community level, because that is the beginning for every champion. It is therefore

not by accident that the greater part of our budget is allocated to the Active Nation Programme. This programme is involved with school sport and community sport. The school sport amount excludes the over R200 million that is transferred to the provinces from the mass participation and sport development grant. As you all know, 64,5% of the budget of the department goes to this programme.

The I Choose 2B Active campaign is a 365-day campaign intended to encourage South Africans to start, pursue and commit to the life-long wellness of a physically active lifestyle. It is a movement calling on all South Africans – yes, all of you – to actually start being active citizens. To step up and take charge of your health and wellness through regular participation in physical activities, as well as daring others to join you in embodying such a physically active lifestyle. It is for this reason that we wish to thank South Africans who have taken up our challenge to choose to be active, for they have decisively declared, I choose to change my lifestyle and I choose you to join me on this journey.

Annually, we have seen such committed South Africans from all walks of life joining us in all provinces, to participate in the I Choose 2B Active campaign, the pillar of events intended to remind all of us of the benefits of a physically-active lifestyle which also takes place in provinces. The campaign is brought to life through critical events such as the Move for Health Day, the Big Walk, National Recreation Day, and the I Choose 2B Active boot camp.

The 2019 Move for Health Day took place on 10 May, in Reiger Park, Ekurhuleni, in Gauteng. National Recreation Day will take place on the first day of October which will be the fourth and we invite all of you. The Big Walk will take place on the first Sunday of October which will be the sixth. Both Recreation Day and the Big Walk will also be held in all provinces on the same day as their national versions. The inaugural I Choose 2B Active boot camp will take place in the fourth week of November this year. The Big Walk is aligned with the Association for International Sport for All, Tafisa, World Walking Day, which encourages and lobbies countries to walk by creating advocacy and awareness during October. The number of participants has increased exponentially over the years and the event has become increasingly popular, with 37 303 eager walkers at the 2018 event. We hope for more in 2019.

Cabinet declared an annual National Recreation Day for the first Friday of October each year. The 2019 National Recreation Day campaign will be expanded to corporate South Africa, tertiary institutions, and communities at large, in order for a broader scope of South African citizens to embrace and participate in physical activities for fun and leisure. Four thousand two hundred and eleven participants were mobilised at the 2018 national event. We hope to double this number in 2019.

The department will continue to assist provincial departments by deploying managers to oversee youth camps and provide logistical

support to ensure that they are successful. An estimated 1 800 participants from various backgrounds attend these camps, where learners are taught leadership skills, life skills, and the importance of national pride. The department plans to spend R3 million on the camps, while each province allocates an additional R3 million each from the mass participation and sport development grant. Linked to this is the Trailblazer Movement, which is a platform for all youth camp participants to develop themselves and their communities further. The mission is to develop a movement driven by youth pioneers dedicated to learn, lead and serve, while making an impact on the lives of others in their pursuit of nation-building.

The aim of the Rural Sport Development Programme is to revive sport and unearth talent in the rural areas. The programme was conceptualised out of a realisation that the most disadvantaged communities, particularly in the rural areas and in areas under traditional leadership, still require a structured focused sport development programme. Even though many communities in rural areas do host tournaments, they do not feed into or link with any structured sport development programme. Therefore, there is neither growth nor an exit platform for the athletes who may demonstrate potential and talent. This programme seeks to close this gap and 1 100 participants are expected at the 2019 events.

The Indigenous Games Festival will once again be hosted in September 2019, catering for participants in dibeke, diketo, drie-stokkies, kgati, iintonga, kho-kho, ncuva, morabaraba and jukskei. The event forms part of the heritage celebrations in South Africa and elements of a carnival, arts, crafts, an African food village, and other related traditional activities have been incorporated. These festivities have increased patronage of the games. Now that we have the nine codes codified, we are scoping Skop die Bal, to see if it could be added as the 10th code. Since some of these codes are played internationally under different names, there is a need to standardise rules and scoring methodologies at international level to allow competition with other countries. Currently, our Indigenous Games teams are only able to showcase our games at the Tafisa games without competing.

The Golden Games will continue in October 2019, in partnership with the Department of Social Development. It will remain an active recreation festival for older persons and directly supports the notion that people can significantly improve the quality of their later years by staying active and being fully engaged in life.

School sport remains a core deliverable of the department in the 2019-20 financial year, and the bulk allocation of our budget to this objective supports our strategic intention. The department remains committed to maximising access to sport, recreation and physical activity in every school in South Africa. It is

unapologetic about rolling out functional sport in schools. This programme will remain the flagship programme in the department with the focus being devoted to implementing a long-term participant development model. Of the projected 50 000 learners who are set to participate in school sport competitions at district level for this financial year, 5 000 are expected to progress to participating at the autumn, winter and summer championships, and as school sport participants at the 2019 Indigenous Games Festival.

An estimated 2 500 schools, hubs and clubs are expected to receive equipment and attire at a cost of R45 million in each year over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework period to facilitate sustainable participation. For the success of our school sport programme, we continue to regulate our relationship with the Department of Basic Education through the memorandum of understanding, MOU. This MOU forms a foundation for the successful transformation of sport in the country and brings in sustainability. Its proper co-ordination will assist to also channel all our interventions in focused areas and integrate efforts that will develop a clear talent pipeline of development in sport.

The National School Sport Winter Championships took place in Durban this year at the University of KwaZulu-Natal from 30 June 2019 to 5 July 2019. These championships featured seven sporting codes: winter football, volleyball, tennis, hockey, rugby, chess and netball. All nine provinces participated, with the total number of

participants being 3 825. During the games, talent scouts were in attendance with the view to identify talented learners and nurture them further through the various academies. We wish to congratulate Gauteng province for being the overall winners at the 2019 School Sport Winter Games. [Applause].

We are also cognisant of the fact that greater effort is required to develop rural and disadvantaged provinces like the Northern Cape. We appreciate the efforts to better resource the Northern Cape through the conditional grant and applaud the gesture from Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal to sacrifice a portion of their grants to increase the grant allocation to the Northern Cape. This has made a vast contribution to the development of sport and recreation in that province.

The 30th edition of the Summer Universiade – which was the eleventh one hosted in Italy – took place from 3 July 2019 to 14 July 2019, in the City of Naples and the surrounding region of Campania. Two hundred and eighteen countries took part in these games. The South African delegation consisted of 178 participants in six codes of sport, namely, football, athletics, swimming, archery, rugby and tennis.

University Sport SA set a target to bring home eight medals. Team SA brought home 18 medals in total – 6 gold, 4 silver and 10 bronze – and was ranked 10th out of 57 countries. [Applause.] In this

process, we also saw new records being set. We wish to congratulate University Sport SA for putting together a strong team of athletes who have done us proud. Gratitude goes to Ms Nomsa Mahlangu and Dr Mike Ralethe, who continue to represent us well in the international setting. We thank Lotto for making sure they actually did a good kit for the team.

Considering the dire need for social unification, the department, as an Outcome 14 signatory, will continue to utilise sport as a vehicle for social cohesion. The Unite Campaign will be delivered as one of the projects of the new Department of Sports, Arts, and Culture during the 2019-20 financial year, with the Nelson Mandela Sport and Culture Day being the core tenet of this campaign.

Hon members, the hon President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said in the state of the nation address:

> In an economy that is not growing, at a time when public finances are limited, we will not be able to do everything at one time.

However, there are things that we have control over, that we can use to good effect. We are, among other things, able to plan in line with the allocated budget, and we have the capacity to make policy and develop or review legislation in order to grow the sector.

I do want to let the House know that we have been taken to court by Solidarity, challenging us on our transformation charter. We have won the case ... [Applause.] ... but they have taken us to the Constitutional Court because they do not believe in transformation. We will fight; we are not scared. [Interjections.]

In conclusion, I hope you share my enthusiasm as I have noted the numerous indications that the former Departments of Sport and Recreation, and Arts and Culture can now jointly deliver, moving forward, as the newly constituted national Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. Intensive work streams have been established and are working diligently such that we anticipate delivering a robust joint Budget Vote next year, sharing with you the plans we have to deliver sport, arts and culture to our nation.

The Minister and I are inheriting a department that has a track record of good governance, having achieved clean audit opinions over the years. [Applause]. As the political leader of the department, this gives me confidence that we are surrounded by committed officials who respect the controls and work processes that have been established towards proper functioning of the department, and the sustainability of its support to all South Africans through the various sport delivery agents that we work with.

Let me also thank the Minister, the directors-general and the officials, particularly Mr Alec Moemi, who have ensured that we

settle in to the new portfolio with ease. It is only when we work together, that we can achieve more. Our people know that the socially cohesive winning nation we aspire to is not just a dream, but a reality that may be far, but is reachable. Let’s walk there together, hand in-hand. All can be done. I choose to be active. How about you? I thank you very much. [Applause.]

Mr W M THRING: House Chairperson, as we consider this budget allocation of R1 153,6 million for the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture in the 2019-20 financial year, the ACDP would first want to bring to the House’s attention the correction to the report presented to the portfolio committee. On page 47 of the Announcements, Tablings and Committee, ATC, report dated Wednesday, 10 July 2019, the budget for the department is shown as sitting at, and I quote, “R1 153,6 billion from the 2018-19 adjusted appropriation of R1 090,5 billion.” Minister, this will solve all of the problems that you have in terms of finances as it will give you some seventy-odd per cent of the budget. The budget allocation table on page 48 shows the correct amounts.

The ACDP would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our national sports teams, without singling out any one team, for representing our country well and doing the best that they could in their various sporting disciplines. Most South Africans love their sport, and it must be said that South Africa is one of the few countries in the world to have reached World Cup stages in soccer,

rugby and cricket. It was former President Nelson Mandela, an international icon, who said —

> Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire and unite people in a way that little else does. Sports can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments ...

I repeat:

> It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers.

I believe that Mr Mandela understood better than most that the most effective intervention in fostering social cohesion and bringing about transformation in our country is the intervention called sport.

Developmental sport strategies, plans and implementation are a must if we are to compete and succeed against the best in the world. From sport in schools where talent is identified to our Winning Nation Programme where this talent is nurtured, in order to develop a team of elite athletes in multidisciplinary codes of sport, development schools must never be overlooked.

There are many schools where the learner is robbed of holistic development because no sport is offered. These learners are denied the opportunity of leading healthier lifestyles, their latent talent lies untapped and a potential gold medal winner in the Olympic Games gets lost to drugs and crime in our communities.

The challenges within the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, Sascoc, must be dealt with speedily. We cannot allow those who want to determine their own terms sitting in Sascoc. We cannot allow those who have challenges with regard to remuneration and conflicts of interest to continue serving on this committee. Our sports teams must be chosen on merit. Thank you, Chair.
[Interjections.]

Mna J B MAMABOLO: Modulasetulo wa Ngwako, Tona ya tša Dipapadi, Bokgabo le Setšo Ntate Nathi Mthethwa, Motlatšatona wa gagwe Mme Nocawe Mafu, maloko a komiti ao a etilwego pele ke Mme Beauty Dlulane, badulasetulo ba dikomiti tše dingwe - ke ba bone, gammogo le Difepidigolo, baetapele ba dikgoro tše tše pedi tše, bao ba etilwego pele ke balaodikakaretšo ba babedi, Ntate Mkhize le Ntate Moemi, le bahlankedi kamoka ba dikgoro tše tše pedi, ke bone le Walter Mokoena, re leboga thekgo.

Modulasetulo, gosasa ge nkabe Morena Mandela a be a sa phela o be a tla be a swara mengwaga ye 101. O ile a bolela a re, ke a tsopola:
(Translation of Sepedi paragraphs follows.)

[Mr J B MAMABOLO: Hon House Chairperson, hon Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture, Mr Nathi Mthethwa, hon Deputy Minister, Ms Beauty Dlulane, hon Chairpersons of Committees, hon Chief Whips, the leaders of these two departments, Mr Mkhize and Mr Moemi and all the officials from the two departments – I also noted Walter Mokoena – we appreciate your support.

Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand.]

Therefore, this brings us to a commitment made by the ANC at its 54th national conference where it resolved – I was a delegate there; I remember it very well – to use sport as a tool for change, to bring about social cohesion and nation-building.

The vast number of young people in South African, especially in rural areas such as Moiletswane and Shakung in the North West and Ga-Seleka in Lephalale are currently faced with very challenging social ills such as high rates of unemployment, crime, teenage pregnancy, and drug and alcohol abuse, among others.

Ba fola dipatše; ba fola dinyaope; ba tagwa ke bjala. *(Translation of Sepedi sentence follows.)*

[They smoke weed; they smoke nyaope; they drink too much alcohol.]

This brings us to the important role that sport and recreation can play in overcoming these social ills through creating a culture of participation and involvement among the youth. This newly configured Department of Sport, Arts and Culture remains the driver in the promotion of sport and recreation through the delivery of programmes as outlined in its 2019-20 annual performance plan.

In order for the Department of Sport to promote sport participation amongst the youth, school sport remains the epitome of where champions are discovered and moulded into world-class athletes such as Caster Semenya and others. This way also leads to the transformation of sport and recreation from the bottom up as compared to from a top-down approach.

All these professional players that you see on TV, whether they are playing for Bafana Bafana, Springboks, Proteas, and so on – the likes of Lorch, Percy Tau, the netball captain, Bongiwe Msomi, and Siya Kolisi of the Springboks ... None of them started at the top. They started somewhere else. They started in their various schools. [Applause.] Hence we are saying everybody should start playing sport at school. Once you start at school, you will be able to play for your local teams, and from your local teams maybe you will be co-opted or promoted to Amajimbos, Amajita, Amaglug-glug, Bafana Bafana and so on. Hon Minister, we need to pour more resources into school sports.

Minister, we want to see young people participating in planning and the implementation of their own sport programmes, just to promote public participation in our communities. For example, we grew up playing moruba or morabaraba, as the Minister has indicated. We grew up playing kitlo, black mampatile and so on. These kind of indigenous games are the ones that distracted us from abusing drugs. And here we are in Parliament today, hon Minister, because we did not have time to abuse drugs or alcohol or engage in sexual intercourse. So, these kinds of sports activities, especially indigenous ones, will be able to remove our kids from the streets.

School sport has the power to combat the violence in schools between learners and teachers. As seen in recent news, learners nowadays stab teachers and teachers fight with learners because of drug abuse. That is why the promotion of school sports remains a national priority on which the department should focus within the current sixth administration. The successful roll-out of school sports in South Africa as indicated in the NDP is a competence of both the Department of Basic Education led by Ms Angie Motshekga and your Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. Apparently, there was a memorandum of understanding which was signed last year. I am calling upon you to follow up on that memorandum, hon Minister and Deputy Minister. Make sure that you hold these directors-general accountable so that they are able to implement that memorandum of understanding together with the Department of Basic Education. If they don’t do so, it will be called underperformance, and they

should be fired from work, hon Minister. We are really calling upon you. School sport is very important.

... [Inaudible.] ... indicated that we need to integrate it perhaps in the school curriculum, let's say maybe from Grade R to Grade 12, because if, let's say a school goes out at around 2 o'clock, and then they are able to participate from ... in various activities of sports from half-past two, and then they go home at half-past five. Ja, when they go home they are tired, hon Minister. They eat, they do their homework from Monday to Friday. They are tired. They will never have time to sit somewhere in corners to rob people and so on. Monday to Friday, half-past two, hon Minister, at least up until half-past five. Saturdays, they will go to their various teams or maybe Saturday classes and so on. Sundays they go to church. From church, they read. They sleep Monday to Friday. So they will not have space to commit crimes or abuse these substances.

Hon Minister, the provision for school sports to be run by teachers ... We want basic education and its provincial departments, so that this thing can start from national and cascade down to provinces. A requirement for sport education department to facilitate the establishment of school structures ... Currently, out of more than 25 000 schools, only 6 000 of them have proper facilities and active ... what you call ... school sport and most of them are independent schools and former model-C schools.

Maybe that you mentioned that you will be able to integrate that into Quintile 1 and Quintile 2 schools.

The Deputy Minister also spoke about the camps. Those camps must continue, hon Minister.

We want the Department of Sport and Recreation to facilitate a provision ... [Inaudible.] ... through the sport ... [Inaudible.] ... National Lottery ... you can bring in the likes of honourable Professor Nevhutanda of National Lottery to assist you. And also the Migs ...

Hon Minister, the Department of Basic Education must assist in this regard, as I have indicated that that you have signed a memorandum of understanding.

The senior management also must be responsible, as indicated.

All the schools nationally should have a minimum of three compulsory sporting codes that the children will participate in. Teacher unions, school governing bodies, parents and the communities should be involved in the implementation and the running of school sport programmes as well as enforce a culture of sport participation among learners.

Capacitation of teachers ... so that teachers can have capacity ... because, I mean, you can force a teacher to teach or to train ... [Inaudible.] ... that teacher does not have love for sports, he will not be able to assist them.

The Department of Sports, Arts and Culture should use its allocated resources as indicated ... [Inaudible.] ... about your budget ... to ensure that talented kids are identified, nurtured, and given the opportunity to showcase their talents at national and international levels. I can give you an example of ... through me.

I played for Danone Under-12 and Nike Under-14, and then I played for other clubs under-17 ... my childhood times as a player for Real Stars and Naughty Boys. We need to get all these learners also to participate at that age, from under-12, under-14, under-17 and so on, as indicated. Please, hon Minister.

Corporate South Africa’s involvement in school sport remains an important investment in the upliftment of communities affected by social ills.

Let us prioritise school sports because it is very important for our kids, as indicated, so that we are able to get our kids in class, from class to home.

Hon Dlulane spoke about having a former player ... a former netball player. Please, hon Minister, even if we have an injury there in Liverpool, you must never ever send hon Dlulane there. She’s not fit! I mean otherwise our days would be numbered there in Liverpool. The girls are doing well. They are playing tonight at 8 o’clock. We must support them.

The ANC supports the Budget Vote No 40 on Sport and Recreation.

Mr L M NTSHAYISA: Hon Chairperson, getting involved in sport means peace within our communities and also in the world, as former President Nelson Mandela once stated. This Budget Vote is more relevant as we are doing it now during Mandela Month and also as we are celebrating his birthday tomorrow. It is unfortunate that the old man has gone with his Mandela magic because we seem to be losing a lot of games now! But we can still make it possible and it is upon ourselves now that we no longer look for any magic but now we make it through hard work, so that we win these games when there is no longer Mandela magic!

Social cohesion and transformation are the features of the National Development Plan, NDP. So, these should be taken further and developed so that we make this country succeed in terms of sport.

Identification of talents in sport begins at schools. It is therefore important that these departments, the Departments of Basic Education, Sports and Arts and Culture come and work together.

It is through sport that we can live healthy lifestyles. The problem of obesity will be something of the past as we will be involved in sport. The introduction of sport in our schools is appreciated as it is beginning to be done. The idea of building a nation and a winning nation are some of the issues that we should encourage in sport. This department has set targets that are possible to achieve, unlike other departments that just set up big targets knowing very well that they will not achieve them. So, we appreciate the department for that because about 99,9% of the target has been achieved and that is great indeed.

There must be enough resources to support school sport and also national sport. We appreciate now that these departments are now two and that there is at least a bigger amount of money coming from either side. I think now something great will be done in order to develop sport in this country. There is no reason not to support this Budget Vote.

Mr C H M SIBISI: Hon Chair, hon Minister, Deputy Minister, hon members of the House, I greet you all and also wish to pass my greetings to my leader and the President of the Athletic South Africa...

... tata uMhlanga, ndiyabulisa. (*Translation of isiXhosa sentence follows*.)

[... father Mhlanga, I greet you.]

The NFP welcomes and supports the budget reports on sport and recreation. The NFP supports the focus on social cohesion and the transformational framework through encouraging sport and physical education participation. It is important that we teach our learners that participation in sport can be enjoyed and is not only competitive. We see many learners disengage from sporting activities due to the focus on elite sportsmanship.

The NFP supports that the positive initiative needs to be expanded. Schools are unable to render a variety of sporting activities to students due to lack of resources.

We support the National Development Plan’s Vision 2030 in adequately resourcing schools with the necessary sporting equipment and the provision of adequate facilities to accommodate students.

We also encourage the Minister to look at the memorandum of understanding between the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Department of Basic Education because we wish to see that school sport should be more effective. The Minister should assist in

establishing a national school sport structure like the United School Sports Association of SA which we used to have in the past.

In combating non-communicable disease through sport and recreation, we support promoting physical activities within our communities and schools and participation in community sport and physical activity programmes. However, we are alarmed that the sport support and sport infrastructure support spend is lower than projected. These two programmes are in high demand, especially in our disadvantaged communities. The department must fill in those vacancies which are highlighted in the report immediately.

The NFP supports the recommendations to involve traditional leadership to promote rural sports development programmes. Our rural communities must not be neglected because we know that these communities are swelling with talented sportsmen and -women who need the necessary equipment to improve their skills. We will continue to support and assist our women football teams and we commend them for their resilience and advocacy for equality within sport.

Sport is a global phenomenon and an integral component of modern society. It teaches values and discipline and has the capacity to touch the lives of all people regardless of gender, age, language, economic and social status, geographic location or cultural differences. Sport possesses an unsurpassed ability to reach broad sectors of population. We support the budget. [Applause.]

Mnr W F FABER: Agb Voorsitter, sport het in die laaste paar dekades wêreldwyd in kuns sowel as in wetenskap verander. Die dae toe blote talent en oefening medaljes kon verower is baie lankal verby. Daarom het hierdie departement ’n geweldige groot rol om te speel ten opsigte van ontwikkeling van jong sporttalent. Indien ons op internasionale vlak enigsins kompeterend wil bly, sal ons dieper moet gaan kyk om op skoolvlak reg te doen, om uiteindelik kampioene vir Suid-Afrika te verseker.

Suid-Afrika se sportprobleme lê eerstens by die gebrek aan sportfasiliteite by voorheen-benadeelde skole, waar die onderskeie departemente, insluitend sport en onderwys, wel geld bewillig vir fasiliteite. Grotendeels word dit nou wit olifante en dan gaan kyk ons byvoorbeeld na die Fifa Legacy Project sportkompleks naby Uitenhage, waar honderde miljoene rande spandeer was met die Fifa Wêreldbeker jare terug, wat totaal verwoes en onbruikbaar is.

Daar moet daadwerklik gekyk word om ’n volhoubare sportkultuur te begin vestig met opgeleide en toegewyde adminstrateurs, afrtigters en fasiliteite.

In oudmodel-C skole bestaan hierdie kultuur steeds as gevolg van skole se historiese toegang tot hulpbronne. Leerders by hierdie skole het toegang tot professionele afrigters en toerusting. As gevolg hiervan het dit ’n ongelyke speelveld geword waar leerlinge van hierdie skole in verskeie sportskode steeds domineer.

’n Piramide se hoogte word bepaal deur die grootte van sy basis. Indien daar slegs ’n beperkte basis is, kan geen mededingende hoogtes bereik word nie. ’n Groter fokus op liggaamsoefening en volhoubare massadeelname moet begin plaasvind. Kyk maar na die klem wat die Chinese op sportdeelname en leerlinge se fiksheid op skool plaas.

Konsentrasie en fokus het die verskil tussen wen en verloor geword. Ons kinders word al op skool vertel om te fokus en te konsentreer, wanneer dit by hul skoolwerk kom, maar nie by sport nie. Niemand leer hulle dan om doeltreffend te konsentreer nie. Soos wat kinders moet leer om wiskunde, wetenskap en ander vakke te kan slaag en vaardighede in sport te kan bemeester, moet hulle ook elke dag gehelp word om te fokus en te konsentreer.

Fokus en konsentrasie moet dus elke dag ingeoefen word. Waarom word dit nie gedoen nie? Die vermoë om te konsentreer is van sleutelbelang vir ’n atleet om die kruin van sy vermoë te kan bereik. Wanneer twee atlete met gelyke vaardighede en vermoeëns meeding, is dit feitlik ’n uitgemaakte saak dat die een met die beste vermoë om te kan fokus en te konsentreer sal wen en seëvier.

Ongelukkig ... Ek wil hê u moet baie mooi luister. Onelukkig leef ons almal in ’n Suid-Afrika onder ’n baie swak ANC-regering wat self nie weet hoe om te kan fokus en konsentreer nie. Dit sien ons elke

dag in die regering. Hierdie situasie veroorsaak onstabiele ekonomiese toestande wat gepaard gaan met werkloosheid en misdaad.

Sportmanne en -vroue is dus daagliks onder hierdie druk asook die druk om nog te kan presteer ook. Die negatiewe politieke en ekonomiese toestande in ons land, wat deur hierdie ANC veroorsaak word het dus definitief ’n invloed op die prestasie van ons sportsterre.

Ons sportmanne en -vroue is meestal groter, sterker, vinniger en meestal ook meer talentvol as ons opponente. Die realiteit is egter dat wanneer dinge nie by die huis reggaan nie, dan fokus ons ook nie 100% op ons prestasie nie.

Suid-Afrikaanse sportondersteuners behoort nie eens te wonder waarom ons spanne nie presteer soos van hulle verwag word nie. Kyk maar na ons regering.

In die DA-regerende Wes-Kap, word drome ’n werklikheid, waar dienslewering plaasvind, korrupsie beveg word en sportmanne en -vroue kan begin fokus. Ongelukkig oorskadu die nasionale toestande in ons land ’n bietjie die lig wat nog in die Wes-Kaap skyn.

Laastens, wil ek vir ons nasionale spanne en individuele sportsterre wat die afgelope tyd aan internasionale byeenkomste deelgeneem het, soos byvoorbeeld die Proteas, krieket- en netbalspanne, wat nou nog

aan die gang is, Bafana Bafana, Banyana Banyana, en dan natuurlik ons fietsryer Daryl Impey wat die Tour de France gewen het, dank betuig vir hul toewyding om in hierdie moeilike onstandighede in ons land, ons land te verteenwoordig. Ons is trots op julle almal - wen of verloor.

Aan ons Springbok-rugbyspan, alle sterkte en voorspoed aan julle met die Wêreld Rugbybeker wat volgende maand in Japan afskop. Weet dat ons almal agter julle staan met die hoop dat ons, soos in 2005, Suid-Afrika kan verenig as die reënboognasie van Nelson Mandela. Viva Bokke! [Applous.] *(Translation of Afrikaans speech follows.)*

[Mr W F FABER: Hon Chairperson, over the last few decades, the art as well as the science of sport has changed worldwide. The days when mere talent and practice could win medals are long gone. That is why this department has a huge role to play in the development of young sporting talent. If we want to remain competitive internationally, we will have to look deeper to do right at school level to ultimately ensure champions for South Africa.

South Africa’s sport problems lie first and foremost in the lack of sport facilities at previously disadvantaged schools, where the various departments, including sport and education, do allocate money for facilities. For the most part they now become white elephants. For example, if we go to the Fifa Legacy Project sport complex near Uitenhage, where hundreds of millions of rand were

spent with the Fifa World Cup years ago, we will see it is totally destroyed and is now useless.

Efforts must be made to establish a sustainable sport culture with trained and dedicated administrators, coaches and facilities.

In ex-model C schools, this culture still exists because of such schools' historical access to resources. Learners at these schools have access to professional coaches and equipment. As a result, it has become an uneven playing field where learners from these schools still dominate in various sport codes.

The height of a pyramid is determined by the size of its base. If there is only a limited base, no competitive heights can be reached. A greater focus on physical exercise and sustainable mass participation must begin to take place. Just look at the emphasis that the Chinese place on sport participation and learners' fitness at school.

Concentration and focus have become the difference between winning and losing. Our children are already told in school to focus and concentrate when it comes to their schoolwork, but not with sport. Then nobody teaches them to concentrate effectively. Just as children need to learn to pass mathematics, science and other subjects and to master skills in sport, they also need to be helped to focus and concentrate every day.

Focus and concentration must therefore be practiced every day. Why is it not done? The ability to concentrate is of the utmost importance for an athlete to reach the pinnacle of his ability. When two athletes with equal skills and abilities compete, it is a foregone conclusion that the one with the best ability to focus and concentrate will win and triumph.

Unfortunately, ... I want you to listen very carefully. Unfortunately, we all live in a South Africa under a very weak ANC government that itself does not know how to focus and concentrate. We see this in government every day. This situation causes unstable economic conditions associated with unemployment and crime.

Sportsmen and -women are therefore daily under this pressure as well as the pressure to still perform. The negative political and economic conditions in our country, which are caused by this ANC, definitely have an impact on the performance of our sport stars.

Our sportsmen and -women are usually bigger, stronger, faster and usually also more talented than our opponents. However, the reality is that when things do not go right at home, we do not focus 100% on our performance.

South African sport supporters should not even wonder why our teams are not performing as expected. Just look at our government.

In the DA-ruling Western Cape, dreams become a reality, service delivery takes place, corruption is fought and sportsmen and -women can start focusing. Unfortunately, the national conditions in our country somewhat overshadow the light that still shines in the Western Cape.

Lastly, I would like to thank our national teams and individual sport stars who have recently participated in international events, such as the Proteas cricket and netball teams, which are still ongoing, Bafana Bafana, Banyana Banyana, and then of course our cyclist Daryl Impey, who won a Tour de France stage, and express gratitude for their commitment to represent our country in these difficult circumstances. We are proud of you all – win or lose. To our Springbok rugby team, all the best and good luck to you with the World Rugby Cup kicking off in Japan next month. Know that we all stand behind you in the hope that, as in 2005, we can unite South Africa as the rainbow nation of Nelson Mandela. Viva Bokke! [Applause.]]

Mr A M SEABI: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister and Deputy Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, the Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture, hon members of the committee, the leadership of the department led by the two director-generals, the SA South Confederation and Olympic Committee, Sascoc, and all national and provincial sports federations, all stakeholders of the

sports and recreation sector, members of the media present here today, good morning.

The ANC has been given a mandate by the majority of our people to govern during the 2019 national and provincial elections. We will never disappoint them because, within our voters, we have passionate sportsmen and -women, sports administrators, sponsors and sports lovers who still believe that it is only the ANC and never the DA in their lifetime that will totally liberate the sport and recreation sector in this country by implementing policies that talk directly to the sector. [Applause.]

After the 1994 elections, sport remained the integral element of the postapartheid politics and it was viewed as one of the key areas in promoting reconciliation and racial integration in the new South Africa. Sport plays an important role in promoting community development and social cohesion, and plays a critical role in the sharpening of the minds of children in schools.

President Nelson Mandela believed that sport was the best cultural activity through which to promote sociopolitical upliftment, break down old barriers and foster a new national identity and culture in which all South Africans are drawn together.

The ANC has set the scene for future policy. It has pledged to promote representative and participatory democracy. The South

African government, led by the ANC, has over the years developed new policies and put in place some transformation measures to improve the unacceptable conditions left behind by the apartheid government.

President Mandela was right when he said, and I quote, “A winner is a dreamer who never gives up.” This is in line with what President Ramaphosa – who is our biggest dreamer – has alluded to in his 2019 state of the nation address in which he mentioned that one of the four critical burdens of diseases facing the health sector was noncommunicable diseases.

There is an Australian proverb which goes like this, hon Mhlongo, and I quote, “Those who lose dreaming are lost.”

Participation in community sports and physical activity programmes will help to mitigate the burden of noncommunicable diseases.

John Wanamaker once said, and I quote, “People who cannot find time for recreation are obliged sooner or later to find time for illness.”

In order to make sport and recreation accessible to all, the ANC through all its deployed cadres in government has to implement, firstly, the National Development Plan’s Vision 2030 in which social cohesion and transformation framework are featured. It encourages sports and physical education participation.

Secondly, it has to implement the 2014-19 Medium-Term Strategic Framework which is structured around 14 priority outcomes which cover the focus areas identified in the NDP and government's electoral mandate. Outcome 14 says, "A diverse, socially cohesive society with a common national identity."

Thirdly, it has to consider the White Paper on Sport and Recreation which pronounces government's policy regarding sport and recreation in the Republic of South Africa. This White Paper sets out government's vision, strategic objectives, policy directives, outcomes and outputs for promoting and providing sport and recreation.

Fourthly, it has to consider the Transformation Charter for SA Sport which mandates all sport and recreation sector stakeholders to redress the apartheid sport legacy and other social transformation matters.

The fifth consideration is the National Sport and Recreation Plan Vision 2020, which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the nation by providing mass participation opportunities through active recreation. The ANC is really working. As the ANC we say, recreation must be prioritised to address the youth unemployment crisis in this country.

Soon, Parliament will have to approve the National Sport and Recreation Bill that is meant to address holistic challenges, governance and delivery of programmes within this sector. All these policy directives are in line with Sustainable Development Goals and African Agenda 2063.

We wish to be emphatic that our oversight work on sport and recreation will be deepened to ensure that we advance nation-building and social cohesion through sport and recreation. This is to ensure that we play our part towards ensuring that this apex priority is achieved.

I wish to send words of caution to our colleagues on the left that the issue of transformation of the public service and sport and recreation in particular should not be something that could be taken for granted by leaders like the hon Mhlongo and the hon Faber from the DA who talk without proper context and understanding of our historical struggles and lack geopolitical knowledge ...

Mr T W MHLONGO: On a point of order, Chair.

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): Hon Seabi, just a moment, there is a point of order. Yes, hon Mhlongo, what is the point of order?

Mr T W MHLONGO: The hon member must sit down.

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): Hon Mhlongo, you cannot instruct the hon member to sit down. You are not the presiding officer.

Mr T W MHLONGO: Hon Chairperson, you must instruct the hon member to sit down.

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): You cannot instruct the hon member to sit down.

Mr T W MHLONGO: The Rules allow the member, when they stand up ...

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): No, hon Mhlongo, you cannot instruct the member to sit down.

Mr T W MHLONGO: Through you, Chairperson.

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): Hon Mhlongo ... [Interjections.] Hon Mhlongo ... [Interjections.] Order, hon members. Hon Mhlongo, we are listening to your point of order.

Mr T W MHLONGO: Chairperson, can I ask the member a question?

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): Hon Seabi, are you prepared to take a question?

Mr A M SEABI: Hon Chairperson, not today.

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): The member is not prepared. Take your seat.

Mr A M SEABI: Chairperson, this shows that those like the DA and the EFF in the opposition benches of this House will never assist South Africa to overcome the legacy of apartheid in the sport sector.

If I were to quote the DA policy on sport it will say there will be access to facilities in order to improve social cohesion. However, here in the Western Cape, it is difficult to access sport facilities. [Applause.]

Where they think it is possible they will pitch charges so high that especially black people cannot access those facilities. Therefore, black communities in the Western Cape are always sidelined by the DA government.

The less I say about the EFF, the better, because they are day dreamers! There is a proverb that goes like this and I quote:

> Those who dream by the night in the dusty recess of their minds, wake up in the day to find it was vanity, but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, to make it possible. [Applause.]

The father of our nation President Nelson Mandela put it nicely when he said and I quote, “I have always believed that sport is a right, not a privilege.”

With these words we want to assure you Comrade Minister and Deputy Minister that, as the ANC deployed cadres in this newly configured Portfolio Committee on Sports, Arts and Culture, we will make sure that we will lobby and advocate for proper policies, programmes and budget alignment that will address holistic issues of sport and recreation for the benefit of all citizens of this country.

Maybe this is something to take home, especially for the DA ... that ... [Interjections.]

ILUNGA ELIHLONIPHEKILE LE-DA: Yaze yabankulu i-DA. *(Translation of isiZulu paragraph follows.)*

[An HON MEMBER: The DA is so great!]

... as Bob Hope said, “If you watch a game, it’s fun. If you play it, it’s recreation. If you work at it, it’s golf.”

The ANC supports this Budget Vote. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE: Thanks for your questions, hon members. I think most of them will be responded to, perhaps not

today with the five minutes available, but be assured you will have the answers.

I must say that what came through in the questions and contributions is the need to succeed. So, for us to have swimming pools and all these things ... I don’t know how we will do that without a budget, hon Madlingozi. Yet you say the budget shouldn’t be there.

Let me acknowledge our guests who are here with us. We have ... [Interjections.]

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): Hon members, allow the Minister to respond, please.

The MINISTER OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE: We have Edward Mothibi with us here, the 2019 Comrades and Two Oceans Marathon winner. [Applause.] We have Saray Khumalo, who summited Mount Everest. [Applause.] [Interjections.] We have Desiree Ellis with us here, the Banyana Banyana coach. [Interjections.] We have the legends David Nyathi, Mark Williams and Siyabonga Sangweni here with us. [Applause.] We have Graham Adams. We have a former hon member of this House, Mr Moss. [Applause.] We have, from golf, Simthandile Tshabalala, also known as Sim Tiger. [Applause.] We have Mzonke Fana from boxing, Hanro Liebenberg, Reinhardt Hamman, Charl du Toit from the SA Sports Association for the Physically Disabled, SASAPD. [Applause.] We have intellectual disability heroes, Minke Janse van

Rensburg and Leonard Bailey. [Applause.] We have the representatives of the volleyball national premier league and softball with us. [Applause.]

Just to use this minute, there is a question from hon Mhlongo about the inquiry into the death of the spectators. One of the things the former Minister did was to ensure that this process is investigated but it was interdicted by the management of First National Bank stadium. Right now, as the department, we are looking at another route, which is a commission of inquiry from the President. So, we will await and see.

On the issue of women's sport, we have finalised the policy document. There have been road shows in four provinces. In August, we will finalise the remaining five provinces because, as the governing party, the ANC, we understand the importance of women in sport. We will ensure that we support that. [Applause.] Even the moves of forming a league for Banyana Banyana ... we are going to support the SA Football Association, Safa, on that. [Applause.] What we said to Safa though is that there must be a sustainable plan. We don't want to launch the league today and tomorrow it is not there. That is the only thing that will make us not go all out but, if everything is in place, we will ensure that women's sport succeeds in the country. Thank you very much, Chairperson. [Applause.]

The CHAIRPERSON (Ms L S Makhubela-Mashele): Members are reminded that the debate on Vote 01 – The Presidency, will take place at 14h00 in the National Assembly.

Debate concluded.

The mini-plenary rose at 12:00.