

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. The House met at 14:00.
2. House Chairperson Mr W Horn took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. [14:01] Members' statements.
4. FIRST AND SECOND ORDERS [14:47]

Consideration of **Draft notice and schedule determining the rate, with effect from 1 April 2023, at which salaries, allowances and benefits are payable to members of Commission for Gender Equality annually** (Report of Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 4 September 2024, p 5).

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Ms M L Dunjwa as Chairperson of the Committee introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

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

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5. [15:11] Decision of question on draft resolution by Mr J S Malema: That the House –

- (1) notes that South Africa generally has a pervasive crime problem, and that individuals, households, and businesses are all under the stranglehold of rampant criminals;
- (2) further notes that the state is showing signs of having lost the fight against criminality, and that citizens themselves have lost confidence in the ability of the police to prevent and investigate crime;
- (3) acknowledges that criminals are finding new ways of advancing their criminal networks and have now targeted vulnerable groupings in both urban and peri-urban areas;
- (4) further acknowledges that amongst the most vulnerable groupings of people targeted by criminals are small business owners and even informal businesses in townships and villages;
- (5) recognises that the new phenomenon of a “protection fee” in terms of which criminals demand to be paid a certain percentage of the income that businesses make, is extortion—a vile form of crime that destabilizes businesses and endangers lives;
- (6) further recognises that this form of extortion has been cited as the main reason some businesses, such as Beerhouse in Cape Town, have closed down because known gang leaders in Cape Town wanted to forcefully take the ownership of the business through this extortion racket;
- (7) understands that in the townships of Cape Town, many lives have been lost because of this extortion racket, and that the racket has now spread to the Eastern Cape, forcing schools to close because criminals are demanding extortion fees even from teachers;
- (8) believes that if this phenomenon is allowed to continue, no one will ever be able to do business free from criminal persecution in this country; and
- (9) resolves to establish an ad hoc committee in terms of Rule 253(1)(a), the committee to –

- (a) investigate the impact of this form of criminality in South Africa, with specific focus on the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and KwaZulu-Natal;
- (b) conduct public hearings to get the views of ordinary South Africans, small businesses, informal businesses, security experts, policymakers, civil society organizations, and academics about the factors that enable this extortion crime, and measures to be taken to completely eradicate this form of crime phenomenon in society;
- (c) propose the necessary policy and legislative interventions to be made, including clear oversight mechanisms for Parliament to oversee the implementation of interventions by government aimed at eliminating this form of crime in society;
- (d) exercise those powers in Rule 167 that may assist it in carrying out its task;
- (e) consist of 11 members, as follows: ANC 4, DA 2, MK 2, EFF 1, and other parties 2; and
- (f) report to the House by 30 November 2024.

Mr B B Nodada moved as an amendment: That paragraph 9 of the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) Replace in paragraph (9) the words “establish an ad hoc committee in terms of Rule 235(1)(a)” with “mandates the Portfolio Committee on Police”; and
- (b) Remove sub-paragraph (9)(e).

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, Action SA, Rise Mzansi, African Transformation Movement, Al Jama-ah, National Coloured Congress, United Africans Transformation and African National Congress.

The amendment moved by Mr B B Nodada stood over.

The decision of question on the motion in the name of Mr J S Malema stood over.

6. [15:37] Ms T V B Mchunu moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that Tourism Month is celebrated annually in September to promote domestic travel, showcase the country's diverse tourism offerings, and to highlight the sector's significant contribution to the South African economy;

- (2) further notes that the theme for Tourism Month this year is “*Tourism and Peace – 30 years of connecting People to Places and Cultures*”;
- (3) believes that Tourism Month festivities are held throughout the country to highlight the plethora of tourism offerings in our nine provinces;
- (4) understands that World Tourism Day (WTD) is celebrated globally on 27 September as declared by UN Tourism and the day affords the global tourism community an opportunity to reflect and commemorate its milestones in relation to the fulfilment of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
- (5) invites all South Africans to participate in the month-long celebrations and to gain a better understanding of the affordable, exciting and world-class attractions that are available on our doorstep.

Agreed to.

7. Ms D Kohler moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of Mr Gregory Rudy Krumbock on 3 September 2024;
- (2) further notes that he was a member of the Democratic Alliance (DA) and its forerunner organisations for 47 years;
- (3) remembers that Mr Krumbock served as a Member of Parliament for a full five terms (from 1999 to 2024), and that he represented the Mooi-uMngeni Constituency in KwaZulu-Natal;
- (4) acknowledges that Mr Krumbock’s brilliance and vast experience assisted the DA to expand its voter base during local and national elections, where he also played an instrumental role in winning the uMngeni Local Municipality after an 18-year campaign;
- (5) recognises the selfless and dedicated way in which Mr Krumbock always prized the prosperity of the country above all; and
- (6) conveys its deepest condolences to his wife, Ms Susan Cheek, his friends, and colleagues in the DA during this sad time.

Agreed to.

8. Mr N M Hadebe moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates paralympic athlete Mpumelelo Mhlongo for winning South Africa’s first gold medal at the Paralympics at Stade de France in Paris on 1 September 2024;

- (2) applauds Mhlongo for finishing first in the T44 100m in 11.12 seconds;
- (3) acknowledges that Mhlongo set a new world record in the Men's T44 Jump category;
- (4) further acknowledges that he also won a bronze medal in the Men's 200m T64 final; and
- (5) wishes Mhlongo continued success in his future sporting endeavours.

Agreed to.

9. Ms J S Petersen moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that the Kraaifontein-born Mr Cheslin Kolbe launched the Cheslin Kolbe Foundation on 1 July 2024;
- (2) further notes that the foundation was jointly established with his wife, Layla Kolbe;
- (3) acknowledges that 30-year-old Mr Kolbe is a South African professional rugby union player who currently plays for the South African national team;
- (4) recognises that he was part of the team that won the Rugby World Cup in 2019 and 2023, was the 'best Top 14 player' in the World Cup, the Champions Cup with Toulouse, the Currie Cup with Western Province, and the Challenge Cup with Toulon;
- (5) expresses its appreciation that the Cheslin Kolbe Foundation focuses on sports resourcing and development, school visits and upliftment, gang violence awareness, combating gender-based violence, uplifting underprivileged communities, food security and water and sanitation improvements;
- (6) further appreciates that Mr Kolbe is giving back to the communities by providing resources such as boots and rugby balls to young aspiring sports stars; and
- (7) congratulates Mr Kolbe and wishes him and his wife Layla, and everyone working at the Cheslin Kolbe Foundation success as they continue to help local communities of South Africa.

Agreed to.

10. Dr C P Mulder moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) supports the South African Revenue Service (SARS) decision to appoint a panel of specialist tax consulting firms to assist in tackling non-compliance and dealing with sophisticated tax structures;

- (2) understands that SARS announced a new tender on Monday, 26 August 2024, for appointment of a panel of specialist tax consulting firms for five years;
- (3) appreciates that these appointments will enable SARS to catch tax evaders, tackle non-compliance and acquire additional capacity to deal with highly complex and sophisticated tax structures;
- (4) realises that this panel will be empowered to raise assessments, conduct audits and even collect taxes due to SARS, thus fulfilling the Revenue authority's mandate; and
- (5) acknowledges that with this latest initiative of enlisting specialised tax consulting and compliance services from the private sector, SARS has made clear its zero-tolerance on taxpayer and trader non-compliance.

Agreed to.

11. Ms L M Ngobeni moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that South Africa faces a severe crisis of illegal immigration, driven by weak border controls and enforcement, exacerbated by rampant corruption within the Department of Home Affairs, and the widespread abuse of our immigration laws;
- (2) acknowledges that this crisis demands urgent and decisive action to overhaul our immigration system and restore the integrity of our borders;
- (3) further notes that on 23 September 2024, concerned and patriotic South Africans will gather in Pretoria from 08:00 to 13:00 to petition government to take immediate action against the failures of our current immigration regime; and
- (4) recognises that every effort must be made to protect our country from the clutches of criminal syndicates involved in human trafficking, drug smuggling, and illicit trading, which exploit the weaknesses in our immigration system.

Agreed to

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

- (1) applauds Dr Cleeve Robertson who is retiring as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) at the end of this month;
- (2) notes that Dr Robertson leaves behind a rich legacy of growth and innovation and that under his leadership the NSRI expanded its

volunteer base, increased the number of service locations and achieved significant financial independence;

- (3) further notes that he was instrumental in strategic shifts towards preventative measures in water safety, potentially saving countless lives;
- (4) recognises that his personal connection to and unwavering commitment to the NSRI dates back to his own rescue in 1986;
- (5) wishes Dr Robertson well in his retirement; and
- (6) congratulates Mike Vonk who will take over as CEO next month, trusting that he will take the NSRI, which has saved so many lives over the years, to even greater heights.

Agreed to.

13. Mr F Essack moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of Ms Bonita Jacobs, a long-serving City of Cape Town councillor, on 28 August 2024, at the age of 64;
- (2) remembers that Ms Jacobs dedicated her career to providing an integral service to residents in various roles for more than 20 years, and that she served as the representative for Ward 30 at the time of her passing;
- (3) acknowledges that Ms Jacobs was praised by residents for her apolitical service delivery;
- (4) recognises the selflessness of volunteers and public servants like Ms Jacobs, who put the welfare of the residents they serve above those of their political affiliations;
- (5) conveys its condolences to the residents of Greater Athlone and Manenberg, who have lost an excellent representative; and
- (6) conveys its deepest condolences to the friends and family of Ms Jacobs in their time of bereavement.

Agreed to.

14. Ms S Gcilishe moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that following the murder of Uyinene Mrwetyana in August 2019, there were many commitments on funding for gender-based violence (GBV) interventions;

- (2) further notes that in the past five years, the government, civil society, and the private sector committed funding to help fight the scourge of GBV;
- (3) acknowledges that today, there is no consolidated overview of the funding that has been contributed to fight the scourge of gender-based violence;
- (4) recognises that, if the 7th Parliament, starts its oversight work without a proper understanding of the resources available, it will not be able to conduct proper oversight of the executive on the interventions necessary to fight the scourge of gender-based violence; and
- (5) calls on the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, as Leader of Government Business, to provide a comprehensive Cabinet report of all budgets across all spheres of government spent on gender-based violence over the past 5 years, including the R50 million that was committed by the President.

Agreed to.

15. Mr N L S Kwankwa moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that Bafana Bafana and Mamelodi Sundowns star Ronwen Williams made history by being one of the ten goalkeepers nominated for the prestigious Yashin Trophy at the Ballon d'Or awards;
- (2) further notes that Williams is the first South African to earn this notable recognition and the only African player of the 10 nominees for goalkeeper of the year award, named after the great Russian shot-stopper Lev Yashin;
- (3) acknowledges that Williams has been a standout performer for both Sundowns and the national team in recent years and his heroics were especially evident on the continental stage;
- (4) further acknowledges his nomination comes after hitting international headlines in February with his superb exploits helping Bafana Bafana win the bronze medal at this year's Africa Cup of Nations in Ivory Coast, in which he was named the goalkeeper of the tournament; and
- (5) wishes Williams the best on his nomination at the Ballon d'Or Yashin Trophy.

Agreed to.

16. Ms N Makasi moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with deep sadness the passing of the multiple award-winning praise poet and singer Dr Bishop Jessica Mbangeni, also known as an "Imbongi" in isiXhosa, on Saturday, 31 August 2024, after a short illness;
- (2) acknowledges that she was renowned for her powerful poetic skills, which she showcased at prestigious ceremonies across the country such as in the 46664 concerts of the late former president Nelson Mandela in Cape Town and former president Thabo Mbeki's inauguration in 1999;
- (3) understands that Mbangeni discovered her talent for praise poetry at the age of 22 and later joined the Soweto Gospel Choir in 2002, which allowed her to tour different parts of the world, including North America, Scotland, New Zealand, and Germany;
- (4) remembers her as a heroine and ambassador of African culture and heritage; and
- (5) conveys its deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Dr Mbangeni

Agreed to.

17. Mr S M Gana moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes the passing of Tshwane Metro Police Department (TMPD) officer, Constable Reason Mnisi, who was killed while on duty when his TMPD motorcycle was struck by a vehicle on 7 September 2024;
- (2) further notes that Constable Mnisi leaves behind a family and colleagues;
- (3) recognises that Constable Mnisi has been celebrated as a professional and dedicated officer who was always willing to go above and beyond the call of duty; and
- (4) conveys its condolences to the City of Tshwane and the family of the late Constable Mnisi.

Agreed to.

18. Ms N L Webster moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with deep sadness the passing of Thabiso Sikwane, a celebrated radio presenter, journalist, and activist who made significant contributions to South Africa's media landscape;
- (2) recognises Thabiso's dedication to championing social justice causes and advocating for marginalized communities throughout her career;

- (3) acknowledges the impact of her work in promoting awareness on issues affecting South Africans and uplifting the voices of those often unheard;
- (4) pays tribute to her enduring legacy in both the media industry and our broader society; and
- (5) conveys its heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues during this time of grief.

Agreed to.

19. Mr V Zungula moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates Babalwa Ntombam Mbuku, the founder and proprietor of Ntombam Sanitary Towels, for her remarkable recognition in the Drum Top 50 Women Power List for 2024;
- (2) acknowledges her significant achievement in being recognised among the most influential women, reflecting her dedication to improving access to essential sanitary products and her impactful contributions to women's health and empowerment;
- (3) further acknowledges the success of Ntombam Sanitary Towels in providing innovative solutions and addressing critical needs within the community, thereby enhancing the quality of life for many women; and
- (4) expresses its pride and admiration for Babalwa Ntombam Mbuku's accomplishments and her role in driving positive change through her entrepreneurial efforts.

Agreed to.

20. Ms K J Maimela moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) acknowledges that Ndzondelelo High School maths teacher Mr Vuyolwethu Qweqwe has done it again, claiming the coveted title of the Eastern Cape province's best mathematics teacher at the provincial competition held at the East London International Convention Centre, last week;
- (2) further acknowledges that the maths and science teacher recently scooped the MEC's award for extra and co-curricular activities in 2023 after playing a pivotal role in uplifting the pupils and staff at the Zwide school;
- (3) remembers that Qweqwe started extra classes for pupils, managed to secure a full bursary last year for one of the pupils to attend Rhodes University and bagged R100,000 for the school and R10,000 for himself after winning the Ukhozi FM Back to School competition earlier in 2023;

- (4) understands that while he may be the head of department for mathematics, he is better known for having a heart of gold for always taking care of needy learners;
- (5) congratulates Mr Qweqwe on his award and thanks him for his dedication and commitment; and
- (6) wishes him well when he competes in the upcoming National Teacher Awards for Excellence.

Agreed to.

21. Adv S Salie moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes the death of Mr James Matthews on 7 September 2024, at the age of 95, at his home in Silvertown, Cape Town;
- (2) further notes that Mr Matthews was one of South Africa's noteworthy anti-Apartheid poets and a notable publisher;
- (3) recalls that he was born in District Six, Cape Town and that he attended the District Six-based, Trafalgar High School;
- (4) acknowledges that he was an articulator of the black consciousness philosophy and that during the Apartheid era, his poetry was banned;
- (5) further acknowledges that he was detained by the racist Apartheid government in 1976, and that he was denied a passport for 13 years;
- (6) recognises that he was known as the "rebel writer" whom, during the liberation struggle was a "voice of resistance";
- (7) further recognises that he worked as a co-editor along the martyred Imam Abdullah Haron (d. 1969) at the fortnightly Muslim News (since 1986 known as Muslim Views) as sub-editor; and
- (8) conveys its message of condolences to the family.

Agreed to.

22. Mr L C Jacobs moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with great pride the remarkable achievement of Mr Musa Motha, who stole the show as he performed during the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris, France;
- (2) acknowledges that Mr Motha's performance served as a massive inspiration for all persons with disabilities – particularly within the creative industry – to pursue their dreams;

- (3) recognises that by virtue of such a performance taking place on an international stage, Mr Motha's performance presents a true reflection of the indomitable South African spirit; and
- (4) congratulates Mr Motha on his achievements and wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Agreed to.

23. Mr L Mkutu moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates South Africa's teenage sprint sensation Bayanda Walaza on winning a golden double at the 2024 World Athletics U20 Championships in Lima, Peru on Friday 30 August 2024;
- (2) notes that the 18-year-old Walaza, who is in Grade 12, blew away his competitors in the 200m in the early hours of Saturday morning to win in a time of 20.52;
- (3) understands that the 200m gold came a couple of days after he won the gold in the 100m;
- (4) remembers that this comes a month after Walaza formed part of South Africa's medal-winning 4X100m team at the Paris Olympics in France;
- (5) acknowledges that Walaza also became the first man since Christian Malcolm of Great Britain to win the 100m and 200m titles at the championships; and
- (6) commends Bayanda Walaza for lifting the country's flag high.

Agreed to.

24. Mr W M Douglas moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with deep concern that on 4 September 2024, a black woman known to the community was tragically mauled and dismembered to death by a pack of Pitbulls while crossing an unfenced Boschoff Farmland in the Fisantekraal area;
- (2) further notes that this is the third fatal incident this year caused by dogs owned by white farmers in this community with one person's scalp ripped off;
- (3) realises that despite the close proximity of the police station, it remains closed to the public;
- (4) further realises that the South African Police Service have yet to locate the relatives of the deceased woman, leaving her family uninformed and without justice since 4 September 2024;

- (5) acknowledges the alarming fact that these dangerous dogs continue to roam freely on the gateless and unfenced farm, which is totally open with children playing nearby, putting more lives at risk;
- (6) calls upon the government and the Kraaifontein Police Station to urgently investigate these incidents, and to classify them as farm murders, and take appropriate action, including the confiscation of property where these irresponsible and life-threatening practices persist; and
- (7) emphasises the need for swift and decisive action to protect the public and prevent further loss of life.

Agreed to.

25. Mr A D de Blocq van Scheltinga moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the recent fire in Jeppestown, Johannesburg, on 25 August 2024 which claimed the lives of four residents and left others injured and displaced;
- (2) remembers that this tragedy comes almost exactly a year after the infamous Usindiso Building blaze that resulted in the death of 77 residents, including 12 children;
- (3) acknowledges that these events expose the City of Johannesburg's lack of control over hijacked buildings in the inner city;
- (4) recalls that the Commission of Inquiry laid the blame at the doors of the City and the associated Johannesburg Property Company;
- (5) recognises that hijacked buildings are not only a fire hazard but also a risk for flooding, health issues, crime, gender-based violence and sexual abuse, and ultimately violates the dignity of people, and that this matter should be resolved as soon as possible; and
- (6) conveys its condolences to the victims and their families in this difficult time.

Agreed to.

26. Mr S I Subrathie moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with shock and sadness the passing of former Eskom chairperson and MTN CEO Mr Raymond Sifiso Dabengwa on Sunday, 1 September 2024, due to illness;
- (2) acknowledges that Dabengwa was a titan in the telecommunications industry and an astute businessman;

- (3) recognises that his tenure as CEO of MTN Group from 2011 to 2015 was marked by visionary leadership, integrity, and dedication that drove significant advancements in the industry;
- (4) remembers him as an advocate for education and a fervent believer in the power of technology to transform lives; and
- (5) conveys its deepest condolences to the Dabengwa family and colleagues in the telecommunications industry.

Agreed to.

27. [16:20] Notices of motion.
28. The House adjourned at 16:31.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament