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OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2026

1. The House met at 10:00.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. [10:01] The Speaker announced the retirement of Mr M H Plaatjies, Procedural Advisor: Questions Office of the National Assembly Table with effect from 31 July 2026.

4. FIRST ORDER [10:02]

Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on Appropriations on **Appropriation Bill** [B 4 – 2026] (National Assembly – sec 77) (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 12 June 2026, p 73).

There was no debate.

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

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

5. SECOND ORDER [10:03]

First Reading debate: **Appropriation Bill** [B 4 – 2026] (s77) (National Assembly – sec 77).

Debate concluded.

Bill read a first time (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

6. THIRD ORDER [11:57]

Consideration of Votes and Schedule – **Appropriation Bill** [B 4 – 2026] (National Assembly – sec 77).

Vote No 1 – The Presidency – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Patriotic Alliance, Build One South Africa, ActionSA, uMkhonto weSizwe Party and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

The Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 250 (ANC – 144; DA – 74; IFP – 14; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 1; Rise Mzansi – 1; BOSA – 2; Al Jamaha – 1; Good -1).

NOES – 79: (MKP – 45; EFF – 24; ActionSA – 6; ACDP – 2; NCC – 1; UAT – 1).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 2 – Parliament – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the African Christian Democratic Party and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 3 – Cooperative Governance – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters, Rise Mzansi, Build One South Africa and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 250 : (ANC – 139; DA – 77; IFP – 14; PA – 8; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 1; Rise Mzansi – 1; BOSA – 2; Al Jamaha – 1; PAC – 1; Good – 1).

NOES – 77: (MKP – 44; EFF – 24; ActionSA – 5; ACDP – 2; NCC 1; UAT – 1).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 4 – Government Communication and Information System – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 5 – Home Affairs – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, ActionSA, Rise Mzansi, Build One South Africa, Al Jamaha, African Transformation Movement, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

[12:51] Mr N Maduna having disregarded the authority of the Chair was ordered by the Deputy Speaker to withdraw from the virtual platform for the remainder of the day's sitting.

The member was thereupon withdrawn from the sitting

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 252: (ANC – 137; DA – 73; IFP – 15; PA – 8; FF Plus – 5; ActionSA – 6; ACDP – 2; UDM – 1; Rise Mzansi – 1; BOSA – 2; Al Jamaha – 1; PAC – 1).

NOES – 72: (MKP – 46; EFF – 24; NCC – 1; UAT – 1).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 13:23 AND RESUMED AT 14:31.

Vote No 6 – International Relations and Cooperation – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

House Chairperson Mr W Horn announced that the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 252: (ANC – 139; DA – 79; IFP – 17; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; UDM – 1; Rise Mzansi – 1; BOSA – 1; Al Jamaha – 2).

NOES – 71: (MKP – 43; EFF – 17; ActionSA – 6; ACDP – 3; NCC – 1; UAT – 1).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 7 – National School of Government – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting) .

Vote No 8 – National Treasury – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

AYES – 262: (ANC – 139; DA – 79; IFP – 17; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; ActionSA – 6; ACDP – 3; UDM – 1; Rise Mzansi – 1; BOSA – 2; Al Jamaha – 1; Good – 1).

NOES – 63: (MKP – 44; EFF – 17; NCC – 1; UAT – 1).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 9 – Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation – put.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 10 – Electricity and Energy– put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the African Christian Democratic Party, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party, National Coloured Congress and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 11 – Public Service and Administration – put.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 12 – Public Service Commission – put.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 13 – Public Works and Infrastructure – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party, ActionSA, National Coloured Congress and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 14 – Statistics South Africa – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 15 – Traditional Affairs – put.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 16 – Basic Education – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of Build One South Africa, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party, National Coloured Congress and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 17 – Higher Education and Training – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

House Chairperson Mr W Horn announced that the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 255: (ANC – 139; DA – 77; IFP – 16; PA – 7; FF Plus – 5; ACDP – 3; UDM – 1; Rise Mzansi – 2; BOSA – 2; Al Jamaha – 2; Good – 1).

NOES – 71: (MKP – 46; EFF – 15; ActionSA – 6; ATM -2; NCC – 1; UAT – 1).

Question agreed to.

Vote accordingly agreed to.

Vote No 18 – Health – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party, National Coloured Congress and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 19 – Social Development – put.

Declaration of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, Al Jamaha and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 20 – Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Vote No 21 – Civilian Secretariat for the Police Service – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, United Africans Transformation and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 22 – Correctional Services – put.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 23 – Defence – put.

Declaration of votes made on behalf of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party, ActionSA, United Africans Transformation and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 24 – Independent Police Investigative Directorate – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, United Africans Transformation and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 25 – Justice and Constitutional Development – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Al Jamaa, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, United Africans Transformation, African Transformation Movement and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 26 – Military Veterans – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, African Transformation Movement and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 27 – Office of the Chief Justice – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 28 – Police – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Democratic Alliance, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, Rise Mzansi, Build One South Africa and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party, United Africans Transformation and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 29 – Agriculture – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 30 – Communications and Digital Technologies – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, United Africans Transformation and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 31 – Employment and Labour – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the African Transformation Movement.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, United Africans Transformation, African Transformation Movement and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 32 – Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, African Transformation Movement, United Africans Transformation and National Coloured Congress dissenting).

Vote No 33 – Human Settlements – put.

Declarations of the votes made on behalf of Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Democratic Alliance, African Christian Democratic Party and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 34 – Mineral Resources and Energy – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 35 – Science and Innovation – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, African Transformation Movement, United Africans Transformation and African Christian Democratic Party dissenting).

Vote No 36 – Small Business Development – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 37 – Sport, Arts and Culture – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Patriotic Alliance, African National Congress and Al Jamaha.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 38 – Tourism – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 39 – Trade, Industry and Competition – put.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of African Christian Democratic Party and Build One South Africa.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 40 – Transport – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Transformation Movement and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, ActionSA, African Transformation Movement and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 41 – Water and Sanitation – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Democratic Alliance, Build One South Africa and African National Congress.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Christian Democratic Party, African Transformation Movement and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Vote No 42 – Land Reform and Rural Development – put.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters, and African Transformation Movement.

Question agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Transformation Movement, National Coloured Congress and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Schedules – agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, African Transformation Movement and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

7. FOURTH ORDER [17:17]

Second Reading – **Appropriation Bill** [B 4 – 2026] (National Assembly – sec 77).

There was no debate.

Bill read a second time (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

8. FIFTH ORDER [17:18]

Consideration of Fifth Report of National Assembly Rules Committee of Seventh Parliament on **Rules concerning Section 89 Enquiries** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 19 June 2026, p 3).

Ms D E Mpapane, as a member of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, Rise Mzansi, Build One South Africa, African Transformation Movement, United Africans Transformation, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

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

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

9. SIXTH ORDER [18:02]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities on **Suitable candidates for filling of vacancies in Commission for Gender Equality** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 19 June 2026, p 11).

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

There was no debate.

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

Question put: That Ms Leonashia Leigh-Ann van der Merwe, Ms Sixolile Delight Ngcobo, Ms Chriscentia Caroline Blouws, Prof Corne Davis-Buitendag, Ms Mamohapi Claurina Diseko, Adv Thando Gumede, Mr Alfred Ofentse Macheke, Adv Nthabiseng Sepanya Mogale and Mr Xolisa Yekani be recommended for appointment on the Commission on Gender Equality.

The Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 299: (ANC – 130; DA – 78; MKP - 31; EFF - 17; IFP – 16; PA – 8; FF Plus – 4; ActionSA – 6; ACDP – 3; Rise Mzansi – 2; ATM – 2; Al Jamaha – 1; UAT – 1)

Question agreed to.

Nominations accordingly agreed to in accordance with section 193(5)(b)(ii) of the Constitution.

10. SEVENTH ORDER [18:44]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Electricity and Energy on **Request by Minister of Electricity and Energy that National Assembly initiates a process to fill two vacancies on Board of National Nuclear Regulator** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 22 June 2026, p 3).

Ms Z Khanyase, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

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

Question put: That the recommendation for appointment of Mr Ernest Tladi, Dr Mosebetsi Leotlela, Dr Pulane Elsie Molokwane, Dr Margaret Msongi Mkhosi-Motsaathebe, Mr David Lefutso, Dr Nomcebo Serrah Mhlanga, Mr Grant Son, Ms Zandile Matshaya, Mr Mudanalwo Freddy Ndou; and Mr Lean Mayana Makhubele to the National Nuclear Regulator Board be approved.

Question agreed to.

Recommendation of Mr Ernest Tladi, Dr Mosebetsi Leotlela, Dr Pulane Elsie Molokwane, Dr Margaret Msongi Mkhosi-Motsaathebe, Mr David Lefutso, Dr Nomcebo Serrah Mhlanga, Mr Grant Son, Ms Zandile Matshaya, Mr

Mudanalwo Freddy Ndou; and Mr Lean Mayana Makhubele accordingly agreed to in terms of section 8(7)(b) of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, 1999 (Act No 47 of 1999).

11. EIGHTH ORDER [19:16]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development on **Request to initiate process of filling vacancies in Information Regulator in terms of Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No 4 of 2013)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 18 June 2026, p 10).

Mr X Nqola, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

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

Question put: That the recommendation for appointment of Ms Nomagcina Mtshontshi and Ms Alison Tilley for a full five – year term as ordinary members of the Information Regulator be approved.

The Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that the whips would conduct a headcount of members in the chamber and on the virtual platform for the purpose of ascertaining quorum and voting.

A quorum being present in terms of Rule 98(1), voting commenced.

AYES – 283: (ANC – 124; DA – 73; MKP – 33 ; EFF - 17; IFP – 15; PA – 7; FF Plus – 3; ActionSA – 6; Rise Mzansi – 1; ATM – 2; Al Jamaha – 1; UAT – 1).

Question agreed to.

Recommendation of Ms Nomagcina Mtshontshi and Ms Alison Tilley accordingly agreed to in terms of section 41(2)(a) of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No 4 of 2013).

12. NINTH ORDER [19:56]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Mineral and Petroleum Resources on **Oversight visit to Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal Provinces from 27 to 31 January 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 2 April 2026, p 15).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

13. TENTH ORDER [19:57]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Mineral and Petroleum Resources on **Oversight visit to Northern Cape on 10 March 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 2 April 2026, p 4).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

14. ELEVENTH ORDER [19:57]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation on **Oversight visit to research and technology infrastructure in Western Cape** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 1 April 2026, p 17).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

15. TWELFTH ORDER [19:58]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Agriculture on **Oversight visit to Eastern Cape Province from 27 to 31 October 2025 and 27 to 28 January 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 4 March 2026, p 16).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United African Transformation dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

16. THIRTEENTH ORDER [19:58]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure on **Oversight visit to Construction Site, Sea Point, Cape Town** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 18 March 2026, p 8).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

17. FOURTEENTH ORDER [19:59]

Decision of question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Land Reform and Rural Development on **Oversight visit to Limpopo Province from 18 to 21 November 2025** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 9 March 2026, p 4).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

18. [20:00] Decision of question on draft resolution by Mr S Lonzi: That the House –

- (1) notes that over 650 000 learners passed matric in 2025, and about 345 000 of these learners achieved a Bachelor's Pass, meaning they are eligible to apply for university study;
- (2) further notes that it is reported that public universities can accommodate only about 230 000 First-Time Entering Students (FTENs), leaving a significant number of qualifying applicants without places;
- (3) acknowledges that this mismatch between the number of qualifying learners and available post-secondary education spaces has serious consequences for society, as it leaves thousands of able and energetic young people without the necessary training to enable them to be productive members of society;

- (4) further acknowledges that this is indicative of the failure of the State to anticipate and plan for post matric education, having not built new universities, such that existing institutions cannot meet the growing demand of post-secondary education;
- (5) recognises that this crisis is compounded by the systematic neglect of specialist colleges such as Agricultural, Nursing and teaching colleges in the country, which provided for specialized training for a large group of young people in the past;
- (6) further recognises that the failure to expand post-secondary education institutions since 1994 has had a catastrophic impact on our ability to provide learning opportunities for young people in this country, leading to high levels of youth unemployment and all other attendant societal ills; and
- (7) resolves to mandate the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training to:
 - (a) conduct a parliamentary inquiry into the state of post-secondary education in South Africa, particularly its capacity to absorb all those in need of post-secondary education and training;
 - (b) review government's plans, or lack thereof, for the expansion of the post-secondary education sector in relation to population growth and the increasing numbers of young people coming out of the secondary school system;
 - (c) conduct comprehensive public hearings with all relevant stakeholders, including young people, academics and industry representatives, and civil society organizations; and
 - (d) report back to this House by 30 July 2026.

Decision of question postponed in accordance with Rule 99.

19. [20:05] Decision of question on draft resolution by Mr V Zungula:

That the House –

- (1) notes the latest developments relating to the ongoing efforts by the AmaHlubi nation to secure formal restoration as a legitimate and distinct indigenous nation within the Republic of South Africa;
- (2) further notes the continued historical marginalisation, administrative exclusion and erosion of the AmaHlubi Nation's cultural identity and traditional governance structures, despite the constitutional protections afforded to traditional and indigenous communities;
- (3) realises that the absence of formal restoration has contributed to longstanding uncertainty, internal contestation and social instability

within the AmaHlubi community and other similarly aggrieved traditional and indigenous communities;

- (4) understands that the continued non-restoration of traditional and indigenous communities constituting legitimate kingships is inconsistent with the constitutional commitment to restorative justice, social cohesion and meaningful reconciliation;
- (5) further understands that the suppression and fragmentation of traditional governance systems during colonialism and Apartheid constituted a systematic assault on the dignity, humanity and right to self-determination of indigenous communities, including the AmaHlubi nation;
- (6) recognises that sustainable peace, development and unity within affected communities cannot prevail for as long as legitimate claims to cultural heritage, traditional authority and identity remain unresolved;
- (7) regrets the historical injustices suffered by the AmaHlubi, including forced removals, the fragmentation of traditional leadership, and the erosion of cultural and linguistic heritage;
- (8) acknowledges previous decision the Nhlapo Commission (now Commission on Traditional Leadership and Disputes) on the matter of AmaHlubi, and the decision of the Gauteng Division of the High Court to dismiss the review application in January 2025;
- (9) believes that the Assembly has an oversight role to play in interrogating and dealing with systemic problems that may arise from the law or its application in dealing with such matters; and
- (10) requests the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, acting within its mandate, to –
 - (a) engage with institutions responsible for matters relating to traditional leadership and governance, and representatives of AmaHlubi and other similarly aggrieved traditional and indigenous communities, on the implications for their continued non-restoration as kingships, and
 - (b) report to the House by 31 March 2027 with recommendations on any policy, administrative, or legislative gaps.

Decision of question postponed in accordance with Rule 99.

20. The House adjourned at 20:07.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament