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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House met at 14:00.

The House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

NEW MEMBERS

(Announcement)

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Announced that the vacancy which occurred in the National Assembly owing to the resignation of Mrs Y N Yako had been filled by the nomination Mr E Mthethwa with effect from 23 July 2024. The vacancies which occurred owing to the resignations of Dr B F Chauke, Mr T V Mashele and Mr N G Kodwa, had been filled by the nominations of Ms N M Motaung, Mr V A Nkosi and Ms M O Seate, respectively, with effect from 8 August 2024.

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Lastly, the vacancies which occurred owing to the unavailability of Mr T T Nkani and Mr M Tomsana to take up their seats in the National Assembly had been filled by the nominations of Mr C V Shongwe and Mr F S Matsa, respectively, with effect from 3 August 2024. The members made and subscribed to oath in the Speaker's office.

Further announced that Dr M J Hlophe had been designated by uMkhonto weSizwe as its Parliamentary Leader and therefore Leader of the Opposition in terms of section 57(2)(d) of the Constitution.

**IMPROVEMENT IN ELECTRICITY GENERATION AT ESKOM'S POWER
STATIONS**

(Member's Statement)

Ms F HASSAN (ANC): House Chair, the ANC congratulates Eskom on the improvement in electricity generation at its power stations. As the ANC, we welcome its turnaround strategy to address the energy crisis and the challenge of load shedding. We have experienced uninterrupted electricity supply since 26 March 2024, indicating that we are turning the corner of this

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crisis. Consistent electricity supply is now a step closer due to the steadfast implementation of the Energy Action Plan announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa in July 2022. The Energy Action Plan is in great part focused on planned maintenance work and rebuilding expertise to achieve energy security by bringing onboard new generation capacity. This has contributed significantly to a more consistent power supply and no load shedding over the last several months. This is an essential enabler for economic growth and positively impacts on the quality of life, allowing the masses of our people to continue their daily lives unhindered.

The ANC caucus congratulates Eskom on achieving this critical milestone and urges all South Africans to continue adopting an energy saving lifestyle to protect our national grid. I thank you.

HOWICK JOINS THE LIST OF UNESCO'S CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK

(Member's Statement)

Ms H ISMAIL (DA): House Chair, the DA-run in uMngeni Local Municipality under the efficient leadership of Mayor Christopher Pappas showcased its rich folk art, craft and

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culture at the recent United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO, conference. Howick, a town in KwaZulu-Natal Midlands has officially joined the list of 52 cities in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network. The UNESCO Creative Cities Network is a flagship city of UNESCO launched in 2004 to promote co-operation amongst cities which have recognised culture and creativity as strategic drivers of sustainable development.

There are almost 300 cities from around 90 countries in the network. The network recognises the concept of creative tourism, defined as travel associated with creative experience and participation. This achievement highlights the importance of job creation through cultural initiatives and the promotion of local talent.

The DA is committed to boosting small, medium and micro enterprises development and local job creation through cultural initiatives and the promotion of local talent as the driver of economic stimulant.

**UMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY LAUNCH SMME SUPPORT
PROGRAMME FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

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(Member's Statement)

Ms L SAPO (ANC): House Chair, the uMgungundlovu District Municipality has launched a small, medium and micro enterprises, SMME, support programme for small businesses. One of the apex priorities of the ANC in the Government of National Unity, GNU, is inclusive growth and employment creation. We therefore welcome the uMgungundlovu District Municipality's recent launch of SMMEs support programme, which aims at encouraging residents to create employment opportunities and reduce the dependency on government grant. This initiative is designed to support informal and micro business enterprises within the district with the goal of stimulating local economic development and generating job opportunities. The programme is open to all small businesses regardless of whether they are registered or not and stress the importance of focusing on local economic growth.

The municipality must be credited for urging entrepreneurship to use the opportunities provided by the government and to use them for personal and community development. Further, it encourages people to take advantage of opportunities being provided rather than depending on government grant. Thank you.

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FIGHTER DIMAKATSO SUCCUMBS TO THROAT CANCER

(Member's Statement)

Ms M DLAMINI (EFF): House Chair, section 27 of the Constitution provides that everyone has the right to have access to health care services, including reproductive health care services, and no one may be refused emergency medical treatment. Unfortunately, one of our fighters, regional command team member, Dimakatso Makie Jonas from ward 24 in Mdantsane in Buffalo City was diagnosed with throat cancer. At the time that they found it, it was eight centimetres in December 2023 at Frere Provincial Hospital. As a resolution, the hospital founded fit to schedule fighter Makie for radiation in October 2024. Despite numerous attempts by the organisation to secure an earlier date, it became increasingly clear that South Africa is presided over by dismissive and uncaring government. No amount of begging and pleading to preserve the life of a fellow fighter could get the Department of Health to reconsider this outlandish backlog that forces patients to receive treatment late. Fighters Makie's right to section 27 of the Constitution has been gravely violated, and this is the reality of many South Africans, particularly in

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the Eastern Cape. Fighter Makie's death was unnecessary, and it was premature, and we further reaffirmed the EFF's commitment to fighting for free quality health care.

Lastly, we send our deepest condolences to the Jonas family and the fighters in Buffalo City and the Eastern Cape at large. Thank you.

30-YEAR-OLD HOME AFFAIRS OFFICIAL ARRESTED IN UPINGTON

(Member's Statement)

Ms B E MACHI (IFP): Chairperson, the recent events witnessed have demonstrated the gaps and opportunities that exist in the Home Affairs system. This includes the recent capture of the 30-year-old Home Affairs official in the Upington branch, who was caught selling illegal Identity Documents to foreign nationals. We commend the anti-corruption investigating units' efforts in this regard as it is a step in the right direction in terms of the effort ... [Inaudible.] ... and reducing instances of maladministration in the system.

The IFP has always lobbied for harsh sentences to be imposed on Home Affairs officials who are caught selling these

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documents as it is a crime against this state. Furthermore, there needs to be the refurbishing of Home Affairs into a more modernised as well as fit-for-purpose department to meet the current demands. This comprises investing in technology and infrastructure. Home Affairs branches across the country need to visit high schools and assist them with doing IDs. In addition, partnering with private partners in the mobility sector to deploy mobile buses across the rural areas like the mobile clinic concept for easier access. The digitization of Home Affairs will not only ... [Time expired.]

THE ANC BIDS CHIEF JUSTICE ZONDO FAREWELL

(Member's Statement)

Ms N E MOTAUNG (ANC): The ANC caucus bids Chief Justice Raymond Zondo farewell as his tenure at the helm of the Constitutional Court ends on 31 August 2024. We believe that the Chief Justice has served the country and its people with dignity, dedication, and respect without fear or favour, and applauds his unquestionable loyalty to the SA Constitution as the supreme law of the country. His unwavering support to our thriving democracy is unquestionable and commended.

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Under his tenure as the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court, Chief Justice Zondo defended and safeguarded the independence of the judiciary, especially when the judiciary was under immense attack with the objective of weakening it. As a result of his courageous stance, we have a strong, independent, and functioning judiciary.

The country will remember him for his sterling work as the chairperson of the Zondo Commission, exposing corruption, malfeasance, and the looting of public funds. The ANC caucus thus believe that the recommendations of the Zondo Commission ... [Time expired.] ... Thank you, House Chair.

EMPLOY SOUTH AFRICANS OVER FOREIGN NATIONALS

(Member's Statement)

Mr A SAULS (PA): Greetings in the name of our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ ... 14:12:55 [Khoisan language] ... In the Bible, when the Roman government of Pontius Pilate had to choose who to crucify between Jesus and Barnabas, they elected the one who stole from them. We are doing the same today, when we must choose between employing South Africans and mass deporting undocumented foreign nationals. We shall crucify them with documents. When we must choose to recognize

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coloureds and Khoisan as Africans, you forced a crown of thorns on our heads, making a mockery of the marks of our bloodline as the first nation flowing from our faces. When we call for social cohesion and the abolishment of the apartheid racial labels, the government uses the spear of tribalism to pierce the side of our nation who believe we are one people. It appears that our hopes have died on the cross made on ballot papers during national elections. Some even believe that the GNU is a new grave for the PA. But for us, this year is our first day. Next year, is our second, and 2026, our third day - resurrection day, when we shall see the tomb of illegal foreign occupation, a racially divided nation, and coloured marginalization is empty.

Afrikaans:

Ons baiza nie.

English:

Salute.

MINISTER NZIMANDE'S MISSING MIDDLE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT A HOAX

(Member's Statement)

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Ms K L KHAKHAU (DA): House Chair, sharing the meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education on the 21st of August, the National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS, confirmed that Minister Blade Nzimande's 14 January announcement of funding for missing middle students was a hoax. The NSFAS is not ready to roll out the R3,8 billion mid-term funding allocation for missing middle students for the next academic year. They do not even have a tangible plan on how and on whom they will be spending these funds. Seven months later, the NSFAS is still confused and without the expected capacity. In basic terms, Minister Nzimande deliberately used the pain and desperate need for funding assistance of missing middle students and their families to divert attention from his reported involvement in the NSFAS corruption and maladministration. This is cruel. Students are not toys. Their parents are not yoyos. Their dreams and future are not politicians' playground. So, it is important for the new Minister of Higher Education, Dr Nobuhle Nkabane to correct this mess given that it falls within her delegations, because students deserve better clarity on where they stand on government's priority list. And so, this House must be given a decisive commitment by the Department of Higher Education to

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fix this mess, because the GNU must work the student. Thank you.

13% OF MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVED A CLEAN AUDIT FOR THE 2022-23

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT OUTCOMES

(Member's Statement)

Mr W W WESSELS (FFPlus): House Chair, it is an absolute disgrace that a mere 13% of municipalities were able to receive a clean audit for the 2022-23 local government audit outcomes. This functionality is directly linked to poor service delivery. If one goes and look at what the people are experiencing on local government level daily in terms of the collapse of infrastructure, it is linked to these poor audit outcomes. We need to seriously relook the local governments and municipal framework because it is not working. People are suffering and service delivery is regressing daily. Thank you.

**SOUTH AFRICA'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIBERATION STRUGGLE SITES
INCLUDED AMONG UNESCO'S WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

(Member's Statement)

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Mr O M MATHAFA (ANC): The ANC caucus welcomes the latest addition of South Africa's Human Rights and Liberation struggle sites to the prestigious list of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Unesco.

The properties represent the legacy of South Africa's struggle for human rights, liberation and reconciliation. It consists of 14 parks located across the country, all related to South Africa's political history in the 20th century. It includes the Union Buildings, Constitution Hill, Liliesleaf Farm, the Sharpeville Memorial, Walter Sisulu Square, 16 June 1976: The Streets of Orlando West, the University of Fort Hare and ZK Mathews House, Mqhekezweni, Waaihoek and Ohlange.

These places reflect critical events linked to the long struggle against the apartheid state, Mandela's influence in promoting understanding, forgiveness and belief systems based on philosophies of nonracialism, Pan-Africanism and Ubuntu.

IsiZulu:

Siyabonga.

RETURN OF SOUTH AFRICA'S LAND TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS

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(Member's Statement)

Mr J A MNGXITAMA (MK): Chair, the failure of this government to deliver meaningful land reform is nothing short of a betrayal of the people of South Africa. The Land Audit reveals that whites, who are only 10% of the population, own 72% of the total farm and agricultural land, followed by Africans who are 80% of the population and who own a mere 4% after 30 years of democracy.

Land is not just a resource. It is symbol of freedom and dignity. Under the leadership of President Zuma, the MK party remains committed to ensuring that land is returned to its rightful owners, the people.

We reject the slow pace of land reform and demand immediate action. The time for talking is over. The time for action is now. Our people can no longer wait for land. The legacy of President Zuma must be honoured through decisive and bold steps to return land to the people. We call on the progressive forces in the interest of black unity and Africans in particular to support the amendment of section 25 of the Constitution to ensure that land expropriation without

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compensation is realised. As the MK party, we aim to unite all progressive forces in this House to honour the legacy of those who fought for land to be returned to the rightful owners.

We note that in Limpopo white farmers killed two black women and fed them to their pigs. As a result of our landlessness, we are poor and weak, and these farmers behave like gods and kill our people with impunity. Thank you.

INCLUDE SHEEP SHEARING ON LIST OF CRITICAL SKILLS

(Member's Statement)

Mr M K MONTWEDI (EFF): On the 23rd of August 2023, the Department of Home Affairs released its list of critical skills, and on that list sheep shearing was omitted and removed as a critical skill. We warned the department that this decision was misguided and would negatively impact the agricultural sector as South Africa alone does not have enough qualified sheep shearers.

Afrikaans:

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Skeerders is 'n aanvraag en Suid-Afrika het nie genoeg gekwalifiseerde skeerders om te verseker dat ons met ons werk kan voortgaan soos ons tans doen nie.

Setswana:

Re tlhaloganya gore go nna le bakeri ba ba tlhwatlhwa ba dinku go tlhoka thupisetso ya dingwaga di ka feta tse tharo.

Re tshwenngwa thata ke gore go bonagala batho ba rona ba Aforikaborwa ba sa newe ditshono go ka iponela tiro jaaka bakeri ba dinku, mme re rotloetsa thata gore ba newe tshono batle ba kgone go fedisa botlhokatiro le lehuma. Re tlogele go fitlhela re tshepile badiri ba kwa Lesotho gonne ba re thusa ka nako ya go kerwa ga dinku.

English:

The issuing of a three-year legal permit for shearers from Lesotho will be ideal with a clear condition of transferring skills to a South African learner shearer as opposed to changes effected by the Minister in 2023 which have caused serious disruptions in the sector.

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We urgently need to the Ministers of Home Affairs, Agriculture, and Employment and Labour to address this crisis and allow the sector to function, and include sheep shearing as a critical skill as this decision was not properly thought through by previous ANC Ministers. Thank you.

Mr V G REDDY: Chair, may I address you on behalf of the MK party please?

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Yes, hon member, why do you want to be recognised?

Mr V G REDDY: Can I request your indulgence because it took us a while to get here and we arrived a few minutes late? We lost one of our ... Member's Statements and because we are new here I appeal to you ... [Interjections.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Order, hon members!

Mr V G REDDY: I request that you to allow us the opportunity to read out that statement. Thank you.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): You will get an opportunity on the next day for Member's Statements. We are past that slot. The ANC?

**INVESTIGATING DIRECTORATE AGAINST CORRUPTION BECOMES PERMANENT
UNIT WITHIN NATIONAL PROSECUTING AUTHORITY**

(Member's Statement)

Mr E A CLOETE (ANC): The ANC welcomes the Investigating Directorate Against Corruption becoming a permanent unit within the National Prosecuting Authority, NPA, after being gazetted on the 19th of August 2024. The Investigating Directorate has been operating as a temporary unit for the past five years. With our commitment to advancing the agenda of building safer communities and fighting corruption, this new status of the Investigating Directorate allows it to take up a more secure position as an anticorruption body that cannot be disbanded by a mere executive proclamation, which was a concern to many stakeholders.

The Investigating Directorate is empowered to investigate and prosecute high-level and complex cases of corruption, including common law and ... offences. These include

commercial crimes such as fraud, uttering and theft. It also deals with referrals from public commissions of inquiry such as the Public Investment Corporation and referrals from public commissions. The unit will have criminal investigative powers, permanent staff members and be able to conduct long-term investigations.

We believe that a permanent Investigating Directorate will further advance our efforts to win the war on crime. Thank you, House Chairperson.

COMBATTING FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

(Member's Statement)

Mr W A S AUCAMP (DA): Chairperson, the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has severe repercussions on our agricultural sector. It was therefore welcoming to witness the measures that the Minister of Agriculture, the hon John Steenhuisen, has implemented to intensify efforts to combat this disease. Minister Steenhuisen has established a task team of experts, officials and specialists who will proactively work to combat the outbreak of this disease. This rapid response task team which is mandated to provide immediate support and critical

decision-making systems within the first 48 hours in the occurrence of an outbreak was established in accordance with section 21 of the Animal Diseases Act.

Minister Steenhuisen furthermore outlined an official disease management area in the *Government Gazette* for the Kouga and Kou-Kamma local municipalities in the Eastern Cape that are currently experiencing an outbreak of the disease.

Protocols have also been published for the movement of animals susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease. To further limit the spread of this disease, preventative vaccinations that aim to create a buffer zone around affected farms have been carried out on farms that are at a high risk of contamination due to their proximity to infected areas. In total, almost 100 000 cattle and nearly 600 sheep situated on 67 farms in the affected area have already been vaccinated.

Being a member of the agricultural industry myself, with my family who are cattle farmers, I want to congratulate Minister Steenhuisen and his department on the handling of this outbreak. His decisive action ... [Inaudible.] [Time expired.]

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ANC CONDEMNS SCOURGE OF EXTORTION AND PROTECTION RACKETEERING
IN SOUTH AFRICA

(Member's Statement)

Mr W T D PLAATJIES (ANC): The ANC wants to condemn in the strongest terms the scourge of extortion and protection racketeering in the country. Criminal syndicates countrywide are demanding protection money from local businesses and have now expanded to even targeting schools and health care facilities.

The rise in these incidents include a surge in water tank mafias, construction mafias and other criminal syndicates that target local businesses, demanding protection fees.

Worryingly, extortion in the construction sector has reached a high level, derailing and delaying projects worth billions of rand.

We commend the authorities that have since declared war against these syndicates. We call upon communities with any information about these activities to take it to the police ... to solve these issues, as these mafias are daring and have

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no fear of the country's laws. We appreciate the commitment by the Minister of Police to deploy more police on the ground to combat this rampant crime. I thank you.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE IMPLICATED IN ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION

(Member's Statement)

Mr R A P TROLLIP (Action SA): Hon Chairperson and hon members, I rise to draw your attention to a matter of grave concern involving the Minister of Justice, Ms Simelane. It has come to light that the Minister is implicated in allegations of corruption that warrant immediate scrutiny. Action SA has accordingly requested the Public Protector to initiate an urgent investigation into these serious claims. Our request for an investigation stems from reports indicating that during her tenure as Mayor of Polokwane the municipality invested R349 million of the municipality's funds into the VBS Bank.

It has been reported that Minister Simelane received a R575 000 loan from Gundo Wealth Solutions which is owned by Ralliom Razwinane, currently on trial for fraud, corruption and money laundering in connection with the VBS Bank collapse.

Given Minister Simelane's current oversight of the Department of Justice and her considerable influence over the NPA, there is a pressing need to determine whether her involvement in these transactions presents a conflict of interest or breaches of ethical codes.

The integrity of our justice system is paramount and any compromise in its leadership undermines the very essence of justice and fairness, especially in light of such severe corruption scandals affecting our most vulnerable citizens.

This issue resonates with concerns I previously raised regarding the apparent undermining of the NPA by the Department of Justice. While steps are being taken to address these issues it is imperative that no doubts remain about the Minister's integrity or impartiality. I am highlighting this matter ... [Time expired.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Hon members, that concludes Member's Statements. Are there any Ministerial Responses? We are just checking on the Virtual Platform, as well, hon members. Are there any Ministerial Responses? There is none on the virtual platform. Hon members, this is the

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first session that the hon members from the political parties have to make the Member's Statement. We are accommodating the rules that the relevant Ministers or if they are not available, their Deputy Ministers may respond to a statement particularly to their department.

It is concerning that we don't have responses while we have a number of statements that referred to very specific issues. The programme of Parliament was circulated to all Members of Parliament, including those in the executive and we expect executive members to be available to make Ministerial Responses. The absence of any responses is completely unacceptable. It cannot be tolerated. Order! It will be communicated to the hon Speaker to formally communicate this unacceptable absence of replies to Member's Statements, to the leader of government business.

The sitting of Parliament is not only for Members of Parliament who are not in the executive. It includes those members of the executive who are Members of Parliament, and we expect those hon members of the executive or their Deputy Ministers to reply to Member's Statements. Otherwise, it

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becomes an exercise in futility. Hon Mente, you wanted to be recognised, I come to you now Chief Whip.

Ms N V MENTE-NKUNA: Thank you very much, House Chair, and thank you for that response you have already given. However, I want to record this. As much as you have stated that it is unacceptable. It's a demonstration of incompetency. We can't have Ministers and Deputy Ministers, that all of them cannot respond to very important matters.

We have now given a matter of the Eastern Cape, where there is an issue with the Health sector - cancer patients are dying in the Eastern Cape and we are being told here by Ministers that there's nothing that can be done. An absence of a response means we have given up on our people and we cannot lead them. We are not going to accept this, and we are going to write officially to Parliament and ask for the response that is befitting of all the Member's statements that have been raised here. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon member. I've been informed that the microphone of the Minister of

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Police is open on the platform. Hon Minister, do you want to make an intervention?

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(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF POLICE: Thank you very much, hon House Chair. I don't know what is ... There's something dysfunctional. I was trying to raise my hand and thank you for the opportunity. I just want to make a response on the comment or the statement that was made on the construction mafias. The South African Police Service is assuring that a co-ordinated multidisciplinary response to the criminal activities of the so-called construction mafia is applied in the provinces where the crime tendency has manifested. In this regard, project driven investigations have been put in place to address the threat that's prevailing in the Eastern Cape, the Western Cape and Gauteng province. An investigative capacity has also been established in the organised crime investigation of serious and violent crime investigations, components in the division, detective and forensic services to address the incidences of extortion and violence at crime sites.

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SAPS also significantly escalated this mobilisation of resources to the Eastern Cape Province, UMthatha and Gqeberha to be particular. In response to the engagements between the community of OR Tambo said in Qqeberha by yourselves. This mobilisation included a specialised investigation capacity in addition to specialised visible policing units, which are intended to stabilise the incidence of violent crimes that is associated with this threat.

I must stress that in OR Tambo and Qqeberha we are really there and would soon be completing the current investigations and the sparks will fly, especially with regard to extortions and illegal occupation of public and private buildings, which is rampant there, and it's been there for some time. Thank you very much, House Chair.

THE ANC BIDS CHIEF JUSTICE ZONDO FAREWELL
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The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR WOMEN, YOUTH & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Thank you very much, Chairperson, ...

IsiZulu:

Ngithanda ukuvumelana nesitatimende esenziwe ngeJaji Elikhulu uZondo omunye wamaJaji othe ekungeneni kwakhe waqoka amajaji esifazane amaningi ukuthi ahole iziNkantolo Eziphakeme okuyikhona obekungekho kwenzeke eNingizimu Afrika.

Sizokhumbula ukuthi umlando we zobulungiswa eNingizimu Afrika ngowe-1914 kwakungekho nelilodwa ijaji elimnyama kodwa namuhla sinamajaji amnyama ahola izinkantolo eziphakeme. uBaba uJaji Zondo omunye owabekile kodwa futhi uhole iNingizimu Afrika siyomkhumbula emlandweni njengoba eshilo ehola into ye-State Capture.wenze umsebenzi wakhe ngobuqotho obumangalisayo.

Ngakho ke siyavumelana kanye nesitatimende abasishilo.

Sengihlala phansi...

English:

... we do extend our condolences to the family that lost a member as it was raised by EFF due to cancer. Of course, the Department of Health has a long list of cancer patients. I think they're trying everything to ensure that they receive

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treatment for cancer. Of course, to the family, we extend our heartfelt condolences. Thank you.

**IMPROVEMENT IN ELECTRICITY GENERATION AT ESKOM'S POWER
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(Minister's Response)

The MINISTER OF WATER & SANITATION: Thank you very much, House Chair, I stand to agree with the statement that the more we put some resources to ensure that there is stability in electricity and energy, the economic growth will be realised in South Africa. I agree fully with this statement. Thank you very much.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: But Chair, these are not responses from the two Ministers who have responded. They are agreeing with caucus positions here. We want Ministers to respond to the issues that are raised in the form of a member's Statement. We don't tick boxes here. We are dealing with the serious issues that are affecting the communities.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon Mkhaliphi.

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Ms H O MKHALIPHI. We can't take this anymore.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): No, hon Mkhaliphi, it will be part of an intervention that I have announced that we will proceed upon. We will proceed with that.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES & the ENVIRONMENT (Mr N Singh): Thank you very much, Chairperson and hon colleagues, I am on the virtual platform, but I didn't pick up any statement related to our department. Hence, there was no response. But I am always listening to what hon members have to say. Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you for announcing your presence on the virtual platform, hon member, but we would appreciate it if you could respond to some of the statements. Order, hon members! Yes, hon, member.

Mr V G REDDY: Hon House Chair, I think as MK, let's applaud your decision to deal with those Ministers and Deputy Ministers that have not attended to the Member's Statements. However, as a party, we want to express our serious disgust at

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the fact that the Minister responsible for Land Affairs is not here to address a very pertinent issue that we raised - the issue of land expropriation without compensation. We believe that the Minister not being here is a deliberate attempt. Why this Minister to shy away from these real issues that affect the people of this country. The land must be returned to the people of South Africa. Thank you, Mr House Chair.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you, hon members, the hon Chief Whip of the largest party you are covered. No, hon members, as I've indicated the situation is not acceptable. I've indicated right at the beginning when the Ministers were supposed to respond. Now the matter will be dealt with so that when we have another session for Member's Statements, we do have the Ministers available to respond. Hon members, the Secretary will read the 1st order. Before you read Secretary and hon MkhaliPhi wants to be.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Yes, Chair, I just want to check. Did you induct these, Ministers? Because it seems as if they don't know why they are here too. The GNU is in shambles, and affecting all of us, Chair.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): We've covered that, and we have dealt with the matter.

Ms M O MKHALIPHI: The counsellor to the Deputy President who is supposed to coordinate all of this. Chair, we are not here to play.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr C T Frolick): Thank you. We note the concerns, hon members.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FREEDOM AND WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

(Debate on National Women's Day)

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: House Chairperson, hon members, fellow South Africans, this women's month is memorable, marking several milestones in the ongoing struggle for the total emancipation of women from all forms of discrimination, subordination, exploitation, as well as their pursuit for equality in all areas of human development.

Seventy years since the adoption of the historic Women's Charter in 1954, 68 years since the historic women's march in

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1956, 30 years since the adoption of the Charter for Effective Equality in 1994, we honour women such as Lillian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn, Mama Winnie Madikizela Mandela, Mama Gxowa, Mama Albertina Sisulu and all those women who paved the way for women to enjoy all the rights and opportunities that society offers to anyone section of the population.

From the start, government was committed to creating a non-racist, non-sexist, non-ableist and developmental state built on the reconstruction and development priorities. This included removing restrictions on women's work, increased paid maternity leave and protecting women from domestic violence and sexual harassment, among others.

Under the theme for the 2024 women's month which is "Celebrating 30 Years of Democracy Towards Women's Development", we recognise how far the women of our country have come, the journey they have travelled, as well as the victories they have achieved, and the missteps experienced in three decades of our democracy.

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Over the past three decades, our journey to transform the gender and racial composition of the judiciary has been nothing short of exemplary. For two white female judges out of 165 in 1994, today we have 113 women judges, which is 45% representation. This includes the ascendancy of Chief Justice designate Mandisa Maya as the first female Chief Justice to occupy the position of Chief Justice, and the head of the apex court, that is the Constitutional Court in South Africa. Justice Maya is part of a much larger narrative, one that goes beyond mere representation.

In this very House, we have made significant strides in ensuring equal representation in decision-making and law-making structures, such that today, women hold 43,5% of these seats in Parliament. Similarly, 42,6% of executive members are women. We have surpassed gender parity in higher education participation rates. We are transforming sectors which were considered for males only. Since 1994, we have made significant strides producing world renowned women as agriculture industrialists, entrepreneurs, aviators, mariners, engineers and artists. We have traversed the spaces of innovation, technology and communication.

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A number of Chapter 9 institutions were established, including the Commission on Gender Equality. We have also seen the establishment of the Ministry in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities. In Global Government Forum Women Leaders Index 2022, South Africa is third on G20 countries by proportion of women in the top five grades of its public service at 48,6%. Seven point two per cent improvement was made over two years and 14,8% - the fourth largest increase - over 10 years.

The 2023 Global Gender Gap report by the World Economic Forum shows that South Africa - along with fifteen other countries - have closed more than 70% of the overall gender gap. South Africa is ranked at number 20 in the 2023 Global Gender Gap report. Despite these achievements, we are the first to admit that the majority of women are yet to realise the taste of the freedom for which so many paid the ultimate price. Class, gender and race continue to intersect in ways that reproduce untenable socio-economic realities for women of all ages.

With regards to our planned interventions due to time constraints, allow me to highlight three of many interventions. The historic treatment of women as minors who

are incapable of owning property continues to reproduce itself to date through landlessness and its related disadvantages. As such, the transfer of land wealth and income earning ability to organise women will be prioritised. This is particularly urgent given that according to Statistics SA, out of 18,5 million households, 7,5 million, which is 42,2%, are headed by women. Over the next five years, we will champion the transfer of land ownership to women's co-operatives for productive and commercial purposes through policies and catalytic projects.

Through our collaboration with Transnet properties, we have secured 22 land parcels for this initiative. Five sites in Vhembe District, four sites in Sekhukhune, eight sites in Amatole, two sites in Harry Gwala, one site in Umzinyathi, one site in OR Tambo, and one site in Alfred Nzo.

During the Opening of Parliament, the President announced massive plans to ramp up a green manufacturing sector over the next five years. We will ensure that women are at the centre and do not remain in the margins of these projects. To this end, we have conceptualised a series of Emerging Industrialists Accelerator Programs and intend to rally all

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relevant stakeholders, particularly SOEs and industry associations behind their implementation. Emerging industrialists will receive support from ideation through to product development, financing, market access and commercialization pathway. To support these initiatives, we are advocating for the establishment of an Emerging Industrialist Fund. Equally, the Public Procurement Act signed by the President this year will be the other tool to use.

Hon members, through the recently launched SANDF-led National Youth Service Programme, we aim to rally industry associations, universities, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR, and participating sister departments behind a nationally co-ordinated and de-siloed catalytic initiative to combat youth unemployment. Work is underway to ensure that the first round of National Youth Service recruits is enrolled before the end of this financial year. A minimum of 50% of the beneficiaries of this programme will be women, including unemployed graduates and those who have completed Grade 12 but are currently sitting at home.

With regards to the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide, we will base our response on evidence-based

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research. Some of our actions and programming will be informed by the soon to be released first country-wide gender-based violence prevalence study conducted in partnership with the Human Science Research Council. Over the past 30 years, we have elected a number of legislative instruments to advise women's rights and fight gender-based violence from the Domestic Violence Act 116 of 1998 to the National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Act of 2024.

However, experience has demonstrated that the mere presence of laws does not necessarily result in improved living conditions for women and children. The implementation of these laws are the most crucial and the regard of gender-based violence as a societal matter.

We are encouraged by all organised groups that have pledged to work with us to fulfil our mandate from Women Economic Assembly, Wecona, South African Youth Economic Council, Sayec, the Maxeke Institute, National Youth Development Agency, NYDA, and many others. After all, even after freedom was attained, women still have to be their own liberators. We stand ready to join hands with every single one of you to fulfil this mission. In the words of Wangari Maathai:

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You cannot enslave a mind that knows itself, that values itself, that understands itself. Human rights are not things that are put on the table for people to enjoy. These are things you fight for and then you protect. We will tire or give up. We owe it to the present and future generations of all species to rise up and walk! For as women, we are our own liberators.

I thank you very much.

Ms M RWEQANE: Greetings to the hon members of the MK Party and the progressive caucus [Laughter.] We come from a long history of women who crafted a legacy of patriotism and resilience that define our path today. Women who laid bare their own lives for us to enjoy the fruits of freedom. It is with almost grief that 30 years into democracy meant to be enjoyed by all, women continue to bear the brunt of humiliating struggle and poverty.

The MK Party takes the challenge of gender representation very seriously and is aware and has acknowledged that its highest command structure falls short of filling this mandate in its

current form. The leadership of the MK Party has committed itself to correcting this imbalance as it continues to build its structures to best represent the downtrodden and marginalised women in this country. The significant disparity between rural and urban female participation in labour force continue to be cause for alarm with a participation rate of 55,77% of urban compared to the 40,29% of rural women.

The shortage of employment opportunities in rural areas is full of different issues which can crucially affect women's ability and freedoms to participate in the economy. The economic empowerment and development of women is significantly infringed upon. We call for equitable land reform which speaks to the discourse of the employment and economic activity of women in sectors such as agriculture. In spaces where women do constitute labour force, disparity within the ranks remain a gap far too wide and one that we must work tirelessly to bridge.

Women not only deserve a seat at the table but can and should lead the table. Hon members, can we even have a debate on women of this country without making mention of the scourge of gender-based violence. The rate of violence and abuse against

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women and girl child continue to remain one of the highest in the world. It can't be that we say we are celebrating the development of women alongside 30 years of democracy, when we live in a country that threatens the lives of women and children daily.

As the MK Party, we are doing away with the pervasive violence against women and children of this land. The abuse of women has no place in our society. I thank you.

Ms T A KHANYILE: It is a privilege to be part of the National Women's Day debate under the theme: Celebrating 30 years of freedom and women development. We commemorate the National Women's Day because on 09 August 1956, a group of about 20 000 women marched to the union buildings to protest the extinction of pass laws.

Today, we, the women of this beautiful nation stand on the shoulders of Helen Joseph, Lilian Ngoyi, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn and Albertina Sisulu who led that protest. These were the women from different races, cultures and background.

However, they stood together to fight against the injustice of

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the pass laws. The spirit of solidarity displayed by the women of 1956 is still present in the current generation.

As the country confronted by the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide, on 01 August 2018, a group of women mobilised themselves in all nine provinces. Another group demonstrated right at the door of this Parliament to express the indignation against the increasing levels of gender-based violence and femicide in the country and the ineffective justice system which prompted the president to hold the first ever presidential summit on gender-based violence in 2022 to find solutions to gender-based violence and femicide.

Furthermore, the victory of these brave women is evident to this day. We currently have 43,5% women representatives in Parliament. In July 2024, President Ramaphosa appointed Judge Mandisa Maya as a first female chief justice effective September 2024. Analysis of more than 1 100 companies shows that women hold about 1/4 of senior management or leadership roles. We have about 1,3 million women working in construction. The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition has dispersed R1,1 billion to women-owned enterprises.

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As much as many strides have been made, the women of this country do not feel safe in and outside of their homes. As I stand before you, a Standerton businesswoman who has created a few employment opportunities was brutally attacked on the 24 August 2024 in her home. The Tshwane SA Police Service discovered her body more than 200 kilometers away from her home in the boot of her vehicle which was allegedly stolen and driven by her attacker. We send our sincere condolences to the family of Miss Renéé Lea.

Women in South Africa faced with the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide. This is one of the occurrences that makes it difficult for us as women to celebrate Women's Day or Women's Month to its full extent. We must ask ourselves if we are really free when we don't feel safe in our homes and society in general. As a country, we are lacking behind when it comes to issues of supporting victims of gender-based violence, especially, at their first port of call for help, the SA Police Service.

I have previously indicated that the Thuthuzela Care Centres need to be funded and fully capacitated. Currently, they are

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being looked after by volunteers who are likely to leave when there is employment opportunities offered to them. We also need to have a look at our justice system, at how the system it further retraumatizes the victims especially when it comes to granting bail to perpetrators who have committed more or less similar offences.

Although there may be great strides that have been made, many women remain unsafe. Their lives are not protected by bodyguards. Theirs is not a life of armed police and high-rise fences, for them justice is not a phone call away, it is years of waiting. We need substantive action like increasing shelters for women who are under attack in their homes. We need government to draw closer to the hearts and minds of people. We need a government that is responsive to the violence against women that is unending in our communities.

The Western Cape government has the biggest and most comprehensive safety plan with the largest budget to keep people safe. The DA believes that local policing authorities are better at crime prevention and fighting. We urge the government to consider the development of policing and ensure responsiveness. As we commemorate Women's Day or Women's

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Month, the issues of women empowerment and gender-based violence need to be thoroughly dealt with. The statistics should demonstrate that we as a country are moving in the right direction.

Also, unemployment numbers of women remain higher than the national average with 35,7% South African women in labour force currently without work and actively looking for work. This is an increase of 0,3 of the percentage point quarter on quarter and the 0,2 of the percentage point year on year. The rising of cost of living disproportionately effects women with existing inequalities worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. Women are more likely to be in low paid work than men, have fewer savings to fall back on and more likely to be in debt, women are ... [Inaudible.] ... in poverty, being forced to make impossible choices to ensure people who are dependent on them survive.

The cost-of-living crisis also makes it harder for women to escape domestic violence and they are more likely to be financially dependent or tied on an abusive partner. You have already seen how much harder it is for single women to survive. The irony of how the financial lack of women is

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affecting every aspect of their lives. It is found in this very debate, which is in honour of women, but many women cannot access it due to it being broadcasted on channels they cannot afford. More needs to be done in this regard.

The majority of people in rural areas and poor women in urban areas are locked out of accessing effective justice because of the high rate charged by lawyers and advocates. It is not enough to be deeply worried by these issues because that is not enough. We need more guts to challenge these issues.

Women' Day is supposed to be about looking at how far we have come in terms of equality or gender equality. However, now it has become about gender-based violence awareness. This is what happens when the government ignores the cries of society. We hope that the Government of National Unity will bring tangible change on gender-based violence related cases.

In conclusion, Chairperson, I want to assure women like Norma from Midvaal, who runs Tosunga Banninga Foundation, who is also a gender-based violence survivor and is using her experience to empower other women that we heard, we saw and we will do everything in our power to change the way society treats its women. I thank you.

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Ms P R MAILOLA: Hon House Chair, while the agenda before us suggests a celebration of National Women's Day, we must unequivocally state that we stand against celebrating it when the women of our nation continue to suffer, endure and victimised by the scourge of gender-based violence. We cannot turn a blind eye to the harsh realities our women and girls face every day. We must confront the pain, suffering and loss experienced by so many at the hands of violence, abuse and oppression.

Today, as we gather in this House, we must speak of the names of those lives who were tragically cut short by gender-based violence, exposing the deep-rooted misogyny that plagues our society. We remember Naledi Phangindawo, brutally killed by her ex-boyfriend in full view of witnesses, yet justice remains elusive. We remember Uyinene Mrwetyana, a promising young student whose life was shortened by the hands of the postal worker in a place meant to symbolise safety and trust. We remember Leandre Jacobs, a talented boxer who was shot and killed by her boyfriend, reminding us that even the strongest amongst us are not immune to domestic violence. We remember Jessie Hess a young student whose life was taken alongside her

grandmother in a senseless act of violence that shook our nation.

These stories are not isolated incidents, but the reflection of the systemic issues that demand urgent attention. As leaders, we must not be complacent in the face of such injustice. We must enact laws that protect and support victims of gender-based violence, hold perpetrators accountable and create a society where women are truly equal and respected.

The horrifying case of Zanothando, a two-year-old girl, sexually assaulted at Emma's Creche in Sherwood, Durban exemplifies the deep rot in our society. This brutal incident, compounded by the failure of our police and the healthcare system reveals a system that prioritizes bureaucracy over the safety and dignity of victims. The family faced delays at the hospital, dismissive treatment from a gynaecologist and insensitive demand from the police, who required a statement from a traumatised child. Despite these challenges, Zanothando bravely identified her assailant, a teacher at the creche, highlighting a betrayal of trust by someone meant to protect her.

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Police who should be the first line of defence have once again proven themselves inadequate. Their mishandling of this case reflects a systemic failure that leaves perpetrators free to continue their predatory behaviour. The EFF has consistently called for specialised courts, sensitive to cases involving violence against women and children designed to deliver swift justice without revictimizing the families seeking it.

We have also long advocated for national registry of sex offenders where the names and faces of those who harm our children and women are made public. It is disgraceful that in a country plagued by rising violence against the vulnerable, we still lack this basic protection. We demand immediate action that the teacher identified by Zanothando must be arrested and be held accountable. That creche should be thoroughly investigated and any incident of abuse must be brought to light. We will not stand by while our children are being violated and their pain is met with indifference by those meant to protect them.

The EFF stands with Zanothando and her family in their pursuit of justice and will continue to fight for a society where no child endures such horror. Our gender-based violence desk will

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support the family, and our Members of Parliament in the Portfolio Committee on Police and Social Development will ensure that justice is served swiftly. It is time for us to rise, stand together and say with one voice that enough is enough. We will not tolerate the abuse, violence and oppression any longer. Let us be remembered as the generation that stood up, spoke out and fought for a better future for all.

May the voices of those who we have lost, guide us? May their memories inspire us to action, and may their spirit give us the strength to create a South Africa, where every woman and girl can live without fear, violence and oppression? Thank you.

Ms B E MACHI: Hon House Chairperson and hon members, I greet you all in this afternoon. House Chairperson, allow me to reiterate the profound words of Dr James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey who once said:

If you educate a man, you educate an individual. If you educate a woman, you educate a nation.

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These words serve as a powerful reminder as this month is a moment for us to reflect on some strides as well as the many bridges we still need to overcome for the full emancipation of women. We appreciate the government's responsibility to advance and protect the rights of women. We are witnessing amazing victories such as the recent crowning of the first hearing-impaired pageant of Miss South Africa, Mia Le Roux representing a wide demography of disabled women and reshaping the concept of inclusion. The recent appointment of the country's first Chief Justice, Mandisa Maya and we wish her well as she takes on the office.

However, there are also still many challenges continuing to rear its ugly head with the need for urgent collective action. Gender-based violence, GBV is becoming a growing critical societal issue and a deeply entrenched crisis that is infiltrating schools too. A 16-year-old Deveny Nel who had a bright future ahead of her was sadly found dead in a storeroom of her school. We need to educate our young boys and men by intentionally reviewing curricula in schools to instil moral responsibility and social awareness on how to treat a woman. Even in homes, we bear the responsibility to educate the boy-

child about respect, equality and the unacceptability of violence in any form.

As we have stated in our manifesto, the IFP will continue to call for the revision of legislation to ensure that bail is denied to perpetrators of violence against women and children, particularly in relation to cases of rape and murder.

Furthermore, children as young as 10 years getting pregnant should be strongly condemned. Around 30 cases of teen pregnancies were recently reported in the Pietermaritzburg Lifeline and Rape Crisis with older men taking advantage of these younger girls. This should be classified as a statutory rape and men behind these acts must be arrested. Similarly, the practice of Ukuthwala must see its end and arrest parents of children who participate in such.

We need to note that empowering women is not just one-time achievement but an ongoing journey demanding sustained action to break down many barriers. We would like to see women being active agents of change and social transformation. The IFP believes in the hand-up approach as opposed to the hand-down approach as a powerful instrument of empowerment. Women should be equipped with skills development courses to help sustain

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themselves. More strategic industries of the sectors need to be accessible to women as seen with the growth of female taxi owners.

Most often, women are the caretakers of their families. Therefore, they need to be empowered beyond the sphere of domestic duties to ensure that their families are taken care of. It is with this in mind that the IFP heeds the call for more women to be property owners and have access to land where they will benefit by cultivating it to help enrich their families and communities. [Time expired.]

Ms F S RORKE: Good afternoon, hon House Chair, Ministers, hon members. Joslin Smith, a six-year-old child, has been missing since the 19th of February 2024. She was kidnapped and has been has never been found. Her mother was accused of setting up the kidnapping and yet she is pregnant again and living rather comfortable behind bars.

Deveney Nel, a 16-year-old girl, a child, was found dead in a storeroom at the school in Overberg High School Caledon, on the 14th of August. She was murdered by a fellow student who is only 17 years old. Felicia Simmons, a 37-year-old mother of

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three, was found burned to death in her own house in Grassy Park on the 19th of June 2024. She was murdered by her own husband. 'Didi' Lekganyane, a 32-year-old academic and scientist, was stabbed to death in her home, in Bramley on the 11th of July 2024. She was murdered by her partner.

We would like to pass our deepest condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones and countless others who have not made it into the news headlines but paid with their lives.

We call for a commission of inquiry to declare to be on gender-based violence. The United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, crime stats show that between October and December 2023, 1135, women were murdered, 20 300 were violently assaulted, 285 children were murdered, and 2707 survived an attempted murder. These shocking levels of violence is totally unacceptable. How can all this violence occur in three months?

Mr President, the country is not safe for our women. We are not safe in our homes, in our own beds and not even with our own partners who claims to love us. It has become a cliché to call for her harsher and stricter punishment for these crimes. Instead, we ask hon President and Minister of Police, to make

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an example, to show these criminals who is in charge, criminals should know their place.

By prioritizing these court cases, fast tracking judgements and putting criminals where they belong, we can cut cost to the taxpayer. Minister, the police are not even properly trained to deal with gender-based violence. Where are the trauma centres, victim support centres, state subsidized women's shelters?

Mr President, please afford us the opportunity to sleep in our own beds in peace to walk in peace, to go for a run in peace and to live in peace. It is not enough to wear black, to mourn our fallen sisters, and it's not enough to send condolences, and it is not enough to have speeches this time. The time has come to fix these issues once and for all, end this attack and suffering of our women action speaks louder than words. I thank you. Salute!

Mrs H DENNER: House Chair, it was Sandra Day O'Connor who said:

As women achieve power the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things and will all be better off for it.

The FF Plus is on record, time and again that we do not support cosmetic quotas aimed at creating a pretty picture of transformation. What we all in full support of, however, is true transformation of women in this case, achieving and representing at the same level as our male counterparts on merit and merit alone. The start of which is empowerment through education and equal opportunities.

Afrikaans:

Voorsitter, of ons dit wil weet of nie, dit is 'n feit dat in die meeste gevalle vroue tradisioneel in 'n uiters kompeterende wêreld moet meeding met meer struikelblokke in hul pad. Die tradisionele rol van 'n vrou as tuisteskepper, ma, voorsiener in die basiese behoeftes van haar gesin, ens plaas addisionele druk op vroue om op gelyke grondslag op verskeie terreine met hul manlike eweknieë te kompeteer. Daarom moet ons vroue wat op gelyke grondslag met hul manlike

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kollegas op meriete meeding en presteer hier vandag eer en dit is presies wat ek doen.

English:

Judge Mandisa Maya, recently appointed Chief Justice of South Africa and previously the President of the Supreme Court of Appeal is an excellent example of exactly that. A woman who shows other women what can be done. Tatjana Smith, who recently won a gold medal at the Olympic Games, is another example. These are only two examples of millions of South African women who have broken the boundaries traditionally set for women and have shown us all what women are capable of, whether it be as professionals in their careers, as athletes or even as mothers.

But Chairperson, as we, women in our society take so many steps forward, there are even larger obstacles that take us ever a step back. Two other names that come to mind and as they have been mentioned here by the colleagues who spoke before me are Deveney Nel and Joslin Smith, both young girls, both with their entire futures before them. Both victims of senseless crime against women and young girls. One of the most alarming statistics in our country.

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We cannot claim 30 years of freedom for women while violence against women and girls is a pandemic, equalling some of the worst pandemics in our world history. We have to ramp up our efforts in the fight against violence perpetrated against women and girls in South Africa, and we cannot only talk about this hon House Chair, during women's month or during 16 days of activism.

The perpetrator who murdered Deveney Nel, allegedly raped another girl four years before her. He slipped through the cracks of the justice system and Deveney Nel's future was stolen from her. Joslin's family, lived in abject poverty, constantly confronted by social ills that thrive in these circumstances. Joslin's future was stolen from her. Just like Chané Bezuidenhout who was killed by her own parents, after many complaints by third parties to social services. And yet we have thousands of social workers sitting at home who are unemployed.

House Chairperson, if we want to claim freedom for our women as an achievement of a democratic South Africa, we have to get our priorities straight. We have to capacitate our justice

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system, our education system, our health care system and our social services, so we can protect our girls before we can empower them to become Mandisa Maya and Tatjana Smith. We owe them that. I thank you.

Ms L M NGOBENI: House Chair, hon members, a powerful force unites women, black women, in particular, across the globe. A force won from unyielding thirst for justice, our righteous anger. For too long, society has dismissed women's anger as irrational. But I ask. What if not anger should we feed in the face of injustices that plague our nation? We have much to be angry about.

As South Africa battles under the weight of unemployment and stagnant economy. It is women who bear the heaviest burden and suffer the sharpest edge of poverty and inequality in the harsh society. In one of the most violent nations on earth, we were gender-based violence rages unchecked. Our sisters, daughters and mothers live in constant fear. We are bombarded with reports of unspeakable acts committed against women and children in our schools, universities and workplaces ...

[Interjected.]

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms Z Majozi): Hon Ngobeni, please hold ... [Inaudible.] ... Masondo can you please mute your mic. Please continue.

Ms L M NGOBENI: House Chair, this violence is not abstract, it has names, it has faces. We remember Tshegofatso Pules who was brutally murdered by their partners while carrying a new life. We remember the Karabo Mokoena's whose life was snuffed out by her ex-boyfriends. Her body desiccated by fire. We remember, Reeva Steenkamp, Anene Booysen, Sihle Sigodi, and Valencia Farmer. We remember our very own Thembekile Letlape, hon Kgosi Letlape's daughter, another bright light extinguished by dangerous man. May their souls never rest until justice is served.

These women's stories are not just statistics. For every name we know, they are countless that we do not. Women who suffer in silence, whose pain goes unreported, whose lives are lived in the shadows of fear and oppression.

As we closed women's months, nothing has changed. We urged this government to commit to transforming our society into one where every woman is safe, valued and heard. We must rise

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together to amplify women s' voices. To remind every woman that she carries the power to change the world, for it is women who carry half the sky.

We honour the women who held families together, while men laboured in the mines and those who fought on the front lines against apartheid. We remember uNandi, the mother of King Shaka. We remember Lillian Ngoyi, Winnie Madikizela Mandela, Nontsikelelo Biko, Connie Chiume. We salute warriors like Sojourner Truth, Shirley Chisholm, Coretta Scott King, Betty Shabazz ... [Interjection.]

Mr V G REDDY: Order, order.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms Z Majози): Hon member, I have not recognized you. I have not. You don't press your mic and say order, you raise your hand first and then you'll be recognized. That is how the procedure is done. Yes, hon member.

Mr V G REDDY: House Chair, we're dealing with an important issue about women's rights in this country and half these across me here are not even in the Chamber. Where are they?

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They just walked away. They've got no ... [Inaudible.]

[Interjection.]

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms Z Majozi): That's not point of order.

Mr V G REDDY: They must demonstrate some responsibility here ... [Inaudible.] ... the chairs empty.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms Z Majozi): Hon member, please take your seat. That's not a point of order. Hon Ngobeni please continue.

Ms L M NGOBENI: House Chair, today, even amidst all of it. We are witnessing a new generation of women taking their rightful place. Women like Bulelwa Mabasa, leading just land reform. Film makers Naledi Bogacwi, Mmabatho Montsho.

The fierce and fearless women, waging war movement in the Northern Cape, fighting against the molestation of girls by their educators ... we must be named and shamed. Thandiswa Mazwai whose powerful song *Nizalwa Ngobani*, reminds us that we are our ancestors' wildest dreams.

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We honour every woman in every field, sports, medicine, law, finance, social work, policing, the army. In their strength, we find our strength, in their courage we find ours, in their stories, we find resolve to fight until justice, equality and dignity are the birth right of every woman in our nation.

And finally, House Chair, Action SA implores this government to review the underfunded mandate of the Department of Women, Youth and Persons Living with Disabilities. I thank you.

Mr S N SWART: Chairperson, while the ACDP joins in celebrating 30 years of freedom and women's development, I, as a male would like to start this debate with an acknowledgement and an apology on behalf of the men of South Africa. We have and are failing the women in South Africa, given the high levels of violence and femicide. It is disgraceful that women in our society do not feel safe. We've heard lists and lists of names of women that have been raped and murdered, and we need, as the men of South Africa, to stand like the Biblical Daniel, who was a righteous man, and say we have sinned; we have not nurtured and protected the women and children in our communities. We are deeply sorry, forgive us.

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Obviously, this does not apply to all men. We are thankful for godly men who fulfil and serve their vital God-given roles in the family and in society ... [Interjections.] ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms Z Majazi): Hon Swart, please hold on there is a point of order.

Mr E MTHETHWA: Chair, I rise on a point of order. Maybe the political parties with no women representation should not be allowed to speak next time because they are not displaying what they are talking about. Thanks.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Ms Z Majazi): No, that is not a point of order. Please continue hon Swart.

Mr S N SWART: ... We are thankful for godly men who fulfil and serve their vital God-given roles in family and society. However, sadly, the fatherless statistics in South Africa, which show around 60% of children do not have a father listed on their birth certificates. This indicates that a great number of men have abdicated their responsibility or, absent irresponsible and passive. They have abandoned their post as men.

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Saying sorry is not sufficient, action is also required. Men need to commit to preventing gender-based violence and femicide. Men need to commit to preventing teenage and unwanted pregnancy. Girls and women do not get pregnant on their own. The comprehensive sexuality education, CSE, is not working to reduce teenage pregnancy. We need action. As other speakers have said, enough is enough.

The ACDP calls on all men, and particularly men of faith to rise up and take a stand for their families and to be a mentor for other men to do the same thing. We would also urge government to not exclude men from decision-making and finding solutions to gender-based violence and femicide.

The ACDP calls on broader society and all faith-based organisations and churches to be intentional about teaching the boy child to be a better man. What does consent mean? How does one respect a woman? How does one respect a woman's body? How do you control your own sexual drives? How do you be responsible and care, protect and provide for themselves and their family? The moral guidance and prayers of the faith-based community is needed in finding solutions to teenage and

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unwanted pregnancy, fatherlessness, family breakdowns and the scourge of gender-based violence. Thank you.

Ms C T NONTENJA: Hon Chairperson, hon members and fellow South Africans, this year is Women's Month and Women's Day. We are challenged to reflect on the role of women in society and assess whether their contributions are truly recognised and valued. This time should be used to take stock of the state of women's affairs and measure progress in achieving equality and equity. However, as we make these reflections, one must ask whether South Africa really much has to celebrate.

The ongoing struggles and injustices faced by women across the country suggests that it is still a long way to go before true equality is realised. The harsh reality is that women's safety and security in this country are alarmingly inadequate. Every day we hear of women being abused, raped and murdered, often at the hands of those they trusted the most. Whether it's the video of the grandson brutally attacking his grandmother that goes viral or the horrific story of two women being shot and fed to the pigs, may their souls rest in eternal peace. These incidents are a grim reminder of the pervasive violence against women. The SA Police, SAPS, statistics only confirm

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what we already know. This violence is a crisis of national proportions.

House Chair, the UDM believes that the real challenge lies in ensuring that legislative reforms, policies and programmes aimed at advancing and protecting women's rights are not only sufficiently funded, but also fully implemented and rigorously monitored. This includes the recent gender-based violence specific legislation which must be enforced with utmost diligence to truly safeguard the rights and well-being of women and their children.

On top of all of this, is the constant failure of our justice system where it favours the perpetrators at the expense of the victims. If it's not the SAPS not doing their work, it will be our courts dropping the ball by granting bail to the perpetrators... [Time expired.]

Xitsonga:

Tat S M GANA: Ndza khensa, Mutshamaxitulu.

IsiZulu:

Malibongwe!

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English:

I rise this afternoon to celebrate and thank the women of this beautiful land. I rise to celebrate the single mother who, against all odds, raises her children all alone.

Xitsonga:

Ndza khensa.

English:

To the woman who wakes up early every morning. Who goes to the taxi rank, the train station or the bus station to sell food to raise the children, I want to celebrate you and say thank you. I choose to say thank you for you refuse to allow unnecessary structural barriers to keep you down. I rise to celebrate the women who carry our democracy on their shoulders. For more women participate in elections than men. Thus, we need to ensure that this democracy works for the women of South Africa. To the women who continue to fight patriarchy and speak out, I want to say thank you.

As we look back at the last 30 years, we should never take for granted the gains that have been achieved. We have reasons to

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celebrate the freedom of women, but we should equally not become complacent and believe that we have arrived. There is much more that is needed to change the lives of millions of South African women who are yet to taste the fruits of our democracy.

Unemployment still affects women the most especially black women.

As long as we still have high rates of rape and violence against women, we have not arrived. As long as the women living under traditional leadership do not enjoy the full rights as contained in the Constitution, we are not free. Women who are trying to make a living as informal traders are being targeted by young men demanding protection fees in provinces like the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, KZN, and Gauteng, this situation cannot continue.

Whilst we celebrate the accomplishments of the last 30 years, our freedom is not complete as long as women continue to live in abject poverty, live in fear and do not fully enjoy their constitutional rights. As men born of women, and as men born

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of women, we must commit to build a safe, prosperous and equal South Africa for all women. I, for one, am committed to this.

Xitsonga:

Ndza khensa, Mutshamaxitulu.

IsiZulu:

Malibongwe!

Ms N L WEBSTER: House Chair, hon members, good day, the South African Parliament is among the highest in women representation around the world, and yet women in South Africa are not safe. Women are still the main victims of violent attacks in South Africa, with an average of 40 000 rapes per year in our country. According to Unicef, a woman is raped every four minutes in this country. The rate of women killed by intimate partners in South Africa is five times higher than the global average. Although we boast of having a Ministry of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, women in South Africa are still economically disadvantaged.

The unemployment rate for women is 35,5% compared to 32,6% for men. Only 38% of small and medium-sized enterprises, SMEs, in

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the country are owned by women, and a black woman in particular is still the face of poverty. You only need to walk the streets and the face of poverty you will see is that of a black woman.

Forty percent of South Africa's Cabinet is made-up of women, yet women are still not in top leadership positions in the economy and commerce in this country. According to the Businesswomen's Association of South Africa, only 17,3% of CEOs in this country are women. Politically, in the 2021 elections, we saw a decline of women representation by 4% and in the 2024 elections, 58% male candidates are contested and only 41% of women candidates contested, so the numbers don't lie. We cannot celebrate 30 years of women's development of freedom for women when women in our society still face violence and inequality.

We need to stop superficially ticking boxes and get to the real work of transformation. As Bosa, we have called for a number of interventions. The first is to say that we support the call for the Department of Justice to make the sexual offender's register public. Many South Africans will remember the name, Uyinene "Nene" Mrwetyana but they will not remember

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the name of the perpetrator. Neither will they remember the face of the perpetrator.

We need to start working on the prevention of gender-based violence, not just the consequences. We must ensure that policies aimed at change for women are reviewed if they are not working. If the results are not there, we need to review those policies. We must ensure that policies are enforced so that women's lives, the economy and the safety of women in this country are transformed.

In conclusion, I would like to say to the women of South Africa, do not give up. We are here and we will continue to fight for equal rights for women. We are here, we will continue to fight for women's leadership and representation. And I would like to say to parties like the MK Party who are disrupting women when they give a speech, maybe you should first ensure change and equality in your own party. Maybe you would learn to respect the voice of women. Thank you.

Adv S SALIE: Madam Chair, to all members As-salamu alaykum, we pay tribute to the thousands of women who marched to the Union Building on 9 August 1956 in protest against not only the

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dompas but the entire oppressive and apartheid system. They cry of You Strike a Woman, You Strike a Rock. It resonates not just in South Africa but around the world as people in Palestine continues to face rape, imperialism and oppression as well as in Kashmir as well as in Congo. But shockingly, right here, today, the Marriage Bill was debated today, and once again Muslim women are disrespected, and the Bill is set to continue to harm their dignity. Muslims are set to retain this, Bill.

Al Jama-ah calls for wider public participation on the Marriage Bill and not by the justice system has done to invite the Congress of the SA Trade Unions, Cosatu, on a matter affecting Muslim women. We are not the Muslim women affected but Cosatu accept the amendment. Muslim women must be respected in this Parliament. It cannot be in the 31 Parliament our dignity continues to be harmed.

Domestic and gender-based violence in South Africa remains a huge concern, and women no longer trust this justice system.

The United Nations report on women's rights has revealed low levels of prosecution and conviction on domestic violence

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cases and the police lack the words to issue all protection orders. Notable, not much has improved and rape continues to be epidemic in this country.

While we celebrate Women's Month under the theme, 30 years of freedom and women development, this is a sobering reminder of the many obstacles' women particularly the poor and disenfranchised women continued to confront daily.

We have a serious lack of ... [Inaudible.] ... for women and children. South Africa has an obligation to ensure the protection and assistance to victims of domestic violence. Adequate funding must be allocated to NGO ... [Inaudible.] ... Most women are unable to follow that 30 years of freedom and women development as they do not have freedom, safety and security. Gangsterism, drugs and other social ills are prevailing in poor communities and all these impacts negatively on the social economic lives of women.

Most women are forced to carry the burden of managing the households while the maintenance continues to fail them. We further acknowledge the progress that has been made to facilitate women's empowerment. The reality, however, is they

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continued to be victims of unemployment, suffer job inequalities and a reasonable access to financial aid which prevent women from political participating in this economy. Thank you.

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE (Ms S P Boshielo): Hon House Chairperson, Chief Whip, members of the august House ...

Sepedi:

... *thobela.*

English:

The fact that South Africa has a month dedicated to women is testimony to the contributed that they have and continued to make to the development of our country and society in general. Women were integral involved in the creation and adoption of the Freedom Charter in 1955 the framework for our approach to build development, social cohesion and nation building. In fact, the women of the liberation movement in 1954 adopted the document of what women demand as they are contributed to content of the Freedom Charter.

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As we reflect on the celebration of 30th of freedom and women's development, we should reflect on whether we have lived up to that expectation of those women organized and mobilized in 1954, 1955 and 1956. South Africa's diversity and the legacy of colonialism means that we have a diversity of family norms but across all cultures' women play an anchor role in the family unit. This is particularly true in the high number of females-headed households in our country.

We have not yet in our 30th of democracy makes sufficient progress in relation to the provision of childcare for working class women and in lessening their double day burden.

Women still remains the biggest victim of crime in the country and in many ways. If it is not them who suffered the indignity of being verbally and abused by men, they live in unsafe places where they are robbed and raped. This goes to poor grannies who have to endure this ruthless act in the hands of men sometimes even from their own relatives. It is women who have to suffer the indignity of having to visit their sons in prisons and, therefore, again, endure this emotional torture.

What disturbed us the most, hon House Chair ...

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Sepedi:

... ke banna bao ba bolaillego basadi ba babedi kua Limpopo, polasengtsoko. Re re re le basadi ...

English:

... this must never happen again. They are arrested. They are appearing in court. They are in court. They have been arrested. We will never leave them. So, we want all our men ...

Sepedi:

ba emelele, ba eme le rena ...

English:

... against this farmworker's killing. We call all the law enforcement including ourselves to really deal with this matter decisively. There was no way in which we could not arrest them. We hunted them until we found them because this cannot be allowed in our own country.

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We must all stand up as peace loving nation and condemn this hyena's crime. Gender-based violence is regarded as a human rights violation and a major barrier to achieving gender equalities as well as an obstacle to a country's development.

During times of crisis such as pandemics and war GBV escalates dramatically. His Excellency the President of our country, hon Cyril Ramaphosa referred to the Gender-based violence and Femicide, GBVF, as a pandemic. This is in effect, means that this cannot be business as usual, and we must regard the President statement as a call to action.

According to the financial year 2023-24 crime statistics of rape counts against boys and girls between the ages of zero to 17 - 4 265 were recorded in the first quarter, 4 895 in the second quarter and 5 339 in the third quarter. The total rape for these children is 14 499 in these three quarters. The statistics for the fourth quarter are going to be released officially on Friday 30 August 2024. But what is worrying about this figure is that the numbers are not going down and going up, and we are talking about children between the ages of zero and 17.

Teenage pregnancy is also a problem in our country. During the financial year 2022-23 about 150 000 girls between the ages of 10 to 19 fell pregnant before they reach 20 years of age.

According to the Department of Women and Persons with Disabilities early pregnancies in South Africa forces many girls to drop out of school and trapped in the circle of poverty.

The government has developed a programme of action plans aimed at tackling the issue of teenage pregnancy by implementing a comprehensive national gender-based violence prevention strategy. This programme educates young people between the ages of 15 to 24 years about HIV and Aids, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy and being agent of change.

Various stakeholders, both public and private, must work together to ensure that those who impregnate girls under the age of 16 are reported to the law enforcement agencies for committing statutory rapes. The prevention of teenage pregnancies will contribute to the promotion and protection of the rights of girls.

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As the Department of Police, we are engaging the Department of Social Development, Education, Justice and Correctional Services to integrate our responses to gender-based violence. And indeed, the police are not trained as social workers but to fight crime would need the Department of Social Development to come on board in terms of providing social workers to our police stations.

Girl children belong at school and need to be protected to enjoy this right. Girl children must not be mothers at school ages of 10 or 14. Girl children need to be protected from being raped and killed. Boy children must also be taken on board in terms of understanding their roles in development of women. They must not be left behind.

We know that the inseparable struggles for gender equality and the struggle for democracy are not being fought within the conditions of our own choice or making as we may. We are fighting within the worm of a sophisticated century old system of patriarchy and wholesale discrimination of women. This is a system that has entrenched itself and dominated women across the globe. The fight for democracy and the fight against the

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system of male domination is a fight that we simply do not have the luxury can retreat from.

As women, we have inherited an obligation to fight with everything at our disposal until total victory. We cannot and we will never rest until we have totally liquidated patriarchy in all its manifestations. This includes the raping of old women when they cannot pay the R50 protection fee in some part of our country.

We must never rest until extortion from women who tried to make a living by selling vegetables in the street are forced to pay protection fee of R300 a day. We must never tire to fight the kidnapping and prostitution of young girls and boys in our country.

We are disturbed by the information that the zama zamas are encouraging our women to drink tablets which make them produce more milk which they buy and drink to the believe that it will make them strong. This is yet another form of humiliation and human right violation which must be exposed and defeated for what it is.

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In the Western Cape, children are in the streets during school hours because they feared gangster's stray bullet. Some children are paid while in these gangs to do their dirty work taking advantage that they are young and cannot be uncastrated. This abuse of children must be stopped, and such criminals must surely belong to jail than in our streets. Our country must be a safe haven for the boys and children.

As I conclude, we need to remind the House that the harsh reality faced by women across the world is a reality of poverty in both human and system of capitalism. May the millions of women in South Africa enjoy the fruits of freedom and democracy.

IsiZulu:

Malibongwe!

English:

Thank you, Chairperson.

Mr F ADAMS: House Chair, hon colleagues, the progressive caucus. You know, I'm scared, today I'm afraid. My wife is in for surgery today, and the value of my wife, I'm only feeling

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it today. For the first time in my life, I'm genuinely scared, because I realise that as a man, I can't do what she does. I can't hold the house, I can't raise or discipline the kids properly. I'm not speaking about a stay-at-home mom, she's an actual graduate. She finds the balance that I as a man don't. My father taught me how to build, I can build anything. My mother taught me how to love and to be human and my grandmother taught me to love God, yet we didn't even share the same faith. You see, women bring something that we as men don't, whether we like it or we don't. I live in a country where women are killed for fun. It took a village to raise me, but it was a village of women. My father was absent. My aunts, my mum and my grandmother raised what you see today, all of it.

Women in this country are undervalued, and you heard the stats about them being under represented and being paid less than men. We understand, and we can call this Women's Month, but what is a change? We can dedicate a year or a decade to you, but until we're starting it better, Women's Month means nothing. If you look at what I said at our manifesto launch, I said that I have only one political job. My duty and my job is to deliver to this country what it needs most, a female

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President. I stand by this, and I will die by this because I know that until a mother leads this nation, very little will change. I say to you, the NCC is the only party in this country where females are over represented, and it is something that we are proud of. I say to you that in the NNC we had a councillor - I am not playing politics here, work with me - in the NCC we had a councillor who was accused of sexual harassment, and he was dismissed because of it. He now works in the City of Cape Town in the mayor's office where he's been charged with sexual harassment again. This is a state of this country. We don't recycle much, but we recycle trash, and we do it so well.

Colleagues, I say to you, the most valued resource in this country it's not under the ground, it's not the minerals that we kill for, but it's the females amongst us, as the churches and the teachers of tomorrow, yet we don't acknowledge this. As men who lead this country, who make most of the decisions in this country, we send young girls to school without sanitary pads. As men, we deny our own daughters the leadership and learnership opportunities. As the South African men, let us hang our heads in shame ... [Interjections.]

[Inaudible.] [Time expired.]

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Ms E R J SPIES: Hon Chairperson, colleagues and fellow South Africans, today I choose to speak about a woman that is hardly ever heard, and today I choose to be their voice. According to the United Nations, rural women constitute one-fourth of the world's population, and they continue to face more difficulty than men. Thirty years on, rural women encounter a myriad of challenges that hinder socioeconomic empowerment. Some of these challenges includes limited access to educational institutions and inadequate resources and technology, higher dropout rates due to domestic responsibilities and lack of support and limited opportunities for skills development and vocational training. in rural areas, work opportunities are scarce, and if women find the job, wages are low, and the advancement of career prospects are limited.

These jobs are mostly informal or precarious work without benefits of security with limited or no access to social protection programmes. Access to financial services and credit are difficult, with limited market access and trade opportunities. These women often lack business training, mentorship and networking opportunities, and then they still

have to deal with societal and cultural barriers to entrepreneurship. Today I speak for them, and today I am their voice. In the small town of Calitzdorp and Zoar, nestled in the heart of South Africa's Western Cape, seasonal workers toil on fruit and onion seed farms. Amongst them are women who endure harsh conditions, limited pay and uncertain futures. Muriel Dean, a 22-year-old from Zoar whom I visited at her home, is determined to change the narrative despite limited resources. She is passionate about education and its transformative power. She has started a homework facility and the reading programme for young learners, aiming to equip them with skills to break the cycle of poverty.

Hilda, a 53-year-old single mother from Amalienstein farm, relies solely on seasonal work on neighbouring fruit farms. She faces uncertainty and financial struggles, but her resilience keeps her going. Elizabeth, a mother of four young children, works on an onion seed farm. She labours tirelessly to provide for her family, often sacrificing her own wellbeing. These women's stories are a testament to the strength and determination of seasonal workers in Calitzdorp and Zoar. Muriel Dean's initiative talks hope for a brighter future, while Hilda and Elizabeth's struggles highlight the

need for support and change. As the seasons change, so do the life of these women. Their spirits remain unbroken, a beacon of hope in the face of adversity. In the picturistic town of Calitzdorp, a group of eight women under the leadership of Colleen Murphy, the founder and driving force of both the love for our community and will are rewriting their stories through the cool wool skills programme. These women's part of the Community Works Programme, CWP, are mastering the art of wool processing, knitting, weaving and felting.

As they learn and grow, doors are opening in the wool and textile industry, paving the way for sustainable financial growth. Another young woman is Lola, a mother working at the local petrol station. Her dream is to own her own farm, but the lack of available land is a significant hurdle.

Undeterred, Lola saves every penny, believing that soon she will be able to buy her first sheep, and take the first steps towards realising her dreams. These women, despite facing numerous challenges, are changing the narrative of rural women. They are breaking free from the constraints of limited opportunities and forging their own paths through their determination and hard work, they are creating brighter futures for themselves and their communities. As they develop

their skills and confidence, they are becoming entrepreneurs, creating products that showcase their heritage and talent, and they are also becoming role models, inspiring others to follow in their footsteps.

The Cool Wool Heritage Skills Project is more than just the training initiative, it is a catalyst for change, it is empowering rural women to take control of their lives, to become self-sufficient and to contribute to their local economies. Lola and the CWP women are testament to the power of resilience and determination. They are proving that with the right support and opportunities, rural women can overcome the most daunting challenges and achieve their dreams. As they continue to grow and thrive, they'll inspire a new generation of women to do the same, creating a ripple effect of positive trends that will resonate through their communities. They are the real builders of rural communities. I've walked this journey with them, I've prayed with them, I've cried with them, I've seen their triumphs and their tribulations. They need our support to remove the barriers that hinders their full participation, not only in life, but also in our economy. By working together, we can help empower rural women and promote their socioeconomic development, and therefore, hon

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members, the review of the budget for women, youth and children and persons with disabilities it's more than now imperative. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I now call on the hon Mafagane. Hon member, before you start, members on the online platform, please make sure that your device is muted. Please proceed, member.

Ms M C MAFAGANE: Chair of Chairs, all hon members and izimbokodo [women] in this august House, let me take this opportunity to relay revolutionary greetings from the president of MK, Jacob Zuma. Malibongwe igama lamakhosikazi [Praise be to the contribution of women]. I further relay special greetings to all women who are part of the parliamentary support, part of different political party caucuses and those who provide security, cleaners and other services to ensure that Parliament business runs smoothly. Before we proceed, I want to take a moment to send our heartfelt condolences to the family of two women who were brutally murdered ...

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Sepedi:

... baeng ba rena ba go tla ka sekepe ...

English:

... a couple of days ago. Maria Makgatho, Khudzai Ndlovu, were not just women, daughters, mothers or sisters, they were human beings deserving of respect and dignity. Their racist murderers sought to dehumanise them and erase their existence by committing such horrific acts. Today, we not only reject the attempt to silence these women, but also honour their memory by speaking their names with relevance and pride they deserve.

Sepedi:

Robala ka khutšo Maria Makgatho. Robala ka khutšo Khudzai Ndlovu.

English:

This unfortunate incident in Limpopo is not isolated. History is littered with many other examples where poor African women have been at the receiving end of murderous racists. The MK party remembers the women and children who were killed during the Frontier Wars by British soldier, Colonel Graham. These

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women were killed at the Liwa Lihini Caves and were never buried, but they were eaten by wild animals and birds. May their soul rest in peace.

Today, we stand united in order to honour the women of South Africa, Africa and otherwise, young and old, rural and urban, from all walks of life. We celebrate the strength that transcends every barrier and every walk of life. My words today are filled by the legacy of the fearless women who have woven the fabric of the nation's history. President, among them are the courageous souls who, on August 9, 1956, dared to march to the Union Buildings, standing tall against the brutal apartheid pass laws.

In that historic moment, they showed us the indomitable power of women, their ability to ignite change and carve a path to a just future. Their bravery was not just an act of defiance. It was a beacon of hope, illuminating the road to freedoms we continue to fight for today. Women are equal partners in true progress and societal liberation. Thirty years into democracy, we can acknowledge that while we have achieved formal democracy, our journey towards comprehensive liberation is ongoing. As long as a girl child, especially those in rural

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and impoverished areas, faces greater obstacles than their male counterparts, our democracy remains incomplete.

Our struggle is not just about ticking boxes or achieving cosmetic progress. It is about ensuring that all women, regardless of class or background, have equal opportunities. We recognise that women's struggles reflect the broader structure of our society, a society still shaped by a colonial and racial biased history. As women of South Africa, we are aware of the complex nature of women oppression in our families, communities, and even within our political institutions, where in the workplace, terms like glass ceilings are used to define the wage gap between women and men alike are still prevalent; where women who still have dreams of starting families are viewed as burdens rather than assets.

We are aware of this. These problems still exist. As we celebrate Women's Month, let us honour the legacy of heroes of our land, those known and unknown, who have fought tirelessly for our freedom - from our Queen Sizakale Gertrude MaKhumalo Zuma, Mme Lilian Ngoyi, Mme Ruth First to Mme Helen Joseph; from Mme Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, and many more amazing, strong, fearless women who drove our collective progression

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through their courage and determination, which continue to inspire us. I also salute the current generation of brave women and comrades across the political spectrum, such as Dr Naledi Pandor and, of course, our hon Speaker, Thoko Didiza. Together, let us continue to fight for a true liberated South Africa. Thank you.

Ms D D PULE: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon members, colleagues, and fellow South Africans, ... [Interjections.] ... I'm sorry, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] Yeah, I'm going to take my time, yes. I feel honoured to address this ...
[Interjections.] ...

Ms O M C MAOTWE: Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: We volunteer to assist this member who is not versatile with computer skills.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, that that is not a point of order. Please proceed.

Ms O M C MAOTWE: If she is not ready, she must sit down.

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Ms D D PULE: The women of 1956 laid a firm foundation for us to continue advocating for an inclusive and just society where no one is prejudiced because of their gender. Transforming the political economy to empower women and advance gender equality will assist us in building a more inclusive society where the majority of its citizens are women and are not left behind. The transformation of the political economy to empower women and advance gender equality remains an essential component of our country's sustainable development.

Empowerment of women requires that an enabling environment is created that supports their active participation and success in the economy and pursuit of their entrepreneurial ventures. Among others, this entails providing access to quality education and vocational training, investing in employment opportunities which are biased towards the employment of women and creating safe working conditions where the pay is equal to their male counterparts.

Over the past 30 years, the ANC-led government has invested its resources towards the transformation of South Africa's political economy through its holistic structural and systematic reform of the sociopolitical and economic landscape

to foster a more just, equitable and prosperous society for all. The government has been able to make tremendous strides in improving the living conditions of South Africans by providing millions of low-cost houses to those in need, including women.

Housing provisions have not only created stable living conditions for women but have also economically empowered them as they can use their title deeds as collateral to access credit and financial services that women can use to start businesses among other initiatives. This is not only beneficial for women, but it is an opportunity for employment creation, growing the economy, as well as challenging poverty and inequality.

In addition, access to housing has improved people's access to basic services such as water, sanitation and electricity. This has had a positive impact on the health outcomes of women and has also given them more time and reduced the labour burden, particularly for women in rural communities.

The recent signing of the National Health Insurance, NHI, into law was a fundamental step towards dismantling our inherited

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two-tier health system where human and financial resources in health disproportionately affect South Africans along racial and class lines.

It has been a historic mission of the ANC to transform the health landscape and create a more just and equitable system. In preparation for the NHI, the ANC-led government has been able to make numerous women-centred provisions such as free health services for pregnant women and support for about 5 million mothers through the MomConnect platform, which sends messages centred on providing education and counselling to mothers on topics such as nutrition, birth planning, breastfeeding and newborn care via SMSs or WhatsApp. Women also play a critical role in the continuity of the labour workforce which sustains the economy by giving birth, nurturing and educating future generations, ...

IsiZulu:

... odokotela nosolwazi ...

English:

... and everyone including yourselves hon members here. Women also play a critical role in the continuity of the labour

workforce. The Stellenbosch Business School in an article titled, *Targeting Women's Health Can Boost the Economy*, noted that it is estimated that the global GDP could be raised by \$1 trillion by 2040 by addressing women's health gap.

Furthermore, it is further noted that women have made hard-earned gains in increased economic participation and workplace equality, but ignoring their specific health needs places these gains and their positive socioeconomic impacts at risk. Through various initiatives and institutions such as the Department of Social Development, the ANC-led government has laid a solid foundation in ensuring gender equity and addressing socioeconomic challenges which hinder the growth and development of women. For instance, the social grants provided by the department act as a lifeline for poor and vulnerable women, increase their spending power and participation in the economy, as well as enable them to care for and provide for their families. The government has also made positive strides to promote ... [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member at the podium, could you please take your seat? Hon members, members and Deputy Ministers are walking around being very loud, and you are not allowing the speaker on the podium to be heard. Thank you. Please proceed.

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Ms D D PULE: ... the participation of women in the economy and support of women entrepreneurs. For example, through the Isivande Women's Fund, the government has been able to provide financial and nonfinancial support to women-initiated businesses.

Through improving women's access to financial services, the fund has played an imperative role in reducing the barriers that hinder entry into the economy and the sustainability of businesses. The government also has recognised and appreciated the significant role that women play in the informal economy. The informal economy remains an essential part of our country's overall economy, as it supports the livelihoods of millions of South Africans through opportunities for employment and poverty reduction. To this end, the government has implemented several measures to support and empower women, such as making investments to improve infrastructure for informal traders, including the provision of safe and secure vendor stalls.

The ANC government has also put in place a number of training and skill development initiatives targeted at boosting women's

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productivity, business practices and entrepreneurial skills to empower women in the informal sector. For instance, training courses on financial management, marketing and company planning, are provided by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, among other government organisations, to meet the needs of working in the informal sector.

Despite the abovementioned commendable democratic gains achieved over the past 30 years of our young democracy in transforming the political economy to empower women and advance gender equality, women continue to bear the brunt of entrenched discriminatory, structural and systematic barriers which limit economic participation and development. In the workplace, we call on employers to hire, pay and promote workers fairly to ensure women have equal opportunities with their male colleagues.

It is estimated that companies with three or more women in senior management functions score higher in all dimensions of organisational performance. In conclusion, allow me to echo the famous words of the founding president of the Bantu Women's League, Mama Charlotte Mannyha Maxeke, when she said:

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This work is not for yourself, kill that spirit of self, do not live above your people, live with them, and when you rise, bring someone with you.

Xitsonga:

Loko ndzi heta, ndzi seketela Xandla xa Holobye wa Maphorisa leswaku hi twanana na mindyangu ya vamanana lava nga dlayiwa eLimpopo. Hi kombela leswaku maphorisa va tiyisa voko ra vona. A va tiyisisi leswaku va yisiwa ehubyeni yo senga nakambe va nga vuyi.

Xavumbirhi, ndza khensa Tatana Gana loko mi vula leswaku mi khensa vamanana lava va nga tiyimela va ri voxe eka swa vutswari, vamanana lava tirhaka hi masiku hinkwawo hi ku tikarhata.

English:

At the end, I want to thank hon Swart for celebrating women and for thanking us and we hope that you are going to pray for us every day as women as we face these challenges that we face as women.

Xitsonga:

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Ndza khensa ...

English:

God bless our people. God bless the women of South Africa and in general, God bless South Africa.

Xitsonga:

Inkomu.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON SPORT, ARTS
AND CULTURE ON FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE PAN SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGE BOARD**

Mr J J McGLUWA: Hon Reddy, through you Deputy Speaker, what a grisly reminder that 15 MK members are not part of this sitting today. We will not ask why because we know they are in court. Language is a powerful tool. It can be used for segregation and dominance, but conversely it can be used in fighting injustice and creating a more inclusive society. In South Africa, the latter scenario is evident through legal and through.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon McGluwa, please take your seat. Hon Reddy?

Mr V G REDDY: Madam Speaker, the member must keep to his topic and he should rather focus on one of his MPLs who has been disbarred in the North West, and he is still sitting in Parliament. They have done nothing about it. [Interjections.] On the other hand ... The point of order, Speaker ... [Interjections.] ... is that he must keep to his topic. [Interjections.] If he wants to get involved with the MK, I will give him a membership tomorrow. He is welcome to join us. He seems to be more interested in the MK ... [Interjections.] Thank you, House Chair.

Mr J J McGLUWA: Thank you, hon Reddy. I will ... [Interjections.] Fly hon Shivambu, fly. Can I proceed? The Pan SA Language Board, PanSALB, as the constitutional entity responsible for supporting, promoting and protecting all languages used in our country as a long history of instability from both management and governance perspective. However, through various parliamentary interventions to appointment ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members ...

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Mr J J McGLUWA: ... that was resolute ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, we cannot hear the speaker.

Mr J J McGLUWA: Deputy Speaker, the committee is deeply concerned that this important constitutional entity has been operating in the absence of the board since 6 March 2024. The issue of appointing a new board should be viewed as a matter of urgency to avoid collapsing governments. The following list of candidates were selected from 134 nominated individuals, interviewed and shortlisted by the previous portfolio committee. The committee requests this House to adopt the shortlist from which the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture will appoint no fewer than 11 and no more than 15 candidates to serve on the board. They are Dr Dlavane, Advocate Fiduli, Dr Govender, Ms Jansen, Dr Khohliso, Dr Letsoalo, Ms Maharaj, Professor Makhudu-Badenhorst, Ms Maponopono, Dr Mona, Dr Mosala, Dr Mudau, Ms Nchabeleng, Advocate Njeza, Ms Rasebopye, Ms Lerenda Lamson, Dr Takalani, Mr Piet Thokwana. As per the requirements set out in the PanSALB legislation, the candidates collectively are as representative as possible of the official languages as well as language skills, including

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interpreting, translation, language and literacy teaching as well as legal and financial management skills.

It is unfortunate that one of the shortlist candidates and previous PanSALB member Dr Rasana sadly passed away in May 2024 after the committee of the Sixth Parliament concluded the interviews and shortlisting process. However, as the chairperson, it is profound that her loss to the language fraternity does not affect the volatility of the shortlist that will be forwarded to the Minister. Given the urgency and the importance of getting a board appointed, I therefore urge the hon Deputy Speaker, members of this House to adopt the report. I thank you.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Good afternoon, Madam Deputy Speaker, hon members who are here in person and those who have joined the sitting virtually. I now move for the adoption of the report as presented by all the members. Thank you.

Declarations of vote:

Mr G MICHALAKIS: Madam Deputy Speaker, apart from indicating as the Chairperson of the committee has done, that it is now

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important that this board is constituted and cannot leave the head of the entity to function on their own.

We absolutely support the steps taken by the board and we welcome this move.

The DA supports the report.

Mr E MTHETHWA: Deputy Speaker, greetings to the Commander-In-Chief, CIC, and the progressive leadership of the EFF, and for showing your tendency to at a time such as this. I salute you.

The EFF recommends that the report be adopted as truly reflective of an open and fair process that was undertaken by the portfolio committee to select a list of highly skilled individuals to serve in the Pan South African Language Board, PanSALB, board.

Indeed, ours is a genuine commitment towards ensuring that women are recognized for their skills in leadership positions and not tokenism that seeks to reduce women empowerment into mere numbers and percentage issue.

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It is for this reason the House would notice that out of 19 candidates, 13 are highly qualified females and this number includes young people such as Ms Maponopono, who is 31 years old, a chartered accountant and a senior lecturer.

EFF cautions the Minister not to further delay but to expedite the appointment of the recommended names for the board as PanSALB has been operating for a significant time without a board; which means PanSALB's governance is compromised.

Of great concern is how PanSALB has been operating without the required checks and balances, separation of powers, especially when it comes to decision making processes, and in particular matters relating to finances.

It is a constitutional obligation for PanSALB to promote and create conditions for the development and the use of all official languages. I emphasize, all official languages: the sign language, including the Khoi, the Nama and the San languages.

It cannot, therefore, be business as usual that African languages in the past 30 years of democracy remain in the periphery of our socioeconomic discourse.

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We cannot continue to allow African children whose educational efforts have to be doubled by the mere fact that they have to learn everything in foreign languages, whilst their white counterparts learn in their natural languages.

EFF further cautions the Minister to pay serious attention in addressing his department's constant failure to preset such constitutional matters timeously.

The rust process was strenuous and resulted in the committee having to work even on weekends in order to complete the process before end of the Sixth Admin.

The same was experienced with South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport Amendment Bill.

Equality cannot be attained whilst ... [Time expired] ... other languages and cultures are dominated by others, even on our TV screen.

EFF supports the report.

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Ms H O MKHALIPHI: Chair, the Government of National Unity, GNU, must not get excited. Please, we are not part of those things ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, that was not a point of order ... [Interjections.]

Mr N M HADEBE: Hon Deputy Speaker, the Pan South African Language Board is the custodian of multilingualism to promote social cohesion in South Africa. They are aimed at promoting multilingualism, creating conditions for the development and use of all South African official languages, including the Khoi, Nama and San languages, the South African Sign language. Promoting respect and recognition for all languages, including previously marginalized languages and all other languages commonly used by South African communities.

Therefore, the IFP welcomes the PanSALB's establishment of a board to oversee its operations and we approve of the final shortlist of candidates.

One of the IFP's mission is aimed at actively promoting and fostering social cohesion and patriotism through programmes

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and dialogue. We believe that the strength of the nation lies in our unique diversity.

Our founder, the late Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, for whom we are celebrating a happy heavenly birthday with pride today, believed and fought for the inclusivity of the disenfranchised and marginalised. Therefore, we believe in promoting and creating conditions for the use and development of all official languages.

The IFP is in support of the goals of the PanSALB board and we fully support their mission and vision.

With this being said, it is important that the board must be held accountable and must provide committee with regular updates on their progress and challenges they are facing. Moreover, the board needs to be provided with adequate oversight and support to ensure that their goals are achieved.

The board members must also be monitored quarterly to ensure that they are doing their part in serving the board and that the PanSALB standards are always met.

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In consideration of the issues we have raised, the IFP supports the report. I thank you.

Mr S N SWART: Deputy Speaker, the ACDP has taken note of the report regarding the nomination of members to serve on the PanSALB board. And as we know, the board derives its mandate from section 6(5) of the Constitution to promote and create conditions for the development and use of all official languages as well as other languages commonly used by South African communities.

In this regard it is noteworthy that the Pan South African Language Board expressed its grave concern last month about the lack of adequate interpreting right here in this House.

So, one trusts that this issue, and if you look on their web page you'll see that they are engaging with Parliament due to the fact that all the official languages were not being used for interpretation in South Africa, and that a number of members had raised their concerns. And it is raising its concerns now, on behalf of those members with Parliament.

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Now, what can occur is that if this matter is not resolved, the PanSALB will be able to issue binding recommendations on Parliament. But one obviously hopes and trusts that this will not be necessary as it is quite an indictment on us as Parliament if we are not adhering to the official languages, given the fact that we are about to appoint a board of the Pan South African Language Board.

So, this serves also to illustrate the very wide-ranging powers that the board has in terms of its Act, it does give binding recommendations, binding directives.

And from the ACDP side we would like to thank the previous portfolio committee for the extensive interview process, the list of 18 candidates which will be submitted to the Minister for appointment that would urge an urgent appointment, given the fact that governance lacks.

The ACDP supports this report. I thank you.

Mr M M SOKOPO: Deputy Speaker and the House, South Africa is a diverse nation with a rich history and heritage. During the period of colonialism and apartheid our diversity as a nation

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was used as a weapon to divide our people. Language and ethnic identities were primary determinants of segregation, blacks in general and Africans in particular.

Language is not only about communication, but also about culture and its expression. Many of African languages were not developed and mainstreamed before the democratic breakthrough, which has underdeveloped African languages.

The PanSALB derives its mandate on section 6(5) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. The PanSALB must negate the injustices of the past by promoting and creating conditions for the development of all official languages including Khoi, Nama and San languages; by promoting and ensuring respect of all languages commonly used in South Africa.

The 6th Administration's Portfolio Committee on Sports and Culture undertook a process to make recommendations for the appointment of board members.

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The ANC supports the outcome undertaken by the 7th Parliament's portfolio committee, which interviewed 25 competent applicants who were nominated.

As the ANC we pay our condolences to the family of one of the recommended nominees, Dr Nomakhosazana Hazel Rasana, who has sadly passed on. We thank the deceased for being available to serve the nation, which is a noble cause.

Amongst the recommended 18 nominees, nine of them hold PhDs, two are advocates and others have sufficient skills and experience to make a meaningful contribution to the entity and to ensure that they execute their fiduciary duties.

In the Sixth Administration sign language was included as the 12th official language through a constitutional amendment. This is a significant milestone which is in line with our constitutional imperatives of developing languages.

We believe that the addition of sign language as an official language will enable all organs of state, the private sector and all sectors of our society to take measure to promote the use of sign language.

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We believe that PanSALB should implement programmes which increase the public knowledge of sign language in the near future. A significant component of our society should be able to have the knowledge and ability to communicate using basic sign language.

A major aspect which has impacted our education learning outcome as a nation is the low use of mother-tongue education, particularly African languages. Research has proved that mother-tongue education contributes to the cognitive development of children and language in a significant derailing factor in the ability of many learners to perform at the level of their capability due to language.

We must take measure to invest in African languages and educational learning material for all subjects. This is critical in developing languages and preserving and promoting the use of African languages in businesses, workplaces and broad society.

We call upon the PanSALB to prioritize working with higher education institutions and also focus on the promotion of

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African languages in technological development such as artificial intelligence and also other digital language services. Without developing language technology for our languages, its use and development will decline with time. As a society we are largely dependent on technology for communication.

We already have an education system that prioritizes English as a medium of teaching and learning from Early Childhood Development, ECD, and its perpetuation poses a risk to the mandate of the PanSALB.

We support this report to continue with the work of creating an inclusive and just society. I thank you.

Report adopted.

MISS MIA LE ROUX WINS MISS SA

(Draft Resolution)

Ms R C ADAMS: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the ANC:

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That the House—

- (1) congratulates Free State-born Ms Mia le Roux who made history by becoming the first hearing-impaired woman to win the Miss South Africa pageant on Saturday, 10 August 2024, at the SunBet Arena in Pretoria;
- (2) notes that Ms le Roux, a 28-year-old, BCom Marketing student at Unisa, was diagnosed with profound hearing loss at the age of one and had a cochlear implant to help her receive sound;
- (3) understands that it took two years of speech therapy before she was able to say her first words;
- (4) acknowledges that starting her reign, Ms le Roux pledged her commitment to foster an inclusive society for marginalised groups, where “no one is left behind”, by partnering with the government and stakeholders in the private sector;

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- (5) further acknowledges that she emphasised her reign will serve as an inspiration to differently abled younger girls in the country, as the Miss South Africa organisation broke pageantry beauty standards, by being inclusive and diverse of its contestants; and

... [Time expired.]

Agreed to.

LEARNERS RETURNED FROM THEIR 10-DAY VOYAGE SEAMESTER VII

(Draft Resolution)

Ms C JORDAAN: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the DA:

That the House—

- (1) notes that among 49 students in total schools two learners, four high school learners Ms Aimeè Stollie from the Môrester Akademie and Ms Akhona Zondo from the Lawhill Maritime Centre at Simon's Town School,

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recently returned from their 10-day voyage as part of SEAmester VII - South Africa's Class Afloat programme;

(2) recognises that Prof Isabelle Ansoorge, Mrs Tahlia Henry co-ordinators of SEAmester, Dr Courtney Puckree-Padua Cape Peninsula University of Technology and Dr Mariëtte Wheeler were instrumental in making this trip a reality and are recognised for encouraging curiosity in young people in the field of Marine Sciences;

(3) acknowledges the role played by the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in encouraging an interest and participation in the Marine Science field for learners, and the potential that exists in continuing to explore endeavours that will foster education in this field;

(4) congratulates Ms Stollie for being selected as the top student of SEAmester 2024; and

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- (5) conveys its thanks to Mrs Henry and Dr Puckree-Padua for their commitment to shaping the future of the country's youth.

Agreed to.

**CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES IN GAZA
ATTACKS**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr W M DOUGLAS: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the MK Party:

That the House—

- (1) notes express its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who tragically lost their lives during the recent attack in Gaza by Israeli forces;
- (2) condemns the ongoing violence and loss of innocent lives;

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- (3) calling for an immediate cessation of these hostilities and for all parties to seek a peaceful resolution through dialogue and negotiation;

- (4) reaffirm South Africa's commitment to international law and human rights and supports efforts to ensure accountability for actions that violate these principles;

- (5) sending solidarity with the people of Palestine during this difficult time and calls on international community to identify efforts to bring about the just and lasting in peace in the region.

Motion objected. The motion without notice is not agreed to and becomes a notice of a motion.

YOUNG GIRLS PREMATURELY FORCED INTO MOTHERHOOD AND ADULTHOOD

(Draft Resolution)

Adv B J MKHWEBANE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the EFF without notice:

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That the House—

- (1) notes the crisis of statutory rape, where young girls are forced into motherhood and adulthood prematurely;
- (2) further notes that many victims are unaware that they are being violated;
- (3) realises that teachers and nurses are aware of these violent crimes and yet fail to report them to the police;
- (4) acknowledges ineffective oversight by all responsible authorities on this issue;
- (5) mandates the portfolio committees of Social Development, Education, Health, Justice, and Police to:
- (6) confer with each other on the development of a joint public participation programme to receive submissions on this matter; ...

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IsiNdebele:

... ngoba, ukubulala abantwana, kubulala isizwe. Abantwanaba bancani khulu ukobana babelethe, begodu bangayi naseskolweni. Ngiyathokoza.

UNTIMELY PASSING OF MS CONNIE CHIUME

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S MAHLANGU: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the ANC:

That the House—

- (1) notes with sadness the untimely passing of renowned South African actress Connie Chiume on Tuesday, 6 August 2024, at the age of 72;
- (2) recalls that she is best known for her roles in *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* and Beyoncé's *Black Is King*;

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- (3) remembers that she began her career as a nurse and teacher before turning to acting in 1977;
- (4) further remembers that she became well-known for her role in TV series such as Inkom' Edla Yodwa, Rhythm City, Yizo Yizo, Zone 14, and others;
- (5) recognises that throughout her career, she received several awards, including the National Television and Video Association, NTVA, Avanti Award for Best Actress in a Drama Series for Soul City in 2000 and the South African Film and Television Awards, SAFTA, for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama for Zone 14 in 2009; and
- (6) extends its heartfelt condolences to Connie Chiume's family, friends and colleagues.

Agreed to.

FORMER RECTOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF BRIAN O'CONNELL,

PASSES ON

(Draft Resolution)

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Ms B E MACHI: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the IFP:

That the House—

- (1) notes with a heavy heart the passing of Professor Brian O'Connell;
- (2) former Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape, UWC, on Sunday, 25 August 2024, at the age of 77 years;
- (3) further notes that he served as rector and vice-chancellor from 2001 to 2014 in which time he led the transition of the institution;
- (4) recognises that he was a visionary leader whose steadfast commitment to education and social justice transformed UWC;
- (5) acknowledges that his contributions were honoured with multiple honorary doctorates and the

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prestigious title of Commander of the Order of Leopold II, awarded by the Belgian government; and

- (6) conveys its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and associates.

Agreed to.

FOUR PEOPLE CHARGED ON THE KIDNAPPING OF JOSHLIN SMITH

(Draft Resolution)

Ms S G KHOJANE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the PA:

That the House—

- (1) notes the ongoing criminal investigation into the kidnapping of Joshlin Smith who disappeared on 19 February 2024 from her home in Middlepos, Saldanha;
- (2) further notes that four people have been charged with human trafficking and kidnapping in connection with the disappearance of Joshlin Smith including

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the mother of the missing child, her boyfriend and two other accused;

- (3) expresses grave concern that the accused confessed to selling Joshlin and was charged with trafficking for the purpose of exploitation and kidnapping;
- (4) acknowledges the support from residents of Middlepos, who went searching for Joshlin;
- (5) recognises the establishment of the Joshlin Smith Foundation by the President of the Patriotic Alliance, Mr Gayton McKenzie, who assists in the ongoing search for our green-eyed child, Joshlin, and other missing persons that have become cold cases; and
- (6) calls on the South African Police Service to keep South Africans informed of developments in this case.

Agreed to.

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**DRICUS DU PLESSIS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS HIS WORLD ULTIMATE
FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Draft Resolution)

Mrs H DENNER: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the FF Plus:

That the House—

- (1) congratulates Dricus "Stillknocks" Du Plessis for his successful defence of his World Ultimate Fighting Championship, UFC, Middleweight Championship title in Perth, Australia on Sunday, 18 August 2024, by defeating former UFC Champion, Israel Adesanya with a fourth-round submission;
- (2) acknowledges that he is the first South African to win a UFC championship and that his professional career consists of 24 fights of which he has won 22;
- (3) further acknowledges that outside of the UFC, Du Plessis is also the former Welterweight and Middleweight Extreme Fighting Championship, EFC,

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Champion and the former European mixed martial arts
Konfrontacia Sztuk Walki, KSW, Welterweight
Champion; and

- (4) expresses its pride and joy over his excellent
performance.

Agreed to.

COMMEMORATING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF BABITA

DEOKARAN

(Draft Resolution)

Ms L M NGOBENI: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice
on behalf of the ANC:

That the House—

- (1) commemorates the third anniversary of the passing of
a true heroine, Babita Deokaran, who tragically made
the ultimate sacrifice in fighting against the
corruption that continues to plague our society;

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- (2) urges law enforcement agencies to ensure the urgent focus on the arrest and prosecution of all individuals implicated in her murder and to exhaust every effort to ensure that the masterminds are brought to justice;
- (3) recognises that the failure to protect whistleblowers, such as Marumo Phenya who was assassinated for exposing a corrupt syndicate operating within the Department of Home Affairs, puts many more lives at risk; and
- (4) acknowledges the critical importance of safeguarding whistleblowers who courageously stand against corruption and uphold justice in our country.

Agreed to.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM SOUTH AFRICA

(Draft Resolution)

Mr G D KGABO: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the ANC:

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That the House—

- (1) congratulates Team South Africa for proudly representing the country at the 2024 Paris Olympics;
- (2) acknowledges that their dedication and sacrifices were fruitful, with the team bringing home six medals - 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 2 Bronze;
- (3) recognises that our stand-out performer was swimmer Tatjana Smith, who secured the nation's only gold medal in the women's 100m breaststroke and a silver medal in the women's 200m breaststroke;
- (4) commends the team consisting of Bayanda Walaza, who is still a teenager, Bradley Nkoana, Shaun Maswanganyi and Akani Simbine as well as Tatjana Smith, Alan Hatherly, Jo-Ane van Dyk and our rugby team the Blitzboks, for flying our flag high at the Olympic Games; and

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- (5) calls upon citizens to continue supporting Team South Africa, who will be competing in the Paralympic Games from 28 August until 8 September 2024.

Agreed to.

GRADE 5 LEARNER COMPLETED THE ROB BEN ISLAND CROSSING

(Draft Resolution)

Mr W M THRING: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the ACDP:

That the House—

- (1) notes the youngest swimmer to complete the Robben Island crossing;
- (2) notes that Karlie is a ten-year-old, Grade 5 learner at Laerskool Van Riebeeckstrand in Melkbosstrand, who completed the 7,4 km swim in 3 hours and 4 minutes; and

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- (3) commends Karli for her achievement, bravery and her acknowledgement that God was with her.

Agreed to.

**CITY OF TSHWANE ACHIEVED 21% REDUCTION
IN UNAUTHORISED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE**

(Draft Resolution)

Mr A C ROOS: Deputy Speaker, I hereby move without notice on behalf of the DA:

That the House—

- (1) notes that the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality recently received recognition for its exceptional results during the 2024 SALGA Gauteng 2nd Annual Municipal Audit Awards held in Johannesburg in July of 2024;
- (2) recognises that the city achieved a remarkable 21% reduction in unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure under the leadership of the

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Executive Mayor Mr Cilliers Brink, and the MMC for Finance, Miss Jackie, Ace;

- (3) acknowledges that the city furthermore achieved the most improved revenue collection and debt management of all municipalities in Gauteng at 92%;
- (4) recalls that the city was recognised for the outstanding use of its municipal grants and service delivery at 84%, which increased to 90% spent;
- (5) remembers that the management of the city is working to stabilise its finances, improve service delivery and build a capital city that works for all of its residents;
- (6) congratulates Executive Mayor Brink, MMC Ace and the rest of the city's management team on these excellent results; and
- (7) wishes them well for their future endeavours to improve the lives of the city's residents.

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Not agreed to.

Ms H O MKHALIPHI: We object to this motion. People of Hammanskraal are still suffering under the City of Tshwane.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon MkhaliPhi, there is no need to state reasons, you either object or not.

MIA LE ROUX BAGS 2024 MISS SOUTH AFRICA TITLE

(Draft Resolution)

Mr M S MBATHA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) congratulates the remarkable achievement of Ms Mia Le Roux for winning the Miss South Africa pageant;
- (2) notes that what is more remarkable is that in one of her projects she is dedicating her reign is to support women who are violently affected in South Africa; and

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- (3) encourages this project as it will see to it that all young people in particular young women see that winning a pageant should not just be a status symbol, but it should reign as part of social development and social activism.

Agreed to

POOR SEWER SYSTEM HITS MUNICIPALITIES

(Draft Resolution)

Ms M R MOHLALA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) notes the severe health hazard in the Frances Baard district in the Northern Cape due to the collapse and aging sewer system;
- (2) acknowledges that raw sewerage is flowing in Pampierstad in Phokwane Municipality and throughout Kimberly including Ritchie township in Ward 27 under the Sol Plaatjie Municipality;

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- (3) recognises that outdated asbestos pipes from the Bophuthatswana era in Pampierstad prevent the municipality from addressing these issues due to lack of funds and capacity;
- (4) further identifies similar issues in Warrenton under Magareng Municipality;
- (5) notes that despite President Ramaphosa's promise on 07 January 2019, to resolve the situation in Pampierstad, conditions remain unchanged, and residents are still at risk;
- (6) urges the government to act swiftly to address this urgent issues and prevent illnesses like cholera similar to the situation in Hammanskraal caused by sewerage problems; and
- (7) further urges the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation to visit these areas and develop a comprehensive and urgent plan to resolve the sewerage and infrastructure problems.

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Motion objected. The motion without notice is not agreed to and becomes a notice of a motion.

ZANELE MBOKAZI-NKAMBULE PASSES ON

(Draft Resolution)

Ms F L SHABANGU: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) notes with sadness the passing on of the SABC Radio presenter, preacher and Crown Gospel Music Awards founder Mme Zanele Mbokazi-Nkambule on 12 August 2024, at age 52 in KwaZulu-Natal;
- (2) acknowledges that Mme Zanele Mbokazi-Nkambule was not merely a presenter, but a beacon of hope and inspiration in the broadcasting industry;
- (3) further remembers that throughout her life she was an integral part of the Ukhozi FM family, spreading love, hope and inspiration to countless listeners across the country;

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(4) recalls that the late broadcaster is the author of four books titled, *This battle is not yours, Push: you are closer than you think, Before the vows and Dear daughter;*

(5) further notes that she was an extraordinary woman who discharged humility, kindness and spiritual ... [Time expired.] ... May her soul rest in peace!

Agreed to.

UNsung HEROIN OF TzANEEN POLICE STATION

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S M GANA: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) recognises the excellent work done by Sergeant Glenda Mathebula, a committed member of the SA Police Service stationed at Tzaneen Police Station;

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- (2) notes that as part of the family violence, child protection and sexual offences unit, she successfully led an investigation that resulted in a life sentence of a 38-year-old man who raped his 11-year-old niece;
- (3) further notes that in February, she led an investigation that resulted in Thabang Makgopa and Arone Makhubele being sentenced to a combined four life sentences for rape, robbery and assault;
- (4) recognises that she has been at the forefront of investigating cases of rape and sexual violence in the Tzaneen area; and
- (5) sends a message of congratulations to Sergeant Glenda Mathebula and the team of the family violence, child protection and sexual offences, FCS, investigators for the sterling work in investigating family violence and sexual offences in the Tzaneen area.

Agreed to.

MDUDUZI WELCOME NHLEBELA PASSES ON

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(Draft Resolution)

Ms N L WEBSTER: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) notes with profound sadness the passing of Mr Mduzuzi Welcome Nhlebelala on the 14 August 2024;
- (2) further notes that Mr Mduzuzi Welcome Nhlebelala was a dedicated servant of his community and the country;
- (3) acknowledges that Mr Nhlebelala was a provincial and national candidate for Bosa and continuously worked for the protection and upliftment of the minorities in his community, where he advocated for the rights and inclusion of marginalised groups and individuals;
- (4) further acknowledges Mr Nhlebelala's multifaceted talents as an activist, transcriber, video editor and journalist whose work gave a voice to those whose stories needed to be heard;

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- (5) further acknowledges that, despite being wheelchair-bound, Mr Nhleba's determination and resilience made him a striking example of courage and commitment to the causes he believed in; and
- (6) extends its heartfelt condolences to his friends, colleagues and family during this period of mourning.

Agreed to

SOUTH AFRICA RECOGNISES SWIMMERS

(Draft Resolution)

Ms M L MMOLOTSANE: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) congratulates South African swimmers Ryk Neethling, Roland Schoeman, Lyndon Ferns and Darian Townsend on being inducted into the South African Sport Hall of Fame this week;

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- (2) notes that all four swimmers shattered the world record to claim Olympic gold in the 4x100m freestyle relay at the Athens Olympics in 2004;
- (3) further notes that the four reunited at the ceremony for the first time in 16 years;
- (4) believes that they have raised the South African flag internationally and the nation is proud of their achievements; and
- (5) wishes them nothing but success in all their future endeavours.

Agreed to.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN ENROLS GAZA MEDICAL STUDENTS

(Draft Resolution)

Adv S SALIE: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice

That the House—

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- (1) notes that during August 2024, the University of Cape Town welcome 27 medical students from Gaza to do the electives towards completing their medical degrees;
- (2) further notes that both medical universities in Gaza have been bombed to the ground by Israel's ongoing genocide in Palestine;
- (3) acknowledges that it is an act of great humanity shown by the University of Cape Town;
- (4) further acknowledges all role-players who made it possible for the students to travel to South Africa and for providing accommodation and daily needs to pursue their studies at the University of Cape Town;
- (5) understands that the University of Cape Town, UCT, has done a great work to accommodate these students;
- (6) realises that all students living under extreme challenging conditions need a fair chance to complete their studies to serve the country;

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(7) sends a message of support to the University of Cape Town.

Motion objected. The motion without notice is not agreed to and becomes a notice of a motion.

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS WIZARD PASSES ON

(Draft Resolution)

Ms D C CHRISTIANS: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

(1) notes with sadness the passing of Mr William Smith on 21 August 2024 at the age of 85 years;

(2) further notes that Mr Smith was an esteemed educator who revolutionised mathematics and science education in the Republic

(3) remembers that Mr Smith's pioneering work to transcend the classroom to bring mathematics and

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science into the homes of millions through *The Learning Channel* on the SA Broadcasting Corporation channels during the 1990s made quality education accessible to learners across the country, regardless of their background, creating hope and opportunity during a critical time in our country's history;

(4) acknowledges that Mr Smith's contributions were widely recognised and earned him numerous accolades, including the prestigious National Order of the Baobab in 2019, awarded by President Cyril Ramaphosa acknowledging his exceptional service to education;

(5) recognises that while Mr Smith leaves behind an enduring legacy, his passion for education and his innovative spirit will continue to inspire future generations; and

(6) conveys its deepest condolences to the friends and family of Mr Smith during this time of bereavement. May his soul rest in peace!

Agreed to.

STRANFONTEIN CAMP REPORT QUIET

(Draft Resolution)

Mr F ADAMS: Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House—

- (1) notes that in 2020 a heist which would be running to hundreds of millions of rands was committed by the City of Cape Town's Department of Safety and Security.
- (2) further notes that I refer here to the atrocity widely referred to as the Strandfontein concentration camp where poor people had their dignity trampled upon by the DA;
- (3) recalls that the Special Investigating Unit, SIU, completed the investigation in November 2021;

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- (4) further recalls that the criminal content of this report has been hidden by the President;
- (5) knows that I move that the President release this report as a matter of national interest so that we may understand the deeds of the DA's plan of the poor or the President admit that this government of convenience was not established in 2024.

Motion objected. The motion without notice is not agreed to and becomes a notice of a motion.

PASSING OF HERITAGE EXPERT, PROFESSOR NKONDO

(Draft Resolution)

Mr S I SUBRATHIE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice on behalf of the ANC:

That the House -

- (1) notes the passing of a well-known academic and heritage expert Professor Muxe Nkondo on Sunday, 18 August 2024, at the age of 83 years;

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- (2) further notes that he was formerly vice-chancellor of the University of Venda, deputy vice-chancellor of the University of the North and a Harvard Andrew Mellon Fellow in English;
- (3) understands that Professor Nkondo served on numerous boards and associations across the continent and internationally;
- (4) believes his vast experience led to the conceptualisation of the Liberation Heritage Route;
- (5) further believes that his ideas and their application have impacted on lives and institutions across the globe and also inspired a diaspora of academics, leaders and administrators who have benefited from Professor Nkondo's inexhaustible intellect and interest in the betterment of humanity; and
- (6) conveys its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and the nation at large.

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isiZulu:

Hamba kahle Professor Nkondo.

Agreed to.

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY'S SO-CALLED VICTORY OF FUEL PRICE

REDUCTION

(Draft Resolution)

Mr N NDHLELA: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice on behalf of the MK:

That the House -

- (1) notes with deep concern the misleading narrative peddled by the coalition government, which is claiming victory over miniscule R0.23 reduction in fuel prices;
- (2) further notes that in reality, since January this year, fuel prices have increased on an average of R3,00 per litre, placing an unbearable burden on the people of South Africa, especially the poorest of the poor;

- (3) also notes that these so-called victories of distraction and a publicity stunt, diverting attention from the true crisis at hand;
- (4) acknowledges that the real issues affecting fuel prices, including excessive and exorbitant fuel tech, are in fact exorbitant fuel taxes. It is also through addressing these issues that we can achieve meaningful and lasting relief for all South Africans;
- (5) calls on the government to take immediate remedial action, including the reduction of fuel taxes to alleviate the financial pressure on South African citizens. The re-evaluation of Sasol's privatisation and the establishment of a transparent mechanism to regulate fuel prices was bringing Petrol SA to the mainstream of the fuel distribution and retail;
- (6) further demands a comprehensive review of government policies affecting fuel prices with a view of prioritising the needs of the people over corporate interests; and

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- (7) acknowledges that the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill, which will bring about an end to the reliance on international petroleum supplies has been passed by the way through the National Assembly and the President must sign it.

The motion without notice, having not been agreed to, is converted to a notice of motion.

RENOWNED SCIENTIST, DR LEKGANYANE DIES AT THE HANDS OF ABUSIVE

PARTNER

(Draft Resolution)

Ms T K BODLANI: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice on behalf of the DA:

That the House -

- (1) notes with contempt the senseless murder of the renowned academic and scientist, Dr Dorcas Lekganyane, affectionately known as Didi, allegedly at the hand of her abusive partner at their residence in Johannesburg, in July 2024;

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- (2) remembers that Dr Lekganyane held several accolades for her groundbreaking work, including being listed in the Mail & Guardian's 200 Young South Africans 2024 in Climate Change and Environmental category;
- (3) recalls that Dr Lekganyane was previously also recognised as one of the 50 most inspiring women in South Africa and that she received several other accolades, including the Department of Science and Technology fellowship masters degree award for her research in traditional medicinal plants in South Africa;
- (4) condemns gender-based violence in any shape or form;
and;
- (5) conveys its deepest condolences to the Lekganyane family and her colleagues in academia.

Sesotho:

Ha moya wa hae o robale ka kgotso.

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Agreed to.

Mr S T D LOUW: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice on behalf of the ANC

That the House -

- (1) notes that the International Literacy Day takes place on 8 September every year to raise awareness and concern for literacy problems that exist within our own local communities as well as globally;
- (2) further notes that literacy is a fundamental human right for all as it opens doors to the enjoyment for other human rights, greater freedoms, and global citizenship;
- (3) acknowledges that this year, the day will be celebrated under the theme, *"Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace"*;

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- (4) also notes that in South Africa, the government launched the *Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign* in February 2008;
- (5) further acknowledges that the *Kha Ri Gude* delivers across all nine provinces in a massive logistical outreach; and
- (6) welcomes the day's observance as it raises people's awareness of and concern for literacy problems within our own communities.

Agreed to.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Ms D R DIREKO: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House-

- (1) debates unlocking bottlenecks in the local government to improve the provision of service.

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Mr T B MABHENA: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House-

(1) debates the high cost of living and the severe negative impact it has on transportation and mobility costs on the poor and vulnerable.

According to the Council for Scientific Industrial Research, 2020 Report on Household Travel Survey, nearly 60% of households spent more than the policy maximum target of 10% of their income on public transport in 2019-20 which is up 55% up from t 2014; and

(2) notes that transport is key economic driver, it is important that it is affordable to enable rapid economic growth.

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Mr V G REDDY: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the MK:

That the House-

- (1) debates the appropriateness of the continued use of the term Government of National Unity within parliamentary and governmental discourse given the evolving political landscape in South Africa;
- (2) acknowledges the historical context of the original intent behind the formation of the GNU and whether these conditions and principles remain relevant in the current political environment;
- (3) understands the implications of the term GNU on the autonomy and role of the opposition parties within the parliamentary system;
- (4) deliberates whether the use of the term GNU adequately reflects the democratic and the

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representational nature of the South African government as it stands today;

(5) notes the potential of this term to ...

[Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, that is a motion without notice.

Mr V G REDDY: ...undermining the spirit of a multiparty democracy; and

(6) further notes that the term GNU has been reviewed and redefined to better align with the current realities and dynamics of South African politics.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Reddy, that will not be dealt with as a notice of a motion. That is a motion without notice. It should have been read earlier. Hon Reddy, I'm not going to get into a debate with you. That is not a notice of motion.

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Mr V G REDDY: Deputy Speaker, the Table approved this as a notice of motion. If it was an issue the Table would have rejected it, and they did not.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Reddy, in future, please note the format of a notice of a motion that it does not take a format of a motion without notice. But as you gave the subject topic for debate, we will allow it. The hon Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Deputy Speaker, just in terms of your ruling, my understanding is that the content of the subject of whether this is going to be a motion with or without notice is currently a subject of a court case and I would like you to please consider how this House applies the sub judicare Rule that having a debate on that issue while the Mk party is in court would be in conflict with that rule. I would just like to make that clear.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, that is indeed the case. You are quite correct the Rule now is that it the case of sub judicare, you cannot discuss the substantive part, the merits of the case that could influence it, but it is something that

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the Speaker will consider when scheduling this particular matter for a debate. Thank you. Colleagues, we proceed, ANC?

Order members! This is the first sitting of this term, but you are extremely energetic for this time of the day. ANC?

Ms D R DIREKO: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House-

- (1) debates increasing support for small business enterprises, entrepreneurs and cooperatives, especially in townships and in rural areas.

Mr M SHIKWAMBANA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, I was surprised. When we came for an oversight meeting here in Cape Town last week, we submitted some issues to the management and the National Student Financial Aid Scheme, NSFAS board that one of

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the many reasons NSFAS is dysfunctional is because it's based here in the Western Cape.

Students at institutions of higher learning do not have accommodation as we speak today, yet NSFAS board and management chose to go and have their offices in one of the most expensive, inaccessible and distance location for students to access NSFAS. These come at a cost that they even pay R2,5 million per month for rent. I personally met with more than 300 students at the University of Limpopo ...
[Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you must give notice of emotion.

Mr M SHIKWAMBANA: That's what I'm doing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are busy with a statement, hon member. You must introduce a topic for debate. In other words, what will be the topic of debate that you are submitting?

Mr M SHIKWAMBANA: Speaker, Speaker.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members!

Mr M SHIKWAMBANA: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House-

- (1) debates the relocation of offices of NSFAS from Cape Town to Tshwane in Pretoria because of the issues that I have raised here before.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Hon members, could I please request the Chief Whips to make sure that members are made aware of how motions are drafted? It will make it much easier for the table in terms of minuting to know exactly what the topic for debate will be. We proceed. IFP?

Mr N M HADEBE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the IFP:

That the House-

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(1) debates-

- (a) the pressing need for digitisation in documenting people in South Africa.

Ms S G KHOJANE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the PA:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) the influx of undocumented foreign nationals into the country,
- (b) tackling corruption amongst officials.
- (c) instituting stricter border management measures as well as the exploration of effective strategies to ensure the protection of our national integrity and the safety and identity of our nation.

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Mr P A VAN STADEN: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the FF Plus:

That the House-

(1) debates-

(a) the high illicit trade in tobacco products locally.

(b) urgent measures to combat these problems.

(c) South Africa's involvement at the Convention of Tobacco Control that will take place at the Geneva International Convention Centre and at the World Health Organisation Headquarters in November 2025.

Mr S T D LOUW: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House-

(1) debates-

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- (a) strengthening the school nutrition programme to address hunger and learning outcomes.

Mr S N SWART: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the ACDP:

That the House-

- (1) debates

- (a) the very poor audit outcomes in local government, with only 34 of the 257 municipalities obtaining clean bills of health according to the Auditor-General's 2022-23 Local Government Report and measures to address this shocking situation.

Ms L SCHICKERLING: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House-

- (1) debates-

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- (a) the devolution of policing powers to provinces in light of the Minister of Police's recent revelation of the shocking figures relating to the closure of police dockets due to various avoidable reasons.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Marais, you have now been unmuting for three times. You will now be removed from the platform. The MK Party.

Mr E M NTSHINGILA: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the MK Party:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) the severe worsening unemployment crisis in South Africa with the unemployment rate of 33,5% in the second quarter of 2024, an increase from the 23,18% in 2010 under the leadership of President Zuma.

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- (b) a comparison between the state of unemployment under the leadership of President Zuma where job creation was a priority and the current led administration which has seen a deterioration in employment figures and the failure to prioritise employment of citizens through government opportunities.

IsiXhosa:

Nksz B MATHULELWA: Sekela Somlomo, ndenza isaziso sokuba, xa le Ndlu ihlala kwakhona ndiza kwenza isiphakamiso egameni leEFF:

Sokuba le Ndlu-

(1) ixoxe-

(a) ngamaphepha emvume eCannabis, icuba labathwa, avalela abantu abamnyama Makumbe abo bangathathi ntweni ngabom ngokuthi abize ixabiso eliphakamileyo elibalelwa kwiR24 yezigidi ingakumbi kwiphondo lweMpuma Koloni, KwaZulu-Natal nalapha eNtshona Koloni.

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Ms M O SEATE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) driving infrastructure development, which will also drive industrialisation through localisation.

Mr S M GANA: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting ay of the House I shall move on behalf of RISE Mzansi:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) the devastating and negative impact of the extortion gangs that are terrorising small businesses, informal traders and public institutions like schools, clinics and hospitals.

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Ms M O SEATE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of ANC:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) utilising sectoral productive capacity and identifying new growth areas to diversify the economy.

Adv S SALLIE: Adv S SALIE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting ay of the House I shall move on behalf of the Al Jama-ah:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) the increasing failings in the South African education system to guarantee every child's right to a quality education and safe learning environment in our country.

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Mr M BARGRAIM: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting ay of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) the report of the latest unemployment figures of the second quarter of 2024 which shows a decided regression. It is disastrous and unsustainable. The Western Province has indeed shown the way forward.

Mr M S LEKGANYANE: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting ay of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) the reform of the ownership, management, and control patterns in the South African economy to accelerate transformation, break all access barriers and create a conducive environment for inclusive and unhindered participation of the

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poor, the historically disadvantaged and
marginalised.

Mr L W MAHLATSI: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the UAT:

That the House-

(1) debates-

(a) that with the 39% total land in terms of the land audit, indicates that 41% belongs to trust and belongs to companies.

(b) who owns these trusts and these companies.

Mr D D D VAN ROOYEN: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the MK Party:

That the House-

(1) debates-

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- (a) the human rights violation of farm workers and labour tenants.

- (b) that, this is precipitated by the ongoing labour tenants and farm workers that suffer gross violation of human rights in the hands of white farmers on farms.

Mr I CAMERON: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the DA:

That the House-

- (1) debates-
 - (a) the escalating rate of extortion related crimes, particularly at schools, businesses.

 - (b) the urgent steps that need to be taken and co-ordinated between SA Police Service, SAPS and other role-players and the provinces in this regard including recategorizing extortion as a priority crime.

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Ms N A GCALEKA-MAZIBUKO: Deputy Speaker, I hereby give notice that on the next sitting of the House I shall move on behalf of the ANC:

That the House-

(1) debates-

- (a) the development and strengthening of local economies, creation of jobs and promotion of job placements, especially for the youth.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I will now request you to stand. We are now at the end of business. Please wait for the Chair and the Mace to leave the Chamber. We have now concluded the business of the day.

The business of the House concluded.

The House adjourned at 17:35.