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OF

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024

1. The Council met at 14:00.
2. The Deputy Chairperson took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.
3. The Deputy Chairperson announced that the hybrid sitting constituted a sitting of the National Council of Provinces.
4. [14:02] The Deputy Chairperson announced that the that the Subject for Debate has been deferred until further notice.
5. [14:03] Notices of motions.
6. [14:12] Ms S Nxumalo moved without notice: That the Council-
 - (1) notes with utmost concern the noticeable growing number of cases of food poisoning in many parts of the country;
 - (2) also notes that several provinces have reported a significant increase in food poisoning cases, especially among children;
 - (3) further notes that in Gauteng alone, the Department of Health has recorded 863 food poisoning incidents, resulting in 11 deaths with the Ekurhuleni district having the most cases, with 119, followed by the city of Johannesburg with 40 cases;
 - (4) acknowledges that the majority of cases of food poisoning have occurred in townships, informal settlements, and hostels where the majority of poor

communities live, making food poisoning an emerging health hazard for the poor; and

- (5) takes this opportunity to call on the Minister of Agriculture and Minister Small Development to wage a concerted battle against the sale of dangerous food products that expose our people to food poisoning.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

7. [14:14] Mr P A Phala moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) notes with sadness the untimely passing away of the first Minister of Labour in democratic South Africa, the first black Governor of the Reserve and former Minister of Finance, Mr Tito Mboweni;
- (2) further notes that Mr Mboweni was born in Tzaneen in Limpopo and later moved to Lesotho after he joined the African National Congress;
- (3) acknowledges that Mr Mboweni served the ANC in many positions including in the National Executive Committee until he retired and went back to Magoebaskloof where he spent his final days;
- (4) further acknowledges that he was a dedicated public servant, who played a pivotal role in shaping South Africa's economic landscape and his contributions to our nation's financial stability and growth will be remembered for generations; and
- (5) sends heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and his organisation the African national Congress.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

8. [14:15] The Deputy Chairperson announced that motions would be interrupted in order to give precedence to the Executive Statement by the Minister of Transport.

9. [14:16] **STATEMENT IN TERMS OF RULE 234: Minister of Transport: Statement on providing a safe, reliable, effective, efficient and fully integrated transport operations and infrastructure that meet the needs of freight and passenger customers, improving levels of service and cost in a fashion that supports government strategies for economic and social development.**

Debate concluded.

10. [15:25] RESUMPTION OF NOTICES WITHOUT NOTICE.

11. [15:25] Mr F J Badenhorst moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) notes that Dr Jolyn Phillips born and bred in Blompark, Gansbaai, in the Overstrand, has recently obtained a Doctorate for her trailblazing literary Epic "Bientang 'n !nau gedig";

- (2) further notes that in doing so, she has become the first female person of colour to write an Afrikaans Epic;
- (3) also notes that she is the first person to write an Afrikaans Epic about a “heroine of colour”;
- (4) further notes that she is the first person to write an Afrikaans Epic encompassing a wide variety of Afrikaans forming a kind of idiolect;
- (5) also notes that she is the first person to write an Afrikaans Epic that actively undermines or re-questions the accepted notion of an Epic;
- (6) notes that she is the first person to write an Afrikaans Epic as part of a PHD;
- (7) acknowledges that the oldest epic recognised is the Epic of Gilgamesh (c.2500-1300 BC), some 4000 years old;
- (8) further acknowledges that it is extraordinary that an Afrikaans epic poem like *Bientang* an epic about an indigenous woman is published, almost 4000 years later;
- (9) congratulates Dr Jolyn Phillips for her invaluable contribution in ensuring that the stories of South Africa have the same literary longevity, especially the stories and histories of indigenous people of South Africa; and
- (10) acknowledges, especially her great passion to contribute towards the indigenous histories of the Overstrand and Overberg regions.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

12. [15:31] Ms J S Mananiso moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) notes with pride, the sustained successes of the South African law enforcement agencies in successfully tracking, identifying and arresting drug mules at the O.R Tambo International Airport;
- (2) acknowledges that the successful arrests are due to enhanced intelligence gathering and coordination, and the effective collaboration of the law enforcement agencies with the Border Management Agency;
- (3) thanks, the National Police Commissioner and his team, the Provincial Commissioner of Police in Gauteng, the leadership of the different law enforcement agencies and the South African Border Management Agency for the job well done; and
- (4) calls on the Provincial Police Commissioners and the leadership of the Border Management Agency in the provinces that share borders with our neighbouring countries to intensify efforts against illicit trafficking of drugs and goods on our borders.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

13. [15:32] Mr J H P Britz moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) notes that Ms Lesa Seeney, a professional, registered pharmacist of Oyster Bay in the Eastern Cape, runs the Oyster Bay Healing Centre, a medical facility serving more than 5,800 residents of Umzamowethu and the surrounding farming communities;
- (2) also notes that the clinic was envisioned, planned, built, developed and operates with private funds sourced by Ms Seeney herself;
- (3) further notes that this is the only clinic in this rural area for these residents, who would have been without any other medical care if it were not for the private initiative of Ms Seeney;
- (4) acknowledges that the clinic employs home and community-based carers and provides medical services that range from various medical tests, the distribution of medicine, community wellness and health awareness and information programmes;
- (5) further acknowledges that all these services and medication are privately funded without any financial help from the State; and
- (6) congratulates Ms Lesa Seeney for her exceptional, unselfish, and exemplary service to the community and the Eastern Cape Province.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

14. [15:33] Ms T Breedt moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) notes that on 4 September 2024, Wian Süllwald was chosen as TLU SA's Young Farmer of the Year 2024;
- (2) further notes that he is a pig farmer from Bela-Bela and the first pig farmer to win this prestigious award;
- (3) acknowledges his qualifications in economy and business management, hard work, ambition and passion;
- (4) recognises the positivity, innovation, and farming expertise of the other finalists;
- (5) appreciates them for their participation and involvement in agriculture; and
- (6) congratulates Süllwald on this achievement.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

15. [15:36] Mr M Feni moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) condemns the recent mass killing of family members by criminals in Lusikisiki, in the Eastern Cape Province;
- (2) notes that the mass killing is one of the emerging organized heinous crimes in the Eastern Cape province and the province of KwaZulu- Natal; and
- (3) calls on the Minister of Police and the National Police Commissioner to establish a dedicated national task team against these killings and the contracted killings across the country.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

16. [15:37] Mr M F Mokwele moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) notes with pride the success and high-level impact of the recent Provincial Week of the National Council of Provinces;
- (2) appreciates the significant attention of the media during this programme;
- (3) acknowledges that the programme was truly an activist people's parliament in action to transform the lives of our people for the better, therefore;
- (4) further acknowledges the leadership of the National Council of Provinces under the visionary leadership of the Chairperson, Honourable Mtshweni-Tsipane and her collective in making this programme a success; and
- (5) appreciates the leadership of all the political parties represented in this august House for their maturity and leadership in rising above narrow party-political interests to address the aspirations of our people, united in diversity.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

17. [15:41] Mr M G Modise moved without notice: That the Council-

- (1) notes that the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), on 15 October 2024, released its result of 2023/24 financial year;
- (2) also notes that these results stem from the effective investigations, speedy litigation, and recovery processes;
- (3) further notes that the SIU saved the South African government approximately R8 billion in the financial year under review; and
- (4) applauds the SIU for making a record recovery of funds in actual cash amounting to R2.28 billion, marking the highest recovery in the SIU's 27-year history; and encourages the SIU to continue to investigate and litigate without fear or favour.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

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18. The Council adjourned at 15:44.

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Secretary to Parliament