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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026

1. The House met at 14:00.

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

3. House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick announced that the virtual plenary sitting constituted a meeting of the National Assembly.

4. [14:03] The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation made a statement on the significance, outcomes and achievements of the inaugural National Science Month.

   Debated concluded.

5. [15:11] Mr J S Malema moved: That the House –

   (1) notes that:

      (a) section 52(4) of the Constitution provides that the National Assembly may remove the Speaker from office by resolution, provided that a majority of the members of the Assembly are present when such resolution is adopted;

      (b) in terms of section 42(3) of the Constitution, the National Assembly exists to represent the people, provide a national forum for public consideration of issues, and scrutinise and oversee executive action;

(c) in terms of section 55(2) of the Constitution, the National Assembly must ensure accountability and maintain oversight over executive organs of state;

(d) the impeachment process established in terms of section 89 of the Constitution is among the most serious constitutional accountability mechanisms available to Parliament and is intended to ensure that no President is above constitutional scrutiny;

(e) the Constitutional Court in *Economic Freedom Fighters and Another v Speaker of the National Assembly and Others* [2026] ZACC 17 ordered the National Assembly to proceed with the section 89 impeachment process against President Cyril Ramaphosa; and

(f) the Speaker, as the presiding officer of the National Assembly, bears a constitutional duty to protect, defend and uphold the institutional authority, independence and integrity of Parliament;

(2) further notes that the Speaker:

(a) failed to defend Parliament in one of the most significant constitutional accountability processes in democratic South Africa, namely the first impeachment process against a sitting President;

(b) chose partisan political interests over Parliament's constitutional obligations by refusing to oppose President Ramaphosa's urgent application to interdict the work of the Impeachment Committee;

(c) disregarded legal advice obtained by her office recommending that Parliament oppose litigation aimed at undermining the impeachment process;

(d) opted to rely on a different legal opinion from a law firm associated with a former Treasurer-General of the African National Congress, thereby deepening concerns regarding impartiality, institutional independence and political bias;

(e) acted in a unilateral, opaque and non-consultative manner on matters affecting the constitutional integrity of Parliament, contrary to the democratic and multiparty character of the National Assembly;

(f) failed to appreciate that in a multiparty Parliament, particularly where no single party enjoys overwhelming dominance, decisions affecting the institutional position of Parliament require transparency, consultation and political accountability;

(g) repeatedly conducted herself in a manner that undermines confidence in her ability to act impartially and independently as Speaker of the National Assembly; and

(h) brought the standing, credibility and authority of the National Assembly into disrepute by persistently placing party political considerations above constitutional obligations; and

(3) resolves to remove Ms Thoko Didiza, MP, from office as Speaker of the National Assembly in terms of section 52(4) of the Constitution.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the motion of Mr J S Malema be agreed to.

Division demanded.

The House divided.

The Deputy Speaker announced that she had determined that, in accordance with the Rules, a manual voting procedure would be used and that this would take the form of a roll call vote whereby each member would be requested to voice his or her vote. Members would be called from the membership list, per party, in alphabetical order.

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

AYES – 100: **MKP 57** Abader, Z A; Buthelezi, N; Cele, Z K A; Douglas, W M; Gama, S I; Gamede, T I; Gasa, M M; Gcwabaza, N B; Hlophe, M J; Kubheka, T T S; Kubukeli, P; Litchfield-Tshabalala, K; Madlala, E K; Madlala, K B; Mafagane, M C; Malinga, J S; Manyi, M; Matutu, M J; Mbatha, M S; Mbele, H H; Mchunu, G; Mjadu, T S; Mkhize, P; Mkhize, S W; Mkhize, S P; Mkongi, B M; Mlotshwa, S N ; Mngadi, P P; Mngxitam, J A; Mogale, I S; Mokoena-Zondi, S M N; Moodley, S R; Motaung, G; Motubatse, M P; Msezane, M P; Mthethwa, Z E; Mtolo, J B; Mtshweni, N A; Muhammad, M B B; M wali, S G; Nchabeleng, A; Ngobese, W Q; Ngubane, J S; Nkosi, S I ; Nomvalo, S; Ntshaba, D; Nxumalo, N I; Radebe , H M; Reddy, V G; Selepe, L D; Shangase, L G; Shongwe, C V; Skosana, D M; Taaibosch, G; Themba, A T; Van Rooyen, D D D; Zuma, B E S; **EFF 37** Arries,L H; Blose, M B; Chirwa-Mpungose, N N; Diale, B K; Dlamini, M; Gcilishe, S; Khoza, M; Komane, L M; Letlape, M S; Lonzi, S; Mailola, P R; Malema, J S; Managa, L; Maotwe, O M C; Marais, P; Mashabela, N R; Mathulelwa, B K; Mathys, L; Matiase, N S; Matiwane , C; Mente-Nkuna, N V; Mhlongo, N M; Mkhaliphi, H O; Mogale, T P; Mohlala, M R; Mokwele, T J; Mthethwa, E; Niehaus, C G; Nolutshungu, N J; Ntlangwini, E N; Pambo, V; Paulsen, M N; Shikwambana, M; Tafeni, N; Thambo, S; Thembekwayo, S S; Tito, L F; **ACDP 2** Meshoe K R J; Swart, S N; **ATM 2** Marawu, T L; Zungula, V; **NCC 1** Frenchman, S; **UAT 1** Mahlatsi, W L.

NOES – 283: **ANC 155** Adams, R C; Aphiri, M J; Bila, T J; Bilankulu, N K; Boshielo, S P; Botes, A; Burns-Ncamashe, Z; Capa, R N; Chabane, M S; Chauke-Adonis, T M; Chikunga, L S; Cloete, E A; Creecy, B D; Davids, S W; Didiza, A T; Dikgale, M C; Direko, D R; Dithebe, S L; Dlelanga, M; Dugmore, C M; Dunjwa, M L; Frolick, C T; Gantsho, N K; Gcaleka-Mazibuko, N A; Gigaba, K M N; Godlimpi, Z; Godongwana, E; Govana, Y; Gungubele, M; Hala, M M; Hassan, F; Hlongo, A S; Izaks, S E; Jama, S P; Kegakilwe, B M; Kekana, P S; Kgabo, G D; Khanyase, Z; Khumalo, J Q; Koornhof, G W; Kubayi, M T; Kumbaca, A N; Lamola, R O; Legoete, M D; Lekganyane, M S; Letsie, W T; Letsike, M S E; Ligaraba, L E; Louw, S T D; Mabe, B P; Maeco, S M; Magagula, T E; Mahambehlala, T; Mahlangu, S; Mahlaule, M G; Mahlobo, M D; Mahumapelo, S O R; Maimela, K J; Majodina, P C P; Makasi, N; Makgato, M P; Makhubela, L S; Malematja, C N; Manamela, K B; Maneli, B M; Mantashe, G S; Masemola, N D; Mashatile, S P; Masina, M C; Masondo, D; Maswanganyi, M J; Mathabatha, C S; Mathafa, O M; Mathale, C C; Mbiyo, I M; Mchunu, T V B; Meth, N; Mgcina, P S; Mgweba, T; Mhaule, M R; Mhlauli, N B; Mkhize, Z L; Mkutu, L; Mmolotsane, M L; Modise-Mpya, M; Moela, M S; Mofokeng, M L; Mohai, S J; Mokoena, J L; Moraka, A T; Morolong, I K; Mosikatsi, S; Motaung, N E; Motshekga, M A; Motsoaledi, P A; Mpapane, D E; Mrara, M; Mtolo, N E; Munyai, T B; Muthambi, A F; Mvana, N Q; Nalumango, R S; Ndalane, N A; Ndamase, P; Neale-May, H E; Nel, A C; Nemadzinga-Tshabalala, J L; Nkabane, N P; Nkopane, N S; Nkosi, N E; Nkosi, V A; Nontsele, M; Nqola, X; Ntshalintshali, L L; Ntshavheni, K P S; Ntuli, D P; Ntuli, M; Nzimande, B E; Nzuza, N B; Phiri, C M; Pholwane, M B; Plaatjies,W T D; Pule, D D; Ramaila, K S; Ramokgopa, M L; Ramokgopa, K D; Ramolobeng, K A; Sangoni, K L N; Sapo, L; Seabi, A M; Seate, M O; Segede, M; Sekoati, S C; Selamolela, S D; Senne, M M; Shabangu, F L; Sibiya, N M; Simelane, T P; Siweya, R T; Skosana, G J; Sokanyile, T; Sokopo, M M; Sompa-Masiu, N S; Sotyu, M M; Subrathie, S I; Swarts, B; Tau, M P F; Tikana-Gxotiwe, W; Tlhong, K C; Tolashe, N G; Tshotetsi, N T; Xaba-Ntshaba, P P; Xego, S T; Zikalala, S; **DA 82** Abrahams, A L A; Alexander, W R; Atkinson, P G; Aucamp, W A S; Bagraim, M; Baptie, E V; Basson, L J; Bateman, A G; Bath, E M; Bergman, D; Bloom, J B ; Bodlani, T K; Bollman, N J; Breytenbach, G; Burke, M J; Cameron, I; Cassim, Y; Chance, R W T; Chetty, M; Christians, D C; Christie, K A; Clarke, M O; De Blocq Van Scheltinga, A D; De Villiers, J N; Engelbrecht, J; Essack, F; Graham-Mare, S J; Gwarube, S; Hattingh, C; Horn, W; Hunsinger, C H H ; Ismail, H; Jordaan, C; Kgobisa-Ngcaba, K; Khakhau, K L; Khanyile, T A; Klopper, D D; Kohler, D; Krüger, H C C; Labuschagne, C; Le Roux, K W D; Linde, E; Lorimer, J R B; Mabhena, T B; Macpherson, D W; Madikizela, B S; Malatsi, M S; Marais, E J; Masango, B S; Maseko, L M; Maynier, D J; Mazzone, N W A; Mbiko, F; Mcgluwa, J J; Mdluli, M M; Michalakis, G; Mileham, K J; Moore, S J; Myburgh, N G; Nhanha, M A; Nodada, B B; Peach, W D; Poole, C J; Potgieter, L R; Powell, E L; Ramongalo, T R; Roos, A C; Sarupen, A N; Schickerling, L; Schreiber, L A; Seitlholo, I S; Sharif ,N K; Singh, S; Sithole, R J; Smit, C F B; Smith, R; Spies, E R J; Steenhuisen, J H; Van Der Walt, D; Van Zyl, A M; Wakelin, K H; Zondi, S; **IFP 16** Buthelezi, E M; Buthelezi, N Z; Cebekhulu, R N; Hadebe, N M; Hlabisa,V F; Hlengwa, M; Langa, T M; Luthuli, B N; Machi, B E; Majozi, Z; Mhlongo, N H; Ngcobo, S L; Ngobese, A K; Singh, N; Van Der Merwe, L L; Zondo, S S; **PA 9** Basson, J A; Daniels, M V; Hendricks, E; Jeyi, T; Mckenzie, G;

Mhlanga, M L; Peters , S; Sauls, A Q; Van Wyk, S H M; **FF Plus 6** Boshoff, W J; Denner, H; Groenewald, P J; Mulder, C P; Van Staden, P A; Wessels, W W; **ActionSA 6** Beesley, A D; James, D E; Kobe, M P; Letlape, T K S; Ngobeni, L M; Trollip, R A P; **UDM 1** Nontenja, C N; **Rise Mzansi 2** Gana, S M; Zibi, S S; **Build One South Africa 2** Hlazo-Webster, N L; Maimane, M A; **Al-Jama-Ah 2** Hendricks, M G E; Ismail-Moosa, I; **PAC 1** Nyhontso, M; **GOOD 1** De Lille, P.

[19:04] Mr M V Daniels and Ms T J Mokwele having disregarded the authority of the Chair, were ordered by the Deputy Speaker to withdraw from the virtual platform for the remainder of the day's sitting.

The members were thereupon withdrawn from the sitting.

Question not agreed to.

Motion accordingly negatived.

6. FIRST ORDER [19:26]

Consideration of Report of Standing Committee on Finance on **Oversight visit to South African Revenue Service National Operations Command Centre in Tshwane on 30 April 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 4 August 2026, p 30).

Dr M J Maswanganyi, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

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

Motion agreed to (African Christian Democratic Party, uMkhonto weSizwe Party and ActionSA dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

7. SECOND ORDER [19:59]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation on **Oversight visit on SA Missions in SADC Region gathered at South African High Commission in Lusaka, Zambia 3 – 7 February 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 13 April 2026, p 4).

Mr S O R Maphumapelo, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

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

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

8. THIRD ORDER [20:35]

Decision of Question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Social Development on **Oversight visit to Gauteng Department of Social Development, its funded NPOs, National DSD Gender-Based Violence Command Centre and to National Development Agency (NDA) and its funded projects** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 20 June 2025, p 75).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

9. FOURTH ORDER [20:36]

Decision of Question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities on **Oversight visit to Gauteng** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 4 August 2026, p 6).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

10. FIFTH ORDER [20:37]

Decision of Question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Police on **Performance of Office of Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations Judge for 2024/25 financial year** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 May 2026, p 64).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

11. SIXTH ORDER [20:38]

Decision of Question on Report of Portfolio Committee on Police on **Performance of Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) for 2024/25 financial year** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 May 2026, p 86).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

12. The House adjourned at 20:39.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament