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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

The Council met at 14:02.

The Deputy Chairperson took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.

The Deputy Chairperson announced that the hybrid sitting constituted a sitting of the National Council of Provinces.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP (Mr P Govender): Thank you very much, hon members. I notice that quite a few of you are fanning yourselves. I have just indicated to the ushers to make sure that the air conditioner is switched on for a little while at least.

Good afternoon, hon delegates. We welcome you to this sitting of the Council. I would just like to inform hon delegates that

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the hon Chairperson is writing exams, so she will not be here today and tomorrow. The House Chairperson, hon Ryder, is attending a meeting of the parliamentarians with disabilities for the next three days, so he will not be joining us also.

DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL

(Consideration of Bill and of Report thereon)

Ms T I LEGWASE: Hon Deputy Chairperson of the NCOP, hon members, permanent and special delegates here today, fellow South Africans, good day. Hon Deputy Chairperson, it is my honour to table before this House the report on the Division of Revenue, which is Bill 5 of 2026, on behalf of the Select Committee on Appropriations. Despite objections raised by the MKP, the report was adopted by the Committee on 20 May 2026.

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... financial distressed municipalities. The National Treasury and Cogta should strengthen municipal revenue management, conditional grant oversight and accountability mechanisms through improved billing systems, credible indigent registers, performance-based incentives and enhanced in-year monitoring.

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The National Treasury, Cogta and sector departments should strengthen municipal capacity, project management and oversight of implementing agencies, including the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and DBSA, to improve infrastructure delivery, reduce underspending and ensure value for money.

We further recommended that the National Treasury, together with the Department of Water and Sanitation and Co-operative Governance, should review water-related grants and infrastructure funding to address fragmentation, strengthen maintenance, reduce non-revenue water and improve long-term service delivery sustainability.

The National Treasury should review and update the provincial and local government equitable share formulas to better respond to demographic shifts, poverty, urbanisation, climate-related costs and service delivery pressures using updated and credible data.

We further recommended that National Treasury and Cogta should review the increasing use of indirect conditional grants and allocations outside the provincial equitable share formula to

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strengthen transparency, accountability, municipal capacity and equitable intergovernmental fiscal relations.

The National Treasury, together with Cogta and provincial governments, should address unfunded mandates imposed on municipalities, including the verification of municipal expenditure on functions assigned to other spheres of government, and the development of appropriate reinvestment and funding mechanisms.

We further recommended to National Treasury that them, together with DPME and Cogta and other sector departments, should strengthen intergovernmental planning, budgeting, coordination and integrated performance monitoring to improve alignment between expenditure and service delivery outcomes across all spheres of government.

The National Treasury and the Department of Health should review health infrastructure and rural health funding, particularly in underperforming provinces, to strengthen accountability, contract management, frontline services and equitable healthcare delivery.

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The National Treasury should also, together with the DTIC and other relevant departments, review the B-BBEE procurement premiums and regulatory compliance burdens affecting SMEs to ensure cost-effective empowerment, improve value for money and create a more supportive environment for enterprise growth.

We further recommended that the National Treasury, together with Cogta and Salga, should strengthen institutional protection, professionalism and support for municipal finance and internal audit officials to safeguard fiscal discipline and improve governance.

Lastly, we recommended to the National Treasury and the Department of Basic Education that they should assess the sustainability of the Basic Education Employment Initiative and related education support programmes to strengthen youth employment and learning outcomes in underserved communities.

In conclusion, Chair, let me take this opportunity to thank all members of the committee, the stakeholders, the media houses and the committee staff for their contributions throughout the process. The committee therefore recommends to this House: That the House adopts this Bill without amendments. Thank you, Deputy Chair.

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The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP (Mr P Govender): Thank you very much, hon Lekgwase, for that report. Hon delegates, I now put the question.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

Before we proceed, I shall allow provinces the opportunity to make their declarations in terms of Rule 86, if they so wish, for three minutes. Are there any provinces that would like to make declarations? I see the Free State and Western Cape. Okay, we will start with hon Radebe.

Declarations of Vote:

Mr B A RADEBE: Hon Deputy Chairperson of the NCOP, the Chief Whip, esteemed permanent and special delegates of the NCOP, local government representatives and fellow South Africans, I rise on behalf of the Free State province to place on record the province's position on the Division of Revenue Bill B5 of 2026.

The Free State province welcomes the overall increase in both provincial and local government equitable share and conditional grants for 2026-27 financial year. This provides some relief for the province to address ongoing service

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delivery pressures. The provisional equitable share has increased to R36,7 billion, which is about 4,2% above the inflation rate. Also, what is important is that the municipal equitable share stands at R6,4 billion for Free State municipalities, an increase of R222 million.

The provincial grant allocation stands at R9 billion. The increased funding provides some relief, some fiscal space for the province to respond to service delivery pressures. The province acknowledges positive adjustment to the equitable share for both the Free State provincial government and its municipalities. This increase will not only provide aid for the province to address ongoing service delivery challenges but will also assist in maintaining basic services and supporting core provincial functions.

The province notes the continuous support through conditional grants across the key sectors such as Health, Education, Transport, Human Settlements, Agriculture and Public Works. What is noteworthy is the substantial increase to the Early Childhood Development grant. This is a positive intervention that will strengthen access to early learning and support child development in the province.

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Hon members, while we acknowledge the overall increase in the equitable share, the Free State province has concerns regarding the reduction of key conditional grants. The Education Infrastructure Grant has been decreased by 0,5%. This decrease comes at a time when many schools in the province are ... [Inaudible.] ... with safety challenges and still require urgent infrastructure repairs, upgrades and backlogs.

The Human Settlements Development Grant and Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant have been decreased by 6,4% and 30% respectively. The reduction to these grants will further constrain the province's ability to address the housing backlog and improve conditions in informal settlements. This risks the slowing down progress in areas where the province is already under pressure.

Hon members, in the spirit of co-operative governance and in pursuit of our shared developmental objectives, the Free State province supports the Division of Revenue Bill in principle. We appreciate the increase to equitable share and early childhood development. We are committed to ensuring that the allocated resources are efficiently and transparently used to improve the lives of the poorest of the poor. We further

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commit to ensuring ... [Time expired.] The Free State supports the Bill.

Mr F J BADENHORST: Deputy Chairperson, the 2026 Division of Revenue Bill reveals deep structural weaknesses within South Africa's intergovernmental fiscal framework and will continue to place severe pressure on provincial budgets and service delivery across all nine provinces. Central to these concerns is the growing mismatch between fiscal allocations and the realities faced by provinces and municipalities, particularly in relation to poverty, demographic shifts, urbanization, and rural service delivery pressures.

The current provincial and local government equitable share formulas rely on outdated or incorrect assumptions and data, resulting in allocations that do not adequately reflect current population trends, infrastructure demands, climate related costs, or levels of deprivation. Provinces with deep structural poverty and rapidly growing populations remain particularly vulnerable under the existing allocation model. Persistent municipal financial distress continues to undermine provincial development outcomes. Weak revenue collection systems, outdated billing infrastructure, poor indigent management, and rising municipal debt levels severely

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constrain local governments' ability to deliver basic services.

Municipalities are carrying approximately R30 billion annually in unfunded mandates on behalf of national and provincial government, diverting scarce resources away from core service delivery responsibilities. Serious concerns must be raised regarding the effectiveness of conditional grants. Weak planning, underspending, duplication of grants, poor project management capacity, and inadequate oversight continue to result in delayed or incomplete infrastructure projects, particularly in the health, water and municipal infrastructure sectors.

Current grant structures fail to reward good performance or enforce accountability for underperformance efficiently. The Minister and National Treasury should resolve these serious issues if we want provincial budgets that grow provincial economies and create much-needed jobs. I thank you.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

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IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

Bill accordingly agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
ON THE OVERSIGHT VISIT TO HEALTH FACILITY REVITALISATION GRANT
PROJECTS IN NORTH WEST PROVINCE, DATED 20 MAY 2026**

Ms T I LEGWASE: Deputy Chairperson, allow me once again to present this time a report on the oversight visit taken by the Select Committee on Appropriations to the North West on the Health Facility Revitalisation Grant and the oversight report was tabled and adopted by the committee on 20 May and we further noted the objection by the MKP. The committee derives its oversight mandate from Section 55 (2) (b) of the Constitution, which requires Parliament to oversee the expenditure of public funds and ensure accountability in the use of state resources.

In addition, the Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act empower Parliament to monitor budget

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implementation and evaluate service delivery performance. It is within this constitutional and legislative framework that the committee conducted an oversight visit to the North West province from 21 to 24 October 2025 to assess the implementation and impact on the Health Facility Revitalisation Grant expenditure.

The Health Facility Revitalisation Grant is intended to strengthen healthcare infrastructure through the construction, upgrading and refurbishment of hospitals, clinics, community health centres and training institutions.

The grant also seeks to address historical infrastructure backlog and support the broader objectives of National Health Insurance. The committee notes that the grant was identified as an unresolved matter in the 6th Parliament Legacy Report due to persistent delays, infrastructure failures, escalating costs and weak implementation across provinces. These long-standing concerns necessitated continual parliamentary oversight and accountability.

During the oversight visit, the committee assessed four strategic healthcare infrastructure projects in the province, namely the Mmabatho Nursing College, Bophelong Psychiatric

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Hospital, Marcus Zenzile Clinic and Potchefstroom Hospital Casualty Ward upgrade. The purpose of the oversight visit was to verify progress on site, assess the credibility of reported information, identify risks relating to corruption and project failure, expose weaknesses in contract and project management and determine whether public funds allocated through the grant were delivering value for money and tangible improvement in the healthcare infrastructure.

The committee observed recurring systemic weaknesses across the projects visited, including poor planning, weak project management, fragmented coordination, escalating costs, poor workmanship, inadequate consequence management and weak financial oversight. These weaknesses continue to undermine the effective delivery of critical healthcare infrastructure in the province.

At the Mmabatho Nursing College project, the committee found that the project remained significantly behind schedule. Despite several revised completion dates, the delays were linked to poor planning, contractor failures, weak project management, design changes and inadequate oversight by the North West Department of Health.

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The committee further observed incomplete ICT infrastructure, exposed electrical wiring, poor workmanship, escalating costs arising from variation orders and excessive reliance on consultants due to weak internal technical capacity within the department. Concerns also were raised regarding the discrepancies in expenditure reporting, shortages of teaching equipment, instability in staffing and leadership and the absence of the comprehensive operational readiness plan for the college.

At the Bophelong Psychiatric Hospital project, the committee remained deeply concerned about the continued delays and weak implementation.

Although completion timelines had already been revised from June 2026 to December 2026, the committee was not convinced that the revised deadline would be achieved. The committee observed poor workmanship, repeated rework, weak contractor management, escalating variation orders, poor alignment between expenditure and actual progress on site, fragmented coordination between the department and the provincial treasury. The committee was particularly concerned that the contractor activity on site during the oversight visit

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appeared to have been staged to create an impression of progress.

This raised serious concern regarding transparency and credibility of reporting and accountability for project implementation. The committee therefore recommended the submission of an independently revised and verified recovery plan, strengthened contractor oversight, stricter disciplinary and contractual action against underperforming officials and service providers, and improved financial and quality control systems. Given the seriousness of the concerns identified, the committee further recommended that the aspects of the matter be referred to the Auditor-General of South Africa for consideration of further investigation, including whether referral of the Special Investigation Unit or Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation may be warranted.

At the Marcus Zenzile Clinic project, the committee observed repeated delays and escalating costs caused by contractor inefficiency, weak project management, poor coordination and recurring community disruptions. The committee remained concerned that the surrounding communities continue to rely on overcrowded and poorly equipped temporary mobile facilities while awaiting completion of the permanent clinic. This

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undermines dignified access to healthcare services and negatively affects vulnerable patients who remain exposed to difficult weather conditions in this adequate temporary structure.

The committee therefore recommends stronger coordination between implementing stakeholders, improved quality assurance and financial controls, urgent improvement of temporary healthcare facilities, and the submission of geotechnical verification reports confirming the long-term structural sustainability of the site.

The committee also recommended that the department assess the feasibility of expanding the clinic into a 24-hour healthcare facility supported by modern digital patient record system.

Regarding the Potchefstroom Hospital Casualty Ward upgrade, the committee noted visible progress on site, whether the project remained approximately one year behind schedule due to procurement bottlenecks, weak supervision, contractor inefficiencies and poor project coordination.

Additional concerns were raised regarding the absence of original engineering drawings for all hospital structures,

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which created technical and integration challenges during implementation. The committee therefore recommends strengthened contractor oversight, improved supply chain management, agent alignment between operational readiness and construction progress, the development of a comprehensive maintenance and sustainability plan to protect the long-term functionality of this facility.

Beyond the individual projects visited, the committee identified broader systemic governance weaknesses affecting infrastructure delivery across the province. This included weak feasibility studies, inadequate project planning, fragmented interdepartmental coordination, excessive reliance on consultants, recurring workmanship defects, weak stakeholder engagement and inadequate consequence management.

The committee observed that what appears to be a growing culture of complacency regarding infrastructure delivery and accountability within the province, contributed to delays, escalating costs and repeated rework, the poor value for money in the implementation of critical healthcare infrastructure progress.

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Given the seriousness and recurring nature of the findings, the committee further recommended that the Auditor-General, National Treasury and the Special Investigating Unit conduct a broader forensic review of health facility revitalisation grant funded projects in the North West province from 2020 to 2025.

The committee also emphasised the importance of stronger monthly milestone-based reporting to Parliament to ensure that oversight translates into measurable accountability and improved service delivery outcomes.

I wish to thank all committee members once again, National Treasury, the Provincial Treasury, Provincial Department of Health, Auditor-General of South Africa, Public Benefit Organisation, PBO, and other stakeholders, the healthcare workers and communities for being part of this oversight and not forgetting the support staff of the committee. We therefore recommend to the House to adopt the report. Thank you very much, Deputy Chair.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE AND MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY ON THE PORTFOLIO
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT - RECOMMENDATION OF PREFERRED NOMINEES
FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AVIATION SAFETY INVESTIGATION BOARD.**

DATED, 7 MAY 2026

Mr F J BADENHORST: Deputy Chair, I'll take less than 10 minutes if you can ask the staff to just turn down the air conditioner. It's very hot in this room. Everybody's getting the flu and it's good conditions for us to get sicker.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP (Mr P Govender): Yeah, they've already attended to that. Thank you very much. It will get a bit cooler.

Mr F J BADENHORST: Thank you so much. Hon Chair, it's my privilege to report the Select Committee on Public

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Infrastructure. The Minister in the Presidency, having exercised its consultative role in terms of the Rules of Parliament and having considered the process followed by Portfolio Committee on Transport in recommending preferred nominees for the appointment to the Aviation Safety Investigation Board, we report as follows.

Section 15(2) (d) and (e) of the Civil Aviation Amendment Act 2021, which is Act No. 22 of 2021, places a statutory obligation on the Minister of Transport to submit shortlisted nominations as soon as possible, asap, for the appointment to the Parliament for consideration.

In correspondence dated 29 April 2026, the Portfolio Committee on Transport formally appraised the select committee on the process it undertook in the interviewing, screening and evaluation of candidates, confirming alignment with the prescripts of the Act. The correspondence further invoked National Assembly Rule 167(e), which provides for inter house consultation between committee structures in the execution of the respective mandates.

The request for Parliament to engage with the short-listed candidates for appointment as members of the Aviation Safety

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Investigation Board, ASIB, as contemplated in section 15(2)(e) of the Civil Aviation Act 2009, Act No. 13 of 2009, as amended, was formally referred to the select committee through Announcements, Tablings and Committee reports, to ATC No. 75 of 2026, dated Monday, 4 May 2026. At its meeting on 7 May 2026, the select committee was briefed on the process undertaken by the Portfolio Committee on Transport, measured against the applicable legislative and procedural requirements.

Having been duly consulted, the select committee records that the portfolio committee exercised its responsibilities in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act, the Rules of Parliament and established parliamentary practice in respect of public appointments. The select committee accordingly affirms that the process followed to recommend preferred nominees for the appointment to the ASIB to the Minister of Transport, are compliant with relevant legal requirements and Rules of Parliament. That is our first report to be considered.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE AND MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY ON THE PORTFOLIO
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT - RECOMMENDATION OF PREFERRED NOMINEES
FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSPORT ECONOMIC COUNCIL DATED, 7 MAY
2026**

Mr F J BADENHORST: The second report is a recommendation of preferred nominees for appointment to the Transport Economic Council. In the committee meeting of 7 May 2026, the select committee was briefed on the process undertaken by the portfolio committee against the requirements of the Act. Having been consulted by the portfolio committee, the select committee reports that it notes that the portfolio committee had complied with the requirements of the Act in the process followed to recommend preferred nominees for appointment to the Transport Economic Council, TEC, to the Minister.

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The Select Committee on Public Infrastructure and Minister in the Presidency, having considered the process undertaken by the Portfolio Committee on Transport in recommending preferred nominees for appointment to the TEC, reports as follows:

Section 47(3) of the Economic Regulation of Transport, Act 6 of 2024, requires the Minister of Transport to submit shortlisted nominations for appointment to the Transport Economic Council to the relevant portfolio committee ...

[Interjections.] ... which must, in consensus seeking manner, consult the corresponding select committee in the National Council of Provinces.

In correspondence dated 18 March 2026, the Portfolio Committee on Transport outlined the process followed in the interviewing and screening of candidates in accordance with the requirements of the Act. The correspondence further drew the attention of the select committee to the National Assembly Rule 167(e), which empowers portfolio committees subject to the Constitution, legislation and the rules and resolutions of the Assembly to consult with any committee of the National Council of Provinces for purposes of performing their functions.

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On 7 May 2026, the select committee was briefed on the process undertaken by the Portfolio Committee on Transport against the requirements prescribed by the Act. Following this briefing and consultation, the select committee notes that the portfolio committee complied to the legislative and procedural requirements governing the recommendation of preferred nominees for appointment to the Transport Economic Council and accordingly reports its concurrence with the process followed.

The select committee supports the submission of the recommended nominees to the Minister of Transport for Appointment in accordance with the Act, the report therefore to be considered by the House. Thank you, Chair.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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FAVOUR, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western
Cape.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the constitution.

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CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE AND MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY – OVERSIGHT
VISITS TO NATIONAL DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC ENTITY SITES IN THE
GAUTENG PROVINCE AS PART OF A JOINT OVERSIGHT WEEK WITH THE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION FROM 21 TO 25 OCTOBER 2025, DATED 24 FEBRUARY
2026

Mr F J BADENHORST: Deputy Chair, I shall attempt to deliver a 40-minute report in 10 minutes. Herewith the report of the Select Committee on Public Infrastructure and the Minister in the Presidency on oversight visits to national departments and public entity sites in Gauteng province from 21 to 25 October 2025.

The Select Committee on Public Infrastructure and the Minister in the Presidency conducted oversight visits in Gauteng province from 21 to 25 October 2025 as part of the Joint Oversight Week with the Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Public Administration. The oversight programme formed part of Parliament's Oversight Priority Plan and coincided with Transport Month.

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The committee undertook engagements with SA Airways, SAA; Airports Company South Africa, Acsa; Air Traffic and Navigation Services, ATNS; the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa, Prasa, and the Gibela Rail Transport Consortium; as well as the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure on the Salvokop Government Precinct project. The oversight programme included site visits and operational tours aimed at assessing governance, infrastructure delivery, operational efficiency, localisation, industrialisation, and service delivery outcomes.

We will start with SA Airways. The committee received a briefing on SAA's operations, route expansion plans, governance reforms, and fleet modernisation strategy following its exit from business rescue. SAA reported that 58% of its operations are domestic, 38% regional, and 4% international. The airline has expanded from six routes after business rescue to 16 active routes and plans to introduce new routes between Johannesburg and Gaborone, and Cape Town and Mauritius during the 2025-2026 financial year. SAA currently operates a fleet of 20 aircraft, largely through leasing arrangements, and intends expanding its fleet to 52 aircraft over the next decade.

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The committee noted that much of the current fleet would reach the end of its useful life within the next five years, creating urgency around fleet renewal and long-term sustainability. The committee further noted governance improvements since business rescue, including the appointment of a functioning board, improved cost management, reduced reliance on National Treasury support, and growth in employee numbers from approximately 600 to 1 000 staff members.

I now turn to SAA Technical, SAAT. SAA Technical reported strong operational performance and exceeded its technical dispatch reliability target, with 98,78% of flights departing without technical delays or cancellations. However, the committee expressed concern that SAAT had surrendered SA Civil Aviation Authority, SACAA, approvals at George and East London airports and was relying on travelling technicians. The committee also noted that Mango Airlines remains under business rescue, and liquidation proceedings continue. Members were informed that direct flights to New York represent a lucrative opportunity but that SAAT currently lacks the necessary wide-body fleet capacity.

The committee recommended that SAAT regain SACAA authorisation at George and East London airports. Progress on the fleet

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expansion programme should also be included as a standing oversight item during consideration of midyear and annual reports.

We now turn to Air Traffic and Navigation Services. The committee received a briefing on the state of communications, navigation and surveillance, CNS, infrastructure across the country. ATNS reported operational and staffing pressures, particularly shortages of air traffic controllers and flight procedure designers. The committee noted that ATNS achieved 79% of its annual performance targets despite revenue losses caused by delays in tariff approvals. Members raised serious concerns regarding ageing infrastructure, vandalism, reliance on third-party infrastructure and persistent operational disruptions at smaller airports.

The committee heard that vandalised equipment often remains nonoperational for extended periods because procurement processes delay repairs and replacements. ATNS further indicated that the SA Civil Aviation Authority had withdrawn certain flight procedures due to noncompliance and outdated systems, whilst securing suitably qualified procedure designers remains a significant challenge. ATNS identified several airports where CNS systems and infrastructure are aged

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or failing, including O R Tambo International Airport, Bhisho Airport, Pilanesberg Airport, Mahikeng Airport, Mthatha Airport, and Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport.

The committee also toured the ATNS Aviation Training Academy and welcomed efforts to expand training capacity, with planned student enrolment increased to 120 students during the 2025-2026 financial year.

The committee recommended that the SA Civil Aviation Authority brief Parliament on airport compliance and enforcement measures nationally, that ATNS develop a recovery plan for failing infrastructure, and that legal options be explored to improve the speed of repairs to vandalised infrastructure. The committee further recommended that the training academy increase enrolment in specialised programmes linked to flight procedure development.

Turning to Acsa, Airports Company South Africa briefed the committee on airport modernisation plans, financial recovery, and infrastructure investment programmes. Passenger and aircraft movement volumes continued recovering strongly following the COVID-19 pandemic, with Cape Town International Airport already surpassing prepandemic levels.

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The committee noted that Acsa had significantly increased capital expenditure from R727 million to R2,3 billion and was implementing 220 projects nationally. Major projects include the O R Tambo Midfield Cargo terminal, a new fuel feeder line, a new runway at Cape Town International Airport, and terminal expansion at Chief Dawid Stuurman International Airport. Members welcomed the considerable reduction in irregular expenditure and noted that this represented Acsa's second consecutive year of profitability and dividend declarations.

The committee also considered the strategic role of major airport hubs in supporting manufacturing, agricultural exports, and logistics nationally. Concerns were raised regarding fuel import dependency following refinery closures and baggage pilfering incidents at O R Tambo International Airport.

The committee inspected operations at O R Tambo International Airport, including airport management systems, terminal upgrades, and the Foxtrot sanitation infrastructure project. The committee recommended that the Minister of Transport brief Parliament on the National Airports Development Plan, including options regarding nonfunctional provincial and municipal airports, and that Acsa provide a report on

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socioeconomic development and community investment initiatives around airports.

Turning to Prasa, the committee visited the Gibela Rail Consortium manufacturing facility in Dunnottar and received a briefing on localisation, skills development, and rail manufacturing progress. Members were informed that the facility forms part of South Africa's long-term rail modernisation programme and includes obligations to deliver 600 electric multiple unit trains and achieve 65% localisation. The committee welcomed the scale of local industrialisation and economic empowerment achieved through the project, including procurement from local suppliers, black women-owned businesses, and enterprise development initiatives.

The committee noted extensive skills transfer initiatives, including international training opportunities for South African employees and significant investment in engineering and artisan development. Members were informed that 300 train sets have already been produced and that commuter rail recovery has contributed to improved on-time performance and increasing passenger numbers. The committee also observed

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advanced manufacturing processes, testing operations, and engagement with workers at the facility.

The committee commended Prasa, Gibela, and the Minister of Transport for the facility's contribution to localisation, economic development, and rail recovery. It further recommended that the appointment of an economic development monitor to verify localisation targets remain a standing oversight matter.

The committee concluded its oversight programme with a visit to the Salvokop Government Precinct development in Tshwane. The project forms part of the Tshwane inner-city regeneration programme and aims to consolidate government departments into integrated mixed-use precincts.

The committee noted that Phase 1A of the project is 95% complete and includes major bulk infrastructure works. The development is expected to reduce dependence on private leases and potentially save government approximately R413 million annually through lease cancellations. Members expressed concern regarding project delays caused by land invasions, community unrest, and illegal occupation affecting construction of an access road. The committee acknowledged the

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complexity of balancing lawful eviction processes with protecting critical public infrastructure projects from disruption.

Serious concern was also raised regarding outstanding bulk services contributions owed by the departments of Social Development and Higher Education, which pose risks to project completion and ongoing contractor obligations. The committee recommended that the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure urgently finalise security management contracts to prevent further land invasions and that relevant parliamentary committees engage affected departments regarding outstanding bulk services payments threatening the project's completion.

The committee accordingly tables this report for consideration by the National Council of Provinces. Thank you, Deputy Chairperson.

Debate concluded.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP (Mr P Govender): Thank you very much, hon Badenhorst. I know you had to compress your report within the allocated time of 10 minutes, but I am sure

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that hon members, should they require further details of your report, may consult it through the Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports function, where it has been made available to all of us. Thank you very much for that.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE
FOLLOWING ITS ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
DEFENCE INDUSTRY AT RHEINMETALL DENEL MUNITION AND DAMEN
SHIPYARD, DATED 13 FEBRUARY 2026

Mr P A PHALA: Chairperson, hon members good afternoon.

Chairperson, I hereby present the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence following its engagement with members of the South African Defence Industry at Rheinmetall, Denel

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Munition in Somerset West and Damen Shipyard, Cape Town, conducted on the 28th, November 2025.

This oversight visit stems directly from the committee's constitutional mandate as contained in section 228(3)(d) of the 1993 interim Constitution. In this regard, the committee wishes to emphasise that this engagement related specifically to two critical aspects of this mandate.

First, it focuses on armaments, and secondly, the state of preparedness of the South African Defence Force. The ability of the South African Defence Force to defend the republic and execute its constitutional obligation depends not only on personnel and policies, but also on the availability of appropriate equipment, ammunition, maritime assets, and industrial support capabilities.

The oversight visit, therefore, had a dual purpose. Firstly, it is sought to familiarise Members of Parliament with key components of the South African Defence Industry and its current capabilities.

Secondly, it enabled the committee to engage directly with the strategic suppliers to the SA National Defence Force.

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Rheinmetall Denel Munition remains a primary supplier of artillery and other ammunition to the SA National Defence Force, SANDF, while Damen Shipyard, Cape Town, recently delivered three multi-mission inshore patrol vessels to the South African Navy under Project Biro, notably largely on schedule within the budget. During the visit to Rheinmetall Denel Munition, the committee received a detailed overview of the company's operational manufacturing footprints and product portfolio.

The committee noted that the company manufactures a broad range of products, including 155mm artillery ammunition, mortars, naval ammunition, rockets, and missiles. Members were further informed that the company is currently assisting the South African Army with the refurbishment of expired mortar stock by replacing propelled components instead of destroying the stock entirely, thereby reducing costs to the SANDF. The committee also observed a significant increase in global ammunition demand and export over the past several years.

In this regard, Rheinmetall Denel Munition presented an interesting case study on the advantage of public-private partnership. With a company consisting of shareholders being Rheinmetall and a German-based global arms producer and South

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African state-owned Denel. The company is able to develop both for domestic demand for SANDF and for increasing international market.

The committee further noted the company's community outreach initiatives, including support to local schools, bursary programmes, military veterans upskilling initiatives, and the operation of preschool facilities serving disadvantaged communities.

Arising from this engagement, one of the committee's key recommendations is that follow-up engagement should occur with the National Conventional Arms Control Committee regarding compliance and oversight relating to arms export.

The committee also recommends further engagement with Rheinmetall Denel Munition and a broader South African Defence industry to strengthen parliamentary understanding of the sector and its challenges.

In this regard, the committee is excited about the announcement by the Minister of Defence that the Defence Industry Lekgotla will take place in July 2026. At Shipyard Cape Town, the committee received an overview of shipyard

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development capabilities and progress under Project Biro. Members were informed that all the three inshore patrol vessels were built locally by South African personnel under the oversight of Armaments Corporation of South Africa, Armscor and South African Navy.

The vessels SA Ship, SAS King Sekhukhune, SAS King Shaka, and SAS Adam Kok were delivered between 2022 and 2025, demonstrating South Africa's continued capability to execute complex naval projects domestically.

The committee commended the Damen Shipyard for the successful delivery of Project Biro on schedule within budget. Members further observed that the shipyard has the capacity and the willingness to construct additional vessels for the South African Navy should resource become available.

The engagement also highlighted broader maritime security concerns. The committee noted that South Africa must take maritime safety and maritime domain awareness seriously, particularly given the country's extensive coastline and strategic maritime position.

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However, financial constraints continue to impact the Navy's ability to expand and sustain its capabilities. The committee therefore reiterates its recommendation that the critical defence policy documents that were recently approved by the Cabinet be introduced to Parliament in order to provide a certainty regarding the future trajectory of the SANDF and the broader defence industry. Such clarity is essential not only for defence planning purposes, but also for industrial stability, investment, and skill retention within the sector.

The committee believes that the engagement of this nature remains critical to ensuring informed parliamentary oversight over the defence function, particularly during the period of increasing fiscal constraints, growing maritime, and continental security challenges arising globally. Therefore, Chairperson, on behalf of the committee, we request that this report be adopted.

Thank you.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
DEFENCE, JSCD, ON THE OVERSIGHT VISIT TO VARIOUS MILITARY
BASES ALONG THE WEST COAST, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE, BY THE 27 -
29 JANUARY 2026, DATED 20 MARCH 2026**

Mr P A PHALA: Hon House Chairperson, good afternoon, once again hon members. I hereby present the report on the Joint Standing Committee on Defence on the oversight visit to various military bases along the West Coast, in the Western Cape province, from the 27 to 29 January 2026. The committee visited four facilities namely; Four Special Forces Regiment, SAS Saldanha, SA Military Academy and the Airforce Base Langebaanweg. Three of these facilities relate directly to the SA National Defence Force broader training pipeline. While the Special Forces Regiment represent one of the SA National Defence Force's elite operational capabilities.

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Together this visit provided the committee with inside into the broader readiness, sustainability and capability trajectory of the Defence Force. At the Four Special Forces Regiment, the committee receive a closed session briefing on the mandate, operational role and challenges facing the unit. The committee engaged extensively on the matters relating to the staffing levels, interoperability with other arm services, training requirements, accommodation pressures and the impact of declining funding allocations.

Particular concern was raised regarding the limited availability of air force and navy platforms and the impact this has on the special forces' readiness and training.

The committee further observed the important role played by the regiment in supporting the maritime antipoaching operations in co-operation with the SA Police Service and cared nature.

Members also visited Donkergat Island where they observed capability demonstrating and training infrastructure utilised by the regiment.

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Arising from this engagement the committee recommends improved engagement between the arms officers to ensure platform ability and adequate training opportunities for special forces.

At SAS Saldanha, members engaged with the navy's principal training establishment for ratings and noncommissioned officers, while the committee recommended a unit for maintaining strong training standards and morale under difficult circumstances. Members observed serious infrastructure security and administrative challenges.

The committee noted the deteriorating and accommodation facilities, damaged infrastructure, repeated break-ins due to inadequate perimeter security and severe maintenance backlog.

During the walkabouts, members observed bedflopings in the kitchen areas, broken windows in the accommodation blocks and unserviceable equipment in key facilities. The committee further observed systematic procurement and studying challenges including delays in filling posts. Nonetheless, the unit continues to perform strongly and remains recognised as one of the navy's performing units.

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The committee therefore recommends improved co-ordination between the Department of Defence and the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure regarding maintenance responsibilities whilst also stressing the need for more proactive low-level maintenance interventions at the unit.

The committee's engagement at the SA Military academy highlighted the critical role played by the institution in the professionalisation and intellectual development of the SA National Defence Force, SANDF, officers. Members were briefed at the academy's academic progress, research activities, military development functions and partnership with Stellenbosch University.

The committee recommended the quality of academic standard maintenance at the academy, the ongoing developments of military scholarships and the institution's international academic engagement. Members also welcomed planned developments relating to cyber security and maritime security.

However, concerns were raised regarding lengthy recruitment and appointment processes for academic personnel, infrastructure limitations, inadequate accommodation,

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unreliable vehicle fleet and overreliance on support services borrowed from other units.

The committee therefore urgent intervention to expedite the recruitment and appointment of military university educators. Further calls for development of streamlined standard operating procedures to facilitate academic participation in international conferences and lecturing opportunities.

The visit to the Airforce Base Langebaanweg was perhaps the clearest indication of the severe pressure currently confronting the SA Airforce. The base focuses on pilot training, instructor development and technical aviation training. Despite the professionalism and the dedication of personnel, the committee observed extensive infrastructure deterioration, shortages of aircraft spares and supporting equipment and severe personnel shortage in general and maintenance functions.

More striking to the committee was the extent of obsolete and unserviceable air traffic controls systems. The committee expressed a grave concern regarding aviation safety at the base especially the condition of air traffic control equipment and radar system. Members noted that the current state of the

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base does not meet expected National and International Aviation Safety Standards. The committee further noted that the pilots throughout remain severely constraint due to limited serviceable aircrafts and prolonged training delays. Members were informed that the SANDF is a high-risk official skill loss on the air force should these conditions persist. The committee therefore recommended upon interventions by the Minister of Defence regarding air safety requirements at the base including the repair of radar system, consideration of mobile data probabilities and broader strategic intervention regarding the funding and the mandate of the SA Airforce.

A central theme emerging on all four visits was severe impact of the sustain underfunding on the operational readiness of the SANDF. The committee therefore recommends renewed engagement between the Department of Defence and the National Treasury regarding funding of strategic equipment particularly naval and aviation platform

The hon Sami and the hon Legwase I think you hear me. The committee therefore recommends renewed engagements between the Department of Defence and National Treasury regarding funding of strategic equipment particularly naval and aviation platform.

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The committee further recommends that the Chief of the National Defence Force and the Secretary for Defence conducts a comprehensive assessment of expenditure priorities to ensure that available resources are directed towards operational readiness, infrastructure maintenance and the sustainment of critical capabilities.

Hon House Chairperson, in conclusion, this oversight visit showed the committee that there remain highly committed and exceptionally capable personnel within the Defence Force. The committee encountered highly professional special forces to operators, military academics, pilots, engineers, aviation mechanics, instructors and others who continue to perform their duties with dedication and pride despite extremely difficult conditions.

However, the visit also revealed that SANDF is in a severe state of decline. Despite the best efforts of these professionals, they are increasingly hamstrung by inadequate funding, aging and unserviceable equipment, deteriorating infrastructure and procurement and staffing constrains.

Hon members of this House, the committee cannot overemphasize the urgent need for intervention in the SANDF. Without

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decisive action the Defence Force risk losing not only critical capabilities which is already struggling to sustain but also highly skilled professionals required to operate and ... [Inaudible.] ... maintain those capabilities. I thank you hon House Chairperson and request that this House consider this report. Thank you very much.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

In favour: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

**- PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN
POLICE SERVICE, DATED 20 MARCH 2026**

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Mr P A PHALA: Chair, and all members, once again, good afternoon. Chairperson, I hereby present the short report of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence on the Presidential Letter of Employment of the SA National Defence Force, in cooperation with the South African Police Service, dated 20 March 2026. The Report is short in nature, as it seeks to comply with the Joint Rules 156(1) of Parliament's Joint Rules, which states that the Joint Standing Committee shall report to both Houses on the employment of the SA National Defence Force by the President of the Republic in fulfilment of international obligations in defence of the Republic or in co-operation with the SA Police Services.

This specific employment letter formalises the now well-publicised deployment of the SA National Defence Force with the police under Operation Prosper. The President complied with the set legislation by noting the following details of the deployment. The employment of the SA National Defence Force is in support of the police to combat crime and preserve the law and order in the Eastern Cape, the Free State, Gauteng, North West and Western Cape Provinces under Operation Prosper's illegal mining and gangsterism.

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The employment comprises 2 200 members of the SANDF. The duration of the employment is from 1 March 2026 to 31 March 2027. The expected expenditure of the employment is R823,2 million. In compliance with the Joint Rules 156(1) and after having considered the details of the SANDF employment according to the Presidential Letter dated 11 March 2026, the committee noted the employment and did not recommend to the Houses or Parliament to consider the amendment, substitution, or termination of the employment.

The committee's consideration of this employment letter remains a crucial part of the balance of powers between legislature and executive in South Africa. It ensures accountability for the use of the SANDF, especially domestic use within South Africa, which was so often misused during the apartheid regime. The committee remains committed to overseeing the deployment throughout the year.

It has already held engagement with academics on lessons learnt from previous military deployments, including domestic deployments. The committee also held a joint meeting with the Portfolio Committee on Police on the state of preparedness of the joint SANDF police deployment. This deployment cannot be seen as a long-term solution for the country's policing needs,

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but the Committee trusts that it will create a space for the police to address agent-requirement gaps in the fight against organised crime. I therefore submit and I want the House to note the Presidential Letter of Deployment. Thank you, Chair.

Debate concluded.

Question Put: That the Report be adopted.

IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

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ASHLEY! QHOEKE SAULS, MP**

Mr J H P BRITZ: Hon House Chair, hon members, and thank you for the 120 minutes to present 12 reports to you today. I herewith present the following 12 reports to this House. Report 1, complaint against the hon Oscar Mathafa. Hon Ashley Sauls lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from alleged WhatsApp and telephonic communications between the member and the complainant concerning an ongoing SA Human Rights Commission matter involving Minister Gayton McKenzie. The committee found no evidence of impropriety on the part of the member and concluded that the complaint was unfounded and therefore recommends no sanction against the member.

Report 2, complaint against the hon Hlabisa, the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs. His Majesty King Khoekhoe De Goringhaicona lodged this complaint. The committee noted that related matters concerning Khoisan recognition and the constitutionality of the Traditional and Khoisan Leadership Act were already being addressed through broader parliamentary and legal processes. Having considered

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the matter, the committee found that it lacked jurisdiction to consider the complaint and therefore recommends no sanction against the member.

Report 3, complaint against the hon Gayton McKenzie, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture. Also, King Khoekhoe De Goringhaicona lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from allegations relating to the acquisition and rebranding of SuperSport United Football Club by the member's son, alleged misuse of public funds during an official trip to Paris, alleged absenteeism from parliamentary committee meetings and concerns regarding intellectual property and cultural symbolism linked to the Bloemfontein Celtic legacy. The committee found the complaints to be unfounded and therefore recommends no sanction against the member.

Report 4, it is a complaint against the hon John Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture. The Member of Parliament, MP, Manyi lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from statements made by the Minister during a working visit to Washington DC in May 2025, where the Minister stated during an engagement with United States President, Donald Trump, that the MK Party and the EFF would not be allowed into the Government of National Unity. The committee found that the complaint had

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been lodged in terms of the Executive Ethics Act and that matters arising under that legislation fall outside the jurisdiction of the Joint Committee on Ethics and Members' Interests. The committee accordingly concluded that it lacked jurisdiction to consider the complaint and therefore recommends no sanction against the member.

Report 5, complaint against the hon Carol Phiri. Hon Edwin Bath lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from the Chairperson's decision to allow oral submissions by the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union, Nehawu, during a portfolio committee meeting on 28 May 2025, concerning recruitment and staffing matters within the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure.

Having considered the matter, the committee found that the complaint fundamentally concerned the internal agenda setting powers and procedures of a portfolio committee which fall outside the jurisdiction of the Joint Committee on Ethics. The committee accordingly concluded that it was not competent to determine whether the scheduling of the agenda item or the content and the source of the submissions constituted a breach of the Code. The committee therefore found that it lacked

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jurisdiction to consider the complaint and accordingly recommends no sanction against the member.

Report 6, that is a complaint against the hon David Skosana. The Committee on Ethics and Privileges considered the matter arising from findings by the Auditor-General regarding the member and his directorship in UVO Communications. This is a company identified as having contracted with an organ of state. The matter further related to the member's failure to disclose his directorship in the ... [Inaudible.] ... section of Parliament's Register of Members' Interests. The committee found that the member breached item 16(1)(b) and 16(1)(c), breached with item 7(1) of the Code.

In considering penalty, the committee noted that this constituted the member's first offence and that he did not personally benefit financially from the company's activities. The committee recommends to this House to impose a reprimand in the House and a fine of R15 000 for the failure to disclose these interests. Regarding the breach relating to the company's contract with an organ of state, the committee recommends that no additional penalty be imposed, given the absence of personal financial benefit to the member.

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Report 7, it's a complaint against the hon David Skosana. The complaint was lodged against the member on behalf of Ms Nasiphi Same, a reporter employed by *Newzroom Africa*. This complaint arose from an incident following proceedings of the Ad Hoc Committee investigating allegations made by Lieutenant-General Mkwanazi, during which the member allegedly aggressively confronted and intimidated the reporter regarding media interviews involving opposition parties.

Having considered the complaint and the member's own admissions, the committee found that the member acted in an intimidating and threatening manner towards the reporter, and that his conduct undermined public confidence in Parliament. The committee further found that the member's behaviour amounted to discrimination against women, and that his actions were inconsistent with the standards expected of Members of Parliament.

The committee accordingly found that the member breached items 5(1)(d), 5(1)(e) and 5(1)(f) of the Code. The committee, in a majority decision with a minority descending view, recommends that the House imposes a reprimand in the House and suspends the member's participation in parliamentary debates and committees for a period of 15 parliamentary days, together

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with corresponding reduction in salary and allowances for the same period.

I just want to enter an explanatory note. Parliamentary days are those days on which the National Assembly, as well as the NCOP, will sit for a plenary, as determined by a parliamentary programme and agreed to by the respective National Assembly and the NCOP Programme Committees, as amended and circulated from time to time.

Report 8, that is a complaint against the hon Dean Macpherson, Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure. Mr Alan Beesley, MP lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from statements made by the member outside the Pietermaritzburg High Court on 24 July 2025, where he, dressed in political party regalia, referred to Action South Africa supporters as "amaphara", as well as allegations that he referred to them as "hobos" in a media interview.

In a majority decision with a minority descending view, including myself, the committee found that the member breached items 5(1)(e) and 5(1)(f) of the Code. The committee found no breach regarding the alleged use of the term "hobo," as the evidence showed that the word was used by the journalist and

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not by the member. The committee recommends that the House imposes a reprimand in the House and requires the member to apologise in the House for referring to Action South Africa supporters as "amaphara."

Report 9, it's a complaint against the hon Ashley Sauls. Mrs Alice King, Chairperson of the Council for the College of Cape Town, lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from statements made by the member during Portfolio Committee on Higher Education on 15 October 2025, concerning allegations of irregularities at the college and the conduct of the complainant as Council Chairperson. The committee found that the member's statements were protected by parliamentary privilege, noting that robust debate and oversight engagements are integral to Parliament's constitutional mandate. The committee accordingly found the complaint to be unfounded and does not recommend any sanction against the member.

Report 10, it's a complaint against the hon Ashley Sauls. The manager, Mr Muswaba, who is the Principal and Accounting Officer of the College of Cape Town, lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from statements and questions posed by the member during meetings of the Portfolio Committee on Higher

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Education concerning the complainant's appointment as principal of the college and his nationality status.

Having considered the complaint, the committee found that the member's conduct fell within the scope of legitimate parliamentary oversight and protected parliamentary privilege. The committee further found no evidence that the member acted with intent to impair the complainant's dignity or to discriminate against him. The committee accordingly found the complaint to be unfounded and does not recommend any sanction against the member.

Report 11, it is a complaint against the hon Gayton McKenzie, the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture. Hon Athol Trollip lodged this complaint. The complaint arose from public statements made by the Minister concerning the so-called "Mokoena-gate", involving Bafana Bafana and the alleged investigation into the matter. The committee found the complaint to be unfounded and does not recommend any sanction against the member.

Lastly, Report 12, it is a complaint against the hon Mogamad Hendricks, Deputy Minister of Social Development. The hon Alexandra Abrahams lodged this complaint. The complaint arose

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from statements made by the member during a National Assembly debate on 23 July 2025, in which he stated, and I quote:

"South Africa has zero hunger if social grants are used to buy food." The committee found that the complaint arose largely from a misunderstanding of the member's intended meaning. The committee accordingly found the complaint to be unfounded and does not recommend any sanction against the member.

Hon House Chair, I herewith table these 12 Reports for consideration by the House. I thank you.

IsiXhosa:

Enkosi.

Mr F J BADENHORST: Chair, to get clarification, are we requested to make declarations on each of the 12 votes? So, you're asking for the Ninth Order now. You're not starting at number one and walking down to 12? I just want to make sure I'm not missing you. You're starting at number nine? Thank you.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr B A Radebe): We are now on the Ninth Order. Any province that wants to make any declaration? None. We can go directly to voting now. The Delegation heads will be

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able to vote either in favour, against or abstain. I will start with Western Cape.

Mr F J BADENHORST: Chair, we have a declaration to make under report number eight. That's why I asked you for clarification. It's my understanding that we are voting on each, because each report has got individual fact sets. So, my understanding is that you will ask for a declaration of each of the 12 reports and we vote separately on each of the 12 reports. My question was, I want to make a declaration under report number eight.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr B A Radebe): Hon Badenhorst, I think that we have passed that one. We are now on Order Nine. Yes, we're on Order Nine now.

Now, I've called the provinces to vote. I'll start with the Western Cape. Are you voting in favour of the report?

Mr F J BADENHORST: Chair, we are voting against one of the reports.

We cannot vote on block on 12 reports and that's my understanding. Yes, so Order Nine contains 12 reports.

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The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr B A Radebe): Yes.

Mr F J BADENHORST: What is Order Nine? I apologise. So, we are voting now on the report on ...

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr B A Radebe): Order Nine is dealing with the report on hon Mathafa.

Mr F J BADENHORST: Yes, so we will support that.

The HOUSE CHAIRPERSON (Mr B A Radebe): Thank you, hon Badenhorst.

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Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

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VELENKOSINI HLABISA: MINISTER OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND
TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND
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GAYTON MCKENZIE: MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE**

Debate concluded.

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Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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STEENHUISEN: MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE**

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

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CAROL PHIRI, MP**

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND
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SKOSANA, MP**

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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SKOSANA, MP**

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND
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MACPHERSON, MP.**

Declarations of vote:

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Mr F J BADENHORST: House Chairperson, we note from the report that the member requested additional time to submit representations on the sanction, and that request was not granted. It is important to place on record that the member was not unwilling to make representations on the sanction but was instead denied the opportunity to fully place mitigation before the committee. In the absence of those representations, we are not in a position to support the findings contained in the report, as the committee has not had the benefit of considering the member's full version.

Furthermore, the Western Cape holds serious procedural and jurisdictional concerns regarding this matter. The Code of Ethical Conduct is intended to regulate the conduct of members insofar as they act in their capacity as Members of Parliament and in representation of Parliament. In this instance, the member was attending a party-political gathering in his capacity as a political party representative, and not as a representative of Parliament.

We are therefore of the view that the majority of the committee has extended its jurisdiction beyond what was envisaged in the code. This raises important constitutional and procedural considerations, including the rights of members

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to participate in political activity and to exercise freedom of expression within a political context.

For these reasons and given both the procedural shortcomings and the unresolved jurisdictional concerns, the Western Cape cannot support the adoption of this report. I thank you.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

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QHOEKE SAULS, MP

Debate concluded.

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GAYTON MCKENZIE, MP THE MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND
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MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: THE HONOURABLE MOGAMAD GANIEF

HENDRICKS, MP

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Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

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ASHLEY! QHOEKE SAULS, MP**

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

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LAND REFORM AND MINERAL RESOURCES AND THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
ON FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE 2ND
ANTARCTIC PARLIAMENTARIANS' ASSEMBLY, DATED 17 FEBRUARY 2026

Mr M G MODISE: Chair, the Deputy Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, the Chairperson chairing the session, Members of Parliament, people of South Africa, ...

IsiZulu:

... sanibonani.

English:

The report that we are dealing with was led by me as a chairperson, together with the chairperson of the portfolio committee from the National Assembly, hon Gantsho, and Mr Jooste as the support staff. Before I start, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my tribute to the legend of South African football, Dr Khumalo. I would like to remind this House that on 26 June 1967, in the township of Dube, Soweto, the Khumalo family welcomed a baby boy to the world and named him Theophilus Doctorson Khumalo. True to his name, he grew up to become a doctor, not in medicine, but a doctor of football and a master healer of the spirits of our supporters across

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the nation. Today, I extend our deepest gratitude and admiration to Dr Khumalo, not only as the greatest footballer South Africa has ever produced, but a true icon whose legacy continues throughout generations.

Dr Khumalo's journey on the pitch captivated the nation and earned him global respect. To have his extraordinary talent recognised by none other than the legendary Diego Maradona, who personally witnessed his brilliance on the soccer field, speaks volumes about the indelible mark he had left on the world stage. For Dr Khumalo to receive an honorary Doctorate from the Tshwane University of Technology is a fitting tribute to a life defined by excellence, passion, and national pride. Dr Khumalo has shown us that greatness transcends sport. It is found in leadership, humility, and the power to inspire others to dream beyond limitations. I want to thank you, Dr Khumalo, for inspiring hope, for a nation with grace, for breaking barriers, and for reminding us of all it means to truly shine. Your legacy will forever be remembered and celebrated.

I request that part of the report not read be considered as read, and, therefore, will only focus on the agreed findings. At the conclusion of the assembly, the chairperson, Andrew Bailey, presented the following agreed findings from the 25

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members attending the Assembly. One, environmental protection. The delegates reaffirmed that Antarctica must remain a natural reserve devoted to peace and science. Two, climate urgency. The discussions highlighted the divergence between scientific findings and the world economic response, specifically regarding ice mass loss and sea level rise.

Three, tourism management. Findings noted the necessity of managing increasing commercial pressure and tourism with the environmental importance of Antarctica. Four, myth-busting. A core finding was the need to combat false narratives, such as the incorrect claim that the Antarctic Treaty, hon Mabilo, and its environmental protocol will expire in 2048. There is nothing like that. And the last one, geopolitical stability. The assembly found that despite shifts in the geopolitical landscape, the Antarctic Treaty system remains the most robust framework for governance. With those, Chair, I request that the report be adopted. Thanks.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND
JUSTICE ON OVERSIGHT VISIT TO FREE STATE PROVINCE FROM 21 - 24
OCTOBER 2025, DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2026**

Adv Inkosi M NONKONYANA: Deputy Chairperson, hon members and fellow South Africans, good evening. I rise on behalf of the select committee. It is indeed my singular honour and privilege to present this report on behalf of the committee, because on that day, our hon chair Mananiso had attended the 151st Inter-Parliamentary Union, IPU, Assembly, and I was therefore instructed to lead the delegation.

The committee conducted the oversight visit to the Free State province from the 21st to the 24th of October 2025. The oversight visit included overseeing cross-border crime, rural crime and stock theft, as well as the implementation of the ... Rural Safety Strategy in the Free State province.

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In addition, the committee conducted oversight over the One-Stop Border Post redevelopment plan and the functioning of the Border Management Authority, BMA, at the Maseru Border Post.

The committee visited Mangaung Child Justice Centre, as well as several police stations and magistrates' courts in the province. The committee also visited the SA National Defence Force's Tempe Military Base and the Home Affairs offices in Phuthaditjhaba.

The oversight visit included community engagements to strengthen co-operation between civil society, the municipality, community policing forums, CPFs, and the police, as well as direct engagement with representatives of the Department of Public Works, DPWI, in ... the various infrastructure challenges in the province.

From the very onset, I must thank the delegation that came from all the provinces across all political parties, and for the work that they conducted, and of course the staff as well that was led by our secretary, Mr Dixon, for the support they provided to us.

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On day one, we had to visit Park ... Police Station. The select committee received a briefing from the provincial and station commissioners, and thereafter conducted a walkabout through the facilities.

These were the key challenges, which I'm going to summarise: The lack of access control which created a serious security risk, particularly at night; and the long overdue refurbishment project, which was initiated as far back as 2016 with a budget of R51 million, and which remains incomplete nearly a decade later; then ... the issue of CPFs and being assisted with stipends due to the lack of funds and resources.

The committee, in its observations of course, had to regard the following issues, which I'm not going to ... which are set out in the report – the SAPS owing funds to Public Works and Infrastructure and the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the funding of CPFs, illicit mining.

On this, I want to pause to indicate that the provisional commissioner indicated that the Free State used to have a problem with illicit mining, and in 2019 the province introduced a project, Operation Knockout, to address illicit mining.

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However, when Operation Vala Umgodi was implemented, the province started to speed ... its operation between Welkom. Of course, there was an issue of the implementation of rural safety, and the provisional commissioner indicated that the Free State held a summit and took the resolution to capacitate the members in respect of resources such as vehicles. She indicated that rural safety is very expensive due to the challenges of poor road infrastructure around the farms and stock theft.

The SAPS managed to procure two Land Cruisers during the financial year, to address stock theft. Farm attacks and stock theft are reducing monthly with the assistance of the rural community.

We did actually conduct ... [Inaudible.] ... oversight, but we were actually very impressed by what the police themselves had done. They had constructed what they called a wall of remembrance. These members of the SA Police Service themselves had built a wall of remembrance to commemorate members of the SA Police Service who had fallen while on duty.

On the question of the Mangaung Justice Centre, the committee visited that centre and received a briefing on the constraints

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caused by ongoing renovations at the Winkie Direko Secure Care facility, which began in February 2025. These renovations have forced police to transport child detainees to distant facilities in Thabo Mofutsanyana and Matete Matches, placing further strain on limited resources. The number of children appearing at the Mangaung One-Stop Child Justice Centre has decreased and this impacts on the functioning of the centre, which results in trials being conducted only on Mondays. We did actually set out the recommendations with regard to demographics, which I dare not repeat here.

In terms of the issue of Tempe infantry Military Base, the committee visited this base to assess staffing, equipment and military infrastructure as part of the committee's broader focus on national security.

We found many things. We found that there is an issue of funding, which has been indicated already. There's also an issue of subcontracting to foreign nationals, where they outsource certain tasks. It was alleged that South African business owners bring foreigners who use other people's identity documents. Then, of course we set out the recommendations.

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On day two, we had a meeting with the BMA, the SAPS and the Maseru Bridge border post at the Ladybrand Town Hall. The purpose of the presentation was to brief the select committee on the current border security situation and operational realities in the Free State-Lesotho border area.

Stock theft in the region of the border between the Free State province and the Kingdom of Lesotho was presented as an ongoing challenge through the years. Of course, the committee had some interaction with that.

With regard to our observation, we observed that vehicle and pedestrian entry processes, including scanning, searches and baggage searches were conducted. The port can process 18 000 vehicles on a daily basis, but ... only 14 functional computers, and there were ongoing network challenges, etc. Again, we also noticed that some school-going children from Lesotho were coming freely into South Africa actually being checked on a daily basis. Due to time ... we also had to deal with other issues.

However, on day three, we had to visit the Department of Home Affairs in Phuthaditjhaba and also noticed some challenges there, such as load shedding and reduction. The office has

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installed a solar system and back-up generator. ... water supply shortages, the office is in the process of installing boreholes. Offices are being supplied with Jojo tanks, mobile offices, networks and dual networks with Vodacom, etc.

On the last day, we had to visit the construction ... of a new police station, that is Tshiame Police Station. The contractor there ... Again, it was started in 2022. The subcontractors completed their roles and there are project delays, as we can see, as well as ...

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCOP (Mr P Govender): Thank you very much, Inkosi Nonkonyana, for that report.

Adv INKOSI M NONKONYANA: Oh, thank you, sir. We recommend that this House supports this report.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

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Mr M FENI: Chairperson, let me take this opportunity to greet the hon members in the august House, members of the National Council of Provinces. Let me take this opportunity to present and submit the report for adoption by the House. The report, which culminated from the oversight that we undertook as a Select Committee on Education from 20 to 24 October 2025. Indeed, we were in the Eastern Cape province. We started on the Amathole Western Region, and then we moved to Nelson Mandela Metro.

We can highlight that in our findings; things were not as good as we expected. However, there are those things that are in the progress of improvement. Not everything is in total chaos. During the visit, we inspected schools, sports facilities, cultural institutions across the Amathole western region and Nelson Mandela Metro, as I have already highlighted. The Eastern Cape faces a massive school infrastructure backlog, estimated at around R72 billion, while only receiving a budget of around about R1,9 billion annually. It tells you that it is not enough, but a lot of work needs to be done. At this pace, the backlog will not be resolved within the next decade. There

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are still 496 smart schools and 427 schools using unsafe pit latrines. However, only 124 schools have planned for upgrades in this financial year. The situation is seriously worsened by poor planning and inefficient spending.

In the 2023-24 financial year, the department spent 99% of its budget but achieved only 10% of its infrastructure targets. In Amathole western region, many schools lack running water and rely on rainwater or purchase supplies. This affects sanitation, learning, and poor school nutrition infrastructure. In Nelson Mandela Bay, schools face high levels of burglaries. There is serious vandalism at operational schools, and some other facilities, including Greenville Primary School. This is a school in the northern areas - the so-called coloured areas. Their situation is very dire. A serious intervention is needed. However, I must highlight that we appreciate the response from the office of the Minister in terms of trying to come closer to what we have found in the process.

Sports and cultural infrastructure also suffer from vandalism and neglect, including severe damage to expensive facilities that were built historically. One of those is the Red Location Museum - a historical museum that constitutes the history of

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Nelson Mandela. The struggle history of that area is constituted, but today we cannot say anything about that. However, to address these challenges, the committee highlighted that it recommends stronger accountability, improved infrastructure planning, quarterly reporting, added provisions of water to schools, expansion of learning support programmes, accelerated eradication of pit latrines and stronger community involvement in protecting facilities.

We must act decisively to ensure that every learner studies in a safe, dignified environment. The committee chair will continue to monitor and exercise an oversight in ensuring that there is progress. This is the report that we are submitting for adoption. Thank you very much.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

IN FAVOUR: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

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**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES FOLLOWING THE OVERSIGHT VISIT
TO THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE FROM 02 – 06 FEBRUARY 2026, DATED 24
MARCH 2026**

Mr M FENI: Chairperson, thank you, once again, for allowing me this opportunity to make a presentation of this report for adoption and submit it to the august House for consideration and for adoption.

Chair, the Select Committee on Education, Sciences and Creative Industries, embarked on an oversight in the province of Limpopo from 02 to 06 February, focusing on infrastructure development in schools, sports, arts and culture.

Chair, we have identified some serious challenges that are facing our learners in the Limpopo province: Shortage of 1 300 classrooms, 2 300 Grade R classrooms backlog, 150 schools without water, two schools without electricity, 347 schools need major repairs, 7 200 Grade R toilets outstanding, estimated backlog costs an amount of R4,1 billion, poor compliance with school nutrition, storage and cooking standards, 72 000 undocumented learners.

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Chair, this is constituted by the question of borders that we are sharing with neighbouring countries. It does affect a lot in these challenges because some of them don't even need to ... they just cross the ... they just jump the fence and then they are in South Africa, they are getting their services. I think border management also needs to look into this.

Early Childhood Development, ECD, funding of 142 000 out of 182 000 children, which constitute a daily allowance R24 per learner per day, 76 000 learners benefit from transport, but reliable transport is poor. As we have seen, one of the example of ... one of the service providers was using a van to ferry kids, which is ... it is not a good state of affairs.

Chair, nine rape cases by educators and also 16 sexual assault cases by educators were reported. We encourage the department to follow on these individual cases so that they can arrive at the conclusions. Three thirty-three learners were reported to be pregnant in different schools.

Our recommendation as a committee is that we raised the issue of looking around the question of improving accountability and consequence management, because all of these are contributed

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by the lack or absence of consequence management and there is no accountability on everything that has been done.

Quarterly reports on infrastructural project, urgent appointment of health and safety officers, strengthening psychological and psychosocial support for affected learners in the form of counselling, improved Grade R facilities, sport infrastructure findings, facilities in Mogalakwena Park amphitheatre is in a very, very bad state, it, therefore, needs a serious attention; R34 million Moshate Stadium project, largely non-functional, it is just the money that was like thrown away in the street. The municipality must submit investigation reports.

The municipality was non-co-operative in our first encounter of the oversight. We found that the Mayor and the officials were totally against any form of accountability to the committee.

We are submitting that this must be further followed. A lot is happening in that municipality. Review municipal funding model for maintenance.

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Chair, we are submitting this report and also appealing that it must be supported by the Council. Thank you very much.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL
SERVICES ON THE OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE FREE STATE PROVINCE
HELD BETWEEN THE 25 AND 26 MARCH, 2026, DATED 07 MAY 2026**

Ms D W FIENIES: Hon Deputy Chair, esteemed hon members of the National Council of Provinces, as the chairperson of the Select Committee on Social Services, I am pleased to present a summary of our oversight visit to the Free State Province. The visit undertaken as part of a Seventh Parliament's oversight priority plan focusing on infrastructure aimed to assess the state of public health facilities in Mangaung, aligning with the National Infrastructure Plan, NIP, and the National Development Plan, NDP. Our focus during this visit was comprehensive, encompassing health facility requirements,

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project management, maintenance, expenditure of conditional grants, and the implications of infrastructure challenges on quality health services.

We specifically examined the National District Hospital Gateway Clinic, Free State Emergency Medical Services, Heidedal Community Health Centre, Mangaung-University of the Free State Community Partnership Programme, MUCPP, Community Health Centre, CHC, Mmabana Phahameng Clinic, National District Hospital, Universitas District Hospital, and Pelonomi Regional Hospital. Key findings and challenges across facilities: Across the visited sites, a consistent pattern of challenges emerged, significantly impacting the delivery of quality health care. Infrastructure decay and maintenance backlogs: Many facilities including Mmabana Phahameng Clinic, Heidedal Community Health Centre, CHC, National District Hospital and Universitas Academic Hospital.

Universitas Academic Hospital suffer from severe structural damages, dilapidated buildings, inadequate ventilation, and persistent issues with roofing, plumbing, and sanitation. The National District Hospital, which is over 100 years old, exemplifies this with ongoing fire damage, water tank leaks, and asbestos concerns. The Universitas Academic Hospital, a

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premier training institution, also faces nonfunctional Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, HVAC, systems and severe water leaks. Critical human resource shortages: A pervasive shortage of clinical and support staff, including doctors, nurses, artisans and cleaners was identified at nearly all facilities, such as Heidedal CHC, MUCPP, CHC, MPC, as well as the National District Hospital and Universitas Academic Hospital.

This leads to increased workloads, delayed services, and compromised patient care. The delayed overtime payments further exacerbate staff morale and retention issues. Operational constraints and service delivery: Impacts overcrowding, long patient waiting times, exceeding three hours at the MP clinic and 133 minutes at the university as pharmacist, and the reduced operating hours are direct consequences of infrastructure and staffing deficits. Equipment shortages such as obsolete dental chairs at Heidedal CHC, and the malfunctioning of medical equipment at the Universitas Hospital further in their service provision.

Supply chain and financial management issues: Facilities experience recurring medical stockouts due to provincial depot challenges and delayed payments to suppliers by the free say

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Department of Health. This directly impacts medicine availability. With MUCPP CHC reporting medicine availability as low as 77% in the previous quarter, inadequate financial cushioning was noted at MP Clinic having utilized 100% of its budget. Emergency medical services: Deficiencies and accurate shortage of EMS vehicles in the province leads to prolonged response times, especially in rural areas. The absence of medical services and the reliance on long-distance patient transfers highlight a critical gap in emergency care. The government's garage failure to adhere to service level agreements regarding vehicle maintenance further complicates matters.

Project management lapses: The prolonged construction of the maternity facility at the Pelonomi Regional Hospital involves two contractors who failed to complete the project despite budget exhaustion, underscores significant project management challenges. Record keeping inefficiencies: Inadequate and nondigitised patient record systems persist at facilities like Gateway Clinic and National District Hospital, contributing to long waiting times and potential data loss. The recommendations as well as the way for forward from the. Committee's side is based on our engagement and observations.

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The committee has made specific recommendations for each facility.

Over all, the Free State Department of Health is urged to submit a detailed remedial report, providing comprehensive report in one month, outlining strategies to address specific issues at each district facility; prioritise human resources to intensify infrastructure revitalisation; prioritise revitalisation and maintenance of each health facility infrastructure; closely monitor the progress of projects like Pelonomi Regional Hospital maternity ward and address the significant backlog in repairs and upgrades; strengthen government structures; ensure that government structures are functional and effective across all health facilities; enhance the Emergency Medical Services, EMS, capacity ...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON: I am sorry, hon Fienies, can I ask you to pause for a moment? Could IT please assist us with whichever member that's having the microphone on, please?

Thank you. You may continue, hon member.

Ms D W FIENIES: ... and enhance EMS capacity, significantly strengthening the capacity and the resources of the EMS,

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including the procurement and swift distribution of vehicles, recruitment of professionals and the investigation of cost-effective Aero medical services. The Select Committee on Social Services will continue to engage with the provincial department and conduct oversight to ensure that these critical issues are addressed, ultimately improving the quality and accessibility of health care for the people of Free State. I therefore table this report for consideration. I thank you, Chair.

Dabate concluded.

The DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON: Hon Fienies, thank you for that report. Hon delegates, I would like to welcome to the House the hon Ryder, House Chair. Thank you very much for joining us again. We did announce your apology earlier today, thank you. Hon delegates, we now put the question, and the question is the report to be adopted. Before proceeding, we will allow provinces an opportunity to make declarations in terms of Rule 86 for three minutes. Are there any declarations? I don't see any hands. So, we shall put the question, and the question is that the report be adopted and I call upon heads of delegations to indicate whether they vote in favour, against or abstain.

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Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
ON OVERSIGHT VISIT TO NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE, DATED 10 - 14
NOVEMBER 2025**

Ms D W FIENIES: Chairperson, the oversight was in November 2025. So, as the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Social Services, I stand before you to present this oversight report to the Northern Cape province. Our comprehensive review encompasses health facility requirements, project management, maintenance, the expenditure of conditional grants, and the profound implications of the infrastructural challenges on the provision of quality health care services. We visited a range of Department of Health sites, including Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital, Beaconsfield Clinic, the new Mental Health Hospital, Wrenchville Clinic, Kuruman Hospital, Danielskuil Clinic, and the Delportshoop Clinic, spanning both Kimberley

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and Kuruman. Overall context, the health infrastructure in the Northern Cape.

The Department of Health faces the concurrent mandate of public health care provision with a budget for the Health Facility Revitalization grant, increasing from R437 million in 2024-25 to R527 million in 2025-26. This reflects a commitment to investing in existing infrastructure to improve the quality of care. However, as our findings will illustrate, significant challenges persist in translating these allocations into fully functional and efficient health environments.

Key findings and challenges across the facilities. A recurring theme throughout our visit was the stark reality of aging infrastructure exacerbated by human resource shortages and logistical inefficiencies. Allow me to highlight some cross-cutting issues. Dilapidated infrastructure and maintenance backlogs, critical human resource deficiencies, inadequate security and safety measures, water and power supply instability, inefficient record-keeping systems, logistical and supply chain bottlenecks, overcrowding, and service delivery strains. Our specific facility observations, the Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital, while attempting to adapt to the Health Patient Registration System, HPRS, it faces

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severe infrastructure deficiencies, leading to the closure and relocation of core services like laundry and pharmacy. The extreme shortages of nurses in postnatal care and high teenage pregnancy rates contribute to costly procedures, which are significant concerns. Beaconsfield Clinic, a historic building with cracks and cramped filing space, lacking a backup generator, and facing chronic water issues. The New Mental Hospital, a state-of-the-art facility, is yet underutilized due to human resource shortages. The absence of a health warehouse in the province is a notable gap in mental health provision. Tshwaragano Hospital, a large rural district hospital built in 1926, suffers from dilapidated sections, overcrowding in casualty, and an unoccupied 40-bed ward due to staff shortages, underscoring the operational challenges. Water quality issues also affect equipment. The Wrenchville Clinic is an old municipal building operated by the provincial department. It struggles with manual records, staff shortages, long waiting times, and a lack of essential infrastructure, like backup power plan and water tanks. The Kuruman Hospital, despite plans for upgrading to a regional hospital, is currently too small, leading to severe overcrowding. The observation of mothers and infants sleeping on the floor is a great concern, indicative of the systematic pressures. The Danielskuil Clinic, situated in Kgatelopele, struggles with

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emergency medicine orders, patient privacy due to its small size, and the shortage of advanced life support for ambulances. Public concerns included inadequate administration staff, non-functional reporting systems, and alleged loss of life due to the Emergency Medical Services, EMS, inefficiency. The Delportshoop Clinic has no major infrastructure challenges, but faces staff shortages across the board, impacting its ability to provide comprehensive services.

Our recommendations as the committee. The committee has formulated a series of recommendations, both overarching for the Northern Cape Department of Health and specific to each facility. Key among these areas is infrastructure, revitalization, human resource strategy, modernize system, improve logistics and supply chain, strengthen governance and accountability, patient-centric care, and community engagement.

The Select Committee on Social Services will continue to do oversight. We require the Northern Cape Department of Health to submit a detailed plan within 14 working days, followed by quarterly progress reports on the implementation of these recommendations, including clear timelines. We must collectively ensure that the constitutional right to access to

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quality health care is not merely an inspiration, but a tangible reality for all citizens of the Northern Cape. The health and dignity of our people depend on our decisive actions. I hereby table this report for consideration. Thank you, Chairperson.

The DEPUTY HOUSE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much, hon Fienies. Hon delegates and hon Fienies, the chairperson, I would like to inform the House that the table staff has checked the date of the visit, and that will be verified and corrected in the minutes. Thank you very much.

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

[TAKE IN FROM MINUTES]

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

The Council adjourned at 17.01.