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OF

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2026

1. The Council met at 14:00.

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

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

4. [14:02] Notices of motions.

5. [14:07] Mr KM Mmoiemang moved without notice: That the Council –

   (1) notes with utmost concern the persisting and disturbing high levels of gun and gang violence in South Africa, resulting in hundreds of fatalities, overwhelming local law enforcement, and forcing the presidency to deploy the military;

   (2) notes that while gang violence is a crisis primarily concentrated in the Western Cape (specifically Cape Town's Cape Flats) and the Gauteng province, many parts of the country, such as the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, continue to face gun-related murders driven by lucrative taxi routes, drug turf wars, extortion rings, and deeply rooted systemic poverty; and

(3) acknowledges that the persisting high levels of gun and gang violence in South Africa have left many communities shaken, with multiple lives taken daily, frequently catching innocent bystanders and children in the crossfire.

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

6. [14:09] Ms KR Molokomme moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with pride the report from the Institute of Municipal Engineering of South Africa (IMESA), which highlights the achievements of women engineers leading infrastructure projects across the country;

(2) further notes that although IMESA, since its founding in 1961, has never implemented formal gender policies, more than 30% of its members are women, many of whom occupy leadership positions; and

(3) takes this opportunity to congratulate IMESA on the important role it plays in creating a professional home for municipal engineers, and to call on it to increase its efforts to change the face of engineering by deliberately increasing the number of women engineers.

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

7. [14:11] Ms O Medupe moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with concern the escalation of violent gang murders in the City of Cape Town despite the deployment of the South African National Defence Force;

(2) further notes the intersection between illegal drug trafficking and the circulation of illegal firearms in the perpetuation of these violent crimes;

(3) acknowledges that strengthening structured collaboration within the criminal justice system, and between communities and law enforcement agencies, can go a long way towards effectively curbing these crimes; and

(4) takes this opportunity to urge the Minister of Police to take urgent and decisive steps to strengthen interdepartmental collaboration and partnership between the security sector and communities to wage a concerted and fearless battle against gangs and the proliferation of illegal arms in the Cape townships.

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

8. [14:14] Ms DW Fienies moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with grave concern the persistence of media reports about the alleged unauthorised fraudulent deductions from the old age social grants by unscrupulous funeral insurance companies for funeral policies;

(2) acknowledges that this is not only criminal but also an inhumane act against the most vulnerable section of our society; and

(3) takes this opportunity to call on the Minister of Social Development, in collaboration with the relevant financial sector authorities and the law enforcement agencies, to urgently investigate these allegations to bring to book those implicated in these heinous crimes and recover the money already deducted from the vulnerable victims.

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

9. [14:18] Dr I Scheurkogel moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with grave concern the circumstances of 71-year-old Oranjeville resident in Metsimaholo, Dawn Thompson, who has endured damage to her home and unacceptable living conditions for more than 15 years, linked to persistent water leakage from the Wastewater Treatment Plant next to her house;

(2) also notes that the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has communicated with and issued directives to the Municipal Manager of Metsimaholo Local Municipality regarding Ms. Thompson's circumstances and the municipality's responsibility to address the matter;

(3) condemns the continued failure of Metsimaholo Local Municipality to provide a lasting solution, while an elderly resident continues to live in circumstances that undermine her dignity and quality of life;

(4) calls on the Municipal Manager and Council of Metsimaholo Local Municipality to immediately respond to and act upon the communication and directives of the SAHRC, and to provide clear timeframes for implementation;

(5) also calls on the municipality to urgently investigate and repair the infrastructure responsible for the continued water damage, and to determine what remedial assistance can be provided to restore Ms Thompson's home to a safe and dignified condition;

(6) requests a written progress report to be submitted to the relevant provincial and national oversight structures on the actions taken; and

(7) affirms that no resident, especially an elderly resident, should have to fight government for 15 years simply to live safely and with dignity in her own home.

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

10. [14:19] Mr MG Modise moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with profound sadness and grief the death of Mr Mikayifane Elias "Mzi" Khumalo, who chaired the Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs after a short illness;

(2) further notes that Mzi Khumalo was a dedicated cadre of the ANC who served the organisation with unwavering commitment, passion and distinction, as he carried his service to the movement and the people of Gauteng with humility and conviction;

(3) further notes that Mr Khumalo dedicated many years of his life to public service, where he played an important role in strengthening oversight, supporting local government and advancing cooperative governance in Gauteng, including serving as the Chief Whip in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, and MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), e-Government, Research and Development; and

(4) takes this opportunity to convey its heartfelt condolences to his family, especially his wife and children and the Gauteng province for their incalculable loss.

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

11. [14:20] Ms T I Legwase moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with utmost concern the persistent pattern of South Africa being an international destination and transit of illegal drugs from some parts of the world;

(2) notes that, in most high-profile drug busts by the law enforcement agencies at our international ports of entry, the countries of origin of these drugs have been associated with certain countries that have consistently served as the ports of these drugs;

(3) acknowledges that organised international criminal drug syndicates have established strong, sophisticated and dynamic networks in these countries to traffic drugs into South Africa; and

(4) takes this opportunity to call on our security cluster to strengthen bilateral and multilateral co-operation with the affected countries as part of intensifying national anti-drug trafficking.

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

12. [14:29] Mr M Feni moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with profound sadness and grief the brutal and senseless murder of Cde Nelisile Xolo who was ambushed in the late hours of Friday by a gunman who riddled his body with bullets;

(2) notes that Cde Nelisi Xolo was a former Regional Chairperson of the ANCYL in Alfred Nzo Region, and also serving as District Treasurer of SACP and ANC branch Chairperson of Nonqulana branch, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Subregion;

(3) acknowledges that Cde Xolo committed his life to the liberation struggle until his very last days, from his youthful days where he was defined by his radical stance and defiance against injustice; and

(4) extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and comrades of Cde Nelisile Xolo, his wife and children, whose lives were brutally taken away from them by a gunman devoid of moral conscience, and may his revolutionary soul rest in eternal peace.

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

13. [14:28] Ms J Mananiso moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with utmost concern and a great sense of apprehension the senseless and ruthless murder of two Anti-Gang Unit officers and two female civilians who were shot and killed while responding to gunshots during a police patrol in Reiger Park in the Gauteng Province;

(2) acknowledges the tireless work of the police who ensured that the perpetrators of this heartless crime are brought to book to face the full might of the law; and

(3) takes this opportunity to convey its heartfelt condolences to the families of the police officers and their colleagues, as well as the families of the two women who were murdered in a month of women when South Africa is honouring the role of women in our society.

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

14. [14:30] The Council debated the following subject: **Debate on Women's Day: Building resilient economies for all: Women leading the future of trade**.

Debate concluded.

15. FIRST ORDER [16:45]

Consideration of **National Gambling Amendment Bill** [B27D-2018] (National Council of Provinces – section 76) and Report of Mediation Committee thereon (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 13 June 2025, p 4).

The Deputy Chairperson announced that the First Order is deferred until further notice.

16. SECOND ORDER [16:47]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Security and Justice on the **Oversight Visit to the Matlosana Municipality, Northwest Province from 22 – 23 April 2026, report dated 20 May 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 21 May 2026, p 78).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

17. THIRD ORDER [17:00]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Security and Justice on the **Rules of Procedure for Application in Court in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 (PAIA)(Act No 2 of 2000), dated 20 May 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 21 May 2026, p 75).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

18. FOURTH ORDER [17:07]

Consideration of Consolidated Report of Select Committee on Cooperative Governance and Public Administration and on **Joint Oversight Visits to local and district municipalities affected by flood disasters in Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces: dated 07 May 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 21 May 2026, p 132).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

19. FIFTH ORDER [17:20]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Public Administration (Traditional Affairs, Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements) on **Oversight Visit to Gauteng Province to assess the state of public service: dated 5 May 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 21 May 2026, p 92).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

20. SIXTH ORDER [17:46]

Consideration of Supplementary Report of Joint Standing Committee on the Financial Management of Parliament on the **Draft 2026/27 Annual Performance Plan and Budget of the Parliament of the RSA, dated 27 May 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 27 May 2026, p 3).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

21. SEVENTH ORDER [17:35]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Social Services on a **Study Tour to Switzerland 27 April – 01 May 2026, dated 03 June 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 3 June 2026, p 77).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

22. EIGHTH ORDER [18:10]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Finance on **Development Co-operation between Republic of South Africa and the Federal Republic of Germany, dated 02 June 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 4 June 2026, p 18).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

23. NINETH ORDER [17:58]

Consideration of Report of Joint Standing Committee on Defence and Military Veterans and the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans on the **Joint oversight visit to Denel Aeronautics in Gauteng as well as Sandock Austral (SA) shipyard, naval base Durban and air force base Durban in Kwa-Zulu Natal, from 28 to 30 April 2026, dated 5 June 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 5 June 2026, p 4).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

24. TENTH ORDER [18:16]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Social Services on the **6th Convention of all forms of Discrimination against Women Periodic Report, dated 17 June 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 17 June 2026, p 27).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

25. ELEVENTH ORDER [18:36]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Mineral Resources on the **Oversight Visit to Madibeng in the North-West Province, from 10 – 13 March 2026**, dated 23 June 2026 (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 24 June 2026, p 3).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

26. TWELFTH ORDER [18:42]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Mineral Resources**,** on the **Foot and Mouth Disease Workshop co-hosted by the Select Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform, and Mineral Resources and the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, report dated 23 June 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 26 June 2026, p 3).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

27. THIRTEENTH ORDER [18:26]

Consideration of Joint Report of Select Committee on Public Infrastructure and Minister in the Presidency and Select Committee on Cooperative Governance and Public Administration, on the **Joint Oversight Visit to the City of Matlosana Local Municipality in the North West Province from 22 to 23 April 2026, dated 7 May 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 9 July 2026, p 10).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

28. FOURTEENTH ORDER [18:49]

Consideration of Report of Joint Standing Committee on the **Presidential Letter of deployment of the South African National Defence Force in support of the South African Police Service, dated 09 July 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 16 July 2026, p 4).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

29. FIFTEENTH ORDER [18:56]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Public Petitions and Executive Undertakings on **the Executive Undertakings made by the Minister of Basic Education during the House Sitting, as adopted on 23 June 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 4 August 2026, p 83).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

30. SIXTEENTH ORDER [19:06]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Public Petitions and Executive Undertakings on **the Hearings of the South African Express Airways petition held on 04 December 2025, 24 February 2026, and 26 May 2026 on a virtual platform, as adopted on 23 June 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 4 August 2026, p 89).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

31. SEVENTEENTH ORDER [19:18]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Cooperative Governance and Public Administration (Traditional Affairs, Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements) on **Oversight visit conducted in terms of section 139(4) and (5) of the Constitution in Ngwathe Local Municipality: dated 5 August 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 5 August 2026, p 4).

The House Chairperson: Committees announced that the Seventeenth Order is deferred until further notice.

32. EIGHTEENTH ORDER [19:18]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Cooperative Governance and Public Administration (Traditional Affairs, Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements) on **Oversight visit conducted in terms of section 139 (1)(b) of the Constitution in Impendle Local Municipality: dated 5 August 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 5 August 2026, p 4).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Western Cape.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

33. NINETEENTH ORDER [19:29]

Consideration of **One-Stop Border Post Bill** [B 12B – 2024] (National Assembly – section 75) and Report of Select Committee on Security and Justice thereon (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 6 August 2026, p 38).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

Bill agreed to in accordance with section 75 of the Constitution.

34. TWENTIETH ORDER [19:44]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Security and Justice on the **Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development's Report on the Determination to Withhold Remuneration of Mr IB Blose, an Additional District Court Magistrate at KwaDukuza, KwaZulu-Natal, submitted in terms of section 13(4A)(b) of the Magistrates Act, 1993 (Act No. 90 of 1993) and referred to the Committee on 2 February 2026, dated 5 August 2026** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 7 August 2026, p 9).

Debate concluded.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

35. The Council adjourned at 19:53.

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Secretary to Parliament