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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2026

1. The House met at Nieuwmeester Dome at 14:00.
2. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. [14: 04] Mr W M Douglas, on behalf of the Chief Whip of the Opposition, moved: That the House –
 - (1) notes with deep sadness the passing of Mr Ntandoyenkosi Nkosentsha Shezi, a Member of Parliament representing uMkhonto weSizwe Party in the National Assembly;
 - (2) further notes that Mr Shezi dedicated his life to the service of the people of South Africa as an educator, community leader, trade unionist, church leader and champion of economic transformation, carrying out his parliamentary responsibilities with diligence, discipline and unwavering commitment;
 - (3) recognises his contribution to the struggle for social and economic justice, including his advocacy for workers' rights, black economic empowerment and the upliftment of disadvantaged communities;
 - (4) acknowledges his leadership roles within the education sector, civil society and community formations, where he consistently advanced the ideals of fairness, equality and radical economic transformation; and

- (5) conveys its sincere condolences to his wife, children, family, friends, comrades, the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, and all those whose lives were touched and inspired by his leadership and service.

Debate concluded.

Motion agreed to, members standing.

4. FIRST ORDER [14:47]

Debate on Vote No 2 – Parliament, **Appropriation Bill** [B 4 – 2026] (National Assembly – sec 77).

Debate concluded.

5. SECOND AND THIRD ORDERS [17:53]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services on **Oversight visit to Zonderwater Training College and Zonderwater Correctional Centre** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 3 December 2025, p 11).

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services on **Follow – up oversight visit to Pollsmoor Correctional Centre** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 3 December 2025, p 5).

Ms K A Ramolobeng, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Reports.

There was no debate.

Mr G J Skosana moved: That the Reports be adopted.

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

Motion agreed to.

Report on **Oversight visit to Zonderwater Training College and Zonderwater Correctional Centre** accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, ActionSA and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

Report on **Follow up Oversight visit to Pollsmoor Correctional Centre** accordingly adopted (uMkhonto weSizwe Party, ActionSA and United Africans Transformation dissenting).

6. [18:30] Decision of question on draft resolution by Mr S Lonzi: That the House –

- (1) notes that over 650 000 learners passed matric in 2025, and about 345 000 of these learners achieved a Bachelor's Pass, meaning they are eligible to apply for university study;
- (2) further notes that it is reported that public universities can accommodate only about 230 000 First-Time Entering Students (FTENs), leaving a significant number of qualifying applicants without places;
- (3) acknowledges that this mismatch between the number of qualifying learners and available post-secondary education spaces has serious consequences for society, as it leaves thousands of able and energetic young people without the necessary training to enable them to be productive members of society;
- (4) further acknowledges that this is indicative of the failure of the State to anticipate and plan for post matric education, having not built new universities, such that existing institutions cannot meet the growing demand of post-secondary education;
- (5) recognises that this crisis is compounded by the systematic neglect of specialist colleges such as Agricultural, Nursing and teaching colleges in the country, which provided for specialized training for a large group of young people in the past;
- (6) further recognises that the failure to expand post-secondary education institutions since 1994 has had a catastrophic impact on our ability to provide learning opportunities for young people in this country, leading to high levels of youth unemployment and all other attendant societal ills; and
- (7) resolves to mandate the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training to:
 - (a) conduct a parliamentary inquiry into the state of post-secondary education in South Africa, particularly its capacity to absorb all those in need of post-secondary education and training;
 - (b) review government's plans, or lack thereof, for the expansion of the post-secondary education sector in relation to population growth and the increasing numbers of young people coming out of the secondary school system;
 - (c) conduct comprehensive public hearings with all relevant stakeholders, including young people, academics and industry representatives, and civil society organizations; and
 - (d) report back to this House by 30 July 2026.

Decision of question postponed in accordance with Rule 99.

7. [18:30] Decision of question on draft resolution by Mr V Zungula –
- (1) notes the latest developments relating to the ongoing efforts by the AmaHlubi nation to secure formal restoration as a legitimate and distinct indigenous nation within the Republic of South Africa;
 - (2) further notes the continued historical marginalisation, administrative exclusion and erosion of the AmaHlubi Nation’s cultural identity and traditional governance structures, despite the constitutional protections afforded to traditional and indigenous communities;
 - (3) realises that the absence of formal restoration has contributed to longstanding uncertainty, internal contestation and social instability within the AmaHlubi community and other similarly aggrieved traditional and indigenous communities;
 - (4) understands that the continued non-restoration of traditional and indigenous communities constituting legitimate kingships is inconsistent with the constitutional commitment to restorative justice, social cohesion and meaningful reconciliation;
 - (5) further understands that the suppression and fragmentation of traditional governance systems during colonialism and Apartheid constituted a systematic assault on the dignity, humanity and right to self-determination of indigenous communities, including the AmaHlubi nation;
 - (6) recognises that sustainable peace, development and unity within affected communities cannot prevail for as long as legitimate claims to cultural heritage, traditional authority and identity remain unresolved;
 - (7) regrets the historical injustices suffered by the AmaHlubi, including forced removals, the fragmentation of traditional leadership, and the erosion of cultural and linguistic heritage;
 - (8) acknowledges previous decision the Nhlapo Commission (now Commission on Traditional Leadership and Disputes) on the matter of AmaHlubi, and the decision of the Gauteng Division of the High Court to dismiss the review application in January 2025;
 - (9) believes that the Assembly has an oversight role to play in interrogating and dealing with systemic problems that may arise from the law or its application in dealing with such matters; and
 - (10) requests the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, acting within its mandate, to –

- (a) engage with institutions responsible for matters relating to traditional leadership and governance, and representatives of AmaHlubi and other similarly aggrieved traditional and indigenous communities, on the implications for their continued non-restoration as kingships, and
- (b) report to the House by 31 March 2027 with recommendations on any policy, administrative, or legislative gaps.

Decision of question postponed in accordance with Rule 99.

- 8. The House adjourned at 18:31.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament