REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2026

1. The Council met at 14:00.

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

3. The House Chairperson for Committees and Intergovernmental Relations announced that the hybrid sitting constituted a sitting of the National Council of Provinces.

4. [14:03] Notices of motion.

5. [14:09] Mr K M Mmoiemang moved without notice: That the Council –

   (1) notes with profound sadness and grief the passing of Abdul Kader Moola, a committed patriot, freedom fighter and loyal cadre of the Congress Movement who dedicated his life to the struggle against Apartheid, racism and injustice;

   (2) further notes that Cde Kader Moola, as he was affectionately known among his peers, was forced into exile by the apartheid regime and continued to serve the liberation movement by mobilising international solidarity for the ANC, strengthening global opposition to Apartheid, and contributing to the international campaign for the isolation of the Apartheid system;

   (3) acknowledges the contribution made by Comrade Moola to the education and development of South African children in exile through SOMAFCO in Tanzania, which reflected his deep commitment to building a future South Africa founded on equality, dignity and freedom; and

(4) takes the opportunity to convey its heartfelt condolences to his children, the Moola family, comrades, friends and all those who were touched by his life and service and say tsamaya sentle, Comrade Abdul Kader Moola. Your contribution to the struggle for freedom will never be forgotten.

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

6. [14:11] Dr I Scheurkogel moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with grave concern the Land Bank liquidation and sequestration proceedings, which have been instituted through attorneys whose appointments, mandates and procurement processes were not lawfully established on any valid cession agreements and approved by National Treasury;

(2) further notes that these proceedings have resulted in the destruction of productive farms, loss of thousands of jobs and negative economic activity in rural communities, thereby threatening food security of South Africa;

(3) calls on the Minister of Finance and the Land Bank Board to impose an immediate moratorium on all liquidation, sequestration, execution and forced-sale proceedings where the attorney's lawful mandate cannot be proved;

(4) calls on the Land Bank to immediately release the 2024 Adams and Adams report on "Outrageous Liquidations Practices and Land Bank" which Land Bank requested;

(5) further calls for an urgent independent forensic investigation into all Land Bank liquidations, including the lending arrangements with agricultural intermediaries, transfers of loan books, procurement deviations, attorney appointments, liquidator appointments, auctions, professional fees and recoveries as in some estates that were liquidated not a single cent was paid over to Land Bank;

(6) recalls that in 2020 the President commissioned an investigation into the Offices of the Master and the 2023 SUI Report thereon was still lying in the President's Office though it identified irregularities in the Office of the Master;

(7) calls for the SUI report to be release and to extend the investigation to the Department of Justice to ensure that the Office of the Masters comply with the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936 and sections 379, 381, 386(2A) and 402 of the Companies Act 61 of 1973 and institute a review of these legislations to be relevant to modern day liquidation practices and be transparent to the affected parties;

(8) further calls for disciplinary, civil and criminal actions against those responsible, including those that acted illegitimately on behalf of Land Bank without National Treasury's approval; and

(9) therefore, calls on the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development to urgently amend the Insolvency Act, the Companies Act, the Administration of

Estates Act 66 of 1965 and the applicable Uniform Rules of Court to ensure transparent appointments, public disclosure, fixed timelines, independent oversight and effective consequence management.

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

7. [14:13] Mrs M B Ndlangisa-Nodada moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that, on 9 August 2026, South Africa will mark the 70th anniversary of the of the 1956 Women's March where more than 20 000 women marched to the Union Buildings to protest the extension of Pass Laws and the Urban Areas Act;

(2) further notes that this year, the commemoration will be held under the theme: "Empowered Women Empower the Nation" and will be used to pay tribute to the women of 1956 who fought for human rights, gender equality and social justice;

(3) acknowledges that their courageous chant "Wathint' Abafazi, Wathint' Imbokodo" ("You strike a woman, you strike a rock"), continues to inspire South Africa's commitment to advancing gender equality, women's empowerment, and social justice; and

(4) takes this opportunity to salute those women who were lead by iconic figures such as Lilian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophia Williams-De Bruyn.

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

8. [14:15] Ms K R Molokomme moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that on Thursday 23 July 2026, President Cyril Ramaphosa released the National Water Action Plan;

(2) further notes that the National Action Plan is a strategy to address the country's water crisis by improving municipal water services, accelerating infrastructure investment, and tackling corruption;

(3) acknowledges that the National Water Action Plan outlines strategic interventions to address the water crisis over the short, medium and long term; and

(4) takes this opportunity to welcome the plan as a clear signal that Government, under the leadership of the ANC, is firmly committed to ensuring a reliable supply of quality water for all South Africans.

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

9. [14:17] Ms L P Mhlongo moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with profound sadness and concern reports of a tragic incident that occurred on Sunday, 2 August 2026, in Adams Mission, KwaZulu-Natal, in which Mr Celani Zungu (38) reportedly lost his life after being struck by a municipal water tanker during a confrontation relating to water service delivery, as depicted in widely circulated video footage;

(2) expresses its sincere condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of the late Mr Zungu, as well as to the community of Adams Mission during this difficult time;

(3) condemns any act of violence or reckless conduct that places the lives and safety of members of the public at risk, particularly in the course of the provision of essential public services;

(4) notes that the South African Police Service has reportedly opened a culpable homicide investigation into the incident and calls for a thorough, impartial and expeditious investigation so that all the relevant facts may be established and any person found to have acted unlawfully is held accountable in accordance with the law;

(5) calls upon the eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality to cooperate fully with the ongoing investigation, to conduct its own internal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident, and to take appropriate administrative and disciplinary steps where warranted;

(6) further calls upon the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, the Department of Water and Sanitation, and the eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality to review and strengthen operational safety protocols governing emergency water tanker services, with the aim of safeguarding both communities and municipal personnel during the delivery of essential water services; and

(7) reaffirms that access to sufficient water is a constitutional right and that the provision of basic services must always be undertaken in a manner that upholds the dignity, safety and rights of all residents.

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

10. [14:20] Mr M G Modise moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that next week, on Wednesday, 12 August, marks 2026 International Youth Day, a day set aside to recognise that while different national and local realities shape young people’s lives, their aspirations are remarkably similar;

(2) acknowledges that this year’s theme, “Different Contexts, Common Aspirations”, demonstrates that young people across the globe are increasingly facing interconnected barriers while working tirelessly to access opportunities, meaningful participation in the leadership of their societies, decent work, quality education, and a sustainable future;

(3) further acknowledges that, like many young people across the globe, the youth in South Africa is facing disconcerting and persistent high rates of structural

unemployment, deep educational and spatial inequalities, widespread exposure to crime, violence and mental health strain; and

(4) takes this opportunity to join the global community in calling on the government to work tirelessly to address the challenges facing young people.

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

11. [14:23] Ms D W Fienies moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with pride that Banyana-Banyana secured their place in the quarterfinals of the Total Energies CAF Women's Africa Cup of Nations with a hard fought victory over Burkina Faso last night;

(2) further notes that the decisive moment came in the 21st minute, when Thembi Kgatlane finished from close range after a well-worked move, thereby securing all three points for Banyana-Banyana; and

(3) therefore, takes this opportunity to congratulate Banyana on their qualification and to wish coach Desiree Ellis and her team well in the quarter-final match against the host nation, Morocco.

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

12. [14:24] Mr M M Peter moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes with concern the alarming report of 14 235 active cases involving police officers being investigated by the Investigative Police Directorate, IPID, including 198 active corruption cases and 26 fraud investigations;

(2) further notes that this is a disgrace to the SA Police Service given that they are entrusted with serving and protecting South Africans;

(3) calls on IPID to appoint retired directives for speedy investigations into allegations against members of SAPS and ensure that those who are found guilty of involvement in criminal activities and misconduct are held accountable and punished accordingly;

(4) appeals to SAPS to find effective strategies to restore honour, integrity and public trust in the members of SAPS.

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

13. [14:26] Mr M F Mokwele moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that yesterday, 3 August 2026, President Cyril Ramaphosa officiated at the opening of the King Nyabela Hospital in Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province;

(2) further notes that the King Nyabela Hospital is a replacement and upgrade of the old Middelburg Hospital, which was converted into a new 220-bed facility

and named in honour of a leader of the Ndzundza-Ndebele people, the son of King Mabhoko;

(3) acknowledges that the new Hospital reflects the government's commitment to universal health coverage and to achieving improved patient outcomes; and

(4) states with a strong sense of pride, as this is a clear indication of the Government's commitment to improving public health facilities for the full implementation of the National Health Insurance Act.

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

14. [14:28] Mr J H P Britz moved without notice: That the Council –

(1) notes that disruptive floods followed heavy rainfall during early May of this year in the Koukamma Municipality;

(2) further notes that as a result thereof, a portion of the R62 provincial road between Kareedouw and Joubertina was demolished and severely damaged, leaving the town of Joubertina and the broader adjacent agricultural rural areas and farms of the Langkloof without access to the rest of the Eastern Cape Province and its main export port based in Gqeberha;

(3) takes note that the farming community of Langkloof, under the leadership of the Langkloof Landbou Gemeenskap, privately constructed a temporary bypass road to the value of approximately R 2 million to restore access of the Langkloof to the rest of the Province;

(4) further notes that this initiative was funded by the local agricultural community from their own private funds, while Sanral has not yet reimbursed any expenses involved with this necessary project;

(5) notes that this private access road furthermore restored essential health services to the area during a time when government was still planning on an official level, goods and services came to a halt; and

(6) acknowledges that this private initiative is an excellent example of the power of strength in unity when a community stands together because of an urgent need.

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

15. FIRST ORDER [14:40]

Consideration of Report on **2026 Taking Parliament to the People Programme, North West Province from 11 to 15 May 2026 : Ensuring a people-centred local government towards building better communities** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 20 July 2026, p 5).

Debate concluded.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the

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 accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

Debate concluded.

16. The Council adjourned at 18:32.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament