

ing-trial detainee, or ATD, population of nearly 54 000, that is, nearly one third of our total inmate population. This is an entirely unsustainable and unacceptable state of affairs, and something has to be done.

If we were to revert to the subject of the criminal justice system continuum and understand the pressure on inflows into our system from the rest of the cluster, it becomes clear that we run a real risk of Correctional Services being turned into the dustbin of the criminal justice system, and not just the Cinderella! This is precisely because inmates are housed at our facilities behind high walls, out of sight and inevitably out of mind. It is so easy to ignore the problem because of its physical isolation from the rest of the community and, importantly, because of its isolation from the decision-makers whose decisions and actions impact on our facilities.

Given the imperatives of our Constitution and our department's commitment to a human rights-based system of corrections and rehabilitation, we cannot allow conditions in our correctional centres to decline to such an extent that the notion of a dustbin becomes the most appropriate and deserved description of our centres.

We have, in response to the overpopulation problem, put in place a capital expenditure programme of accelerated infrastructure expansion to accommodate dramatically escalating inmate numbers. However, even with an optimistic interpretation of the current trends, this programme of expansion will only begin to overtake accommodation backlogs by the end of this decade.

Clearly, infrastructure expansion cannot be the only solution to this problem. We must intervene on the supply side of this equation. Several pieces of legislation have made provision for magistrates, prosecutors and heads of prisons to address the issue of awaiting trial detainees. The problem is that these mechanisms are rarely exercised to the full benefit of the system.

Magistrates have the option of considering alternative sentencing mechanisms when dealing with low-risk offenders, but alternatives such as community service in lieu of incarceration are seldom considered. Also, the affordability of bail seems not to be a consideration when magistrates deal with low-risk perpetrators, and little effort is exercised to determine whether the prospective ATD in question can be put under supervision, as described in section 62 of the Criminal Procedure Act.

Heads of prisons are empowered to cancel bail provisions and release ATDs on warning if the offence is not serious and the offender cannot afford the bail that has been set. This mechanism, too, is often ignored by heads of prisons.

Plea bargaining is another mechanism that has the potential to impact positively on ATD populations, but detainees are rarely advised of these options, and prosecutors resort, more often than not out of habit, to the very methods that are already swamping our department's resources.

The courts release about 16 500 inmates per month who have been detained unnecessarily. This problem is caused by arresting or charging an individual in a case before it is ready for trial. This is a problem. Many inmates are routinely released after three months when it becomes clear that prosecution will just not take place. This clearly places an unnecessary burden on our resources, not to mention the impact on arrestees who risk losing their jobs, being deprived and unnecessarily removed from their communities, and gratuitously deprived of the civil liberties to which they are entitled. We should perhaps consider—and I would like the criminal justice system to consider this—the reintroduction of case-readiness certification before a person is charged. This was used before to very good effect.

I must commend the members of the Cape Law Society who have each volunteered—

and we are talking about 7 000 legal practitioners—three days of pro bono work to the criminal justice system. One of our more effective programmes is a schedule of legal practitioners dealing with plea bargaining and also identifying particularly vulnerable people on the awaiting-trial prisoners' programme. They are moving these people out by identifying blockages, shaking up our prosecutors and magistrates and making sure that these people can move. Now, if volunteers can do it, our system itself must allow for this. [Applause.]

The factors that contribute to elevated prison populations have come under renewed scrutiny by the Integrated Justice System Task Team that has been appointed by the JCPS cluster to deal with the issue of overcrowding, in general, and the matter of ATDs, in particular. It is our genuine hope that the remedial measures recommended by the cluster will materially impact on our department's inmate populations and ease the pressure on its scarce resources.

There is an aspect of prison population demographics of which few people are aware: fully 67% of our inmate population—sentenced and unsentenced—is under 35 years of age. Now, think about this: if the average sentence of prisoners is just over nine years, the bulk of our inmates will re-emerge into our communities fully expectant of reintegration once their dues have been paid to society. If our rehabilitation programmes are not appropriately resourced, we run the risk of turning loose on society young people that will have little alternative other than to revert to crime if their capacity to cope with that society has not significantly been improved and altered since their initial entry into our system.

The department and Treasury are engaged in an ongoing process to ensure the alignment of the draft White Paper and the budget allocation. If this exercise is based merely on a review of current expenditure patterns, delivery by the department on its mandate

will be severely hampered. What is required is a fundamental revision of the real cost drivers and the current baseline allocation. This realignment exercise must be conducted as a matter of urgency. The wider the gap between the expenditure patterns and policy provisions, the more difficult it becomes to achieve that policy's stated aims. This realignment exercise must be conducted and completed soon.

With reference to our expenditure on personnel, there are several risk areas that should be noted. The success of our care, corrections and development programmes is highly dependent on a range of professional and middle-management skills that are unique to this kind of work. Our vision of a people-centred corrections work process is put at severe risk if we do not acquire the necessary psychological, medical and other attendant skills. This is a people-driven business that requires a specific mix of skills. To ignore these requirements is to impact on our very *raison d'être*.

In terms of our budget allocation, the impact of HIV/Aids cannot be ignored. Increased budgets for peer education will be necessary, not to mention the cost of expanded antiretroviral treatment programmes, prevention regimes for other communicable diseases and voluntary counselling and testing processes. The need for specialist nutritional and medical skills associated with the treatment of HIV/Aids infections is acute, and is also expected to rise sharply in the short to medium term.

I must echo the sentiments of the Minister on the issue of overtime payments. It should go without saying that our roughly R8.5 billion budget simply cannot sustain the R900 million—nearly 10% of the budget—we spend annually on overtime payments. The expenditure crowds out spending on operational elements of our work, and is to the detriment of the department and the inmates who occupy our correctional facilities. Retaining a five-day week dispensation, as

opposed to a seven-day model in the SA Police Service and other comparable departments, is simply indefensible.

With respect to the issue of children imprisoned in our facilities, the pressure on overcrowding will not abate unless the number of secure places of safety increases commensurate with demand. We rely totally on the provincial departments of social development for the provision of these facilities. Failure to provide the necessary infrastructure places an unnecessary and unsustainable burden on the budget of the DCS. It also puts us in breach of our constitutional obligations and a number of international agreements to which South Africa is a signatory.

Looking to the future, our budget will come under increased pressure as certain provisions of the new legislation become applicable. The Draft White Paper, too, contains specific cost drivers that are unavoidable if the stated aims are to be achieved.

We have sympathy for the Treasury's valiant attempt to weigh priorities in the face of competing interests for a limited pool of resources. The key to unlocking the full value of the money that has been allocated to us is innovation and imagination. We will have to develop improved methods of achieving more "bang for the buck". Should we not then, as a cluster, consider a shared services model, pooling non-core segments of our expenditure such as salary processing? This would liberate resources from our budgets for operational programmes that impact on service delivery and an expanded reach to our clients.

I would like to invite Mr Selfe and everybody in this room, not only to monitor and watch us, but to assist us in making corrections the community issue it is, with your constituencies. We will certainly have to do it in ours. [Applause.] I know, with your persuasive capacities, you will be an ally in this process.

So, regarding this model of shared resources, I am going to leave you with that thought. If we are going to be imaginative on the way forward, I lay it before this Chamber during Vote No 21 for consideration and approval. [Applause.]

The CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES: Hon members, the hon Chikunga will be making her maiden speech. [Applause.]

Mrs L. S. CHIKUNGA: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister, Deputy Minister, hon members, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, addressing crime must not be separated from maintaining the rights of victims of crime and providing an appropriate support structure for them. It is important, however, in a humanitarian society, to take one step further and ask ourselves: To what extent are those in prisons themselves victims, not only of violent crime, but also victims of the apartheid legacy or of our past history?

The Prisons Act, Act 8 of 1959, closed the system off from inspection by outsiders by prohibiting reporting and publishing of photographs. This served to entrench a relatively closed institutional culture within the prison services, which resulted in a tendency for the norms of prison law to be relatively remote from daily practice. Harsh punishment for transgressions within prison centres was the order of the day.

Racial segregation was prescribed by legislation and it was vigorously enforced throughout South African prisons. The 1980s saw some rehabilitation processes taking place, but those were insignificant. They were soon overshadowed by the declaration of the state of emergency on 21 July 1985, and which lasted until 1990. The mass detention of political prisoners during this period further inflated the already problematic prison population.

In 1990, the apartheid government separated the prison services from the justice department and renamed it Correctional Services. The year 1994 brought with it a noticeable

transformation within the department. It led to the demilitarisation of the correctional system, thus enhancing the department's rehabilitation responsibilities. It removed overt signs of repression as prison staff began to deal with inmates in a humane fashion. The appointment of the inspecting judge introduced an independent mechanism to scrutinise and investigate the department's activities. The new democratic dispensation brought about a human rights culture, which is enshrined in the Constitution of the country, and stresses the need for incarceration within a safe, secure and humane environment. The rationale behind a human rights-based approach is that rights imply responsibilities, that is, offenders have to assist in crime prevention.

Furthermore, the Cabinet approved the National Crime Prevention Strategy and adopted an integrated justice system approach, thus making the criminal justice system more efficient and effective. The National Crime Prevention Strategy forced the Department of Correctional Service to re-examine its core objectives and to prioritise its resources. Effective rehabilitation became the focus of the department. The introduction of the Correctional Service Act, Act 111 of 1998, heralded the beginning of a modern and internationally accepted correctional system. Goodwood Prison is such an example.

Despite these initiatives, Correctional Services is still faced with many challenges. These include, amongst many, the proliferation of gangs throughout our prisons. Gangsters are a source of violence and destruction. Their rules involve extensive use of violence, including physical and sexual abuse. Gangsterism has to be broken down from its core. A need for a paradigm shift from a culture of violence to a culture of human rights has to be inculcated in communities and inmates, as well as officials of the department. The anti-prison gang strategy has to be implemented by the department as it is hoped that it may minimise the problems of gangsterism.

It is the right of inmates to enjoy the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health. To achieve this right, the Correctional Service's approach to health care has focused on the restructuring of health services in accordance with the rationalisation efforts of the Department of Health. Communicable diseases, such as TB, malaria, cholera, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/Aids, and chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes and hypertension are managed according to the national Department of Health protocols. In managing HIV/Aids, the department observes the World Health Organisation guidelines on HIV infection and Aids in prison, the principles of a HIV/Aids and STI strategic plan for South Africa, which include prevention, treatment, care and support, research, monitoring and surveillance, and human rights.

For the prevention of the spread of HIV infection, the department runs awareness campaigns and training for offenders and personnel, screening of offenders on admission to identify early signs of HIV/Aids and other diseases; peer education; ensures the availability of condoms; treatment of STIs and Aids complications; attends to early placement or parole of the terminally ill; works in partnership with the Department of Health and other departments, community-based organisations, NGOs, churches and universities.

Yet, it is very true that there are challenges faced by Correctional Services regarding health issues. These challenges include proper management of communicable or infectious diseases in prison, especially in cases of outbreaks, the spread of sexually transmitted infection, including HIV/Aids infection due to coercive sex which is associated with gangsterism.

The roll-out of antiretroviral drugs will need a lot of co-operation between the Departments of Health and Correction Services as it involves a number of interventions such as precounselling, testing, postcounselling,

CD4 counts, issuing of drugs and monitoring. All these will need cautious handling. There is also a likelihood of the increase of antiretroviral drug resistance due to poor adherence, as most inmates who may have previously used antiretrovirals outside of prison usually stop treatment when they enter prison, as they do not want others to know their status. This may make Aids even more difficult to manage.

The stigmatisation of HIV/Aids seems to be a serious challenge in our prisons. Amongst other interventions, the immediate employment of full-time medical officers and other professionals, such as psychologists and others in every region may go a long way in minimising some of these health-related challenges. We will, as members of Parliament, strengthen our oversight function as well.

In conclusion, our fight against communicable or infectious and chronic diseases in prisons is not an easy battle. Ours is to ensure that every official is a rehabilitator and every prison is a correctional centre. The accomplishment of this aim has the political and administrative will, and the wisdom of our Government behind it. All of us need to stand together if we are determined to win.

The ANC supports the Budget Vote. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr N B FIHLA: Hon Chairperson, hon Minister, hon Deputy Minister and hon members, the national commissioner present and his officers, I'll start my input first with an extract by Coetzee. He said that Saint Anthony lived in a cave and only came out of isolation to minister to the prisoners in Egyptian jails, because he was concerned that they were not being treated ethically. With the findings of the Jali commission on the conditions of South African prisons in mind, especially the Grootvlei scandal, it is not far-fetched to state that everyone concerned with corrections in the South African context should be like Saint Anthony: worried about prisoners not being treated ethi-

cally. Hopefully the Grootvlei scandal will not prove to be the proverbial ears of the hippo, reflecting what is really happening in South African prisons.

In view of the above, it becomes evident that there is an urgent need to break the silence about South African prisons by speaking openly about the misappreciation of ethics and reflecting on the urgent need to intervene. General Omar Bradley, Chairperson of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Korean War, observed that, "We have achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience . . . Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical effects". Can the same be said about corrections?

The human race has developed awesome hardware, powerful weapons, thousands of new prisons and a cornucopia of new get-tough legislation. However, have we paid similar detailed attention to ethics? Are we not ethical infants in a world of nuclear giants? The time has come for corrections to look thoughtfully at making ethics work. Ethics is something that responds to values, norms and standards. It indicates what is right and wrong. The values and norms that corrections must strive for in order to act ethically at all times, are also derived from what is regarded as correct, adequate, humane and worth striving for.

The actions of Correctional Services officials need to be principled, but they also need to consider the consequences of their actions with regard to others. In policy analysis this is known as the balancing of interests. Ethics is the greatest good for the greatest numbers. In the end it boils down to the fact that human beings can only meet their needs through serving others. Since corrections has everything to do with serving others, the reality of ethics cannot be treated lightly. Crime, and especially the spate of violent crime, is probably the first and most troublesome issue that comes to mind when ethics and the South African correctional system are discussed. Crime is

the most troublesome social problem. This disease, like a cancer, can corrupt the normal development of all aspects of our lives. At the end of the criminal justice chain, it is corrections that has to keep criminals in safe custody in overcrowded prisons. Prison officials' workplaces are not five-star hotels or country clubs. Justice must be done, and for this reason prisons are uncomfortable places.

An HON MEMBER: Ask Terre'Blanche about that. [Laughter.]

Mr N B FIHLA: These uncomfortable, unnatural circumstances cause stress, because people who probably do not belong together or want to be together are forced into each other's company. You have lawyers, you have doctors, you have businesspeople and you have ordinary criminals who are all stuck together in a prison. That is the situation you get.

According to J Morgan, the United States has a long history of violent crime. Its extraordinarily high level of violence is unique for a society with a high degree of political stability. Thus, it is not surprising that the American criminal justice system is very much concerned with deterring and punishing violent behaviour and incapacitating dangerous offenders.

There is no single satisfactory definition of "dangerous offender". Dangerousness is a complex concept and people can be dangerous in many ways. Compare, for example, the dangerousness of a drunk driver with the dangerousness of a Mafia godfather or with the dangerousness of an intoxicated crack or cocaine addict. The criminal justice system tends to define dangerousness in terms of the propensity to commit crimes of violence.

If the offender is sentenced to prison, he is subjected to another enquiry about his dangerousness. Dangerousness and escape-proneness are the two most important factors in determining the type of prison and level of security when offenders are assigned to

maximum security prisons and when they are assigned to supermaximum security prisons.

In America there is the notorious Alcatraz prison that was established in 1934. There is also the Marion prison that was established in 1963, which was an improvement on the Alcatraz prison, but still a supermaximum security prison. In South Africa we have the C-Max prison in Pretoria that was established in 1997, which has a capacity of 281 with 252 beds. We also have the Kokstad prison, another supermaximum security prison in South Africa, which is the biggest prison in the Southern hemisphere. There is even the contention that it is the biggest prison in the world. That, of course, is being challenged, as the Pelican Bay prison in California, the United States, has 1 578 beds.

Now, these are prisons that are supposed to be foolproof prisons in which there is zero tolerance. At the Kokstad prison you have zero tolerance, which means that it is foolproof. There is no escape from that prison. We have seen that ourselves, because a warder can only enter the prison, using his fingerprints as a "key". Otherwise, the gates will not open. This is outside the prison, not inside. So everybody is identified before they can enter the prison. There is no movement. If you want to move from one cell to another you have to submit your fingerprints first. Then your fingerprints must be recognised as your own. Otherwise, you are refused, because the doors are automatic. It is foolproof.

Quoting W Luyt. "To know what prisons were like before the prisons of today we have to rely on the writings of Plato or consult Jewish religious text in the form of the Bible". In early times prisons were mainly used for temporary detention pending trial, or the infliction of some form of punishment in which the emphasis was placed on shorter periods of incarceration and Draconian sentences after guilt were determined. We now find that that Draconian

part of sentencing has moved to extremely long periods of incarceration. We have somebody in C-Max prison who has been sentenced to 2 000 years. He is there. I am telling you.

Correctional Services in South Africa seems to be at a crossroads with regard to the above extremes. Political change and the introduction of democracy in 1994 have brought about changes in the approach towards inmates. Human rights, the dignified treatment of inmates and the development of offenders became important issues to be pursued. A supermaximum-security prison has been defined as a free-standing facility or a distinct unit within a free-standing facility that provides for the management and secure control of inmates who have been officially designated as exhibiting violent and serious disruptive behaviour while incarcerated. Such inmates have been determined to be a threat to safety and security in traditional high-security facilities and their behaviour can be controlled only through separation, restricted movement and limited movement with regard to staff and other inmates and society at large.

In South Africa these are the categories of dangerous inmates: one, violent, dangerous and disruptive inmates; two, inmates with a history of violent offences or violent conduct inside prison; three, identified and substantiated evidence of gang leadership, leaders of criminal syndicates ... [Inaudible.] ... in cartels who are to be prevented from continuing criminal activity in prison; four, inmates sentenced for violence against and murder of or attempted murder of members of Correctional Services and the SA Police Service; and, five, inmates declared dangerous in terms of section 286 (A) of the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977.

After the Jali commission, the challenge for the department has been to seize the opportunity that currently presents itself. It is important that the department examine its

management and disciplinary systems and their efficiencies. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Mr S N SWART: Chairperson, hon Minister, hon Deputy Minister, may I also take this opportunity of congratulating you on your appointment, and thanking our previous Minister Mr Skosana for the good work he did. Much has been said about overcrowding and may we, from the ACDP, add our perspective on this. However, I may just want to ask the hon Ben something about lawyers in prison. According to my colleague Mr Selfe they are all in False Bay, with due respect to lawyers.

Severe prison overcrowding and deplorable health conditions must continually be addressed and we know that overcrowding remains a problem. I who am a member of the Portfolio Committee on Justice as well, believe that we need to look at the implementation of section 63A of the Criminal Procedure Act. Now, as we know, this process has contributed significantly to the decline of the awaiting-trial prisoners in custody, and we need to check that implementation. We also need to ask to what degree section 62F of the Criminal Procedure Act is being applied. This allows a court to place awaiting-trial prisoners under correctional supervision. We also need to look at the issue of the Legal Aid Board practitioners visiting prisoners and advising them on plea-bargaining in an attempt to reduce the numbers of the awaiting-trial prisoners.

During previous Budget debates, I requested the Portfolio Committees of Justice, Safety and Security and Correctional Services to meet as a cluster to address issues that are of common concern. I am very pleased that this ad hoc committee has called for such a meeting to take place, together with the Portfolio Committee on Social Development. Joint oversight of the various portfolio committees should also take place, as it would be useful to give us an understanding of the issues and challenges facing us. The

way forward that I have promoted over a number of years and one that I see is being promoted well by this department, is the application of restorative justice principles. Now, we know this is premised upon the acceptance of guilt by the offender, the payment of restitution to the victim, where appropriate, or the rendering of community service in cases where there is no danger to public safety.

We in the ACDP commend the Commissioner and the department for the active commitment to restorative justice programmes. We also look forward to the extension of these principles once the Child Justice Bill is passed. The Minister made the point that there are too many children in prison, and we agree. Children should not be kept in prisons where they may in all likelihood be abused and sodomised in the "universities of crime". It has been said that prisons are an expensive way of making a bad person worse. We trust that with the new process of the White Paper this perception will be allayed.

Petty child offenders must be kept out of our overcrowded prisons. The diversion of non-violent child offenders, who do not present a danger to society, is necessary to restore that child to play a meaningful role as a law-abiding citizen. The key to success in the restorative justice approach is that the public feels safe, the victim is compensated and the criminal has a change of heart leading to a new way of life. In conclusion, I wish to thank the commissioner and all his staff for the commitment under very difficult conditions, and we in the ACDP have no doubt that all staff must be adequately compensated. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr I S MFLUNDIS: Chairperson, the Minister and the Deputy Minister, may I also take the opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment. We live in the worst of times, the winter of all life and an era of hopelessness as our prisons are overflowing with inmates. This is a sign that society is not

well. The most unfortunate situation is when these prisons are overcrowded, and are dark, dark, dangerous dungeons, sometimes infested with cockroaches.

We call on officers in the department to assume responsibility. It is a great shame when people in offices of trust are accused and even incarcerated for their misdeeds against the very inmates they are supposed to supervise and then they end up inmates themselves. The Jali Commission seems to have come to stay as each sitting brings to light more and more cases of corruption, if not perpetrators.

We appreciate efforts mounted by the department by rehabilitating the inmates so that when they leave the prisons they should be able to take their rightful place in society. We call on the public to accept them and make them feel at home. A call is also made to the modern-day barons of industry to assist in creating jobs for such people so that they should feel their self worth. We call out to the officers of the department to keep pace with the trends of the present day Government. It came as a shock to me—and I believe to other members of the ad hoc committee—to learn that Treasury has not allocated enough funds to the department, not because there are insufficient funds, but simply because the department had not motivated their case enough. [Interjections.] This cannot be countenanced and should not be allowed to recur.

We in the UCDP call on all faith-based institutions to mount prison ministries in their programmes as part of their calling, which is preaching. It is unfortunate that the discontinuation of payment of travelling allowances resulted in a drop in eyeball-to-eyeball consultations with inmates. This translates to a 41% drop. Alternatively we recommend that more chaplains be appointed to have hands-on supervision. We call on all to live up to the maxim of the department, which reads:

From every official becoming a

rehabilitator; to every prison becoming a correctional centre and a place of new beginnings; to every offender becoming a nation-server through correction.

We look forward to a time when prisons will be yearning for occupation. The UCDP supports the Budget Vote. [Applause.]

Ms S P RWEXANA: Chairperson, hon Minister Mr Ngconde Balfour, hon Deputy Minister Ms Gillwald, hon members, ladies and gentlemen, there is no such thing as a typical female criminal or a new type of female criminal. Women offenders occupy various positions in society and come from various kinds of backgrounds. As women increasingly assume the role of breadwinner in our society, they have greater responsibility for providing money for necessities and luxuries, and many often they resort to illegal means of obtaining money when legal means are not available.

In many instances, economic marginalisation owing to class, race and sex may be one of the main reasons for offences by women. On the other hand, increases in opportunity may allow for women to become criminally active, possibly as a result of a greater number of women occupying positions of greater authority, prestige and technical skill.

Other tentative positions for female offenders in our society may focus on the role of the judiciary. Women are at the mercy of the courts and the formal rules and laws that govern the courts at any specific point in time. For instance, changes in ideological and economic conditions may result in the agencies of control believing at one time in the domestic role of women and, at another, in the corporate role of women, or then, again, in the nurturing role of women. Whatever the belief is at a specific time, judgment is meted out in accordance with those beliefs.

Currently, within the Department of Correctional Services, there are approximately

3 040 women incarcerated in our prisons. Amongst them are fraudsters, murderers, drug offenders and also, of course, mothers, substance-abuse addicts and abuse victims.

The department has outlined rehabilitation programmes for female offenders, which include development programmes and services that are educational, vocational, occupational, psychological, and spiritual and welfare oriented. These programmes aim to address offending behaviour and the causal factors of crime.

Of great importance and necessity is the active engagement of the community in the rehabilitation of female offenders. The community can assist by helping to strengthen the partnership with the department and in the treatment of offenders, as well as in expanding the scope of rehabilitation and care services. Implicit in all the rehabilitation programmes is the restorative justice approach, which is essentially aimed at healing the relationship between the victim, the offender and the community.

In recent years South African women have become the targeted victims of a rising tide of violence, both on the streets and in their own homes. The police, hospital emergency rooms, rape crisis centres and battered women's shelters have recorded an increase in the incidence of rape, sexual assault and domestic violence against women in this country. The violence cuts across race, class, age and cultural backgrounds.

One of the most demanding issues facing the criminal justice system today is how to react to and control interpersonal violence. The cycle of domestic abuse also appears never-ending. Often violent partners and husbands subject victims to repeated attacks.

A tragic consequence of domestic violence is when women in abusive relationships attempt to strike back against their tormentors. Cases such as these often result because the woman believes her life and those of her children are in danger. Her claim of self-

defence is often received with scepticism and disbelief, and more often than not the judicial system challenges the notion that women assault their partners in self-defence.

Within our current prison system there are approximately 164 women incarcerated for killing their abusive partners. The Justice for Women Campaign, initiated by the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, has been rewarded for its intensive investigation into securing the early release of women imprisoned for killing abusive partners, with the release of Anita Ferreira a couple of months ago.

Human Rights Watch clearly emphasises that Government assistance to battered women can only succeed through a concerted effort on the part of a number of different departments. The Department of Correctional Services has heeded that call; it forms part of an interdepartmental committee on domestic violence and participates in the campaign of activism on nonviolence against women and children.

The department has undertaken to provide a framework of intervention that provides a systematic framework for structured needs-based rehabilitation and intervention for female offenders. This process seeks to assess the causal factors of crime and the specific needs of the individual; develop a correction plan in consultation with an offender targeting offender behaviour and the causal factors of crime; involve continued evaluation and monitoring of the impact of intervention; and this process seeks to take place from admission, throughout incarceration and after release.

What is laudable about this process is that it provides a structure for analysing emotional human problems and situations associated with domestic violence. It organises information, beliefs and assumptions around the cycle of violence; provides a rationale for action and decision-making, targeting offending behaviour and abusive relationships; creates a platform for a multi-

disciplinary approach to problems; and enables the department to evaluate, curb and keep track of offending behaviour.

The department has also undertaken to offer specialised programmes for women inmates and these include, firstly, intensive psychotherapy and individual intervention offered to women who had killed their partners; secondly, focusing on offender crisis intervention around abusive relationships or the trauma of incarceration; thirdly, dealing with issues like physical abuse, mental and emotional abuse; and, fourthly, trauma counselling, dealing with forgiveness, reconciliation and trauma associated with emotional and physical abuse.

Ideally, in order to accomplish all these many objectives, the department faces the crucial challenge of engendering the budget for the developmental needs of women offenders. In addition, overcrowding within our prisons and the meagre budget allocation to address that issue pose a critical problem for programme implementation and impact negatively on service delivery.

Not deterred, the department has identified progressive steps to deal with this crucial issue. The department has undertaken to consider parole for women who have killed abusive partners, and the implications thereof have to be studied. Each case will need to be evaluated individually and extensively, and all recommendations thoroughly analysed.

More than 50% of the women in prison are mothers. In some cases, mothers of infants who are imprisoned choose to be incarcerated with their babies. In terms of the Correctional Services Act of 1998, the child of a female offender may be allowed to remain with the mother up to the age of five. While this is far from ideal and there has been no adequate research on the effects of prison life on children who live with their inmate mothers, the department has ensured that policy measures are in place to respect,

protect, promote and fulfil the rights of mothers with their infants in prison. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

The CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES: Order! I would like to recognise a former member of this particular Correctional Services committee, somebody who was also a member of the House for many years and served as a Whip in the National Assembly. It is Mrs Bathabile Dlamini who is with us and is sitting in the gallery. [Applause.]

Miss S RAJBALLY: Thank you, Chairperson. The MF also associates itself with the congratulations to the hon Minister and Deputy Minister on their appointment.

The MF notes that the budget allocated to this department has a long way to go, noting that it has to take care of 35 197 officials, 187 000 prisoners and some 72 000 probationers and parolees. It is an unfortunate reality that our prisons are overcrowded, which is a very sad depiction of the state of crime in South Africa. The MF has been motivated by the decrease in the number of prisons, but it appears that our budget will have to be used to construct more prisons and maintain the existing prisons to allow for more suitable conditions for prisoners.

The MF finds that the intense method for rehabilitation is crucial to turn this situation of overcrowding around and bring down crime. We also see this as everybody's responsibility, including the public. The MF supports the imbizos in this respect. It is evident, though, that overcrowding hampers rehabilitation, and we, therefore, feel that the erection of more prisons and employment of more personnel would help in this regard.

Given our plea for poverty alleviation and job creation, the MF feels that in this regard the department must eradicate its shortfall of 17 000 personnel. With regard to the findings of disgusting misbehaviour in certain prisons, the MF has faith in the department's good governance programme to combat corruption and maladministration.

The MF hopes that the department will, in this term, take charge of the situation in administration, regarding employment. The MF shares its concerns over prison escapes and supports the department's methods in avoiding this. It is further hoped that though the erection of more prisons will assist in easing overcrowding, this will not influence the filling of our jails. The MF says no to crime and supports intense rehabilitation to create balance in our society, and supports the budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr M S MOATSHE: Chairperson, hon Minister, hon Deputy Minister, hon members, fellow comrades, ladies and gentlemen, Commissioner and your officers, over the past 10 years changes in the sentencing policy and practice in South Africa have been dramatic. The transformation of corrections involved major policy shifts which often appeared contradictory. Firstly, there has been a significant increase in prison population, solidified by harsher and longer sentences imposed. Secondly, there has been the introduction of a growing number of alternatives to imprisonment.

This increase in the use of incarceration has created serious and measurable consequences for correctional services. Among these are the annual cost of imprisoning offenders and the necessity to build more prisons to house the ever-increasing numbers of inmates. Our prisons are currently overpopulated by approximately 60%, and the projected higher offender-population necessitates a 10,7% average annual increase in expenditure on supplies over the seven-year period.

Understandably, the decision to incarcerate an offender is not taken lightly, and it may have a serious effect on the life of the defendant, on our correctional system and the safety of the public. The resultant increase in incarceration has created a vicious cycle in our budgeting priorities and has, to some extent, created obstacles in the expansion of community corrections and alternative sentencing.

Attempts to redress this concern have seen the Department of Correctional Services adopt as one its visions and missions proper supervision of persons under community corrections. The Department of Correctional Services aims to facilitate the social acceptance and effective reintegration of offenders and to assist them to adhere to all applicable conditions of correctional parole supervision. This is further evidenced in the spending on aftercare, which will grow from approximately R227,6 million in 2000-01 to R352,8 million in 2006-07. The main cost driver here is expenditure on probationers and parolees.

The increase is anticipated because of the expected wider application of the option of community corrections sentencing by the courts and the implementation of remission and parole boards' legislation. Following approval of an overall implementation strategy for the reviewed parole policy, the Department of Correctional Services has included in its strategy the implementation plan, training on revised parole policy, and by 2004-05 hopes to implement 50% of this revised policy.

The recognition of alternative sentencing has developed and provides a broader variety of sentencing options that can meet varying needs for services and supervision. Some of these include: Section 63(a) of the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977, which allows for the amendment of the bail conditions of certain prisoners; in some circumstances, the requirement bail may be deleted and substituted with the provision that the offender may be placed under the supervision of a correctional official; and plea bargaining.

It has been noted with great concern that these are not utilised effectively or more frequently by the courts and magistrates. Severe sentences for offenders who do not represent a significant threat to public safety can be diverted to alternative forms of censure and thus reduce the burden on our overpopulated prison system.

In recent years the concept of restorative justice has gained momentum. A major contribution made by restorative justice is that it viewed criminal acts more comprehensively, rather than defining crime as simply law-breaking. It recognises that offenders harm victims, communities and even themselves. Restorative justice involves more parties in responding to crime, rather than giving key roles only to Government and the offender. It includes communities and victims. Most importantly, it measures success differently. Rather than measuring how much punishment is inflicted, it measures to what extent harm is repaired or prevented.

Current statistics for the number of probationers stands at 20 673 and parolees total 32 883. Currently, there are 175 fully functional community correctional offices and 21 suboffices. The department has recognised the need to ensure that community correction offices are widely accessible to offenders and the community, and have plans in place to address this shortcoming.

The Department of Correctional Services has managed to increase the percentage of absconders traced from 40,5% in 2001-02 to 68,2% in 2002-03. This was achieved through an increase in the personnel responsible for managing and controlling offenders under community corrections. In addition, the department managed to provide material and financial assistance to 28 143 needy prisoners in 2002-03, against an initial target of 21 000.

Of particular importance is the review and development of a classification system for parolees and probationers. By 2004-05 the Department of Correctional Services hopes to implement this classification system at 25% of community corrections offices. Further, the safety of all staff working at community corrections offices will be taken care of by means of a security plan and will also include a database and baseline norms with regard to risk areas.

Although incarceration is an integral part of combating crime, the department recognises that it must be combined with other effective programmes aimed at preventing, policing, punishment, treatment, restitution, reparation and education. Efforts by the ANC-led Government to address the nation's crime problem have seen the integrated justice system take root, as well as the justice, crime prevention and security cluster consolidate its work in an effort to produce an effective criminal justice system in this country. It is imperative to recognise the collaboration between Government departments and justice system components, which encourage the use of community corrections, parole, probation, fines and other interdepartmental partnerships to co-ordinate and manage correctional responses and options.

Funding for community corrections needs to be increased, if such community-based corrections programmes are to achieve their full potential for cost-effectiveness and public safety. They need to be planned and implemented with adequate budgetary allocations and operational support. In addition, they should be adequately prepared to address the needs of offenders and the communities they serve; they should be operated in a manner that provides information to the public and to offenders about their operations and their selection and placement process; they should be integrated with victim reconciliation and restitution programmes; and they should be engaged in developing community information, support and guidance.

Also important is the involvement of community corrections officers in the supervision of parolees and probationers. Included in their development make-up should be the following: treat each offender with dignity; continuously assess each offender to determine his or her level of risk; encourage a law-abiding lifestyle; assist offenders in re-entering life in the community; and assist offenders in accessing programmes, education or training that provides a law-abiding lifestyle.

Arguably, there is a growing concern and interest in crime and public safety in South Africa, and also cynicism about the effectiveness of the criminal justice system to resolve crime. Many South Africans have urged that criminal justice and correctional systems be made to work together more effectively in order to provide more protection. Many believe that the solutions for reducing crime are shared by all members of society and most do not believe that real change will occur unless all stakeholders work together towards a common solution.

With our democracy has also come the recognition that South Africans are demanding more direct public involvement in decisions that affect their everyday life and the community. They want more say in the final decision-making and expect to be consulted in a variety of ways, and want, where possible, to be involved in developing solutions. They believe it is becoming increasingly important for all criminal justice agencies to ... [Time expired] [Applause.]

Mr C M MORRIS: Mr Chair, Minister, Deputy Minister, commissioner and officials from the Department of Correctional Services, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, someone once said that at the heart of justice is vengeance. However, that old adage is no longer appropriate in the new South Africa with our new Constitution and the restorative justice approach to correctional services.

On an emotional level, a purely punitive approach would be quite appealing to most victims and their families, but on a cognitive level, the history of our criminal justice system has taught us that prisons treat more criminals when it is not accompanied by measures to rehabilitate offenders and reintegrate them into society as fully functional and law-abiding citizens. Of course, this does not imply that the sentences meted out by the judiciary should not fit the crime—they must and we must that the judiciary

would ensure that that happens, but then an enabling environment must be created where convicted criminals can be properly deterred, yet rehabilitated and reintegrated into society.

The Correctional Services White Paper and strategic plan very clearly spell out noble intentions. On face value, we have no major problem with the ends it sets out to achieve, but we must ask: Are the means at the disposal of the Department of Correctional Services appropriate and adequate? Unfortunately, the department faces the challenge of insufficient means.

It seems that the department and the previous Ministry had done their best to lobby for the most funding that they could secure from Treasury. The budget allocated to Correctional Services is therefore a reflection not simply on the department, but more on the priority it enjoyed in the budget cycle under a previous political head. Yet, greater efficiency can be achieved in that part of the Correctional Services budget allocated to, for example, overtime, the parole board and facilities, amongst others.

With the success of the bidding process for the 2010 Soccer World Cup behind the present Minister, we are sure it will strengthen his hand to lobby for more funding during the new budget cycle to achieve the deliverables as set out in the strategic plan. We hope that that will happen. Yet, adequate yardsticks on these deliverables need to be defined more clearly as non-negotiable and not as optional extras.

However, whilst the budget cycle unfolds, allow me to make a direct and constructive appeal to the Minister. Regarding the present and foreseeable budget allocation and all the challenges that we have identified earlier, it seems necessary, if you would excuse the pun, to think outside the proverbial box.

Allow me to abuse this opportunity to appeal to the Minister to give serious consideration to investigate the introduction of call centres

into our correctional services. Many may laugh this off, but not only would it be a means to reskill and employ our inmates as part of their rehabilitation and reintegration, it would also serve as a vital means for generating revenue. This revenue can be used to compensate victims, and improve facilities and savings that inmates can use upon their release as parolees whilst on probation.

A body of research from which we can learn exists where such programmes have been employed successfully and safely within mitigated circumstances and risks. Of course, we should not simply adopt, but adapt that which is potentially applicable to our unique circumstances.

South Africa and the Western Cape in particular are already attracting call centres that are being outsourced from developed countries where the cost of labour is far too high. Reports suggest that we are receiving about 30 new enquiries a month to establish new call centres in Cape Town alone. However, we are competing with other developing nations such as India and others in different time zones and with different labour markets. Many of our inmates are skilled enough to simply be retrained through private-public partnerships with the local and foreign role-players in the call centres and allied industries. We would gladly table more detailed proposals to the Minister for his consideration.

Much of the overcrowding that my colleague, the hon James Selfe, alluded to earlier is due to awaiting-trial detainees. There was a clear reflection on that by the Minister and other speakers, as well. As many of these detainees are juveniles, we also call on the Minister and his Deputy to engage the national Youth Commission and the Umsobomvu Youth Fund in particular, to make sufficient funds available for community youth rehabilitation centres, where communities and NGOs can play primary and secondary roles in both correction and prevention.

With these words, I would like to thank the Ministry, the Department, Treasury, our committee colleagues and the committee section for all the effort they have put into the budget briefings and workshops.

In conclusion, I would just like to give the Minister the assurance that I have not followed him here from sport from the previous Parliament. In fact, I think he might be more popular in this role, because now he can give people tickets to get out, rather than in his previous role where he gave people tickets to get in. [Laughter] I thank you.

MR. E. N. MTHETHWA: Chairperson, hon. Minister, hon. Deputy Minister, members, comrades and friends, I have joined a huge department which has a huge everything: huge problems and a huge will to combat those problems. When talking about the previous Minister, you are talking huge; the current Minister is the same! [Laughter] The chairperson of the committee and the commissioner, you are talking about the same thing! [Laughter]

The Freedom Charter proclaims that there shall be peace, security and friendship. This informs our approach to this department and most of our work in the cluster. I would like to begin by stating what the broad aim of the department is. This aim informs the mere existence of the department and it is to contribute towards maintaining and protecting a just, peaceful and safe society, have awaiting-trialists in safe custody, and promote social responsibility in, and the human development of all prisoners and persons subject to community corrections.

I want to concentrate on the core programme of the department, which has to do with development, care and rehabilitation. Development in the context of the department means the provision of opportunities for social conscience, including vocational and technical training, recreation, and sport and educational opportunities to promote the development of personal and social competencies that will enable incarcerated offend-

ers to reintegrate into communities as productive citizens. Care, here, means the wellbeing of incarcerated persons by providing for physical fitness, nutrition, social links with families and society, spiritual and moral wellbeing, psychological wellbeing and health care based on their needs.

The department has placed rehabilitation at the centre of its programmes and operations. This, therefore, requires that staff at these correctional centres be retrained in order to be able to meet the objectives of the department. This is very important, precisely because of what previous speakers have said—here we are dealing with a programme to change the mindset, not only of the people who are supposed to be corrected, but of society at large. Training has, therefore, been prioritised for the 2004-05 financial year. Work is currently being done to improve human resource planning to ensure the recruitment of appropriate personnel to fill vacancies, to provide appropriate employee benefits, to improve performance management systems and to consolidate internal communication strategies to ensure coherence within the department. This is absolutely critical for delivery in terms of rehabilitation, which is a personnel-facilitated process.

Strategies have been adopted to balance the need for security with the need for conditions that are conducive to rehabilitation. The "Gearing Department of Correctional Services for Rehabilitation" project was introduced in 2002-03, which involved a substantial review of rehabilitation. This is at the core of what the department is doing in the areas of corrections, development, security, care and facilities—all aspects of the department's business. This project requires developing new policy regarding the types of correction programmes offered and the recruitment and training of officials. The training of officials here relates, by and large, to the whole question of having a new approach and new thought on the work at hand, precisely because we have a legacy

which we are correcting as a department. We cannot overlook that because, if we do, we would have failed in our duties.

To enhance correction, development and aftercare programmes, the department introduced restorative justice principles in 2001 with the aim of enabling offenders to make amends with their victims and the community and to bring about a greater sense of healing and community safety.

The problem of prison overcrowding, to which many speakers have alluded, remains the most important influence and the most challenging aspect for Government. Again, it's a task for all of us, and I think that it was merely a mistake of the hon member there, because we all agree that these are some of the things we are faced with as a society, and we have to face them as such. Are you disagreeing? [Interjections.] Not you, Mr Seife.

The Department of Correctional Services recognises the challenge it has of changing the profile of the correctional official from that of prison warden, perceived to be prone to corruption, to that of role model and rehabilitator. This change is, however, no longer optional as correctional officials are best placed to influence offenders negatively or positively.

The department is looking forward to a time when every convicted offender will be afforded an opportunity to be corrected and will, indeed, be corrected. This is not the role of the department alone, but a responsibility shared with society. It is recommended that the department develop a correctional sentence plan for every offender, which will be offender-specific and will take into account a specific correctional setting, probation or correctional supervision. Such a sentence plan will be based on the total needs of the specific offender. This, therefore, suggests that the needs of offenders should be assessed as soon as possible after admission. These may be emotional needs, educational

and training needs, physical accommodation needs, support needs after release, and so on.

The issue of gender is also very critical, particularly in the service plan of the department in relation to male offenders whose victims were women and children. It is important to ensure, as a department, that the period of imprisonment should, at all times, where possible, be used to nurture and rebuild the relationship between the offender, the community and the society at large.

On the Southern African Development Community region front, the meeting of Ministers in the SADC region on correctional services took place on 3 July 2003, in Johannesburg. At this meeting, which became known as the Johannesburg Declaration on SADC Regional Co-operation on Corrections, it was agreed that the days when prisons were seen as places of punishment were gone. It spelt out that these centres are about crime fighting, reducing repeat offending or recidivism, and building a safer society. Amongst other things, the meeting proposed a justice and corrections subcommittee under the SADC organ on Politics, Defence and Security, and, furthermore, that this was to be taken to SADC's Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ. Sign.

A desire was expressed for the success of the plan to further assist non-SADC countries involved in the Conference of Eastern, Southern and Central African Heads of Correctional Services—Cesca—with the objective of having a similar component within the African Union. Many responsibilities were given to different countries, ranging from the transfer of foreign nationals, the role of corrections in peacekeeping, to considering UN guidelines on HIV/AIDS in prisons, etc.

South Africa, specifically, was given the tasks of firstly, developing a draft common philosophy on corrections, and I suppose that that philosophy will be informed by our own philosophy in relation to the matter.

and, secondly, developing a position paper on co-operation within the criminal justice cluster.

In conclusion, I would like to say that as we celebrate 10 years of democracy, the department prides itself on the way it has changed in its approach. Previously the department was known as a penal institution, and now it represents a more progressive model of service delivery. Clearly every one of us has a role to play in creating a safe society to live in. Without the building blocks of development, rehabilitation and a caring society, our objective would remain an ideal situation. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: Chairperson, before I thank the members who have participated in this debate, firstly, let me recognise Dr Vera Chirwa, the Commissioner of the AU Commission on Human and People's Rights who is here in South Africa today and will be here over the next period. She is over there in the public gallery. [Applause.] She is in our country to inspect the observation of human rights in South African detention facilities and to see what we are doing in those facilities. That also includes psychiatric facilities—not only those for jails. Thank you very much, Dr Vera and your entourage, for being with us today.

Secondly, I would like to thank the hon members for their participation in today's debate. It's quite enlightening to listen to members putting challenges that we need to look at. In the same voice, I also want to acknowledge how proud I am of the Deputy Minister. She used to do the programme on 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children, and she has managed to take that from justice and has brought it to us here. [Applause.] I am quite proud of that. Yes, if we have to talk about women in prison, then the contribution that she and the Deputy Secretary of the Women's League are going to make will be immeasurable within this department.

Thirdly, I would like to say that I do acknowledge uBatha, and she has been acknowledged already. There are a number of other people around here whom I see who are former prisoners, some of them are former political detainees. I hope that they will be able to contribute to this department, as well.

Lastly, in Kokstad there is a big prison and the chairperson comes from Kokstad. I can assure the chairperson that I will not lock him up in that Kokstad C-Max prison because he has been a very good chairperson for us today. [Laughter.] So, at least, even if there was something against him, I would make sure that I give him a better cell than anybody else.

The CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES: Thank you, Minister! Thank you!

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: There are issues that you as members have touched on. Overcrowding is a concern, but I think all of us understand how we are going to tackle that. There was also a lovely article in *Business Day* yesterday. I want to commend whoever wrote that article about overcrowding and how it bedevils the issue of rehabilitation and correction programmes.

Regarding the three-meal system, there are prisons that have already put those systems into place. It is quite right that we are talking about that because it is inhumane to give people supper at 11 o'clock. We are trying our best. Good things are happening within Correctional Services, and some of the staff who are here will bear testimony to that.

As far as gangsters in jail are concerned, that is a no-no. We will make sure that we do not tolerate that type of behaviour in our jails. We will move them; it is as simple as that. We cannot allow them to fester and to be little enclaves for young people to come in. We have an anticorruption strategy, an anti-rape strategy and we have very good programmes—restorative justice is one of

those. We have a former prisoner who is working at our offices in the Ministry. John, who is actually now one of the teachers of restorative justice to prisoners, to inmates. He was an inmate himself and he is now working in our Ministry. I am very proud of him.

Regarding women and children in prison, that is a situation that touches one, especially when you see those young children in prison. I am a father. I am a father of three daughters. When I see children in prison, especially little girls, it touches me. However, we have to take this issue to our society, that is all of us, and say to parents, "If our children commit offences and bail is granted or parental guidance is needed, parents should not tell us what they tell us time and time again, namely that they are scared to take those children into their homes." It is not correct. It is not right. [Applause.] The state cannot parent for parents. The state cannot do that and I am going to be very strong on it. No parent is going to get away with murder. We can't do that. We can't leave our responsibility to other people.

I see some stakeholders here, and I see Ma sitting there, as well. The other day, when we had a problem at Pollsmoor, the first person who phoned us and told us about the problem was Ma. She is sitting over there next to Bathabile. She is the mother to Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi. [Applause.] She is involved in many programmes.

I am not happy with the issue of escapes in prison. The commissioner knows that. I think that the leadership that is here with us ought to assist us with that. There are good men and good women in the Department of Correctional Services, many of them, so we should always look for the good things that are happening in our prisons.

There are programmes that deal with furniture, steel, agriculture and farming. Those are things that are happening in our prisons and we have to educate the public. The

media has to help us educate the public so that we can be able to tell them what good things are happening; not only the bad things that are happening.

The final response that I just want to make very quickly is that I spoke about the Jali Commission and the inspecting judge. They are here with us. I have said that we will support the work of the Jali Commission. They have given us 11 interim reports and we are going to make sure that the proposals they have made are followed up. They are on their last lap now. They will be working in the Ncome area from next week, and then they will fold up their work. However, the work that they have done has really shown us that there are culprits within Correctional Services. We are going to pursue those culprits, ensure they are brought to book and lock them up. Secondly, those who are fellow conspirators to those culprits must know as well that guilt resides as much with them as it does with the wrongdoers. So, the issues of "Operation Thula"—"Operation Silence"—are issues that I cannot condone within our system.

We have a limited timeframe to cleanse the department from corruption and bad management, but, by God, we are going to make sure that we do that, that we enforce discipline and everything else that goes with it! We cannot allow corruption to prevent what we want to do within. There are loopholes, I know, that are being exploited by those who are corrupt and which result in long drawn-out hearings and a rise in litigation. We will make sure that criminal proceedings will be instituted against those people.

At the present moment I am starting a revised disciplinary code and procedure that will contribute towards dealing with the menace of corruption within Correctional Services. I do acknowledge Judge Desai, who is the chairperson of our national correctional services council; the Inspecting Judge—Judge Fagan; Mr Modisenyane—the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee

on Correctional Services; and Kgoshi Mokoena, the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Security and Constitutional Affairs.

I would like to invite all members to come and eat. Cheryl says I should not say: "to come and eat" but I am going there to eat. [Laughter.] This thing of looking at size within Correctional Services has to stop. Chairperson, one has to give red cards. You see, I don't have red cards and yellow cards anymore because I am no longer in sport, but red cards have to be issued. The fact that I am quite big does not mean that everybody has to be big within Correctional Services. [Laughter.] The fact that the chairperson, the former Minister and, of course, the commissioner are big should not be a thing to play with. We didn't make ourselves big. We did not request to be big. [Laughter.]

We are going to the Goodwood recreational centre where we are going to have to

network. Cheryl puts it diplomatically and says, "We will network, Minister". I am saying I am going to eat and not to network. So, please, make sure that you get there and assist us in doing the work that we really want to do within Correctional Services.

Thank you, commissioner, and thanks to your team; thanks to the members, the unions that work with us, Nicro people who work with us and everybody. We thank you very much for the contributions you will be making over the next five years. Amandla! [Power!] [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Awethu! [Is ours!]

The CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES: Thank you, hon Minister. There is a lot of space for big people in Kokstad C-Max. [Laughter.] I promise we won't throw away the key.

Debate concluded.

The Committee rose at 13:36.

**PROCEEDINGS OF EXTENDED
PUBLIC COMMITTEE—
OLD ASSEMBLY CHAMBER**

Members of the Extended Public Committee met in the Old Assembly Chamber at 11:02.

The Deputy Speaker, as Chairperson, took the Chair.

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APPROPRIATION BILL

Debate on Vote No 20—Sport and Recreation South Africa:

The MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. Good morning hon members, ladies and gentlemen. It is an honour for me to deliver my maiden speech during the Budget Vote of the Department of Sport and Recreation in this august House, just over a month after having been appointed to the position in Cabinet.

In that short space of time, the Deputy Minister—whose tenure in the position has been even shorter than mine—and I have spent a lot of time orientating ourselves to the new environment and have started to make strategic adjustments to the course in which sport and recreation is heading in our country.

The past few weeks have been very heady, to say the least. But we have, however, been able to take up the challenge with the enthusiasm that a dynamic area such as sport and recreation deserves. And as a team the Deputy Minister and I, the Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation, the Select Committee on Education and Recreation, the evolving Ministry of Sport and Recreation and the department, with its associated public entities, will soon be moulded into a

well-oiled machine that will take sport to new heights in our country.

Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the great strides made by our predecessors, Ministers Steve Tshwete and Ngconde Balfour, in moving our sport towards the goal of our dreams. Let us also take time to acknowledge the leadership and sacrifices of those who contributed towards defining and protecting the goal that we must achieve: great sportspersons such as Sewsunker Sewgulum—also known as Papwa; M N Pather; Hassan Howa; A R Abass; Eric Majola; Duncan Pikoli; Errol Vawda; Don Kalie; Denis Brutus; Sam Ramsamy; Denis, Sipho and Victor Siwisa; Tertius Sondlo; Misses Penduka, Ntlabati and Roberts. The list is very long. These sons and daughters of South Africa chose the difficult but noble path of struggle that brought our country where it is today and we are very proud to be custodians of that tradition.

Sport is a very important part of society. It is also a very important barometer of how a particular society is organised. For that reason, our country, too, has the responsibility to use sport to assist our people to move in a particular direction—the direction of a deracialised South Africa which is sensitive to gender issues; a South Africa that is also biased in favour of the poor and those at risk—people such as children, the youth, women, the aged and people with disabilities. The dignity of these people must be restored and protected. Their freedom to have access to a better life must be protected and we believe that sport can play a very big role in achieving these goals of Vision 2014.

Sport is a powerful transformative force. It only depends on the agenda of those in charge for it to fulfil this potential. Under apartheid, it was divisive and was used as a tool of domination and subjugation. During our democratic era, sport has started to make a substantive contribution to nation-building and reconciliation. Let us take this opportu-

nity to congratulate the leaders of the Soccer World Cup Bid 2010—both the organisers under the bid chairperson, Mr Irvin Khoza, and his CEO, Mr Danny Jordaan, as well as the presenters at Zürich, under the leadership of our President, Mr Thabo Mbeki. They all did us very proud.

Spurred by this spirit of motivation, we have seen great performances by our national teams. That includes the female Springboks in their own two tests against Wales, and I know that they lost both tests. But we have also recognised that in Port Elizabeth they lost by three points, and at Loftus they lost by one point in their first and second tests against the Welsh who were playing their 17th and 18th tests. To all of them and the organisers of the Olympic flame relay in Cape Town we say: Well Done! Ngxatsho ke!

The challenge that faces our department is how to build on these successes and use them to build a united, patriotic and motivated nation. We are challenged to inculcate a spirit of nonracialism among players, administrators and federations. Yes, we are challenged to level the proverbial playing fields in the accessibility of sport and recreation opportunities, facilities and amenities, as well as resources—both human, skills and financial; and accessibility to all our people, without discrimination. We are challenged to make South Africa a playing nation and, subsequently, a healthy, responsible and tolerant nation.

In our view, the starting point to achieve this is to get the basics right. Community clubs must be revived and our children in township and village schools must be assisted in doing sport. There are no shortcuts to this approach. School sport is a crucial lever in empowering young people towards healthy and active but disciplined lifestyles. Sport promotes the motor skills of learners; it promotes teamwork and leadership skills. School sport is a nursery for participants in senior echelons of sport.

There are many reasons for nonparticipation in sport by most school children in our township and village schools. One key reason is the absence of a well-oiled machine to organise and manage school sport. Such a machine needs to be adequately backed by the state and needs to be accountable to all stakeholders. A rugby match between Afrikaans Seuns Hoër—called Affies—and Pretoria Boys High School two weeks ago is recorded to have attracted 17 000 spectators, and the spectacle was captured in half of the front page of *Pretoria News* on the following Monday. Now, township and village schools do not get any such coverage when they organise similar games.

The above discrimination or selective morality will only end when schools become catalysts of integration, especially through sport. They will also assist the media to be more equitable in these matters. We are strongly arguing here for a focused attention on the schools and community clubs in building a broad base for talent scouting, development and nurturing. This is the mass that will transform society and deracialise it. We must go back to making Wednesday afternoons school sports days. But this cannot happen by chance.

The Department of Education and our department are fine-tuning how this vision must be implemented. Our Government also allocated money to the nine provinces through the Division of Revenue Act to kick-start mass participation in sport. We intend to build on this.

We are also encouraged to note that the leaders of the SA National Defence Force, the SA Police Service and the Department of Correctional Services are also revamping organised sport and recreation programmes in their sectors. This will have a very good spin-off on the quality of athletes in our teams, as it used to be the case before. Our contribution to Nepad is already visible in Botswana, Burundi and elsewhere in Africa—all this because of the initiatives of our

National Defence Force sportspersons. The SANDF also has the scientists and professionals to assist with training where our federations, like swimming, need specialised trainers.

Our department must have the financial resources to oil these budding partnerships. We cannot expect the Defence Force to use its facilities for this work while we are not contributing to the wear and tear of those facilities, if we want these partnerships to survive.

The maintenance of facilities could be looked after by us to facilitate an outreach programme by those endowed to those communities that are in need. The Deputy Minister will deal with that in respect of the schools endowed with facilities, and how they can use those to reach out to underprivileged communities. In this way our diverse situations can begin to contribute to a unity of purpose.

Our department will also forge partnerships with departments other than that of Education. We have to discuss with the Department of Health how to build the bone and muscle structure of our children. The first team players of our own local club, Red Lion, at the Nyala village, can never, despite their skills, hope to be selected for the provincial, let alone for the national team. They are simply underweight and emaciated, and we must discuss this with the Department of Health.

We must also discuss with the Department of Labour the training needs of athletes with disabilities, so that they can manufacture some of the tools used in sport and also acquire skills that they can use beyond participating on the sports field. I was just talking to the MEC from the Eastern Cape about Zanele Situ, who was a heroine after the Sydney Games, and who is now very shattered, because after the games nothing happened to her life. And as a matter of fact, she is wondering whether she would be able to go to Athens at all. I think she will—after our discussion.

We must discuss with the Department of Trade and Industry the business opportunities that the expansion of sport in Africa is creating. Above all, we have to discuss with the Department of Social Development how we can use sport and recreation to take young people away from substance abuse.

It is our view that we should also assist in sensitising young people at school and in society to the dangers of substance abuse, HIV and Aids as well as the dangers of doping. It does not help to have all these international anti-doping agencies, and yet we do not go out with an education programme to those who will ultimately be the clients of those initiatives. We have always said that sport cannot just focus on the person for the 90 minutes of football. It must build a rounded person. This is what we will strive for. The federations will benefit from this, and South Africa will also benefit from this new citizen.

The Mass Participation Programme will be launched at the end of July in Upington in the Northern Cape. To achieve our goals we need a reasonable budget. Our Government has done reasonably well to date; if we compare the R30 million or so of 1994 to the R286 million budgeted for this year. But the situation is bleak when we see that the budget will be decreased to R180 million next year. We accept the fact that the budget for the Building for Sport and Recreation Programme will be part of the municipal infrastructure grant of the Department of Provincial and Local Government. But what we are budgeted for, in essence, means that we are budgeting 40 cents per child per year for our 14 million children, and this is not a very good picture.

Our belief is that this gloomy situation can be mitigated by an adjustment in the other resources over which Government has control. In this respect, we will be approaching our colleague in DTI to consider increasing the allocation percentage for Sport and Recreation from the National Lottery in-

come pool. At the moment we get 10% of the total income. We think it should increase. When this happens we will be able to achieve the outcomes we have set for ourselves.

On 15 May 2004, Fifa awarded South Africa the right to host the 2010 Soccer World Cup. This was a seminal decision for both Fifa Africa and Fifa South Africa. The World Cup will come to Africa for the first time in Fifa's 100 years. The decision was a sweet cherry on our celebrations of 10 years of democracy, but we promised Fifa and our people in Africa a unique World Cup—a professionally organised and a people and Africa-friendly World Cup. We must now deliver on these promises.

To this end, our Government will be fully involved in all facets of the organising. This is important to protect the integrity of our country and of Africa. It is important to carry with us the support of the private sector, whose role is very critical for the event to succeed. We must be involved for the protection of the interests of our own people and our neighbours. Obviously Safa will play a major role too, but we will all be a team, just as we were in Zürich on 15 May and before. We are ready and willing. An interministerial committee will be appointed shortly to oversee the process. Our Deputy Minister will dwell on the impact of this World Cup on the economy of this country and on that of our neighbours.

Whilst on the 2010 World Cup, we must refer to bidding in general. While we are acutely aware of the extent to which hosting major international events is prestigious to federations and the country, we have to do it in a responsible way. We do not want other countries to see us as being gluttonous. We do not just want to host each and every international event that is on the table. We have to be very cautious not to offend other African countries and our allies by being too robust in competing for such events.

To manage the situation, we are in the

process of finalising our Bidding and Hosting Strategy for sport events. This will be part of the national strategy for hosting international events. When we host major events in our country, we must ensure that our own teams participating in them are competitive, that they are able to maintain the interest of the paying public and that they are able to enhance the benefits that can accrue from those events.

I am aware of the levels of investment required to sustain competitive athletes and teams, and am happy to announce that the Government has made its first commitment to the establishment of a national sports academy system. Its R10 million investment during the current financial year will be utilised to assist in the preparation of our athletes who will participate in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Athens in August and September respectively. After a tendering process, the facilities and services of the Universities of Pretoria and Stellenbosch for the Olympic and Paralympic teams, respectively, were identified as sites for the academies, and the first intake of elite athletes have reacted very positively to their experiences in the programmes.

Processes are currently in place to establish the permanent national academy in the form of a public-private partnership that will avoid the need for us to create a new infrastructure for the purpose. The national academy will be linked organically to a system of provincial and regional academies that will work in tandem with sports federations, from club level upwards, to ensure a comprehensive support base in the development pathway for identified athletes to enable them to unlock their full potential.

A national academy system constitutes an integral part of a successful sport and recreation system in which the interests of participants at all levels are catered for. It will never be realised, however, without an efficient and effective governance, management and administrative system. It is for this

reason that we have decided to rationalise the governance structures for sport and recreation in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministerial Task Team appointed last year. The proposals that have been approved by Cabinet will see the establishment of only two macrostructures, namely a fully-fledged government department and a nongovernmental Sports Confederation; the latter comprising of the National Olympic Committee of SA, Nocsa; parts of the SA Sports Commission; Disability Sport SA, Disa; the SA Commonwealth Games Association; the SA Student Sports Union, Sassu; and the United School Sports Association of SA, Ussasa.

I am convinced that the new arrangement, which should be consummated by the end of this year, will eliminate the confusion, especially amongst athletes, of whom to relate to and will certainly eliminate much of the administrative duplication and turf wars currently prevailing in sport and recreation. The national federations will retain their responsibility for developing their sport through the entire development continuum. They will work very closely with Government, which will take greater responsibility ... [Time expired] I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I call on the next speaker, I want to mention that hon Minister Stofile is no newcomer to the National Assembly. He was the first Chief Whip of the ANC. Welcome back.

Hon members, today interpretations are available on channels 5 and 6 if you need them.

Ms N R NTSULANA-BHENGU: Madam Deputy Speaker, hon members, fellow South Africans, South Africa has made history in sport in the first 10 years of our democracy. We have developed transformation policies and strengthened the unification of our sports structures, as opposed to the previous structures that were set up along racial lines. We made our mark in the global village

when we as African champions entered the Soccer World Cup held in France in 1996.

Disability Sport South Africa made us proud when they brought back home 15 gold medals, eight silver medals and nine bronze medals from Sydney in 2002. We have, since 1994, hosted more than 10 international sports events. All these events have generated socio-economic gains for our country.

We have built 414 multipurpose sports centres and nine indoor sports centres, since 1994, in areas that did not have such facilities in the past. We have won the 2010 Soccer World Cup bid, an event that has economic spin-offs for the African continent. Africa, this is your bid. Take advantage of it. Prove to the world that you can stand together and do it.

We want to thank the 2010 Bid Committee, particularly Mr Danny Jordaan and Dr Irvin Khoza. Although South Africa lost the 2006 Soccer World Cup bid, you made sure that Africa did win the political battles of the Soccer World Cup by influencing the introduction of a rotational policy in FIFA. We want to thank you for that.

To our two former presidents, Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr F W de Klerk, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, President Thabo Mbeki, all Government Ministries, the business sector and the media, I would like to say, your presence in Zürich strengthened our bid. We thank you. [Applause.]

To our former Minister, Mr Ngconde Balfour, SAFA and the bid committee, yours was not an easy task. There was good and ugly backstage work, starting with the 2006 World Cup bid. This provided us with a learning experience and an understanding of each other's roles when a country puts forward a bid. We thank you for your sterling work.

Contrary to what the DA always says, that there should be no government involvement in sports, the involvement of our Government in the 2010 Soccer World Cup bid has,

once again, proved the DA wrong, showing up their lack of understanding of international politics. [Applause.] No country can be awarded a bid without government guarantees. The ANC-led Government knows how to play this game, and the ANC is here to stay. [Interjections.]

Our 10 years of democracy have not been without challenges. We have also had the bad side of sports. The Ellis Park disaster is one incident that South Africa will never forget. We have also experienced the match-fixing scandals in cricket and recently in soccer. We commend the investigation initiated by SAFA. This matter is now in the hands of the police. Those found guilty should rot in jail. We think, however, that Minister Stofile should take decisive political steps to ensure transparency, good and clean governance in sports.

We welcome the appointment of our new Minister, Rev Stofile, and his Deputy, hon Gert Oosthuizen. We commit ourselves to working with you in your strategy of going back to the basics to achieve transformation and attain the goal of building a healthy, active, winning nation. We think that this approach will open job opportunities for the unemployed youth and women.

The manufacture and supply of sports and recreation equipment by Local Economic Development co-operatives should be initiated together with the Departments of Labour, and Trade and Industry. A lot can be learnt from Cuba in this regard.

We also need to link our sports programmes to health and education so as to enhance a culture of learning and a healthy lifestyle. We should promote chess for mathematics students, Monopoly for business economics students and skipping rope for fitness. The list goes on.

Indigenous sports should be highly promoted in areas with no sports facilities, as these are the sports that were played by all communities before there were sports facili-

ties. Central to the achievement of this goal is the role of the officials in the Department of Sport and Recreation in all spheres of government. The manner in which we use the integrated development approach and our ability to interact with other departments will make us succeed.

It would be important, therefore, Minister, for us to unpack the Cuban model on sport and recreation in order to identify areas that are relevant to our situation, and take a collective decision on how South Africa can learn from Cuba.

Sport and Recreation South Africa presented the 2004-05 Budget Vote and a strategic plan for 2004 to 2007 to the Ad Hoc Committee on Sport and Recreation. We thereafter engaged some of the sports structures on the budget and the strategic plan for purposes of getting an understanding of how in line our budget is with the needs of the people on the ground. We thank all those who made submissions to us on these matters. Your input was valuable, and we shall always refer to it in our process of transformation.

We commend the efforts of Sport and Recreation South Africa, under the leadership of Prof Denver Hendricks, who presented to us a number of priority areas that need the response of Sport and Recreation. These are priority areas that were identified by the President in his state of the nation address. We, however, have identified that the budget for Sport and Recreation is far below the needs and delivery expectations of the country.

We are also aware that the President offered to accompany our former Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mr Ngconde Balfour, to present to Treasury a more realistic budget for Sport and Recreation. We urge our new Minister to take advantage of the President's offer.

USSASA, in response to the Budget Vote, pointed out that there are 14 million school children in South Africa. We are currently

spending 40 cents per year on each child. We want to bring it to the notice of Parliament and Treasury that school sports is an unfunded mandate.

Sekela-Somlomo, amalungu ePhalamende ahlale ethola izicelo emiphakathini esihlala kuyo. Lezi zicelo zokudlala nezamabhola. Lokhu kusho ukuthi vele abantu bayadlala njengoba sikhuluma nje kodwa-ke isikhalo esikhulu esezinto zokudlala ezindaweni zasemakhaya nasemalokishini. Lesi sabelomali esinaso asenele ukuthi singazifeza lezi zidingo. (*Translation of Zulu paragraph follows.*)

[Madam Deputy Speaker, members of Parliament who always receive requests from our communities, these requests are about sports and balls. This obviously means that people from rural areas and the townships are engaged in sports. However, their main concern is the sports facilities. This budget we have is not enough to meet these needs.]

The transformation process in the 10 years of our democracy has not achieved the desired results. Our biggest culprits are federations that window-dress when it comes to the development of sports. Some do not want to develop players within their respective provinces and geographical areas of residence. Instead they poach and import players from other provinces so as to create an image of being politically correct by having a few black faces in their provincial teams. This is not transformation. It is window-dressing and it will not take our country anywhere.

We are, therefore, of the view that the issue of giving development funding to federations who are not interested in the development of the players should be revisited. We would rather see a situation where development funds go directly to those who are in need of it. This issue will need further interrogation.

The Lottery Fund has not adequately addressed the problems of the needy sports

people and sports structures. Instead accessing this fund has created more frustration for its target group. The application form is obtained through the Internet. Who has an Internet service in rural areas such as Harding, where there is no electricity? Required documents include a two-year audited financial statement. Where do I get an audited financial statement when I am starting from scratch? This is surely a recipe for the exclusion of those that are from poor areas. [Applause.] We are of the view that the Lottery funding policies and criteria need to be reviewed so as to make the Lottery Fund more accessible to the needy communities.

Sport and Recreation has presented to us the Mass Participation Programme, with a funding of R20 million. We welcome the introduction of this programme. We, however, do not agree at this stage with the recruitment of the 216 volunteers and spending R1 200 on each per month. We believe that there are people in each community who have volunteered and organised our youth to participate in sport and recreation activities at grassroots level. Their frustration has been the lack of support from the Government in the form of transport, a subsidy fee for players from poor families, lack of sports kits and sports equipment, lack of access to sports facilities where schools and poor communities are expected to pay high fees to access these facilities.

We think that there is a need for much broader consultation on this issue in order to ensure that the system we put in place does not hurt those who are currently working in these areas without being financially rewarded. We are therefore asking Sport and Recreation South Africa to delay the recruitment of the 216 volunteers until such time that we have satisfied ourselves that all screws have been tightened and that this expenditure is in line with the needs of our communities.

Otherwise the ANC supports the Budget Vote. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mnr T D LEE: Adjunkspeaker, ek gaan in beide Afrikaans en Engels praat en ek is seker die Minister verstaan beide tale baie, baie goed. Eintlik praat hy ook Afrikaans baie goed.

Dis nie aldag dat ek President Mbeki gelukwens nie. Vandag wil ek egter namens die sportmense, die toeskouers en borge van Suid-Afrika baie dankie sê dat hy ons verlos het van die Ngconde Balfour-juk.

In dieselfde asem wil ek geluk sê aan Minister Stofile met sy aanstelling, asook aan sy adjunk, die agb Gert Oosthuizen. Minister, die geluide wat ons tot dusver uit u Ministerie gehoor het, klink soos musiek op die ore van alle sportliefhebbers, vanaf die jongste tot die oudste.

Ek wil u net waarsku dat net soos Suid-Afrika in 'n stryd gewikkel is om die nalatenskap van apartheid te oorkom, sal u ook in 'n verbete stryd gewikkel wees om die Ngconde Balfour-nalatenskap in sport te oorkom.

Ek het verwys na positiewe geluide uit die Ministerie en sal graag daarop wil uitwei.

Eerstens, die feit dat die Minister graag ons kinders weer wil sien speel, dat Woensdag en Saterdag sportligas weer by die skole moet herleef, word verwelkom. Dit sê vir ons dat u klem, mnr die Minister, op ons kinders se ontwikkeling sal val, eerder as u voorganger se obsessie om in die kies van nasionale spanne verstrengel te raak en kwotas in almal se kele af te dwing. (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follows.*)

[Mr T D LEE: Deputy Speaker, I will speak in both Afrikaans and English and I am sure the Minister understands both languages very well. He actually speaks Afrikaans very well.

It is not every day I congratulate President Mbeki. Today I would like to, on behalf of the sport men, the spectators and the sponsors, thank him for relieving us of the Ngconde Balfour yoke.

At the same time I would like to congratulate Minister Stofile on his appointment as well as to his deputy, the hon Gert Oosthuizen. Minister, the sounds we have heard coming from your Ministry so far sounds like music to the ears of all sport lovers, from young to old.

I would just like to warn you that just as South Africa is involved in a struggle to overcome the heritage of apartheid, you will also be locked in a grim struggle to overcome the Ngconde Balfour heritage.

I referred to positive sounds from the Ministry and would like to elaborate on that. Firstly, the fact that the Minister would like to see our children play again, that Wednesday and Saturday sport leagues will once again be revived at schools is welcomed. This tells us that your emphasis, Mr Minister, will be on our children's development, instead of like your predecessor's obsession with getting intertwined in the selection of national teams and forcing quotas down everybody's throats.]

The DA welcomes the new sports Minister, Mr Stofile's changed stance on racial quotas in sport. According to an interview in *Rapport* newspaper, he no longer supports this idea.

The DA has long held the view that predetermined quotas do a disservice to all concerned. Besides disillusioning those excluded from teams purely on the basis of the colour of their skin, they also undermine the efforts of those black athletes who make their provincial teams on merit. Imposing quotas may in fact do more harm than good in terms of sport development, as emerging sportsmen and -women will be aware that they owe their places in teams to the quota system when they would prefer to be chosen purely on merit.

However, there is absolutely no question that the majority of South Africans were excluded from representing their provincial and national teams under the previous apart-

heid regime, and that must be corrected. But the correction required is to ensure that everybody—and I'm glad that that is the Minister's view—has the opportunity to develop their sporting skills and excel.

If excellence, talent, merit and hard work are the highest goods in sport, success will follow. Australia succeeds because it puts excellence at the top of its priority list. The DA therefore supports the establishment of the sport academy. Quotas, the worst kind of race-driven approach to advancement and selection, are conversely a recipe for disaster.

To this end, Mr Minister, you should throw all your energies into supporting sports development by providing resources for new facilities and coaching in disadvantaged areas. By looking after grass-roots sports development, you will make a much greater impact in correcting the imbalances of the past.

Die DA het nog altyd geglo die enigste rol wat die regering in sport moet speel is om toe te sien dat genoegsame middele beskikbaar gestel moet word vir sportfasiliteite en afrigting in voorheen benadeelde gebiede, om soveel as moontlik jong kinders vanaf primêre skoolvlak aan sport bloot te stel om sodoende te verseker dat talentvolle spelers uit hierdie voorheen benadeelde gebiede geïdentifiseer en ontwikkel word, en dat daar baie nouer skakeling en samewerking—en ek pleit hiervoor, Minister—tussen die Departement van Sport en Ontspanning en dié van Onderwys en Opleiding moet wees om meer effektief en koste-effektief te wees. U weet en ek weet watter rol onderwysers in ons lewe in die sportlewe speel om ook nou saam te werk met plaaslike regeringsinstellings sowel as die sakegemeenskap om te verseker dat meer geld sowel as vaardighede en personeel, vir sportontwikkeling beskikbaar gestel word.

Mnr die Minister, ek wil graag verwys na 'n man, 'n sakeman in Port-Elizabeth. Sy naam is Stan Andersen. Dit is 'n man wat sonder basuingskal stadig in die townships

ingegaan het en baie sportfasiliteite op sy eie ontwikkel het. Ek sou graag wou hê dat die departement en u as Minister bietjie gaan kers opsteek by so 'n mens om uit te vind presies wat hy gedoen het. Ek dink dit is iets wat ons eintlik moet aanbeveel en ek persoonlik sal dit aanbeveel.

Adjunkspeaker, behalwe vir die feit dat die begroting ver te kort skiet, word te veel geld, plus minus een derde van die begroting, aan salarisse vir personeel bestee. Ek glo dat as ons minder geld aan 'n meer "lean and mean" staatsadministrasie bestee, daar meer geld sal wees vir rugby-, netbal-, sokker-, krieketvelde en tennisbane in die nabyheid van skole. Dít is wat die jeug van SA nodig het.

Dis om bogenoemde redes dat die DA die Minister se voorneme om die departement en die SA Sportraad te amalgameer, verwelkom. Dit is net jammer dat van die amptenare se posisies in die gedrang sal kom wanneer hierdie amalgamasie plaasvind. Dit is baie jammer, omdat die daargestelling van die SA Sportraad 'n onnodige duplikasie was. 'n Mens kan maar net hoop dat deur hierdie samesmelting meer geld beskikbaar sal wees vir sportontwikkeling.

U weet, mnr die Minister, dit is snaaks dat ons 1 April vir hierdie samesmelting gekies het. (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follows.*)

[The DA has always believed that the only role government should play in sport is to see to it that sufficient means are made available for sport facilities and coaching in previously disadvantaged areas, that as many young children as possible from primary school level be exposed to sport so as to ensure that talented players from these previously disadvantaged areas are identified and developed, and that there is a much closer connection and co-operation—and I am pleading for this Minister—between the Department of Sport and Recreation and that of Education and Training in order to be more efficient and cost-effective. We both know what role the teachers in our lives played in our sport lives, working closely

with local government institutions as well as the business community to ensure that more money, as well as skills and personnel for sport development could be made available.

Mr Minister, I would like to refer to a man, a businessman from Port Elizabeth. His name is Stan Andersen. This is a man who went into the townships slowly and without any fanfare and developed many sport facilities on his own. I would like the department and you as Minister to learn from such a person and find out exactly what he has done. I think it is something that we should actually recommend and I will personally recommend it.

Deputy Speaker, apart from the fact that the budget is greatly lacking, too much money, plus minus a third of the budget, is being spent on salaries. I believe that if we spend less money on a more lean and mean public administration, there will be more money for rugby, netball, soccer, cricket fields and tennis courts in the vicinity of schools. That is what the youth of South Africa needs.

It is because of the above-mentioned reasons that the DA welcomes the Minister's intentions of amalgamating the department and the SA Sport Council. It is just a pity that some of the officials' posts will be in jeopardy when this amalgamation takes place. It is regrettable, because the creation of the SA Sport Council was an unnecessary duplication. One can only hope that through this amalgamation more money will be available for sport development.

You know, Mr Minister, it is funny that we voted for this amalgamation on 1 April.]

The 1st of April is called April Fool's Day, but I hope this is not a joke.

All South Africans are ecstatic about the fact that we will be hosting the Soccer World Cup in 2010. We are very proud, and justly so. It is an honour which, I humbly submit, we richly deserve.

This achievement would not have been

possible if it was not for the unselfish service and dedication of a small group of people—the SA Bid Committee. These gentlemen and ladies did our country proud and they deserve every accolade coming their way. To Messrs Khoza and Jordaan, the leaders of this team, a special word of appreciation. And to Danny Jordaan, from one Port-Elizabethan to another—I hope you'll not only get the freedom of Port Elizabeth, but the freedom of the whole bloody country.

But, winning the right to host the World Cup is only the beginning. We cannot, and should not, rest on our laurels. The unique opportunity that we have of hosting the World Cup should be used, firstly, to unite the nation. To this end we must strive to get all South Africans, right across the political spectrum, and the business community, involved in an effort to have everything in place by 2010. And secondly, we must become a winning nation. I think we are all disappointed in what is happening in soccer in South Africa. The time has come for SAFA to get their house in order. For too long they have staggered from one controversy to another.

There are many young South Africans who are dreaming of being part of the 2010 squad. It is in their interest, and because we want to give them the best possible chance to perform well in 2010, that South African soccer should get their ducks in a row. [Interjections.]

Perhaps that, too.

If we want to be ready in 2010, we must get cracking now. We must remember that there are stadiums to be built, infrastructure to be upgraded and a host of other things to be done. The World Cup is going to have a massive economic impact, not only on mainstream tourism, but also with regard to job creation during the build-up, the actual event and afterwards.

We will also be able to build a tourism infrastructure, which we would never have been able to afford without the World Cup. This is a fantastic opportunity for our country. Let us utilise it to the full.

I also want to congratulate our teams that are doing very, very well. Those teams are Bafana Bafana . . .

. . . die Springbokke, sowel as Ernie Els.

Ten slotte wil ek dankie sê aan agb Ruth Bhengu vir die bekwame manier waarop sy die komitee lei. Dan ook aan die amptenare wat daar agter sit; die manne en vroue agter die skerms. Aan die amptenare onder die bekwame leierskap van prof Denver Hendricks in die departement en dr Joe Pahla in die kommissie wil ek ook dankie sê vir hulle toewyding. Dames en here, met beperkte middele tot u beskikking het u baie skaflik vertoon en daarvoor moet Suid-Afrika vir u baie, baie dankie sê. (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follows.*)

[. . . the Springboks as well as Ernie Els.

In conclusion I would like to thank the hon Ruth Bhengu for the capable manner in which she is leading the committee. And to the officials at the back; the men and women behind the scenes. To the officials under the competent leadership of Prof Denver Hendricks in the department and Dr Joe Pahla in the commission, I would also like to say thank you for your dedication. Ladies and gentlemen, with limited means at your disposal you performed well and for that South Africa must thank you very, very much.]

We must thank you, Dr Joe Pahla for what you are doing, for your performance. He is shaking his head, I don't know why. I'm saying good things about him. [Laughter.]

U weet, as John Ncinane miskien vandag voor sy TV sit, en as mnr Louw . . . Ek sien nie eens mnr Louw hier so nie. O, daar sit die ou, daar sit die ou! U sien, ek gaan nie vandag iets doen nie, want as ek dit sou gedoen het, sou mnr Ncinane sy televisie stukkend gegooi het en mnr Louw sal van sy stoel afgeval het. So ek wag vir 'n week of twee, miskien is daar iets anders. Baie, baie dankie vir hierdie voorreg, Madam Deputy Speaker. (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.*)

[You know, if John Ncinane was perhaps sitting in front of his TV today, and Mr Louw . . . I don't even see Mr Louw here. Oh, there he is, there he is! You see, I am not going to do anything today, because if I did, Mr Ncinane would have broken his TV and Mr Louw would have fallen off his chair. So I will wait for a week or two, maybe there is something else. Thank you very much for this opportunity, Madam Deputy Speaker.]

I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr B W DHLAMINI: Hon Deputy Speaker, I hope the Minister will believe me when I say on behalf of the IFP that we congratulate him on his appointment, and the Deputy Minister and the DG and his team, the guys from the SA Sport Commission.

Hon members, sport and recreation is one of the most constructive vehicles for transformation that this country has used for reconciliation. Sport is not just a matter of 22 players on a soccer field or 13 players on a cricket pitch. Sports and recreation is a lifestyle. It is about the norms and values of a given society.

The IFP agrees with the department that sport, which incorporates recreation, is a pervasive institution worldwide that can be used as a medium to achieve specific outcomes, whether positive or negative. Sports and Recreation, more than any other Ministry, is playing a leading role in the reconciliation and getting together of our people in this country. It is with pride that we think of the great achievements of our sportsmen and sportswomen in the first decade of freedom and democracy and the re-entry in the international arena. Our sportspeople have done us proud. South Africa is a serious global player in sports.

The challenges facing sport and recreation in our country warrant a change of attitude by Government and Treasury in terms of budgeting and allocation of resources. At the present rate of budget spending it means that South Africa is only spending 40 cents per child. That is not acceptable, given the expectations and the challenges that are facing us—and the expectations of the world.

We should not only host the 2010 Soccer World Cup, but we must win it. It is possible. We have done it with the 1996 African Cup of Nations, with our home-grown players. We did not have anybody playing internationally. And the reintroduction of sports for schools is the first step in the right direction, because we need to develop our own young people, because your under 12 and under 16 now are the ones to represent us in 2010.

The IFP welcomes the reallocation of the Building for Sports programme to the Department of Provincial and Local Government. This will, firstly, help to make the Treasury realise that there is absolutely nothing that has been budgeted for sport and recreation. Secondly, it will solve the issue of access and maintenance of facilities in local government, because provincial government and local government departments are in touch with those departments and we have got a problem with accessibility and maintenance of those facilities.

With regards to mass-participation, we have developed a new programme that has been introduced by the department. The IFP welcomes this project, but there is one thing that the department must realise. South Africans, more especially in disadvantaged communities, are already playing. If you go to rural areas or in the townships people are playing. All they need is equipment and kit so that they are able to play. I was part of a decision of the committee to say that we should ask the department to really stop with the recruitment of these sports officers, who total about 216, because to us as IFP you would be limiting playing activities to 216 points, as if now you have got massive participation in the country.

Ngifisa ukuvumelana nosihlalo lapha uma ekhuluma ngokuthi njengamalungu ePhalamende siyaye sicelwe abantu esibamele lapha, abasikhethile, ukuthi sibasize ngamabhola, ngezinto zokudlala, ngezizingqathu, sibasize nanoma ngani. Ngiyafisa ukusho mina ukuthi uMnyango kufanele

ubuke ukuthi ungakwenza kanjani lokhu ukuthi, njengoba sekungeniswa futhi lezi zemidlalo ezikoleni, ngaphandle kwebhola lezinyawo, ikhilikithi nebhola lombhoxo, izinto ezinjengezingqathu nazo zinikezwe ezikoleni ukuze abantwana bakwazi ukuqala ukudlala. (*Translation of Zulu paragraph follows.*)

[I wish to concur with the Chairperson when he says that we as members of Parliament are used to being requested by our constituencies, who elected us, to help them to get balls, sports facilities and skipping ropes and to help them with all sorts of things. I would like to propose that the department should consider how they can deal with this, since other sports are being introduced in schools besides soccer, cricket and rugby. Things like skipping ropes must also be provided to schools so that the children can start playing.]

Because if you look now, during breaks, children are doing absolutely nothing, and not only for the sake of playing, but also for the sake of a healthy lifestyle, in terms of the President's call in his state of the nation address. The IFP, therefore, supports the Budget Vote, but recognises that this department is underfunded. We really appeal to Government, Treasury and Parliament to make sure that we take this department seriously. I support the Budget Vote. Thank you. [Applause.]

Prince B Z ZULU: Somlomo, Ngqongqoshe womNyango wezemiDlalo nokuNgcebeleka, Sekela lakhe namalungu ahloniphekileyo, [Madam Speaker, Minister of Sport and Recreation and hon members.]

Sport for All, a tool for development, believes that sport is potentially the single largest unifying factor in our ethnically diverse country. It uses sport as a tool for development and believes that sport has the ability to contribute to the welfare and development, both socially and economically, of communities and the country.

It is always said that children are the future and Sport for All has realised that children need tools in order to become the future and the leaders of tomorrow. Sports and the associated educational processes are able to play a major role in the shaping of the minds and lives of our youth.

Sekela Somlomo, ukuphumelela kwe-Ningizimu Afrika ukuthola ithuba lokuba indebe yomhlaba izodlalelwa kuleli zwe ngo-2010 kube ngenxa yokubambisana kwabantu bonke baseNingizimu Afrika ezigabeni zabo ezehlukeneyo.

Sibone uNgqongqoshe wezemiDlalo kanye nezikhulu zethu zebhola ziqophisana namazwe abengenele umncintiswano, sabona uMongameli wezwe noNgqongqoshe bakhe ekhanyisela umhlaba ngokubaluleka kokuthi indebe yomhlaba yebhola izodlalelwa kuleli zwe, sabona abefundisi bamabandla behlanganisa amakhanda bethandazela ukuthi iNingizimu Afrika iphumelele emizameni yayo.

Izinyanga nezangoma nazo azisalanga emuva zibhula zishaya amathambo zithi umnhlolo ukhomba khona ekhaya. Intsha yethu siyibone iphakamisa iminwe phezulu imemeza ithi "Hhola seveni! Wwoza 2010 kithi eNingizimu Afrika."

Ukubambisana okunjena kwemikhakha eyahlukeneyo kwezemidlalo kukhombise ngokusobala ukuthi umdlalo yisona sikhali esinamandla amakhulu ukuhlanganisa isizwe. Ngaleso sizathu izwe lethu lisesimeni esihle kakhulu sokuthathat leli thuba lenqubekelaphambili ebiza ngamandla ezemidlalo. Ukwenza lokhu ngempumelelo kudinga sihlele kahle sicabange kahle izinhlelo zethu eziyosinikeza impumelelo enenzuzo emphakathini kanye nasentsheni yethu. (*Translation of Zulu paragraphs follows.*)

[Madam Deputy Speaker, South Africa's success in winning the World Cup Bid for 2010 was achieved through the co-operation of all South Africans at their different levels.

We saw the Minister of Sport and Recreation and our soccer officials competing with other countries who stood in the bid, we observed the State President and his Ministers enlightening the world about the importance of the World Cup being held here in South Africa, and we also saw church ministers from different congregations praying together for the success of South Africa.

Traditional healers and the sangomas also took part by foreseeing and foretelling that indeed the World Cup was coming to South Africa. We saw our youth with their thumbs-up signs shouting "Hola Seven! Come 2010, come to us, in South Africa."

This kind of co-operation from different sport structures evidently showed that sports is the most powerful weapon to unite the nation. For that reason our country stands a good chance of prospering by using the very advancement that was brought about by sport. To do this fruitfully we need to establish programmes that will be beneficial to the community and to our youth.]

Sport for All looks at what South African sport has done wrong to date at a developmental level. After 10 years of democracy, why has sport not achieved these goals and why are our national teams not reflective of the demographics of our fantastic country? It is Sport for All's contention that the development programme in South Africa falls short because of the following. Firstly, investment to date has been in facilities and stadiums and not in people and processes. With the wonderful exciting 2010 Soccer World Cup to be hosted in South Africa, there is every danger of repeating the same mistake of concentrating on facilities but not developing the people and skills set for developing the sport. Secondly, the emphasis is on the development of sport and not of using sport as a tool for development, which is potentially sport's most powerful contribution.

Thirdly, the development programmes are the domain of sporting codes, for whom they are not core business. This has recently been

backed up by a change in approach by the Department of Sport and Recreation, who are now taking away their reliance on sporting codes for this development, for the focus has been on quick-fix solutions of fast-tracking talent into the senior teams as opposed to implementing mass participation programmes in the historically disadvantaged communities. One only has to see how underutilised these facilities are and how little sport is played in these communities to realise how much talent remains untapped.

Fourthly, it is the independent approach of the various sporting codes, which view each other as competition, as opposed to an integrated multisport approach. After all, companies merge to effectively benefit from cost savings and synergies. Surely, the magic of initiatives at a developmental sporting level can only benefit from this approach.

Sport for All's own experience in this regard has far outstripped even our most generous predictions.

Yini okumele siyenze? Izinhlelo zokubambisana kwezemidlalo ezenziwe emphakathini waseCato Manor eduze kwaseThekwini eminyakeni emibili eyedlule zibe nalezi miphumela emibili ezilandelayo.

Okokuqala, zikwazile ukuthatha intsha yaqeqeshwa ukuba ifundise enye ngezemidlalo futhi iyikhuthaze ukuze yazi ukuthi imidlalo iphathwa kanjani. Okwesibili, kube ukuba lezo zingane kanye nentsha eqeqeshiwe zithole ukwazi kanye nokuzisiza ngokuzithuthukisa kwezemidlalo masonto onke njengesiqalo esiyisisekelo kwezemidlalo. Ngakho kubalulekile ukuba sonke sikhuthaze intsha yethu ukuba ingenele ukuqeqeshwa kwayo emakhonweni ezemidlalo eyahlukeneyo njenge-basketball, netball, cricket, rugby, hockey, soccer, kidsball, tennis negalofu.

Intsha yethu kufanele iziqhenye ngokuba nolwazi kwezemidlalo eyizinhlobo ezahlukeneyo. Ngakho siyaqonda ukuthi

ukuze lezi zinhlelo ziphumelele kufuneka sibe nezingqalasizinda ezikoleni kanye nasemiphakathini esihlala kuyo. Izikole zethu azinazo izinkundla lapho le midlalo ingadlalelwa khona futhi siyazi ukuthi izingane zethu ezifunda ezikoleni ezisemakhaya yizona ezancishwa amathuba okuzithuthukisa kwezemidlalo.

Sinezingane eziningi ezikhubazekileyo ezondliwa uHulumeni ngemali yempesheni kepha ezingakwazi ukuyofunda ezikoleni zasemakhaya. Isizathu ukuthi lezi zikole zakhiwe ngendlela yokuthi noma ingane ingaba nayo inqola yokuhamba kepha uma isifuna ukungena endlini yokufundela kumele iqukulwe. Ngamanye amazwi isizwe silahlekelwa ngamakhona amaningi ezisuke zinawo lezi zingane ngenxa yokungalitholi ithuba lokuyofunda. Nezithuka ziya ezikoleni, izikole zazo ziyingcosana kakhulu ukuzamukela zonke. Abadlalai bethu abakhuibazekileyo nabo sebekhombise amakhono amaningi kakhulu uma benikezwa amathuba okudlala. (*Translation of Zulu paragraphs follows.*)

[What are we supposed to do? Co-operative sports programmes arranged in Cato Manor, near Durban, two years ago had the following two categories.

Firstly, these programmes managed to train the youth to train others in sports and to encourage them to manage sports. Secondly, these programmes helped those youths who were trained to acquire knowledge every week in advancing their talents in sports as a basic start for sports. It is therefore important that we all encourage our youth to actively participate in advancing their skills in different sports codes like basketball, netball, cricket, rugby, hockey, soccer, kidsball, tennis and golf.

Our youth should be proud of having skills in different sports. We therefore understand that for these programmes to succeed, we need to have facilities in schools and in the communities we are living in. Our schools do not have playgrounds where these games

can be played, and we also know that our children in the rural areas were the ones who were deprived of opportunities. We have a lot of physically challenged children who are supported by the Government grant; however, these children are unable to attend schools in rural areas. The reason is that these schools are built in such a way that even if a child does have a wheelchair, he or she will have to be lifted up when he or she wants to enter a classroom. In other words, the nation is losing a lot of skills, which these children have, in that they are not getting an opportunity to attend school. Those who by chance attend school, have few schools to enrol in. Our challenged players have also exhibited a lot of skills when they have been given opportunities to play.]

Of course, while one cannot predict these things, there is every possibility that some of the players who will represent Bafana Bafana at the 2010 World Cup might just be unearthed and developed in the Sport for All programme.

Lezi zikole ezakhiwe ezindaweni
zasemakhaya azinawo amadamu
okubhukuda zinkundla zethenisi, izakhiwo
zokuzivocavocela nokunye. Impumelelo
abanayo abadlali bakithi ikhombisa
ngokusobala ukuthi uma kungenzeka
uHulumeni abahlinzeke ngezindawo
zokuzilungiselela ezifaneleyo bangenzela
leli zwe okukhulu kunalokhu esikubonayo.

Uma sifuna ukuba nathi sibe nempumelelo
emidlalweni yendebe yomhlaba ka-2010
kuzofanele sibhukule siqale manje ukufaka
lezi zingqalasizinda-ezikoleni zethu kanye
nasezindaweni zomphakathi esihlala kuzo
bese sithatha abaddlali abangochwepheshe
kule midlalo asebethatha imihlalaphansi
kwezemidlalo kube yibona abaqeqesha
intsha yethu. (*Translation of Zulu paragraphs follows.*)

[These rural schools do not have swimming pools, tennis courts and other training facilities. The success that our players have shows

clearly that if the Government can provide them with suitable training facilities they can do wonders for the country, and more so than what we are seeing now.

If we also want to be successful in the 2010 World Cup, we will need to work even harder and start now to make facilities available in our schools and the community centres in which we live, and we will need to involve the retired experts in these games so as to coach our youth.]

The next step is that, after having established a very successful working model and important partnership, Sport for All is now concentrating on the twofold approach of improving the quality of the programme and expanding the programme to improve more lives.

In order to successfully achieve this twofold approach, Sport for All is looking to extend its partnership to include funding relationships with both the public and the private sector. As such, Sport for All is currently engaging with the Department of Sport and Recreation, local government and corporate social responsibility funds to achieve these joint objectives of improvement and expansion.

As far as sustainability is concerned, one of the greatest challenges facing developmental projects is the sustainability of the projects. History has shown time and again that projects fail in the long term due to the continued reliance on core funders. As such, Sport for All has developed a model that one sets up to provide viable business opportunities for the community and as a result, it is self-sustaining. This provides funders with the means to ensure that the funding provided achieves potential return and the ability to exist, knowing that the community that has benefited will be well catered for in the future.

Sport for All sees the opportunity for the city council as being one such partner—a partnership based on the needs of the chil-

dren of the community. The Sport for All and council partnership will provide the council with the means to create jobs and improve the lives of many thousands of children, the youth and their families in the historically disadvantaged communities of South Africa.

We envision a partnership where the council becomes a partner by funding one or more centres in their community in which each centre provides the following direct benefits for the community: five full-time jobs in excess of 30 contract coaching positions; coaches receiving coaching accreditation and life skills training; a fitness centre and gym for community use with trained personnel in attendance and weekly coaching and training for many children and youth in multiple sporting codes, with soccer being the core sport.

During the course of the training life skills are also transferred to the children and youth by coaches who are trained to do so. Regular competitions for all participants at the centre, the development of sporting champions and community role models, a likely reduction in crime and juvenile delinquency ... [Time Expired.] [Applause.]

Mr B H HOLOMISA: Deputy Speaker, hon Minister, hon Deputy Minister and hon members, the UDM congratulates our new executive.

Kambe ndiyabona ukuba utat' uStofile akakaqheli ukuba apha kuthethwa ngexesha; ngoba intetho yakhe akayigqibanga. [Kwahlekwa.] Akukho phaya kwipalamente yamaphandle apho nithetha nje apha. [Kwahlekwa.] (*Translation of Xhosa paragraph follows.*)

[By the way, I can see that Mr Stofile is not yet used to the fact that here we speak according to time allocated; he did not finish his speech. [Laughter.] It is unlike in the rural parliament where there is no time limit. [Laughter.]]

There can be no doubt that sport has promoted the image of our country in the

past 10 years. Our participation in and hosting of international sporting events have given our sporting heroes an opportunity to be ambassadors for the new democratic South Africa. There is, therefore, a need to invest more resources in the sporting codes of this country. Of necessity, the department should promote sporting codes such as soccer, given the upcoming World Cup tournament in 2010. As I have stated on an earlier occasion, it is also necessary to increase the access of all communities to sporting facilities, and this can be achieved under the auspices of the Expanded Public Works Programme through social investment codes attached to all infrastructure tenders. Let the contractors who bid for the infrastructure contracts invest a percentage of the worth of each project into basic sporting facilities. In this fashion we will ensure that children in all communities have an opportunity to engage in a positive pastime instead of being enticed into alcohol, drugs and other destructive activities.

The advantage of hosting the Soccer World Cup tournament should be exploited to give further impetus to our efforts to provide sporting facilities to all communities. The World Cup legacy must extend beyond just a few big stadia. It appears that the budget for sport will never be enough, but by exploiting the overlap with programmes such as the expanded Public Works and the World Cup bid, we should be able to access financing to achieve our goals.

The investment we make into sport must also extend to our people. Development of players must be enhanced dramatically. A pool of development players in each sporting code must be created throughout the country. Each sporting code must appoint scouts to visit all areas and examine the development pool continually.

Finally, regular competitions at regional and national level must bring together players from the development pool as well as established players. This way we can ensure

that development players get continuous exposure and opportunities to further their sporting careers if they have sufficient talent. A database of development pools from school level upwards must be kept and constantly monitored to ensure that talent does not slip through the cracks. The UDM supports Budget Vote 20. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Mr V C GORE: Hon Chair, hon Minister, hon Deputy Minister and hon members, on behalf of the ID I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate the hon Minister on his appointment. Your first few months have truly been a baptism of fire, from the euphoria of South Africa winning the World Cup bid for 2010 to the latest week of the breaking scandal of soccer match-fixing. We wish you well in this daunting job hon Minister, and hopefully you can use a lot of your wisdom in resolving the many problems that confront you.

The ID believes that this ministry plays a pivotal role in bridging the divides of the past and building a united and "proudly team South Africa". With this in mind, I would like to turn my attention to an often marginalised and forgotten sector of our society; that of disabled people. The Department of Sport and Recreation has achieved a lot in this sector, and for this they must be congratulated. This, sir, has done a lot of good and I want you to be aware of that. [Applause.]

However, hon members, an incredible amount of work still needs to be done in this regard, in order to achieve the full integration of the disabled persons into South African society, and in particular around issues of sport. A lot of work needs to be done around areas of integrating the disabled sportspersons into sports where they can compete against their able-bodied counterparts, for example, swimming and athletics. The disabled person does not expect special treatment; we demand equal treatment. We

insist that we are given the same opportunities as all other sportsmen and women. We require that we be given equal access to sporting facilities and stadiums around this wonderful country of ours.

Finally, we are adamant that the barriers that exist to the usage of recreational facilities are removed. These are not feeble requests or wishes, hon Minister, but are rather grounded in our Constitution and reflect such important principles as dignity, equal treatment and redressing the imbalances of the past. Hon Minister, the ID challenges you and your department to accelerate your programme of integrating disabled persons into mainstream society. Perhaps then the achievements of disabled athletes such as Evans van Dijk, Zanele Situ and Natalie du Toit will become the rule in South African society rather than an exception. [Applause.]

Mr P D N MALOYI: Madam Deputy Speaker, Minister and Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation, hon members, distinguished guests, manene namanenekazi [ladies and gentlemen], the advent of the democratic order in 1994, under the auspices of the ANC, unleashed a barrage of challenges that would have to be addressed by us in order to continue to be active participants in the process of creating a new nation. In this regard, school sport can play a very important role in ensuring that this nation becomes one.

School sport is a crucial lever in empowering young people to develop healthy and active lifestyles. I am certain that school sport can play a central role in the holistic development of learners by promoting, amongst other things, team building, leadership and recreation. School sport also provides opportunities for identifying, developing and promoting talent and it lays the foundation for participation both at national and international level. Despite all I have said—that school sport is a tool for nation-building, that it can empower young people to develop healthy lifestyles and that

it can provide the leaders of tomorrow, etc—the reality, as we are talking now, is that the majority of our learners in the schooling system have little opportunity for participating in school sport. This is a serious challenge, which I think the Minister has identified, that we have to tackle head-on.

We are told that since 1997—you will know Madam Speaker and some of the members, because some of you have been here long before me—that school sport has been located within the Department of Education. Since 1994 the Department of Education and the then sports department had a constant interaction to determine a way forward for the promotion, organisation and placement of school sport. I think that was a very important thing to be done by those two departments, because Sport and Recreation South Africa has a crucial role to play in school sport. That is why it is necessary that these two departments work together to ensure that at the end of the day we develop these young people. In 2010 those young people who are 10 years old today will be 16 years old and those who are 12 years old will be 18 years old. It therefore goes without saying that, if we want to be a winning nation—we do not just want to host events, but we also want to win them—it is key that we must start developing those players now for that period. [Applause.]

When the chairperson spoke to me earlier on before this debate, she was saying to me that they visited Cuba and they were impressed by the manner in which the Cubans developed their young people. You might not believe this, but when that child is 49 days old they start developing it for the future. I think that we will have to go deep into that report of the portfolio committee and see what we can learn from the Cuban model. [Applause.]

We were informed that a framework has been developed that deals with the responsibilities of the two departments in conjunction with provincial departments. The

Departments of Education and of Sport and Recreation have developed a framework in order to understand exactly who is going to do what in terms of ensuring that, at the end of the day, school sport is at the top on our agenda.

We are told that one of the key elements in that framework is that Government should drive the school sport programmes. We cannot leave it with the federations, because the reality of the matter now, when we talk of development, is that the chunk of the money goes to administration, not to the development of that particular child. Now the Government will ensure that, at the end of the day, that money goes to the development of that particular child. [Applause.]

We cannot underestimate the role that has been played by Ussasa. It is therefore key that whatever we do, we should always involve Ussasa. We should do all these things in partnership with Ussasa, because the reality is that they have the experience and they have been involved in these things for quite a long time. Let us engage them and ensure that we work with them in ensuring that we develop this child that we are talking about.

One issue that is emphasised in the framework, which I think we all agree with, is that the programmes that will be developed by these two departments should be open to all schools, whether those schools are affiliated to Ussasa or not. Because the situation now is that Ussasa will focus on those affiliated schools, but let us open this to everybody. All learners must benefit from these programmes. Minister, I know you are listening and you and I are going to be friends very soon.

No learner should be required to pay for tournaments or to participate in these programmes. Go to any park in any township after 17h00 and you will see kids knocking at every door requesting a donation for this or that just to participate in sport. We cannot

accept this kind of a situation. [Applause.] Let these young people participate without being compelled to pay a cent. Whilst I acknowledge the fact that the Department of Sport and Recreation and the provincial departments of sport are underfunded, it is key that this programme be funded by the national and provincial departments of sport. It is key that we must do that. It should not be an unfunded mandate. It is our view that the responsibility for school sport should be borne by both the Department of Education and the Department of Sport and Recreation. We should therefore understand the responsibility of each of those departments.

One of the key responsibilities of the Department of Education is to ensure that school sport is adequately represented in the curriculum and extra-curricular programme of each and every school. That is what they must do. Sport and Recreation SA should ensure that the necessary organisational infrastructure exists for school sport to be played both at representative and competitive level. This is what we should be doing. One of our key objectives is to win major world individual and team championships and titles, as well as medals in major regional, continental and world multipurpose events. I have spoken about these. We do not only want to host them—we want to host them and at the same time win trophies; this is what we want to do. I know that the Minister is ready for this challenge and we are going to make sure that we achieve this objective. I will be behind the Minister, but if he is very slow I will finish this marathon alone. [Laughter.]

Currently the overall co-ordination, organisation, management, administration and delivery of competitive and representative school sport is undertaken by a nongovernmental organisation called Ussasa. Our current role is minimal. I said earlier that we as Government need to make sure that we play a key role in this programme. There can be no doubt that Ussasa has played a pivotal role in the development and enhancement of

sport in the country, but we do not think that Ussasa should be a completely autonomous body that is not answerable to national federations. We do not think that that is correct.

Our view as Government is that the national federations are the custodians of sport in the country and that they must take responsibility for sport at all levels. That is why it is key for Ussasa to be part of those federations and not to act like an independent structure that is not answerable to those federations.

Our understanding and role is very clear. We have to deepen those values that are intrinsic in the success of our vision. We would have failed our next generation if whatever we do, either in our individual capacities or collectively, militates against building a solid foundation that will enable high levels of participation by all learners. I wanted to come to you, hon Lee but my time is ... [Time expired.]

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Lee they call it saved by the bell. [Laughter.] Mr Maloyi, just before I call upon the Deputy Minister, you have provoked a number of us including myself. I do not believe the Cuban report. In my life as an MP I have been on a study tour to Cuba thrice but the rules of the NA do not allow me to participate in the debate. So I cannot give my personal views, because I am not pursuing friendship with you; we are already friends. I know that you are still pursuing friendship with the Minister. We will have a debate, you and I, on the issues of Cuba, outside the Chamber.

Minister, I know you are a good friend, so please lend a hand to a man who is trying to get your friendship. I can tell you here and now that it is going to be a valuable friendship.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Dankie, Mevrou die Speaker. Dit is en bly 'n voorreg om my nuwelings toespraak in

hierdie begrotingspos kan te maak. Ek is dankbaar teenoor die President vir die geleentheid wat hy my gegee het om as Adjunkminister in hierdie uitdagende en baie opwindende portefeulje te kan dien. Sport is en bly 'n belangrike boublok in nasiebou en versoening. Trouens, wanneer ons sportspanne wen, gaan dit goed met alles. As hulle verloor, dan is dit, soos wyle Koos du Plessis gesê het: "Alles wat eers vas was, die tafel en die laaikas, versmelt dan tot blote skadu's teen die muur."

Ons sal in hierdie Parlement poog om alles vas te sement, so ook ons nasietrots en ons gemeenskaplike patriotisme. Ons sê dit, want as Suid-Afrikaners is ons mos 'n eenheid in ons verskeidenheid. (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follows.*)

[Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is and remains a privilege to be able to make my maiden speech on this Vote. I am grateful to the President for having given me the opportunity to be able to serve as Deputy Minister in this challenging and very exciting portfolio. Sport is and remains an important building block in nation-building and reconciliation. In fact, when our sportsmen win, everything is fine. When they lose, then it is, as the late Koos du Plessis said: "Alles wat eers vas was, die tafel en die laaikas, versmelt dan tot blote skadu's teen die muur". [Everything that was firm, the table and the cupboard, then melts into mere shadows on the wall.]

We shall try in this Parliament to cement everything firmly together, including our national pride and our joint patriotism. We say that, because as South Africans we are a unity in our diversity.]

I confirm my allegiance to and confidence in the direction given by this ANC-led Government, as well as in the leadership of the Minister in this important portfolio of Sport and Recreation. I can confirm that in the short space of time that we have been working together, I have been stimulated by his experience and his knowledge.

I am equally encouraged by the extent to which people from all our communities have rallied around me in support of the cause that we are pursuing and in the direction that we are taking this department. In particular the positive feedback that I have received in response to the successful bid of 2010, has confirmed my belief in the value which sport and recreation can have in consolidating the nation-building process in our democracy.

Sport is and can be a catalyst to unite all the people of our country. The responses to the victories of our football and rugby teams in major international competitions over the past two weekends, and then the phone calls I have received—especially phone calls from Afrikaans-speaking compatriots in this country in response to those outcomes—have been inspirational and confirm the potential of sport as a nation-builder.

As a department, we are not only driven by certain objectives and priorities, but we contribute sustainably to certain objectives and priorities as articulated in the President's state of the nation address. Let me refer to some of them.

The President made direct reference to Sport and Recreation on three occasions in the state of the nation address. He emphasised the role that this institution can play in improving the quality of life of all our people. When he wished our participants in the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games well, he reminded them of the role that they can play in nation-building, in promoting national pride and of their responsibility as ambassadors of our country. In congratulating the 2010 Soccer Bid Committee on their success, our President urged the nation to unite in order to ensure the success of 2010 as promised in our submission to FIFA.

Sport and Recreation has the potential and is already contributing to the President's identified priority of eradicating poverty and underdevelopment in our country. We do so by creating employment opportunities, gen-

erating income and thereby assisting in poverty relief in a material sense.

The President also stressed the need to address the persisting conditions of racial and gender inequality that is so visibly articulated through the lack of representativity in our national and other sports teams. This can only mean that resources must be directed at creating opportunities for those who were previously excluded and disadvantaged.

The situation with regard to women's sport remains desperate, especially with regard to representation. A reflection on the number of women and women's teams that have qualified to participate in the Athens Olympic Games paints a less than satisfactory picture of our commitment to gender equity. Fortunately, the exploits of our athletes with a disability is an exception to the rule and provides some reprieve to what could be a serious indictment of our ostensible commitment to equality in our society.

Sport contributes admirably to the President's call for developing a sense of national unity and patriotism. When our representative teams are successful, we destroy those remaining vestiges of social barriers that stand in the way of unfolding our freedom in this country. And let me say, unwillingness to do so will be injurious to our common humanity.

Sport and recreation can contribute to the President's identified priority of the regeneration of Africa. This is in line with the Nepad agenda. Our continent is firmly placed on the international map when athletes and teams from our continent are successful in major international sports competitions. This elicits admiration from people around the world. Together we win, as Africans.

The dominance of our athletes in certain athletic events demonstrates the capacity of people on our continent to excel, if only they are given the opportunity. We must therefore

continue to improve the functioning of the Southern African Development Community, and in particular its technical arm, the Supreme Council for Sport in South Africa, Zone VI. We must do so by assisting our neighbours in the same manner as we supported Mozambique to host the first Zone VI Games. Those events brought together more than 2 000 young people from the region, and contributed to the harmony and understanding between people of our sub-continent. We must continue to build on other bilateral relations with countries beyond the African continent. We do this with a view to developing these relations into multilateral relations with countries on the continent, as is the case with our relationship with Canada.

The President urged South Africans to develop active lifestyles that will contribute to a healthier nation, a decrease in the country's health bill and greater levels of productivity. Sport and recreation is all about an active lifestyle and will therefore play a major role in this very regard. This calls for a joint initiative with the Departments of Health and of Education.

The President's call for programmes dealing with human settlements must ensure that adequate provision is made for open spaces for sport and recreation facilities. This can contribute to enhancing the life experiences of the citizens residing there.

Sport and recreation is continuing to be a vehicle among the youth and, in particular, to promote positive experiences. We aim to counter antisocial behaviour and to promote a sense of belonging. We aim to assist, through sport, a community spirit in pursuit of greater social cohesion, crime prevention and moral regeneration.

The President emphasised the need for promoting co-operative governance in our society, especially between the three spheres of Government. Sport and recreation is delivered at a local level where communities participate socially, recreationally at infor-

mal sport and recreational clubs. We therefore have to ensure that the structures at these levels are sufficiently capacitated to ensure that sport and recreation services are delivered and that they provide the basis for getting the nation to play. We have to ensure that the integrated development programmes of the local authorities, the growth and development strategies of the provinces and the national spatial perspective of the national Government are all in sync. This is an objective of our government that we dare not fail. In particular, we have to ensure that the local sphere of Government continues to prioritise and invest in sport and recreation facilities, getting the nation to play and improving the quality of life of our people.

When we think of the needs of the majority of the people of our country, the most important and pressing needs are job creation, income generation and poverty alleviation. As the Department of Sport and Recreation we are proud to say that we have taken up this challenge. We commit to this with the full knowledge that certain local authorities are under pressure not to prioritise sport and recreation in terms of their expenditure. We trust that all local authorities will assist in ensuring that we get the nation to play in such a way that sport and recreation will affect the lives of our people on a daily basis. We ask the commitment of the local authorities to our programmes, because it is there in our communities where the Makhaya Ntinis, the Lucas Radebes, the Esekiel Sepengs and the Bakkies Bothas are. In fact, our communities and our youth deserve better opportunities.

In 1995 we determined that, in order to eliminate the backlog in sport and recreation facilities in the disadvantaged areas of this country by the 2005, we needed an investment of some R5 billion. We were also aware that given the sport and recreation budget of the provinces, whose competency it is to build facilities, we would never reach that target. Accordingly the department set

out to acquire those funds and we registered our first success in 1995 by managing to procure R150 million from the Reconstruction and Development Programme.

When those funds dried up at the end of 1999, the building programme came to an end and that was at the great distress, of course, of the sport and recreation fraternity and the public who yearned for opportunities to participate in sport. Our efforts were rewarded in 2000 when we successfully made a bid for funds from the Poverty Relief Infrastructure Investment and Job Summit, enabling us to continue building sport and recreation facilities in deprived communities.

Wat ons eintlik hier sê, is die belang van hierdie meevaller wat ons gekry het was duidelik sigbaar toe ons die ontwikkeling van ons sportinfrastruktuur arbeidsintensief begin maak het. Want dit het brood op die tafel van mense begin neersit. En dit maak 'n verskil aan jou lewensbestaan. (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.*)

[What we are actually saying here is that the importance of this stroke of luck which came our way was clearly visible when we started making the development of our sport infrastructure labour-intensive. Because that started putting bread on the table of people. And that makes a difference to one's existence.]

The results were remarkable, especially as that pertained to the impact we were able to make on social indicators. Over the three years of this project we were able to employ some 13 000 people over the project period. These were temporary jobs during the building phase of the labour intensive projects, utilising only local, emerging contractors. Of these, more than 30% were women, 20% youths and 2% people with a disability. We have managed to build or upgrade more than 250 facilities over the last three years. As a result of our performance, we were rewarded with the extension of the project by a further year during which we plan to build another

110 facilities. To reach our target, as we envisage by 2005, we are still in need of some R4,5 billion.

The remaining resources for the project will be transferred to the municipal infrastructure grant of the Department of Provincial and Local Government in the next financial year. Our task as a department will be one of policy development, monitoring, advocacy and reporting on the process thereof.

We are concerned that sport facilities will now be competing with other interests in the social infrastructure sector of the municipal infrastructure grant. Despite this, we remain confident that local authorities will continue to recognise the need for sport and recreation facilities, despite the other pressing needs. As a department, we will now redouble our advocacy initiatives at local government level. And may I say, at political level the Minister and I will continue to lobby for a ring-fenced allocation for sport and recreation facilities.

Sport and recreation also contributes to the economic objectives as set out by Government in other ways. As a part of the national strategy for hosting international events in our country, we have turned to the lucrative world of bidding for and hosting major sport events. The hon Minister this morning alluded to this and, in particular, to the ethos that we will adopt in this regard.

As a department, we conducted an economic impact study on the 2003 Cricket World Cup. Positive results emanated from that event for our country. The full results are published on our website for you, hon members, and for the public at large to peruse. It is estimated that the economic impact of the Cricket World Cup on South Africa in terms of South African economic activity was R2 billion. In terms of the net foreign spent into the country, the economic impact was R1,1 billion, which indicates the benefits for the economy when such events are hosted.

Approximately 18 500 foreigners visited our country during the tournament and stayed in the country for approximately 16 days. It was shown that the economic benefit created by one foreign visitor was more than that of 16 local spectators at sport events. We must know that every eight foreign visitors create one permanent job in South Africa. Foreign visitors viewed the event very positively. The main concern of visitors before the event was safety and security. However, this concern showed the biggest improvement in ratings from before to after the event.

The Cricket World Cup is a minor international event. The Soccer World Cup is the second biggest sports spectacle in the world, surpassed only by the Olympic Games. The benefits to our country of that event in 2010 will be immense. Accordingly, we will have to plan and prepare for it thoroughly to ensure that we reap the maximum benefit from it. Moreover, we must ensure that the continent and our region benefit. We humbly accept the honour to host 2010 on behalf of our nation and continent. South Africa will merely be Africa's stage. It is our duty to consolidate as Africans and to show the world who we are, what we are and what we have to offer.

The Minister has already alluded to the possibility of incorporating 2010 into the Expanded Public Works Programme. Government, hon Lee, is financially committed to the event. The infrastructure development projects that will necessarily have to be undertaken fall within the Expanded Public Works Programme. But we will ensure that it is completed in time. We will be using labour-intensive methods to ensure that we create as many employment opportunities as possible. But more than that, we will have to train many South Africans and skill many others in the service sectors. 2010 will therefore not only provide opportunities for employment, it will hopefully ensure the sustainability of jobs well beyond the hosting of 2010. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Mnr C B HERANDIEN: Geagte Adjunk-speaker, namens die NNP wil ons ook ons gelukwensings oordra aan die nuwe Minister van Sport en Ontspanning, asook sy Adjunkminister. Die Minister self is 'n ou hand as administrateur van sport en ek glo dat hy hiervan 'n sukses sal maak, en ons wens hom alle sterkte toe.

Meneer die Minister, u het kort na u aanstelling redelik positiewe klanke gemaak, soveel so dat die agb lid Lee vandag nie anders kan as om ook die heuningkwas uit te haal nie. Minister, dit is goed om te hoor dat u sê u is nie van plan om in die toekoms spanne te kies nie. Dit is verblydend om te hoor dat u sê dat u sportbase gaan bymekaar kry en vir hulle sê hulle moet plaaslike talent gaan soek en dit ontwikkel. Die tyd is lankal ryp daarvoor.

Maar iets wat werklikwaar pla—die agb Adjunkminister het ook nou net daarna verwys—is die verwarring wat daar skynbaar bestaan oor waar skolesport eintlik hoort. En ek dink die tyd het aangebreek dat hierdie hoofstuk in ons lewe nou finaal gehanteer word. U sien, meneer—die agb Bantu Holomisa het ook daarna verwys—dit is waar die euwels in ons townships vandaan kom, want kinders is ledig; daar is niks wat hulle kan doen nie.

Dan is daar ook ontwikkeling, waarop u baie klem lê. Die agb Adjunkminister het ook verwys na Makhaya Ntini. Krieket het vir ons die voorbeeld gestel dat daar genoeg Makhaya Ntini's in die townships is, maar hulle moet geloop haal word en hulle moet ontwikkel word. Dit sal nie help u vat nou vir my, op my ouderdom, en wil hê ek moet nou loop krieket speel nie. [Applous.] Maar as ek 50 jaar gelede die geleentheid gekry het, dan was ek ook vandag 'n goeie bouler.

Mnr T D LEE: Nee, nie eens in rolbal nie! [Gelag.]

Mnr C B HERANDIEN: Donald Duck, asseblief, bly maar stil. [Gelag.]

Meneer die Minister, ek weet u wil nie

inmeng by sport nie, maar as ek dit nou gesê het, dan vra ek dat u asseblief kyk waar u u invloed kan gebruik sodat ons tog nie nou maar sommer alles net by die agterdeur uitgooi nie. Ons het darem nou hierdie naweek weer 'n slag die rugby gewen, maar dis omdat ons vir ons besig hou om te kyk watter grootte stewels die manne moet aantrek en watter embleem op die trui moet wees, dat ons die afgelope tyd probleme gehad het dat mense nie wou speel nie. En ek wil werklikwaar vra: wat is verkeerd met die embleem van die Springbok? Watter simbool het die nasie meer gebou as toe oudpresident Mandela met 'n nommer-6 groen-en-goud trui met die Springbok op die bors op die veld verskyn het nadat die Springbokke die Wêreldbeker gewen het? Daardie dag het ek tranes in my oë gekry. En ek wens ek kon die voorreg gehad het om 'n Springboktrui te dra. Daarom vra ek vir u, die invloed wat u kan uitoefen, probeer dit uitoefen, meneer. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: Jy's 'n haas, nie 'n springbok nie!

Mnr C B HERANDIEN: Jy sal anderster lyk as 'n haas as ek met jou klaar is. [Gelag.]

Meneer die Minister ... [Tyd verstreke.] [Applous.] (*Translation of Afrikaans speech follows.*)

[Mr C B HERANDIEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on behalf of the NNP we also want to convey our congratulations to the new Minister of Sport and Recreation, as well as to his Deputy Minister. The Minister is experienced as a sport administrator and I believe that he will make a success of this, and we wish him everything of the best.

Mr Minister, shortly after your appointment you made fairly positive noises, to such an extent that the hon member Lee could do nothing but be flattering today as well. Sir, it is good to hear you say that you do not intend to choose teams in future. It is heartening to hear you say that you are going to get sport bosses together and tell them to go and look

for and develop local talent. The time for this has been ripe for a long time.

But something that is of real concern—the hon the Deputy Minister also referred to it just now—is the apparent confusion about where school sport actually belongs. And I think the time has now come to finally deal with this chapter in our lives. You see, sir, it is here—the hon Bantu Holomisa also referred to this—where the evils in our townships originate, because children are idle; there is nothing for them to do.

Then there is development as well, something you emphasise a lot. The hon the Deputy Minister also referred to Makhaya Ntini. Cricket, for example, showed us that there are enough Makhaya Ntinis in the townships, but they must be fetched and they must be developed. It is of no use taking me, at my age, to go and play cricket now. [Applause.] But if I had the opportunity 50 years ago, I, too, would have been a good bowler today.

Mr T D LEE: No, not even in bowls! [Laughter.]

Mr C B HERANDIEN: Donald Duck, please, rather keep quiet. [Laughter.]

Mr Minister, I know you do not want to interfere in sport, but, having said that, I ask you please to see where you can use your influence so that we do not simply throw everything out the back door. This weekend we won the rugby for a change again, but it is because we keep ourselves occupied establishing which size boots the men should wear and which emblem should be on the jersey that we have had the problem lately of people not wanting to play. And I sincerely want to ask: What is wrong with the emblem of the Springbok? What symbol built the nation more than when former President Mandela appeared in a size 6 green and gold jersey with the Springbok on the chest on the field after the Springboks had won the World Cup? On that day I had tears in my eyes. And I wish I could have had the

privilege of wearing a Springbok jersey. For this reason I ask you to try and use whatever influence you can, sir. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are a hare, not a springbok!

Mr C B HERANDIEN: You will look unlike a hare once I have finished with you. [Laughter.]

Mr Minister . . . [Time expired.] [Applause.]]

Mrs C DUDLEY: Madam Speaker, hon Ministers and members, the ACDP would like to congratulate the World Cup bid committee on their successful efforts to secure the 2010 World Cup tournament for South Africa. This is a huge added incentive for all South Africans who realise the positive role that sport can play in nation-building.

Like many speakers today, the ACDP would like to see more money allocated towards developing sports facilities in disadvantaged communities. While huge stadiums are great assets, they will only showcase the talent of other countries and even exacerbate crime if we do not ensure that sport at local level is developed, accommodated, equipped and encouraged.

More emphasis must be placed on ensuring that every school has easy access to sports facilities, which must include movement and dance activities. Many schools and even street shelters are still lacking in this respect. Some schools have had tremendous advantages in the past and where sport has been a strong influence, good principled leadership has emerged. It is obvious that money must be made available for development of sport and invested where it is mostly lacking and where the need exists. Instead of enforcing artificial quota systems, we should be focusing on encouraging and developing the talent of all young South Africans.

Sport provides opportunities for children and youths to express themselves instead of

expressing their frustrations in less positive and even destructive ways. Sport teaches the youth to interact positively, compete positively and even lose with dignity. Sport teaches us how to play the ball with all our heart, physical strength and mind without stooping to play the man. Sport offers opportunities for creativity, a common vision and letting off steam. It even offers mankind a positive substitute for war, which seems to be a basic instinct.

Our children and youth are the leaders of tomorrow and sport inspires positive leadership skills and qualities such as commitment and self-discipline. We need leaders who have learnt to submit to leadership themselves and who respect authority. We need leaders who realise that they do not have all the answers and can work as a team. We need leaders who can play by the rules and who are big enough to take correction when they are wrong and face the consequences. We need leaders who have a clear vision and don't waver, but who keep their eye on the goal. We need leaders who do not lead on a whim but have a clear strategy for victory.

This must begin at primary schools. For many youngsters it is already too late when they reach high school. Honesty and integrity are qualities that are admired in sport. We desperately need these qualities in our leaders. The ACDP is encouraged to see a willingness to expose and deal with corruption that is eating away at the credibility of our soccer fraternity, and believes a harsh stand should be taken against the perpetrators.

Time and money spent on sports development is an investment for a better tomorrow. For this reason, the ACDP supports the budget. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, this member will be making a maiden speech.

Mr W. D. SPIES: Madam Speaker, I have decided to take this opportunity to address

the House on "the Comrades". This is not about the comrades sitting on that side of the House, but it is the 79th annual Comrades Marathon that takes place tomorrow. [Laughter.] This epic event, introduced in 1929, serves as an example to South Africans in many respects.

In financial terms, the Comrades Marathon became a flagship of sporting events that really benefit the community within which they are presented. According to a socioeconomic study done by the University of Durban-Westville, the race generates an income of R50 million per year for the Durban region. This means that for every single one rand that is spent, a return of R83.50 is generated for the city of Durban. One can just imagine the benefits for our country if the 2010 Soccer World Cup achieves a similar or even a better result.

The Comrades Marathon also became a symbol of endurance in many aspects. It endured the Second World War, apartheid and the years of isolation. It is still going strong after 83 years.

Since it was opened up 30 years ago for participation by any person regardless of race or gender, the Comrades Marathon has also become a symbol of absolute fairness. Former winners such as Sam Tshabalala, Jetman Msuthu and Andrew Kelehe have shown that they did not need quotas to be the best. In this regard, the FF Plus welcomes the hon Minister's announcement that the days of quotas in South African sport are numbered. We now look forward to also congratulate the hon Minister for his actions in this regard.

I personally have had the opportunity of completing this race on two occasions: one was successful and the other was unsuccessful. I missed the deadline with only a few seconds. Despite the disappointment of an unsuccessful race, I learnt that, in some strange way, this tremendous event has a way of delivering winners only. Whether

one is a Willie Mtolo right in front or Willie Spies right at the back, everyone is a winner in his own way.

I came to Parliament with a dream that, in some way, I could contribute to the enhancement of such a spirit in South Africa—a commitment to find win-win solutions for the challenges we face. May we run the marathon that lies ahead of us in this spirit! May we allow one another to be winners and to feel at home in this beautiful country! If this is the spirit, then we shall gladly run along. [Applause.]

Mr S K LOUW: Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to extend our congratulations to the Minister, Comrade Stofile, on his appointment as Minister of Sport and Recreation, as well as to his Deputy Minister, Comrade Gert Oosthuizen. The ANC has confidence in you and will support you during your term of office.

The budget before us today is introduced against the background of our country being entrusted with the task of being the host nation for the 2010 Soccer World Cup. This is certainly no mean feat, given that we were allowed back into the international family of sporting nations just over 10 years ago. The implicit message in Fifa's decision to award us the 2010 bid should be seen as a major vote of confidence in our President and his Cabinet, as well as in former President Nelson Mandela, who played a pivotal role during the bid campaign.

More important is the fact that our preparations for 2010 fit in perfectly with our national project of infrastructure development and our upgrading of sport facilities. When our President announced the Expanded Public Works Programme, none of us could have imagined that an opportunity of this magnitude was awaiting us.

Moreover, the apparent impact will extend to every corner of our sport-loving country and beyond as far as the creation and upgrading of facilities are concerned. It also

includes and complements our Labour Market Skills Development Programme, which is critical for all the people who are and will be involved in the 2010 Soccer World Cup project. South Africa has laid a solid foundation on infrastructure development through its flagship programme, Building for Sport and Recreation.

At the centre of this programme is the co-ordination and monitoring of upgrading of infrastructures. Projects have been identified in line with the Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Strategy with its focus on the rural poverty nodes and the Urban Renewal Strategy. Today we see a vibrant culture of sport making inroads at the highest levels. To further this achievement, the provision of sport facilities to all communities is critical.

In its strategic framework the department indicates that its primary objective was to place sport in the forefront of efforts and to address issues of national importance. A commitment was demonstrated by the department in the 2002-03 budget with R90 million being provided for the upgrading and building of 85 facilities. At the time the estimated total of jobs arising from these projects as 5 500.

In order to ensure the sustainability and upkeep of these facilities, a total number of 100 community sport councils and clubs were established and empowered to run and manage the facilities. A further R129 million was announced by the previous Minister of this department, Comrade Balfour. One hundred and thirteen projects were expected to benefit from this funding. A lot of people were empowered during the building of these projects.

We have to point out that since 1994 Sport and Recreation South Africa has spent some R450 million on building and upgrading facilities countrywide. Over the past two years 142 facilities were completed. Linked to this are the training facilities of managers. Another key priority is to reduce the number

of facilities falling into a state of disrepair and to increase the number of facilities that are self-sufficient, but, more importantly, to promote sport and recreational activities at these facilities.

An important element of funding is the empowerment and upliftment of the previously disadvantaged groups, particularly women and disabled persons. We can note with pride that we are quickly moving towards ensuring that most of our facilities are being adapted and built to accommodate the disabled. School facilities must be brought into the integrated development programmes of the councils so that we can build accessible facilities and stop the duplication in our areas. It must bring us back to a situation in which we will be able to build multiphased programmes in our areas. The overarching objective is to improve the quality of life of all South Africans by building a united, democratic, nonracial, nonsexist society through the provision of facilities for sport and recreation. This strongly indicates that we should concentrate on grass-roots development and ensure mass participation in rural and urban zones.

One critical issue that is a stumbling block at present, is the lease agreements that councils enter into with these private clubs. This type of agreement pops up in all former white-dominated areas. We cannot continue with this type of agreement. They take us back to the old Group Areas Act and the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, and they even endorse the 99-year lease agreements.

This must stop and it must stop immediately. I hope that the department will follow it up with Salga at their earliest conference so as to introduce a resolution and push for the immediate termination of these agreements that reflect very badly on our country and stifle the development of unearthed talent. Otherwise we will, from the committee's side, push and persuade the Minister to introduce legislation to cease the conclusion of that type of agreement.

During the state of the nation address last month, President Mbeki announced what he regarded as critical to the success of the people's contract to fight poverty and create jobs:

We committed ourselves to ... achieve further and visible advances with regard to the improvement of the quality of life of all our people, affecting many critical areas of social existence, including health, safety and security, moral regeneration, social cohesion, opening the doors of culture and education to all, and sport and recreation ...

This injunction by the President is indeed inspiring and means that we need to deliver to our people timeously to ensure that access and opportunity to those in the less developed areas can take place.

Moreover, we have aligned our objectives with the Municipal Infrastructure Development Programme and the Department of Provincial and Local Government to ensure that programmes are implemented at the sites where mentioned. Infrastructure developments have to be the main priority if we want to ensure mass participation in sports. It will ensure that the youth in this country are exposed to and become active and organised in every sport code from a very young age.

We must undoubtedly broaden the objectives of the Olympic torch rally, which is not only to unite South Africa's people, but the world. To communicate the role we can play in uniting people to encourage Olympic education and to demonstrate that South Africa, and Cape Town in particular, is a world-class venue that is more capable than ever of hosting international events, let us unite the world, let us play the sports.

Earlier on there were some comments from someone on that side; Mr Lee.

Die agb Lee het nie die sport reg gespeel nie. Hy het gesê hy begin met positiewe geluide, maar hy moenie soos 'n voël op 'n tak wees

—'n mens kan sien hy's soos 'n "jack-in-the-box" [Gelag.]—en probeer om positiewe geluide te maak terwyl hy onherstelbaar groot skade uit sy bank aanrig nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Hy het prysliedere om te sing, maar tog sing hy dit vals, tog sing hy dit uit die verkeerde gesangeboek. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ons wil net vir die agb Lee sê kwotas sal daar wees. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Jy moenie enige storie glo wat jy in *Rapport* —'n goedkoop koerant—lees nie. "The bigger the story, the more often told and the bigger the lie". [Tussenwerpsels.] Dit is wat jy moet weet. [Tussenwerpsels.]

Kwotas sal daar wees en dit sal daar wees totdat ons stelselmatig die gebruik van agtergeblewe gemeenskappe volwaardig kan laat ontwikkel, totdat ons kan opkyk na elke deelnemende sportman en -vrou as Suid-Afrikaners en nie na hulle hoef te kyk as spelers van kleur wat alweer die geleentheid gegee moet word om op meriete gekies te word nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Die agb Lee het ook ewe skielik geluide om te maak en prysliedere om te sing ... (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follows.*)

[The hon Lee did not play the game properly. He said that he was starting with positive noises, but he should not be like a bird of passage—one can see he is like a jack-in-the-box ... [Laughter.]—trying to make positive noises while he is causing a lot of irreparable damage from his bench. [Interjections.] He has praises to sing, but for all that he is singing out of tune, for all that he is singing from the wrong hymnbook. [Interjections.] We just want to say to the hon Lee that there will be quotas. [Interjections.]

One should not believe every story that one reads in *Rapport*, a cheap newspaper. The bigger the story the more often told and the bigger the lie. [Interjections.] This is what one should know. [Interjections.]

There will be quotas and they will be there until we can systematically allow the in-

volvement of disadvantaged communities to develop in its own right, until we can look up to every participating sportsman and sports-woman as South Africans and need not look at them as players of colour who once again have to be given the opportunity to be chosen on merit. [Interjections.] All of a sudden the hon Lee also has noises to make and praises to sing ...]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has expired.

Mnr S K LOUW: So kan ons nie voortgaan nie. Hy moet reg leer. Dankie! [Applous.] [We cannot continue like this. He should learn properly. Thank you! [Applause.]]

Miss S RAJBALLY: Madam Deputy Speaker, firstly, on behalf of the MF, I extend our congratulations to both the new hon Minister and hon Deputy Minister on their appointment to this very important portfolio; especially after the great victory, winning of the 2010 Bid. I also bring greetings from the new MEC for Sport and Recreation in KwaZulu-Natal, the hon Mr A Rajbansi. [Applause.]

South Africa will no doubt reach great heights in sport, as we have the human resources and the capacity to be great.

I also take this proud honour in congratulating all for winning the Bid to host 2010 Soccer World Cup tournament in South Africa. It is indeed a great honour to host these games, and the MF notes that it shall reap many benefits for our people and economy.

The country is appreciative to business for their contributions towards sport. However, we are concerned about sport development in KwaZulu-Natal, where it was treated like a stepchild. We can adopt a top-down and a bottom-up approach. While we are preparing for mass participation in sport, the allocation to the province of a mere R1 million for mass participation is a joke. This must be improved.

In respect of soccer, the playing fields are not level. A Gauteng premier league team receives millions of rands from sponsorships, whilst a KwaZulu-Natal premier league team has to beg for sponsorships. I appeal to the hon Minister to negotiate with the sponsors to ensure that there is an even spread of funds throughout the country. The sport department funds the local authority directly and expects the provincial sport department to monitor them without giving the provinces the funds for these purposes.

Our department is grossly underfunded, and the MF demands that Sport and Recreation be given the rightful share by the Treasury. The MF is glad though that the department eagerly partakes in The Love Life Games. The major advancement in management and co-ordination are big international events and broadening into multisport events is pleasing.

The MF is also pleased at the department's efforts to ensure drug-free sport.

The MF notes the urgency to transform South African sport, noting that certain injustices of the past impact on the sector. We appreciate the establishment of the sport transformation charter to correct this, and hope that the placement and choice of players for the various sports is based on merit and potential, and not colour.

The MF supports this budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr C T FROLICK: Madam Deputy Speaker and hon members, let me join the rest of my colleagues who participated in this debate to congratulate both the Minister and the Deputy Minister on their appointments. I am sure that the leading role that the Minister played in his days as a sport activist and as a leading figure in the unification process of the 1990s will stand him good stead in this challenging arena.

In her intervention in this debate, the hon chairperson of this committee, Comrade

Ruth Bhengu, clearly articulated the challenges that confront the funding of sport in South Africa.

However, allow me to further probe the role played by federations in this regard, where at club level funds are most needed to ensure higher levels of participation of youth, once they leave school. In examining the budgets of major federations, it is striking to note how, over the past two years, a steady decline in funds committed to the development of sports at grass-roots level becomes evident. In one instance, a major federation slashed its development grant to a province from approximately a million rand in 2002-03 to just under R300 000 for the past financial year. This anomaly is exacerbated by the fact that the very same provincial body has over the years successfully pursued its development programmes and produced an abundance of talented disadvantaged players to excel at provincial and national levels.

The drastic reduction in funds committed for development is not only restricted to this province but also affects other provinces where, over the years, sport thrived in disadvantaged communities. At the same time, well-resourced provinces continued to poach talented players from the poorer provinces while doing very little to develop local talent from disadvantaged areas. Flimsy excuses offered by national federations range from a reduction in or scarcity of sponsorships to lower proceeds from international competition. However, at the same time the amount of money dedicated to the professional arms of the code increased for the same period. What these federations do not realise is the fact that they are slowly killing sport at grass-roots level, and in future fewer players from disadvantaged areas will be available for selection into provincial and national teams.

The skewed funding at grass-roots level creates enormous challenges for the affected administrators and clubs to remain finan-

cially viable. Very often office-bearers are slapped with enormous bills by local authorities to pay for water, electricity and the hiring of facilities. In certain instances, administrators leave the sport out of sheer disgust and frustration, due to pending legal action against them as individuals. The local authorities where these disadvantaged clubs are located are usually not in a position to provide additional funds, whether for maintenance or to put up new facilities. They themselves have competing priorities.

Experience gained from study tours and interaction with various stakeholders indicates a range of challenges faced by provincial and local government. A need exists for national, provincial and local government programmes to become more integrated and to channel their efforts to accelerate the transformation of sport and to provide much-needed infrastructure. A case in point is, for example, the situation where local clubs all over the country who are affiliated to federations successfully apply for funds from the National Lottery without any consultation and interaction with local authorities. This results in fragmented and skewed infrastructure development on land owned by municipalities, without the municipalities' approval.

Over the past 10 years Government has made tremendous progress in the provisioning of facilities in disadvantaged areas. This is a commendable achievement. The challenge, however, should now be to put these facilities to optimal use and to ensure that our mass participation programmes succeed. For this reason, it is a huge concern that generally local sport councils have either collapsed or are not fully functional. Local government must play a role in empowering community structures to fully participate in our democratic structures.

During this debate, members of the opposition, and specifically the hon Lee, have referred to the issue of quotas in sport teams, which has recently resurfaced in the public

domain. It is important for us as the ANC to put our view across and reaffirm our commitment to deracialise South African society.

The 51st Congress of the ANC resolved that:

The transformation of sport and recreation is part and parcel of the overall transformation of South African society, including nation-building, and sport remains an important vehicle through which to ensure a better life for all.

Nonracialism, hon Lee, remains our ultimate objective. However, we have not reached this point yet.

During last week's budget hearings, the committee hosted the provincial heads of departments and chairpersons of standing committees on sport and recreation. Speakers, one after the other, highlighted the lack of transformation as the biggest threat facing sport in the provinces. It seems, hon Minister, that the progress that was made during and immediately after the unification process has been replaced by a retreat to the racial enclaves of the past. An unwillingness has set in, especially in smaller towns and rural areas, to play sport across boundaries caused by apartheid. As a result, it remains important for all stakeholders in sport to recommit themselves to address the legacies of apartheid. It must be emphatically stated that at this moment no quotas are enforced by Government onto federations. What does exist is performance agreements between national federations, where federations themselves set performance targets for a range of possible outcomes.

Hon Minister, this tool of transformation by means of setting clear specific targets with federations requires fine-tuning, especially as far as time-frames, enforceability and compliance are concerned. It serves very little purpose to spend resources in setting targets with federations, while having no effective mechanisms in place to measure compliance on a continual basis.

We also share the concern that some parties

have raised with regard to the alleged match-fixing scandal in South African soccer, which involves officials, players and referees. Safa must be commended for embarking on this course of action that they are currently pursuing by involving the relevant law enforcement agencies to investigate this matter. Corruption must be rooted out, and guilty parties must be criminally prosecuted. Match fixing has no place in sport and impacts on the basic principles in sport of fairness and unpredictability, whilst misleading the sport-loving public itself. At the same time, this will provide an opportunity for Safa and its stakeholders once and for all to sort out the challenges that face South African football. The outcome of any course of action should result in adherence to principles of transparency, accountability and good governance.

Hon members, let us be reminded that this is not the first time that the ugly head of match fixing has surfaced in South African sport. Few of us will forget the turmoil in cricket while we were busy making preparations to hold the Cricket World Cup. However, Government did then, as it will also now in this instance, show the necessary resolve to confront and address this matter. Needless to say, hon members, that the UCB, the World Cup Preparatory Committee in conjunction with Government, proceeded to host a successful World Cup that has been unparalleled in the history of the ICC.

Dames en here, tydens sy inset het dit duidelik voorgekom asof die agb Lee nog nie sy voorliefde verloor het om van die vorige Minister van Sport te verskil nie. *(Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.)*

[Ladies & gentlemen, during his input it clearly appeared that hon Lee had not yet lost his liking for differing from the former Minister of Sport.]

Mr Lee must be reminded that we will continue with programmes that Government has embarked upon and that a lot of

programmes started under the leadership of the previous Minister will continue. There is a change in emphasis, and we have heard calls from the hon Herandien to clarify the issue of school sport. And that is exactly what both the Minister and his department are attending to at this stage.

Die agb Lee het ook genoem—en ons stem saam daarmee—dat genoegsame middele beskikbaar gestel moet word om die ontwikkeling van sport op plaaslike vlak aan te moedig. Maar dit is nie waar ons verantwoordelikheid ophou nie, agb Lee. Ons verantwoordelikheid in die ANC strek heelwat verder as dit, en dit is vervat in die resoluë van die ANC-kongres wat ek vroeër aan u genoem het.

Tydens die insitte van die agb Gore ... *(Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.)*

[The hon Lee also mentioned—and we agree with him—that adequate means must be made available to encourage the development of sport at a local level. But that is not where our responsibility ends, hon Lee. Our responsibility in the ANC goes quite a lot further than that, and it is contained in the resolution of the ANC congress that I mentioned to you earlier.

During the input of the hon Gore ...]

The hon Gore has left in the meantime. He mentioned the crucial role that Dissa is playing and the central importance of sport for the disabled. We have interacted during our budget hearings with representatives from Dissa. During these hearings they complimented the department for the active role that it and Government are playing to promote sport for the disabled. In fact, they are in partnership with us to highlight further concerns with regard to accessibility to sport facilities and also more funds to ensure that more and more of our disabled sportsmen and women can become part of the sport setup in South Africa.

It should also be noted that the disabled

sportspeople in South Africa during the last Para-Olympic Games exceeded the number of medals that were brought home by our able-bodied athletes, and they need to be commended for this effort that they have achieved. [Applause.]

We will continue to engage Dissa to hear their concerns and to ensure that the department implements suitable programmes that will cater to the needs of the disabled.

Laastens, Mevrou die Speaker, wil ek die agb Spies verwelkom na sy nooiens-toespraak en ons wil hom graag aanmoedig om baie van dit wat hy genoem het na die portefeuljekomitee toe te bring, waar ons meer tyd sal hê om daaraan aandag te gee. Ons ondersteun die begrotingspos. Dankie. [Applous.] (*Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.*)

[Lastly, Madam Speaker, I want to welcome the hon Spies after his maiden speech and we would like to encourage him to bring a lot of what he mentioned to the portfolio committee, where we will have more time to give attention to it. We support the Vote. Thank you. [Applause.]]

The MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION: Deputy Speaker and hon members, I had hoped to engage in some of the issues that would have been made by a number of speakers, had they been made. Yet, I am inspired by the spirit in which members have participated in this debate. On most issues, even those that I had hoped I could take them up with them, it became clear that in fact we do agree. The question of involvement of Government in sport drew some moans from the opposition benches. But the hon Ellis quickly explained that in fact all governments do get involved in sport and, to quote him, "they have different ways of doing it".

So I am very pleased with this synergy of our understanding of what is happening between Government and sport. Perhaps we should have more debates on sport and recreation issues in this House, and just build a pool of representatives with a united vision on what

should be done in our country. Thank you very much for your participation.

Most of the speakers seemed to have had unauthorised access to my notes. [Laughter.] But this to me seems to be an indication of our common passion—all of us—for sport and recreation and how it should be allowed to play its role in reconciling and building the nation to what all of us aspire it to be; namely building a healthy, united and responsible nation that is focused on a nonracial and nonsexist objective. And I really want to repeat what the hon Frolick has just said, that is, our objective has not changed. We must attain a nonracial sport dispensation in South Africa and that is our objective. Performance targets therefore, just like the quotas, must be seen as different tactics that are being used at different times, with different challenges facing us in order to achieve the same objectives.

The late Comrade Steve Tshwete always referred to how a wise driver uses all gears of his or her car in order to reach that objective and that is precisely what we are doing. Our focus will be to build the right attitude and skills from below and the dinosaurs within the professional and top levels will perish by attrition. We want to encourage South Africans and young players not to be derailed from nation-building and reconciliation by such racist pranks, such as the flags of the old apartheid South Africa that appeared in Bloemfontein last Saturday. They must not be fooled by leaflets of faceless ghosts that continue to rattle in the apartheid cupboard, with gaunt eyes from years of injustice. Our youth must side with the future. And the future is a united, nonracial and nonsexist South Africa. Our teams must build towards that and they must begin building right away. And the starting point, we argue very strongly, is our schools.

To conclude, I wish to emphasise what we have been arguing throughout this input. Sport is always a reflection of the type of society a ruling class is trying to build. It doesn't matter which world you go to. Our Government is trying to build a united nonracial and responsible society. We are

trying to restore the dignity of all our people and infuse them with a spirit of caring and tolerance for others' differences. We hope to fast-track the catch-up programmes for previously disadvantaged groups and communities. We are confident that there are many South Africans from all walks of life who are ready to enter into this contract with us—and now is the time to do it.

We wish our teams well who will go to Athens in August and in September. We congratulate all the federations that continue to make a difference in the performance of our youth. A word of appreciation too must go to the sponsors, without whom events would never take place. And of course, good luck to all athletes themselves. At this point in time we must congratulate our young Springboks, whom many commentators had written off last week. They managed to shut all their mouths. We are sure that this coming Saturday here at Newlands in the second test they will just build upon that and continue to decimate the Irish.

We must also thank the officials of our department and indeed all who have made it possible for us to move this far in sport. This is not the end; it is only the beginning of a long road. I thank the members for appreciating Gert's and my appointment. I know these things are easily said at the beginning and during the course of time we get all the volleys and the ducks. But we thank you and we hope we will live up to your expectations, and please tell Lerache we have received his good messages and we hope to see him very soon. We agree that we must talk to the sponsors and encourage them to show more equity in making the resources of our country more equitable, but we can only persuade them and we have no statutory mechanisms to compel them.

Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker, for welcoming me back. I had thought I would never come back here, because I am now in the afternoon of my life and I look forward to sit down with my grandchildren and round

off my life properly. But I appreciate the opportunity afforded to me by the ANC—after almost 40 years in sport—to round off my life with my boots on again. Thank you very much indeed. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am sure the members will join me in saying there is a lot of wisdom in that afternoon of the Minister's life and the nation needs it.

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The Committee rose at 13:30

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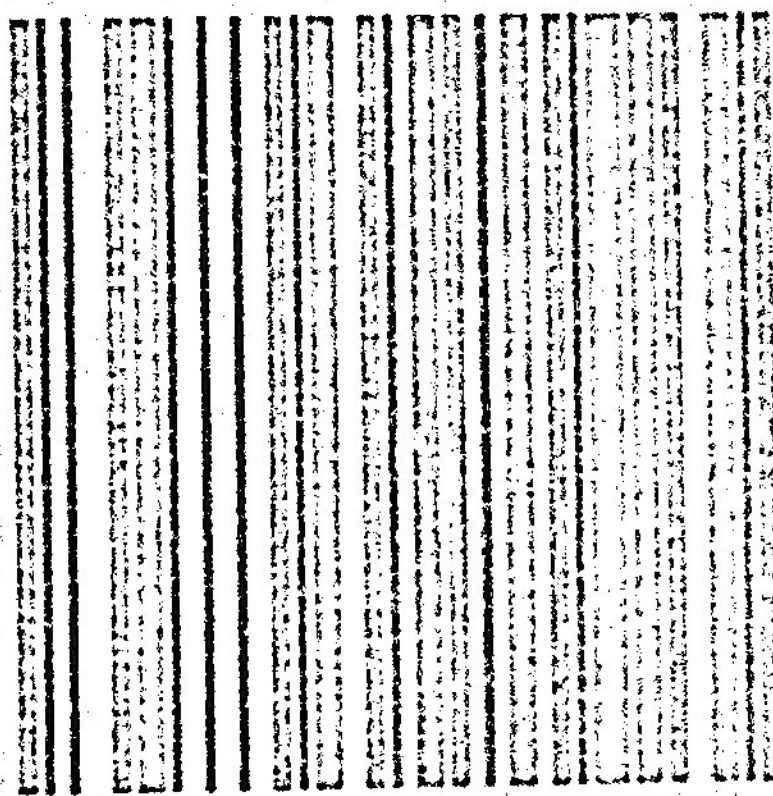
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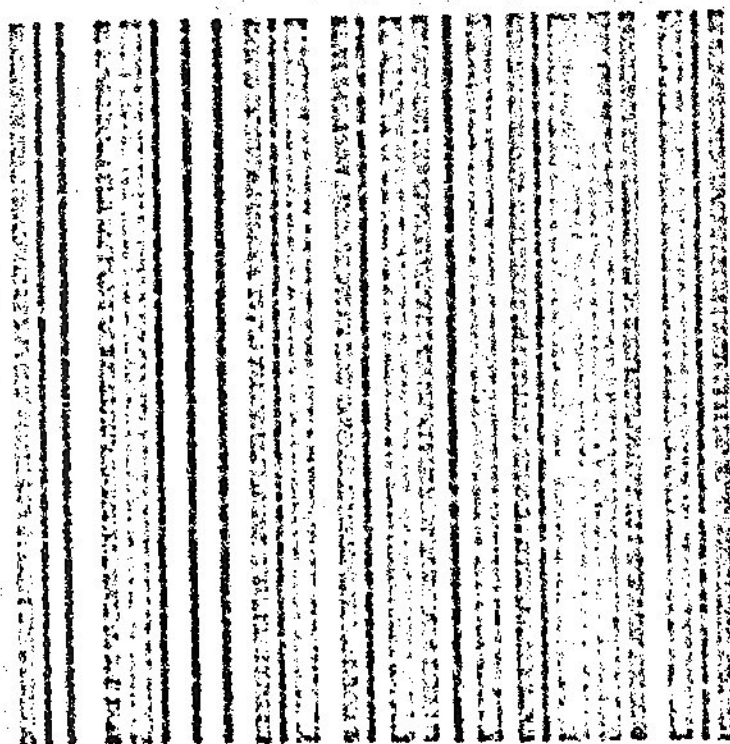
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