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PROCEEDINGS OF MINI-PLenary SESSION – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

Members of the mini-plenary session met in the National Assembly Chamber at 14:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Debate on Vote No 1: The Presidency Appropriation Bill

The PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC: Speaker of the National Assembly, Mme Thandi Modise; Deputy President of the Republic, Baba uDabete Mabuza; hon members; distinguished guests and fellow South Africans.

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It is my honour and privilege to address you this afternoon to present the budget and priorities of the Presidency. And we do so in the month that we celebrate the life of our nation's founding father, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. I am humbled by the knowledge that all of us seated here we stand on gigantic shoulders, his shoulders that is, as we take forward the work he started in building a South Africa that is democratic, nonracial, nonsexist and prosperous.

Indeed we also stand on the broad and strong shoulders of many other great leaders of the liberation struggle who have left us and those who are still with us. A number of them are the Members of Parliament, MPs, of the First democratic Parliament and the succession of patriots who have graced this chamber over the past 25 years.

We are grateful for the men and women from across the political spectrum who laid the foundations for our democratic order. Their ability to work together showed what heights we can scale and attain when as South Africans of different political

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persuasions, beliefs and ideas we are able to come together in pursuit of a common goal.

Nelson Mandela firmly believed that our country's fortunes depend on the actions of the collective; that is all of us. And he said:

None of us acting alone can achieve success. We must therefore act together as a united people for national reconciliation, for nation building, for the birth of a new world.

This sixth administration is committed to maintaining the momentum for a harmonious collective existence and building a social compact amongst various role players in our country to take our country forward.

And so in this Mandela Month, I would like to invite everyone to take a moment to commit themselves to keeping Madiba's legacy alive in both word and in deed. A legacy of humanism, of fellowship, of decency, of partnership and of tolerance. It is

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these universal and timeless values that will guide us along the path towards the South Africa we all want.

In the national and provincial elections two months ago the people of South Africa made their voices heard. From Alexandra to Mdantsane, from Mitchells Plain to Tzaneen, from Uitenhage to Nongoma, they were united as never before in articulating exactly what they wanted. They simply want a government that works for them and delivers services to them in an efficient and effective manner. A government that creates opportunities and stimulates economic growth. A government that will create jobs, but more importantly for them, a government that is honest, ethical, free from corruption and upholds the values of the Constitution. Above all, they want a government that is acting with great haste to improve their condition and their lives, and to ensure equal and shared prosperity.

They have told us that the time for talking is over, and they want us to move at a greater pace towards realising a better life for all. They have said that this now the time for *khawuleza* [hurry up].

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The Presidency is the centre of co-ordination, oversight and supervision across all spheres of government, and supports Deputy President Mabuza and myself in our primary duty to uphold, defend as well as to respect our Constitution and take our country forward.

In my state of the nation address I outlined this government's priorities for the term ahead, as espoused in the governing party's elections manifesto and in the National Development Plan, NDP.

We are going to promote economic transformation and job creation; we are also going to improve the education outcomes of our children, to promote skills and to have better health for our people; we are also going to provide reliable and quality basic services; to improve spatial integration, human settlements and local government; to advance social cohesion and to have safer communities; but we are also going to play our role in the realization of a better Africa and a better world. Those are our key priorities in this term.

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To ensure that we realise these aspirations, we need a focused and active Presidency. The Presidency is required by the Constitution to implement national legislation and to co-ordinate the functions of state departments and administrations. It is also required to develop and implement national policy in a coherent and in a cohesive manner to remove policy uncertainty.

In the past, this envisioned co-ordination has weakened. There were frequent reshuffles of Ministers and a high turnover of senior managers at both national and provincial government that led to instability, misalignment as well as created quite a lot of confusion.

Public policy must be evidence-based and effectively co-ordinated. And it is for this reason that we have at the centre of government, reconstituted the Policy Unit in the Presidency as the nerve centre of policy co-ordination across government.

The new Policy Unit will be leading evidence-based policymaking; it will also liaise with a number of think tanks and research

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institutions and have line of sight on strategic policy interventions.

The Policy Unit has already hit the ground running by working through the cluster system and intergovernmental structures to ensure alignment of national and provincial priorities. In this regard, by the end of August we will have provincial Growth and Development Strategies that are fully aligned with the Medium Term Strategic Framework, MTSF, that we have at national level.

The passing of the National Health Insurance, NHI, Bill by Cabinet last week is one of the clearest examples of what a focused Presidency can achieve. Minister Mkhize has outlined the plans to table the NHI Bill before Parliament in the coming days. [Applause.]

The establishment of the NHI War Room in the Presidency has enabled us to gain more traction and moving the NHI forward including getting the Bill processed. Now, this in many ways confirms the correctness of the positions that we have taken on the NHI. Recently when we attended the G20 meeting in Osaka,

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Japan, we got to hear how a number of both developed economies and developing economies are moving towards universal health care. And we were enormously encouraged to move towards universal health care. And in this regard we are not going to fail the people of our country as we will have a National Health Insurance. [Applause.]

We come from a past where the horizons and the prospects of young people of our country were pre-determined by the basis of the colour of their skin. This is one of the issues that the Presidency is grappling with. The children of a privileged minority had access to education, opportunity and finances, but the children of the majority were only deemed worthy of Bantu Education and deliberately kept from what was called the green pastures of European education. Despite our having made great strides in the past 25 years to uplift the prospects of our youth, we still grapple with the legacy of the past.

Young people comprise more than 63% of the ranks of the unemployed people in our country, and this is a devastating indictment for our country. A number of them have succumbed to

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drugs, crime and other social ills as a result of frustration arising out of poverty and structural unemployment. It is difficult to imagine the despondency that comes with looking for a job daily without success, to such an extent that you become so discouraged that you stop searching. It is even more difficult to imagine the condition of a young graduate who sends out their CV daily, but receives one rejection letter after another; the reason given that they lack formal experience. You lose morale, and you become discouraged. Many more struggle to enter the world of self-employment by running their own enterprises because business development and small business support programmes have limited reach.

Our youth need a hand-up in order to help them realise economic freedom in their lifetime. Even in a weakened economy, we are duty-bound to address and remedy the condition of our young people who are not in education, who are not in employment or training and we simply cannot afford to fail them.

In promoting youth employment in a focused manner, we will be bringing the weight of the Presidency behind the efforts of

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national and provincial departments as well as local government but more importantly business as well. We will be doing so in a manner that is both focused and practical. We have a co-ordinated plan that will be rolled out across government in partnership with the private sector and the business world as well.

It is holistic because it incorporates the provisions of workplace opportunities, the Skills Education Training Authorities, Setas, as well as the Jobs Fund. It is inclusive because it involves working with our institutions of higher learning such as our Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET, colleges, universities and a number of other community colleges. And this by necessity includes a prioritisation of the critical skills that are needed by the economy.

In doing so we are creating pathways not just for young people to obtain gainful employment in the formal economy, but to enable them to be self-employed as well.

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We want to see young people trained in a number of skills and in a number of disciplines. We must keep young people at school and to succeed in their studies.

The Presidency's effort will complement the work of the National Youth Development Agency, NYDA. It has provided start-up financing to more than 6 000 youth-led businesses across the country and has helped already to create more than 18 000 new jobs. Close to 400 000 young people have received training through the NYDA initiatives in various spheres. This is simply sterling work by the NYDA and deserves our congratulations because they are doing good work. [Applause.]

The agency is also working with partners in the private sector to link young entrepreneurs with markets through supplier development programmes and revitalising the National Youth Service Programme which will now be taken on a major scale by government.

The NYDA can and should do more. Hence we will, in the coming years, bring them closer to government and increase their budget

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allocations as well. [Applause.] Yes, we will increase their budget.

As a country that must take full advantage of our substantial youth dividend, we need all social partners on board to support and complement government's efforts.

The Youth Employment Service, YES, has been hugely successful in bridging the divide between education and entry into the formal workplace. Other initiatives such as the Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator and the Gauteng Provincial Government's Tshepo 1 Million Programme are programmes that are worthy of recognition and applause because they are targeting young people. [Applause.]

It is these kinds of initiatives that we want to build upon, and to replicate right across the country.

The private sector has a critical role to play in facilitating this process, and most importantly, by following government's lead and doing away with the onerous barrier of work experience.

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More advantage should also be taken of the Employee Tax Incentive that is a win-win situation for both employers and young applicants.

For the effective implementation of our seven priorities, the structures of government will need to function with maximum co-ordination and co-operation as it is envisaged in our Constitution. The truth is that lack of coordination between national and provincial governments, between departments and particularly at local government level, has not served our country well; but more importantly has not served our people well.

We have slid into a pattern of operating in silos. Where each government department, each structure of government operates on its own, without much reference to the others. This has led to lack of coherence in planning and implementation, and has made monitoring and oversight of government programmes difficult.

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It has become a significant deterrent to investment as businesspeople have had to move from pillar to post in search of support and services in what are essentially the same sectors.

One example of what can go wrong when departments work in silos was the implementation of the visa regulations that had unintended consequences on tourism. [Interjections.] It also had the unintended consequence of stunting our ability to attract highly skilled individuals and investors whilst the borders remained porous which lowly skilled and poor people who came into the country in numbers.

We have had outstanding government co-ordination in various other processes and where we have had great government co-ordination like the massive projects that embarked on, like the 2010 FIFA World Cup. We saw positive results due to joint planning and proper co-ordination across departments.

The One Environment System for Mining and the InvestSA One Stop Shop concepts are other examples of the way in which greater alignment has resulted when we move away from a silo mentality.

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As a country that is on a mission to attract greater investment, and to improve our global ranking as a country of ease of doing business, we are systematically transforming this landscape.

We will also be enhancing greater co-ordination through the cluster system in government where our Ministers and Deputy Ministers will be active participants. Meetings of Ministers and their provincial counterparts will now be more regular and much more meaningful.

When we plan to bring a million tourists to experience our brilliant hospitality and heritage, the Minister and her provincial counterparts will be able to tell the nation how and to what city and small town in great detail where these tourists will be accommodated.

They will be working with the Police Minister and his provincial counterparts to detail plans to provide security for all these visitors to our country.

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We must work for more such integration in other departments, and in this regard the Presidential Coordinating Council, PCC, will play a key role. The PCC brings together the President, Premiers, Ministers and representatives of local government to plan, co-ordinate and report on matters concerning service delivery and economic development at the provincial and municipal level.

It enables the President to interface with the leadership of provincial and local government, and it is here that we are able to get a clearer picture on issues of implementation, but also of the state of municipal finances and expenditure.

This administration will be focusing the agenda of the PCC in order to sharpen and strengthen co-operative governance and to implement a well-co-ordinated as well as a coherent national programme of action.

We will be increasing focus into more cross-cutting matters like local economic development so that various spheres and departments of state can account for how they are jointly

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creating jobs and addressing service delivery for our people at local level.

From time to time we will also involve our District Mayors, just as we involve our Metro Mayors at the PCC level.

I am immensely encouraged that in their state of the province addresses, many of our Premiers indicated that they are strengthening their own co-ordinating mechanisms with district and local municipalities on an increasing basis.

Even more encouraging are plans by national and provincial clusters to plan jointly and co-ordinate their programmes. This is what our people deserve; they deserve well-oiled government machinery where the left hand knows what the right hand is doing.

Training and leadership development will be at the core of this new way of doing business. Our civil servants must be like pilots who are required to return to the simulator every year in

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order to master the art of flying in changing weather circumstances.

Policy development and implementation is getting more and more complex every day as technology and our people's needs change. Government must be dynamic and in fact, it must be ahead of the curve in terms of innovating solutions to the challenges of policy implementation.

In this regard, and as part of strengthening the state's capacity, the ongoing National Macro Organisation of Government, NMOG, project will go a long way towards streamlining the functioning of government. We have reduced government departments with a view to making them more efficient and effective.

The top down approach is outdated and wholly out of step with the realities we face, namely: undoing a legacy of skewed development that is not decades but centuries old.

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A modern state is not just a conveyor belt of service delivery; it has to project into the future in terms of how it rolls out development.

In the past we have parachuted development into communities. An example is how we build a clinic in a village without consideration given to other attendant needs such as transportation, accommodation for healthcare workers or even economic opportunities for entrepreneurs or small businesses around that same clinic; that would provide service to the clinic.

At the heart of most service delivery protests is fragmented planning on our part as well as poor communication. If we are to deliver on our electoral mandate, we have to take development to the people: to where they study, where they work, and where they live.

If we are to create economic opportunity and bring development to our people, we have to tailor our efforts to the conditions and circumstances of the various parts of our country, be it

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Mbombela, Mahikeng or Umtata or Atlantis. We are going to move away from the distant state and return to participatory democracy at all levels.

As the sixth administration we are going to do away with this fragmented approach to development. Considering the successes we have already achieved in doing so on a smaller scale, we will be rolling out a new integrated district based approach to addressing our service delivery challenges.

This means targeted development - development that localises a whole number of initiatives that government embarks on, such as procurement, job creation, that promotes and supports local businesses, and that involves communities instead of foisting anything on our communities.

National departments that have district-level delivery capacity together with the provinces will be required to provide implementation plans in line with priorities in the state of the nation address.

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These plans must be spatially referenced to indicate what projects will be implemented in which districts as to why, how, when and what they will be.

We would also want to know, based on the needs of the community, in which district ordinary high schools need to be converted into technical high schools, as part of giving opportunities to young people.

Resource capacity and constraints will be addressed, and implementation teams will be identified. Through this we will have a system through which government basically addresses the various needs of our people on a comprehensive basis at a district level.

In time to come, special Khawuleza Provincial Co-ordination Forums will be set up for the purposes of oversight and implementation and monitoring. Through the programme of imbizos the President and Deputy President will participate in these forums together with our various Ministers and MECs and Premiers.

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The Deputy President will co-ordinate the institutionalization and replication of this integrated implementation model. This centred planning and execution model must fully involve all social partners in various localities in our country.

We cannot plan a factory in a district without involving Eskom that must provide electricity, or financing organisations, or vocational training colleges that train workers to be competent to operate that same factory.

That is why we will be emphasising the need to build and strengthen alliances with social partners such as churches, traditional leaders and civic organisations in pursuit of a common objective.

By focusing on implementation at a district level, we will also have a clearer line of sight to what we need to do to remedy failures at local government level. Through this, we will be shining a brighter torch on our local governments and those that have difficulties will then be assisted.

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This approach will be underpinned by the work that Minister Dlamini-Zuma will be doing in her portfolio as Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

Local government is the engine of service delivery and the incubator of investment, and plays a critical role in determining land use for development. When an automotive manufacturer or a soft drinks company wants to set up shop, they don't do so on the lawns of the Union Buildings, they go to our provinces and municipalities.

When our municipalities are dysfunctional it doesn't just negatively impact our citizens, it also deters investment. Because implementation will be tracked more closely under this new integrated district-based system, we will be able to pinpoint with precision our level of intervention to make local government more effective.

Madam Speaker, decentralised and people-centred development fulfils two critical imperatives:

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Firstly, it gives effect to the constitutional imperative of co-operative governance. Minister Dlamini-Zuma has elaborated on this in her Budget Vote speech. She has told us that had we worked closer, together, the challenges we have seen in provinces like the North West could have been avoided.

Secondly, using the district as a unit of development we will go a long way toward transforming the apartheid spatial economy. It represents a new are of inter-governmental relations and regardless of how far apart we stand in the political divide, it is in our collective interest that we support this vision and this initiative.

As I have stated above, we have seen at a national level what the benefits are of a more integrated and joined up government. The New Dawn requires that we implement more of such interventions in order to improve our performance as government. Where there is best practice in other spheres, we will benefit from them, identify them and replicate them. We must be a learning government; machinery that learns from it mistakes and takes decisive steps to correct the errors that we have made.

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We are a government led by a progressive movement that has over the past 25 years dedicated itself to deepening democracy, to uplifting the condition of our people and to being of service to them. It was the guiding mission of this country's founding fathers, and it is ours too.

The executive of the Sixth Administration will speak with one voice. It will not pursue pet projects that are disjointed and misaligned with national priorities. It will epitomise a caring state that is prudent with public finances and that derives its respect from masses through hard work, dedication and not outward shows of excess like blaming and blue lights.

This administration will be accountable to the people of South Africa. Ministers will have to answer questions in Parliament, and participate in portfolio committees. Our Deputy President in his capacity as leader of government business will continue to report regularly to Cabinet on all these matters.

As I've said in the state of the nation address, I will be signing performance agreements with Ministers and Deputy

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Ministers, who will be delegated clear areas of functions, we expect ... watch the space. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

We expect to finalise these performance agreements by the first of September when the MTSF, with clear deliverables for each Minister, is approved by Cabinet.

In the state of the nation address I said that concern for the state of the economy was one the issues that we wanted to focus more attention on. Minister Patel in his Budget Vote elaborated on reimagining our Industrial Strategy.

The Ministers in the economic cluster have already elaborated on urgent steps that they are going to take to refuel the engine room of our economy, from growing small businesses, to attracting higher tourism numbers, to the potential of recent offshore, oil and gas discoveries, to the re-imagined industrial strategy that we also outlined.

Minister Patel in his Budget Vote elaborated on re-imagining our Industrial Strategy. And this is important because we've now

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moved to the era where we now want to focus more attention on various sectors of our economy and where sectors demonstrate greater growth; we will focus on those sectors and revive those sectors that may be struggling.

We have a framework in place and expect Master Plans for each of the identified sectors before we host the second Investment Conference in November.

The Presidency will continue to lead the national investment drive, and to meet our goal of raising R1,3 trillion in the next five years. By focusing on specific sectors, this money should be directed to programmes that are viable and programmes that will be able to create jobs.

In preparation for the upcoming second Investment Conference, our provinces are busy devising provincial investment books to inform the national consolidated pipeline.

In the state of the nation address I also stated our immediate policy milestones aimed at boosting investment. And these include:

An action plan on an effective visa regime for tourism and high skill immigration;

A policy directive on the release of spectrum;

An integrated and comprehensive youth employment strategy;

A national action plan to tackle extortion and violence at economic sites, especially in the construction sector;

Finalising the Integrated Resource Plan;

Launching the Township Entrepreneurship Fund;

Stabilising Eskom and detailing a roadmap for Eskom's future;

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Presenting progress on the Public-Private Growth Initiative and the country's investment pipeline;

Releasing our approach to land reform informed by the Advisory Panel's report;

Developing Re-imagined Industrial Strategy Master Plans; and

Engaging with organised business on the Ease of Doing Business Roadmap.

In the coming weeks we will also give a progress report on the implementation of the stimulus package that we announced last year as we move towards its first anniversary.

Our roadmap to achieve Top 50 status in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index is already being presented to key stakeholders as it seeks to remove the barriers to success for business, including small business.

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Infrastructure development remains at the centre of our economic growth efforts, and we will continue with the process of budget reprioritisation in order to revitalise our infrastructure build programme, which is being led by Ms De Lille.

I have said before that we are speeding up our agrarian reform programme, including rapid land release for development. The Deputy President is overseeing this work. In addition, our Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises, SMME, support programme is fully operational and notable progress is also being registered.

Cabinet is concerned at reports of a go-slow at some of our ports, particularly in the Eastern Cape where operations have nearly ground to a halt. I have directed Ministers, Gordhan and Patel, to intervene and get our goods to their export destinations urgently. We cannot aim to grow our economy on the basis of exporting value-added products and then fail to meet our obligations to get goods to international markets safely and on time.

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We are also concerned about growing reports of planned retrenchments by some of our big firms and we are engaging stakeholders that will be considering all available options to help our firms to retain as many jobs as possible without compromising their own economic viability.

In the international arena, South Africa continues to play its role in advancing a better Africa and a better world. A week ago, with the signing of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area, AfCFTA, the nations of Africa took a decisive step that will deepen the integration of our continent at an economic and trade level.

Once implemented, Africa will become the world's largest free trade area; merging 55 countries of 1,2 billion people with a combined Gross Domestic Product, GDP, of US\$2,5 trillion.

This has significant implications for our local industries and businesses because through this they will have their export much more spread throughout the continent and they will be able to provide services to 55 countries on our continent.

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As the incoming chair of the African Union, AU, South Africa is proud to have been present at this defining moment in the history of our continent as we continue to do our part to address and resolve the most critical issues that face humanity today.

We will be championing the agenda of peace and development on the continent both at an AU as well as at the Southern African Development Community, SADC, level.

We continue to support the people of Lesotho as they move forward with the reforms to which they have committed themselves to.

We also support the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, DRC, and of South Sudan as they seek to find solutions to their domestic political challenges.

We are active participants in numerous international forums such as the G20, Brazil Russia India China and South Africa, BRICS, and the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation, FOCAC.

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Our membership of the G20 in particular has provided the opportunity for us to place Africa's development back onto the agenda of the world's leading global economies.

We continue to advance progressive internationalism on the world stage, cementing partnerships with our partners in the Global North and the Global South.

At the United Nations, UN, where we are currently a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council; we are advocating for greater multilateralism, for a more equitable global order; for a reform of the UN Security Council and actively opposing acts of aggression against smaller nations as well as regime change.

As we are doing in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (, our modern democratic army stands ready and will continue to participate in peacekeeping efforts where we are called upon to do so, and within our means.

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Support for the struggles of nations that still suffer under the yoke of oppression is an integral part of our foreign policy.

We reaffirm our support for the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, and for the struggle of the people of the Western Sahara. [Applause.]

In the words of our legendary muso, Jonas Gwangwa: Freedom for some is Freedom for none.

It was none other than Nelson Mandela who declared: our freedom will be incomplete until the people of Palestine are also free. [Applause.]

On behalf of this government and the people of this country we wish Jonas Gwangwa and our liberation hero Andrew Mlangeni well as they recover from illness.

Over the weekend we received the sad news of the departure of General Ike Maphotho, a stalwart of our movement and an

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outstanding committed cadre of the ANC. [Applause.] And we offer our condolences to his family.

The country also mourns the passing of Mama Nomhle Nkonyeni, an actress of excellence, and an unwavering patriot. [Applause.]

It is our collective sadness as a country to also have learnt of the passing away of Johnny Clegg. Known to many of us as Juluka, Johnny was one of the early persons in this country to demonstrate the reality of not only social cohesion but cultural integration. [Applause.]

We also join the sporting fraternity in mourning the passing of soccer legend, Marc Batchelor and former Springbok, James Small. [Applause.]

Hon members, we are the heirs of the legacy of Oliver Tambo, Albertina Sisulu and Beyers Naudé. Though we may differ on political strategy, we share a common goal, to realise the South Africa we want and the South Africa that we deserve to live in.

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We are here to work for our people. The endless focus on petty squabbles, on intra-party politics and on political brinkmanship does not serve our people well.

In the spirit of Madiba, I call upon each member of this House to commit themselves to collaboration across the political divide.

Let us recall the African proverb that "when two elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers."

The task before this administration is to restore hope to our people, and to regain their trust. If we continue with a targeted and district based approach, we will achieve goals this administration has set for itself, we will deliver to our people on time, and we will be able to achieve all that we seek to deliver to them on budget.

We want, indeed we need, a joined-up government, one that works for the people.

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As I conclude, let me reiterate that the dream of the South Africa we want is shared by all, including our dedicated and ethical public servants. It is shared by our dedicated policemen and women, by our hard-working nurses, doctors and paramedics. It is also shared by our brilliant teachers who produce excellent results in rural and township schools. To these patriots we say thank you for the service you are providing to the nation. [Applause.]

You are inheritors of the mantle of people like Professor Stan Sangweni, who epitomised the values of serving with distinction. In this Sixth Administration you have the Presidency that cares, that regards you as partners, and that will continue to consult and work with you.

To those who use the public service and our state-owned entities, SOEs, to line their pockets, we say goodbye to you; our law enforcement authorities will accompany you to the dock. [Applause.]

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This is a Presidency that is not afraid to act. This is a Presidency that is not afraid of ideas; a Presidency that is re-engaging [Interjections.] yes ... with the intellectual community.

Our people's hopes are high and their expectations of are even higher. Let us harness our people's optimism and proceed now with its realisation.

We dare not fail our people and we should not fail them. And we are not going to fail them.

By saying we must grow this country together, we mean the democratic dividend must be shared by all. This is the South Africa we want; the South Africa spoken of by the legendary Ladysmith Black Mambazo as they narrate the story of one of our best performing state-owned enterprises:

Our story began a long time ago. We have seen the country change... Every day there is something new, something world class. The future is bright here, in South Africa.

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And hon members, we are on a journey that we should not be afraid to take. We now would like to commend this Budget Vote of the Presidency to the National Assembly and we look forward to a most informative and well-informed and balanced debate on this matter, where those who will participate will be making inputs that are worthy of being considered as inputs that can take our country forward. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP OF THE MAJORITY PARTY: Hon Speaker, His Excellency the President and the Deputy President, hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers, hon members and guests, I greet you all, tomorrow we will be celebrating the birth of the father of our nation and great architect of our freedom and democracy, UTATA Nelson Mandela.

As we will be celebrating Mandela Day, we must remember the importance of enhancing nation-building and social cohesion as one of our priorities. The great leader, Utata Nelson Mandela once said:

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"for to be free is not merely to cast off once's chains,
but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom
of others"

In honour of this great son of the soil, we collectively hold
the responsibility to ensure that we advance South African
transformation agenda, in a manner that meaningfully enhances
the freedom of all South African. Indeed, true freedom can only
materialize through targeted efforts to bring all South Africans
into the mainstream of our economy.

Hon Speaker, one of the mandates that underpin the budget vote
of the presidency is the responsibility the presidency has
derived from the Constitution, of promoting nation-building and
social cohesion in addressing national grievances. The preamble
of our Constitution lays the foundation for our nation's noble
mission of building social cohesion.

"South Africa belongs to all who live in it, united in our
diversity."

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The preamble further establishes the Constitution as the supreme law of the Republic, seized with the mandate to heal the division of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights. More importantly, the Constitution calls upon to free the potential of each person, and build a united and democratic South Africa that is able to take its rightful place as a sovereign state in the family of nations.

Our inherited legacy of the past on race, class and gender lines has the potential of fuelling national grievances which today are rising more sharply than ever as we push forward with the construction of a national democratic society. This fuelling is driven primarily by deepening poverty and inequality which gives rise to narrow nationalism at both poles of society and merely compounds the contradictions instead of building a new society.

Building a nation is one of the most challenging and yet exciting projects a nation and its people could embark upon. A nation-building project only succeeds if and when unity is forged without seeking to emphasize the force of diversity but

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to accentuate and celebrate such diversity, our unity in diversity.

As we continue to evolve as a nation the founding pillars of our constitutional democracy must continue to find expression in the work that we do. As we strive forward in the spirit of our Constitution, we must decisively continue to remove the barriers that hinder millions of South Africans from enjoying a better quality of life. Indeed, as we push back the frontiers of poverty and underdevelopment, values of social justice, equal opportunities and inclusivity must continue to underpin the work that we do.

Our parliamentary programs and processes shall therefore be geared towards ensuring that our people are empowered and access means to have a better quality of life. Unemployment cannot be delinked from human dignity. Unemployment impairs human dignity. It is indeed an incontrovertible fact that unemployment infringes human dignity as those with means are taking advantage of those who do not have means, at times do treat the

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unfortunate as something less human.

As we strengthen our oversight work to ensure accountability, honesty and corruption free governance, this will strengthen our nation-building project and protect the poor who are the most vulnerable to acts of corruption. Transformation of society is measured by how it impacts upon the poorest and those in poverty. We have to take seriously the trust put in us by the people of this country to represent their interest and their will in this House and be the defenders of our hard-won democracy.

We are tasked to expedite the building of a united, nonracial state based on the will of the people, without regard for class, race, sex, belief, language, ethnicity or geographic location. We are tasked to build a dignified and improving quality of life for all the people especially the poor by providing rights and opportunities to all citizens as enshrined in the Constitution and the restoration of the birth right of all South Africans regarding access to land and other resources. For this to happen

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we need to address the national grievances largely reflected in the national question and the land question.

SiSwati:

Mhlonishwa Somlomo, siphumile saya emkhankhasweni welukhetfo lwavelonkhe kuletinyanga letimbili letendlulile. Sisabele ngalesikhatsi Mengameli asitfuma, sasho satsi akatfume tsine. Sihambile sayosebenta. Kuloluhambo lwetfu lokukhankhasa sitfole inhlupheko kubantfu bakitsi. Lokusele ngakitsi kutsi sihambe siletse tinsinta ebantfwini. Singasabuyeli kubo siyobuta kutsi bakhala ngani.

Lokunye lesikubonile, indzaba yemhlaba, ibalulekile kakhulu. Siyabonga ku Mengameli ngalelitsimba lolicokile leliholwa ngu Sekela Mengameli kutsi libuyekete libuke kahle lendzaba yemhlaba. Siyabonga nekutsi ushilo nawetfula inkhulumo ye sive nga-Febhuwari kuyo lendlu kutsi kubuyeketwa kwemhlaba kufanele kwenteke kantsi futsi kufanele kucale kulomhlaba lophetfwe matiko ahulumende kutsi lomhlaba uniketwe bantfu bakitsi labahlala emapulazini laphe hulumende angakhoni kuniketa tinsita khona.

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Lomhlaba lowo kufanele usetjentiselwe kwakhela batfu bakitsi tindlu, bafakwelwe gezi, tindlu tangasese, imigwaco kanye netikolo. Indzaba yemhlaba ishisa kakhulu eveni lase Ningizimu Afrika. Kungako kubalulekile kutsi silesekele lelikomidi lelitawusungulwa lelitawubukana nekuchibiyelwa kwe Mtsetfo Sisekelo njengoba Khongolose wancuma eNkhomfeni yanga 2017 eNasrec kutsi umhlaba kufanele ubuyele ebantfwini ngaphandle kwekuncepheteliswa. Sisakusho nanyalo. LiPhalamende lelendlulile lacoka litsimba lelatfunyelwa kutsi lihambe eNingizimu-Afrika liyova kutsi bantfu bakitsi batsini ngendzaba yemhlaba.

Sisakhuluma ngendzaba yemhlaba, ngete kwasincedza kuba nemhlaba kuphela uma singenawo emalungelo emanti. Siyati natsi kutsi [iwater rights] isasetandleni tebantfu labambalwa. Sikhutsata bantfu bakitsi kutsi banikwe umhlaba futsi bawusebentise kukhicita kudla kute bakwati kuphilisa nekukhulisa bantfwana. Kantsi futsi-ke kudla lokulinywa emhlabatsini kunemsoco kanye nemphilo. Indzaba yekutsi emanti asasetandleni talabambalwa ayilungiseke Mengameli. Sesidze sikhatsi kucociswana ngalendzaba.

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Siphindze sibonge nekutsi hulumende loholwa ngu Mengameli babe Cyril Ramaphosa utsetse sincumo... [Kungenwa Emlonyeni.] ...

Angitsi angikhulumi nani ngikhuluma ne bantfu labasemakhaya, ngifuna beve tincumo lesititsatsako kule Ndlu yeSishaya Mtsetfo.

Siyabonga kutsi lohulumende waseNingizimu Afrika utsetse sincumo sekutsi asekele balimi labasafufusa ngetinsita kute nabo bakwati kutsi bakhicite. Siyabonga kakhulu kuhulumende webantfu, kusho kona kutsi uyalalela. Sibevele bantfu bakitsi bakhuluma kungako baphindze basinika lelinye litfuba lokuchubeka sibuse lelive ngobe bayakholelwa kuletincumo letitsatfwa ngulohulumende lobusa waKhongolose ngoba nguwo kuphela hulumende lokhatsalela bantfu. Singakhuluma sikwente konkhe kodvwa sitsi kuBaphatsiswa, Mengameli kanye neliSekela lakho uMnumzane Mabuza, siyacela kutsi sibuyele ebantfwini siyo kwetfula tinsita ebantfwini. Singafani nalabanye lebalindza kutsi sente lokutsite bese bacala babanga umsindvo. Angitsi bona bakhokhelwa kutsi bente loko, tsine wetfu umsebenti kugucula timphilo tebantfu baseNingizimu Afrika tibe ncono. I-

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The Nation-building, social cohesion and the National Development Plan ...

SiSwati:

... yetfu iyakusho kutsi kufanele sikukhutsate ngobe angeke kwachamuka njengesipho lesivela ezulwini. Kufuneka kutsi kwentiwe ngitsi. Kufuneka kutsi kucale ngetento tetfu singe Malunga ePhalamende. Tento tetfu kufanele tikhombise lubumbano nelutsandvo kute labantfu labasitfumile babone kutsi lelesikukhulumako kuyenteka. Asigcini ngekumemetela kepha siphindze sente.

Mhlonishwa Somlomo, kutiphatsa kwetfu siMalunga ePhalamende kutawenta kutsi nalesive lesisakhako lesisibumbako kute sihlale eveni lapho kungenakucwasana ngebuhlanga nebulili njalo njalo kufanele kutsi sikwati kutsi lomhlaba loshisa libunti ubuyiselwe ebantfwini.

Lokwenteka ngesikhatsi lesengca sabo Verwoerd kanye nabo khokho balabanye betfu kuleNdlu akumange kube nebulungiswa, njengekubekwa kwebantfu bakitsi etintsabeni njenge timfene,

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lapho bangeke bakhone kulima, nekutjala. Sitsi kute sive sase Ningizimu Afrika sibuyisane, sibumbane, sibe munye asitameni kutsi sabelane lomhlaba nalabo bantfu.

Siphindze futsi sibonge kubalimi labanemhlaba lomnyenti, lebabelane kanye netisebenti tabo kute tibe banini balo mhlaba khona batokwati kuwusebentisa futsi batiphilise. Siyabonga. kuyaye kutsiwe ba [Progressive] ngelulwimi lwesiNgisi. Asiyingeni bantfu baseNingizimu Afrika.

Mhlonishwa Somlomo, siyabonga kutsi tonkhe tincumo letitsatfwa yinhlangano yaKhongolose sisayibambile indzaba ye ...

English:

... Freedom Charter, as our guiding document.

SiSwati:

Sisayilandzela futsi sisayincenga. Siyababona nalaba lebatshi nabafike lapha batishaye ngatsi ngibo lebachamuka netincumo. Siyati kutsi bayatsandza kwenta imigomo nemihambo yetfu singu Khongolose futsi nabo bayatati kutsi bayakwenta loko.

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Siyababeketelela ngobe bangebantfwabentfu kodvwa liciniso lisobala kutsi tincumo tenhlangano yaKhongolose.

Sengiphetsa, ngitsandza kugcizelela kutsi, kubalulekile kutsi siphatsane kahle njenge sive futsi njenge Malunga ePhalamende. Noma sihlukana ngemibono asikwente loko ngendlela leyakhako. Asitsi masita lapha ngaphambili singafiki sikhulume tintfo letingekho. Asibonisaneni kutsi singalakha njani lelive kuya embili. Ngalawo mavi ngitsndza kutsi Khongolose uyalichasa lelwabiwomali lelihhovisi leMengameli futsi sitsi kungamela kwetfu akuchubeke kungenelele nase maveni angaphandle kugcugcutele kutfula kulelivekati laseNtasi ne Afrika. Asichbekeneni nokuba sibonelo lesihle. Ngitawushiyela lolandzelako linimishana. Ngiyabonga. [Lihlombe]

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Madam Speaker, hon members, fellow South Africans ...

Setswana:

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Bagaetsho, dumelang. E re le nna ke romele matshediso go lelapa la ga Mme Nontle Nkonyeni, losika la ga James Small le ba kwa ga Marc Bachelor.

English:

I would like to send my deep condolences to the family of an exceptional South African in Johnny Clegg, who left us yesterday. His humanity and grace will live on forever through his incredible musical legacy.

IsiXhosa:

Sisatsho sithi, lala ngoxolo.

English:

Tomorrow, fellow South Africans we honour the birthday of another great South African and statesman when we celebrate uTata uNelson Mandela, known as Mandela Day. We dare never forget the immense contribution that this leader made to our country by uniting us around a shared vision and establishing our 1994 constitutional pact. This pact simply confirmed that

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South Africa will belong to all who live in it, black and white. It began a journey.

However, I think, fellow South Africans, we dare never forget that this consensus, in many ways, is facing immense threat. More and more, people are retreating back into their corners and racial solidarity. And so, what we need is a new economic consensus that will lead us into a new era.

We need a Presidency that is able to deliver a shared vision of prosperity to all our citizens. This, fellow South Africans, will require bold and accountable leadership. It will require a vision for our country based on values of freedom, fairness, opportunity and diversity in our society. [Applause.]

The vision will require the kind of consensus that the DA is already building amongst many South Africans. The pursuit of a common dream, the reconciliation of black and white, young and old, urban and rural, Muslim and Jews; and building a prosperous nation, what we call one South Africa for all. [Applause.] If we don't achieve this consensus; if we don't focus on the 'for all'

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part, Mr President, then it doesn't matter whether it's the Fourth Industrial Revolution or the Green Economy. We will simply entrench the historical patterns of insiders versus outsiders.

We need to build a country where citizens are safe; where there is work for all especially amongst young people; and where learners are prepared for the future. The role of this Presidency is to give us a government that, in fact, works, and makes tough decisions when required to do so. And so, after an extended fight, Mr President, I want to say the DA welcomes the deployment of the SA National Defence Force, SANDF to communities under siege from gangsters and criminals. [Applause.] It is now up to your office to inform this Parliament about the terms of this SANDF deployment.

However, let us also demonstrate the same commitment to a farm worker or farm owner, to our townships and communities. Our people are sick and tired of living in fear and having lost the war against crime. We need action and we need it now.

[Applause.] Let us take the war to criminals.

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Hon members, if indeed we are to achieve a new consensus for all South Africans, then we have to agree on at least three reforms. The first is around economic growth; the second is around fairness and inclusivity; and the third is the building of a capable state.

For starters, we have to agree on a meaningful economic growth, which is all that matters. We need to get business, labour, government and every South African citizen behind this. Therefore, to achieve this, we do need to make tough decisions, Mr President. We need to look at what is happening in our labour legislation and SOEs to policies on the NHI, the exemptions that we must put on the national minimum wage, and our actions around the national Reserve Bank. If the buck does indeed stop at your desk and not at Ace's, then Mr President, it is up to you to make tough decisions.

Let's stand together and pass the Jobs Act. This Act has many interventions that will seek to stimulate our economy. Let us actually eradicate red tape so that small businesses can get going. Let us revive sectors like manufacturing sector by giving

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them a tax incentive and setting corporate tax in manufacturing at 15%. Let's take it. [Applause.]

Let us deal decisively with our SOEs. Rather than bailing them out, let us split Eskom in two, one for generation and for distribution. Let us bring in an equity partner for SAA and let us review the mandates of the other SOEs. [Applause.]

Sesotho:

Mopresidente ...

English:

... city-led economic growth is the future of our country, and we need to place our cities at the forefront of our growth strategy. So, I am deeply concerned that much is happening in eThekwin because of the factions in your own party, yet you sit here and you have taken no action, Mr President. [Applause.] Regardless of how this matter gets resolved, the facts on the table are that our economy is suffering and we cannot sit idly by.

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Hon members, a growing economy means little if our people cannot participate in it. So, we need to ensure we bring inclusion and a justice plan. We cannot talk about inclusive growth and yet continue with narrow empowerment models.

I think if are willing to be fair, BBBEE has not delivered economic inclusion. It has acted simply as a fig leaf for redress and it has done very little for many South Africans. So, I am here to propose that let's scrap BBBEE, Mr President. [Interjections.] Let's replace it with a plan that actually offers real broad-based inclusion for South Africans.

What apartheid did was to disrupt for many black families a transfer of wealth from one generation to another. Therefore, today, the majority of South Africans still remain poor because these issues were never addressed. If we want to talk about meaningful redress, then we must start there. Let's build a model of wealth transfer that includes property title, share ownership and pension savings.

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Therefore, let us start by privatising tribal land. Let's start by privatising government-owned land ... [Applause.] ... and giving people title to the people of this country once and for all. [Applause.] At the stroke of a pen, we can ensure that land is transferred to our people. The protection of private property rights is the bedrock of our economy and the future our nation. [Applause.]

Furthermore, once we have stabilised and privatised SOEs, let us distribute shares to our people. Now, we can begin to talk about share ownership, savings and pensions for many South Africans who have not seen them. But none of these economic and societal reforms will be possible without bold leadership and building a capable and uncaptured state.

Five months ago, during your state of the nation address ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Maimane, please hold! Hon members, you are now drowning the speaker at the podium. That's not allowed. Order! You can howl all you want, hon members. You are allowed to converse but just don't drown him out. Please continue, sir!

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The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: ... you told us you told us you were a man of action. In fact, you quoted Theodore Roosevelt, and let us believe that you were the man in the arena, the doer of deeds whose face was marred by dust, sweat and blood. But in reality, all this Presidency has produced so far is plans, commissions, promises and more conferences. We need to see action and we need to see it now!

You've spoken at length about cleaning up the state and government, but this never went beyond talk. The SIU is still lying dormant. The NPA has no money to operate. No one has been charged; no one has been prosecuted; and no one has been arrested. In fact, many of them are sitting here, Mr President, chairing committees. [Applause.] Mr President, that's not the man in the arena. That's the man watching the arena. Your office needs to be defined by action, not just by words.

Hon members, I want to call upon all of us. We must establish an oversight committee over the Presidency. It has often been said that, in writing the Constitution which, Mr President you were part of, you maybe thought of Nelson Mandela instead of thinking

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of Jacob Zuma. Therefore, an oversight committee will ensure that, whether it's President Zuma, President Mandela, anybody or any future president, the Office of the President will be accountable to the people in this Parliament once for all.

[Applause.]

I would urge that the Presidency's budget should not be spent on legal fees as we saw in the previous term. So, Mr President, may I recommend. Whatever the Public Protector finds against you, you must show example by paying for your own legal fees so that you do not use South Africa's money to defend yourself.

[Applause.]

But here is my concern, Mr President. What I saw in the Zondo Commission should have spurred anyone into action but we have seen nothing yet. Mr Zuma's testimony should either be that of a deranged individual, or someone who is actually telling the truth. In Zuma's own words, he said during the nine wasted years there were many who are sitting here, who were party to those decisions. In fact, he said it was the deployment committee which you headed up.

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So, Mr President, you sat at No 2 to No 1. So, all I want to know - and you were silent then. Will you be silent now or will you take action and guarantee this House tomorrow when you come to respond, that you will go to the commission, tell and set the record straight for all South Africa? We need action, Mr President, and we need it now. [Applause.] We cannot sit idly by.

I think of the words of former President Nelson Mandela. We can only rest for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities. And we dare not linger longer for our long walk is not ended. Mr President, you dare not linger. You can either choose your party or you can choose your country. You need to change what isn't working, because do more of the same we'll get more of the same. If you choose the path of reform - I have given you my undertaking - you have a partner in us. We will work with you. If we work together, we can build the consensus that will lead us into the next decade. But if you choose not to, and you'd rather not upset your fellow comrades and keep the status quo, the people of this country will march and bring change. We will

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with them and I will stand with them. The choice is yours, Mr President.

Setswana:

Ke a leboga.

IsiXhosa:

Siyabulela. Enkosi. [Kwaqhwytywa.]

Mr J S MALEMA: Hon Speaker ...

Sepedi:

... re lebiša mantšu a tlhobošo go batho ba mo Motse Kapa bao ba tlogetšwego ke bao ba ratago kudukudu. Re kwele gore bekeng ye feela go na le batho ba ba fetago 40 bao ba bolailwego mo. Re re go meoya ya bona, anke e robale ka khutšo. Malapa a bona a homotšege, re se ke ra homotša feela bao ba tsebegago bao ba tšwago dithelebišeneng.

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Hon Speaker, the EFF caucus led by the secretary-general Godrich Gardee discussed that under the leadership of the President, Cyril Ramaphosa, the centre is not holding; things are falling apart and South Africa is being auctioned off to a very dangerous minority that has privileged intelligence in its services of its interests.

Mr President, since your rise to power, the country's political direction is heading into a different destination. The evidence is seen in key state institutions that are not showing any improvement at all, and there is no evidence whatsoever that they will improve in the near future. The crisis at Eskom is getting worse despite aboard and the management that you have chosen to stabilise this institution.

This creates the greatest economic uncertainty because energy is central to modern industrial development. Trying to resolve Eskom crisis by splitting the company will only lead to the benefit of Goldman Sachs, Investec and Rothschild, meaning you'll be creating a situation in which the country depends on these families for its energy needs. Once South Africa depends

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on Investec and Rothschild to put on the lights, it is the end of the historic and revolutionary objective to liberate our economy from white monopoly capital. There is a crisis in Transnet, and again this is despite the board that was appointed by you, and worse, in Transnet, African leadership has been marginalised but still there is no sign of improvement. There is a crisis at SA Airways, SAA, and again this is despite the board and management appointed by you.

There is a crisis in Denel which is struggling to pay salaries. The board and management of Denel were also appointed by your good self. But the most dangerous development under your watch, Mr President, is the direction in which you are tasking the Public Investment Corporation, PIC, as you know that the PIC is one of the most important institution in the economy of South Africa with over 2 trillion assets under management. With the current board appointed by your Minister of Finance, my homeboy - with due respect - you have effectively donated the PIC to the capitalist's faction led by Trevor Manuel and his wife Maria Ramos, who was involved in fixing of the South African currency. She has confessed to that.

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Maria Ramos and Trevor Manuel are the most trusted ground forces of the white capitalist establishment and they unashamedly do everything in their power to please the Ruperts and the Rothchilds. Why is the Deputy Minister of Finance not appointed to be the chairperson of the PIC board, despite the fact that he holds a PhD, making him more qualified than all those capitalist stooges you appointed in the PIC board. [Applause.]

I never thought you have a problem with young people of talent. I don't understand why you isolate Masondo. You remind me of the days when Mbeki isolated Peter Mokaba, and Peter died asking the question. He was always asking for a meeting between the former President Mbeki and the former President Mandela, wanting to get an explanation of what he did - till to his grave, Peter was never given an explanation as to what he did wrong to the movement. I see the similarity in wanting to destroy Masondo. [Interjections.] You appointed the former Deputy Minister of Finance, the most intellectually challenged man to lead the PIC and then when a man of intelligence, a man who has all the qualities to lead comes, you isolate him, yet you ...

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The SPEAKER: Hon Malema, please take your seat. I have a point of order.

Mr B A RADEBE: Thank you Speaker, I am rising on Rule 84.

The SPEAKER: Rule 84?

Mr B A RADEBE: Yes, Ma'am.

The SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr B A RADEBE: Yes, particularly in reference to the former Deputy Minister as being intellectually challenged.

[Interjections.] I think it is unparliamentary. Thank you.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Malema? [Interjections.] No, I am ruling, honourable. Hon Malema, the phrase "intellectually challenged", if you take it as it is spoken, it's not unparliamentary but in the sense that you are using it - you are using it to reflect on

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a member. I don't think that that is correct, and I wish to ask you not to repeat that.

Mr J S MALEMA: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I have ruled; please do not repeat the words.

Mr J S MALEMA: We want to ask you Mr President to reconsider the decision to exclude the Deputy Minister from the PIC board, because if you continue to exclude these young people who are here to give us leadership, we will continue to fail these institutions. Masondo is not the type who can be a pushover, and we all know that the reason he is excluded is because he is not easily manipulated. Not Maria Ramos, not Trevor Manuel and not hon "Jamnadas", can push Masondo around, and that is why he is now being isolated. President, you are not in charge of this country and a group of minorities are running this country on your behalf for the benefit of "Stellenbosch mafia", the Rothschild and the George Soros. We can say it here under the protection of parliamentary privileges that the newly appointed, SA Revenue Service, Sars, commissioner is a friend of Trevor

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Manuel, and that is why Trevor Manuel recused himself when the interview of this commissioner ... [Interjections.] ... which was held in secret occurred.

You were supposed to independently appoint a Sars commissioner and you chose to outsource your powers to Trevor Manuel who is the chairperson of the Rothschild & Co Foundation in South Africa. When given an opportunity to appoint then national director of Public Prosecutions, you outsourced the function and appointed the National Director of Public Prosecutions, NDPP, who is saying that the National Prosecuting Authority, NPA, must accept private donations from private individuals and companies.

What is South Africa going to be if the prosecuting authority is funded by private capitalists who in South Africa are exclusively white and often engaged in many crimes of tax avoidance, massive fraud and illicit financial flows? How is the NPA going to independently investigate and prosecute the people and companies that will be funding it? We as the EFF reject any suggestions that the NPA should accept private donations, even

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worse, from private international donors and we will go to court to prevent that.

The direct capture of such an institution for counter-revolutionary ends must be prevented by any means necessary. For all we know, the first international donor who would jump into the opportunity to fund the NPA is the USA billionaire George Soros, through his Open Society Foundations. Countries like Hungary and Turkey have banned Soros for pursuing regime change agendas because he does not respect the self-determination of other people of the world, just like he actively funded regime change in Zimbabwe.

Mr President, the Public Protector has confirmed what we all know - that there is an unlawful, illegal, and extremely dangerous intelligence unit that was established by Mr Pravin Gordhan in his previous job as Sara commissioner. Some of the people who worked for this unit are coming out in public to speak to speak of its illegal activities. Mr President, the rogue unit exist, and its equipment and capacity are not being

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used by companies owned by Avin Pillay and Johann Van Loggerenberg.

The rogue unit and its political principals are primarily at the helm of a media cabal and faction whose role is to lynch anyone who exposes or speaks against the formation of the unit and its illegal activities. I became a victim of this unit. I went to them in 2010 and I met Oupa Magashule; I met Ivan Pillay; I met Johann Van Loggerenberg and I gave them the documents which contained all of this information - and after I left, all my problems started.

What type of a President are you, who even when presented with a hardcore evidence of the most dangerous activities of the hon Jamnandas, you still don't act?

The reality is that the rogue unit was not established with a directive of any sitting President and did not report to him. This means that whoever they reported to was as powerful if not more than a sitting President.

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Also, why should such a unit collect information privately and in an illegal manner from the National Prosecuting Authority, NPA? What are the implications of this?

Which high-profiled individual did this unit monitor and why? It is highly possible that these high-profiled individuals also included a sitting President.

In essence, once intelligence unit is established outside the prescription of legislation it means its activities were not subjected to oversight and accountability by Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence. How do we hold them accountable?

Mr President, we are too young but we have learnt a lot from many of you. Many of you are still traumatised by the activities of the cabal. And that's how hon Jamnandas become untouchable. He needs to know that unlike you who are traumatised by him, we are not scared of him, we are going to take him head-on toe-to-toe. [Applause.] And there's none of you who can tell us how we must take on Jamnandas.

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Jamnandas' faction destroyed a lot of comrades, traumatised a lot of comrades, they smeared a lot of comrades, the same way they are doing now, when you disagree with them they go to the papers.

Let me tell you who is their next victim, is Minister Sisulu. Because they are projecting her as a person who is competing for the President post. The next thing is that they will be character-assassinate her [Interjections.] because anyone that hon Jamnandas does not want, he engages in illegal activities to destroy their image. [Applause.] And it's not us, there was a report compiled about the cabal, and Jamnandas' name was there, doing exactly what they are doing now, to destroy and character-assassinate those they disagree with. [Applause.]

We are not going to be held at ransom here by Pravin. You are scared of him, we are not scared him. The same way you were scared of Zuma. We took him on, we brought him, and today he's sitting in the commission there like a lost soul. We will do the same with Jamnandas.

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The SPEAKER: Hon Malema, in this House he is hon Pravin.

Mr J S MALEMA: Hon Jamnandas. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: He is hon Pravin.

Mr J S MALEMA: Hon ... Jamnandas is his name, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: His surname is Pravin?

Mr J S MALEMA: His surname is Gordhan not Pravin. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Oh, my apologies, he's hon Gordhan.

Mr J S MALEMA: Mr Gordhan.

Mr President, like Zuma, you'll begin to hate this Parliament.

Do everything in your power to stay away from it; simply because you want to protect an individual against a Chapter 9 institution.

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President, this Parliament must finalise the amendment of the Constitution to allow expropriation of land without compensation. [Applause.]

We should pass legislation to nationalise the Reserve Bank which will create a state-owned bank; which will create free, quality and decolonised education.

We must insource all the workers who are working in the government institutions, particularly the security guards and cleaners. [Applause.]

President, let's make it very clear. We find it difficult now to support this budget. I wanted to be the first person to support a budget of a President because I've got respect for you and I've committed that we will support you. But these tendencies that are coming from your side in defiance of the Chapter 9 Institution, in protection of a corrupt individual, on isolating young people with talent, it means you are canvassing the same grounds that Zuma canvassed before.

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We did not fight with Zuma because he was ugly, no. [Laughter.] We fought with Zuma because, firstly, he outsourced his powers in the ANC to a family; and secondly, he undermined institutions of the state. You are doing the same. And I guarantee you now, they can have all types of press conferences, they can release all types of statements condemning the EFF, we are not here per your invitation, we are here because of our hard work.

[Applause.] Even when you said to us "The way you are going on you will not come back here" we came back stronger and powerful. [Applause.]

And we are going to use this Parliament to put pressure on you and on your friends who are coming from the cabal to respect the Chapter 9 Institutions. [Applause.]

I don't care who occupies that office. That office must be respected. If hon Pravin respected you and respected the new dawn, he will do what the Deputy President did and say "Let me step aside until my name is cleared".

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As peers, as people who are honest to each other, give him that advice in your caucuses and in your meetings. There's nothing wrong. Go out, go clear your name. You are appointable anytime. You can appoint him anytime as long as he has cleared his name. But because he's not honourable and has got disrespect for you, not because of the things we know maybe he knows things that we don't know, that's why he has become so untouchable.

You even join in interdicting the remedial actions of the Public Protector in protection of an individual against Chapter 9 Institution. [Applause.]

When this Parliament degenerates, when the situation degenerates in this country, you'll have yourself to blame.

We warned President Zuma repeatedly. I wanted to enjoy this Parliament; I wanted to enjoy your presidency. You've got the best chance ever, to lead us out of a nightmare of disrespecting institutions of the state. When you get such an opportunity you mess it up by protecting an individual. And this individual has got no respect for blacks, in particular Africans.

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Every little talent we've known of, he has single-handedly destroyed. Our comrades are projected as criminals. The people who were in the trenches, the people who fought for this country, who are well-qualified, destroyed by an untouchable man who did the same thing to Winnie Mandela. I will never succumb to Pravin's pressure. You might have done it to Winnie, you might have done it to Pius Langa; you will never succeed with our generation. Phezu kwabo [We are dealing with you] [Time expired.] [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION:

Speaker, I would the consideration of Hansard and the various aspersions that have been cast on hon Gordhan without a substantive motion being brought to the House. And you, Speaker, in that chair, allowed it consistently and I would ask for your ruling on this matter. Thank you.

Dr M Q NDLOZI: Speaker, please consider that when you make that consideration

The SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi!

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Dr M Q NDLOZI: Sorry, Speaker. May I please be recognised?

The SPEAKER: You are recognised, go ahead.

Dr M Q NDLOZI: Speaker, respectfully, when you make the consideration that hon Naledi Pandor is talking about, consider that there is the Public Protector's report, which is not casting aspersions. It is public; it is part of our debates and do not, hon Speaker, be invited to stifle debates in this House. Everybody must be held accountable.

So, that is my respectful submission when you look at that Hansard you are being invited to look at.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, we are not discussing the Public Protector's report. We are discussing Vote 1.

Hon Pandor is raising a matter that she says I must look at; whether aspersions have been cast against a member without substantiating, and I have undertaken to do that. In doing so, I

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shall not be influenced by anything but Hansard and what the member has said on the podium. Thank you.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Hon Speaker, Deputy Speaker, His Excellency the President of the Republic of South Africa Mr Matamela Ramaphosa, hon Ministers, Deputy Ministers and members of the National Assembly, on the eve of remembering what would have been former President Nelson Mandela's 101 birthday, we pause and take a moment to reflect on the legacy of his humanity and servant leadership. His entire life embodied a selfless commitment to the core valises of freedom, dignity, human solidarity and his relentless perused of struggle to change the lives of ordinary people for the better.

As this House engages with its day-to-day work, we must not go astray, but instead, seek to galvanise our collective leadership resolve and energies to tackle the challenges that are before us, namely, unemployment, poverty and inequality. Tata Madiba's life reminds us that we have a responsibility to free our people from the bondage and indignity of poverty. He said, and I quote:

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Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is manmade and can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right: the right to dignity and to a decent life. While poverty persists there is no true freedom.

Rising poverty and inequality continue to pose serious risks to global peace and stability. The United Nations 2019 global Multidimensional Poverty Index shows that 1,3 billion people are multidimensionally poor. The report notes that sub-Saharan and South Asia account for the largest proportion of poor people.

As a country, we are confronted with high levels of poverty that require our co-ordinated and decisive interventions. What this suggests is that there should be a concerted and co-ordinated effort to address, not only income poverty, but other critical challenges and dimensions of poverty that include, among others, our health outcomes, education and skills, asset poverty, poor quality of work, crime, gender-based violence as well as poor

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access to basic services. Poverty, inequality and deprivation engender deep-seated social fractures that undermine the goals of building a united and cohesive society.

Hon Speaker, we have come a long way since the birth of our democracy. This nation rose from the ashes of prejudice and racial polarisation to forge a new national identity founded on equality, equitable access to opportunities for all and the respect for human rights. We must continue to build a united nation that pursues common goals and aspirations for the benefit of all its citizens.

As we move forward, we must condemn those that promote race-based narratives intended to pull this nation apart. Incidents of racism and hate speech fuelled through social media platforms must be discouraged. More importantly, our spatial planning and approach to integrated, sustainable human settlements must foster racial integration, and create decent and safe environments for our people to live in.

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Women and children must walk freely with no fear of being raped and caught in the cross-fire of gang violence. We must reject xenophobic attacks perpetrated against foreign nationals. Our communities must unite and collaborate with law enforcement agencies to put an end to gender-based violence and murder of young children.

The Summit on Gender-based Violence and Femicide that was led by our President last year revealed that gender-based violence had reached unprecedented levels in recent times, and that more and more women were dying at the hands of their intimate partners. This cannot be allowed to continue. As the Presidency, we will work in close partnership with all our social partners to implement the declaration and resolutions which were the outcome of that summit.

Our task of strengthening social cohesion, patriotism and a common sense of nationhood must be predicated on a clear pro-poor policies and targeted anti-poverty initiatives. Investment in the poor must focus on social infrastructure such as decent housing,

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water, sanitation, health facilities, schools and roads to enhance economic and social mobility.

As a country, we need to forge partnerships and deepen social compacts that will promote economic growth, inclusion and broad-based participation. We must commend the President for driving a clear programme that mobilises all social partners in pursuing greater levels of investment to ensure that our country and our economy is put on a sustainable growth path. A growing economy will create employment opportunities and alleviate poverty and inequalities.

As part of our antipoverty programme, the Presidency will lead and co-ordinate government's public employment programmes to create opportunities for training, employment and enterprise development. Our antipoverty interventions will also prioritize investment in the development and growth of township and rural economies. Targeted enterprise development will be an important lever for accelerated empowerment of small businesses to ensure that they participate meaningfully in the market value chains across all key sectors of our economy.

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Working with the Departments of Small Business Development and Trade and Industry, we will focus on targeted support for small businesses to build their capacity to manufacture and supply construction materials to government infrastructure and human settlements projects. We need to promote the supply of locally manufactured materials to build schools, health facilities, roads and houses to ensure local small, medium and micro enterprise businesses, SMMEs, in townships and rural areas benefit from the roll-out of projects in their areas. In this way, we will be able to deal with excessive concentration and monopolies in the construction sector value chains.

Our industrialisation efforts through special economic zones must provide incubation opportunities for small businesses and ensure that they are linked to markets both domestically and internationally.

Hon Speaker, poverty and inequality are not only a consequence of historical injustices of the past, but the continuing skewed capital and land ownership patterns that hamper broad-based participation in economic productive activities. The

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acceleration of our land reform programme will continue to focus on improving access to land for agriculture, economic development and sustainable human settlements. The release of government-owned land will also be prioritised to meet these developmental objectives.

In part, land restitution, redistribution and security of tenure will not only address the negative legacy of dispossession, but unleash increased participation of new entrants to enhance our agricultural production. As government, we will streamline and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of post settlement support to ensure that available resources deliver meaningful outcomes and impact. We will work closely with established commercial farmers to leverage existing knowledge and expertise that will aid our land reform programme. Given that the agricultural sector has the potential to broaden economic participation and mitigate the challenges of rural poverty, the productive capacity of our communal land will be prioritised.

We will work together with traditional leaders to ensure that farmers in these communities are supported with the necessary

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requisite infrastructure, mechanisation and extension services to improve their production.

To provide the required political leadership and institutional support for the success of our land reform programme, we thank the President for the reconstitution of the Interministerial Committee on Land Reform and Agriculture to speed up the implementation of land reform initiatives.

The interministerial committee, IMC, will be seized with overseeing the implementation of the recommendations that are emanating from the Land Reform Advisory Panel. The panel has completed its work and is waiting to present its report to Cabinet. The President has assured this House on several occasions that our accelerated land reform programme will be pursued within faster but within a constitutionally defined framework. We hope that this august House will expeditiously conclude the processes leading to the amendment of section 25 of the Constitution so that we can unambiguously set out provisions of how the expropriation of land without compensation will be undertaken.

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At the heart of accelerated development, economic growth and inclusion is the adequate supply of relevant skills which are necessary for a modern, globally integrated and competitive economy such as the South African economy. The changing nature of work in the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution presents shifting expectations for realignment of the skills sets required to support the digital economy. What compounds our challenge as a country is that our bulging youth unemployment rate is as a result of low educational attainment levels, and a lack of industry specific skills among our youth.

The high number of young people aged between 15-34 years, who are not in employment, who are not in education or training is a serious cause for concern. In partnership with industry, we will work on finding solutions for this category of young people to ensure that they acquire the necessary skills that will enhance their participation in the labour market.

To respond to the challenge of skills shortages in critical areas of the economy, the Presidency will continue to champion the work of the Human Resource Development Council, a

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multistakeholder platform to forge collaborative partnerships in training and skills development. Working with industry players, we will continue to implement targeted skills development initiatives to improve the supply pipeline of scarce and critical skills.

We are alive to the fact that, as we deal with the deficit of skills in the economy, we should accord equal attention to improving health outcomes, thereby ensuring that we have a healthy and productive workforce.

Our holistic response to the negative impact of HIV and Aids remains one of the key leadership responsibilities of the Presidency. The work of the SA National Aids Council is the fulcrum on which broad-based engagements and partnerships with the private sector, international partners and civil society continue to thrive. Our global partners including the Global Fund, the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief, PEPFAR, and the United Nations Programme on Hiv/Aids, Unaid, must be commended for their valuable contribution to the successes we have achieved as a country through our HIV and Aids programmes.

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Yesterday, I was privileged to officiate the launch of the 2019 Unaided Global Report in Eshowe, in KwaZulu-Natal. For us, the choice of South Africa as the launch country for this report is testament to the global recognition of our good work in responding to the HIV and Aids epidemic. I am pleased to state that we have made noteworthy progress in leading our holistic fight against TB, HIV and Aids.

In this undertaking, we have mobilised partnerships with traditional leaders to play their critical role in this national endeavour. We are also working with provincial and local leadership structures through our provincial, district and local Aids councils. Our Premiers and mayors are playing a very critical leadership role in mobilising all social partners and our communities to ensure that we succeed in our fight against HIV and Aids.

Furthermore, the 2017-22, national strategic plan remains our blueprint to guide a coherent and integrated response to HIV and Aids. It will be rolled out and implemented through the provincial and district structures.

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At the same time that we are dealing with HIV-TB treatment, our focus remains on prevention to ensure that many South Africans remain TB and HIV negative. In saying this, there is acknowledgement that much work still remains to be done to stem the annual tide of new HIV and TB infections.

The multiparty leadership collective constituting this august House has recently emerged from the elections this year to represent the voices of the people who mandated all of us to be here in this House. The contestation among ourselves was not as important as the messages and feedback that we received from ordinary people. Our people need us to improve on how we respond to their service delivery concerns.

There can be no doubt that poverty levels correlate with challenges of service delivery in our local government institutions. The poor are bearing the brunt of inconsistent and interrupted access to services. To respond to these challenges, the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Cogta, has identified and packaged targeted support measures that will help local government to perform better. To

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complement these efforts, the President has established an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Service Delivery Response Interventions to lead and co-ordinate government's work in areas plagued by service delivery challenges.

We will continue to build an efficient, effective and responsive local government system. More importantly, we need to safeguard the integrity of governance systems to ensure that service delivery is enhanced and public resources are utilised to benefit communities. We will focus on strengthening political and administrative leadership capacities to ensure that issues raised by the Auditor-General are addressed.

We fully endorse the Auditor-General's when he said recently that leadership sets the tone of any organisation. If an organisation's leaders are unethical, have a disregard for governance, compliance and control, and are not committed to transparency and accountability, this will filter through to the lower levels of that organisation.

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In my role as Leader of Government Business, it is my sworn duty to ensure that there is implementation of the district-based approach as announced by the President to speed up service delivery. We will undertake to do this in the spirit of co-ordinated governance, working with relevant line function departments like CoGTA to ensure that municipalities are, indeed, adequately capacitated and resourced to fulfil their legislative mandate of service delivery.

In closing, hon Speaker, allow me to announce that our efforts to build a better and a connected Africa are bearing tangible fruits. For instance, in my role as the special envoy to South Sudan, we managed to hold various bilateral consultations working with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development. Over the coming few weeks we will co-ordinate various stakeholders involved in peace efforts in South Sudan to come with a comprehensive response to accelerate the implementation of the of the Revitalised Agreement. These consultations are aimed at securing the implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement on South Sudan. Following months of intense negotiations, the new revitalised agreement has managed to

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secure the buy-in of most of the protagonists that are involved in South Sudan.

We are happy that the signatories to this agreement are now working together to ensure that peace is realised and sustained.

As part of stabilising the humanitarian crisis, preparations are under way for the delivery of South Africa's humanitarian assistance package to the people of South Sudan. We will continue to promote peace on the continent and ensure that intra-Africa trade is strengthened. More importantly, Africa's people must live in peace with no fear of war and with no fear of violence.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the President for his unwavering support and being a living example. To me, President Ramaphosa embodies Madiba's sage counsel that a winner is a dreamer who never gives up. [Applause.]

We commit ourselves, Mr President, to work with you, to travel with you this journey in good times and in difficult times. We

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will always support this government and make sure that we succeed in all the goals that we have set for ourselves. I thank you very much. [Applause.]

Prince M G BUTHELEZI: Hon Speaker, His Excellency, the President, the Deputy President, hon Ministers, hon Deputy Ministers, hon members of the House, Aaah Dalibhunga!

HON MEMBERS: Aaah Dalibhunga!

Prince M G BUTHELEZI: I salute that great song of South Africa, as we remember his legacy this week. Every budget highlights performance indicators, and relates these to the outcomes of the Medium-Term Strategic Framework.

In the Presidency, for example, performance indicators include quarterly monitoring reports on such things as economic policy, job creation, fighting corruption, service delivery and social transformation. These indicators relate to the strategic outcomes of nation-building, inclusive growth, an efficient public service and the safety of all South Africans.

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One should then be able to get a bird's-eye view, as it were, of how the Presidency is faring based on its performance indicators. Unfortunately, though, there is no data available for this budget cycle, nor is there data for last year, or the year before, or the year before that.

Does this mean that there were no quarterly reports? This is a monumental shortcoming, which would have been pounced on in a parliamentary oversight committee. But, yet again, we come to this House to rubberstamp a budget we have not had the privilege of interrogating beforehand, for there is still no committee with oversight of the Presidency.

This hinders Parliament in fulfilling its mandate and places the President in the embarrassing position of answering questions that should have been answered by the accounting officer in the Presidency. Nevertheless, the questions must be asked.

Last year, we were told that by 2021 almost R30 million would need to have been cut from the Presidency's budget. One of the ways this would be done was by reducing consultants. Yet, in

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this budget, we see that expenditure on consultants and advisory services is set to increase at an average rate of 30,6% over the medium term. Why?

Surely the re-establishment of the research and policy unit should reduce the need for consultants and advisory services. If the budget is no longer going to be cut here, but instead dramatically increased, where will the necessary cuts be made?

Expenditure on compensation of employees is set to increase; expenditure on travel and subsistence is set to increase; expenditure on Cabinet services is set to increase; catering for departmental activities is set to increase. Where are the cuts?

The IFP welcomes the re-establishment of the research and policy unit, particularly because it will work with the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation to develop an early warning mechanism on potential contradictions or shortcomings in policy implementation.

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This is invaluable, because so often - with my experience - by the time government realises it is moving in the wrong direction, it is too far down the road to change course. The temptation is to just keep going in the wrong direction, while using more and more money to ameliorate the problem.

Presently, close to 60% of the Presidency's budget is for compensation of employees - an amount of R326,9 million. What is the cost of the 49 additional employees, in unfunded posts? Where does that money come from? If these employees are needed, how were the needs of the Presidency so badly misjudged in formulating the staff establishment in the first place?

When it comes to the Medium-Term Expenditure Estimate, transfers and subsidies to provinces and municipalities register a 100% decrease. On the other end of the scale, transfers and subsidies to departmental agencies and accounts have increased at an average rate of 133%. How do we explain these figures to South Africa, when Parliament is not even apprised of what they mean or why these decisions have been taken?

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Last month, a lekgotla of the ruling party agreed to reduce unemployment from 26% to 14% in the next five years. That is good news for the 10 million unemployed South Africans. How it will be done, when our GDP is shrinking, remains to be seen.

Laudably, a budget has been allocated within the Presidency to track progress on the outcome of the 2018 Youth Summit, in line with unemployment being declared a national crisis. But where is the budget to track progress on the Presidential Summit on Gender-Based Violence, which the Deputy President mentioned? That summit was held seven months ago, yet government is still talking about how to implement its resolutions. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Afrikaans:

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Abg Speaker, die President het gesê, ...

English:

... and I quote you: "... a presidency, not afraid to act". I like a Presidency who is not afraid to act. Hon President, you also said that we must watch this space. I want to watch this

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space to see what you are going to do as hon President with your two ambassadors – the ambassador in the Netherlands, Bruce Koloane, who is part of corruption and that was proved by the commission. You are the only person who appoints ambassadors and who can recall them. We are watching the space. We are also watching the space with regard to your ambassador in Denmark, who on social media made racist remarks and also hate speech. We are watching the space.

Hon President, on a very serious note and with great respect, I want to ask you why you are afraid to condemn farm murders publically. I just don't understand. The farming community of South Africa does not understand why you don't want to do it.

Your premier in North West, your premier in Gauteng and even the hon Speaker behind me, when she was the premier in North West, publically condemned farm murders. I appeal again to you, hon President, publically condemn farm murders, because that is what the farming community wants to hear.

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I also want to say, hon President, you said in your state of the nation address that we must half violent crime in South Africa and I want to congratulate you. You are the first South African President to appear in a hologram being at two places at the same time - the Fourth Industrial Revolution. It is like we say in Afrikaans:

Afrikaans:

Jy sien wat jy glo, maar jy kan deesdae ook nie meer glo wat jy sien nie.

English:

I want to ask, hon President: Are you aware of the fact that in 2012, the Portfolio Committee on Police approved legislation so that there can be a link between the fingerprints of the South African Police Service and Home Affairs, so that if there is a crime scene and they lift some fingerprints, they can immediately link it to Home Affairs. Home Affairs has all the fingerprints and then they can fight crime effectively.

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As we are speaking now, millions of rands have been spent on computers and everything, but still the police has no link with Home Affairs to check on fingerprints. You will not be able to half violent crime, if that does not happen very soon to improve the fight against crime.

Afrikaans:

Die agb Adjunkpresident het hier verwys na die grondkwessie. Daar is nog liggelowiges wat glo dat die Grondwet nie gewysig sal word om onteiening sonder vergoeding moontlik te maak nie. Die agb Adjunkpresident het vandag in die Begrotingspos van die President gesê dat die regering voort sal gaan om artikel 25 van die Grondwet te wysig. Hy wag vir die Presidensiële verslag, maar hulle gaan steeds voort. Daarom wil ek vandag vir die mense van Suid-Afrika sê om kennis te neem dat dit gaan gebeur.

[Tussenwerpsels.]

Wat is die groot gevaar? Die werklikheid is dat daar mense is wat dink dat jy artikel 25 maar net wysig met 'n tweederdemeerderheid en as die Onteieningswet dan ter sprake kom, sal net sekere voorwaardes geld. U moet weet dat 'n gewone

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wet in die Parlement slegs met 'n gewone 50% plus een gewysig kan word. Met ander woorde, as die Grondwet eers gewysig is met 'n tweederdemeerderheid, daarna is dit irrelevant of jy 'n tweederdemeerderheid het. As jy 'n gewone meerderheid het, sal jy dit kan wysig en dit maak die pad oop vir nasionalisering in die toekoms.

English:

The hon President can only serve for two terms.

Mr N S MATIASE: Madam Speaker.

Afrikaans:

Sal die agb lid Groenewald 'n vraag beantwoord?

The SPEAKER: Is u bereid om dit te doen?

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Ek het 'n paar sekondes oor. Ek gaan nou regtig nie my tyd afstaan aan die agb lid nie. Hy is egter welkom om my die vraag nou daar te vra.

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Mnr N S MATIASE: Ek sal sommer nou vra.

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Nee, jy mors my tyd.

Mnr N S MATIASE: Is u bang?

Dr P J GROENEWALD: Maybe, I must explain in English. I am not going to take your question and use my time for your question, but you are welcome to ask me outside.

Hon President, everybody in South Africa wants to prosper. Everyone wants a better future, but with great respect, I have listened to what you have said this afternoon. It sounds very good. It sounds like an academic presentation that you will liaise with this and we will focus on this and that. In the end, hon President, the people don't have jobs.

When it comes to local government, especially, if you say you want to obtain something, abolish district councils, because there is no need for them. It will be a first step and tell the

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ANC governing municipalities that if they don't pay for their services, you will cut it off. Thank you.

Rev K R J MESHOE: Speaker, hon President, I was devastated to read reports that 43 people had been murdered in Cape Town this past weekend. The murders took place despite the National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure operation in areas across the Cape Flats.

Since the Minister of Police announced the deployment of a battalion of South African National Defence Force, SANDF, troops, criminal activity by gangsters seems to be on the increase, this despite a heightened police presence in some of the most violent areas of the city.

Mr President, soldiers must take their positions in violent areas this coming weekend to prevent the loss of more lives. Use these soldiers to assist the police to crush crime and gangsterism on the Cape Flats. Too much blood has been shed. We believe that enough is enough.

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In August 1993, former President Mandela was in Katlehong on the East Rand where, over a few days, more than 130 people died as a result of political violence. Speaking to those gathered at a stadium, he is reported to have said, and I quote:

The first big problem is the unwillingness of the government, the police and the South African Defence Force to protect our people. To them, the lives of black people are cheap. It is as if flies had died.

This was a cry of desperation from President Mandela who wanted to see these killings stopped. Today, we find ourselves in a very similar situation, and our people are living in fear and looking to government for help. Mr President, much more must be done to stop the daily killings of innocent people in gang-infested areas and on our farms and smallholdings.

During his state of the nation address, the President called for a relentless focus on economic growth. Economists welcomed this undertaking, but cautioned that policy uncertainty was at the root of our stunted growth.

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Yesterday, the Institute of International Finance published its Global Debt Monitor, which reportedly puts South Africa's at almost 60%, after reaching 59,3% in the first quarter. The report asserts that South Africa has seen the biggest debt to GDP increase in the sub-Saharan Africa region during the quarter, this up from 54,7%, last year, and cites government's struggle to rein in our debt as the main contributor for the increase.

Mr President, government needs to do far more to reduce the very high levels of public debt, and the escalating debt service costs, which is the fastest growing budgeting item.

IsiZulu:

UNGGONGQOSHE EHHOVISI LIKAMONGAMELI: Impela, kunzima la ezweni. Madam Speaker, His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa, Deputy President of the Republic, Mr Mabuza, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, hon members of the House, the Acting Director-General of Government Communication and Information System, GCIS, Ms Phumla Williams, Acting CEO of the Media Development and Diversity Agency, MDDA, Ms Zukiswa Potye, Acting CEO of Brand

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South Africa, Ms Thulisile Manzini, distinguished guests in the gallery, including my daughter and her friends, her name is Thuli, she is up there,

Dr M Q NDLOZI: Hello Thuli!

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: I just want to say to Thuli, Thuli, if you see anybody wearing a red overall ... [Laughter.] and boots approaching you, run my girl. [Laughter.] Run and don't look back. [Laughter.] As we deliver this Budget Vote speech on the eve of Mandela Day ... [Interjections.]

Dr M Q NDLOZI: Thuli! Thuli, Thuli! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi!

Dr M Q NDLOZI: I am just greeting Thuli. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No hon Ndlozi! That is completely out of order.

Dr M Q NDLOZI: Hey Thuli! [Interjections.]

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Dr M Q NDLOZI: Hon Ndlozi! That is completely out of order.

[Interjections.] Please continue.

Mr G A GARDEE: And Commissar Dr Ndlozi is not married and is available. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, we appreciate the presence of the Minister's daughter in the gallery and that is where it ends. Please continue Minister. [Interjections.]

Dr M Q NDLOZI: No, no, no! Ginger is going to be very hurt about me being available ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi, please take your seat.

Dr M Q NDLOZI: ... everyone knows I am with Ginger. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi! Hon Ndlozi, the floor of the House is not where personal interest is expressed. [Interjections.]

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[Laughter.] Can we now continue, uninterrupted hon members. Hon Minister, please proceed.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: ... a day devoted to volunteerism and service to others, I dedicate this speech to a woman who has for her entire life practiced the values of volunteerism in an effort to bring change to the lives of others, a woman who without knowing many of us, provided shelter and support for us during the dark days of apartheid, a woman who in her old age continues to be a pillar of strength to her community in Zone 2, Diepkloof, Soweto. A stalwart of the anti-apartheid movement and a mother to many of us, her name is uGogo u-Margaret Stofile.

Because of Gogo Stofile's immense contribution to our lives, we have adopted her family and will provide the necessary support to ensure that she does not have to worry about the future of her 20 grandchildren. Though the little we do will never compare to what she did for us ... maybe let me explain what she did for us. Some of us who came to Johannesburg, running away from the police in our own localities, we didn't have places to stay. It

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is Mama and Gogo Stofile who opened their houses to us. There were many of us. I came from Witbank but there are many others from other outlying areas who also found refuge in the house of Mama Stofile. Thank you Mama Stofile. [Applause.] ... we do hope that it will bring about positive change in her family. We would also like to encourage others who are in a better position to lend a hand and assist those who might be in need. Through small, consistent acts of kindness to others, we would be indeed be honouring our liberation icon - as our President has said - we will be indeed honouring uTata Nelson Mandela.

We must all, "taken action, inspire hope and make every day a Mandela Day." You have never shied away from constructive criticism and robust debate, which is a hallmark of our democracy. However, we want to differentiate between robust and constructive criticism, as opposed to disrespect, rudeness and uncouth behaviour as shown by others in this House but also as shown during last week's Budget Vote speech by Minister Pravin Gordhan particularly by the EFF. Why is the EFF pursuing Gordhan so much? [Interjections.] Let us just try and answer that question. Why this anarchic pursuit of this stalwart of our

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liberation movement. [Interjections.] We know that one reason that we want to put is that there is a deep-seated hatred for our Indian compatriots amongst these. [Interjections.] Secondly ... [Interjections.]

AN HON MEMBER: That is racist! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Of course you are racist, you are. ... you sent the hon Minister Pravin to go and clean out our state-owned entities, SOEs. I can assure you that in his attempts to clean up the SOEs he stepped on some corrupt toes of EFF cronies. [Interjections.] Thirdly, is that indeed they are trying very hard to deviate for their friends who are dealing in illicit cigarettes who fund them regularly. And it is these friends who are being pursued by our tax collecting agencies. [Interjections.] Now, Pravin becomes a scapegoat.

Hon President, do not be deterred by these howlers, continue to do what the people of South Africa have entrusted you to do, that is to change their lives for the better. There is a Zulu

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Idiom that I would like to use in this befitting instance, it says ...

IsiZulu:

... izinja zikhonkhotha ehambayo, Mongameli. [Ubuwelewele.]

English:

And indeed, the Ramaphosa train is moving. Since coming into office, President Ramaphosa has championed economic growth through the investment conference and job summits among other ... [Interjections.]

Dr M Q NDLOZI: Speaker, I have a point of order. I really need you to help us, if it parliamentary that because we are critical ...

IsiZulu:

... sesi yizinja? [Ubuwelewele.]

English:

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From an old person, like, how do you at the same time justify that you are a democrat. If people who are critical you call them dogs. [Interjections.] So can you please decide if the hon Jackson Gordhan is right for saying that? If that sentence, in particular, is parliamentary.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon Ndlozi, it is not necessary for me ... order members, order. Order! Order! [Interjections.] Hon members, hon Ndlozi, it is not really necessary for me to rule because you know that was an idiomatic expression. Secondly, hon members ... [Interjections.] please don't help me, can we continue with the debate. Thirdly, we do not have a Jackson Gordhan. [Interjections.] Hon Minister, please proceed.

Mr G A GARDEE: Madam Speaker, we have Mphikwa Jamnadas.

The SPEAKER: Hon Gardee, you have not been recognised and therefore whatever you have said now is off the record.

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The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: ... successfully initiated projects in the year under review. The Digital Economy Summit which took place earlier this month reaffirmed government's commitments to providing the required infrastructure to enable our digital ascendancy in order to better serve our people. President Ramaphosa ... [Interjections.]

Mr J W W JULIUS: Speaker, on a point of order: I just wanted to know whether the Minister would return the favour by taking a question from me please. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you take a question?

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: Later! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: He is not prepared.

The MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: President Ramaphosa has also been very steadfast in rooting out corruption and rebuilding the integrity of our public institutions including our state-owned enterprises, SOEs. Mr President, we are in full agreement that

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as a country and as a people, we must deal with corruption head on. In this regard, we welcome the good work that has been done by the various commissions of inquiry to rid our country of fraud, malfeasance, corruption, inclusive of state capture. It is through these efforts that the country will be able to regain its reputation as a preferred investment destination. In 2018, when President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the state of the nation address, Sona, he undertook to review the structure and size of the executive and government to ensure that the state is optimally suited to meet the needs of the people of South Africa. To this end, in this sixth democratic administration, the Ministry in the Presidency is responsible for the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, the National Planning Commission, NPC, including its secretariat, Statistics SA, the Government Communication and Information System, GCIS, the Media Development and Diversity Agency, MDDA, and Brand SA.

The configuration of these functions under the Ministry in the Presidency is a deliberate move to ensure that the strategic long-term planning of government programmes conducted by the NPC is done through evidence-based statistics collected by

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Statistics SA and their implementation monitored and evaluated by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. In appreciating the critical role of government communications in adhering to our constitutional mandate of the provision of information to our citizenry, the GCIS has been strategically located within the Presidency to ensure that government as a whole is able to communicate its work at a national, provincial and local level; whilst also ensuring that our messages reaches grassroots levels by supporting emerging and previously disadvantaged media entrepreneurs through the efforts of the MDDA. On an international level, our Brand SA plays a critical role in ensuring the management of South Africa's brand and the reputation of our country to remain an attractive investment and tourism destination.

Therefore, this alignment of functions within the Ministry in the Presidency allows us greater coherence, better co-ordination and improved efficiency as a Ministry strategically located within the Presidency. This location also allows the President to have a clear line of sight on the performance of government as a whole through the work of the Department of Planning,

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Monitoring and Evaluation among others. In his Sona, President Ramaphosa reaffirmed the National Development Plan as our Lode Star that all government departments must adhere to and achieve our Vision 2030 goals and targets to enable us to grow South Africa together and build South Africa and the nation we want. As a think tank and advisory body, the NPC is the custodian of the National Development Plan, Vision 2030. Whilst in the past the NPC would attend to their human resource needs through the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, the reconfiguration of government has ensured that the NPC and its secretariat will now be a stand-alone body tasked with macroplanning. As the chairperson of the NPC, we will ensure that in the remainder of the term of the current NPC, which ends in September 2020, the priority focus of the commission is on the appraisal of the NDP. This work is intended to assess the implementation of the NDP, what the challenges have been, reasons for lack of implementation, if any, and what can be done to change course and get back on the critical path towards the NDP's goals, both in the medium-term 2020-24, and the long-term up to 2030.

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Working in close collaboration with the Department of Monitoring, Planning and Evaluation, we also intend on hosting a colloquium with our social partners and the academic society later this month to assess any challenges encountered in the implementation of the NDP and collectively input on a way forward. As part of executing our planning, monitoring and evaluation mandate, the Department of Monitoring, Planning and Evaluation was entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the review of the performance of government and its social partners during the first 25 years of democratic governance in South Africa. Working together with my predecessor, the hon Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, we will table the *25-Year Review* within the first 100-day timeframe of this administration. Broadly, the *25-Year Review* indicates that our democratic government achieved beyond expectations in the delivery of basic services such as housing, the provision of free access to water, electricity, healthcare and education for the poor. However, we are still lagging behind on the economic growth and transformation front.

Through the Department of Monitoring, Planning and Evaluation, we are broadening our monitoring system to an Integrated

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Monitoring Framework including frontline service monitoring, citizen-based monitoring, community-based monitoring and more effective use of the Presidential Hotline. Through our Integrated Monitoring Framework, the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation will closely monitor the performance of all departments on a bi-annual basis, and keep the President appraised on their performance. Mr President, we are bringing back the izimbizo programmes and as you have mentioned, our approach will be district-based. Through the integrated delivery model, the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation will not just be counting how many taps have been provided but also monitor whether those taps have clean running water. We will not only be checking how many clinics have been built in an area but also monitor the quality of the healthcare services in that particularly primary healthcare facility. Our Presidential Izimbizo, coupled with our government community outreach and rapid response programmes by our Ministers and Deputy Ministers, will give our President and Deputy President a better view of where delivery challenges are and what interventions are required. These will also assist government in directly

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responding to the issues raised by our people during the May 2019 elections.

We have taken it upon ourselves to ensure that all entities under our Ministry are fully capacitated and functional in the next 100 days of this administration. There must be no boards which are inquorate or defunct. There must be no entity with a head who is in an acting position. Therefore, all funded post must be filled especially at senior management level because it is only when we have fully functional structures that we will be able to deliver on our respective mandates. Our Deputy Minister in the Presidency, the Hon Thembi Siweya will outline our plans relating to rebooting the governance structures of the MDDA and Brand-SA. Today we met with community media including radio, TV and print where we agreed that this sector needs urgent attention. We will therefore be working towards a national engagement with this sector in an attempt to deal with the challenges that it is faced with. We are also in the process of realigning government-wide communications so that there are one message, many voices, at all levels of government, to ensure we keep South Africans informed of the work of government at all

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material times. Government communications must reach our people in all corners of our country

Therefore, in line with our constitutional mandate, we have to honestly inform the public about what the sixth administration is doing, why it is doing so and how that is going to improve the lives of our people. In this regard, our messages should speak to what government is doing to improve people's lives, and in particular what efforts are being made to revive the economy and create jobs. This past Friday, we unveiled the plaque and renamed the GCIS press room in Tshwane after Ronnie Mamoepa and thus it became the Ronnie Mamoepa Media Centre. [Applause.] This historic event was in honour of one of our finest public servants and government communicators. Ronnie Mamoepa was a true embodiment of a patriot, a model public servant, a humble and dedicated leader and most of all, a veteran government communicator. In renaming the GCIS press room after Ronnie Mamoepa we were making a statement of intent. We are challenging all communicators in government to follow in his footsteps and to carry the torch of communicating directly with our people, as the late Ronnie did. Government communicators must not be news,

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must not be celebrities, they must be available at all times, speak the languages spoken by our communities and be humble. We are going to fully implement the Government Communication Policy as approved by Cabinet. The policy strengthens the government communication system to ensure that it is well-integrated, better co-ordinated and professional, and allows for citizens to interact with government.

We want to thank all those who participated in our previous Budget Vote debates for entities under the Presidency. We thank members of this House who robustly engaged the Budget Vote on the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation which will ensure that planning, monitoring and evaluation is conducted in all departments. As we have said, we will soon be presenting the proposed Integrated Planning Framework Bill to Parliament, which will ensure better integrated planning - Mr President - across all levels and spheres of government. Similarly, we appreciate the contributions and thank those who participated in the debate on the Budget Vote on Statistics SA. We look forward to introducing a draft Statistics Amendment Bill in Parliament in the year ahead. We have spoken to my colleague, the Minister of Finance

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and National Treasury regarding the financial difficulties faced by Statistics SA which has led to them not being able to fill critical positions and as a consequence, had many of their senior employees recruited by international institutions such as the World Bank, United Nations, the UN as well. In this regard, the National Treasury - and again thank you very much Minister - has undertaken to look into the underfunding of Statistics SA and we are confident that a solution to preserve our Statistics SA will be found.

In conclusion, as we said during our elections manifesto, which led to South Africans convincingly voting for us to govern this country for the next five years, we want to work with our people to grow South Africa together. It is only through our collective efforts that we will be able to build the nation we want and deserve. We must thank all the leaders of the six departments and entities which fall under our competency for their sterling work in ensuring we are able to work in a coherent and efficient manner to serve the people of South Africa. We urge all members of this Parliament to vote in favour of Vote 1, the Presidency. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

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Business suspended at 16:56

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY: Hon Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, the President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, the Deputy President, Mr D D Mabuza, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Members of Parliament and distinguished guests. Hon speaker, I wish to appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Budget Vote 1.

Today's budget vote happens on the day that many years ago introduced what was referred to as ordinance 50 in 1858. This was purported, hon Deputy Speaker, to improve the conditions of the then Hottentots and other free persons of colour who resided in the place of Cape Town; and for consolidation and amending the laws affecting those persons.

Point number 4 of that ordinance indicated that it was expedient to protect ignorant and unwary Hottentots and other free persons of colour as an aforesaid from the effects of improvident contracts for service, and then it said:

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Be it therefore enacted, that it shall not be legal for any person to hire by written agreement any Hottentot or a free person of colour for a longer period than a calendar month.

This tells us, hon Speaker, that we come from a very unwelcoming environment of employment as people of this particular country. It goes on to say in point five that, if you were to be employed for longer periods than a month to up to 12 months, then you needed to go and speak to a clerk or a justice

This is also another day, Deputy Speaker, where in 1950; we saw the introduction of Suppression of Communism Act, which was very instrumental in ensuring that many of our struggle leaders were arrested in their numbers for some of the crimes that we have not understood even today.

Speaker, allow me to go into the budget vote discussion, but before I go there, hon Speaker and members, the reality that we must also face month is that we saw the birth of former President Nelson Mandela, who was the first president of our democracy. We also saw the birth of Solomon Kalushi ka Mahlangu

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who also fought relentlessly for the liberation of our people, and as young people, we own that name, and we believe that if we were to follow and take on some of his characteristics as an individual, we would do more and achieve more.

Central to the debate of Budget Vote 1, hon Deputy Speaker, is guiding national economic development through mobilising domestic and international investors and other social partners to ensure that we are able to jobs through our economy.

Chairperson, the discussion can't land and find expression without us speaking about the issue of land. Expropriation of land without compensation is an urgent matter that must be fast tracked by the Sixth Parliament to ensure that the Constitution's section 25 aligns itself to this particular expression.

Particularly because we have realised that in the past 25 years the exercise of 'willing buyer, willing seller' is not working. Particularly because anyway when you try and sell stolen goods, it will not work. So, we want to applaud the leadership of the

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ANC as led by President Cyril Ramaphosa for ensuring that Nasrec Conference was able to find a resolution on expropriation of land without expropriation.

Hon Speaker, this country is endowed with lot of mineral resources and one of the exercises that we will need engage ourselves in is ensuring that we are able to mine, but in that exercise of trying to mine our mineral resources, we must ensure that the sector itself is transformed, and that locals, particularly South African people are able to find ownership licenses and that they are able to participate productively in the space of mining.

There is a number of other new types of minerals that have not been necessarily part of the mining sector. Among them we will look issues of manganese vestiges in the seas. There is something called International Seabed Authority, where we are participants as a country.

We own one percent of the manganese market and we want to increase our share to four percent, and the government of the

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ANC is willing to do that particular exercise of ensuring that we increase it so that we are able to create jobs.

Hon Speaker, there is currently a great debate in the country around one of the biggest mineral resources that has anchored our energy space, which is coal. The debate is because the coal itself is not one of the cleanest sources of energy. But equally, it doesn't mean that we can't clean it up and use it

As a country we need a base type of source of energy that we know we can rely on. We are obviously bringing in other sources because the idea is that we must have a mix, so that we have a bit of security in terms of energy.

The mining of coal can't be wished away because when we look at reports currently, I think the latest report was in 2010, on estimating how much coal we have underground. It says we have about 200 years of coal underneath the ground. So, what should then happen? Should we then discontinue using coal or should we explore technology to ensure that we are able to create more jobs in that particular space.

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Maybe the best one is to clean up the coal because we are signatories of the Cop 17 and the Paris Agreement. As this particular ANC we must also ensure that within the same energy space, government entities which have been established to create profit and make profit for the state are able to do so.

This is not just about the ones that are in energy but any other state entity, but we must also be able to give support to such.

Hon Speaker, there are also opportunities on gas explorations and as you will know, in the past week there was a judgment against the participation the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy. But this does not mean that the work itself can't be done. It means that we must align ourselves to the law of land and ensure that everyone who is a role player in ensuring that we mine that particular gas, plays within the limits of the law; and must continue to mine.

There is an abundance of titanium oxide in the country and we need our communities through providing them with information that it is necessary for us to mine, but it is also necessary

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for us to pursue other economic activities like tourism, that will assist us in ensuring that we are able to create jobs in the country.

Hon Deputy Speaker, this is particularly so because the unemployed in this country, the majority of them are young people, particularly young women. We can't be silent and fold our hands. We must also admit that gold because it has been mined for over 120 years in this country, is likely to go down, the mining itself, which is the case currently.

Many reasons are point in terms of why it's going down; one of them is the issue of safety, another is the issue electricity and many other factors that influence such. But this does not mean that you can't mine gold at all.

Some of those mines that have stopped mining still have value and there are still others which have not been mined all, and we need to look into the idea of mining and allowing our people through a small miners' projects ensure that they have licenses

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and they able to mine so that they are able assist in creating jobs.

But this also comes with a bit disadvantages; one of them is the phenomenon of illegal mining hon Speaker. This has some challenges because when you look at who is doing illegal mining, you will find that it is our friends from our neighbouring countries who come very armed because they know that they participating in illegal activities and we need to address that.

whilst we are running the project of ensuring that the small miners get access to mining, and it's important that the Mining Charter itself, particularly its implementation comes to fruition and is implemented to ensure that it benefits those it is meant to benefit.

The issue of fuel and electricity prices is one the foci that government should really put a lot of energy on. There are technologies that will allow us to tamper with the price of electricity in terms of decreasing it, not just for the people of this country, but also for the economic activities because

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will want come and beneficiate in this country and invest in beneficiation because the operation cost is also affected by your utilities and our utilities are quite expensive in the form of electricity and fuel.

We must also restructure the price of fuel, so your petrol price, your diesel price are very expensive and we need to rework that particular review and ensure that we are able to use this as a handle to attract investors.

We also need to into the issue of agriculture. Part of the reasons we want to expropriate land without compensation is because the young in this country are ready to engage in agricultural activities.

One of the issues which are raised by research currently is that the average age of a farmer is between 58 years and 64 years and that farming itself as an economic activity has gone down. It then means that young people need to come as an army to join this particularly important and fundamental economic activity that will ensure food security in the country and ensure that we

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able to do our own part in terms of supplying even outside countries with the food that we produce.

It is also important that we also beneficiate in this particular sector, which has not been particularly great for black farmers. We need to ensure that we are able to have handles that allow black to be able to benefit and create jobs.

There is an establishment of a fund that has been announced by the Department of Public Works. The ANC wants to wants to applaud the Department of Public Works for that R100 billion of infrastructure investments fund.

But the message that we want to send to the department as the ANC is that it must also ensure that it sees transformation as part and parcel of the spending of that particular investment. Black businesses must be able to also get assistance from that investment fund. Then you look at issues of youth, women and people with disabilities.

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We are also advised that R2 5 billion will go towards Expanded Public Works Programme, EPWP. As young people, we are not the biggest fans of EPWP, but, on the other hand, we can't keep young people idling continuously. At least let them idle in those short term jobs and ensure that they at least benefit from that R2 5 billion.

We are told that 8 000 new jobs will be created and we are proposing that the department continues with what they did last year by ensuring that 66% of women benefit from this programme, and that 44% of young people continue to benefit as they did last year.

The National Youth Service is also one programme that we want to advise departments that are embarking on to work in partnership with a National Youth Development Agency, NYDA, so that we are able to leverage better value on the National Youth Service.

The government is encouraging public-private partnerships that will assist us to also look into how we can find programmes that

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relate youth, women and people with disabilities. But also stretch to issues of Statistics SA and civil organisations.

There is an amount of money that the private sector raises that is called Corporate Social Investment, CSI, and we are proposing that 50% of that amount should go to those particular sectors so that we are able to give a bit of funds to those sectors because growth in those areas will assist us a lot ensuring that young people benefit.

As I land, hon Speaker, sport has what we call performing arts, and that area is an untouched ground which will create jobs for young people, and we are proposing that the Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture look into ensuring that they establish centres where young people can actually record their content.

But the Department of Communications must ensure that they open platforms for young people to be able to inject that content there and create jobs for young people.

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Lastly, Chair, as I sit down, I propose that as this particular House and hon members, we also note that in this country there is one commander in chief and there is one president of the country. Can we allow that president to lead us and stop trying to attempt from whatever platforms we get to be presidents when we are not elected? Thank you.

Mr L MPHITI: Hon House Chairperson, leader of the DA Mmusi Maimane, Mr President please take a look, a deep look at South Africa and its youth. Life is harsh and unforgiving especially if you are young and unemployed. Being young and unemployed in South Africa is pure hell. We speak these words to break the many silences that we have become accustomed too; the silences that echo in this august house. How long must we wait and sit in silence because surely the weight of the injustice will choke us. Youth unemployment Mr President is killing young people.

I am sure in this House we all know someone who has been unemployed. We all know someone who has not been able to find a job. So, this debate is about the people versus the establishment. It is about young people not having opportunities

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in this country. Baba ka-Andile you should be uncomfortable as your kids benefits from the connections that you have.

Mr B A RADEBE: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: here in this House, the President remains a President and he must be referred to as such. You cannot refer to him in an informal or isiNtu way. Please. There are rules in this House.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, okay, alright, I will come back, hon member, proceed. I will come back to this question. It is an important one and we will deal with it later.

Mr L MPHITI: We should be uncomfortable in this House while young people remain without jobs and without dignity while their degrees and certificates collect dust. How long Mr. President must wait?

Mr J S MALEMA: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: I was saying you must also check if he was supposed to say ...

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Sepedi:

...kgoši ya Andile [Andile's king] not Baba. [Laughter]

Sesotho:

MOTLATSI WA SEPIKARA: Tswela pele, ntate.

English:

Mr L MPHITI: How long must we wait for the outcomes of the Presidential Jobs Summit · that took place last year? We expected this summit to address the issues regarding the failing Employment Tax incentive. If we are indeed serious about skills development amongst young people then we need to look at the state of our TVET colleges. It is this government that needs to support them. [Applause.]

The National Youth Development Agency, NYDA, has lost confidence in the eyes of young people. You said Mr President in your Youth Day address that the NYDA has trained over 400 000 young people but Mr President you failed to mention that 25 000 of these young people were only able to find jobs and that is 6%. Mr. President the NYDA is supposed to empower young people with

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start-up ideas however if you do not hold a green, black and gold membership you do not benefit. [Applause.] We will not forget how the NYDA has become an aftercare for former ANCYL members.

The National Rural Youth Service has completely failed. In its 8 years of its inception, it has only managed to train over 22 000 young people. Firstly, this is not enough. Secondly, we also cannot be sure of these numbers because in 2015 in Mbizana and Queenstown where young people who were part of these programmes received certificates that they did not even complete course for. What are measuring here the output or the impact? Those young people are still far away from sustainable jobs. Because when you truly care about young people you do not stop caring about them when they have leave the programme but you follow up to find out whether they are able to find sustainable job in this country. [Applause.]

I would like you to come with me to the DA-led Municipality of Midvaal led by the youngest Mayor in the country Mayor Bongani Baloyi. [Applause.] They have launched a start-up programme that

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that assists young people who owned companies and co-operatives. The story of Taijie Ngaloshe a young person participant in this programme was able to start a grass cutting business through this programme and now employs 42 people in his company.

Mr President, come with me to the City of Johannesburg led by Ntate Herman Mashaba where artisans are currently being trained in collaboration with the University of Johannesburg.

[Interjections.] The DA-led coalition has established opportunity centres to focus on a basket of services that will achieve the real empowerment of small businesses and young people. These DA mayors are showing us what the DA difference is. [Applause.] Mongameli Sidikiwe. We need change right now, we need young people to come and have opportunities and we will not stop, we need change. [Time expired.]

Mr B H HOLOMISA: Deputy Speaker, hon President, Deputy President and hon members, the UDM supports the budget.

IsiXhosa:

Qhwabani, qhwabani ANC la masela. [Kwaqhwatywa.]

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English:

Hon members, the President is steering a mammoth task in the face in his effort to clean the decay that corruption has brought in government and its institutions. The UDM commends you Mr President on taking the brave steps to institute the Commissions of enquiry into State Capture and the high jacking of the Public Investment Corporation. However, you must please realize that the public is asking what is next. What is the point of spending time and money on these commissions if it bears no tangible results?

Mr President, perhaps you should meet with the two commissions to assist to what I should call phase two of the process. In the proposed meeting you could discuss how law enforcement agencies and the Auditor-General could be involved in making things happen? This could be done with the view to answer the people who want to about the action to be taken.

The UDM wishes the commissions to follow the money trail right up to the till. How much money has left our shores in the name of investment which was illicitly routed in to the personal

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international banks accounts of the corrupt. Interpol should be roped in to assist in this regard. As part of phase two, in so far as the Mphathi Commission is concerned the PIC's unlisted transactions should be dug into to see who borrowed money from the PIC and whether those loans are serviced.

We urge you to engage with the commissions to ascertain whether the time frames and budgets they have been allocated is sufficient for them to really get to the bottom of the rot.

IsiXhosa:

Kukho abafo abangxolayo ngapha. Ingathi siza kuqheleka apha kule Ndlu. Ndiza kuqubisana nabo ngenye imini. [Kwahlekwa.]

Mr G K Y CACHALIA: The budget in the Presidency is largely focussed on the National Development Plan, NDP Vision 2030 which is intended to rally the nation around the high growth strategy. It has failed to do so. Since inception, the average growth rate has been 1,4% and will fall woefully short of NDP 2030 Vision 2030 projections. Growth has been limited since 1994 and nonexistent over the past decade. Good advice notwithstanding

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the reality is that the ANC elite has been much more interested in rapid accumulation than any pro-growth policy.

There is no silver bullet. Increase foreign direct investment will help but we need to address factors limiting domestic investment in the local economy. What is needed, as the economist Charles Simkin says, is the series of mutually supportive measures to remove the constraints from growth and a change in mentality. Unless these changes materialise, they will continue our slide down economical table towards this utopia.

At the heart of the NDP is the concept of a developmental state focused on the determined elite that represents a deformed variation of capitalism in which the state exerts political power over economic matters through draconian and often doughty regulatory intervention. A developmental state and democracy do not always make good fellows bad fellows. They have historically being relied on a fair measure of repression. Could it work in South Africa? It's undesirability on the grounds of democratic erosion and liberalism notwithstanding. I am afraid, the computer says no.

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As I said Department Public Monitoring and Evaluation budget speech, it needs to rely on elite that is predatory. It needs capacity through a competent bureaucracy and social groupings in business and labour need to be incentivised positively and negatively. A balance of power between the left and the right in the ANC stands in its way. It takes more than the hope and the prayer than little has to be grasped.

Mr G G MPUMZA: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: Is it hon amper mayor, hon Cachalia willing to take a question?

The SPEAKER: Are you willing to take a question?

Mr G K Y CACHALIA: The computer says no. [Laughter.] The government refuses to understand the concept of fit for purpose yet it continues to squash the square peg of race into a round whole of competence via self defeating quotas and support the public sector that is plagued by the vulgarise of politics and patronage. This delivers a weak state and not a developmental state. Still the state cannot be treated as an external agent of

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change. It needs to be treated as a problem in itself and also part of the solution. This sorry state cannot achieve this.

What are required are the economy and the society to drive growth high labour productivity and a vibrant empowered private sector capable of improving the lives of all South Africans. Co-operation, innovation, experimentation and flexibility are what are needed. It does not need the high bound approach of the communist party and its allies.

The key markers of failure are telling a chronic public health sector and an equally bad primary education sector. The situation is just as bad when one looks at the higher education and training and crime is out of control. The country has low labour market efficiency, inflexible wage determinations, severely restricting hiring and firing practises and extremely low productivity. To make matters worse, there is little leverage in the NDP of those sectors and indicators in which South Africa has a significant advantage. The efficiency of corporate boards, that quality management in schools markets science, financial market development, availability of financial

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services, innovation advantages and abundance of mining sector and the potential of agriculture.

It is all very well to mouth platitudes about the Fourth Industrial Revolution, 4IR while aiming to create 11 million plus jobs by 20130 while we sit at 10 million plus unemployed in a shrinking economy on a ship charted by a stolid and ossified plan while the department of planning straight out of Gosplan in 1950 in Moscow steers the ship to Nirvana. What we need is not a 100 black industrialists but a more practical commitment to the massive gains in human capital and skills.

As Marius Ooshuizen of Gibbs pointed out that:

What we need is the expropriation of ignorance and concomitant compensation.

There is no Nirvana on the horizon; dystopia looms in this dark dawn. Remember the Stealers Wheel song:

I got the feeling ain't right

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Clowns to the left of me,
Jokers to the right, here I am,
Stuck in the middle with you,

And that precisely Mr President is where we do not want to be.
The President would be wise to listen to the words of the great
Roman poet, Horace who wrote:

Begin, be bold and venture to be wise,
If he needs help, he knows where to come...

Afrikaans:

Soos die beroemde Afrikaanse digter, Breyten Breytenbach, gesê
het, "ek hou van 'n man wat sy man kan staan."

Kom, meneer Die President! Kom! [Applous.]

Mr S M DLOMO: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon President, hon Deputy
President, hon Ministers and Deputy Ministers, hon Members of
Parliament and the guests. We hold this debate a day before we
celebrate the birthday of a great leader, Tata Nelson Mandela.

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We arrived on Robben Island in 1987 when President Nelson Mandela had been taken to Victor Verster prison. Nevertheless, we found great leaders there Comrade Govan Mbeki, Comrade Wilton Mkwayi, Comrade Harry Gwala, Comrade Elias Motsoaledi, and many more other leaders. They received and inducted us on the new terrain of struggle, how to navigate as political prisoners. We learnt a lot from these leaders.

We came to realize that while some of us were relatively well educated, the wisdom of our parents, our leaders, by far surpassed our understanding. Such a situation has assisted us to shape our behaviour going forward that ...

IsiXhosa:

... indlela ibuzwa kwabaphambili.

English:

Hon President, we thank you on behalf of the Ndwalane family, in Lamont Ville. Our MK Veteran Mr Amos Ndwalane was arrested and sentenced in 1983, sentenced to death for the struggles he was part of. When the ANC was unbanned in 1990, he was having a

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matter on appeal and it then fell apart. We thank you hon President for offering that family a special provincial funeral as well as all our struggle veterans and our leaders.

Over the past week and this week, budget votes of departments presented by hon Ministers have indeed completed the picture that was painted during the state of the nation by our President. This Budget Vote I, will enable the Presidency to deepen policy principles, not only in South Africa and internationally. When South Africa transitioned from isolation of apartheid to an open and sound democratic dispensation in 1994, the new Constitution became the overall compass that dictates its participation in the global community. Former President Nelson Mandela realised that South Africa was inextricably part of a Southern Africa and its destiny was linked to that of a region, which was and is much more than a just geographical concept. His Presidency was on policy principles of promotion of human rights; promotion of democracy; commitment to international law; maintaining relations between countries in the international system; commitment to maintaining mechanisms that promote peace within international system,

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commitment to propounding the interests of the African continent at the world stage. All these hon President, Deputy Speaker, we have heard as being deepened by our various Ministers. Just this morning listening to a budget vote by Minister of Defence and Military Veterans these were actually much more emphasized.

At the dawn of our democracy, our government formulated its strategic foreign policy plan that encapsulated South Africa's values that extended beyond its borders. The country's vision of building, a united, nonracial, nonsexist and prosperous South Africa was also relevant to the vision of Africa. Accordingly, South Africa undertook numerous peacekeeping and human rights interventions in Africa. In addition, it also participated greatly in, and contributed to, the establishment of various African political and economic institutions. We are aware that South Africa's global participation would be judged at both the regional and continental context. South Africa faces further challenges because it is promoting democracy and human rights to some leaders who may not be comfortable with such concepts.

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The National Development Plan, NDP, which is a vision of our country, has been based on socioeconomic development and foster strong international ties. It reinforces integrated wealth, thereby stating commitment to creating a better South Africa, a better Africa and a better world of government. Our government pioneered the establishment of, The New Partnership for Africa's Development, NEPAD, which is an African Union, AU, strategic framework for Pan African socioeconomic development. NEPAD provides unique opportunities for African countries to take full control of their development agenda, to work more closely together, and to co-operate more effectively with international partners. NEPAD manages a number of programmes, amongst others, agriculture and food security; climate change; regional integration and infrastructure and human development in addition, South Africa plans to promote good governance systems through the African Peer Review Mechanism.

South Africa has been in the first group of countries that signed the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement with the AU. This agreement is meant to improve intra-regional trade and increase more complex levels of production amongst African

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countries. This agreement was preceded by the Kigali Protocol, signed our President Ramaphosa indicating South Africa's commitment to signing the trade agreement. South Africa has played a pivotal role in the journey of Organisation of African Unity's, OAU, transitioning to AU. Furthermore, South Africa continues to support the AU Peace Fund and other efforts of AU Peace and Security Council, in pursuit of lasting peace on the continent. South Africa has not only preached about peace and security but actively and financially served the AU Peace and Security Council for two consecutive terms from 01 April 2014 to 30 April 2018.

The African Union Agenda 2063 under the theme, "The Africa we want", seeks to chart a new development trajectory for Africa towards self-determination, freedom, progress and collective prosperity. The first 10-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063 identifies key outcomes by 2023. The Flagship programme seeks to place the continent on a developmental path that achieves the following key deliverables: Improving railway connectivity; improving road infrastructure and investing in a well-developed Information and Communications Technology, ICT.

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We will not really get too much and indicate what our President actually has done on BRICS, except to mention that the President chaired the 10th BRICS summit at Sandton in Johannesburg last year. Our contribution on IBSA is well documented. South Africa assumed Chair of the Indian Ocean Rim Association, from October 2017 until 2019. South Africa participates in the regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly. In the recent session South Africa promoted multilateralism and lobbied member states for stronger co-ordination between the AU and the United Nations, UN, especially in the resolution of conflicts in Candidature for a nonpermanent seat on the UN Security Council for the period 2019/20 for which South Africa has successfully won, and primacy and centrality of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Change Agreement. South Africa recognises Commonwealth as a strategic partner for political, social and economic emancipation. The Nonaligned Movement, with its 120 member states is the largest political grouping of countries outside the UN, making it an important lobby group of developing countries in global affairs.

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South Africa as a member of the G20, meets periodically with other countries to discuss global economic policy co-ordination. The G20 was conceptualised to stabilise and strengthen the global economy, by bringing together the major advanced and emerging market economies. South Africa's participation in the G20 is aimed at advancing the national agenda to create a better South Africa and contribute to a better, safe Africa and a better world. In the recent state of the nation address, our President noted that, attracting investment would be a key driver of economic growth. This is particularly relevant in terms of the Presidency interfacing with the international community in issues of economic diplomacy. In terms of South Africa's investment drive, the President noted:

The levels of growth that we need to make significant gains in job creation will not be possible without massive new investment.

However, the responsibility of attracting direct foreign investment is not the task of our President and the Executive alone. All of us hon Members of Parliament go on study tours and

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we can play a critical in boosting investor confidence wherever we are. We become ambassadors of our country in such tours. It may not come as a surprise if hon Maimane, after his Parliamentary duties, were to be deployed as an ambassador in Argentina. He will become the first point of contact for our President when visiting Argentina. Those things are very important and we need to work on such progress.

The Minister on Tourism raised a very important and fundamental point. Tourism is an integral part of South Africa's strategy for growing the economy. Attracting tourism also forms part of South Africa's international relations through its bilateral relations, thus making it very relevant to South Africa's foreign policy. Therefore, all of us do have a potential to contribute to tourists becoming interested in our country and wanting to come to our country. We were positively surprised and humbled when opposition parties praised our President Mandela and called him, our President. We were happy to hear that. We are therefore saying: It is possible because he too stood on these podiums, not as an angel. Sometimes he differed with some

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of the opposition parties but nevertheless they were able to transcend and find him as a President of our country.

We want therefore to say, is it not time for all of us to say hon Matamela, you are our President, even if we are on opposition. There are certain things that we might differ with you there, but whatever makes us common, whatever we have as South Africans is much bigger than what divides all of us. We have a hardworking President and we need to give a space.

[Applause].

Lastly, this President has charged some of his departments. I cannot, not close with this part because it is also some of the things that I was very familiar with. It is this country, when there was outbreak of Ebola in Sierra Leone that was first country to go there. Many other countries did come to support, but that South Africa was the first one to do that is actually remarkable. We also were the first country to go Africa when there was an outbreak of Listeriosis. Therefore, we have been actually the hub of creating that confidence in Africa. We think that we need to do that continuously. We can only do that when

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we say as South Africans, we continue wanting to be the ambassadors of our country wherever we go. Thank you very much. [Applause].

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Chairperson, Hon President and Deputy President. Mr President, among the many expectations South Africans have piled on your plate, besides fixing governance and fixing our economy is the re-prioritisation of nation building and social cohesion for the resurrection of collective hope for our country. There are good women and men to be found in our city, towns and villages across our land, who want to contribute towards fixing South Africa.

However, their words, deeds and reasonable aspirations are often drowned out by the tide of negativity that has stained the fabric of our nation. Some people in this House tried to behave like self-appointed classroom monitors, whose primary role is to whip up fear and uncertainty. They too should accept the responsibility of putting their shoulders to the wheel on behalf of all of us. When we established GOOD, a few months before the elections, we included in our finding document, Edward Burk's

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18th Century truism "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil, is that good men do nothing".

The Presidency's budget vote included an allocation for nation-building and social cohesion. My plea to the Presidency is that you use this allocation optimally, to develop practical programs led by people of the highest integrity aimed at rebuilding self-esteem and mutual respect... to create the space for good people to do something. Let's do this in honor of our fallen legend Johnny Clegg, a nation building pathfinder, and all other South African heroes and heroines who contributed to the democracy we dare not take for granted, today. GOOD supports the budget vote. Thank you.

Mr A M SHAIK EMAM: Thank you Deputy Speaker, President, Deputy President, hon members of the House and guests in the gallery. The National Freedom Party, NFP, supports the report and budget vote 1, tabled here today. Mr. President, you highlighted a whole list of priorities that you believe can take South Africa forward in the next 10 years. I would like to point out to you reasons as to why you will not be able to achieve this, unless

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of course stringent measures are put in place. We need to do what Singapore did. It moved from being a third world country to being a first world country.

They did that through making sure that anybody that they employed was capable of doing the job, not because they belonged to a certain organization. The second thing that they did was, they took the most corrupt person behind bars. That's what we need to do and we need to start in this house because there are some members in this House that have unduly benefited from corruption, like the VBS Mutual Bank and you know what the commission says, clearly they benefited. We need to start with that because any form of corruption, from anyone, is unacceptable.

Maybe I should go one step further with regards to corruption, maybe we need to look at the Electoral Act again. It states that any political party that unduly benefits from corruption must be deregistered. If we are serious about corruption that is one of the things we need to do. Mr President, you talk about 2 million jobs in 10 years, we should not forget that there is 5 million

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people who enter the job market in 10 years. I have a concern; over R200 billion is lost because you don't get value for money from local level, right at the ground. Take R240 billion which is interest from the debt; subtract R600 billion for compensation to employees then you are left with crumbs for the rest of the people. We need to look at the R200 billion and see how we are going to save it, starting from locally.

There has to be consequence management, which is the most important thing. It has been the very same people who have been failing us year in and year out. Changing the Ministers and Deputy Ministers is not a solution, because the people on the ground structures are not performing so we need to deal with them if we want to put our house in order. The National Freedom Party supports the report tabled. Time is of the essence.

THE MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Hon Deputy Speaker, Your Excellency President and Deputy President, hon Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Members of Parliament, guests ...

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Sepedi:

... basadi - maswarathipa-ka-bogaleng ...

English:

... wherever you are, because it takes a village to raise a child. Where there is calamity, if you have a woman, people feel safe.

Let me take this opportunity to also condone those who have been slaughtered, majority women, in this province, under the watch of a government. President, we thank you because the slaughtering will stop.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Deputy Speaker, every member of this House took an oath of office to uphold the law of the Republic. I think it is wrong for the Minister to stand here and say that she condones the slaughter of people in a province. I think she should be forced to withdraw that. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, that is English man; she doesn't mean that. She doesn't mean that. There is no way the Minister ...

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[Interjections.] I have a very good answer but I will not give it to you now. Minister, please respond to that.

THE MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: I said we condole those families who have lost their loved ones through this madness of slaughtering of innocent people in this province that is supposed to be caring. That is what I said. So, condole and console – where there are condolences. [Interjections.] [Applause.] You cannot tell me when I should speak my mother tongue because you can't speak my mother tongue ...

Sepedi:

... ebile ga go na leleme le lengwe leo o le tsebago ntle le lona leo o le rutilwego ke batswadi ba gago – barena ba rena.

English:

President, Your Excellency, as Ministry of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, our focus is on intersectionality of those markers that continue to oppress women even as we sit in this august House. Youth and persons with disabilities are often

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disadvantaged by these multiple sources of oppression, race, class, gender, sexual identity and other identity markers. These markers intersect to create complicated layers of oppression.

We want to thank you Mr President for declaring, once again today, that you will run a coherent and cohesive government that will put to an end these markers that make it impossible for us to move on as we want. For us to khawulezela [hurry up], we need to bury these markers. Therefore, we will ensure that the implementation of all the policies that you have put as a priority also include the LGBTQI+ community people to benefit from the fruits of democracy.

For the first time since 1994 we have achieved a Cabinet, through you Mr President, 50% Cabinet Ministers - a milestone that has placed this country amongst only but 11 countries in the world. However, as far as Parliament is concerned, South Africa is falling a bit lower because of the hon members on my left. They really cannot see women leading; they see males and they will not feel the need to bring more capable women from their own to come right here and lead.

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When you ask they always give an example of, "Yea, Rwanda has achieved this. Rwanda has achieved that!" Because there is cohesion; because they do things right.

Now we also look at the bad example you give to the private sector; that it is okay to ignore leadership and women. A 50/50 representation in the private sector is as good as it is in government but equally good in those who are director-generals and deputy director-generals and so on. If we don't do that - if we do not have our people and affirm the 52% plus of our population, we will not be living up to our entity and complying with our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, SDG, targets.

The Commission for Employment Equity found that even though government does not discriminate with regards to pay, men still get paid more than women. At the entry level they are already at the highest notch while women get through entry level positions even if they qualify to get what their counterparts get.

Youth unemployment is a historical challenge ...

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Sepedi:

... e tšwa le bomakgolo ba rena gona mola go tšwang kgethollo ya mebala. E tšwela pele ka ...

English:

... because as hard as our President and the leadership tries to cut this historical challenge, private sector needs to come to the party. Private sector needs to work with us, with small businesses and the Department of Trade and Industry to make sure that where there are point boards, the boards are also gender sensitive.

Let us congratulate you, Your Excellency, for pronouncing, again this year, that job seekers will no longer need work experience at entry level. We are appealing to colleagues and to all other members that we support the national youth service and take more young people into the national youth service and support this initiative as the National Youth Development Agency, NYDA, has done. This will galvanise the private sector which should also come to the party and support that which is a very good initiative.

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Deputy Speaker, we are going to work with the public service to make sure that everything that the President has committed us to works. In the state of the nation address you spoke, Mr President, of social cohesion and safe communities. What we see in some areas in this province and gender-based violence says ...

Sepedi:

... tlogatloga e tloga kgale, modiša wa kgomo o tšwa natšo šakeng.

English:

Let us start with making our families do what families do best - that is to take care of that which you groom. Thuli must not feel terrified to come to Parliament but must feel safe because the neighbourhood where she lives, in Philippi, children can go to school freely without fearing if they will return home alive.

We will ensure that departments ring fence the budget for gender-based violence and femicide and that the gender-based council is on track and in place for fast tracking the

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implementation of programmes at community-based level. We will further ensure that we have government funded Thuthuzela centres and shelters. We will not achieve this if we do not have a dedicated Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, GBVF, budget. Gender mainstreaming is our priority - for all of us. In this regard, we are going to enforce gender responsive, planning, budget, monitoring and evaluation framework approved by Cabinet on 27 March 2019.

We will also expand this framework to youth and persons with disabilities. To implement a gender mainstreaming and budgeting framework we are going to work to enforce 30% of procurement to be dedicated to these sectors. We will discuss with the Auditor-General further to make sure that all departments adhere to this and that they will also be monitored if they do not adhere to that.

We will report on performance of government and private sector's transformation of gender equality which is a constitutional mandate tomorrow. As we remember Madiba, we should not do that as hypocrisy; it should be that we remember that he said he has

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never been a saint; maybe we should refer to him as a sinner who always tried harder to reach out to the other people.

I say this remembering that which you have said, Minister in the Presidency, about Mrs Stofile. As you started mentioning the name ...

Sepedi:

... o mmontšha gore o bolela ka mang ...

English:

... it could have been any other woman at that time or mothers who turned their own homes into safe houses for those who fought for freedom. Some are still alive. I know that the Minister of Finance would remember Tom Flathela and Sthombe. They are still alive in Daveyton and they fall in that category.

Social partners are here and they keep communities safe. Even when it gets hot they stay there. If we really want to see economic transformation and empowerment we need these groups. We also need to ensure that when we say we are reaching out to

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women on production of sanitary products, which is a multibillion rand industry, it benefits the users. It is not justifiable that women are just consumers when they can be assisted through co-operatives. Therefore, we advocate for women co-operatives that should also become manufactures and owners of that which is about them. Nothing for them about them without them.

Speaker, President spoke at length on issues of eradication of poverty. I say we support this because poverty always bears a feminine face. Therefore, we will all have to prioritise economic programmes that seek to redress this imbalance.

Minister for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation spoke of the review that has been done in that past 25 years. Let us move with the women of this country ...

Sepedi:

... ka gobane mphiri o tee ga o lle.

English:

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As we move to tell a different story for women, youth and persons with disabilities for the next coming 25 years. For Madiba said it always seems impossible until it is done.

Sepedi:

Re ikhwetša re eme ka maoto ...

English:

... because we are not visitors. We are not about going somewhere else to study on how we should take care of our communities but we are shoulders on the wheel, working with our communities as we will be doing tomorrow in the name of Madiba in Philippi. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr M P GALO: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon President, hon Deputy President. The Presidency Budget Vote 1, follows a number of priorities President Ramaphosa outlined in his state of the nation address, in particular, the priorities that falls under his wing. The medium term strategic framework enjoins the work of the Presidency. It envisions a social compact that will lay the basis for equity, inclusion and prosperity for all.

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As a custodian of our national blueprint, the President pronounced in his state of the nation address that a "comprehensive plan driven and coordinated from the Presidency will spearhead a process by which no fewer than two million new jobs for young people within the next decade are created".

These bold commitments may have been informed by the Diagnostic Report, which was commissioned by the National Planning Commission. The relevant part of report identifies the priority areas to bolster economic growth. According to the report, "these include improving the performance of the public service and raising the standard of service delivery, reducing corruption, addressing the legacy of apartheid spatial divisions and bridging deeply rooted social divisions".

The creation of 11 million jobs as envisaged by the National Development Plan by 2030 is not consistent with the targets pronounced by the President, of creating no fewer than two million new jobs within the next decade.

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When I close hon President, I was checking here the Minister in the Presidency; I wanted to urge him to explain to also adopt the family of ...

IsiXhosa:

... umama uMaggie Resha eMatatiele, aphinde futhi akhathalele usapho luka Dumisani Matandela eMatatiele.

English:

The AIC supports this report.

Siswati:

Mnu D L MOELA: Sekela Somlomo, Mhlonishwa Mengameli, Lisekela Lamengameli, bahlonishwa bonkhe labakhona labahola ematiko neMasekela abo, bonkhe bahlonishwa labakhona lapha, tivakashi nemalunga wonkhe aseNingizimu Afrika siyabingelela.

English:

A day from now, the world will observe the national Nelson Mandela Day which is a "global call to action that celebrates the idea that each individual has the power to transform the

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world". This is done in honour of the distinguished service by our struggle stalwart and global icon, the founding father of the democratic South Africa, uBaba uNelson Mandela, who lived and died promoting freedom, human rights, peace and democracy in the world.

Indeed, we are inspired by his words that, "Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished". Hon President, on the 20th June you stood before this august House to address the South Africans on the state of the nation address. You were clear that we are faced with stark choices, which is whether we continue as if everything is normal, or we dream big and imagine a different South Africa that reflects our hopes and aspirations.

It is no longer a matter for debate that our economy is struggling. It is no longer a debate that millions of young people are struggling to find jobs. Statistics may sometimes be scary, but the future we imagine, does hold a promise and a better tomorrow. No matter our political persuasion, no matter our political differences, the state of our nation is that the

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democratic government broadly led by the ANC, has made tremendous progress over the last 25 years.

This democratic government has opened opportunities for access to education. It has provided decent shelter, sanitation, roads and pathways to our people. It has ensured access to equitable primary healthcare and reduction in maternal and infant mortality. It has ensured access to clean and potable water.

This is a government that has ensured that a basic National Minimum Wage is passed across all sectors of employment. Despite all these strides, the challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality remains glaring in our eyes. It is part of this - as a result of global economic decline that was experienced towards the end of the last decade. The other part is due to our structural economic order that is driven by monopoly capital and further entrenched by slow domestic investment. These global challenges have a bearing on our country, and indeed our continent's development trajectory.

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As the representatives of our people, we can debate as we should, but we must reach conclusions to any of our debates. We must take collective action that responds to the prevailing challenges of our country for the betterment of the lives of all South Africans especially the poor, who in the majority are black youth.

We have no doubt that our young people crave for opportunities. The opportunities they crave for are the ones that will change their socioeconomic conditions, which have been inflicted on them by their environment and given family conditions. They want to change the social construct that keeps them trapped in conditions of poverty and unemployment. They look to their government and to the existing private sector to enable them to navigate these hard conditions by seizing available opportunities that will free them from the shackles that were imposed by their past

In this regard, we welcome the decision hon President, by the ANC and the ground breaking announcement by the President to

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scrap the experience requirement for young people seeking to enter the job market.

Siswati:

Siyokhumbula sonkhe eNingizimu Afrika kutsi bantfu labasha ngembi kwekutsi batfole nome bangene emsebentini bekufanele babe nesipiliyoni. Siyabonga Mengameli kutsi usivile sikhalo sebantfu labasha kutsi sipiliyoni angeke bayitfolo bangakangeni emsebentini, ngaloko kwacishwa sipiliyino kute kutsi sitfole ematfuba.

English:

Our words and actions must tell a story of South Africans who embody and live the Pan-African's vision and developmental programme of Africa as expressed in the continental 2063 agenda. As this House, as this Executive, we must recommit ourselves to the call of all African revolutionaries that came before us and those who dedicated their lives to the vision of a better South Africa, a better Africa, and a better world.

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As hon members, let us seize the day and recommit ourselves to honest and selfless service for the benefit of all our people, especially the poor and the downtrodden among us, who are still yet to experience the benefits of freedom and democracy. We must also take note that our people seek a new politics of hope where they can once again trust the art of politics. This is the vision that the President articulated in his reply to the state of the nation address on the 20th of February this year. It's a vision reminding all of us that:

The most important people in this country are not those who walk the red carpet in Parliament, but those who spend their nights on the benches outside its gates.

The President went on to remind us that the most important South Africans must be:

Those who have been looking for work their entire adult lives, who have had to drop out of school, who are suffering from preventable diseases, who have been orphaned or abandoned, who rely on an old age pension to feed their

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families, who do not have the seed or the implements to work their small piece of land.

We all know that these are South Africans who is less interested in our political bickering, divisions, and slogans. They yearn for and deserve a government whose only preoccupation is the development and advancement of its people. They yearn for a public service that understands its developmental mandate. They have become impatient with those minority public servants who are out of step with our Constitution and the expectations that our people, have of those they elected into office.

We cannot build the full capabilities of our people, and equally create decent work without creating a disciplined and committed cadre of professional and ethical public servants who are driven by the Constitutional imperative of transformation.

Hon Deputy Speaker and hon President, your visionary leadership in elevating the issues of women, youth and people with disabilities and place it at the apex of our state, is commended. Through this ministry, let us work together with our

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social partners to keep girl children in school, prevent teenage pregnancy, fight against issues of Human Immunodeficiency Virus, HIV, and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, AIDS, to create and expose our young women them to economic and job opportunities.

Let us ensure that our youth, especially those not in employment, not in education and not in training, are prioritised to respond to the prevailing challenge of unemployment we are faced with. We need more companies to partner with our TVET Colleges and universities to bridge the gap between lecture the hall - by ensuring that children from poor families access education through the no fee schools and free higher education. We call on business to play its part as well by giving experiential learning and internships to enhance the practical experience of our students.

This year marks 40 years of the death of Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu, who to this day is an inspiration to the youth of our country. In celebrating his life, we wish to express our gratitude to the National Youth Development Agency for coming up with the NYDA Solomon Mahlangu Scholarship Fund. This Fund

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covers various fields of study relating to critical and scarce skills.

We welcome its focus on supporting undergraduate students from rural areas. To this day, the programme has produced about 700 graduates ...

Siswati:

Kantsi le 700, Mhlonishwa Mengameli neMalunga lahloniphekile, ifaka ekhatsi bashayeli betindiza lababili lamasikati ...

English:

...has 22 engineers, 18 doctors, 10 pharmacists, lastly it also includes five geologists among its achievements. Hon President it is not true that our government is not delivering. Our government that is led by the ANC is delivering. That is why today we stand tall and walks tall to say; this is the only government that can change the lives of our people, the only hope for our people is the ANC, there is no any other organization, other than the ANC that can change and liberate the lives of our people.

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That is why, it is important to also lecture some of hon members here that, the NYDA is not a political party but it an agency of all young people, of all the youth of South Africa. That is why the board of NYDA...

Siswati:

...ifaka wonkhe umuntfu lokhona eNingizimu Afrika, ayikanga bantfu be ANC nome labo bebabaholi be-ANC Youth League ...

English:

...it is an incorrect statement. The majority of our people, hon President, need the land for sustainable livelihood and economic well being. They do so, for access to land for the use agricultural, for human settlement, and for economic development, that will guarantee them an alternative to the current status quo.

Siswati:

Kubalulekile ke ngaloko Mengameli kutsi sitfole umhlaba sibantfu labasha kute kutsi sikhone kudala ematfuba emsebenti latawenta kutsi bantfu labasha bakhone kutfola imisebenti. Bakhone

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kutentela umsebenti wetandla ngobe singatfola lomhlaba siyokhona kutsi siwusebentise ngendlela lefenelekile. Siyemukela futsi Mengameli kutsi unikete Lisekela Mengameli umsebenti wekutsi ubuke lendzaba yekutsi umhlaba uya njani ebantfwini kute kutsi bantfu baseNingizimu Afrika bakhone kuzuza kulomnotfo waseNingizimu Afrika. Ngaloko ke siyakusekela Mengameli, siyayisekela Ibhajethi Voti 1, siyohlala siyisekela, siyabonga.

Mr M G P LEKOTA: Speaker, the President and Deputy President, we add our voice to that of the President and pay tribute to President Mandela and other leaders of the society, and also add as well our sadness at the loss of some of the outstanding personalities in our society in the last two days and weeks or so.

Mr President we had hoped that you might inform us because you are the only person with authority to deploy the armed forces that you might take to confidence as to why it has become necessary at this point for our country to deploy the armed forces in society. The reason for this it's because you may have information which has not been indicated to us across the

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nation. This style of applying force to control society we inherited it from the old order of apartheid, when they did not know how to control us, they would put the police which was a police force not a police service. When the police service failed, they added the armed forces and they killed a lot of innocent people, and we know why failed because they did not know where to find the freedom fighters because the people who understood that they were being forced to obey the laws of government they had elected, would not tell them where the freedom fighters are, who is doing what, they knew that. When we came to power, where all of us vote, why do we take armed forces and send them to our communities? We think we cannot run the society in the same way that the apartheid government which was not elected by us was running issues. There must be a way, who are the people doing crime there? Because the reason we have a police service is that the police must information service must be able to arrest the criminals because even there must not kill the criminals, they must arrest them, if they cannot arrest there must a reason why they are not able to do so but the answer cannot be to send the armed forces into society to shoot, who are they going shoot? if they don't know who they are going

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to shoot, they will shoot innocent people. This cannot be the right way to go.

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCE FOR WOMEN, YOUTH AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY: Hon Speaker & hon members of Parliament, hon President of the Republic of South Africa, his Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa, hon Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, his Excellency David Mabuza, hon Ministers & Deputy Ministers ladies and gentlemen and fellow South Africans.

IsiZulu:

Siyanibingelela nonke emakhaya ngamakhaya

Hon President, as South Africa commemorates 25 years of democracy, we cannot help but reflect on the legacy related challenges such as socio-economic inequality, gender based violence, institutionalized patriarchy and its related ills, youth unemployment and lack of economic inclusion for persons with disabilities.

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While the country seeks new ways of dealing with old problems, it is important that our implementation strategies and targets leapfrog the country to a future we have struggled for over decades of colonial rule and the apartheid regime.

South Africa has adopted a policy that hon Maite, spoke to of Gender Responsive Planning and Budgeting. It is a very important commitment that we have made as a country that in future whenever we have the budget, we will make sure that the private sector on all segments of society is aligned in dealing with inequality from planning stages, budgets managements and implementation processes.

Hon President, the Department of Women, Youth and People with Disabilities offers the country's unprecedented opportunities to of tackling issues we have battled with over a long period of time The National Development Plan: Vision 2030 is aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Developmental Goals.

Already the statistics from the Statistics South Africa's 2019 Report released on the 15th of July this year, it is stated that

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approximately 74% of the sustainable development goals are addressed through the National Development Plan, which basically says that we have a plan, and action lines that are measurable and can be monitored which are able to take us forward. If you look at the Sustainable Development Goals, from goal one to five talks to the issues that fall under the Department of Women, Youth and People with Disabilities

Goal 1 talks ending poverty in all its forms everywhere, goal 2: end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable, I think under goal 2, hon President have really expressed themselves unambiguously about the agency of access to land and ensuring that our people have access to land, that is seen as a tool of taking them out of poverty. Goal 3 talks to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, goal 4 ensure inclusive and equitable education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. Goal 5, achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

The Department's mandate gives us an opportunity to tackle gender equality, youth unemployment and empower persons with

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disability in an integrated and coordinated fashion. We are not we were yesterday, in the past we have done these in silos but taking everything that has been done in this country, adopting the Sustainable Development Goals, we are able now to look at our priorities and work in an integrated fashion. We have which are the priorities we move them from a social w with some of the seven key priorities mentioned by our President but for purposes of this I would just talk to three priorities that are important in talking to the core mandate of the department

Economic transformation and job creation, I'm not going to go into statistics that show how women are disempowered, but we are taking the struggle of gender inequality forward, we are already in discussions with the Department of Trade and Industry to look at the incentives and see how certain percentage of incentives could be earmarked towards the inclusion of youth and people with disabilities, including women and there is a huge commitment to work with us and set clear targets and achieve our goals

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At this point in time, I think what is important, we all have to come to terms with the fact that this is a grand plan, it's concrete and it's measurable. We should be able to take the country forward, we are not about what is rhetoric, and we are not talking about what is ideal but we are taking about what is budgeted for.

On the question of persons with disabilities, hon President, there are pockets of success; like in some institutions, we see the use of technology that is really promoting the inclusion which enables disable learners and students to be competitive but we do take into consideration that with respect to employment there has been disappointing progress

Mr President you have warned us that with respect to employment, there has been disappointing progress when it comes to persons with disabilities. We commend the President for putting together the working group on disability and we look forward to cooperating and collaborating with them.

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We already have a few young people who have shown the world that being disabled doesn't mean you are intellectually limited during our budget vote we invited people Eddie Ndopu, a South African activist and humanitarian is set to be the first person with a disability to board a commercial flight into space and deliver an address to the United Nations, there's many of them that I can refer to.

On the question of skills, education and health, I want to touch base on its value, of course, there has a mention of what we have achieved in terms of free education but I want to touch on the 4th Industrial Revolution and say hon President there is sinism sometimes of people not understanding you cannot digitized the country, and make sure that we have school labs and not allow young people in particular to play and innovate and begin to see the benefits of artificial intelligence and begin to see the benefit of big data and say now we can plan realistically because in the district X, we know how many people have these conditions, how many schools are there, what is going on in those schools, so we really see the effort of the 4th Industrial Revolution Commission and the Summit that the

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President held recently in partnership with the 4th Industrial Revolution South African partnership, that South African is making history in playing a leading role in such an important and unavoidable opportunity of our times. But also what we appreciated is when the President enlightened many people in terms of saying that these technology innovations need to be applied to specific service delivery areas like looking at health, utilities, crime prevention, education, transport and others to ensure service delivery.

So the abundance of technology is no longer something we are thinking will happen. We appreciate the commitment and we also we appreciate the effort of the Department of Communications to really work closely, I think it was a command from the President that ICASA looks at the reducing the price of data, which is sometimes a barrier in what young people want to do at a community level

Hon President, with regard to issues of education, youth skills and jobs, I must to say that the programs that the President has supported, building on what the National Youth Development

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Agency because achieved, we should think strategically and support them because it is for the first time that the private sector gets a clear vision from us, where we want them to be part of the social compact in terms making real commitment as to how many young people can they place, what kind of skills can they acquire, in the past we have done things but a private sector being a private sector, they would find it difficult to see how it fits in. With these programs Mr President, I'm not describe them, I think it has created an atmosphere of competition, also the commitment that was done in this country last year that at the highest level to have the Presidential Summit on Gender Based Violence and Femicide

IsiZulu:

Ngiyathemba kubasizile abantu bakithi abaningi babenethemba lokuthi le nkinga esibhekene nayo yokuhlukunyezwa kwabantu besifazane siyakwazi ukuthi silwe nayo siyingobe, ngisho nesibophezelo esisemthethweni sigcizelela zonke izinto okumele sizenze, ukuthi kumele sisebenze kanjani namaphoyisa nodokotela, abazomthetho ukuze umuntu ezithola esenkingeni yalolu hlobo angalokhu ehla enyuka elokhu ehla enyuka engatholi usizo, ngenxa

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yokungahleleki kwezinto lapho uthola khona amaphoyisa ekhomba omantshi, nomantshi nabo bakhomba amaphoyisa, umphakathi ugcine ufuna ukushaya amabathi besiteshi.

Mr M NYHONTSO: Chairperson, Comrade President, comrade Deputy President. We are extremely worried with the unregulated benefits of former Presidents. As matter of principles and economic position we find ourselves in. It makes no sense to continue spending millions funding their lifestyles, especially former President de Klerk who ordered the killing of school children in Mthatha in 1993. As Pan-Africanists, we better understand the role we must play as a nation in the development and the instability of the African continent and further acknowledge that we are part of the global community. PAC calls for more investment to be directed to our work in Africa. Hence we hereby congratulate you on signing the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement. The work you do in Lesotho and other African countries. The problems in Zimbabwe are our problems, the problems in eSwatini, Mozambique and across all corners of Africa, Cape to Cairo, Morocco to Madagascar are our problems. In conclusion, the PAC calls for your office to review the costs

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you incur in UN activities, must used to intensify our continental work as a protest for participation in the security council, the PAC supports the budget.

Mr M G E HENDRICKS: Hon Chairperson, His Excellency, Aljamah supports the budget. We are excited that South Africa has a fit for purpose presidency and a leadership of the director general like Dr Cassius Lubisi. Thank you his Excellency for sending the army to the ten hotspots on the Cape Flats. I know every hotspot personally.

All those to ensure the personal safety of our learners, the elderly, women and our fathers. You also sent some of your best Ministers, like the Minister of police and Minister of Defence. Those Ministers will leave behind a legacy where they will be honored for ensuring the personal safety of all in the ten hotspots.

Please, your Excellency, give the hon Ministers the resources they need at least for the next five years as part of an exit strategy. I hope you can also count on the leader of Parliament

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business the hon deputy President to assist us and here the voices of the learners from the ten hotspots.

There is a solution to take out the violence of service delivery protests. Service delivery, His Excellency is one of your priorities. You must insist on a quick fix dispute resolution unit that can be redeployed to hotspots at the minutes notice as suggested by the Public Protector.

The 11 August, His Excellency is celebrating Eid while on Hajj. President Mandela promised South Africa it will be a paid public holiday for all South Africans. Making it happen by taking the first steps on Mandela Day. Hon President you had heard up the anti poverty programme, your expanded public works programme has alleviated poverty to a noticeable extend. Take it to the next level by ensuring the jobs comply at least with the minimum standards of decent work which President Mandela committed the country to.

I heard many hon Ministers praising President Mandela, this is appreciated but much better is completing his unfinished budget.

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The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY (Ms R T SIWELA):

Chairperson, every 30 seconds a woman is violated on twitter. Every second update on Facebook is about a missing child or a woman. Every young woman who is on social media stands a chance of being violated and stalked by drug lords. Young people who are unemployed desperately seeking for networks to get a job are likely to come across fake news which can lead them to being abducted, raped and in most instances killed.

Hon Speaker, President, Deputy President and hon Members good evening. This is the South Africa and the world we live in.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Deputy Speaker, the hon member should greet us. You must salute people. Say, how are you honouring the people of South Africa?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi ...

Sesotho:

Mong M Q NDLOZI: O no tsena o bolela fela!

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... you are out of order and I am switching off your microphone.

iSiZulu:

Mnu M Q NDLOZI: Uyangena usuyakhuluma nje!

English:

Greet the boss, you will be fired!

AN HON MEMBER: Go and fetch ice, man. You are disturbing us.

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY (Ms R T SIWELA): As a government of the day, failure to intervene in the media space and influence transformation without compromising journalistic values and principles will be tantamount to us not performing our duties. Amidst the pains we see amongst us, we have hope that things will change. By the end of this financial year, we shall have reached many young people in the country. We shall have engaged and discussed with them about how to react to social media bullies, stalkers, fake news and all the wrong ills which are happening on social media.

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Our country is recognised as one of the most sophisticated, diverse and promising emerging markets in the world. It remains a strategic investment location, both for commercial opportunities within our borders as well as a potential it offers as a gateway to the rest of the continent.

In line with the call of the National Development Plan, NDP, to promote active citizenry, as well as President Ramaphosa's Thuma Mina campaign, Brand SA will intensify its domestic campaigns to support active citizenry and constitutional awareness as part of Outcome 14 deliverables. This will be done through integrated marketing campaigns promoting South Africa to South Africans through the entity "Play Your Part" flagship programme.

Hon members, much as we are concerned about our international image and reputation, we are equally concerned about access to information especially in our communities. Through the Media Development and Diversity Agency, MDDA, we will intensify our efforts to enhance media development, transformation and diversification in South Africa. In the current financial year, the MDDA will continue to render support to media outlets,

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particularly community media, to ensure that the fourth estate reports news that is factually accurate, objective and fair to everyone. We focus our efforts particularly on community media serving disadvantaged communities, historically sidelined languages and cultural groups.

In the grant funding programme, we will continue to fund community broadcast and four community and small commercial media projects. For the first time as MDDA, we have funded a community disability print magazine which we will be visiting in the coming weeks. This we celebrate because it is a move in the right direction and it enhances our plans to diversify media in South Africa. The MDDA went through a rough patch over the past 8 years. The private sector has told us that that had hampered them from coming on board to come and assist MDDA in reaching its objectives. Gladly, from the interactions which we had with them, they have heard the call of the President, that private sector ought to work together with government and advance the goals of the NDP and the nine key priorities as stated in the state of the nation address.

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Our important role is to deliver. We will fill all vacant posts which exist in Brand SA and MDDA within thin financial year. The real test will be for us to deliver on our promises. This exercise of publicly committing ourselves will be followed by action. At no point do we want to come here and account on why we are not performing. We will come here to share ideas on how we are succeeding. This we will do in honour of my comrade, whom I had come to serve with in my student days. Most of us called him chairman, for he was a provincial chairperson of South African Students Congress, Sasco, in Gauteng. Moses Mtileni, you left us too soon, the likes of Floyd Shivambu, Bavelile Hlongwa, Mika Mahlaule and Fikile Maseko who are members of this august House, are pained by your passing on.

Ours will be to prioritise African languages and ensure that our people receive news in their mother tongue. This we will do because we know you were passionate about it. We look forward to continuing with your love for reading and education. As you rest, please rest assured that South Africa is on a path, a progressive path which will unshackle our people from poverty. You and General Ike Maphoto, have played your part. Amongst

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other things, General Ike Maphoto was known for paying school fees for young people, for he championed and promoted learning. This baton we will carry through. We will ensure your legacy and a desired South Africa becomes a reality.

Xitsonga:

Etlelani hi ku rhula.

English:

Thank you.

Mr M S MALATSI: House Chairperson, to paraphrase from the Book of Ecclesiastes, there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. There is a time for campaigning and there is a season for governing. There is a time for making promises and there is a season for delivering services.

Mr President, you have made all the noises with a lot of promises. It was a promise to herald a new way of doing things, a different way from the horror of the nine wasted years. You

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have serenaded this country into the misbelieve that some how chanting Thuma Mina will miraculously solve all the problems that South Africa faces because of the ANC, so much so that it has become a chorus sang the loudest by those who have been in power the longest while millions of South Africans continue to suffer in poverty.

The truth is that the ANC you lead, Mr President, was sent 25 years ago to serve the people of South Africa. It was the very same ANC that promised a better life for all. While there is no doubt that life is better in South Africa now than it was under apartheid, there are many South Africans who are yet to fully enjoy the promise of a better life. Today, 3 million South Africans do not have access to reliable water, such as the people of Nghomunghomu and Makhasa villages in Malamulele. There are currently 9 million South Africans living without electricity, like the people of Xitlakati Extension in Giyani. Over 55% of young people in the country are currently unemployed without any prospect of finding a job in the immediate future.

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Then, Mr President, as a self confessed admirer of Theodore Roosevelt, the man in the arena quote, do you honestly believe that you are in the arena with honest men and women? Do you believe that all these men and women in your Cabinet are worthy of serving South Africa? Look to your right, look to your left - of course, you can look to your right - and look behind you. Are all these men worthy of the honor of serving our country and leading it to prosperity? Contrary to the believers of the gospel of the new dawn, the problem with South Africa is not that the so-called good men and women in the ANC are overpowered by the bad guys, the problem is that the ANC is far too factional beyond repair to have any policy cohesion.

President, you spoke about the fact that what happened in the North West wouldn't have happened but if you were seriously not condoning what happened in the North West, the former failed Premier of the North West wouldn't be in this House. If you were serious about a new way of doing things the former Member of the Executive Council, MEC, of Health in KwaZulu-Natal - who presided over the worst oncology crisis - wouldn't be here in this House.

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Mr T B MUNYAI: Order! Order. I am saying that the hon member is casting aspersions on the former member of the executive council, MEC, of KwaZulu-Natal.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Proceed, hon member.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Deputy Speaker, maybe he must define aspersions first. Take the microphone ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... no, take your seat! You shouldn't be talking ...

Mr M Q NDLOZI: ... can he give us a definition first of an aspersion?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... hon Ndlozi, you are out of order ...

Mr M Q NDLOZI: ... you are casting an aspersion. Define it first ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... Uh, take your seat! ...

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Mr M Q NDLOZI: ... stop casting aspersion here. Define it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... go ahead, hon member. Just ignore that man there. He is out of order. Go ahead, hon member.

Mr G A GARDEE: The point of order is on you. Who are you saying ignore that man? Who is man here? Who is man here? There is no man here ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... hon member!

Mr G A GARDEE: There is an hon Dr Ndlozi here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, please, take your seat!

Mr G A GARDEE: You have started.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On behalf of the hon Dr Ndlozi, take your seat! You must still take your seat. Go ahead hon member. An order goes a long way. It is very free, it is not cheap and it

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is available to all of us. If you exercise it there will be a lot of fun after this meeting. Go ahead, hon member.

Mr M S MALATSI: Deputy Speaker, if those on the right had any respect to this House, there wouldn't be deploying all these failed leaders into this House as if we are in a rehabilitation centre to rehabilitate unrepentant failures. It is ironic that this administration has identified, building a better Africa as one of its priorities, yet it still rolls out red carpets to despots, dictators and some of the most vicious human rights abusers on the continent.

South Africa's foreign policy is now held hostage by old historical liberation associations rather than the pursuit of human rights that our Constitution vows. It is now clear that there is no messiah, not even you, Mr President, who can save the ANC out of the bondage of factional wars. What South Africans want is a government that works. They want a government that strives to do the right thing, the right way all the time. If truth be told, it is possible to achieve this.

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The DA administrations from the Western Cape to Midvaal are testimonies that we are doing the right thing and the right way. The Western Cape has the highest levels of access to piped water, electricity and access to waste removal. The Western Cape has the highest life expectancy rate in the country because of the consistent efforts we make to invest in public health. Fourteen out of the 20 best governed municipalities in the country are led by the DA. All of these are evidence that South Africans are most likely to get a job, to live longer, to have value for their rates by getting uninterrupted water access and electricity when they live under a DA government.

The DA government, unlike yours, don't steal money from taxpayers. We don't waste money on junkets and executive luxuries to feed the inflated egos of politicians. Every cent is geared towards making a better life for those that we serve. Many people understand that governing can be hard and sometimes service delivery can take time, what is inexcusable though ...
[Interjections.]

Mr B S YABO: Deputy Speaker, the hon member is lying. The ...

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... oh! Uh-uh, uh-uh, hon member, hon member! uh-uh. Woh, woh, woh ...

Mr B S YABO: ... there by Tshwane they have R5 billion irregular expenditure, in Tshwane ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... hon member! hon member, hon member, please, take your seat ...

Mr B S YABO: ... they are not governing well everywhere ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... hon member, keep quiet!

Mr B S YABO: ... they have R5 billion of irregular expenditure!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... keep quiet, hon member! hey ...

Sesotho:

... hey, hey ntate ...

English:

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... please, stand up there! Stand up there, stand up. You withdraw saying a member lied, do that now, please. You can't say that. Hon member, you are out of order.

Mr B S YABO: ... no, I withdraw, he is telling truth ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... you are out of order. You must not be scheming ... uh, please don't provoke me. Don't provoke me. Kindly withdraw saying a member is lying. We don't speak like that in this House.

Mr B S YABO: Deputy Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr B S YABO: Deputy Speaker, I withdraw. He is being economical with the truth.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no. Unconditionally! Unconditionally, don't make conditional apologies. Members, please, read the Rules. Don't speak as if you are not in the House. There is an

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agreed way of speaking here. You are really not in order. Proceed, hon member. Go ahead. No matter how strongly you feel, play by the Rules. If you don't play by the Rules, we will throw you out. There is no question about that, whoever you are in the House. No, no. Go ahead hon member. No, no, no, don't worry about the clock, hon member. That clock is in order, proceed. You even want to quarrel with the clock now.

Mr M S MALATSI: Deputy Speaker, I have no problems with the clock. Mr President, it matters not where your solutions come from, as long as they are the right ideas to make our country succeed, use them. You might not like the fact that they are DA solutions, but if they improve the quality of life of the South Africans, use them, because the public cares not where the solutions comes, from they want to see the quality of life improved. [Applause.]

One of the most noticeable developments from the reconfiguration of government departments was the repositioning of the state entities into the Presidency. It is now clear, more than ever before, that the presidency is building a massive spin and

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public relations machine to polish its propaganda. Nothing illustrates this, hon Mthembu, than the congregation of Government Communication and Information Systems, Brand South Africa and the Media Development and Diversity Agency under the Presidency, under your watch as the new government super spin doctor. We will be watching very carefully on how these entities who, by the way, are all led by acting chief executive officers, CEOs. Some of them don't even have boards that correlate to execute their mandate so that we can be sure that there is no manipulation of information and the use of unethical practices.

Mr President, if you are serious about not being afraid to promote accountability and transparency, then, start by publishing all the performance agreements that you will sign with the members of your executive. Let the public trace the performance the Ministers against their targets, so that we can track those who are nonperformers and sleep on their job. Compel all Ministers and their Deputy Ministers to comply with the financial disclosures so that none of them can continue to do business with the state. Institute lifestyle audits for all

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Cabinet members and all boards of state entities to eliminate conflict of interest.

Hon Mashabane, you know, it is very embarrassing when someone hides behind the agenda to conceal criticism of their incompetency. If you have any defence about your record, bring evidence. Don't hide behind sexism because what you do is to cheapen the struggles of the feminists who fight for gender equality. Mr President, all of the interventions we have highlighted to you, can be executed immediately. They don't need a summit or consultation with your boss - as you said - Mr Ace Magashule. All they need is decisive action because now, as the verse said, is the time and season to act. I thank you.

[Applause.]

Mr M GUNGUBELE: Hon President, Mr Deputy President, Deputy President, members of the House at large, before I read what I consider as my prepared speech you can realise that the crisis we have is that we are being interrupted as we report to the nation. There are people who are trying to make themselves the point of focus and I am happy that you have been able to ignore

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that. The hon member here is worried about consolidation of communication.

In terms of the principles of governance, one of the characteristics of good governance is communication and transparency. Instead of commending what the Minister is doing, he is worried about it. The President says by September agreements are going to be signed. This hon member is worried about that. So, you can understand the problem that we are dealing with, but let me go through my speech very quickly.

I was asked to deal with the facilitation of integrated governance. I thought Mr President as a leader in the drafting of the Constitution of this country is important to premise the significance of integrated governance within the Constitution. Our constitution directs us to build a single functional nation which expression in sections 146 and 150, where they articulate dealing with conflicts between the spheres.

Section 40 states that the institutional anatomy of the Republic, not of the province, is based on the national,

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provincial and local spheres of governments which are distinctive, interdependent and interrelated. Section 40(1) says that all spheres government and all organs of the state within each sphere must do the following: Preserve the peace, the national unity and the indivisibility of the republic; secure the wellbeing of the people of the Republic; provide effectiveness, transparency, accountability and coherence for the Republic as whole, in each sphere.

In other words, every sphere within itself is about the Republic. You have heard people saying: We in the Western Cape or we in that. However, the Constitution says within its sphere every activity is about the Republic. [Applause.] Paragraph (h) in section 41, subsection (1), further directs these spheres on how to co-operate in mutual trust and good faith, including the directives in subsection (2) of informing one another on all the initiatives in various spheres.

Therefore, the question, Mr President, is: What the key factors for the success of integrated governance? Consistency, coherence and predictability, which constitute the only key guarantee for

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South Africans in their respective locations to release their energy in a comfortable pursuit of their individual and collective dreams.

Seamlessness and/or unobstructed connectivity in areas like the following: Movements of goods and people; free flow of service delivery; free and optimal flow of information which is accessible to all. What we are speaking about here Mr President is the centrality of connectivity in realising the energies of our people and it is key in ensuring that we work in a manner that is coherent.

In other words, these are key: Seamlessness put in aviation, rail and roads and a free flow of information. If we put emphasis in those, we get automatically integrated. Without these principles having a status of being primacy principle, it is going to be difficult for our purpose to be realised as a nation. I want to say that the sustainable future of this nation is in the inherent potential energy of our people - South Africans - in both their individual and collective form.

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The national singularity and functionality of our country as directed by the Constitution of the Republic presupposes the following: South Africans that believe in the correctness of dealing with the injustices of past, as a single nation, based on the nonracial and nonsexism principles, without prejudices of whatever form of ethnicity in mind, beyond being just a constitutional imperative.

What do I mean by this? Liberation gave us a framework that compelled us to live together, which is law. The biggest challenge we are facing now is leading this nation to accept the correctness of the principle of the law. That is the most difficult part, because it means you create a mindset. I can tell you that this objective is not for the simple minded.

The principle is that the forebears of the ANC, when they came together, they coined the challenges that are facing this country and found them to be so complex. They had the great minds equal to the complexity of the challenges. No simple mind or a simple party can be able to deal with these challenges, expect for the ANC. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

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Now South Africans ... I am just happy because some of these guys who are anti-race - a struggle which is not the struggle of the ANC. By the way, the struggle of the movement was never against a race. It has always been against a racial system. At all material times - it doesn't matter what form, as long as it is a discriminative system - we deal with it. [Applause.]

The other problem that is very interesting is that as we deal with this, I hear my friends in red overhauls critique people for quality English, which is a white language. They rate themselves against other people in terms of how best do they speak English, yet they want us to believe that they are anti-whites. [Interjections.] You've been doing it here!

[Interjections.] Again ...

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Point of order!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is the point of order? Hon Gungubele, take your seat.

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Mr M Q NDLOZI: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Now I understand why they removed you as Deputy Minister of Finance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, what is your point of order?

Mr M Q NDLOZI: We are reading literature like this, chief! We do not lie under oath as Members of Parliament. There has never been a situation where we corrected anybody on English.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, what is your point of order?

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Your pronunciation in particular! I am saying that he is misleading the House. [Interjections.] He must withdraw! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order! Hon member, ... [Interjections.]

Mr M Q NDLOZI: But it is!

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That's not a point of order. You are politically debating with the member on the floor; not raising a point of order. What process and what privilege is involved here?

Mr M Q NDLOZI: But you must debate honestly!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, it is not a point of order.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Okay, Deputy Speaker, I am saying we have all been here: If a person says that ... Instead of using console and they use consolidate, whose fault is that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: NO, hon member. You are continuing a political debate; I am switching off your microphone!

Mr M Q NDLOZI: It's not our fault; it is the DA that was correcting him! Where are the black skins, white masks, chief?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Gungubele, qhubeka sikhulu!

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Mr M GUNGUBELE: You see, the problem is that apartheid was scientifically actually planned and thoroughly theorised by its proposers. They really infused it. At times you find this expression in those who claim to be ultra opposed to it. So, you mustn't undermine it because you don't remove apartheid legacy by anger and emotion: You apply theory and science to deal with it. [Applause.]

On the alignment of sectoral priorities within a national strategic and co-ordinated policy framework. Since the dawn of democracy in 1994, South Africa's institutionalisation and policy direction tended to deliver an economic environment that sought enable and facilitate policy discourse that rallies behind the programme on institutional economics. This approach would have made informed assumptions on the role of the state, business, academia organised labour and civil society.

In a normal environment, these focus areas would have been the primary ingredients towards an integrated economic plan, such the National Development Plan 2030. However, the failure to strike a workable and a mutually beneficial balance amongst all

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social partners behind the democratisation problem may have generated unintended consequences.

It is would appear that the owners of factors of production were prepare to rally behind the new dawn as long as it did not affect their economic situation. However, as history would have it, the democratisation process is a costly exercise wherein the wealthy must subsidise the poor. It means in this instance, for practical purposes, the whites would need to share their wealth with black people who are historically disadvantaged.

Without capable and dedicated institutions to facilitate these social movements and transactions, South Africa faced a quagmire wherein the haves would have felt that the security to their generational wealth is being threatened by the have-nots who were not rent seeking without the courtesy of value addition and through opportunistic behaviours.

It is my argument that the cost of economic fragmentation and policy misalignment has been detrimental to South Africa and so

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on, but I think there are few issues that I quickly need to deal with.

I listened to, for instance, the DA: All the issues that you are articulating, hon Maimane - there is a significant number of them - are a repetition of the speech of the President. Now, if that is what you came to say here, you were supposed to have asked for leave. You don't need to come here. The issue of a capable state is there in the speech. The National Minimum Wage Act is there in the President's speech. The issue of SA Reserve Bank - the President has consistently dealt with. SA Airways equity partner is the position of the Cabinet. So, it is a repetition of what we are doing!

Now, if you talk about taking tough decisions, the appointment of commissions and the appointment of all these co-ordinating institutions - the NPA - are an indication of that. In DA you speak about where you govern. [Interjections.] If you go to 17-18 and check the financial ratios of Joburg, they have gone ... I said 17-18: it means 2017 and 2018, you don't even understand

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that! [Laughter.] The ratios of Joburg - you must go and read them - deteriorated since the DA took over! [Interjections.]

If you go in the list of municipalities, there is a list of municipalities that have been found wanting on the wasteful expenditure, fruitless expenditure and unauthorised expenditure. Number one is Pretoria - Tshwane! [Interjections.] That is where the DA is governing!

Let me come to the self-appointed commander-in-chief. The commander-in-chief says in the ANC the centre is not holding because he wants to build a cult in the ANC. The ANC is a democratic organisation. It is a led movement with independent individuals participating freely; not up to an individual aura because we not a cult, we are democratic organisation.

[Applause.]

What confuses you about this President is that he is consultative. Every individual has got a right to express his view; something that does not happen in your party because: They sing your song; they dance your dance; they jive your jive; they

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walk where you walk; and they attend the party you attend.

[Applause.] [Laughter.] [Interjections.] That is why they call one of your guys 'the ice boy' ... [Interjections.] ... because they carry water for you! [Interjections.]

So, I want to believe that you are not leading a cult because I listened to you about ... I laughed when you said the President appointed an intellectually challenged person, and I realised that you are in trouble. I realised you are in trouble because I thought: How do I interact with this? What I have realised though is that debating with you, hon Malema, is a waste of time because I don't know what you stand for! [Laughter.]

If I left South Africa when you were defending Comrade Pravin, and stayed in England, I would have spoken about you on that basis and get shocked when I come back some months afterwards seeing you in a different position. I don't know what you stand for. I don't know what you stand for!

On the Public Protector, I have watched your video: You were lecturing people a total opposite of what you said then than in

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that video. The point is: Your weakness, Comrade Malema or commander-in-chief, you have got no sense of self-contradiction and that is a serious problem! A leader who does not have a sense of self-contradiction is a very dangerous leader.

There is a time you praised me - I will come and collect the video - where you said, this mayor who operated like this; suddenly, today, I am intellectually challenged! [Laughter.] [Interjections.] [Applause.] Hawu!

I mean, the question is: I do not know what your position is; and my conviction about you is that anything that gratifies you, is your position. Anything that speaks about you, is your position. Anything that puts something in your pocket, is your position. Watch it! [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Gungubele, please take your seat. Yes, hon member. What are you rising on?

Mr M M CHABALALA: On a point of order! [Interjections.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, order, please. Let's listen to him.

Mr M M CHABALALA: Is it parliamentary that a member should talk to a member directly in Parliament?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Gungubele, please talk through the Chair!

Mr M Q NDLOZI: No, Chair, we are fine. He is hurting; he must release! Okay, take it out! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi"!

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Take it out! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi!

Mr M Q NDLOZI: We don't want you to go home and beat the kids! Take it out! [Interjections.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Ndlozi, I am switching off your microphone.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: It's counselling!

Sesotho:

MOTLATSA SEPIKARA: Ha o na kgutso! O bua ha o rata, ekare ke ha hao mona, ntate. Ke kopa o se ke wa e pheta ntho eno! Ka kopo! [Kena hanong.] Tswela pele, ntate.

Mr M GUNGUBELE: So, what I want to say, Mr President, is that you articulated and restated critical issues. You made an undertaking to this House that very soon you will be giving progress report on all the issues you have stated in your state of the nation address. They must judge you on that! You said there will be performance agreements; they must judge you on that.

Unfortunately, the last issue I want to deal with: You know, in 2016, the ANC had about 53% and it was said that our support had gone down, which was correct. Then the other party moved from 6%

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to 8%, and then it was said it had increased. Now, we have increased from 53% in 2016; we are 57%. [Interjections.] No, no, that time we said we don't want to be judged. [Interjections.]

Mr J S MALEMA: Hon Deputy Speaker! Hon Deputy Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, sir!

Mr J S MALEMA: Intellectually challenged! [Laughter.]

Mr M GUNGUBELE: So, what I want to say, Mr President, is that when that percentage went down, we refused to be judged on the basis of 2014. We said don't judge us on that basis, but they continued to judge us like that. They were excited, it was 53%; now we got 57%. Can we be consistent?

So, all I want to say, Mr President, the critical question is to lead because you were elected to lead. South Africans elected the ANC despite ... [Interjections.]

Mr J S MALEMA: Deputy Speaker! Deputy Speaker!

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes! What are you rising on?

Mr J S MALEMA: That's a problem because he is intellectually challenged in a sense that you can't compare local government with national elections.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Malema!

Mr A H M PAPO: Deputy Speaker, point of order!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is the point of order? Who is talking? Yes, talk, please. Yes, let's hear you. What are you rising on?

Mr A H M PAPO: Deputy Speaker, I thought a point of order was related to what the member was saying, but members are standing here debating and not raising point of order!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, you are right! You are correct! Hon members, I did say let us play by the Rules.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Ja, but which Rule is that, hon Deputy Speaker?

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you are out of order. You are doing it again!

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Intellectually challenged!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Go ahead, hon Gungubele.

Mr M GUNGUBELE: Yes, thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, if you check, there is a relationship between the support in local government and the national elections. There is always a correlation; you must go and check your graph. I don't even know if you understand graphs, because if you do relationships, you will find that there is a relationship between national and local government. There is a point where national would have been up and local government up; national down and local government down! Now you said, Mr President ...

Mr V PAMBO: Point of order, Chairperson! Point of order, Chairperson!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What are you rising on?

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Mr V PAMBO: There is a different when you are looking at graphs.
[interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, no, that is not a point of order!

Mr V PAMBO: There is a difference between correlation ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, can you understand: You only put across your political view when you are on the podium. You can't politically debate issues that you disagree with here. No, you are out of order if you don't understand that. I am not going to allow people who are not raising points of orders appropriately. I will just switch off your microphone; I am alerting you!

Mr M GUNGUBELE: All I want to say, Mr President, is that the ANC was founded to lead this country and South Africans have agreed. They have elected the ANC all the time. The duty of the ANC is not to stress about movements that do not have positions or ideology. It is about focusing on the programme for which the

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ANC was elected. Lead, President, because you are opposed by a president who has no position. He himself cannot explain himself. Bravo, President Cyril Ramaphosa, bravo! Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members! Hon members!

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Deputy Speaker, I plead with you ...

[Interjections.]

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am speaking, hon member! [Interjections.]

You are interrupting my Ruling.

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Deputy Speaker!

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I am speaking!

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Deputy Speaker, some are singing!

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am speaking! Hon member, I am speaking!

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Mr M Q NDLOZI: No, I was saying that ... [Interjections.]

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are interrupting me ... [Interjections.]

Mr M Q NDLOZI: Young people are watching at home, hon Gungubele.
[Interjections.]

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, take your seat! Order, hon members! [Interjections.]

Mr M Q NDLOZI: This embarrassment you just did here.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are not supposed to be speaking as I am speaking.

Sesotho:

Ke ne ke kopa hore ho lona maloko a Ntlo a hlomphehileng:
Monokotshwai ha o butswe ho ya ka takatso ya tshwene!

English:

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However you feel about what is being said here, you can't just jump up and want to contradict it outside of the Rule. We plead with you to play by the Rules. That is what will bring about an appropriate audience for yourselves when you speak at your time, but also for the people listening to us.

That concludes the business of ... [Interjections.] Hon members, that concludes the list, the Budget Vote debate and the business of the day. The President is going to sleep on what you said here. He will reply to you tomorrow.
Debate Concluded.

The House Adjourned at 19:46.