

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY 2026

1. The Council met at 10:01.
2. The Chairperson took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.
3. The Chairperson announced that the virtual sitting constituted a sitting of the National Council of Provinces.
4. [10:05] The Chief Whip of the Council, moved: That the Council resolves that Rule 218(1), which provides inter alia that the consideration of a Bill may not commence before at least three working days have lapsed since the committee's report was tabled, be suspended for the purposes of consideration of Special Appropriation Bill [B22–2025] (National Assembly – section 77) and Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B27–2025] (National Assembly – section 77).

Question put: That the Motion be agreed to.

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

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

5. FIRST ORDER [10:15]

Consideration of Votes and Schedules-**Adjustments Appropriation Bill** [B27–2025] (National Assembly – section 77).

Vote No 1 –The Presidency – put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 2 –Parliament– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 3 –Cooperative Governance– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Democratic Alliance, United Democratic Movement and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 4 –Government Communication and Information System– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 5 –Home Affairs– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighter, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 6 –International Relations and Cooperation– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 8 –National Treasury– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party, dissenting).

Vote No 9 –Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 10 –Electricity and Energy– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 11 –Public Service and Administration– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 12 –Public Service Commission– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 13 –Public Works and Infrastructure– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 14 –Statistics South Africa– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 16 –Basic Education– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party and Democratic Alliance.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 17 –Higher Education and Training– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front Plus and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 18 –Health– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front Plus and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 19 –Social Development– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 20 –Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 21 –Civilian Secretariat for the Police Service– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 22 –Correctional Services– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 23 –Defence– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 24 –Independent Police Investigative Directorate– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 25 –Justice and Constitutional Development– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 26 –Military Veterans– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 27 –Office of the Chief Justice– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 28 –Police– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 29 –Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the United Democratic Movement, Freedom Front Plus, Economic Freedom Fighters, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 30 –Communications and Digital Technologies– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 31 –Employment and Labour– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Democratic alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front Plus and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 32 –Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Party and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 33 –Human Settlements– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 34 –Mineral Resources and Energy– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 35–Science, Technology and Innovation– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 36 –Small Business Development– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 37 –Sport, Arts and Culture– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Patriotic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe dissenting).

Vote No 39 –Trade, Industry and Competition– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters, Freedom Front Plus and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 40 –Transport– put

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 41 –Water and Sanitation– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Vote No 42 – Land Reform and Rural Development– put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the United Democratic Movement, Economic Freedom Fighters, uMkhonto weSizwe Party and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Schedule 1 put and agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Schedule 2 put and agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

6. SECOND ORDER [13:27]

Consideration of **Adjustments Appropriation Bill** [B 27 – 2025] (National Assembly – section 77) and Report of Select Committee on Appropriations thereon (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, January 2026).

Debate concluded.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Freedom Front Plus, Democratic Alliance, African National Congress and Economic Freedom Fighters.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

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

7. THIRD ORDER [13:59]

Consideration of Votes and Schedules- **Special Appropriation Bill** [B22–2025] (National Assembly – section 77).

Vote No 18 –Health – put

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Vote agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

Schedule put and agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters and uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

8. FOURTH ORDER [14:07]

Consideration of **Special Appropriation Bill** [B 22 – 2025] (National Assembly – section 77) and Report of Select Committee on Appropriations thereon (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, January 2026).

Debate concluded.

Declarations of votes made on behalf of the Economic Freedom Fighters and African National Congress.

Question put: That the Bill be agreed to.

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

9. FIFTH ORDER [14:23]

Consideration of Report of Select Committee on Appropriations on **Proposed division of revenue and the conditional grant allocations to provinces and local government** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, January 2026).

Debate concluded.

Declaration of vote made on behalf of the African National Congress.

Question put: That the Report be adopted.

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

Report accordingly adopted in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

10. The Council adjourned at 14:38

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament