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ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Assembly

The Speaker

1. Membership of Committees

- (1) The following committee membership changes have been made by the Economic Freedom Fighters:

(a) **National Assembly Rules Committee**

Discharged: Ntlangwini, EN (Alternate)
 Appointed: Matiase, NS (Alternate)

(b) **Executive Undertakings and Petitions Committee**

Appointed: Ntlangwini, EN (Alternate)

National Council of Provinces

The Chairperson

1. Bills passed by Assembly and transmitted to Council for concurrence

- (1) Bill passed by National Assembly and transmitted for concurrence on 11 June 2026:

(a) **Defence Amendment Bill [B32–2025]** (National Assembly – sec 75).

The Bill has been referred to the **Select Committee on Security and Justice** of the National Council of Provinces.

TABLINGS

National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

1. The Speaker and the Chairperson

- (a) The Draft Annual Performance Plan and Budget of Parliament of the Republic of South Africa for 2027/28.

2. The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

- (a) Government Notice No. 7461, published in *Government Gazette* No. 54665, dated 12 May 2026: Proposed amendments to the list of waste management activities that have, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the environment, in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).
- (b) Government Notice No. 7486, published in *Government Gazette* No. 54694, dated 15 May 2026: Criteria to be considered when determining an appropriate fine in terms of section 24G of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

3. The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development

- (a) Amendment of Regulations relating to Debt Collectors, 2003, submitted in terms of the Debt Collectors Act, 1998 (Act No. 114 of 1998).

4. The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

- (a) South Africa's Industrial Development Strategy – 2026.

National Council of Provinces

1. The Chairperson

- (a) A letter has been received from the Minister of Finance, informing Parliament of the National Treasury's intention to invoke section 216(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, to withhold provincial equitable share transfers to provinces due to persistent and material non-compliance by provincial departments in settling municipal property rates and service charges, including charges relating to water, electricity, sanitation, and other related municipal services owed to municipalities.

Referred to the **Select Committee on Finance** for consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Assembly

1. REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION ON ITS OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE (UWC), DATED 10 JUNE 2026

The Portfolio Committee on Higher Education (“the Committee”), having conducted an oversight visit to UWC on 22 May 2026, reports as follows:

1. DELEGATION LIST

1.1. Members of the Committees

Portfolio Committee on Higher Education

Hon WT Letsie (ANC) – Chairperson of the Committee and Leader of the Delegation, Hon D Christians (DA), Hon K Khakhau (DA), Hon M Msezane (MKP), Hon S Ngubane (MKP), Hon S Lonzi (EFF) and Hon A Sauls (PA).

1.2. Parliamentary Support Staff

Mr A Kabingesi: Committee Secretary, Ms M Modiba: Content Advisor, Dr A Arendse: Researcher, Mr T Bottoman: Committee Assistant, Ms T Kleinhans: Executive Secretary, Mr J Majozi: Parliamentary Communications Officer.

1.3. Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)

Dr N Sishi: Director-General (DG), Ms F Sotenjwa: Acting Chief Director University Education, Mr D Mohlamme: Parliamentary Liaison Officer (PLO) Office of the DG and Ms T Lenkwane: Parliament and Cabinet Support – Office of the Minister.

1.4 National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

Mr T Mukondeleli: Senior Manager Universities.

1.5 University of the Western Cape (UWC)

Council: Ms X Mpongoshé: Chairperson of the Council,

Management: Prof R Balfour: Rector & Vice-Chancellor, Prof M Ralarala: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) Academic, Prof P Baker: Acting DVC Research and Innovation, Prof M Madiba: DVC Student Development and Services, Mr M Magida: Executive Director Human Resource (HR), Mr M Regal: Executive Director Finance and Services, Dr N Lawton-Misra: Registrar, Mr S Rajie: Director Legal Services, Ms Y Mookrey: Secretariat and Ms H Bastian: Secretariat.

Student Representative Council: Mr M Khasembe: President, Mr T Mgwane: Deputy President, Ms K Douse: Secretary-General, Mr A May: Treasurer-General and Ms I Gongela: Policy and Transformation Officer.

UWC Employees Union: Mr A Takane: Chairperson and Ms B Mzalazala: Secretary.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Committee, as part of its oversight programme for the 2026 first term, visited UWC on 22 May 2026 mainly to assess the University's state of affairs in relation to governance, administration, teaching and learning and related matters. The Committee has also been selected as one of six (6) parliamentary committees of the National Assembly (NA) to participate in the 7th Parliament Oversight Priority Plan (OPP). This initiative forms part of Parliament's strategic commitment to strengthening oversight and accountability mechanisms. Despite the oversight visit being focused on governance, administration, teaching and learning and related matters of the University, the Committee also focused on the OPP, Theme 4: Infrastructure Development within the purview of its mandate. This entails oversight and site visits to infrastructure development projects supported by DHET through capital infrastructure efficiency grants (CIEG) allocated to universities.

3. SITE VISITS

3.1 Wynne Residence - Avondale

The Committee began its inspection at the Wynne Student Residence in Avondale, Parow, which is privately owned and leased by the university. The residence accommodates 1,035 students, both male and female. The residence, originally designed to house 700 students, was repurposed from bachelor flats to meet student housing standards. Despite accreditation, the building remains 75% non-compliant.

Accommodation consists of units with bedrooms, bathrooms, and kitchenettes accommodating five students, with options for single or double rooms. The monthly rental rate is R5,750, which is in line with the NSFAS student accommodation cap. The Committee was informed that the maintenance requests are reportedly addressed with daily turnaround times.

During the walkabout at the residence, the Committee noted water on the corridor floors, which the residence manager explained was due to the daily water pressure tests. He also demonstrated to the Committee how the water pressure was measured. Recreational facilities included a nearby area with artificial grass and braai amenities. Transport costs to the university are shared equally between the institution and the service provider.

The residence offers an on-site laundry service, managed by an external provider. Each student receives two complimentary tokens per month, covering two loads of up to 5 kg each. Any laundry beyond the monthly 10 kg allowance is subject to additional charges. The facility is staffed by three employees, two during the day shift and one at night.

3.2 Unibell 3 Residence

The Committee had initially planned to inspect Unibell 2, but following advice from the SRC that maintenance issues there had been resolved, attention shifted to Unibell 3. The Unibell residences opened in 2023, and Unibell 3 houses approximately 900 students across four floors, each with a common area and kitchenette.

Laundry facilities are located on the first floor, but all 10 washers and 10 dryers installed in 2024 were found to be non-functional. On the ground floor, only two out of 10 washers and dryers were operational for 900 students. Students are forced to wait long hours to do their laundry since most of the washers are not functional. Management attributed these failures to water pressure and pump issues, noting that a complete overhaul would take up two weeks.

The Committee identified serious maintenance issues, including extensive mould growth on ceilings and walls caused by inadequate bathroom ventilation. Additional concerns included leaks, peeling bathroom ceilings, and water pooling in showers due to faulty doors. Student mattresses were found to be mouldy, presenting significant health risks. Other issues included unreliable Wi-Fi connectivity, some stoves with plates that were not functioning, and some without nobs to switch them on, forcing students to resort to using forks and spoons to switch

them on. Only one of the three microwaves was functional. Students also complained about inadequate safety and crime, especially in the evening around the Unibell residence precinct.

4. SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Council and Management

Ms X Mpongoshe: Chairperson of the Council highlighted the University's proud legacy in the struggle and its distinctive academic role in building an equitable society. She provided a brief historical overview of the University, tracing from its establishment in 1959 to the early 2000s, when it received recognition as a research-led University. On governance, she noted that the Council remains stable, with only one vacancy, which is subject to a Ministerial appointment.

Prof R Balfour: Vice-Chancellor, supported by the senior management team (SMT), delivered a presentation addressing the areas requested by the Committee. In outlining the key challenges facing the University, the following were noted: the University experiences decaying plant and backlog in maintenance; student debt; inferior quality of both private and on-campus accommodation; funding accommodation of unfunded students; discrepancies in contract and leasing (transport and accommodation); concerns around safety and security, especially students at off-campus residences; impact of the fee cap and low fee base and enrolment management of postgraduate students.

On teaching and learning, it was noted that the University comprises seven faculties and holds 470 accredited programmes. Regarding the enrolment profile in 2026, 37% of the student population came from Quintile 1 – 3 schools, while 62% were funded by NSFAS. The student-to-staff ratio stood at 22:1. Of the total enrolment of 26,992 students, 41% were African females, reflecting a significant increase from 32% in 2022.

The University has consistently performed above the benchmarks set by the South African Survey of Student Engagement (SASSE), particularly in areas such as supportive learning environment; peer learning support; and academic advisory. In terms of graduation outcomes, the University is ranked sixth nationally for overall graduation ratios and eleventh for postgraduate ratios.

4.2 Student Representative Council (SRC)

Mr M Khasembe: SRC President delivered the presentation, noting that the SRC submission was structured according to the University's senior executive governance architecture, with each section responding to a distinct executive portfolio. The SRC also submitted a link to a documentary in support of the submission to the Committee. Under the Vice-Chancellor's reporting line, the President emphasised that the VC holds ultimate strategic and governance responsibility for the institution. Within this portfolio, there were three substantive concerns relating to chronic underfunding of student national representation; inadequacy of the institutional response to food security and the prolonged delay in tabling the completed Organisational Assessment before Senate.

On the DVC Academic portfolio, the SRC highlighted concerns regarding budget accountability at the faculty level, as well as the chronic underfunding and neglect of postgraduate student development.

Regarding DVC Research and Innovation, the SRC noted the existing vacancy in this portfolio, but acknowledged positive institutional interventions within this space. Under Student Development and Support, the SRC President raised critical concerns about student accommodation and residences; inadequate campus safety; inadequate student welfare; and limited transport and mobility options for students. Other key concerns included: student safety around the Unibell precinct; Wynne Residence compliance and students' safety; student leadership relations; transformation and representation at the executive level; inadequate governance transparency and access to information.

The SRC's recommendations to the Committee included the following: investigation into the Wynne Student Residence; a comprehensive review of student accommodation safety; strengthening the SRC participation framework; an employment equity review; the development of a student transport framework; and strengthening of accountability mechanisms within the University.

4.3 Institutional Forum (IF)

Mr M Magida: IF Representative made the presentation and highlighted the role of the IF in terms of the Higher Education Act, 1997, which is mainly to advise the Council, assisting in the appointments of senior personnel and advocating for a culture grounded in human rights,

social justice and institutional tolerance. In terms of transformation and equity, the University surpassed 90% of its employment equity (EE) goals in mid-2025.

In terms of the EE permanent staff profile, Coloured employees comprised 52% of the total workforce, followed by Blacks at 22%, White at 11%, Indian at 5% and Foreign Nationals at 7%. Overall, 92% of the University staff are South Africans and 8% foreign nationals. The University maintains a student-to-staff ratio of 27:1. In total, there were 1,007 academic staff for 26,992 students.

4.4 Organised labour

Mr A Takane: Chairperson of the UWC Employees Union, delivered the presentation. He highlighted a governance crisis at the University, marked by a lack of transparency, accountability and trust. At the heart of the crisis were delays in concluding wage increase negotiations between management and workers. The process dragged on for seven months, with management only presenting an offer a day before the Committee's oversight visit. Despite the University's strong financial standing, including a net surplus amounting to R281 million, cash and investments totalling R3,44 billion and annual investment income of R197 million, management failed to be transparent with workers about the institution's finances.

Mr Takane added that workers were equally concerned about the lack of transparency regarding their pension fund, particularly given the missing governance records. Consequently, they called for a forensic investigation into their pension fund investments. Regarding governance and leadership concerns, the union was concerned about the Council's weak oversight over management.

5. OBSERVATIONS

The Committee, having undertaken an oversight visit to the University, makes the following observations:

5.1 Student accommodation

- The University, like many other public higher education institutions, faces a shortage of student accommodation to meet its demand. For the 2026 academic year, there were 26,992 total headcount enrolments, while the University's total bed capacity stood at 15,543. Notably, approximately 43% of this capacity comprised leased beds.

- The Committee conducted a walkabout at the privately-owned Wynne Student Residence and expressed concerns about the University's acquisition process. The lease agreement was signed whilst renovations were still underway, and the lease is alleged to have been used as surety by the service provider for external financing purposes.
- An independent professional assessment of the Wynne Residence revealed serious non-compliance issues. It is alleged that students were placed in the building before the University received an occupancy certificate. Originally intended to house 700 students, the service provider added dry walls to maximise space and increased the capacity to 1,085 by converting bachelor flats into units with three bedrooms, two sharing and one single.
- The room sizes at the Wynne Residence did not comply with the DHET Norms and Standards for Student Housing. The Committee welcome the University's litigation against the service provider regarding the areas of non-compliance.
- The Wynne Residence is situated next to a liquor store, providing students with convenient access to alcohol.
- The state of the Unibell Student Residences is deeply concerning. Completed in 2022 through a public-private partnership between the University, the Western Cape Provincial Government and Calgro M3, the residences have already deteriorated due to poor workmanship and poor maintenance. Structural defects, poor ventilation, and faulty drainage systems were identified. Despite repeated submissions from the SRC, University management appeared indifferent to the students' poor living conditions.
- The University's mixed-gender residence policy, which places males and females in the same blocks and on the same floors, is concerning. Female students, in particular, reported challenges related to privacy and harassment, prompting the Committee to recommend a review of this policy.
- The Committee noted with concern that the Executive Director: Finance & Services, despite holding the position for 23 years, failed to actively respond adequately to students' grievances regarding the Unibell residences' poor living conditions. The Committee further expressed that the University management would not subject their own children to the living conditions endured by students at Unibell residences.
- The placement of NFAS-funded students at Kovacs Student Village, which charges accommodation fees above the NSFAS student accommodation threshold, is deeply

concerning. The Committee expressed concern about the PPP agreement signed between the University and Kovacs and committed to further scrutinise this contract.

5.2 Employment equity / racial transformation

- The University's workforce demographics broadly reflect the Western Cape population. Coloured employees constitute 52% of the total staff complement, followed by Black employees at 22%, White employees at 11%, Indian employees at 5 and Foreign Nationals at 7%. Overall, 92% of the University staff complement are South Africans while 8% are foreign nationals.
- The gender balance and representation at the University is commendable, as it was also affirmed by the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) following its investigation into the institution.
- A concern was raised regarding the University's targets for senior management positions (Deans of Faculties). Notably, no targets were set for Coloured or White females, while the institution prioritised appointing one female foreign national over disadvantaged South Africans.

5.3 Governance and stakeholders' relations

- The University Council remains stable, with only one vacancy (a Ministerial appointee) and met regularly. Nevertheless, the Committee expressed concern about the strained working relationship between the Council, management and University stakeholders.
- The SRC criticised management's inadequate response to its grievances, which ultimately led to protest action. Similarly, organised labour reported a breakdown of trust and a lack of transparency in their engagement with management.
- The University management was cautioned against the victimisation of student leaders who raise critical and legitimate student concerns.
- The strained relations between the Council, management, and stakeholders are deeply concerning, and if left unresolved, risk instability within the institution.
- It is deeply concerning that management failed to reach a wage increase agreement with labour, with negotiations having stalled for seven months.

6. SUMMARY

The oversight visit to the University was intended to provide deeper insight into its state of governance, teaching and learning and administration. However, the student protest that coincided with the oversight visit made it difficult to probe deeper into other critical matters and the University's success stories. The Committee's focus shifted to addressing the issues raised by students during the protest, as they required urgent attention from the Council and management. Even the Committee's planned on-site walkabout did not unfold as expected, with attention redirected primarily to student residences. Consequently, the Committee was unable to view other infrastructure development projects completed by the University through the Department CIEG allocation.

The on-site walkabouts nevertheless enabled members to engage in real-time conversations about the daily lived realities of students residing at Unibell residence. Students raised legitimate concerns about deferred maintenance issues that have been repeatedly reported to management without resolution. The disruptions to the University examinations and the subsequent protests could have been avoided had management implemented a comprehensive scheduled maintenance plan. The Committee urged management to address the grievances with urgency, and it was commendable that some commitments were made during the Committee's meeting with management and stakeholders. The Committee resolved to conduct a follow-up engagement with the University to address other critical matters covered in the initial session.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee, having undertaken an oversight visit to the University, recommends as follows:

7.1 Student Accommodation

- Management should initiate legal action against the service provider (Calgro M3) to address the structural defects at the Unibell Student Residences.
- Management should develop and implement a comprehensive scheduled maintenance plan to resolve all the maintenance-related issues.
- Management should address student grievances concerning Unibell student residences as a matter of urgency.
- The University should refrain from placing students in buildings without valid occupancy certificates.

7.2 Employment equity / racial transformation

- The University's transformation plan should strive to promote racial balance across the institution.
- The University should develop specific targets to ensure greater representation of Africans, Coloureds and White Females at the senior management level, particularly in positions such as Deans of Faculties.
- In filling academic and research positions, priority consideration should be given to suitably qualified South African candidates before foreign nationals.

7.3 Governance and stakeholder relations

- Council and management should convene a stakeholders' forum to address grievances raised by students and organised labour.

Report to be considered.

2. Report of the Portfolio Committee on Electricity and Energy Request by the Minister of Electricity and Energy that the National Assembly initiates a process to fill two vacancies on the Board of the National Nuclear Regulator, dated 11 June 2026

The Portfolio Committee on Electricity and Energy (the Committee), having considered the request from the Minister of Electricity and Energy (the Minister) to identify nominated candidates to be interviewed and propose a shortlist of preferred candidates for appointment by the Minister to the National Nuclear Regulator Board, reports as follows:

1. On 15 December 2025, the Speaker referred a letter dated 12 December 2025 from the Minister of Electricity and Energy to the Portfolio Committee on Electricity and Energy for consideration and report (see ATC dated 15 December 2025);
2. According to section (8)(4)(a)(i) and (iii) of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, 1999 (Act No. 47 of 1999) (the NNR Act), as amended, the NNR Board must include an organised labour representative and a community representative. These representatives are nominated by their constituencies to serve on the NNR Board.
3. To appoint a Director falling within the category of Directors appointed in terms of section 8(4)(a)(1)(i)(ii)(iii) and (vi), the Minister must publish through the media and by notice in the Government Gazette, an advert inviting nominations of persons as candidates for the relevant position on the Board.
4. As a requirement, the Department has complied with section 8(7)(a) by advertising the positions of organised labour representative and community representative, both in print media and by notice in the Government Gazette.
5. By the closing date, the Department had received a combined total of one hundred and twenty (120) applications from potential candidates: one hundred and three (103) applications for the organised labour position, and seventeen (17) applications for the community representative.
6. With the letter, the Minister of Electricity and Energy, handed over the list of candidates and all relevant information to enable the Portfolio Committee on Electricity and Energy to commence its work. This is in keeping with the provisions of section 8(7)(b) of the NNR Act, that the Portfolio Committee on Electricity and Energy is responsible

for compiling a shortlist of not more than 20 candidates from persons nominated to serve on the NNR Board.

7. At its meeting held on 22 April 2026, the Committee resolved to commence the required processes in preparation for the interviews and therefore identified four (4) candidates for the community representative and twenty-two (22) for the organised labour representative.
8. The selection criteria are attached as Annexure A.
9. The identified candidates to be interviewed were:

9.1. Community Representative:

1. Mr Aphelele Tomsana
2. Mr DD Dube
3. Mr Ernest Tladi
4. Dr Mosebetsi Leotlela

9.2. Organised labour representative

1. Mr. Joseph Mokwena
2. Ms Ursula Ntsubane
3. Ms Zandile Matshaya
4. Mr Sepolo Malebese
5. Dr Serrah Nomcebo Mhlanga
6. Mr Mpumelelo Tsuela
7. Ms Kanya Mbata
8. Ms Linda Nkgodi Maseko
9. Ms Palesa Shai
10. Mr David Lefutso
11. Mr Grant Son
12. Ms Tebogo Mabeleng
13. Mr Freddy Ndou
14. Prof Ntshangane Vuyo Peach
15. Mr Nhlanhla Lucky Ngidi
16. Mr Attwell Sibusiso Makhanya
17. Ms Kanyane Mhlongo
18. Dr Elsie Molokwane
19. Dr Margaret Mkhosi-Motsaathebe

- 20. Mr Lean Makhubele
- 21. Mr Zakhele Madela
- 22. Dr Nandi Malumbazo

- 10. The Committee, in terms of section 47(3)(b), conducted interviews with 24 of the identified candidates over three days, on 09, 10 & 11 June 2026.
- 11. Dr Nandi Malumbazo formally withdrew prior to the interviews, communication was received via e-mail dated 28 May 2026.
- 12. Prof V Peach, at the time of the interview, currently holds a position on the Eskom Board. Legal opinion was sought from Parliamentary Legal Services regarding a potential conflict of interest relating to serving on both boards. Prof V Peach was duly informed, and he elected to withdraw from the process.
- 13. The interview panel consisted of Ms Z Khanyase (Chairperson – ANC), Ms F Hassan (ANC), Ms SN Somphe-Masiu (ANC), Mr V Nkosi (ANC), Mr K Mileham (DA), Mr E Baptie (DA), Mr N Paulsen (EFF), Mr W Thring (ACDP). Apologies were received from Mr. A Nchabeleng and Mr. SM Mbatha.
- 14. On 11 June 2026, the Committee considered the interview scores and commenced its deliberations to seek consensus on the candidates to be recommended for the Minister's consideration.
- 15. The Committee set a threshold score of seventy-five per cent (75%) for forwarding to the Minister.
- 16. The agreed list of candidates is:

Community Representative:

- 1. Mr Ernest Tladi
- 2. Dr Mosebetsi Leotlela

Organised labour representative

- 1. Dr Pulane Elsie Molokwane
- 2. Dr Margaret Msongu Mkhosi-Motsaathebe
- 3. Mr David Lefutso
- 4. Dr Nomcebo Serrah Mhlana
- 5. Mr Grant Son
- 6. Ms Zandile Matshaya
- 7. Mr Mudanalwo Freddy Ndou
- 8. Mr Lean Mayana Makhubele

17. Notwithstanding that the recommended candidates meet the legislative requirements the Committee recommends that the Minister of Electricity and Energy, ensure that, prior to appointment, each candidate recommended:

- Undergo security vetting by the State Security Agency (SSA).
- Confirm and verify qualifications of the candidates.
- Ensure that there is no conflict of interest

18. The Committee noted the following concerns:

- Dr Margaret Mkhosi-Motsaathebe: Previously served as the CEO of NRWDI where various allegations relating to a “toxic work environment” and “bullying” resulted in her suspension and subsequent replacement.
- Mr Grant Son: According to Mr. Son’s CV, he is currently consulting for the Chinese National Nuclear Corporation. During the interview Mr. Son indicated that this work related to the creation of a market for small modular reactors in South Africa. Furthermore, at the time of the interview Mr. Son indicated he was no longer consulting for this company. This needs to be verified. During the interview, Mr Son indicated that he held a doctorate. His qualifications need to be verified.
- Mr Mudanalwo Freddy Ndou: It was noted that Mr. Ndou has interests in businesses which supply Eskom with coal. Eskom is a nuclear license holder.

It is recommended that the Minister take these issues into account.

Report to be considered.