

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2024

1. The House met at Nieuwmeester Marquee at 14:00.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. [14:03] Members' statements
4. [14:43] The Minister of Basic Education made a statement on the readiness of the Department of Basic Education for the 2024 National Senior Certificate examinations.

Debate concluded.

5. FIRST ORDER [15:51]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services on **Oversight visit to Goodwood Correctional Centre on 21 August** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 18 September 2024, p 3).

Ms K A Ramolobeng, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic

Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, Build One South Africa, Al Jama-ah and African National Congress.

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

Report accordingly adopted.

6. SECOND ORDER [16:27]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Police on **2024/25 Budget and Annual Performance Plan of Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 1 October 2024, p 18).

Mr I Cameron, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Freedom Front Plus, ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party, Rise Mzansi and African National Congress.

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

Report accordingly adopted.

7. THIRD ORDER [16:58]

Consideration of legislative proposal to amend Economic Regulation of Transport Act, 2024 (Act No 6 of 2024), submitted by Portfolio Committee on Transport (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 11 October 2024, p 19).

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved: That the House, in terms of Rule 273(3), give permission that the legislative proposal be proceeded with.

Motion agreed to.

Permission accordingly given to the Portfolio Committee on Transport to proceed with the legislative proposal.

8. [16:59] Ms N E Mtolo moved without notice: That the House –

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of Dr Tito Mboweni on Saturday, 12 October 2024, at the age of 65, following a brief illness;

- (2) remembers that Dr Mboweni was democratic South Africa's first Minister of Labour, from 1994 to 1999, in the Cabinet of founding President Nelson Mandela;
- (3) further remembers that he served as Governor of the South African Reserve Bank for a decade from 1999;
- (4) recalls that from 2018 to 2021, Dr Mboweni served as Minister of Finance in the administration led by President Ramaphosa;
- (5) acknowledges that he distinguished himself in different strategic roles in the private sector and was a flag bearer in global forums for our economy and developing economies more broadly;
- (6) believes that as a country we have lost a leader and compatriot who has served our nation as an activist, economic policy innovator and champion of labour rights; and
- (7) conveys its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr Mboweni.

Agreed to.

9. Ms E L Powell moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) condemns the ongoing unlawful imprisonment of two innocent South African citizens, Mr Frik Potgieter and Mr Peter Huxham, in Equatorial Guinea since 9 February 2023;
- (2) notes the Formal Opinion of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, issued on 1 July 2024, which concluded that Mr Potgieter and Mr Huxham's arrest and ongoing detention in Equatorial Guinea is arbitrary, illegal and a gross violation of human rights, and that they should be released immediately;
- (3) reaffirms South Africa's commitment to international law and human rights and supports efforts to ensure accountability for actions that violate these principles;
- (4) stands in support of the families of Mr Potgieter and Mr Huxham, who are suffering because of their loved ones' illegal detention; and
- (5) calls on the South African authorities to facilitate for the immediate release of Mr Potgieter and Mr Huxham.

Agreed to.

10. Ms Z S Abader moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with concern the recent surge in violent protests across South Africa, particularly in eThekweni and other municipalities, where

essential services and public infrastructure have been severely disrupted;

- (2) recognises that these protests stem from community frustrations over service delivery failures, unemployment, and inequality, highlighting the urgent need for effective governance and public service improvement;
- (3) further notes that while efforts have been made to bring stability through cooperative governance, there remain significant challenges in addressing the core demands of the people, particularly in under-served and marginalized communities; and
- (4) calls on government to move with speed in resolving public discontent with poor services and infrastructure at local government level.

Agreed to.

11. Ms N E Nkosi moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) commends the South African women's cricket team, the Proteas, for reaching the final of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's T20 World Cup 2024 in Dubai, although they lost to New Zealand by 32 runs on Sunday, 20 October 2024;
- (2) recalls that on the way to the final the Proteas thumped the defending champions Australia by eight wickets in the first semifinal;
- (3) understands that it was a double disappointment to the Proteas having lost last year's final to Australia in Cape Town;
- (4) acknowledges that though it was not South Africa's day, the passion and heart shown by the Proteas Women Team on the world stage will always make them winners; and
- (5) thanks everyone and every supporter around the globe who rallied behind the Proteas Women Team.

Agreed to.

12. Mr N M Hadebe moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) condemns the mass killings in Lusikisiki and Ncinjana village, located near Mthatha;
- (2) notes that a total of 25 people lost their lives in the recent mass shooting;
- (3) welcomes the arrest of six individuals in connection with Lusikisiki incident;

- (4) acknowledges that residents in the area are living in fear; and
- (5) calls on the South African Police Service and other law enforcement agencies to act swiftly in apprehending those involved and restoring the rule of law in the area.

Agreed to.

13. Ms F S Rorke moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes and celebrates the 7th birthday of Joshlin Smith on 23 October;
- (2) further notes the court case regarding her disappearance reconvened in the Vredenberg Magistrates Court on 21 October;
- (3) realises that the magistrate's court has transferred the matter of the 3 accused Kelly Smith, Jacquin Apollis and Steveno Van Rhyn to the Western Cape High Court for a pre-trial conference on 31 January 2025;
- (4) further realises that the state withdrew all charges against accused number four, Lourentia Lombaard, who became a state witness against the 3 other accused;
- (5) acknowledges that according to the indictment, Kelly Smith communicated plans to sell her children as far back as August 2023;
- (6) understands that the indictment further states that on the day of her disappearance, Joshlin got into a white vehicle with her mother which drove away and she hasn't been seen since; and
- (7) expresses the wish by all South Africans to find closure on whether Joshlin is still alive or not, and the hope that the ongoing judicial processes would provide such closure.

Agreed to.

14. Mr P A van Staden moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that the publisher Lux Verbi released a book written by the actor, entrepreneur and writer Hykie Berg, titled: *Geroep vir meer – Om suksesvol te Lewe*;
- (2) further notes that this book is currently a huge success in South Africa;

- (3) understands that he has also previously written books that include titles such as: *My Storie van Hoop*, *Ultimate Survivor* and *My Stryd met ADHD – Die Onsigbare Oorlog*;
- (4) further understands that this newest book has, within two weeks after its launch, reached the number one position on the top seller list in South Africa;
- (5) realises that he wrote this book to help South Africans to have a dream and vision for their lives;
- (6) acknowledges that this book was launched at a glamorous function, held on Friday, 11 October 2024, at the beloved Klein Teater in Pretoria;
- (7) further acknowledges that according to Hykie Berg, he was overwhelmed by the public response to his book and that he thanked his wife, friends, family and his publicity team for their support and vision for the book; and
- (8) congratulates Mr Berg for his achievement.

Agreed to.

15. Ms N Makasi moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of former Labour Minister and African National Congress veteran Membathisi Mdladlana on Friday, 18 October 2024, at the age of 72;
- (2) acknowledges that he served as the Minister of Labour from 1998 until 2009;
- (3) further acknowledges that he also served as an Ambassador of South Africa in Burundi and High Commissioner of South Africa in Canada;
- (4) recalls that he was the founding president of the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU), a position he held between 1990 and 1994;
- (5) further recalls that he was elected as a Member of Parliament in 1994 and contributed to the drafting of the Bill of Rights;
- (6) remembers him as a disciplined politician and an educationist of note; and
- (7) conveys its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr Membathisi Mdladlana.

Agreed to.

16. Mr S N Swart moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates Ms Glenrose Xaba, the South African 10 km national champion, who made history by winning the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon this past weekend in a record time of 2 hours 22 minutes and 22 seconds;
- (2) notes that what makes this achievement even more remarkable is that Ms Xaba was participating in her very first marathon;
- (3) further notes that she became only the second South African to ever win this marathon and in so doing broke both the South African national marathon record as well as the course record cementing her place as South Africa's new long- distance star; and
- (4) further congratulates world class runners Ethiopian Mare Dibaba Hurssa and Kenyan Pascalia Chepkoei who came second and third respectively.

Agreed to.

17. Ms C T Nontenja moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that on 19 October 2024, five family members were gunned down in their home in Bityi Village outside Mthatha;
- (2) further notes that two weeks before this incident, six community patrollers were shot dead, and four others were injured in Godini, Qumbu, Eastern Cape;
- (3) also notes that these two horrific incidents follow after a mass killing where 18 family members were shot dead in Ngobozana village in Lusikisiki on 27 September 2024;
- (4) realises that one of the alleged murderers of the 18 victims, Siphosoxolo Myeketho spent 21 years in jail for murder before being released on parole in July 2023;
- (5) urges the Department of Correctional Services to rethink the release of prisoners of Schedule 6 offences such as murder and rape to avoid more crime, as the statistics show that between 86% and 94% of convicted criminals, reoffend after leaving prison, meaning the prevalent pattern of criminal behaviour persists;
- (6) condemns the use of illegal firearms which perpetuates the ongoing violence and mass killings taking place in the Eastern Cape and across the country;
- (7) calls on the relevant authorities, including the South African Police Service (SAPS), to urgently step up its efforts to investigate and bring the perpetrators who are still at large to justice and ensure that those who have been arrested face harsh prison sentences; and

- (8) further calls for:
- (a) collective efforts from community members and traditional leaders to work with authorities towards creating safer communities; and
 - (b) the Government to provide psychosocial support services to all the affected families.

Agreed to.

18. Mr G D Kgabo moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that Proteas legend A B de Villiers was inducted into the International Cricket Council (ICC) Hall of Fame on Wednesday, 16 October 2024;
- (2) remembers that de Villiers enjoyed a distinguished international career as he hit 47 international centuries across 114 Tests, 228 ODIs and 78 T20Is;
- (3) further remembers that he topped the ICC Player Rankings in Tests, where he blended exquisite stroke-play with resolute defence at times;
- (4) recalls that he also went on to top the rankings in the ODI format, where his athleticism, explosiveness and ingenuity earned him the affectionate nickname of “Mr 360” among global fans;
- (5) acknowledges the ICC statement about de Villiers that said he was an innovative stroke-maker with an eye for the spectacular, as well as excelling in Test and T20I cricket and records for the fastest fifty, century and 150 in ODI cricket to earn a reputation of being one of the most feared, destructive batters in the history of the game; and
- (6) congratulates A B de Villiers on his recognition by the ICC.

Agreed to.

19. Mr S M Gana moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) recognises the excellent work done by the 29-year-old South African cricketer and fast bowler, Mr Kagiso Rabada in that he has achieved his 300th test wicket in the recent test match against Bangladesh;
- (2) further recognises that he is the 39th bowler in the world to reach 300 test wickets;
- (3) acknowledges that Mr Rabada is considered the most lethal test cricketer of our time, and that he has achieved this feat of 300 test wickets from 11,817 balls bowled with a strike rate of 39.2;

- (4) realises that he is the only bowler to have reached this milestone in under 12,000 balls bowled; and
- (5) congratulates Mr Kagiso Rabada for reaching 300 Test Wickets in under 12 000 balls bowled.

Agreed to.

20. Ms N L Webster moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with profound sadness the passing of Pastor Ray McCauley, a renowned evangelical leader and founder of Rhema Bible Church, a giant in faith and beloved figure in the South African Christian community;
- (2) recognises his immense contribution in reconciling South Africans of diverse backgrounds and his influence on countless presidents, spiritual leaders and communities through his humble, powerful, stimulating, and spiritually uplifting sermons;
- (3) acknowledges the profound contribution and impact he had on the hearts of many, as his sermons carried messages of hope, faith, and resilience;
- (4) expresses its gratitude for his legacy, which will continue to inspire generations to come; and
- (5) sends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched.

Agreed to.

21. Mr O M Mathafa moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of the veteran South African gospel artist Solomon Molokoane, popularly known as Solly Moholo, on Wednesday, 2 October 2024, at the age of 65;
- (2) understands that the award-winning music icon had been in hospital for several weeks after falling ill while on a music tour in Botswana last month;
- (3) recalls that Solly Moholo rose to fame in the early 2000s and became a household name in South African traditional gospel music;
- (4) further recalls that he was known for hits such as “*Die poppe sal dans*”, “*Ka letsatsi labofelo*”, “*Tsoha Jonase*” and many others;

- (5) believes Solly Moholo has left an indelible mark in the industry with his soulful gospel music and energetic live performances; and
- (6) extends its condolences to the family and friends of Solly Moholo as well as the music fraternity.

Agreed to.

22. Adv S Salie moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes the 39th Commemoration of the Trojan Horse killings of three youths and injuring of several others on 15 October 1985 by members of the apartheid security police;
- (2) recalls that in 1985, the infamous orange railway truck drove down Thornton Road in Belgravia Estate in Athlone, Cape Town during the heightened unrest against the oppressive regime;
- (3) further recalls that hidden in crates at the back of this railway truck were members of the apartheid security, South African National Defence Force and railway police armed with lethal ammunition;
- (4) further notes that the decoy truck at the time symbolized the oppressive regime and was therefore stoned by angry youth;
- (5) realises that police opened fire without warning, and did not make use of teargas;
- (6) further realises that three young people were killed on that day, namely Jonathan Claasen (21), Shaun Magmoed (15) and Michael Miranda (11);
- (7) believes that to this day, no one has been found guilty of this cold blooded murder, and that the families of the victims of the Trojan Horse deserve justice; and
- (8) acknowledges this as a deliberate attack approved by the highest levels of the apartheid regime.

Agreed to.

23. Ms Y Govana moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that the University of Fort Hare (UFH) in the Eastern Cape became the first higher education institution on the African continent to be added to the prestigious list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Sites;

- (2) further notes that this honour follows the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, held in New Delhi, India, in the month of October;
- (3) recalls that UFH is a legacy site and part of fourteen (14) interconnected locations spread across four provinces and seven municipalities in South Africa termed '*The Human Rights, Liberation and Reconciliation: Nelson Mandela Legacy Sites*';
- (4) acknowledges that according to UNESCO, these legacy sites reflect key events linked to the long struggle against the apartheid state;
- (5) believes that UNESCO recognition brings to light the crucial role Fort Hare played in shaping the trajectory of South Africa and contributing to the broader struggle for justice and equality; and
- (6) congratulates the University of Fort Hare on being added to the prestigious list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Agreed to.

24. Ms N M Gasa moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes the on-going water crisis affecting communities in the North-West, Eastern Cape, and KwaZulu-Natal provinces;
- (2) expresses its deep concern regarding the situation in Kgabalatsane, North-West, where despite the development of infrastructure over four years ago, residents have yet to receive clean and reliable water;
- (3) realises that the community relies on costly water tankers, often delivering unsafe water sourced from local rivers, compromising public health;
- (4) further realises that this lack of service delivery has sparked violent protests, but the municipality has failed to provide sustainable solutions; and
- (5) calls on the relevant authorities to urgently intervene, ensuring the provision of clean, safe water to Kgabalatsane and other affected communities, upholding their constitutional rights.

Agreed to.

25. Mr P Ndamase ANC moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that on 31 October 2024, the Hindu community celebrates one of the biggest and most important festival of lights called Diwali or Deepavali which holds a deep cultural and religious significance as it celebrates new beginnings (new year) in the Indian culture;

- (2) further notes that while Diwali is popularly known as the "festival of lights", the most significant spiritual meaning behind it is the awareness of the inner light and symbolism of the victory of good over evil and knowledge over ignorance; and
- (3) extends its well wishes to the Hindu community during their celebrations.

Agreed to.

26. [17:39] Notices of motion.
27. The House adjourned at 17:53.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament