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1. The House met at 14:00.

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

3. The Speaker announced that the virtual plenary sitting constituted a meeting of the National Assembly.

4. [14:02] Mr C M Dugmore, on behalf of the Chief Whip, moved: That the House, notwithstanding Rule 108(2) which provides that the time allocated to a member of each party for making a declaration of vote must be determined by the Rules Committee taking into account the proportional strength of the parties, limits the time allocated to a member from each party for making a declaration of vote on any Budgetary Review and Recommendation Report to not more than two minutes for this annual session

   Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

5. [14:03] Members' statements.

6. [14:48] The House, at the request of Mr G Michalakis, discussed the following as a matter of national public importance in terms of Rule 130: **The scourge of violence against women in South Africa against the backdrop of the recent killing of women in Ekurhuleni and the urgent need for government intervention**.

   Debate concluded.

7. SECOND ORDER [16:48]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs on **Draft Notice determining Remuneration of Commissioners of Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) for 2025/26 financial year** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 19 August 2026, p 74).

Mr M S Chabane, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, ActionSA, United Democratic Movement, African Christian Democratic Party, Rise Mzansi, African Transformation Movement, Al Jama-ah, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Draft Notice determining the remuneration of Commissioners of Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) for 2025/26 financial year accordingly approved (uMkhonto weSizwe Party dissenting).

8. THIRD ORDER [17:24]

Consideration of Joint Report of Portfolio Committee on Police, Portfolio Committee on Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Portfolio Committee on Forestry, Fisheries and Environment and Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs on **Petition on behalf of residents of Ward 92 in City of Ekurhuleni, Gauteng (Submitted by Hon M Clarke, MP)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 14 August 2026, p 3).

Mr S M Gana, as a member of the Committee, introduced the Joint Report.

There was no debate.

The Deputy Chief Whip moved: That the Joint Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the uMkhonto weSizwe Party, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, Freedom Front Plus, Action SA, African Christian Democratic Party, United Democratic Movement, Rise Mzansi, Build One South Africa, United Africans Transformation, Democratic Alliance and African National Congress.

Motion agreed to (Economic Freedom Fighters dissenting).

Joint Report accordingly adopted.

9. FOURTH ORDER [18:03]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements on **Petition received from four petitioners from Garankuwa/Mawiga** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 24 August 2026, p 3).

Mr S L Dithebe, as a member of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Deputy Chief Whip moved: That the Report be adopted.

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

Motion agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

10. FIFTH AND SIXTH ORDERS [18:39]

Consideration of Report of Powers and Privileges Committee on **Allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Hon J S Malema, MP** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 August 2026, p 3).

Consideration of Report of Powers and Privileges Committee on **Allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Hon S Thambo**, **MP** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 28 August 2026, p 6).

There was no debate.

Question put: That the Report of Powers and Privileges Committee on Allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Hon J S Malema, MP be agreed to.

Report on **Allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Hon J S Malema, MP** accordingly adopted.

The Speaker addressed the House in the following terms:

Hon members would recall that Mr Malema was found to have violated various clauses of the Code of Ethical Conduct and Disclosure of Members' Interests and that on 22 November 2021, the Ethics Committee adopted the following recommendation in respect of sanction: "That the member enter an apology in the House by specifically apologizing to Judge Matojane, and the Judicial Service Commission for his question to Judge Matojane during the interview process that related to the quantum of R500 000.00 damages." On 7 December 2021, the Ethics Committee report and recommendations were adopted by this House. On 4 December 2025, the Speaker addressed correspondence to Mr Malema directing him to enter an apology in the House no later than 27 February 2026. Mr Malema was informed that an arrangement can be made with the Speaker to deliver the apology at an

appropriate time. Mr Malema's attention was also drawn to Rule 10 of the National Assembly which provides that a member who willfully fails or refuses to obey any rule, order or resolution of the House may be found guilty of contempt of Parliament.

It is the failure to enter this apology in the House that triggered the Speaker's referral of this matter to the Powers and Privileges Committee, for consideration and report. The recommendation of the Powers and Privileges Committee report is that Hon Malema should still enter an apology in the House no later than 30 September 2026.

Hon Malema I now ask, in accordance with the recommendation the House has agreed to, that you enter an apology for your conduct.

Whereupon the member submitted the apology.

Question put: That the Report of Powers and Privileges Committee on Allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Hon S Thambo, MP be agreed to.

Report on **Allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Hon S Thambo, MP** accordingly adopted.

The Speaker addressed the House in the following terms:

Hon Members, this House has adopted the Powers and Privileges Committee Report on Allegations of conduct constituting contempt of Parliament by Hon S Thambo, MP concerning Hon Thambo.

The recommendation of the report, agreed to by this House, is that the Hon Thambo enter an apology in the House for his conduct towards Hon K J Mileham, a member of this House, at the queue at the security entrance scanners to enter the Nieeumeester Dome on 25 February 2026, for the Budget Speech.

Hon Thambo, I will now allow you to submit an apology to this House.

Whereupon the member submitted the apology.

11. [18:43] Mr W T Letsie moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that on 23 August 2026, eighteen-year-old Amber-Rose Berry from Pringle Bay near Cape Town made national and international history by successfully swimming the English Channel;

(2) further notes that through this extraordinary endurance feat, she officially became the youngest South African woman to conquer the gruelling channel crossing;

(3) acknowledges that Amber-Rose Berry's historic milestone places her name among the elite ranks of international marathon swimmers and serves as a proud moment for the entire nation of South Africa;

(4) further acknowledges that this remarkable achievement represents months of rigorous physical training, unwavering mental resilience, and exceptional personal dedication; and

(5) congratulates Amber-Rose Berry for her historic and inspiring achievement in successfully swimming the English Channel and commends her for flying the South African flag high on the global stage and inspiring a new generation of young South Africans.

Agreed to.

12. Mr A Nchabeleng moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes the severe cost-of-living crisis confronting millions of South Africans, particularly poor and working-class households;

(2) further notes that electricity, water, sanitation and refuse removal are essential basic services and that rapidly rising municipal tariffs are placing these services increasingly beyond the reach of ordinary households;

(3) recognises that VAT charged on basic municipal services adds a further financial burden on households already struggling to afford food, transport, electricity and other necessities;

(4) further recognises that a family should not have to choose between putting food on the table and keeping the lights on;

(5) affirms that basic services must serve the people and must not become another source of financial punishment for the poor and working class; and

(6) calls on relevant departments to support the consideration of appropriate fiscal measures, including VAT exemptions, zero-rating or targeted VAT relief on defined basic levels of municipal services for qualifying poor and working-class households, with a view to reducing the cost of living and protecting access to essential services.

Agreed to.

13. Mr M B Blose moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with deep concern the brutal killing of eleven people in KwaMakhutha, KwaZulu-Natal, on the night of 22 September 2026;

(2) further notes that three other people were injured during the shooting, while a pregnant woman was among those who lost their lives;

(3) condemns the continued loss of innocent lives through gun violence, organised crime and the proliferation of illegal firearms in communities across KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa;

(4) expresses its deepest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the eleven victims and wishes those injured a speedy recovery;

(5) urges the South African Police Service to intensify the investigation and ensure that all those responsible are identified, arrested and brought before the courts;

(6) calls upon law-enforcement agencies to strengthen intelligence-led operations against illegal firearms, organised criminal networks and violent gangs in KwaMakhutha and surrounding communities;

(7) further calls on the Minister of Police to provide the portfolio committee with a comprehensive report on the progress of the investigation and measures being implemented to prevent further mass shootings in KwaZulu-Natal; and

(8) affirms its solidarity with the people of KwaMakhutha and reaffirms its commitment to the protection of life and the safety of all communities.

Agreed to.

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

(1) notes that coach Pitso Mosimane has been appointed as the Head Coach of the South African senior men's national football team, Bafana Bafana, marking his return to the national team;

(2) further notes that coach Mosimane is one of Africa's most celebrated coaches, who has won the CAF Champions League on three occasions and achieved remarkable success with Mamelodi Sundowns and Al Ahly;

(3) acknowledges that his return to Bafana Bafana represents an important moment for South African football and gives an opportunity for local coaching skill to continue contributing at the highest level of the soccer game;

(4) recognises that coach Mosimane's journey from playing and coaching in South Africa to achieving great success across the African continent demonstrates the possibilities that exist for South Africans to pursue excellence, discipline and dedication in their chosen fields; and

(5) expresses its best wishes to coach Pitso Mosimane and Bafana Bafana as they undertake their upcoming duties and commend him for

continuing to fly the South African flag very high on the African and international football stage.

Agreed to.

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

(1) congratulates the Proteas on their 32-run victory over Australia in the second One-Day International at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg on Sunday, 27 September 2026, securing 2–0 lead in the three-match series;

(2) further congratulates Proteas captain Mr Temba Bavuma on his outstanding innings of 103 runs and Mr David Miller on his career-best 142 runs, their performances helping to propel South Africa to victory;

(3) recognises that the match formed part of Cricket South Africa's annual Pink Day initiative, which uses the power and reach of sport to raise awareness and funds in the fight against breast cancer;

(4) commends the Proteas for marking this year's Pink Day by carrying the names of breast-cancer fighters and survivors on their jerseys, honouring the courage and resilience of those affected by the disease;

(5) acknowledges the important work of the Breast Care Clinic at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital, which benefits from funds raised through the Pink Day initiative; and

(6) applauds Cricket South Africa, the Proteas, supporters and all partners involved in Pink Day for demonstrating the powerful role that sport can play in uniting South Africans behind important social causes and expresses its solidarity with all those affected by breast cancer.

Agreed to.

16. Ms J A Basson moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with profound sadness the tragic death of Elizabeth "Tsontso" Moselakgomo, a 38- year-old mother, runner, and community member from Kempton Park, whose body was identified after she disappeared while out on a routine run;

(2) further notes that her death comes amid growing concern over violence against women and the discovery of several female victims in the broader Kempton Park and Ekurhuleni areas;

(3) expresses its sincere condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and especially her young daughter during this time of grief;

(4) commends the efforts of the South African Police Service and urges the multidisciplinary task team investigating these cases to act with urgency in bringing those responsible to justice; and

(5) reaffirms Parliament's commitment to combating gender-based violence and ensuring that women and girls can live, work, and exercise in safety and dignity.

Agreed to.

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

(1) notes the widespread and beneficial rainfall received across significant parts of South Africa during recent months, which has provided welcome relief to communities, farmers, water users and the country's water resources;

(2) recognises that good rainfall contributes to improved dam levels, groundwater recharge, agricultural production, grazing conditions and overall water security, while also supporting rural economies and food security;

(3) further notes that the South African Weather Service has previously indicated the possibility of a transition from neutral conditions towards an El Niño event during 2026, which could have implications for rainfall patterns in South Africa's summer rainfall regions;

(4) acknowledges that the beneficial rainfall received thus far provides an important opportunity to strengthen water storage, agricultural resilience and preparedness before potentially drier conditions develop;

(5) calls on the Government, municipalities, water authorities and agricultural stakeholders to use this opportunity to ensure that available water resources are properly managed, infrastructure is maintained, and contingency measures are in place should El Niño conditions result in below-normal rainfall; and

(6) expresses its appreciation for the rainfall received and calls for continued responsible stewardship of the country's water resources in preparation for the forthcoming summer season.

Agreed to.

18. Ms D E James moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with deep concern the horrific spate of mass shootings across South Africa over the weekend, including the killing of 18 people in Wedela on the West Rand, 10 people in Lwandle near Strand, and 4 people in Khayelitsha;

(2) acknowledges that these devastating incidents highlight the severe levels of violent crime and the proliferation of illegal firearms in communities across the country, leaving families and communities vulnerable to senseless and deadly attacks;

(3) recognises the grave concern that communities are increasingly being subjected to mass shootings and other violent crimes, while criminal networks continue to operate with access to illegal firearms and high-powered weapons;

(4) further recognises that these challenges are exacerbated by inadequate policing, intelligence failures and insufficient action against the illegal firearms fuelling violent crime, and that without urgent intervention the continued failure to protect communities will have fatal consequences; and

(5) calls on the South African Police Service to prioritise the immediate strengthening of the country's response to violent crime, including intelligence-led policing, decisive action against illegal firearms and organised criminal networks, improved policing capacity and strict accountability for officials who fail in their duties.

Agreed to.

19. Ms M L Mmolotsane moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that on Saturday, 12 September 2026, the Springboks delivered a resounding victory on American soil, defeating their historic arch-rivals, the New Zealand All Blacks, 43–28 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland;

(2) further notes that this victory sealed a magnificent 3–1 series triumph marking it the first time since 2009 that the *Boks* have secured three consecutive Test victories against the All Blacks in a single calendar year;

(3) recognises the brilliance and physical dominance displayed by the team outscoring the All Blacks six tries to four through stellar plays from the likes of Morné van den Berg, Malcolm Marx, Pieter-Steph du Toit, and Kurt-Lee Arendse;

(4) applauds captain Siya Kolisi, coach Rassie Erasmus, the entire coaching staff, and the legendary team for once again carrying the hopes of a nation across oceans and proudly flying the South African flag high; and

(5) congratulates the Springboks on cementing their status as the undisputed gold standard of world rugby, bringing immense joy and unity back home to fans across the country.

Agreed to.

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

(1) notes that as the country celebrated Heritage Day on 24 September, the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) reflected on its life-saving legacy stretching back almost 60 years:

(2) further notes that what is today a nationwide rescue organisation began with tragedy in 1966 when three fishing boats sank during a storm off Stilbaai, claiming 17 lives;

(3) acknowledges that this disaster prompted Simonstown teacher Patti Priceto (herself a survivor of a shipwreck) to launch a letter-writing campaign calling for a dedicated sea rescue service in South Africa;

(4) further acknowledges that her campaign led to the establishment of the South African Inshore Rescue Service in 1967, which was later renamed the NSRI;

(5) recognises that today, as it approaches its 60th anniversary in 2027, the organisation has 43 active rescue stations across eight provinces, and that in 2025, its 1431 operational volunteers responded to 1 069 operations and rescued 1548 people;

(6) understands that its work has expanded far beyond emergency rescues to include water safety education, survival swimming, lifeguarding and the distinctive Pink Rescue Buoy programme;

(7) realises that more than 97% of the NSRI's funding continues to come from private individuals and companies; and

(8) commends the NSRI leadership, staff, volunteers and supporters for not only its courageous sea rescues but also its education programmes to prevent drownings which have reached more than 924 000 people through water safety education and survival swimming programmes.

Agreed to.

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

(1) notes with concern that the rollout of the new Foundation Phase textbook catalogue for Grades 1 to 3 remains suspended due to procurement, governance and potential financial risks;

(2) further notes that South Africa is facing a severe foundational literacy crisis;

(3) realises that the 2021 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study revealed that over 80% of Grade 4 learners were unable to read for meaning in any language;

(4) recognises that the Foundation Phase is the critical stage at which learners acquire the literacy, numeracy and language skills upon which their future education depends;

(5) further recognises that schools already experiencing shortages of textbooks and supplementary learning materials are likely to be disproportionately affected by delays in procurement and distribution;

(6) expresses its concern that schools may be required to rely on a catalogue that is approximately 15 years old despite the development of a new catalogue intended to incorporate more recent educational research, improved literacy methodologies, home-language instruction and foundational skills;

(7) emphasises the legitimate concerns regarding procurement processes, governance and financial management that must be addressed transparently and without compromising learners constitutional right to basic education; and

(8) calls on the Minister of Basic Education, the Department of Basic Education and provincial education departments to urgently resolve the procurement and governance concerns surrounding the Foundation Phase catalogue, while ensuring that no learner enters the 2027 academic year without adequate, appropriate and up-to-date learning and teaching support materials.

Agreed to.

22. Mr M Nontsele moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with sadness the passing of His Majesty King Makhosonke II (Enock Makhosonke Mabhena) of the amaNdebele nation on Tuesday, 9 June 2026, at the age of 65;

(2) further notes that he served for 40 years, ascending the throne in 1986 after succeeding his late father, King William Mbhongo;

(3) acknowledges that throughout his reign, His Majesty showed a strong commitment to the development and empowerment of traditional communities, and he played a key role in strengthening the amaNdebele community, preserving its cultural heritage, promoting social cohesion and fostering unity among his people;

(4) understands that His Majesty was unanimously elected as the inaugural Chairperson of the Forum for South Africa's Majesties, a historic platform established to enhance collaboration between

government and Kings, Queens and Principal Traditional Leaders on matters affecting traditional communities;

(5) further understands that he participated in the Forum's Strategic Planning Session, where traditional leaders and government worked together to strengthen the institution of traditional leadership and advance development in traditional communities; and

(6) extends its heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family, the amaNdebele community and all those mourning the loss of His Majesty King Makhosoke II.

Agreed to.

23. Ms L B Sapo moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that South Africa made historic strides on the international stage by being designated as the first-ever African Global Country of Honour at the prestigious 19th Pujiang Innovation Forum, held in Shanghai, China, from 11 to 14 September 2026;

(2) further notes that this momentous occasion coincided with the celebration of the 28th anniversary of diplomatic relations between South Africa and the People's Republic of China, reinforcing our All-Round Strategic Partnership in the New Era;

(3) applauds the brilliant exhibition at the South African Pavilion, which proudly spotlighted local breakthroughs and advanced technologies from critical institutions, including the South African National Space Agency (SANSA) for its cutting-edge space science developments, national entities pioneering advancements in nuclear medicine and green hydrogen technology, and vibrant grassroots innovators and start-ups demonstrating local ingenuity;

(4) recognises that this prominent co-hosting platform allowed South Africa to effectively showcase not only its own capabilities but the broader African science, technology, and innovation agenda on the global stage; and

(5) congratulates the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation, our participating scientists, researchers, and entrepreneurs for flying the South African flag high and solidifying our position as a leader of scientific innovation on the African continent.

Agreed to.

24. Mr I Ismail-Moosa moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes the passing of Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, a member of Dubai's ruling Al Maktoum family on 21 September 2026;

(2) further notes that he played an instrumental role in the wider Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives (MBRGI), a humanitarian umbrella body of the Dubai leadership;

(3) recognises that the Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives (MBRGI) actively supports educational programmes and digital transformation across South Africa;

(4) further recognises that beneficiaries of the MBRGI educational projects were mainly young African girls from remote villages;

(5) acknowledges some of its global initiatives in South Africa such as the Digital School, the Teacher Task Force Knowledge Platform, a foundation for medical and educational sciences and the Al Maktoum School of Management Excellence which provides training facilities in South Africa to empower young students looking to enter the equestrian and agricultural management industries; and

(6) conveys its heartfelt condolences to Dubai's ruling Al Maktoum family.

Agreed to.

25. Mr N T Tshotetsi moved without notice: That the House -

(1) commends Freedom Park, the National Heritage Council (NHC), NaLHISA and Afreximbank for arranging the Youth Heritage Leadership Academy under the theme, *"Developing Young Custodians and Leaders of Africa's Liberation Heritage"*;

(2) notes that the initiative brings young people together to deepen their understanding of Africa's liberation heritage and the importance of preserving the collective memory of the continent;

(3) acknowledges that empowering young people to become custodians of our heritage ensures that the sacrifices, the struggles, the values and the achievements of those who came before us are preserved and carried forward to coming generations;

(4) recognises that this initiative gives practical expression to this year's Heritage Month theme, *"Celebrating Our Living Heritage: Strengthening the Ties That Bind Us,"* by strengthening youth's connection to our shared history and fostering unity through a common appreciation of our liberation heritage; and

(5) expresses its appreciation to Freedom Park, the National Heritage Council, NaLHISA and Afreximbank for investing in young heritage leaders and for contributing to the preservation and promotion of Africa's living heritage.

Agreed to.

26. Ms H Ismail moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that tourism boosts economic growth, but its full potential is not yet realised;

(2) recognises that the private sector is the main driver of South Africa's tourism sector, fulfilling parts of the mandate that South African Tourism is supposed to fulfil;

(3) acknowledges that the Department of Tourism needs to better incorporate the private sector in decisions made about developing new air routes, as well as securing better buyers for the Africa Indaba and Meetings Africa;

(4) calls for stronger partnerships with Board of Airline Representatives of South Africa (BARSA), Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA) and Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) with the intention to expand air access, with a focus on Chinese and Indian markets; and

(5) further calls on the Department of Tourism to establish an industry-led tourism aviation task team to work with airlines serving South Africa to develop a strategy for new air routes to global aviation hubs in countries such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, as well as securing better buyers for Africa's Travel Indaba and Meetings Africa, leading to an increase in tourism numbers, investment, job creation and economic growth.

Agreed to.

27. Dr L W Mahlatsi moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes the successful Mass Graduation Ceremony held by the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in Kanana City, Plot 87, Farm Klipoortjie, 187 Heidelberg, Gauteng, on 20 June 2026;

(2) further notes that a total of 930 graduates, comprising 702 women and 228 men, were celebrated for their academic achievement;

(3) acknowledges the outstanding participation of the children of the Lion King of Yehud graduates from Manpower – the Willows, the Antiquity Stars, and Bammuso – the Custodians of the Kingdom;

(4) recognises the declaration made at the ceremony that the God of yesteryears remains the same God of the present, affirming continuity of faith, wisdom, and spiritual grounding in the journey of education;

(5) realises that under his Grace Yahweh, the Lion King of Yehud, the institution has continued to spearhead academic excellence through

teachings rooted in Ubuntu, gnostic wisdom, Pan-African consciousness, and radical economic transformation;

(6) affirms that the nurturing of vibrant, educated, and ideologically conscious youth remains essential in building a prosperous state, a self-reliant continent, and a future anchored in African dignity, our land, and liberation; and

(7) commends the educators, families, and broader Kanana City community for their collective contribution towards advancing knowledge and preserving African values forever and always.

Agreed to.

28. Mr W M Douglas moved without notice: That the House -

(1) recognises the constitutional status and important role of traditional leadership and the Royal Houses of South Africa in the lives of millions of our people;

(2) notes that traditional leaders are often closest to communities, yet their voices are not always adequately incorporated into municipal planning and decision-making;

(3) recognises that democracy and traditional leadership should not compete, but should work together in the interests of communities;

(4) supports the establishment and strengthening of properly constituted Local Houses of Traditional and Khoisan leaders, representing recognised traditional leadership structures within relevant municipalities;

(5) further supports these Local Houses having a meaningful consultative role on municipal development, land, infrastructure, service delivery and matters directly affecting traditional communities; and

(6) affirms that traditional leaders must not simply be invited to ceremonies, their voices must be heard when decisions affecting their communities are made.

Agreed to.

29. Ms E R J Spies moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes with grave concern reports that, as of 3 September 2026, the Gauteng Department of Education had yet to pay R971 million in overdue norms and standards allocations to 2 202 public schools;

(2) further notes that this includes R472.9 million owed to 953 no-fee schools and R250.9 million owed to 129 public special schools;

(3) recognises that these funds pay for essentials, including learning materials, maintenance and municipal services, and that delayed payments place the greatest strain on schools serving vulnerable learners;

(4) urges the Minister of Basic Education to implore on the Gauteng MEC for Education and Provincial Treasury to publish a school-by-school account of the outstanding payments, provide firm payment dates, and settle the arrears urgently, while reporting to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on how teaching and learning will be protected; and

(5) acknowledges that schools cannot be expected to deliver quality education on promises, and that money allocated to learners must reach their schools.

Agreed to.

30. Mrs T M Chauke-Adonis moved without notice: That the House -

(1) notes that Pretoria-born music trailblazers DJ Maphorisa and Kabza De Small recently made history through their landmark music event, which attracted more than 74 000 people;

(2) further notes that the Scorpion Kings' achievement demonstrates the immense potential of South Africa's creative industry of bringing people together, creating opportunities and contributing meaningfully to economic activity;

(3) acknowledges that the success of the event provided an influential example to young South Africans that it is very much possible to transform talent, creativity and to reach audiences at a national and international level;

(4) recognises that events of this scale contribute to local economic development by supporting businesses, tourism, transport and other sectors of the economy; and

(5) congratulates DJ Maphorisa and Kabza De Small for flying the South African flag high and showcasing the country's vibrant youth and inspiring a generation of young South Africans to believe in the possibilities of their own potential

Agreed to.

31. [19:35] Notices of motion.

32. The House adjourned at 19:51.

Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament