

**TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

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***PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

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The House met at 10:00.

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

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The SPEAKER: Hon members, I wish to indicate that, working with the Whippery, we've decided to have this session on the virtual platform today because its agenda is not long.

However, I want to advise members that this sitting is deemed to be in the precinct of Parliament. It constitutes a meeting of the National Assembly. In addition to the rules of virtual sittings, the Rules of the National Assembly, including the rules of debate, apply. Members enjoy the same powers and privileges that apply in a sitting of the National Assembly.

Members should equally note that anything said on the virtual platform is deemed to have been said to the House and may be ruled upon.

All members who have logged in shall be considered to be present, and are requested to mute their microphones and only unmute when recognised by the Speaker.

I also want to confirm that we have a quorum in this meeting.

Lastly, while using the virtual system, members are urged to refrain or desist from unnecessary points of order or interjections.

**NEW MEMBER**

(Announcement)

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I wish to announce that the vacancy which occurred in the National Assembly owing to the resignation of Mr M K B Molefe has now been filled by the nomination of Mrs S M Mokoena-Zondi, with effect from 30 February 2026.

I have also been informed by the MK Party that it has designated Mrs Mokoena-Zondi as the new Chief Whip of the Opposition.

The member has made and subscribed the oath in the Speaker's Office.

I wish to welcome hon Mokoena-Zondi and congratulate her on becoming a member of the National Assembly. Hon member, you are welcome.

Hon members, the only item on today's Order Paper is a motion in the name of the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE LARGEST MINORITY PARTY: Good morning, Madam Speaker and good morning to all hon members. Let me also join you in welcoming hon Mokoena-Zondi, the Chief Whip of the MK Party, as our new colleague in the Chief Whips' Forum.

**EXTENSION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE'S DEADLINE**

(Draft Resolution)

The CHIEF WHIP OF THE LARGEST MINORITY PARTY: Madam Speaker and hon members, I hereby move:

That the House Extends the deadline by which the Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Allegations made by Lt Gen Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi has to complete its task to 31 March 2026.

Question put.

Motion agreed to.

The House adjourned at 10:05.

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