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National Assembly

The Speaker

1. Membership of Committees

(1) The following committee membership changes have been made by the Democratic Alliance:

(a) **Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs**

Discharged: Labuschagne, Ms C

Appointed: Seitlholo, Mr IS

(b) **Portfolio Committee on Employment and Labour**

Appointed: Burke, Dr MJ [Alternate]

National Council of Provinces

The Chairperson

1. Referral to Committees of papers tabled

(1) The following papers are referred to the **Select Committee on Economic Development and Trade** for consideration and report.

(a) Revised Annual Performance Plan of the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies for 2026/27.

(b) Revised Annual Performance Plan of Universal Service and Access Fund for 2026/27.

(c) Revised Strategic Plan of Universal Service and Access Fund for 2025/26 – 2029/30.

(d) Revised Annual Performance Plan of Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa for 2026/27.

(e) Revised Strategic Plan of Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa for 2025/26 – 2029/30.

TABLINGS

National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

1. The Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies

(a) Amended Annual Performance Plan of the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) for 2026/27.

National Assembly

1. The Speaker

(a) Letter from the Minister of Correctional Services, dated 4 September 2026, to the Speaker of the National Assembly, explaining the reasons for the delay in the submission of the Annual Report of the Department of Correctional Services for 2025/26:

Dear Honourable Speaker,

LATE FINALISATION AND TABLING OF THE 2025/26 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

In terms of Sections 65 (1) (a), of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), states that the Executive Authority responsible for a department must table in the National Assembly the Annual Report and financial statements within one month after the Accounting Officer of the department received the audit report. Section 65 (2) (a) further stipulates that if an Executive Authority fails to

table within six months after the end of the financial year, the Executive Authority must table a written explanation in the legislature setting out the reasons why they were not tabled.

In view of the above legislative requirements, I hereby tender an explanation for the late finalisation and tabling of the 2025/26 Annual Report for the Department of Correctional Services (DCS).

The Department submitted the Pre-Audited Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements to AGSA on 31 May 2026. The Department received the first Draft Management Report from the AGSA on 10 July 2026 which was further discussed and refined on 21 July 2026. A third version of the Audit Report was submitted to the Department on 24 July 2026 with a material change to the audit outcome which was presented to the Audit Committee on 30 July 2026. The signed Management Report and Audit Report was received from the AGSA (Business Unit Leader) on 01 August 2026.

The Department expressed concerns regarding the proposed audit outcome during the discussions at both the Audit Steering Committee and Audit Committee meetings. A series of engagements were subsequently held between the Department, AGSA and the National Treasury to facilitate the resolution of the outstanding issues and support the finalisation of the audit outcome and the Annual Report. The Department is currently awaiting AGSA's response to its most recent representation of 20 August 2026.

Owing to the unresolved matters currently under discussion, the Department has not yet been able to finalise the 2025/26 Annual Report in terms of Sections 65 (1) (a), of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999). As these deliberations remain outstanding and may have a material impact on the content of the Report.

Prior to the Annual Report being printed, the printer's proof of the complete Annual Report with the Annual Financial Statements, the Auditor's Report of the AGSA and the Audit Committee Report must be submitted to the AGSA for final review. The Department will provide a date for the tabling of the 2025/26 Annual Report to the Speaker of the National Assembly once the engagements between DCS, National Treasury and AGSA are concluded.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

DR P J GROENEWALD, MP
MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

National Council of Provinces

1. The Chairperson

(a) Letter from the Minister of Correctional Services, dated 04 September 2026, to the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, explaining the reasons for the delay in the submission of the Annual Report of the Department of Correctional Services for 2025/26:

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