

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2025

1. The Council met at 14:02.
2. The Deputy Chairperson took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayers or meditation.
3. The Deputy Chairperson announced that the hybrid sitting constituted a sitting of the National Council of Provinces.
4. [14:03] Notices of motions.
5. [14:10] Mr KM Mmoiemang moved without notice: That the Council –
 - (1) notes with profound sadness and a great sense of loss the death of the former Judge President of the Eastern Cape High Court, Judge Temba Sangoni, after a short illness;
 - (2) also notes that Judge Temba Sangoni was a jurist of towering intellect, unwavering principle and a senior traditional leader of Qokolweni-Zimbane Traditional Council in Mthatha;
 - (3) further notes that Judge Temba Sangoni dedicated his life to the noble pursuit of justice and the service of his nation even after his retirement in 2017, and his legacy is etched not only in the histories of our legal system but also deeply within the hearts of our legal fraternity; and

- (4) takes this opportunity to convey its heartfelt condolences to the Sangoni family, his former colleagues in the benches of the Eastern Cape High Court and across the nation and hope that they will draw comfort from the knowledge that his life was one of profound purpose and enduring impact.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

6. [14:11] Ms MM Bains moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes with utmost concern the senseless, random shooting at Emfuleni Taxi Rank in the City of Cape Town on Friday, 6 June 2025, that left four innocent people dead;
- (2) also notes that whilst the law enforcement agencies have not determined the motive for this shooting, it is not the first of its kind in Cape Town;
- (3) further notes that the shooting and other related violent gun crimes in the Western Cape townships demonstrate the free circulation of illegal firearms in the hands of criminals;
- (4) takes this opportunity to express its heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased who died during this tragic incident; and
- (5) calls on Lieutenant-General Thembisile Patekile and the South African Police Services (SAPS) to mount a sustained effort against the proliferation of illegal firearms and gangsterism in the townships and to mobilise more resources to ensure that taxi ranks and train stations around Cape Town are safe for commuters.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

7. [14:13] Dr I Scheurkogel moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes that June is celebrated as Pride Month during which members of the LGBTIQ+ community celebrate their community;
- (2) also notes that members of the LGBTIQ+ community still suffer from discrimination and violence in South Africa;
- (3) further notes a survey carried out in 2016 by OUT LGBT Well-being revealed that approximately 88% of hate crimes against LGBTIQ+ individuals in South Africa go unreported, primarily due to mistrust in law enforcement and fear of secondary victimization.

- (4) notes the estimates which suggests that over 500 lesbians are subjected to "corrective rape" annually;
- (5) also notes in 2025, the assassinations of prominent LGBTIQ+ activists Muhsin Hendricks and Mabusi Ntuli underscored the ongoing threats faced by the community;
- (6) takes this opportunity to wish the LGBTIQ+ community of South Africa well with International Pride Month, and with their Pride march; and
- (7) affirms the commitment of this House to protect the rights of the LGBTIQ+ community, including the Trans community in South Africa.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

8. [14:15] Ms SH Boshoff moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes with grave concern the collapse of emergency and disaster management services in Lydenburg, under the jurisdiction of the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality, where residents are left vulnerable due to the absence of a functional disaster management centre, a severe lack of fire and rescue equipment, and ambulance response times stretching up to three days;
- (2) also notes that this is not an isolated case, as several municipalities across Mpumalanga are facing similar crises, marked by failing infrastructure, non-existent rescue capacity, and frequently offline emergency call centres;
- (3) further notes that this ongoing failure places countless lives at risk and undermines the constitutional right to life and access to emergency services;
- (4) calls on the Mpumalanga Provincial Government and the National Council of Provinces to intervene urgently by deploying mobile disaster management units, restoring functionality to emergency call centres, and working collaboratively to develop an immediate and coordinated provincial disaster response plan to ensure that no municipality is left defenseless in the face of crisis.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

9. [14:19] Mr P Noe moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes with pride the organisational, strategic and tactical resilience of the KwaZulu-Natal SAPS in the fight against violent crimes;
- (2) also notes that this resilience has seen swift tracking and arrests of suspects involved in high-level violent crimes, ranging from gang violence, murder, ATM bombings, and cash-in-transit heists in the recent past;

- (3) further notes that this is due to the visionary and courageous leadership of the SAPS team in KwaZulu-Natal under the leadership of Lt. General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi; and
- (4) takes this opportunity to call upon this august House to express its special appreciation on behalf of the people of South Africa to Lt. General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi and his team for showing utmost dedication to wage a concerted battle against crime and ensure the safety of the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

10. [14:21] Mr MM Peter moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes with grave concern the fire that engulfed the main municipal building and Council chamber of Kumkani Mhlontlo Local Municipality in Qumbu on 1 June 2025, severely damaging key administrative offices and destroying essential municipal documents and infrastructure;
- (2) also notes the serious allegations that the fire may have been started deliberately, shortly after a letter was reportedly written to the Eastern Cape MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Zolile Williams by a United Democratic Movement Councillor in that Municipality, Councillor Z Nondaka, requesting an investigation into alleged corruption and maladministration at the municipality.
- (3) further notes the long-standing governance issues in Kumkani Mhlontlo, including repeated audit disclaimers, poor service delivery, financial mismanagement, and an alarming lack of accountability from senior officials;
- (4) notes with deep concern the destruction of this municipal facility may have been aimed at obstructing investigations and covering up evidence of misconduct and corruption, which would represent a direct attack on democratic accountability and the rule of law.
- (5) calls upon the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, together with the Eastern Cape MEC, to urgently launch a full and transparent forensic investigation into the cause of the fire and all associated allegations of corruption, and to prioritise the swift restoration of municipal operations and oversight.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

11. [14:25] Mr PA Phala moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes with sadness the death of the former Chief of the South African Army, Lieutenant General Gilbert Lebeko Romano, who played a pivotal role in the integration of former liberation armies into the formation of the new South African National Defence Force;
- (2) also notes that Lt. Gen Romano was born in Sophiatown and completed his schooling in Madibane High School before leaving South Africa in 1962 to join the armed wing of the African National Congress, Umkhonto Wesizwe;
- (3) further notes that after coming back to South Africa, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General and appointed Chief of the Army in 1998;
- (4) notes that he was also awarded the Order of the Star of South Africa in 1999; and
- (5) calls on this august House to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of Lt. Gen Romano, his friends, and his organisation, the African National Congress, in this time of bereavement.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

12. [14:28] Ms KR Molokomme moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes that on Friday, 6 June, the Deputy President, Paul Mashatile, unveiled the national Clean Cities and Towns Campaign, marking a comprehensive approach to urban cleanliness and community engagement;
- (2) also notes that the campaign goes beyond mere cleaning but addresses broader service delivery issues and creates opportunities for community employment;
- (3) further notes that this initiative, launched at the Walter Sisulu Square of Dedication in Kliptown, follows the commitments made by the Deputy President at the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Lekgotla earlier this year to tackle both environmental and socio-economic challenges; and
- (4) calls on the people of South Africa and communities to take pride in their local environment and clean where they live without having to be paid.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

13. [14:32] Mr N Gotsell moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes the re-apprehension of the three young, convicted offenders who, despite serious convictions, including murder and rape, were erroneously released after being remanded to Pollsmoor Correctional Centre by a High Court order;
- (2) also notes that these developments followed direct parliamentary oversight by the DA, including unannounced visits and formal inquiries, which revealed administrative failures in the remand and detention processes;
- (3) further notes the concern over the persistent reliance on outdated systems and processes within the Department of Correctional Services, which pose a risk to public safety and the integrity of the justice system;
- (4) notes the importance of Parliament's oversight function in uncovering failures, compelling accountability, and protecting the rights and safety of South Africans;
- (5) calls on this House to affirm its commitment to strengthening the oversight role of all Members of Parliament, even when it exposes uncomfortable truths within government departments.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

14. [14:33] Mr TM Kaunda moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes that the prestigious annual marathon, the Comrades Marathon, took place on Sunday, 8 June 2025;
- (2) also notes with pride that both the male and female winners of this year's race are South Africans, namely Tete Dijana and Gerda Steyn; and
- (3) takes this opportunity to congratulate these two compatriots for such a remarkable achievement.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

15. [14:35] Adv. Inkosi M Nonkonyana moved without notice: That the Council –

- (1) notes with excitement the recent announcement by SANRAL of a R3.5 billion infrastructure project in the Eastern Cape;
- (2) also notes that the Eastern Cape is undergoing major transformation as towns like Ndabakazi, Qumrha, Bisho and Ngqushwa are turned into sprawling construction zones thanks to the investment by SANRAL;

- (3) further notes that the ambitious infrastructure rollout, spanning several municipalities, is not only set to upgrade the critical national roads and ease traffic;
- (4) congestion but has already created over 1200 job opportunities and launched training programmes for local youth and interns; and
- (5) takes this opportunity to congratulate SANRAL on the development of the infrastructure and the fulfilment of its mandate of managing and maintaining South Africa's national road network.

Motion agreed to in accordance with section 65 of the Constitution.

16. [14:37] Subject for debate: **Debate on Youth Day: Advancing skills for the evolving world of work: Empowering youth for economic transformation.**

Debate concluded.

17. The Council adjourned at 17.36.

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Secretary to Parliament