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**DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD**

**KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE**

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**THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2009**

**THE HOUSE MET AT THE 10:30 AT THE ROYAL SHOWGROUNDS,  
PIETERMARITZBURG.**

**1. SILENT PRAYER OR MEDITATION, OR READING OF THE PRAYER IN  
SCHEDULE 2.**

The Speaker, Mr T W Mchunu, took the Chair and read the prayer.

**2. OBITUARIES AND OTHER CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**THE SPEAKER:** There is no report under this item, except that one of our staff members, Mr Mabandla Mbuli, has lost a cousin who passed away this morning. We therefore wish to sympathise with him and his family. In that regard I would request that we rise in observance of this staff member's grief.

*Members of the House observed a minute of silence.*

**THE SPEAKER:** May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

**THE SPEAKER:** The first announcement that I need to make is the following: Noting that the Legislature is the highest body of elected representatives in the province and, secondly, noting the growing mood of political intolerance that is currently being reported on, the Speaker, together with the Chief Whip of the Legislature and other members of the Whippery, has resolved that a debate be held by hon members of the Legislature on 24 February 2009 in the legislative Chamber. The debate will be preceded by a

symposium where political parties that are not represented in the Legislature, as well as organisations from civil society will debate these matters. Hon members of the Legislature will be afforded an opportunity to listen to the discussions at the symposium. A debate on the matter will take place thereafter in a formal sitting where resolutions may be taken.

The symposium is scheduled to commence at 09:00 and will conclude by 11:30 after which a formal sitting of the Legislature will commence. Although the House will resume on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 at 11:30, all hon members are required to attend the symposium at 09:00 in the legislative Chamber. This will provide a sterling opportunity for leaders to jointly find solutions to avoid political intolerance or to manage it. That is the one announcement I needed to make.

Secondly, I also need to make an announcement on organisations that have been invited to today's debate on the State of the Province address. These are Cindy Network; Youth for Christ, KZN Council of Churches, Sibani Youth Development; Congo Network; the DPSA, the TAC, SANCO and the Centre for Criminal Justice. These are just the civil organisations that we would have loved to participate in the debate by listening. I hope they are all present by now. Besides the public, all members from these organisations are welcome.

Lastly, this is the usual item in which we recognise hon members of this House who are have completed yet another annual cycle of their lives by having their birthdays. I would like to extend belated birthday wishes to the following hon members: The hon Mrs L R Mbuyazi (21 December); the hon Mr M J Mthethwa (27 December); the hon Mr S J Vilane (29 December); the hon Mr B J Msomi (31 December); the hon Mr M A Tarr (10 January); the hon Mr A Rajbansi (14 January); the hon Mrs J M Downs (17 January); the hon D N Khuzwayo (24 January); the hon Ms L F Shabalala (30 January); the hon S J Gcabashe (31 January); the hon Dr Z L Mkhize (2 February); the hon Prof S J Maphalala (3 February); the hon Mr J Krog (8 February); the hon Mr V C Xaba (14 February); the hon Mr G Mari (15 February) and the hon Mrs B F Scott (17 February). We wish all hon members – present or absent - all of the best on your birthdays which have passed, but also for the remaining years ahead. Nikhule njalo nje nibe nonwele olude.

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS BY THE PREMIER**

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Premier, are there any announcements that you need to make at this stage?

**DR J S NDEBELE (Premier of KwaZulu-Natal):** Mr Speaker, thank you. There are no announcements to make.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you, hon Premier.

#### **5. TABLING OF REPORTS OR PAPERS**

**THE SPEAKER:** There are no reports or papers to table.

#### **6. FORMAL MOTIONS AND NOTICES BY THE CHIEF WHIP**

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon Chief Whip, are there any formal notices of motions?

**MR V C XABA (Chief Whip of the Legislature):** Mr Speaker, there are none.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you, Chief Whip.

#### **7. NOTICES OF BILLS OR MOTIONS**

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon members, I do believe that I have captured all your names. I will therefore begin by giving the hon Mr Sithebe an opportunity.

**MR M E SITHEBE (ANC):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

#### **Le Ndlu:**

Ibongela i-ANC ngokuletha intuthuko, intando yeningi nokuthula esifundazweni saKwaZulu-Natali kusuka ngo-2004.

Ukuncoma i-ANC ngokukhetha uMgungundlovu njengekomkhulu lesiShayamthetho – le ndawo inezinhloko zonke zemiphakathi lokhu okubonisa ukujula kokucabanga ekuphathweni kwaleli zwe. Abantu abaningi bathi bayayibonga i-ANC nongokuvota ngobuningi babo.

Ukuhambisa iphalamende emiphakathini kuhalaliselwe yibo bonke abantu besifundazwe besho bethi i-ANC ilethe ukukhanya okukhulu. Abantu bathi i-ANC ayinamona, ayinanzondo kungalesi sizathu bethi bazoyivotela.

***[This House:***

*Commends the ANC for having brought development, democracy and peace to KwaZulu-Natal since 2004;*

*Further commends the ANC for choosing Pietermaritzburg as the official seat of the Legislature, as this city is rich with leaders of various sectors of the society which indicates the depth of wisdom in the governance of this country. Many people thank the ANC as they will vote in their numbers.*

*Further commends the “Taking the Legislature to the People” initiative which was hailed by all people of this province who are saying that the ANC has brought light. People say the ANC is not jealous, is not full of hatred, and it is for that reason that they will vote for the party.]*

**DR L P H M MTSHALI (IFP):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**This House noting:**

The financial scandals within Ithala which this government has done its best to cover up, citing privacy issues.

**Therefore resolves:**

To call upon the MEC for Finance to direct Ithala to release the particulars of its beneficiaries from among members of this House, as well as public servants within this government;

To call for a forensic audit by independent auditors, and

To question the appointment of Siphoshe Shabalala as Ithala's CEO, given that he may have benefited from direct Ithala or related party loans and that he is a Director of numerous companies which may have received such loans.

**MR R M BURROWS (DA):** Mr Speaker, I am happy that this topic will be debated next week, so I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**This House noting:**

The politically orchestrated violence taking place in a number of places in KwaZulu-Natal;

The constitutional imperative that there is political freedom of association and the right to campaign, and

The possibility that the political temperature will rise as we move towards election day.

**Therefore resolves:**

To call on all political parties to discipline their activists and supporters to maintain a strong attitude of political tolerance towards all other political parties in all parts of the Province, whether it is in kwaNongoma, Lindelani, Clermont, Berea, iMbali, Chatsworth, uMmlazi or anywhere else.

**REV A H MBATHA (NADECO):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**LeNdlu:**

[Ibabaza izehlakalo zodlame olunokufa oluphatelene namatekisi inquma ukuba –](#)

Kuphenywe ngezimbangela zaloludlame;

Ikhalela imindeni ephenduka izintandane ngenxa yaloludlame; futhi

Inxusa ukuba kube nomkhuleko wesizwe sonke. Ukuba uNkulunkulu aselekelele kuphele lokhu kufa okungaka.

**[This House:**

*Expresses its shock at the incidents of taxi-related violence.*

**Therefore resolves:**

*To call for an investigation into these incidents;*

*To pass its condolences to the families who were affected by this violence, and*

*To call for a nation-wide prayer in which we ask for God's help to bring an end to these deaths.]*

**MS W P ZONDI (ANC):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**Le Ndlu:**

Ibonga kuNdunankulu uNdebele ngegalelo lakhe alenzile ngokulekelela wonke umphakathi waKwaZulu-Natali ngaphandle kokubandlulula ekutholeni impilo engcono.

Iphinde ibongele kakhulu isizwe sakwaZondi kuNdunankulu ngokuba abe ngowokuqala ukuqhakambisa Inkosi uBhambatha kamaNcinza ngemisebenzi emihle ayenzele isizwe sonke, kanye nakho konke akwenzele isizwe ngokukhothama kweNkosi uMbongeleni Zondi.

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Incoma uNggongqoshe uNdosi kanye namaphoyisa ngokuboshwa kwabasolwa ababulala kabuhlungu Inkosi – ababoshwe ababulali.

**[This House:**

*Thanks the Premier, Dr Ndebele, for his contribution in serving the people of KwaZulu-Natal even-handedly in achieving a better life.*

*Further thanks the Premier on behalf of the Zondi clan for being the first to highlight the achievements of Inkosi Bhambatha kaMancinza for the work he did for the entire nation, and for everything he has done for the clan following the death of Inkosi Mbongeleni Zondi.*

*Further commends the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Cele, and members of the SA Police Service for arresting the callous murder suspects in the case involving Inkosi. Let the murderers be arrested.]*

**MR P GOVENDER (IFP):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**This House noting:**

That the spokesperson in the Department of Health, Mr Leon Mbangwa, is a previously convicted and deported Zimbabwean citizen with an allegedly forged South African identity.

**Therefore resolves:**

To call upon the MEC for Health to explain –

How a person with such dubious credentials could have been appointed to a position of responsibility within the provincial government, and

Whether her spokesperson has in any way contributed to her department's massive budget overdraft by allegedly redirecting funds from various government programmes into communications.

**MR R E KEYS (DA):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**This House noting:**

The shooting this morning where three taxi owners were killed in what seems to be an ongoing conflict between taxi organisations.

**Therefore resolves:**

To send condolences to the families of those members, and

To call on the SA Police Service to redouble their efforts to apprehend the killers and prevent further bloodshed.

**PROF J S MAPHALALA (NADECO):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows: **[isiZulu editors: Please listen to the audio, as he deviates from his motion]**

**LeNdlu:**

Iwushayela ihlombe umzamo woMnyango weZobulungiswa kaMhlonishwa u-Anver Surty, ngokusungula eMsinga iNkantolo ezothetha amacala ngolimi lwesiZulu kuphela ukuze zingakhinyeki izigidigidi zamaZulu ezingalwazi ulimi lwesiNgisi okubangwa ukuhunyushwa budlabha kolimi lwesiZulu luyiswa esiNgisini nokwenza abantu bagqunywe emajele kungafanele.

**[This House:**

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*Applauds the initiative by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development under the stewardship of Minister Anver Surty, for establishing a court in uMzinga which will hear cases only in isiZulu in support of millions and millions of isiZulu-speaking people who do not understand English, and whose problems are exacerbated by reckless interpreting of isiZulu into English, which results in people being convicted unnecessarily.]*

**MR T MTHEMBU (ANC):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**Le Ndlu iyakuqaphela ukuthi:**

Ngaphansi koholo lukaMazalankosi imisebenzi iyabonakala selokhu athatha izintambo. Uma uya kwaNongoma esuhamba etiyeleni.

Nokubongela uKhabazela ngokuthukisa osomabhizinisi abancane KwaZulu-Natali nokupromota ama-cooperatives through Ithala Bank.

**[This House:**

*Notes that there has been tangible progress in service delivery since Premier Ndebele took over the reins. When one goes to kwaNongoma, one drives on a tarred road.*

*Further congratulates MEC Mkhize for uplifting small businesses in KwaZulu-Natal and for promoting co-operatives through Ithala Bank.]*

**MRS M H ABLER-MOORE (DA):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**This House noting:**

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That while this House welcomes development in KZN, all developments in KZN are subject to independent environmental impact assessments to ensure credibility and responsibility.

**Therefore resolves:**

To call on future announcements of development not to “jump the gun” as was done yesterday by the hon Premier in announcing the Point Development Project before the public had been notified by the department, suggesting an usually high degree of political monitoring of this project.

**MR T JEEBODH (ANC):** Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

**This House noting:**

The recent High Court victory by the residents of Estcourt against the arrogant, corrupt district council of uThukela on water tariffs which highlights the independence of our judiciary.

**Therefore resolves:**

To salute the people of Estcourt for taking a stand against tyranny, and

To call on the MEC of Local Government to investigate the judgement and restore the constitutional rights of the people of Estcourt.

**MR Z J MCHUNU:** [Ngokuhlala kwale le Ndlu ngiyophakamisa kanje:](#)

[Ukubongela umndeni wakwaZondi ngokuba uNdunankulu abe ngowokuqala ukuqhakambisa iNkosi uBhambatha kaMancinza ngemisebenzi emihle ayenzela isizwe sonkana kanye nakho konke akwenzele isizwe ngokukhothama kweNkosi uMbongeleni Zondi;](#)

Ngiphinde ngincome kakhulu uNgqongqoshe uNdosi kanye namaphoyisa ngokuboshwa kwabasolwa ababulele kabuhlungu iNkosi.

**Ngakho-ke inquma ukuba ithi:**

Ababoshwe ababulali.

Ngiyophakamisa.

**THE SPEAKER:** The hon Mr Gcabashe will be the last member to speak under this item.

**MR S J GCABASHE (ANC):** Siyabonga Somlomo ukuthola leli thuba. Ngicela Somlomo sivikeleke lapha eNdlini yakho. Ngiyabona ukuthi siyaphazamiseka ngapha uma sifuna ukulalela ngoba nje indaba isuke ngokuthi ilungu elihloniphekile uSolwazi uMaphalala agqoke ibhijami. [Laughter]

Somlomo, ngokuhlala kwale Ndlu okulandelayo ngiyophakamisa kanje:

**Le Ndlu:**

Ibongela izwe nabantu base-Zimbabwe ngesinyathelo esithathwe amaqembu nabaholi;

Ukumiselelwa kukahulumeni wokubuyisana kuyancomeka;

Ibonga iqhaza elibanjwe abaholi be-SADC ngokuqinisekisa kuthi isixazululo sodaba lwase-Zimbabwe zivela kubantu bakhona belekelelwa izwekazi lase-Africa;

Kulabo abelokhu bememeza befuna izixazululo ezivela emazweni angaphandle kufanele bathole isifundo kulokhu; futhi

Sicela ukuba basizwe abantu nohulumeni waseZimbabwe ukubhekana nalezo zinto ezisasalele nezingase ziphazamise lomsebenzi omuhle kangaka.

**[This House:**

*Congratulates the people of Zimbabwe on the step taken by their leaders and political parties;*

*Acknowledges the role played by SADC leaders in ensuring that a solution to the crisis in Zimbabwe comes from Zimbabweans supported by fellow Africans;*

*Urges those who were calling for foreign intervention to learn from this outcome; and*

*Calls for assistance to the people of Zimbabwe and the government of that country so that they may address all outstanding issues which may otherwise compromise this giant step that has been taken.]*

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Siyabonga kakhulu lungu elihloniphekile uGcabashe. Sekuphelile kuleli phuzu lesikhombisa ohlelweni losuku. Singena ephuzwini lesishiyagalombili, okuyiphuzu elimayelana nomsebenzi okufanele uxoxwe namhlanje. Lo msebenzi umayelana nenkulumompikiswano ngenkulumo kaNdunankulu ayethule izolo. We now go to item 8.1: the debate on the State of the Province Address. The first to debate on this matter is the hon. LPHM Mtshali.

**Dr M E Radebe (MEC for Social Development):** Sorry, Mr Speaker, on a point of order: Bengicela ukubuza, Somlomo, ukuthi kuwumgomo wale Ndlu yini ukuthi ubaba ilungu elihloniphekile uShabalala afunde iphephandaba while iNdlu ihleli. UKhawula .... Ufunda iphephandaba.

**THE SPEAKER:** Malungu ahloniphekile, uma kukhona ilungu elinephepha linalo ilungelo lokuphumela ngaphandle liyolifunda kodwa alikho ilungelo lokulifundela lapha eNdlini. Ngiyacela-ke ukuthi uma kukhona abanamaphepha bangawasebenzisi lapha ngaphakathi eNdlini. Uma nje kungamaphepha lawa esiwafundayo ezindaba. The hon. Member Mr Combrinck.

**Mr Combrinck (IFP):** Baba uSomlomo .... [Inaudible]

## **8. ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **8.1. DEBATE ON THE STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS**

**THE SPEAKER:** The first person to debate on this matter is the hon Dr L P H M Mtshali.

**DR L P H M MTSHALI (IFP):** Mr Speaker Sir, it was to be expected that the hon Premier would focus his final State of the Province Address on the successes of his five-year administration of KwaZulu-Natal, even if these successes largely exist in his and his Party's imagination. After a five-year long overdose of self-congratulation, self-promotion and plain spin, the people of Kwazulu-Natal would have appreciated as little as a hint of honesty.

Naturally, it has fallen to the official opposition to point out that at the end of the ANC's five-year tenure; KwaZulu-Natal's hospitals are grinding to under crippling shortages of basic equipment and staff. Schools are stumbling along not far behind with the historically lowest Matric pass rates. Mismanagement and chaotic land reform have rendered this country and province a net importer of food for the first time in history.

If not quite the people of KwaZulu-Natal, our government officials and senior civil servants and their relatives are significantly richer today than they were in 2004, having benefited from state-funded loans, lucrative state tenders, departmental projects and golden handshakes. When they were not busy enriching themselves, they were storming the province in fast-moving cavalcades with flashing blue lights, throwing lavish parties and distributing food parcels as party political campaign tools. I will elaborate on these points in my next slot.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon MEC Cronjé, you have 15 minutes.

**MRS C M CRONJÉ (MEC for Education):** Mr Speaker, there is a saying that goes like this: In time of danger, unity; in time of victory, euphoria; and in time of peace, amnesia. We have simply forgotten what the province was like and we think that peace just

happened. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves that the peace in our province and country had to be fought for and it has to be worked for on a daily basis.

KwaZulu-Natal experienced the longest period of peaceful co-existence in many years during the period 2004 to 2009 under the ANC government. This foundation was laid through the tireless efforts of the president of the ANC, Jacob Zuma, and under the leadership of the hon Premier, Dr S'bu Ndebele, we have truly moved from being a province of confrontation and political violence to peace, democracy and prosperity. We have been working together and we have achieved much.

On the eve of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, we look with admiration and pride to the architectural and engineering wonder of the R400 million plus arch of the Moses Mabhida Stadium. Those who have looked carefully would have seen a small green tree at the top of the arch. This "topping out" - as iron workers call it - is a tradition to indicate that the final piece of steel is being hoisted on the large structure. The project is not completed, but it has reached its maximum height.

The hon Premier pointed out that KwaZulu-Natal has reached peaks never experienced before. Never have we seen such a hive of activity in government infrastructure development as we have in the past five years, and the hon Premier gave examples of that. As far as housing is concerned, nationally nearly 2.6 million houses have been built for the poor, giving shelter to nearly 10 million people, and KwaZulu-Natal is a leading province in the delivery of housing.

We have invested greatly in our schools. In KwaZulu-Natal we have delivered 24 completely new schools since 2004. The number of classrooms constructed since 2004 are 6 777, while a staggering number of 15 268 school toilets have been delivered in the period. In addition, 162 schools have received administration blocks; 50 science laboratories; 49 media centres; 29 kitchens and 60 computer laboratories. Through public/private partnerships with business and industry, as well as with the help of NGOs, even more have been added to this already great performance.

The number of outstanding classrooms dropped from 13 559 in 2004 - when we took over - to 7 451 in 2008. However, according to the minimum norms to enable schools to provide quality education and to deliver the new curriculum effectively, we still need approximately 8 000 standard classrooms, 3 300 media centres, libraries, laboratories,

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the whole lot. The cost of equal infrastructure to all our schools to wipe out those historical backlogs is estimated - and it is an educated estimate - at some R40 billion. Therefore, there is much that still needs to be done. We have always acknowledged that. However, by working together we can reach new heights and, like the workers at the Moses Mabhida Stadium, “plant” our next tree on the next highest point, bringing the benefits of freedom to all our people.

The lives of millions of our people have changed for the better. Through faster job creation, social grants, free basic services, the provision of housing, roads, infrastructure, electricity, water, nutrition programmes and exemption from school fees poverty have been pushed back.

KwaZulu-Natal was the first province to introduce the no-fee schools policy under the ANC government. This policy benefits learners in schools in the poorest areas, and improves access to learning opportunities in indigent communities. A total of 3 382 or 57% of all our schools in the province have been declared no-fee schools. This benefits approximately 45% of all our learners, while our parents who cannot afford to pay school fees at fee-paying schools can apply for either partial or full exemption of fees.

Our school nutrition programme provides meals – as the hon Premier has said - to more than 1,4 million children at 3 760 of our primary schools. We can all testify to the difference that this makes to the concentration levels of our children.

Job creation has been at the centre of government’s economic policies and we congratulate the hon Premier on the increase in economic growth in the province under his leadership. Nationally, job creation will get a further shot in the arm with government’s massive investment of nearly R500 billion in infrastructure between 2008 and 2011. That is a massive injection.

Through the EPWP programme in the Department of Education, 228 women co-operatives - translating into 1 547 women - have been or are in the process of being empowered to provide meals at primary schools. Of these, well over 1 000 were previously employed as cooks at our schools and only received a meagre stipend.

Through the EPWP we have also trained 275 practitioners to care and teach our zero to four year-olds. Stipends to the value of R152 million were paid to early childhood

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development practitioners, cooks and our Masifundisane facilitators. In the 2007/08 financial year, women and young emerging building contractors were given contracts to build classrooms to the value of R142 million. We will compile the figures for this current financial year.

While great strides have lessened the fate of the unemployed, we are acutely aware of the millions of people who are still unemployed, and government is committed to halving unemployment by 2014. In former president Mandela's words, "Education is the best weapon which you can use to change the world." Therefore, for the ANC government education is at the centre of its efforts. We have made good progress, although there is still a lot to be done.

Access to primary and secondary schooling has reached near universal enrolment - and I know this is near to the hon Premier's heart - with participation of girls of the highest in the world. This is indeed a great stride that we have made. In KwaZulu-Natal tens of thousands more matrices have been writing the school leavers' examination. Approximately 90 000 more learners were given access to the examination in the past two years - I am talking about 90 000 more learners; not 90 000 in total - compared to 2003 when only 97 353 learners wrote at all. We got 90 000 more.

Access has also been improved to our school beginners by increasing our Grade R classes from 1 538 in 2004 to a staggering 5 218. We are investing in the foundation phase, because that is where you can make the biggest impact.

By declaring all farm schools no-fee schools, the doors of learning were further opened. In the 2009/10 financial year, 60% of all our schools will have no-fee status. Currently 57% of our schools already have no-fee status.

The ANC-led government has launched a mass adult literacy campaign. In KwaZulu-Natal, our Masifundisane basic adult literacy campaign - and I know that our hon Premier is passionate about this - was launched in 2008. Nearly 383 000 adult learners have enrolled to learn to write - from the launch to date. Some 6 000 facilitators in Masifundisane are working across the province to have KwaZulu-Natal declared a territory free from illiteracy by 2012. We have also taken education to the people by increasing the skills delivery sites in our nine further FET Training Colleges from 52 - when we took over - to 73 sites, and we have extended our programme significantly.

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Quality education for all is paramount. Service delivery of textbooks has also improved dramatically. During this 2009 academic year, we were virtually at a 100% delivery on the first day of school. We have also trebled our spending on textbooks from R370 million to R903 million during the past few years.

We have employed a record number of 89 500 permanent teachers in KwaZulu-Natal. It is an army of teachers - bringing the educator/learner ratio down from 1:36 to 1:31, as the hon Premier mentioned. More significantly perhaps is that the number of temporary teachers whom we have inherited dropped from 16 900 - close on 17 000 when we took over - to about 3 000 in 2008. Ground-breaking agreements have been reached with teacher unions to bring further stability to our schools.

To assist teachers, the number of subject advisors has been increased from below 50 in 2004 to more than 400 in 2008. However, the achievement of quality education for all depends on the actions of departmental officials, teachers, students, parents and the community. We call on all these individuals to make a commitment to the Code for Quality Education.

According to the Code for Quality Education, departmental officials must undertake to always be available to assist schools, principals and teachers. In short, they have to be there. I am summarising because of time constraints. Teachers have to commit themselves to teach, to respect the dignity and rights of others, to be loyal, to be punctual, to be enthusiastic, to be well prepared for lessons and to maintain good communication, including communication with parents. They also have to commit themselves to providing extra-mural activities.

In terms of the Code for Quality Education, learners promise to accept that the main reason for being in school is to learn and to develop academically, socially and culturally. They must adhere to school rules. They must respect teachers and other learners, and they must use the Learner Representative Council as a channel for grievances, and so on.

The role of parents include involving themselves actively in school governance structures, having regular discussions with their children about school matters, cultivating a healthy open and co-operative relationship with their children's teachers, creating a home environment conducive to study, as well as to assist in the protection of

education resources, such as our school buildings and textbooks.

In terms of this code, communities promise to ensure that every school-going child is at school - and I thank our communities for heeding that call - and to ensure a safe and crime-free environment for schooling, and to protect the school and its assets from vandalism. I have no doubt that the sincere taking of this pledge by all concerned will result in quality education for all.

There has been turmoil in world markets recently, and South Africa is holding up very well in this global meltdown because of our sound banking and macro-economic policies.

I want to conclude by thanking the hon Premier for his devotion and support to the people of KwaZulu-Natal, and in particular for his support and advancement of the women in our province. By bringing peace and stability to this province, you have practised what Martin Luther King once preached when he said that war is a poor chisel with which to carve out our tomorrows.

Our tomorrow is bright and beautiful because a solid foundation has been laid. The hon Premier can take a lot of credit for that. We would like to wish him well in his future endeavours and thank him for leading us so ably during the past five years. [Time expired] Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon member Mr Burrows, you have 14 minutes.

**MR R M BURROWS (DA):** Mr Speaker, on Monday 16 of February this week, 25 years ago, I was elected in a hotly contested by-election to the Parliament of South Africa. The then Prime Minister was the notorious P W Botha. The National Party had an overwhelming majority, the only voters were white. Apartheid was in full swing.

Today, every South African over the age of 18 has the vote, President Motlanthe leads a dominant majority party, with Jacob Zuma contesting to be President, and apartheid is gone, the National Party has been dissolved and our world has changed so much for the better.

So, for me, from P W to J Z it has been quite a journey!

You all know in this House that I have voluntarily chosen to retire from the public representative political scene. Some of you I am sure will retire involuntarily. [Laughter] Today I want to reflect on my journey I have taken, to thank some people and hopefully to challenge others.

I came into politics to help South Africa change. Whilst the route I followed was through elective politics, others – and there were many in this House – followed quite different routes. My most immediate purpose was to ensure that every South African child could gain equal benefit from an education system ridden of discrimination and heading (in 1984) to be divided into 16 separate departments, with separate budgets, little or no attempt to provide equally for all and leaving, as the hon MEC has said, this province with a R45 billion apartheid backlog for school resources alone.

In my second speech to Parliament in 1984 I spelt out where I thought we should be going. 25 years later I think that speech is still appropriate. I hope those of you who are coming into this House new on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, in 25 year's time, can proudly make the same speech again. What did I say then?

*“What is the role of an education structure? It is to ensure that the following ends are realised: One, adequacy of provision, that is, to meet user demands for adequate and equal access to education for all; Two, functional effectiveness, to provide courses to meet social, economic and cultural needs; Three, operational efficiency, that is, to maximise effective resource utilisation; and four, public accountability, to ensure the widest possible satisfaction by harmonising user aspirations with society's needs.”*

What I said then was damning of a racially divided and discriminatory education system. Today much has changed, but still all of us have to fight for the ultimate aim, that a child born anywhere in South Africa, in whatever province, urban or rural living, white or black or brown, should have an equal opportunity to benefit from the very massive funds the state pours into education. Every child should have equally good teachers, every child should find their teacher teaching every school day, with equal resources, allowing for the elimination of the apartheid backlog. That is the ideal. We are not there yet, but thank goodness all the parties are agreeing that that is where we should be going.

Now what we need to do is to make sure that the administration and the organisation

delivers on that goal. In a very real sense, and here I turn to the Premier's speech, that is where I differ from where he is, spelling out yesterday. His speech glorified only the ANC – it negated all other parties. I happen to believe that the ANC has been successful in some ways, but also a failure in others and if you simply make a speech that parades the glories of what you believe and you and your party have achieved over the past five years, then you miss out in spelling out what you leave as challenges to your successor or to the next government.

For example, I would have believed that the Premier should have mentioned the financial difficulties of Ithala, including the loans of millions of rand to members of this House and to public officials. He should have mentioned the complex overspending of the Department of Health, with the OSD sums clearly incorrect, the trial of the MEC, Peggy Nkonyeni, the continued absence of the forensic report on Agriculture from this House, the disastrous failure of many rural schools in the last exams, but there was silence.

Those are our real challenges, colleagues. If we are going to do anything together and that is the ANC slogan, then it is quite certain it cannot be that we all have to belong to the ANC or vote ANC or think ANC. It means all of us. The continuous parade of your alleged successes, many of which were built on the two previous democratically elected government, not in spite of them, serve to glory all of the residents of this province, not just the ANC.

I question why the Premier did not seize the opportunity to lay siege to the Finance and Fiscal Commission and its provincial distribution formula. We, all of us, in all parties, know that the poorest children are suffering in this province in comparison with nearly all other provinces, because our *per capita* expenditure per pupil is amongst the lowest in the country. If you live in a rural area in KwaZulu-Natal, you will have much less spent on your children than if you live in a township in Gauteng. It cannot be right, it cannot be correct, it cannot be constitutional.

But we also, more importantly to look at the words of Trevor Manuel last week in his budget speech, and I quote:

*“In the period ahead it will be necessary to take stronger action in pursuit of efficiency and better targeted expenditure. There is insufficient control of foreign*

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*travel, advertising and public relations activities and consultancy services. Stricter oversight of the activities and executive remuneration in agencies and government enterprises is also required."*

Mr Speaker, Mr Premier, that means – and I speak also to the MEC for Finance because he is speaking next week in the budget – cut out the frills. That means stop spending on your wish list of desirables – get back to what we have to provide. What is that wish list of desirables? You all know it, we have heard it every day – a new legislature building at R800 million, innumerable sod turnings, the folly of personal advertising and PR exercises that serve the ANC and its MECs rather than the province or the nation. Like busing in ANC activists to be fed at imbizos where no-one except ANC office-bearers get a chance to answer questions or speak to the citizens.

Let us turn from defending the indefensible, like the behaviour of the blue-light hooligans or helicoptering from your home or spending money on a Youth Commission that really should not exist.

Let us revert to building the rainbow nation, a nation, all of us, capable of standing proud and tall in a world of many human right violations.

Apartheid was absolutely abhorrent. It raised race into a dividing line which no-one could cross through their own effort. It stigmatised people because of their race and colour. It cut off from power the very people of this country. As we move further and further away from apartheid, we must accept that it is the individual, not the race, not the group, not the political party that is important. Each individual must be given the same opportunity to improve and better themselves. Government's role is to try and raise all so that equality of opportunity in an open, free society is what we achieve.

Over the years I have had the opportunity to benefit myself through parliament and this legislature – from backbencher, to whip, to chief whip, chairperson of committee, leader of the opposition, MEC, I have done them all. The only role I have not played is being Premier and Mr Speaker. If I stayed much longer I am not sure I would not get there as well. [Interjections]

One of my key guides, Mr Speaker, in my early days was Helen Suzman. She, more than anyone, epitomised the ideal parliamentarian. She investigated, checked her facts,

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stood up and spoke out and two things she said: “Follow the money. If you are investigating anything, follow the money” and secondly, “Go and see for yourself”. I have tried to epitomise that, is to get out and go and see things.

Much of government is making sure that we get things done: Filling in the potholes, making sure that hospitals have medicines and nurses, making sure that schools have teachers in them who are teaching and not going to mass meetings in the Msunduzi City Hall in school time.

Let me turn to thank a few people. I thank you all who are here, from whichever party you have enlivened my life. You have covered the entire political spectrum - from communist and certainly in the old parliament I met a number of fascists as well. You have been generally persons of good humour and interest, persons with whom I can truly say, we argued in this House and then we went and had a cup of tea or a beer or a glass of wine – that is what democracy is all about.

To the many Speakers under whom I have served, encompassed in you today, Mr Speaker, I bring my thanks. I think on many occasions I was right in questioning your rulings and your predecessors’ rulings, but I will accept them, reluctantly. To the staff of parliament and there are many here today, I extend my most grateful thanks. To all of you, colleagues and opponents, I wish you all well in whatever you are going to be doing after 22 April 2009.

Mr Premier, I will watch what you do, with interest. You are a young man, younger than I am, you have years ahead of you. I have no doubt that we will continue to bump heads. Thank you all for sharing time with me. I will be here for a while longer, you will hear me a little next week.

May I end by saying, on a personal level, thank you so much to my friend, my companion, my lover, for 30 years of married life – my wife, Sue, is here today. My sincere thanks go to her. [Applause] To my children, Kia, Fiona, my daughter Pippa who is here today, I salute the family for the many years of turmoil and of some difficulties that we have had, but also of great fun and reward. You, Sue, have been my backbone, my support. Without you I could not have achieved what I did. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr Speaker. [Applause]

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you. Thank you, Mr Burrows. It is just a pity that we at the Speaker's Office were unable to do what you have done. We wish we could have thank you for all your contributions. I probably will find to do that, but thank you very much for that speech.

**MR R M BURROWS (DA):** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Let us proceed to the hon Rev AH Mbatha.

**REV A H MBATHA (NADECO):** Hon Speaker, I hope by the end of this speech you will also allow me to be cheered by the ANC members and to walk down and shake hands as the hon Burrows was doing.

The hon Premier made it very difficult yesterday for us in Nadeco. We are unable to respond as we would like to.

Firstly it is only umthakathi ongathi umuntu evalelisa bese esukuma ethi: Usuze uyahamba impela Ndebele ushiya isifundazwe sinje, sinje sinje? Abathakathi abacabanga kanjalo. [Laughter] Namhla thina be-NADECO sithanda ukuzwakalisa ukubonga kuNdunankulu ukuthi ahole isifundazwe kule minyaka emihlanu obekungewona umsebenzi olula neze. Siyethemba ukuthi thina be-NADECO sabamba iqhaza lokwelekelela inqubekela phambili kunokuba sibe zikhubekiso zokuvimba ngenxa yobugwadi bokungabi nakwesekelwa yiningi lapha eNdlini.

Simply put, we have sought the best for our people. They deserve nothing but the best.

Secondly we congratulate you, hon Premier for not allowing yourself to be stuck at the corridors of power as it does happen sometime that individuals will go to the extent of splitting their organisations just to get a third term which may not even be achievable. You are leaving with your organisation intact.

I now have to lament the fact that to this day your government has not made a difference on the dying towns of northern KwaZulu-Natal. The towns which were sustained by mines were left to collapse when those mines closed down.

We still have schools, which are inaccessible by road. Children here in Pinetown District undress when they cross the river in the morning and also when they go home.

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Children at Mandlakayise Primary School have their classes under a tree. There is no water at the school. I am sure that most members of this House can add to my list. Your government could have used Minimecs to impress upon the Minister of Education the fact that unless our education is equalising people also by facilities and content, society will not be equal in the foreseeable future.

Nadeco is impressed with investment levels in our economy. We still maintain that had we not had the levels of corruption that we have we would have attracted more investment than we have managed to do. We lament your strategy which was very limiting indeed. Wherein you believed that skill and professionalism resorts within the ANC alone therefore you employed people of your party only. Your government would have been having a better exit report today than the one you have delivered had you identified skills from all the parties.

67 000 jobs sounds impressive over five years, but you must tell us how many of your citizens have lost jobs over this same period. Had your government employed people in the civil service timeously, this figure could have been higher. Had you staffed the Department of The Royal Household adequately, this figure could have even been higher.

We will remember your tenure as the period during which there were many outside government events. Nadeco even supported these. Could you tell us who the individuals are who benefited from these outside events tenders? Were we to audit those accounts would we not get some conflicting interests?

This matter leads me to the Emacambini development deal. Nadeco was concerned that there was a stand-off between the Premier and the hon Inkosi Mathaba. Was this not a classic power struggle that could pull Africa apart if allowed to continue?

I commend your administration on land reform but I repeat my old song when will that land be farmed? Where will capital come from to those communities and individuals? Are we not running the risk as a province and country who imports food entirely?

Hon Premier can you categorically state here that during your administration no government money went towards party political advertising promotion.

Your province, hon Premier, has got taxi-violence and it is causing untold damage to

innocent families. You have tried to engender the spirit of Christ to our people and I thank you for that. I thank you for affirming women. I thank you for taking up the fight of the weak at Umlazi hostel. Now, do the same with nepotism that always is the cancer of our continent.

The challenge we all face is one raised in your speech – that of under-development. This is a central issue facing everyone in this country because our people are under-developed. This nation needs to own up on this matter and agree to put aside all political positions and face the issue of a province that is under-developed. Our province is an under-developed province and we see that when people kill each other because of positions and we see that when people kill each other if they campaign. We see that. In fact, the under-development was epitomised in our country when we had apartheid. Apartheid to me is a classical sign of under-development and that type of thinking is still dogging us today.

I-Afrika inenkinga yokuthi abantu bayo bathi ngisho sebenezikhali abaziphethe – isikhali sokhululo esilivoti – kodwa bangazi ukuthi bafanele ukuthi balisebenzise kanjani ukzue bathuthuke, baphume endlaleni kanye nasezifweni, ikakhulukazi ingculazi nesandulela ngculazi. Kunabantu kuze kube namuhla abasaphambanisa imbangela yengculazi nezindlela zokuzivikela. Konke lokhu kubangwa ukungathuthuki engqondweni. Ngimema bonke abantu bangizwayo namuhla ukuba bazibuze ukuthi njengoba uNdunankulu namuhla esememezele usuku lokhetho bangalisebenzisa kanjani ivoti labo ukuba babe nokudla, amasimu, imisebenzi, imizi ephaphile kanye nezimoto ezinamasondo emhlané kugijime izimoto ezinamalambu aluhlaza phambi kwabo.

Nxa umuntu ethole impendulo kulokhu, uyobe uthole impendulo emkhulula kundedfevelopment ukuba angeke enkululekweni yokuba ngumuntu othuthukile. Ngithi namhlanje, hon Premier, sengathi ungaba nokuphila okuhle nomndeneni wakho, usebenze uye phambili. Isifiso sammi ukuba ube ngumlimi ophumelelayo okhiqiza ukudla ukuze ube isibonelo kwabaningi abangoNdunankulu kodwa abahlala ezindlini zezingilazi.

Ngiyabonga.

**DR L P H M MTSHALI (IFP):** Somlomo Baba, kuyishwa ukuba le Ndlu ithi inikeze ithuba elungeni elihloniphekile kodwa bese kuvela ukuthi iqembu lalo alizange livotelwe ngabantu – uqhiphukhowe nje.

Hon. Speaker, given the lamentable record of this government, it is not quite so easy to single aloud even the most disastrous government department. There are two main contenders for that title: Health and Agriculture – both key government departments in terms of service delivery and the province's challenges.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs has been dubbed by Auditor-General, Terence Nombembe, as the "most notorious headache due to unprecedented levels of mismanagement and leadership instability". It has seen unprecedented multi-million rand budget overspending with as much as R80 million unaccounted for under the mismanagement of former Head of Department Dr Jabulani Mjwara.

Thank you to the provincial government's contempt for parliamentary oversight – the internal audit report which documents rampant mismanagement, fraud, corruption and nepotism at Agriculture has remained withheld to this day from public scrutiny. The main culprit, Dr Mjwara, has been shielded by the hon. Premier for two long years and when the situation in the department became untenable, he conveniently resigned to avoid prosecution only to benefit from lucrative tenders at ANC-controlled Msunduzi Municipality. Why was this person – to paraphrase the hon. Premier – not fired with enthusiasm? [Laughter]

Furthermore, millions that have been spent on Land Reform Projects have more often than not been wasted with many farms handed to farmers since 2004 lying abandoned and derelict. Departmental projects, mostly notably Nguni cattle, have routinely been allocated to high-profile public representatives rather than to emerging farmers. The famous co-operatives which the hon. Premier was at pains to portray as a success of his administration, have been a dismal failure costing Ithala over R300 million in bad debt in recent years – a third of its assets. KwaZulu-Natal's farmland and game reserves alike have been devastated by neglect with KwaZulu-Natal Ezemvelo Wildlife Board suspended amid allegations of corruption.

Hon. Speaker, the infamous MEC for Health ended her tenure on a particularly high note, with budget over-expenditure to the tune of R2 billion and a corruption trial in sight – the result, of course, of a long investigation by the Scorpions. Not only did she pointedly neglect the core function of her department, namely the provision of primary

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healthcare and maintenance of healthcare facilities, the MEC for Health spent her time and the taxpayers' money promoting peripheral issues such as alternative cures for HIV/Aids. It is an indictment of the ANC government that over five years in power its budget overspending went into billions and yet it never built a single hospital!

What is worse, the MEC allegedly engaged in downright criminal activities. In addition to her own corruption trail, the MEC has yet to answer to this House how an illegal immigrant who had served time in jail and who had been deported from this country became her department's spokesperson with an apparently forged identity and how he contributed to her department's over-expenditure.

The consequences of the MEC's tenure at Health have been catastrophic. Despite chronic staff shortages, with rural hospitals running at 30% of their doctors' complement – all medical and administrative posts in the department have been effectively frozen since 1 June 2008 on account of financial mismanagement. The Department's infrastructure is crumbling and hospitals suffer from shortages of basic equipment, yet provincial conditional grants for hospitals have been unspent.

The hon. minister of Health owes this House an explanation as to when the hospital revitalisation grant will be spent in order to alleviate the plight experienced at the Alexandra Road mortuary. The MEC has wrought pervasive confrontation and conflict by unnecessarily attacking and alienating dedicated medical professionals in rural hospitals. It is the patients, madam Minister, the terminally ill – those infected with HIV and those suffering from Aids and TB – who are the ultimate victims of this government.

Hon. Speaker, this government's performance at Education, another key Department, has been riddled with inefficiency and ineffectiveness. For all the money the ruling party spent on education, it hardly made a dent on the R40 billion infrastructure backlog. The much-lauded introduction of so-called no-fee schools has been accompanied by utter confusion. For years we have witnessed chaotic distribution of learner support materials due to relegation of this function to the government's own creation called Indiza Infrastructure Solutions which never took off — a lame duck. We have seen steadily declining levels of security in schools. However, most importantly, we cannot overlook or justify the steadily declining matriculation pass rates since 2004.

By far, the biggest travesty has been the hon. Premier's so-called fight against

corruption. Premier Ndebele has consistently shielded fraudsters by withholding forensic audit reports from public scrutiny and axed everyone who seemed to be probing his government's conduct too deep. Former CEO of Ithala, Ike Nxedlana, had to make room for a more amenable Siphso Shabalala when his attempt to get to the bottom of financial irregularities in the state entity appeared to bear fruit. Similarly, our colleague, the hon Jo-Anne Downs lost the chairpersonship of SCOPA when it occurred to the ruling party that she was actually doing what this House is supposed to be doing — playing an oversight role. Siyakubongela baba uMfundisi owembulelwa leli bhantshi.

This government's term of office is coming to an end under a cloud and with scores of unanswered questions about its conduct. The taxpaying public demands to know which members of this house, of this Government and of its senior civil service and their relatives have benefited from Ithala loans, state tenders, departmental projects and golden handshakes. The taxpaying public also demands to know who is responsible for massive over-spending, unauthorised expenditure, mismanagement and fraud in the ranks of this administration.

Kwaze kwayishwa ukuthi uMhlonishwa uNdunankulu impela useyagoqa useyahamba kodwa ushiya umthwalo ongaka emnyangweni wezaseNdlunkulu. Nansi inhloko yomnyango waseNdlunkulu igwiliza isengozini yokuminza. Kuze kube manje eminyakeni emine le nhloko yomnyango ayifani nezinye izinhloko, kuthiwa inhloko ebambile. Iyobamba kuze kube nini? Kwaze kwayishwa Mhlonishwa Ndunankulu ukuthi usuyafulathela impela le nhloko yomnyango ebambile ungayibekanga icala ngokomthetho we-PFMA ngokwehluleka ukuphatha izimali kuloya mnyango. Ngiyamzwela oyokulandela. Okokuqala nje umbeke esimweni sokuthi abe umuntu omubi futhi azondwe.

There is this whole issue, you know, of political junkets under the guise of service delivery. These political junkets are part of the election campaign where government resources are being spent in order to campaign for the ANC.

Ake nibe kahle bo! Ake nibe kahle! Zintela zabantu lezi! Hhayi bo! Nakhankasa ngezintela zabantu nikhankasela iqembu lenu? Kahleni bo! Akukaze kwenzeka. Nazikhangisa kangaka empaphepheni nizintokazi yini ezidinga ukuqoma? Uma nayo isizikhangisa kakhulu, kukhona ingozi yokuthi izithele ngeseqaqa bese zihlehla izinsizwa

zithi “Ikhiwane elihle ligcwala izimpethu!”

We are concerned as the official opposition that these administrations at the tail end of its journey is now performing the handing over of infrastructure which was built under its predecessors.

Hhawu kahleni bo! Nase nethela izakhiwo eningazakhanga. Nikwenzelani lokhu? Eningazakhanga pho? Nizethule? Kwaze kwalukhuni webantu! Abantu banamehlo bayanibona njalo.

In short, the ANC government’s towering R2 billion budget overdraft coupled with unprecedented waste and pervasive corruption, is hardly the foundation for a democratic and prosperous KwaZulu-Natal.

Kuhle kabi Mhlonishwa Ndunankulu ukuthuthukisa imisebenzi ezindaweni, ikakhulukazi emakhaya. Ngaze ngathinteka kabuhlungu webantu! Ahlupheka amaCambi, kade kwawaqonda. Kwaqala oJantoni bazodla izwe lamaCambi. Ahlupheka amaCambi afudukiswa aphikeleliswa eWangu. Ahlupheka amaCambi nansi i-Dubai isifikile. Ibelethwe ngubani i-Dubai? Kozuza bani?

The trust of the people of KwaZulu-Natal will not be bought with government handouts, nor will the people of KwaZulu-Natal be fooled by this government’s high opinion of itself. No amount of advertising, propaganda or spin can detract from the ultimate indictment of this government – its arrogance, wastefulness and corruption.

Hawu selufikile, lungomhlaka 22 kuMbaso 2009. Impela seluzosilamulela. Njengoba ngangibikezele ngathi sekolamula ukhetho kulo mthwalo ongaka osemahlombe. Lathi uma seliyoshona nase nisethwesa kangaka? Kahleni. Ngithi angibonge, Somlomo. Angisoze ngavalelisa ngiyobe ngila. Ngiyabonga.

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon MEC Mabuyakhulu, you have 13 minutes.

**MR M MABUYAKHULU (MEC for Local Government, Housing and Traditional Affairs):** Somlomo baba ohloniphekile neNdlu yakho. Okokuqala nje Somlomo, sifisa ukuthi sithi kuManzankosi awuyena uNdunankulu wokuqala ukuba wethule inkulumo ekhuluma ngokuthi isizwe sikuphi njengamanje ngaphambi kokuba kufike ukhetho. Kodwa unguNdunankulu wokuqala ukuba wenekele isizwe iqiniso njengoba linjalo

nokuthi uhulumeni wakho wenzeni. Ngike ngazinika ithuba ngilungiselela ukuba ngizoba yingxenywe yale nkulumo-mpikiswano ngabheka ezinye izinkulumo ezethulwa ngoNdunankulu abanye ngaphambi kwakho. Awu! Ngidumele Manzankosi! Ngoba ngithe uma ngibheka ngathi kwakufanele ukuba abantu baKwaZulu-Natali babone ukuthi impela ilanga lase lishonile. Kwakufanele ukuthi abantu baKwaZulu-Natali babone ukuthi ubumnyama base bukhomba ukuthi sekuyasa. Sithi-ke Manzankosi sifisa ukuba sikunikeze ukuthi ngokwesilinganiso uthole u-99,99% njengoNdunankulu walesi sifundazwe ngomsebenzi owenzele isizwe nezwe lonke.

Any person who follows the performance of leaders will know the measures by which leaders are judged. The worth of a leader is not to be measured on the basis of how deeply vindictive and bitter that leader is and, indeed, we still seem to have vindictive and bitter leaders here.

However, leaders must be judged on the basis of a scorecard which clearly indicates how one has performed as a leader. Once a person is elected to public office, this scorecard should clearly indicate to the nation how that leader governs his or her people. True leaders govern those who like and dislike them. True leaders govern those who elected them, as well as those who did not elect them. True leaders govern those who are rich and poor alike.

This is what clearly in your leadership Manzankosi and this is what this government under your leadership has been able to do.

It is therefore regrettable that we still have members in this august House who are vindictive and bitter and who, in all honesty, should have taken retirement when they could not handle defeat at the polls in 2004. It is the same leaders who polarised the political environment in this province, who stand here, knowing very well ukuthi ngesikhathi lo hulumeni Manzankosi uthatha, senza ukuba sibheke okuthiwa yi-state profile sale-province. Leyo profile yalesi sifundazwe yakhombisa ukuthi isimo sikahulumeni nokusalela emuva ngokwezidingo kwakubole ngendlela eyisimangaliso. Namhlanje Manzankosi, sasizwa labo ababevele beyingxenywe yalokhu kungaqalanga ngo-1994 baqale ukuphatha ngo-1971 okuthi noma kade bephethe sonke lesi sikhathi basacabanga ukuthi bazoqhubeka nokukhohlisa isizwe nezwe bakhulume lokhu akade bekukhuluma izolo bacabange ukuthi abantu abazange bezwe ukuthi izolo bewuthini

nokuthi nanamhlanje basazolalela into efanayo nakusasa bayolalela into efanayo. Umbutho wesizwe i-African National Congress, iyakwemukela ukuthi nxa ithatha uhulumeni ifice lesi simo sinje namuhla sinenkulumo kaNdunankulu ekhomba ukuthi kule minyaka emihlanu eyenziwe kuyo yonke imikhakha yempilo ethinta abantu bakwaZulu-Natali nesifundazwe musebenzi muni osewenziwe wenziwe ngasiphi isivini. Umsebenzi wakho Mhlonishwa Ndunankulu kwakungekhona nje ukwehla wenyuka ngamabhanoyi kuthi noma ngabe usuka eThekwini uza la eMgungundlovu ungene ebhanoyini elihamba ngesivini esikhulu. Umsebenzi wakho bekungekhona ukuthi uthi kubasebenzi bakahulumeni bangalekelelwa njengoba ushilo nje ukuthi, sakha manje ukuba kube nekolishi lokuqeqesha abasebenzi bakahulumeni. Yilokho esikufunayo ngoba isizwe nabantu bathi bayazi futhi sebekhathele ukuzwa nxa ubheka inqudulu ngoba nayo iyinkunzi ubheka ihlawe ngoba nalo liyinkunzi bese uziqhathanisa novava. Sithi abantu bayabona, futhi abantu kade babona, futhi abantu kade basithatha isinqumo sokuthi sebekhathele manje yisitshodo bafuna okusha. Sithi-ke futhi abantu baKwaZulu-natali sebeyakhathala ngonontandakubukwa kuhle kwesakabuli, abakwazi ukuma la kuleli Phalamende bakhulume konke abakuthandayo bezenza bahle kodwa imisebenzi ibikhombisa ukuthi bayizehluleki zoqobo. Abantu baKwaZulu-Natali sebekhathele yilaba abazishayela uhabhu nesebachithwa yinkundla ivulekile yezombusazwe yentandoyeningi, abangasenalo ikusasa kwezombusazwe, kodwa abasagobe anadlangala embusazweni noma sewubachithile.

Those who suffer from delusions of grandeur continue to harbour these delusions. They continue to be delusional, even at times when they should desist, because they are now history. It is in this instance, therefore, that we welcome the contributions made by the hon Mr Burrows and the hon Rev Mbatha. We welcome their contributions because, as a ruling party in this province, we have always been open to the views and ideas from the opposition. However, we want an opposition that is constructively critical, because we are building a nation to which each and every one of us must contribute.

Within this context, however, we must also be very mindful that what we are dealing with here are the normal challenges of governance. We are now a normal province, and what distinguishes this government from any other is what we do about these challenges of governance. These challenges will always be with us because they exist in any government. We must say that our record speaks for itself. We have not buried our heads in the sand when the time came for us to stand up and deal with issues, and we

will continue to do this.

Isizwe sidinga ukuba siqaphele othekwane abahlale njalo bezibuka bese bezikhohlisa ngokuthi bahle kanti basindwa yincegela ngemumva. Abantu baKwaZulu-Natali sebezibonele ukuthi yenzenjani inhlango yabantu umbutho wesizwe i-African National Congress i-ANC uma ephathiswe uhulumeni wesifundazwe intuthuko abasayibuzi sebeyibona ngamehlo abo.

Although opportunism in politics will always be with us, we should guard against political opportunism. The matter of the allegations which have been levelled against the MEC for Health is a matter which is before the judicial system. It is therefore a matter which is *sub judice* and it remains a matter that must be dealt with in line with the dictum of our constitutional dispensation. While we say this, we fearlessly await the outcome of this matter and will allow for the justice system to take its course.

Still, we find it very disingenuous that some parties in this House are not saying anything about their own members who are facing criminal charges and who are waiting for judgements, and yet they stand up here and make accusations against others. What is good for the goose is good for the gander.

Regarding the allegations against Mr Leon Mbangwa, I wish to say that he is a public servant. His service conditions are governed by the Public Service, and Public Service says nothing that prevents a person who is a foreigner from being appointed to a position in government. Now, if there are any allegations of impropriety or criminal charges, let those who know about these allegations level them against the person concerned, and let him face the criminal justice system.

As I have said, we find it very disingenuous that, while we were given Ambrosini for many years in this province, and while we have been given many other foreigners who were appointed, like Professor Kuse and others, that not one amongst those who are exercising political opportunism today ever said anything about that! You cannot treat them differently when their rights are the same. We are living in a constitutional state.

With regard to Ithala, it is important that we should distinguish between fiction and reality. There is a myth that is being flouted as a reality, namely that Ithala was developed by the erstwhile KwaZulu government. No! It comes from the development

aid. It was a forerunner institution like all others in the country. It was developed during the Koornhof period. Those who do not understand this must come to us. We will teach them the history. Therefore, stop abusing yourselves. Stop telling yourselves things that are incorrect. [Interjections]

Somlomo baba, ake silikhulume iqiniso sibhekane nomholi weqembu eliphikisayo kule Ndlu, ukuthi akuve kuhlupha ukuba ube nomqondo wokukhumbula lokho othanda ukukukhumbula ukukhohlwe ofuna ukukukhohlwa ukukhohlwa ngabomu. NjengoNdunankulu obekade ekhona siya okhethweni luka 2004 wawuze usho la kule Ndlu udanse ube yisekisi impela usho nokusho ukuthi uya ebantwini uhola uhulumeni wakho oya ebantwini. Ubufaka izikhangiso emaphephandabeni. Namhla ngoba awusekho kuhulumeni inhliziyi ibuhlungu, bhalela eLangeni kuNhliziyi ezibuhlungu, bayokunikeza impendulo. Lo hulumeni uyasebenza futhi ngeke uze wakhohliswa ukuba ungabiki ebantwini ukuthi wenzani. Ngokunjalo no hon Burrows, ngesikhathi siya okhethwini wayenguNgqongqoshe wayebukwa yonke indawo le efaka izikhangiso emaphepheni akuzothi uma uhulumeni ukhona kuthiwa awungabatsheli abantu ungalitsheli izwe ukuthi wenzeni. Sizobatshela abantu namuhla nakusasa kuze kufike umhlaka 22 ku-April. Angiqede-ke Somlomo ngokuthi akukho lutho olwakhiwa uhulumeni owawungaphambi kuka 2004 esiluvula manje sivula izinto ezakhiwe yithi. Udaba lwaseMacambini luyahlupha ngoba sinencwadi la iNkosi esayine khona isivumelwano no MLP Consortium yaphinde yayosayina nenye iDubai. Uyabona mhla iqiniso lahlala obala niyokwembuleka izinqe nihlale obala. Abantu bakulungele ukuyovota ngo-April. Ayikho-ke enye inhlango abantu asebeyibonile, yinye kuphela uKhongolose.

Ngiyabonga Somlomo.

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon member, Mr Rajbansi ... /

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon member, you have 10 minutes.

**MR A RAJBANSI (MEC for Sports and Recreation):** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want to, first of all, salute the hon Premier. When he finished his first 10 years as the longest serving MEC for Transport, the prophets of doom in 1994 were very vocal and said KwaZulu-Natal roads would go to ruin, but at the end of his 10 years as the MEC for Transport, international experts, not political parties, have reported that we have in

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KwaZulu-Natal the finest growth, the finest development of roads into areas that never had roads and the finest road network in the world and I said in Latin, *veni, vidi, vici* – he came, he saw and he conquered.

In 2004 when he assumed the position of Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, hon members from both sides of the House did not look at the first 10 years negatively – they highlighted the positive achievement of the government from 1994 to 2004. What we expect here today is an honest stocktaking and honest reciprocation of the declarations of 2004.

To the Premier I want to say, your contribution will go down as a great legacy in this province and I think one of these days we should publish a special booklet and if anyone criticises the utilisation of taxpayers' money, the Rajbansi Family Trust will finance it, "*The Legacy of Premier Sbu Ndebele*". You are a knight in shining armour. All over KwaZulu-Natal, even in the heartland, in the rural areas, this provincial government is firing on all cylinders and there is one important keyword that is on the lips of all the citizens and that is "delivery".

I want to say to members, and I suggest that before the elections they should come with me to church on Good Friday, because Christ said you must empty your mind of negative thoughts and fill it with positive thoughts.

You know, I heard the National Minister of Health says that overspending is not the problem of one province – there has been unusual expenditure in Health - overspending is an issue that is affecting many provinces in this country, not only KwaZulu-Natal.

Up till 2004 we boasted about quantitative improvement in Education, but the National Minister, the hon Mrs N Pandor, declared a war, together with colleague, Mrs Ina Cronjé, against mediocracy and said our goal is quality education. Even if the hon Dr Mtshali was the Education MEC with the introduction of OBE, the percentage pass rate in this province would have been the same, because what we did in the past, we had acts of superficial ostentation about quantity, poor quantity, and the very fact that our matric results are more in line with the national results, it goes to show that we comparatively fared well with the rest of the country. I am not going to give you my views today on OBE, but to say, look at the pass rate, look at the quality, look at the success of the turnaround strategy.

Agriculture has had its low point. Last year during the budget debate, national Finance Minister, Mr Trevor Manuel, says that he is concerned about Agriculture output in the whole country, not only KwaZulu-Natal, but look at the GDP of our province as compared to the rest of the country - we have got amongst the best GDP figures in the whole country!

We have a turnaround on tourism. People are looking at KwaZulu-Natal, we are the number one local tourist destination and there is a swing to KwaZulu-Natal as far as international tourists are concerned. However in 2004 the hon Premier gave me a mandate, together with His Majesty the King, restore KwaZulu-Natal to its former glory. We have won the SA Games. It was impossible to beat Gauteng. We came out second in the first try, but the night we collected our trophy I gave Gauteng a message, that KwaZulu-Natal will not only beat them, but we will whack them and we whacked them! We are now the number one province.

We are now the number one boxing province. We are producing world stars. Our PSL teams are performing well and in Ladysmith, the national Minister of Sports said, the finest performing Sports Department in the whole country is the Department of Sports and Recreation in KwaZulu-Natal. We have been hailed by the national Portfolio Committee on Sports, by the national Portfolio Committee on Finance and the flagship programme introduced by the national government, the Mass School Sports in partnership with Education, Minister Stofile is telling other provinces, "Come and see what KwaZulu-Natal is doing".

We have taken sport to the deep rural heartland – let me give you the figures. We have built, we have erected and we have delivered 73 combination courts. We have built 17 football courts – if you do not know what football, it is indoor football played outdoors – and if we have completed 60 sports fields. 80% of them are constructed in the former disadvantaged areas.

We are building a modern athletic track here, we are looking at Ladysmith, AbaQulusi belt, we have got a track coming up in Umhlathuze and a track is completed in Ulundi.

I can tell you, KwaZulu-Natal has the finest cricket development of previously disadvantaged people and the finest rugby junior development in the whole country. We are going great guns and I want to say, this would not have been possible if I did not get

the support of the hon Premier, of the Cabinet, of our Portfolio Committee led by the diminutive, hon Mr Paulos Ngcobo — I hope they do not deploy you to national and keep you here.

However I want to say is this, Agriculture is making a turnaround. We must look at turnaround strategies.

I want to congratulate hon Mr Burrows. He is a good human being, wonderful human relationships, a wonderful parliamentarian who conducted himself with dignity and decorum. I do not mind recommending to the hon President of this country to make you a Consul General in India. [Laughter, interjections]

**MR R M BURROWS (DA):** Now I know it is time to go.

**MR A RAJBANSI (MEC for Sports and Recreation):** Thank you. It is my time to finish. I am 66 years old and I am ticking and do not fear — the Tiger will be here with 100% Indian support [Laughter, interjections].

**MR B J MSOMI (UDM):** Somlomo, angibonge ithuba engilitholayo. Ngiyafisa nami ukuqala inkulumo yami ngokuthi ngibonge uNdunankulu ngeNkulumo Yesifundazwe that ayethule izolo, but which in most cases only highlighted the successes of his government. As a representative of the UDM, I would like to thank the Premier for his work since he assumed the position. I hope he did not receive many problems from other parties, especially the opposition parties. If so, it was from his party. As he is bowing out from provincial politics I wish him all the best as he continues to pursue his political career elsewhere.

Bengifisa ukuthi uNdunankulu uyobonga namaqembu amelekelela ukuba enze lo hulumeni ngo-2004. Ngiyethemba ukuthi abe neqhaza alibambile la maqembu afana ne-UDM (engiyimele), i-MF ne-ACDP. Kodwa akukakabi late. Mhlawumbe uNdunankulu usazolithola ithuba lokuba abonge iqhaza yalawa amanye amaqembu.

Inkulumo kaNdunakulu ibukeka ikhulume ngomlando wesokwenzekile yangafinyelela kakhulu esimweni esibhekene naso njengamanje. Siyazi ukuthi abantu abaningi basakhala. Yebo siyavuma ukuthi kukhona osekwenzekile, kodwa abantu abaningi basakhala ngobuphofu, indlala, izingqalasisinda ezingekho esimweni, imitholampilo, izibhedlela ezingasebenzi ngendlela, imigwaqo – nakuba yakhiwe eminingi kodwa

kusekhona le engahambeni ikakhulukazi ezindaweni zasemakhaya, isimo semfundo esingekho ezingeni okukhungezwe izwe lonke kanye namasimu asalele angakalinywa.

Nokho umuntu uyakuqonda ukuthi uNdunankulu, njengoba ebekile izolo ukuthi sekufike esikhathini lapho ebeka izintambo kwezombusazwe, kungenzeka ukuthi yikhona lokhu okwenze ukuthi angambophezeli uhulumeni ozongena ezinselweni esibhekene nazo. Ukulahleka kwamathuba emisebenzi, ikakhulukazi kule minyaka emihlanu eyedlule kubukeka kube kukhulu kunamathuba kunamathuba akhekukile njengoba ekhulume ngo-67 000.

Benginethemba lokuthi uNdunankulu uzophawula ngokuthi imaphi amaqhinga azosetshenziswa ukunqaba ukulahleka kwamanye imisebenzi njengasezimbonini zendwangu, ezolimo kanye nalezi abakhulume ngazo ozakwethu abakhulume phambi kwami. Kunamadlobha agcine esefana nama-white elephants akade enezimayini, amadolobha anjengoNyukhasela, i-Dundee kanye neFilidi.

Okuhle esikuphawulayo ukuthi inhlango ebusayo iyalibona iqiniso futhi iyavumelana ne-UDM ukuthi uhulumeni kumele enze okuningi. Ngaphandle kwalokho ubuphofu buyohlale bukhona.

UNdunankulu ukhulumile ngokwakhiwa kwezindlu esikushayela ihlombe nokho. Kodwa enkulumweni yakhe akakhulumanga ngamaphutha enzekile kulezi zindlu ezakhiwe njengoba sibone izindlu eziningi ziphephuka zithathwa yimimoya zingakwazi ukumelana nesimo sezulu. Kangangokuba ezindaweni ezifana no-Mooi River sibone kuqalwa phansi futhi amaprojekthi okwakhiwa kwezindlu. Kufakwe ezinkulu izimali, esingazike ukuthi ama-consultants nonjiniya kwakuyini umsebenzi wabo. Lezi zimali ngabe zifakwe kwezinye izindawo. Siyafisa ukuthi uma kwakhiwelwa abantu bakithi makwakhiwe izindlu ezizikwazi ukumelana nesimo sezulu, hhayi njengalezi zase-Mooi River, e-Brantville.

Esinye isimo okumele sibheke kusona ebengilindele ukuthi uNdunankulu uzophawula ngaso yisimo sokungaphephi ezikoleni esiya ngokuba sibi kakhulu. Siyabona izingane ziyabulalana, othisha bashayw abagingqwe ngezibhakela, abanye babulawe babulawelwa ezikoleni. Angikholwa ukuthi kungaba uMnyango Wezemfundo kuphela okumele ubhekane nale nselelo. Isizwe sonke kanye nohulumeni wonke ngoba umnyango uwodwa angeke ukwazi ukwenza lutho.

Isimo emalokishini, njengoba uNdunankulu ekhulumile ukuthi kufanele sikwazi ukuthi imigwaqo siyibuyisele esimweni ibe yimigwaqo ephephile. Kodwa umbuzo uthi lokhu kuzokwenzeka kanjani ngoba uthola ukuthi iziteshi zamaphoyisa kanye namaphoyisa amancane kakhulu akhona. Uma ubheka emadolobheni nezindawo eziwakhele uyabona ukuthi ayabonakala amaphoyisa ezulazula ekhombisa ukuthi akhona.

Ngiyafisa futhi ukukhuluma ngegama elibekwe yiMbube phakathi kwethu lokuthi enye inselelo esibhekene nayo, ikakhulukazi iqembu elibusayo, ukuba namandla kwezinyunyana njengoba sibonile ngesikhathi esedlulile lapho abaholi benyunyana i-Sadtu bememezela ukuthi othisha abahambele irali yokuqinisekisa ukuthi uhulumeni obusayo uyabuyela ekuphatheni bengalinaki ilungelo lezingane. Siyafisa ukuthi uhulumeni neqembu elibusayo njengamanje silibone lisigxibha lesi senzo ngoba siyinkinga noma sizosilimaza kusasa. Ukulungisa isimo semfundo, singabonakala sishona phansi kakhulu uma sizovumela ukuthi izinyunyana zibe namandla kakhulu.

Ngiyafisa ukusho futhi ukuthi uma sikhuluma ngemfundo i-UDM iphakamisa ukuthi kube khona ingxoxo lapho kuzoxoxwa khona wonke umuntu othintekayo: abezimboni, abazali, othisha kanye nochwepheshe ukuze kuqhanyukwe neqhinga lokuthi ngabe le mfundo esinayo kungabe yiyona mfundo yini efanele izwe lethu. Siyabona ukuthi le esinayo siyabona ukuthi yathathwa ko-Australia nako-New Zealand nakwamanye amazwe lapho eyayisifadabele khona, ikakhulukazi uma kukhulunywa ngalolu hlelo lwe-OBE. Lolu hlelo lubukeka lunenkinga njengoba engekho umuntu onguchwepheshe we-OBE, ngisho othisha, abahloli obani, bonke bayafunda. We are still exploring kanti sidlala ngekusasa lezingane zethu.

Emisebenzini nezikhulu zikahulumeni, ngiyafisa ukusho ukuthi kuningi okuhle esikubonayo, kodwa kweminye iminyango sibone kuba nenkinga la sibone khona abaphathi beminyango beshintshashintsha. Kule minyaka emihlanu, kube khona iminyango ebe nacinise nabaphathi abangebaphansi kwabathathu. Lokhu kukhomba ngokusobala ukuthi abantu bebekhonjwa ngoba bencikene neqembu elibusayo, kwangabhekwa ubunzima bomsebenzi ukuthi bazokwazi yini ukumelana nawo. Kuyisimo esingesihle leso uma abaphathi beminyango bezohluleka ukuhlala. Ngikhumbula nje omunye kweminye iminyango cishe wahlala izinyanga ezintathu kuphela, wahluleka ngoba wayekhonjwe ngokuthi uyaziwa ukuthi ungubani. Ngakho-ke isimo leso okufanele iqembu elibusayo nohulumeni ozothatha ake ayibheke leyo nto

ukuthi abantu abakhonjwe ngokwamakhono hhayi ngokuthi bawobani. Angifuni ukubasho ngamagama, Mnguni, uhulumeni uyabazi laba bantu engikhuluma ngabo.

Sengivala ngiyafisa ukusho ukuthi kube isikhathi esihle ukusebenza ngaphansi kobuholi bukaManzankosi. Zibe ziningi izinqumo ezithathiwe ezinhle, nakuba zibe khona eziyimbijana, esinye sazo esingiphatha kabi esingavumi nokuthi ngilale kuze kube yimanje esasithatha siyilohulumeni esiyohlala njalo singanginiki ubuthongo esokuthatha abantu base-Matatiele sibayise eMpumalanga Kapa sebekhulumile ukuthi abafuni. Isinqumo lesi engingakaze ngisibone kulesi sifundazwe, lapho abantu bathi sebekhulumile kuhulumeni wabo kodwa sibandudule sibase lapho bengathandi khona.

Ngiyethemba njengoba sesiya okhethweni ukuthi iqembu elibusayo lizokwazi ukusibuyekeza lesi simo ukuze abantu baye lapho bethanda khona futhi babone uhulumeni wabo ukuthi uhulumeni obalalelayo. Kwaba isenzo esibi, esingathandeki futhi esingemukelekile ngoba namanje abantu base-Matatiele bayakhala. Mhlawumbe okwenzeka e-Merafong kuzokwenzeka nase-Matatiele.

Somlomo, ngiyabonga. Ndunankulu ngikufisela konke okuhle emizamweni yakho ozoyenza, uqhubeke nomsebenzi wakho wepolitiki. Ngiyakuhlonipha kakhulu. Ngiyabonga. I hope angizoba umthakathi uma ngiqeda, Mfundisi.

**THE SPEAKER:** Shall we then proceed and go on to hon J M Downs?

**MR S J GCABASHE (ANC):** Somlomo benginombuzo?

**THE SPEAKER:** Sorry lungu elihloniphekile, Gcabashe.

**MR S J GCABASHE (ANC):** Cha Somlomo, bengithi eh, ngikhunjuzwa yilungu elihloniphekile uMsomi uma ekhuluma ukuthi konje ubungakayitholi yini *i-resignation letter* yakhe?

**THE SPEAKER:** *I-resignation letter* kabani? (Laughter)

**MR B J MSOMI (UDM):** Eyi, Somlomo lokho kusho ukuthi ngempela noma ngiyibhalile angizange ngize ngamukeleke, kusho ukuthi bayifake phansi kwetafula (Laughter)

**THE SPEAKER:** Cha, ake sibuye siyixoxe ngaphandle kweNdlu leyo ngoba ingathi enye indaba nje. Ake nginikeze ilungu elihloniphekile, J.M. Downs. The hon member is

not here and therefore forfeits the opportunity. I proceed to the hon member, MEC B H Cele. The member has 14 minutes.

**MR B H CELE (MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison):** Somlomo Baba asizibongele ukucosha ithuba. Siyathokoza. Ndunankulu uManzankosi Sbusiso Joel Ndebele, siyabonga uholo lwakho. Usihole kwaze kwaba lapha. Ngesikhathi usihola amehlo akho ubuwaphakamisele ezintabeni ungabhekile phansi. Njengabaholi ababheka la bahlukunyezwa ukuhanjelwa yikusasa ngoba babheka eduze. Imiqondo yabo, amehlo abo, nezifiso zabo ziphelele ezinyaweni zabo. Siyabonga, nabantu baKwaZulu-Natali bayabonga. Basazobonga futhi abakazukuyeka. Naba nje, bazobuka baqhubeke babonge.

Inkinga enginayo, ngizalwa uMaMtshali. Kuyinkinga ngoba ngeke avume u-Albertina Nokuwela Mtshali ngigibele phezu kukamalume kodwa, ngizobukhipha ubumalume ngisale nobuqembu ngoba kunezinto ezifanele ukuphendulwa ezingathi uma ziyekwa zidukise abantu ingunaphakade kanti kuyicala ukudukisa abantu. Laphaya kuleliya hhovisi engigobe kulona amadlangala okuthiwa yise-Truro, kune-billboard enkulu. Yinde akekho umuntu ongangayo ngisho uRadebe akangangayo. Leya billboard siya okhethweni yayinesithombe esikhulu esigcwele sikaMantshinga. Esigqolozele sisehhovisi futhi ngineqiniso lokuthi that billboard is expensive. Very expensive. Wayehleli khona ne-smile esincane njengoba esenkinga yama-adverts namhlanje, wayemi phezu kweTheku umbona nje.

Engekho oNdini, engekho kwaNongoma, eseThekwini, emi phezu kweTheku, engaphezu kwemeya. Imeya iphuma phansi kwakhe zonke izinsuku. Angazi ukuthi uthuswa yini namhlanje. Yini le aseiyibabaza? Yiziphi lezi zibonkolo esezimngena ukuthi ahlangane nezinkinga ezingaka? Wuye lo Ndunankulu owayene-lift yakhe yedwa, ayeke ayithengele ukhiye ngoba yayimcefezela uma elinda abanye abantu akhuphuke yedwa. Hhayi ikamelo lakhe kwakhe, i-lift yomphakathi wayiguqula eyakhe. Namhlanje unezinkinga. Wuye lo Ndunankulu, esawuNdunankulu, hhayi manje futhi engeke asophinde abe wuye. Wuye owafuna izinda lokuhlala ibhanoyoi likahulumeni kwakhe e-Claremont. Efuna lizohlala kwakhe ibhanoyi qathatha. Ikhona leyo nto, ngangingekho. Musa ukungiphendula, ubungaphendulwa wumuntu. Yile nkinga engiyishilo ukuthi uzongithethisa uMaMtshali.

Ukhuluma ngokuthi kunama-blue lights. Yeyi madoda! Wawuzwa ekuseni ephuma e-Claremont ukuthi waphuma uMantshinga, waphuma umalume wami. Ekhala njalo ama-blue lights e-Claremont ekuseni. Ayamthusa manje amubangela ama-nerves. Ekhala njalo ama-blue lights, ephuma ebuya e-Claremont. Wawuzwa ukuthi nangoke uNdunankulu. Angisayikhulumi-ke eka-Longmarket. Nanamhlanje usagadwa! Ngifuna ukukwenza lokhu ofuna ukukwenza nawe. Kanti kukhona okufuna ukungenza kona? Ngamthola umuntu ofuna ukungenza utho, kanti uwena? Ngakho-ke, hhayi Mantshinga lawa maphoyisa abahlale bebuza ukuthi bawathathe yini kuwena ngithi bangawathathi; nginegunya lokuwasusa nokuwayeka. Kodwa ngikhetha ukuwayeka Mantshinga. Bengingazi ukuthi uyakwazi ukukhuluma noma uhlezi phansi. Asibonge.

Ngizolokhu ngimkhumbuza izinto ezimbalwa nje nezinkingana zokuthi ukhohliwe umalume. Yile nkinga le engithe inkinga yami enkulu yokuthi uzongithethisa uNokuwela waseMatshalini owumama wami, ukuthi ngikhuluma kanjani kanje. I am sure people that are on the Portfolio Committee on Health, like Mr Burrows and the rest of them, they will understand that the overspending of KZN is not a unique problem, it is a national problem, it is a structural problem. [Interjections] Yes. I am sure you would have heard that provinces are having their red numbers here. Yes, KZN would be 1.4 billion overspending, but Gauteng would be 1.8 billion and all others, except two, have overspent, which means there is a situation that we need to look at. They might have their problems, structurally there is a problem that we need to deal with. It is not necessarily that this MEC is a bad MEC, there is a problem beyond this MEC and we must acknowledge that and then we look on things that we should have corrected but there are fundamental problems that all provinces are experiencing.

Secondly, as we are seated here, yes, she is charged, she is appearing in court. She is not alone – there are other members here. [Interjections] There are other members, yes, ja, there are, I am not going to mention them, you know, I will be decent enough not to, but you know. That ... [Inaudible] because he was caught in action exchanging monies. Ukhona, bahleli naye, bayamazi, bayambuka, bayamkhohlwa. So I am not going to be indecent and harp on that. I will wait for the processes of court and then I will speak. That is what I will do and we expect everybody to act as such – wait for the processes of court.

Nihlale nibanga umsindo la niklewula, niklewula nithi nihlonipha izinkantolo nakho konke kodwa uma kunilungela niyabuya nizothi cofi cofi la. Anilindi lawama-processes. Asilindeni, nathi silindile. Sizokhuluma-ke mhla inkantolo yathi cha, kwenzeke iphutha kwakudlalwa ngawe. Ake nilinde. Hlehla bheseni akukaphakwa! Siyanizwa nje nikhuluma ngamathenda. Kunekhansela eliboshiwe la leNkatha uMavundla ngokungena ehhovisi lika-ANC, adubule uSihlalo ka-ANC, uNgcobo. Yeah! Uboshelwe lokho. Uphume nge-bail ka-R4 000, izinkulungwane ezine. Sebengitshelile abanye ukuthi hhayi, enye inkinga imali ye-bail uyithathe kumathenda awunikwa wumkhandlu ayikhansela khona. Sizoyibona-ke, angazi-ke mhlawumbe uMabuyakhulu uyobuye ayibone, kodwa nje idlula ngapha. Ningacabangi ukuthi ngoba izinto zenzeka kwaNongoma, iNongoma is not too far to understand what is happening, it is too close, that is why we spend a lot of time... [Applause]

Futhi yingakho siya khona ngomhlaka 24, ngizobe ngikhona ningiphelezele nifike. Wena uya ngomhlaka 27? Mina ngiyobe ngiya ngomhlaka 24 kwaNongoma phansi laphaya oThombothi, phezu kweMfolozi uma ugudla uya ngaseMasokaneni. Ngizobe ngilapho ngiyokwenza le nto ethi i-Constitution asiyenze. We must meet people, siyeke ukufana nobandlululo oludala lokuvuka ekuseni sekune-bridge singabuzanga kubantu, singakhulumanga nabo, singena siphuma engathi abayona ingxenye yombuso abantu. Sibusa ngoba abantu basikhethile, kuhle silokhu siyongena nabo. Ngimzwile uMantshinga ekhala ngamaphasela okudla.

Hhayi wayeke, babenawo nabo bawahambisa kulaba bantu ababebashayile be-Xenophobia bafike babashaya ehovisi bese bebehambisela amaphakethe okudla. Akugcini lapho. Kade kunomcimbi eMsinga wenziwe yikhansela. Kulo mcimbi kwakukhuluma umholi, u-president weqembu leNkatha kwa-distribute ama-T-shirt eNkatha emcimbini kaMasipala. NgeSonto leli, Sunday, Sondag leli esiphuma kulona. I do not know why umqondo wenu ukhumbula ukukhohlwa. Why do you remember to forget?

Sengizoqeda manje ngihlale phansi kodwa ngifuna ukuyixoxa le ndaba. Kunenkinga eNkatheni. Yingakho abantu baKwaZulu-Natali bengasophinde bayibuyisele kuhulumeni. Ngeke nibuye. Ngitshela uMaMtshali impela, ngeke! Akekho umuntu

ongabuyisela i-political party esithi sizama ukulwa nendlala.... uyabona ezandleni zami nginama-resolutions awu-two. Kune-EPWP – i-Programme ezama ukusiza abantu abalambile. Nginama-resolutions amabili athathwe wuMkhandlu wakwaNongoma bathi asize sizobasiza ngokuthi siqale lolu hlelo lokuthi siyazenzela la khona abantu beqoqa udoti bahambe bayowukala babuye bathole ukudla ngokuthi basebenze nomasipala. Sikwenzile eSayidi, sakwenza eMnambithi, sakwenza eThekwini, sakwenza eMgungundlovu. Bafika bazokufuna abantu bakwaNongoma. Benzenjani? Bayithatha i-resolution bavuma. Sithe uma sibuya kwaNongoma lapho abasijaha khona kwaze kwayoshona ilanga, bathatha enye i-Resolution bakushintsha bathi abantu bakwaNongoma ababulawe yindlala. I-Department of Transport has sponsored R500 000 to give the infrastructure. They have refused to take money and help abantu abalambile ukuthi bakwazi ukulala bedlile. Akekho umuntu ongavotela umuntu onjalo. Basutha bodwa!

You must go and say, these people are not ... [Indistinct]. These people expect to get their lives going. Akuzukuthi uma ukukhuphuka ama-temperature emakhanda enu epolitiki nihambe niyolambisa abantu. Isikhona-ke leyo mali, siyafuna ukuyoba siza abantu bakwaNongoma kodwa uMkhandlu wakhona uyengqaba. Awufuni uMkhandlu ukuthi kuyosizwa abantu, awufuni. Uthi kuzolethwa u-ANC, ukudla esikulethayo, hhayi u-ANC. Asikhona ukudla thina. Lezi zinto besizozikhuluma kahle ukube besibunge uNdunankulu sahlala phansi. Kodwa ukuza la sizokhuluma ngezinto okungezona.... Umuntu akakhulume ngento ayaziyo, ayeke ukukhuluma ngezinto angazazi.

Mr Burrows, thanks very much. Personally I want to thank you. We come from very far, especially when this apartheid you talk about, I remember I used to run in your steps, you and Peter Gustrow and others, we have an opportunity to see what you do with us when we were young activists and we were running around like headless chickens. Abanye babengabasukeli amabhunu, babenza into ayifunayo amabhunu. That is why ayengabasukeli. So ayikho-ke inkinga, thina ayesixaka amabhunu esibalekisa sikwazi ukuthi size personally, but we have worked well. I must say, from your ideas, from your speeches, I have grown, no doubt about it. I have listened, I am sure one will get some kind of knowledge and nourishment in the political path ahead, so thanks very much for that.

Wena-ke Ndunankulu angizukukhuluma kakhulu. Ngisazoya ukuzokubona nje ngibonge ukuthi usiphathe kahle kulo hulumeni. Asizukubonga kakhulu kuwena ngoba wenze into obuyithunyiwe wuKhongolose. Banjalo nje abantu baKhongolose banjalo. Abafunayo ukubona indlela eyaphambili, nabafuna ukubona inkanyezi yokusa, nabafunayo ukuholwa yileyo nkanyezi, mabeze bajoyine uKhongolose. Ngiyabonga.

**MR T D BUTHULEZI (IFP):** Baba Somlomo, Ndunankulu Mhlonishwa uNdebele, Abantwana beNkosi neNdlunkulu yonke ekhona. Ngibingelele ngokukhethekile isiGungu soNgqongqoshe lesi esiphumayo kanye nawo wonke amalungu omphakathi akhona.

The Premier yesterday missed a golden opportunity to rise up to the task of leadership and tell the truth. The primary task of a leader is to define reality, and the Premier failed spectacularly to define reality as we see it in KwaZulu-Natal.

2004 to 2009 may have been the longest period of the absence of war but there has been no peace. Under the leadership of Premier Ndebele relations between the ANC and IFP deteriorated sharply and ultimately collapsed.

Kusixakile, Ndunankulu, izolo ukuzwa usho uthi kuyaqala njengoba uhulumeni usulapha eMgungundlovu kube nekheli kuhulumeni. Inhloko yombuso besoNdini, emzini weNkosi uCetswayo kaMpande, uJininda oMnyama, uNyathi kaNdaba, oMpondo zimakhenkenene. Ikheli lelo ebelikhona. ULundi luyingxenye yeKwaZulu-Natali. Manje ukuthi yima kuba khona ikheli uma silapha eMgungundlovu, lokho kukhombisa ukuthi umlando asiwuhloniphi.

Mr Premier you stood on this podium last year and as MEC Cronjē has said – when she gave us the budget speech of Education; and MEC Mabuyakhulu after her spoke about scorecard – let us look at the ANC record, let us look at the ANC. These are the facts: we have a failing public health system as a fact; we have a deteriorating quality of education while numbers being poured are increasing; we have a crippling food shortage as a fact; we have an increase in levels of violence in schools as a fact; and, we have selective distribution of resources towards urban areas at the expense of rural development as a fact.

MEC Mabuyakhulu also spoke here about the Macambini Project. Mr Premier, you stood on this podium last year and you unveiled the Macambini Project at the State of the

Province – 2008. Subsequent to that, we were very happy to see you unveil this project on 8 September in Dubai. But, we are so amazed Premier that a R23 billion project - not a word yesterday about this project! We saw businessmen from KZN Growth Coalition endorsing this project but surely this House also needed to get a status quo report of where this project is.

Sizwile uMhlonishwa uMabuyakhulu eveza incwadi ethi isayinwe yiNkosi, kodwa uNdiyema akasikhombisi i-MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) eyasayinwa wuhulumeni, isayinwa wuNdunankulu ngephrojekthi efanayo. Ayikho incwadi esayinwe yiNkosi idayisa izwe. Tha is all. Ngakho-ke uma uMhlonishwa enayo i-access yencwadi esayinwe yiNkosi, abasikhombise phela zonke izincwadi, hhayi kuphela yiNkosi kodwa yibo bonke abantu ababandakanyekayo kule phrojekthi.

You stood on this podium last year Premier and you announced the Royal Household Trust and you announced its members. But, who is the chairman of this Trust? How many meetings have “they” held yet again yesterday, not a word about this Royal Household Trust? The ANC cannot keep making new promises all the time without following up on what they said the previous year. On this podium last year, Premier you spoke about the BEE Advisory Council. How many African businessmen has this ANC government channelled towards the major BEE deals in this province? If you speak about the major BEE deals in this province whose names do you hear? You hear SJ Mhlungu, Lydia Mzoneli, Musa Myeni, JB Magwaza – all who were not established between 2004 to 2009. Who are the major African Businessmen that this ANC government... industrialists not centres - industrialists and true entrepreneurs that this government has channelled?

We thank the Premier for announcing the success of Zibambeke. Zibambeke is a product of the IFP government because Zibambeke happened during the IFP led administration. The MEC for Transport was Dr Ndebele when Zibambeke was launched. Kufanele niphinde nilalele ngapha nani. Zibambeke was launched when MEC was Dr Ndebele but you cannot run away from the fact that the whole administration was led by the IFP at the time. We want to applaud the Premier for his international efforts – we saw him signing MOUs in China, Dubai, travelling to the United States, travelling to Dubai unveiling projects in Dubai and we would have hoped that his Party would have given him – if they win – another five years to consolidate all this good work that he told us

about yesterday.

The ANC has - at five years to govern this province – failed dismally. We now wait to return to power the tried and tested leadership of an IFP led government. Yingakho sithokoza, Mhlonishwa Ndunankulu uma ubona abaholi bamaqembu amakhulu lapha KwaZulu-Natali, umholi we-IFP uMntwana wakwaPhindangene kanye nomholi we-ANC uMnu. uZuma behlangana bekhuluma ngokuthi yiluphi uhlobo lokubambisana nobumbano okumele kube khona phakathi kwala maqembu. Akusilona lolu hlobo lokukhuluma osuluzwe lukhulunywa ngabaholi be-ANC namhlanje kuleli Phalamende. Akusiwo umoya wokubambisana esibone abaholi bethu bewukhombisa ngeviki eledlule bezama ukuthi balitshale phakathi kwethu. Ngakho-ke Mhlonishwa Ndunankulu uhamba ulibambile kule minyaka emihlanu eyedlule. Kukhona okuhle okuncane esikubonile. Asidedele abantu baKwaZulu-Natali ngomhlaka 22 Ephreli banikwe ithuba ngoba sebebabone bobabili ohulumeni babone ukuthi enough to school violence, enough to shortage of food; and yet again bakhethe uhulumeni ozokwazi ukuthi abeke izidingo zabantu phambili.

Ngiyabonga, Somlomo.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you, hon member. We now have come to the conclusion of this debate and we now have an opportunity for the Premier to respond to the debate. The Premier will have 30 minutes to respond to the debate. Hon Premier?

**THE PREMIER:** Ngiyabonga kakhulu Somlomo, Macingwane. Ngibonge kakhulu kumaLunga ale Ndlu ngegalelo abalenzile ukunanela inkulumo yayizolo. Ngibonge nezifiso ezinhle. Njengoba ngishilo izolo kube umgwaqo omude ongelula kodwa ngokubambisana sakwazi ukufika lapha esasikhona manje. Umlando oyokwazi ukusho ukuthi esakwenza nesikwenzayo kuseyikho yini ukuqhutshwa uthando lokuthi abantu baKwaZulu-Natali, kakhulukazi abamnyama babuyisane baqhubekele phambili noma kukhona nathi isikhathi lapho esathi saqhuzuka sasesibuka mhlambe imigomo emfishane hhayi esa phambili. Mhlambe ngizoyichaza nje lena ukuze kube ingxenye yerekhodi. Iqembu elingithumile uKhongolose umvikeli wabantu wentuthuko okunguyena umkhanjaseli wenkululeko iminyaka eminingi njengoba kungu Febhuwari njena sikhumbula ukuthi lokhu kwaqala uBaba uDube uMafukuzela onjengezulu owakhothama ngayo le nyanga kaFebhuwari. It has been a single mission to unite the people of South

Africa, Africans in particular. That imperative to unite the people of South Africa is there, was there, will be there, whether you command a majority of 60% as the ANC will do after the announcement of the results on the 25<sup>th</sup> – I am told they will be announced on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April – whether we then command that 60%, which we will do, or whatever numbers, the imperative to unite the people of South Africa, of KwaZulu-Natal, will remain.

It was for that reason that when the announcement of the results was made in 2004, there was no shortage of a majority, whether you got 99% or you got 51%, it amounted to the same thing. So we had these numbers, together with the parties that shared our vision, that still share our vision. The UDM was one of these parties and we did talk with them and there were agreements that were made and that is why you have got a member of the UDM as the Deputy Minister of Works at a national level.

We had discussions with the Tiger, the Minority Front, that has been working us and share the same vision to say that a party that will ensure that particularly African and Indian live together in a non-racial democracy, is the ANC and therefore when we entered this House to constitute this legislature where, Mr Speaker, you were elected, we already had this 51%, but we then said – and I am happy that when that idea came, none of my colleagues said eyi but bazosivimbela ngezikhundla. We said, “Let us invite the IFP to be part of government, to consolidate the unity of the people of KwaZulu-Natal”. It was an invitation.

Three MECs were then put forward. We then agreed with them, because we were at a bilateral, not in this legislature, to say we want to consolidate this unity and the working together of the African people, particularly black people in general, therefore we are inviting you into government. There are elections that are coming. First of all, we must together ensure that there is peace in our communities – that is why we have got this programme called “Communities in dialogue”. Let us go there together and say, “Do not fight under our name. You can do whatever, but not under our name” and we are there together.

As a result, the hon Inkosi Ngubane was part of this government in 2004, the hon Mr Gwala was part of this government and the hon Mr Narend Singh, and it was then to say we consolidate this working together of these parties, they must work together, not

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against each other, they must not gang up against each other.

Came 2006, we went to Local Government elections with a further wish and hope that we will then consolidate this working together of the black people, hon Mr Buthelezi. What then happened? The IFP went to the right, right, extreme right wing, Freedom Front, a racist party that expounds racism openly, they went to it and said, "Let us gang up against the ANC. Let us ensure that uMhlathuze, even if the ANC has got 49%, let us gang up against it and keep it out. Let us gang up in Newcastle. Let us gang up in Majuba. Let us gang up wherever we can at Ndwedwe".

It was something that as an African, hon Mr Buthelezi, you must feel ashamed about, particularly coming from the youth. You must feel ashamed that your party finds commonality with the Freedom Front of the right wing that want a Volkstaat. As a youth, what future are you putting for yourself? I am 60, you are very young - what future do you envisage for your party that says it has got more in common not with Mr V C Xaba as you hon Mr Buthelezi, but you have got more in common with the right, right wing that is shunned throughout the world, they say "Hey, who is this person who still talks this way?"

So there was that ganging up. After ganging up, what does the Premier do? He then says, "Colleague, Dr Mkhize, can you put together a team, including the Provincial Secretary and other leaders, and go and talk to our brothers and say it is wrong, it is immoral. You are free, but where is the morality as a black person? Go and talk." They talked and talked after the formation of this government, but not only was there talking, they proceeded to dismantle the government of Newcastle where the ANC had 27 out of 61 and the IFP had 20 and we had agreed and we had put a principle here to say that if there are 60 councillors and one party gets 21, it is very from 31, and another one gets 19, the one that gets 21 will produce the Mayor, the one that gets 19 will produce the next senior position and you govern together because that is the will of the majority of the people – they wanted both of you to be in government. No - ganging up.

I then, as Premier, I had powers vested in me, wrote the letter to Inkosi Ngubane, I wrote the letter to Mr Gwala, and in that letter I explained that as Inkosi Ngubane, he was honourable throughout, he performed his task as MEC with honour and dignity throughout – "Nothing personal, but Inkosi Ngubane I am releasing you from being MEC

because of your party. It is something that is not of your doing, but your party". I then also wrote a similar letter to the hon Mr Gwala. I said, "In terms of your integrity, in terms of your loyalty to the government that invited you, you performed very well, but your party works against you, therefore you are being released".

Therefore we ended up with a 99% ANC government for the first time in KwaZulu-Natal, not because we were then vainglorious and said, "Let everything have a label 'ANC', 'ANC'". No, it was an attempt to consolidate the unity of our people. I want to record that as one of the failures that one experienced – we failed to unite. We have united the people of KwaZulu-Natal, but we could not unite the ANC and IFP, it is a different thing, but the people themselves are united in spite of the IFP.

So let that be a record and as you go forward – I will not be here – as you go forward, think, never betray your conscience. It might be easy for the hon Mantshinga to do it. He has done it, he has worked with this right wing all the time, as inspector of schools and this and that and so forth, but you as a young person, your experiences with modern people where you relate, ANC and IFP, not in the isolation perhaps where Mantshinga comes from. He represents the past and the ideas that are really so out of fashion now, but you cannot change him, there is not much you can do there. However you, who still has got a conscience, think!

Then the question that you have been cataloguing here, hon Shenge, let us drive with you - we do not need bodyguards, just drive the two of us - and start our journey at six o'clock / seven o'clock tonight and see the dark areas – there are areas that are without electricity – who governs them? The geography of KwaZulu-Natal, wherever there is darkness, there is no water, are the areas that are governed by the IFP and they have governed them longer than the lifespan of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was born and lived and did all the things that are in the Bible that we still cherish 2 000 years later, only 33 years, but you have been governing forever, except for these five years, but look at the areas that are without electricity.

I remember his Excellency Ambassador Mntwana Vincent Zulu begging me and saying, "Please, please, can you come and build a tarred road towards Nkonjeni Hospital", but where were the people who were there? Or "Can you please build a tarred road between Nongoma and Ulundi?" Why were people not building a tarred road at

eHlalankosi and waiting for the MEC that was still in prison?

So those areas that are without water bantu baKwaZulu-Natali indawo ezingenamanzi ezingenagesi ezingenamgwaqo obuka ukuthi ubani uhulumeni wakhona o-local. Thina siyaya kulezo ndawo-ke sayifaka-ke le migwaqo siyawafaka amanzi. Ikhona Inkosi yaseMdletsheni la babevimbela abantu bezofaka ugesi lapha kwaHlabisa. Ukhona omunye obezama ukwenza into efanayo laphana eVryheid hhayi sombonisa siyaya bethi idepartment mineral and energy ayikwazi ukuza izofaka ugesi laphana kwahlabisa. Bazama ukuvimba bethi akufuneke gesi la and so forth sizowufaka-ke lo gesi. Kade sikhuluma noNgqongqoshe ekhala ubuhhayi hhayi ngithi no do not worry we are going to Vryheid nakwa Hlabisa siyaya. So indaba yokuvimba intuthuko ilokhu ikhona. Asikhulume ngokuthi kuncane okwenzekile. Yebo kuningi okusazokwenzeka kodwa ake sibuka i-Department of Education from 1994 bese kakhulukazi ku-period 1999 to 2004, it had five disclaimers. Lapho u-Auditor- General athi angikwazi mina ukuyithinta nokuyithinta lento awukwazi ukuthi ungayibamba kuphi lento kuyabuhluka nje. Kusho ongihambe ngaphambi kwami uNdunankulu ohambe phambi kwami ku education. Wafika u-Mrs Cronjé, it is the first time in the history of this province where we have got Education without a qualified audit – the first time! Besenisitshela ngokungcola kuyithina esibuvumbululayo.u-Kronie Commission ngoba nganginehhovisi laphayana eTruro ngihamba ngelifti lena ehamba uwonke wonke kukhona ebekwe eceleni. I-Welfare kwaba nekhomishini umgundatshani we khomishini owawulapha ukuzohlola ukungcola namanyundululo ayekwa Welfare. Asinayo leyo rephothi kuze kube yinamhlanje. Lamarephothi enikhuluma ngawo akhona ayatholakala ayeyi enquiry okwakukhona ukungaboni solinye kuNgqongqoshe ne Head of Department yakwa Health. Kwakuyinto ezi internal in terms of administration so ke asingakhohlisi abantu ngezinto ezinjengalezo. Leyo welfare thing wawubona ngabantu bengena, bangena benzani laba bantu kuthiwa hhayi kune Khomishini asikaze siyinuke kuze kube kunamhlanje.

Ngithi-ke kulolu daba bengithi angizukukhuluma ngiluyeye ngamabomu udaba lwase Macambini.We have got a serious financial meltdown in the world. Anyone of you who is able to invite half a million rand to go and invest and help our people like Ndosini is doing for Nongoma, that must be welcomed. If you get R5 million, so much better. If you get R500 million, all the better. Are you going to run a government in future where you will say as government, the Executive of KwaZulu-Natal, not just Ndebele, the Executive entered into an agreement with an investor from Dubai. His Majesty the King

endorsed it and business endorsed it and they were coming with an initial R17 billion and the local Inkosi asked and we agreed to take him to Dubai to go and see it.

This was not the first time we did it, we did it even with Inkosi Ngobese as well as to Waterloo in Belgium, to go and see it, and Inkosi Mbatha, they went there, so it is not something strange. Then this multibillion rand project is coming and the government of the ANC that follows this, is going to pursue it. Asikaze sehlulwe thina. asihlehli entweni ezosiza abantu.

Then suddenly there is this jumping around – why? It is because here is signed “*Approved by Inkosi K W Mathaba*”, here is his signature. In 2006 with another company that has now sent me a summons to say why are we talking about this Dubai thing in that place, when Inkosi had given them this thing and they went through the banks to get the money, they now want to sue me to say, “How do I ...” On top of that thing, they have got this agreement. I got a letter of demand from the lawyers of this MLP Consortium to say, “But we have got a prior agreement by Inkosi”. That is why Isilo Samabandla was talking so hard when he was opening here, on this matter, because it is only him that can deal with it.

You see, with this Dubai thing, if you ask Sibusiso Ndebele what he feels about it, personally I do not care whether that happens or not, but as a leader of this government and this development, I care. Do we have a situation in KwaZulu-Natal where you have got 299 Amakhosi? Government can say whatever it says, the municipality can say whatever it says. The Mandeni Municipality says, “Oh, wonderful!”, Ilembe says “Wonderful!”, the government of this province says, “Wonderful!” and someone says, “No”, how are you going to govern this province, what is your word worth?

Those people then come in, conditions will then be put: “If you want development as Dubai, these are the conditions of empowerment for the local community. This must happen, this must happen, this must happen”. That is correct, but you cannot have a situation where people are waving spears on the freeway, the N2. That N2 was built by this very MEC, then. I heard Abantu baseMacambini behamba beyolala emgwaqeni bethathwa ngeveni bevimba laphana bethi ngeke wakhiwe loya mgwaqo. Lo N2 enihamba ngawo namhlanje kwakuthiwa ngeke wakhiwe kwamiwa 3 weeks kwenziwe ama sit in kuloya mgwaqo. Today that road is there. Let someone say that they are not

benefiting out of that road, that those people who were holding *ama-sit-ins* there, where correct. It is not.

So these are the things that we must deal with, but hon Speaker, to my successor who will come from the ANC, please, it is a very serious position to be Premier. If I have appeared to anyone here as too proud and too conceited, I apologise. If kukhona umuntu who I refused to shake hands with because I am too important, I apologise, I apologise. If kukhona la ngithi ngeke ungene nami eliftini because I am Premier, I apologise. Ngiyaxolisa futhi ukuthi isenzo sami sokuqala as Premier was to sell the jet that belonged to the province and for the exclusive use of the previous Premier. The first act that I did was to sell it and that money was used to build roads and so forth. If my successor feels I did wrong by selling that jet, I apologise, I apologise.

Ngithi noma ngabe abantu ubabona ukuthi banjani bazokuthelela ngobumpofu noma ngokubalula too much and whatever ubaxhawule ungasigodli isandla. Kubuhlungu ukuthi umkhulu umuntu athi ethi uthi kubuhlungu. Ungakwenzi wena ongilandelayo ungakwenzi. Ngisho ngabe ubungamthandi lo muntu unгахamba uthi uma esesithele uhambe uyogeza izandla uthi eyi lo muntu kodwa angaboni yena. Kubuhlungu kubuhlungu. So asiyibambe this dignity of the Premier's Office that we were given by Dr F T Mdlalose, we must uphold. This dignity of the Premier's Office that we were given by Dr Ben Ngubane, we must uphold. Where I lowered the dignity of the Premier's Office, I want to apologise. I was trying my best and my best did not perhaps amount to much, but I was trying.

We say bantu baKwaZulu-Natali you have given me this opportunity to lead you, it is the highest office that you can get in the province and it was after this long journey that I said, 15 years, and I have been honoured by the organisation that I came from. It did not agree for me to be an ordinary member and there is absolutely nothing wrong with it. It made me a Secretary, it made me a Deputy Chair, it made me a Provincial Chair. I have been singularly lucky and in government they made me MEC for Transport. I tried my best. If my best did not amount to much, it was my best. Angiwagodlanga amanye amanye amandla ayephelele lapho uphelele-ke uNdebele lapho omunye uzokuthatha akuse ngaphezulu ngaphezulu.

I was given this honour – the honour of being Premier of the province is the highest

position that you can ever get in the province, any province. It was after looking at that, together with my own family, and saying, "How long do you stay and you stay until what happens?" Leave while konke kukahle. Ukuba kahle-ke is when the people of KwaZulu-Natal are united even Inhlangano engiqhamuka kuyo kwi province yaKwaZulu-Natali is united. United nabasebenzi siyakwazi ukukhuluma nabasebenzi siyaye sihlale nabo sithi hhayi la la. Akuhlale kuvunyelwana sonke isikhathi kuyaxoxwa nje kahle. You become stronger that way through those very disagreements and we have worked very well. We have worked with singosihlalo sobabili lapha no Somlomo ngingusihlalo kaKhongolose engusihlalo weCommunist party kahle nje siyibambile.

So we have left a solid foundation, but the relationship of the people, whether they are ANC or IFP, in particular, is actually very good. People are now very intolerant of leaders who divide them, who make them fight – they are very intolerant of that. They are very intolerant of people who stay in houses with running water and electricity and say other people must not get that – they are very intolerant of that and that is a measure of success. But the entire leadership of the IFP Mfundisi uZondi abaholi bonke sixoxa sonke isikhathi sihlangane sikhuluma sikhuluma. Akubi nje lapha phezulu komongameli kubaba uMsholazi noMntwana wakwaPhindangene laphansi kuyaxoxwa. Soqhubeka naleyo tradition yokuxoxa. Yokuxoxa ne-NADECO yokuxoxa ne-UDM yokuxoxa ne DA yokuxoxa nabo bonke abanye abantu asixoxi nabantu esivumelana nabo kuphela. So ke sithi leyo legacy leyo ibambeni bakithi. Nisele la ibambeni ilegacy yokuhlanganisa abantu ibambeni ilegacy yokuqhubeka nentuthuko abantu baKwaZulu-Natali kade babehlupheka ake bethole ukunethezeka manje kungathi indaba zethu kuthiwa iwe isukile-ke kushe imizi yabo. Asiyibambe leyo legacy leyo siyibambe le-legacy yokuxoxa. Kwi khokhasi yethu lento ebesiyenza yokukhuluma nje sikhuluma umuntu akhulume lokho akuthandayo and so forth, let us keep on that and that is an important legacy because it strengthens all of us.

To the leaders of the IFP, I thank you for the interaction and the support that we have had – even with disagreement we still remained respecting each other. To Bab'uBurrows, you emphasised that there is one debate where I was with you and Mrs Gasa. I have never felt so small about it. I knew so little about education – it was 1994 – I get into this thing, there are these educationists and they were raining questions on me and I know when I do not know and these people are just flowing, Mrs Gasa and Roger Burrows, and your reservoir of knowledge has been of such great value to this

House.

The Raj, fountain of knowledge and memory of events and the way that he is able, being a minority party, to be able to speak on so many subjects with authority, is really admirable and your contribution to our Executive has been invaluable because those contributions have made us much richer.

To yourself, Mr Speaker, we thank you very much for the way that you have conducted this House, the decorum, the dignity and we want to thank you very much and I thank you, ngiyazibongela kakhulu.

**THE SPEAKER:** Again, like we have indicated to Mr Burrows, Premier we thank you. We thank you for your remarks on the Speaker's Office. We hope there will be time for the Speaker's Office to officially thank both of you, being the only two individuals who have stated long ago in this Legislature that you are not coming back out of your own choice. For you have been the only two leaders who have contributed so much to this institution and its success. We hope there will be time for the Speaker's Office to say something.

Nonetheless, for your remarks today, thank you very much, hon Premier.

We have arrived at lunch time. It is appropriate that we therefore adjourn. As we adjourn I would like to say to hon members: It might be true that it may not only be Mr Burrows and the Premier who are not coming back. It may be some of you as well – for different reasons.

Now, there is going to be a briefing at two o'clock on your pension situations. If you missed that opportunity, you may not get it again until 22 April or thereafter. Therefore it is better to listen today to get briefed today so that you know exactly where your pension arrangements stand – the good and the bad – whilst you still have time. That will be done by the Chief Whip, comrade Cyril Xaba who is our representative on that pension fund. So, at two o'clock we are resuming the Sitting of this House for that briefing.

The House is now adjourned for lunch.