

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD

KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

FOURTH SESSION

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**THE HOUSE MET AT 14:15 IN THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER,
PIETERMARITZBURG.**

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

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

2. OBITUARIES AND OTHER CEREMONIAL MATTERS

THE SPEAKER: There are no obituaries that have been brought to me, but I just need to make a few announcements in respect of some people who are not well. Yesterday it slipped my mind to report that the hon Deputy Chief of the ANC, Mrs Noel, is unwell according to reports. There was a time when she was in hospital in Entabeni. I do not know if that is still the case, but that is certainly one of the issues which I feel I should have reported yesterday.

Hon Chief Whip, I was reporting that the Deputy Chief Whip of the ANC, Mrs Noel, was reported to be in hospital. We do not know whether she is still in hospital, but that is the news I thought I should convey to this House. Obviously a notice to that effect has been served.

MR V C XABA (Chief Whip of the Legislature): Mr Speaker, on that point: The latest news is that she was discharged from hospital a few days ago.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. We presume that she is still unwell, and we therefore hope she recovers soon.

Yesterday I was informed by the hon Mrs Rajbansi that the hon MEC Mr Rajbansi is unwell. He is suffering from a severe bout of 'flu. I needed to have announced that also, but I only heard about this after the sitting.

Another hon member of this House, Ms Fatima Nahara, reported that her son is in hospital. The hon member reported that her son is in the Intensive Care Unit of Entabeni Hospital. I also only heard about it yesterday and was therefore unable to report it to the House.

Although Mr Ngcobo did come to the sitting of the Legislature last time, he remains unwell. Whenever we do not see Mr Ntombela, we assume he is also still unwell. This House wishes a speedy recovery to all those who are unwell, as well as relatives of members who are unwell.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER: Regarding the date of disclosure of registering the interests in terms of Item 12(3) of the Code of Conduct, hon members of this House will note that Item 12(3) of the Code of Conduct states that –

It is the function of the Disciplinary Committee to determine the date of disclosure of particulars of members registering their interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, this date was determined by the Disciplinary Committee at a meeting held on 22 November 2007. At its meeting the committee resolved as followed:

1. That the date of disclosure of registering interests for the year 2007 shall be on or before 31 January 2008.
2. That in view of the lateness of this date, the disclosure that is made on 31 January 2008 shall also be deemed to be the annual disclosure for the year 2008, unless there is a material change in a member's registering of interests, in which case there must be a further annual disclosure by the relevant member by 30 April 2008.

Disclosure forms will be distributed to members during the course of the sitting. I request

that members please comply with these dates and submit their disclosure forms to the temporary registrar, the Secretary or, alternatively, Mr N Sukraj, Corporate Legal Advisor and Mr Chris Mlotshwa, Manager: Office of the Speaker prior to 31 January 2008, so that you will not be in breach of the Code of Conduct. That is an announcement that I needed to make.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS BY THE PREMIER

THE SPEAKER: In the absence of the Premier, is there any MEC who is aware of any reports by the Premier?

MRS C M CRONJÉ (MEC for Education): Mr Speaker, I am not aware of any reports or announcements. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

5. TABLING OF REPORTS OR PAPERS

THE SPEAKER: Are there any papers or reports for tabling?

MRS J M DOWNS (ACDP): Mr Speaker, according to a resolution taken on 25 October 2006, it was agreed that outstanding resolutions of the committee would be reported to the House on a monthly basis. The committee thereby wishes to submit this report with the outstanding matters listed below for the information of the House. It is for information purposes only, and we can decide at a later date whether we need to have a debate on the issues or not.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. The report is considered tabled. Any further tabling of reports or papers? No, it seems not.

6. FORMAL MOTIONS AND NOTICES BY THE CHIEF WHIP

THE SPEAKER: Are there any formal motions or notices, hon Chief Whip?

MR V C XABA (Chief Whip of the Legislature): Mr Speaker, this is a motion without notice moved under Standing Rule 93 (g), with the unanimous concurrence of all the members present in the House. [Interjections.] The Presiding Officer is requested to put the motion to the vote for approval as a resolution of the House under Standing Rule

91(2). The resolution reads as follows:

By the powers vested in this House by Section 1(1) and Section 3(3)(b) of the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act, 1998, Act 20 of 1998, this House hereby determines the salary and allowances of the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal in line with the President's Proclamation, No 35 of 2007, published in the Government Gazette, 34/99 of 21 November 2007, as provided in the Schedule below, with effect from 1 April 2007.

Mr Speaker, I understand that the matter is on the Order Paper as 8.3. Perhaps you would like to test if there is concurrence with regard to this motion. Thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: Okay, Chief Whip, we will follow your wisdom in this matter.

MR R M BURROWS (DA): Mr Speaker, I was waiting for you to test whether, in fact, Rule 98(g) actually applied.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Burrows, yes, I would have loved to test that. You see, there was a reason to follow the wisdom of the Chief Whip, that I test it under Item 8.3 of the Order Paper. Item 8.3 provides for this matter to be heard here. The Chief Whip, in his wisdom, suggests that we test that when we arrive at the item. I have agreed to it, because I found no reason not to agree. Thank you, Mr Burrows.

MR R M BURROWS (DA): Mr Speaker, I am perfectly happy to have the two votes take place at that time, but presumably this is not a precedent that the Chief Whip is allowed to move a motion, assuming that Rule 93(g) does apply, when it has not been tested. I will agree, however. Let us go on to Item 8.3.

THE SPEAKER: Yes, thank you. Let us go that route! [Laughter]

7. NOTICES OF BILLS OR MOTIONS

THE SPEAKER: I have the list of members here who rose with an intention of giving their notices of motion yesterday. I will try and complete as much as possible. If a member is not here and some other member still wishes to raise a motion, we will entertain that member, time permitting. The first member who was registered yesterday

was Dr B M Radebe. In view of the fact that the member is not in his seat, we will then proceed to the hon Mr S J Gcabashe.

MR S J GCABASHE: I propose to withdraw, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: The hon Dr Mtshali?

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 notes:

1. The orderly and democratic process of nominating candidates for leadership positions ahead of the 2007 ANC Conference which will determine the personality and style of South Africa's future government.

This House therefore resolves:

To commend the ruling party on its commitment to internal democracy, and

To express its sympathy to the poor Premier of KwaZulu-Natal who has been rendered hopelessly unpopular by this very democratic process in the ranks of his own party.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Burrows?

MR R M BURROWS (DA): Mr Speaker, I withdraw.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mrs Ambler-Moore?

MRS M H AMBLER-MOORE (DA): Mr Speaker, I would request the hon member Dr Radebe to listen to my motion. I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

This House notes:

1. That up until March 2007 the AIDS Centre in Umvoti has received 100 food parcels per month from the Department of Social Development and stipends for 20 home-based caregivers from the Department of Health;

2. That since April this year they have not received one food parcel or any stipends for the caregivers, and
3. That endless pleas have been made to the offices of the Department of Social Development in Dundee and Ladysmith, and that pleas have also been ignored by the Department of Health.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the hon MECs Nkonyeni and Radebe to take appropriate action to ensure that the poorest of the poor receive help.

THE SPEAKER: Hon Mr Msomi?

MR B J MSOMI (UDM): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

INdlu iyakuqaphela ukuthi:

Umsebenzi ka-FIFA we Preliminary draw ye-World Cup ubuseThekwini kule mpelasonto esiphuma kuyona uhambe kahle kakhulu ngaphandle kwezihibe nezinga lobugebengu lehle kakhulu ngenxa yokusebenza kanzima nokuhlela okuhle kwabezokuPhepha, okuhlanganisa amaphoyisa eThekwini Metro kanye ne-SAPS. Yisenzo esihle lesi esidinga ukushayelwa ihlombe njengoba amazwe angaphezulu kuka-200 nezithunyuwa enzingaphezulu kwezinkulungwane ezintathu zihambe zinesithombe esihle ngezwe lakithi kanye nesiFundazwe saKwaZulu-Natali.

INdlu inquma ukuthi:

Lesi simo esihle esibonakale kulempelasonto akungabe kusajika akube esemihla ngemihla kukhombise ukuthi izimpilo zabantu bokuhamba nabasekhaya zibaluleke ngokufana.

[English translation follows]

This House notes:

That the FIFA World Cup Preliminary Draw held in Durban last weekend was

a big success, except for a few hiccups. The level of crime was relatively low, given the hard work and planning by law-enforcement agencies (Durban Metro and the SAPS). This needs to be applauded, as over 3 000 delegates from over 200 countries left with the image of the country and this province intact.

This House therefore resolves:

To relive this picture that was created during the past weekend every day in order to show that the lives of our foreign visitors and our people are equally valued.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Inkosi Mthuli? [Ndabezitha!](#)

INKOSI M Z MTHULI (NADECO): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

This House notes:

1. The pleasing fact that the President of this country, Mr Thabo Mbeki, has decided to give amnesty to political prisoners;
2. That there are many political prisoners who committed crimes, believing that they were fighting a good and fair fight to free their people from apartheid oppressors, and
3. That at the end of the day their mistakes were redeemed by themselves.

This House therefore resolves:

To support the idea that those people deserve to be given amnesty and a second chance to live a clean life.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Dr Rabebe? Hon MEC, are you ready now?

DR B M RADEBE (MEC for Social Welfare and Population Development): Mr Speaker, I waive my rights to move a motion.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

REV C J MTETWA (IFP): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

Le Ndlu:

Iyayeseka inselelo ephoswe yinhlangano i-Christian View Network kumaLungu ePhalamende amele i-ANC ukuba angene enkundleni yenkulumo-mpikiswano emsakazweni avikele uMthetho Wokuhushulwa Kwezisu.

Le Ndlu inquma:

Ukunxusa amaLungu ePhalamende e-ANC ukuba angangenwa ngamanzi emadolweni esabe inkulumo-mpikiswano ngenkolelo yawo yokubulawa kwezinsana ezingakaliboni ilanga.

[English translation follows]

This House:

- 1.. *Supports the challenge posed by Christian View Network to ANC Members of Parliament to engage in a radio broadcast to debate and defend the Termination of Pregnancy Act.*

This House therefore resolves:

To call on ANC Members of Parliament not to be scared of a debate where they can defend their views on the termination of pregnancy.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mari?

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

This House notes:

1. The financial crises at many HOD and HOR schools, resulting in school-governing bodies cutting on services;
2. The resultant lack of maintenance and security at schools;

3. The negative impact of a recent norms and standard circular sent to schools, which upgrades their status to a higher quintile rating, thereby further reducing their funding by as much as 50%., and
4. That principals and governing bodies will substantially increase school fees in the coming year which, in turn, will impact on the poor.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the MEC for Education to immediately withdraw the said circular and to re-assess the poverty levels of learners at schools.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr S N Mtetwa?

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

Le Ndlu:

Izwile futhi ibonile, yakunaka ukuthi izolo kuleNdlu yesiShayamthetho bekunabasebenzi boMkhandlu wesiFunda uGu behambisana noKhansela u-Gamble, bethi beze lapha ukuzofunda bacobelelane nathi njengesiShayamthetho ngokusebenza kwamaKomiti nokunye.

Ngalokho lokhu kuphonsa inselelo kuthina kanye neminye imiKhandlu yokuthi singumndeni owodwa sehlukene neziNdlu sisebenzela abantu ababodwa nje amukho ongazigqaja ngokuthi wazi konke.

Ngalokho le Ndlu inquma ukuthi ngakho lokhu masizehlise sonke sifunde komunye ukuze siphakanyiswe siwenze kahle umsebenzi esiwumiselweyo.

[English translation follows]

This House:

1. *Heard, acknowledged and noted during yesterday's sitting of this House that there were officials from the Ugu District Municipality, accompanied by Councillor Gamble, who came to learn from us about the way in which*

committees of the Legislature operate;

- 2. Notes that this poses a challenge to us and other municipalities to declare that we are one family, subdivided into houses (one government divided into three different spheres), serving the same people, and that no-one can claim to know everything.*

This House therefore resolves:

To call on all of us to learn from one another so that we can execute our mandates well.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Inkosi Ngubane?

INKOSI N J NGUBANE (IFP): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

Le Ndlu iyasiqaphela:

Isenzo esinyanyisayo nesingamcabangeli omunye umuntu esenziwe u-SABC TV siyihlazo. Ngomhlaka 19 kuLwezi 2007 ngacelwa ukuthi ngibe se-Studio ngo- 08H00 ekuseni ngiyobambisana nabanye odabeni lwase-Matatiele.

Ngasuka ngo-06h00 ekuseni e-Bulwer ngafika ngo-07h45 ekuseni. Ngafakwa e-Studio lwakhulunywa udaba kwaze kwashaya u-09H00 ngilindle. Ngatshelwa ukuthi olayini abalunganga uma sekufanele nginikwe nami.

Le Ndlu inquma ukuthi:

I-SABC TV ayehlukane nobandlululo enalo;

Noma ngabe ayihambisani namaqembu athile kodwa ayazi ukuthi isebenzela umphakathi hhayi iqembu elithize; futhi

Isikhafulela ngamathe isenzo esinje.

[English translation follows]

This House notes:

1. *The disgusting, selfish and shameful act by the SABC on 19 November 2007, when I was asked to be in a studio by 08h00 to take part in a studio discussion on the Matatiele issue. I left my house in Bulwer at 06h00 and arrived [in Durban] at 07h45. I was escorted to the studio where the matter was being discussed. I waited until 09h00 at which time I was told that their lines were faulty. That was when I was supposed to be afforded an opportunity to speak.*

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the SABC to refrain from partisanship. Even if they do not share the views of a particular political party, they should know that they are broadcasting to the public, and not on behalf of a political party.

To express its disgust regarding incidents such as these.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Jeebodh?

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 notes:

1. The despicable act of the theft of documents from the Office of the Premier;
2. That this act raises the spectre that criminality is not at play, but rather politics in some form or another.

This House therefore resolves:

To call upon the security agencies to speedily investigate, prosecute and dismiss those responsible.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Inkosi Mdletshe?

INKOSI B N MDLETSHE (IFP): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

[Le Ndlu ithi:](#)

Iyadabukisa imibiko yezimo ezihlezi kuzo izakhamizi zaseLamonti njengoba kunezindlu ezibalelwa ku-35 ezicwila emanzini;

Okuyihlazo kakhulu yikuthi lesisimo sidala futhi uMkhandlu weTheku kade wabikelwa ngaso; futhi

Kasiyemukeli impendulo yeSikhulu soMkhandu esinguMnumzane Yunus Sacoor ethi sonke lesikhathi bebelinde imali eMnyangweni wezaseKhaya nezaBaholi boMdabu.

Le Ndlu inquma:

ukusihlaba isihlikize isenzo soMkhandlu weTheku okhombisa ukungayikhathaleli impilo yabampofu kunabobonke.

ukuthuma uNgqongqoshe woMnyango wezaseKhaya ukuba asondele kuloMkhandlu abhekisise ukuthi yini edala ukuba uthathe isikhathi esingaka ukwethula izidingo eziyisisekelo kubantu baseLamonti.

[English translation follows]

This House:

- 1.. Expresses its sadness at the reports of living conditions experienced by residents of Lamontville where some 35 houses were flooded. What makes matters worse is that this was reported to the eThekwini Municipality a long time ago.*
- 2. Does not accept a response by an official of the municipality, Mr Yunus Sacoor, that all this time they had been awaiting funds from the Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.*

This House therefore resolves:

To condemn the actions of eThekwini Municipality which show disregard for the lives of the poorest of the poor;

To call on the MEC for Local Government and Traditional Affairs to find out from this municipality the reasons behind such delays in the delivery of basic services to the people of Lamontville.

THE SPEAKER: The hon member Mr Krog?

MR J KROG (DA): Mr Speaker, as they say, "Third time lucky!" I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

This House notes:

1. The dramatic increase of heavy duty trucks on the M13;
2. The deterioration of the M13 road surface;
3. The danger on Fields Hill to life and limb;
4. The previous serious accidents on the M13 and Fields Hill;
5. That many heavy-duty trucks are overloaded and not roadworthy, and
6. That many do not have valid carrier certificates and avoid paying the toll road fees.

This House therefore resolves:

To call on the MEC for Transport to take action and to enforce provincial laws urgently.

THE SPEAKER: Hon Mr Slabbert?

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

This House notes:

1. The successful bidding process by eThekweni Municipality to bring the 2010 FIFA World Cup Preliminary Draw to Durban, our own host city;
2. The many official FIFA events arranged to ensure that Durban showcased African excellence; and
3. That over 3 000 delegates visited Durban to be part of the Preliminary Draw.

This House therefore resolves:

To congratulate Durban on –

The successful hosting of a Durban beach party;

The successful visit by the President of our country and the President of FIFA, Sepp Blatter to the Moses Mabhida Stadium, and

The work they did in ensuring the success of what is being billed as the best FIFA World Cup Preliminary Draw ever.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Inkosi Mathaba and then the final one, Mr A Singh.

INKOSI K W MATHABA (IFP): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of the House as follows:

Le Ndlu:

izihlanganisa ngokupheleleyo nomkhankaso oqale

ngeSonto wezinsuku engu-16 zokulwa nokuhlukunyezwa kwabesifazane nezingane.

Nokho iyakunaka ukuthi:

1. iningi labantu ababulala abanye emhlabeni ngabesilisa, kepha kuthiwa yizigebengu.
2. iningi labantu abebayo emhlabeni ngabesilisa, kepha kuthiwa ngamasela.
3. iningi labantu abathengisa ngemizimba emhlabeni ngabesifazane, kepha kuthiwa yizifebe.
4. pho yini nxa kukhulunywa ngokuhlukunyezwa kwabesifazane kuthiwe bahlukunyezwa ngabesilisa, hhayi izigebengu?

Ngakho le-Ndlu inquma:

1. ukuzifela ngamathe zonke izenzo zokuhlukumeza.

2. ukumemezela kubobonke abantu bezwe lakithi ukuba baphume impi yokulwa nezigcwelegcwele ezihlukomezayo.
3. ukwexwayisa ukuba imikhankaso enobulungiswa njengalona ingaweli ezandleni zalabo abanezimpi zabo abazilwa nabesilisa.

[English translation follows]:

This House:

1. *Is one hundred percent behind the 16 Days of Activism against Child and Women Abuse Campaign which began on Sunday.*

However, it notes that:

1. *The majority of murderers in the world are men, yet they are referred to as criminals;*
2. *The majority of people who steal in the world are men, yet they are referred to as thieves;*
3. *The majority of sex workers in the world are women, yet they are referred to as prostitutes; and*
4. *Therefore, why do we refer to women abusers as men instead of criminals?*

This House therefore resolves:

To condemn all forms of abuse;

To call on all our people to fight against abusive criminals;

To urge people to guard against noble campaigns such as these falling onto the hands of those who are fighting their battles with men.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Singh. That is the last member, as I have indicated.

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

This House notes:

1. The huge success of the FIFA Preliminary World Cup Preliminary Draw where over 200 countries participated in the activities at the ICC in Durban over the weekend.

This House therefore resolves:

To congratulate the organisers for arranging such a successful event for the FIFA delegation, making South Africa proud in the eyes of the world who viewed this on television. Well done!

THE SPEAKER: Hon member, we dealt with 18 members and we are left with eight. Depending on if those eight members still wish to raise their motions, we will start with them, otherwise we will now have to go back to our Order Paper.

8. ORDERS OF THE DAY**8.1 Questions**

THE SPEAKER: The first Question to be answered is Question 118 of 2007. This Question was asked by the hon Mr G Mari (DA) to the MEC for Local Government, Housing and Traditional Affairs. I have received a letter from the MEC's office, specifically for Mr Mari, but also for the interest of all members. The letter reads as follows:

Re: Parliamentary Question 118 of 2007, Mr G Mari to ask the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Traditional Affairs

The Ministry of Local Government would like to request a time extension for the response to Parliamentary Question 118 of 2007. Our Office is still verifying the information received from the department. The Ministry would like to extend its apology for any inconvenience that may have been caused by the delay.

Yours sincerely

I have agreed to that extension, Mr Mari, because I felt there was nothing else that we can do if the information is still being verified. Yes, Mr Mari?

MR G MARI (DA): Mr Speaker, I accept your ruling.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. The next Question to be answered is a new Question. It is Question 122 of 2007, asked by Mr Burrows to the MEC for Health. The MEC for Health is not in the House, but it is possible that another MEC is ready to answer on her behalf. Hon MEC Thusi?

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am going to answer on behalf of MEC Nkonyeni.

Parliamentary Question 122 of 2007

With regard to the investigation into the HOD of the Health Department, could the MEC inform us when the report will be released?

Reply

The investigation was instituted by the hon Premier, Dr J S Ndebele. The progress and finalisation of that investigation will be discussed and tabled by the Office of the Premier on a date that is unknown to the Ministry of Health.

Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. We then proceed to Question No 139. That Question is to be answered by the MEC for Agriculture and Environmental Affairs. The Question was asked by the hon Mr H L Combrinck to MEC Mthimkhulu.

MR M E MTHIMKHULU (MEC for Agriculture and Environmental Affairs): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Question from the hon Mr H L Combrinck reads thus:

1. Kindly furnish this House with a detailed summary, reflecting the complete employment package awarded to the Head of Department on employment, with reference to:
2. (a) the provision of a government vehicle with a designated driver and bodyguards, and
(b) the provision of accommodation

3. Has the department introduced policy mechanisms or regulations to control the benefits awarded to senior officials of the department with the intention of preventing the abuse of such benefits?
4. If not, why not?
5. If so, kindly furnish the House with the terms of the aforementioned policy.

The response to this Question is:

1. On the provision of the government vehicle, the Head of Department owns two vehicles, that is, a BMW 523i and an Alfa Romeo 145 which he uses in the performance of his duties.
2. The vehicles referred to above are sedan vehicles, and are not suitable for rural and farm roads and, as a result, a department-owned vehicle is issued with a designated driver to the Head of Department when required to access rural and farm areas when visiting projects. The department-owned vehicle has an official log book for logging all trips undertaken. The trips undertaken in department-owned vehicles are not claimed as fuel allowance, as the official card is provided for fuel fill-ups. A Jeep Cherokee was provided for the department. However, due to the fact that it was too low and could not access some of the rural and farm roads ... [Interjections] ... the vehicle was returned to the Department of Transport ... [Interjections] ...and the current Q7OD was procured for the department by the Department of Transport. [Interjections]

THE SPEAKER: [Insert isiZulu](#)

Provision of designated driver: The structure of the Office of the HOD makes provision for a driver who generally assists the HOD. The driver is designated to drive the official vehicle.

Provision of bodyguards: A protector already in the employ of the department was assigned as an interim measure, pending a full assessment of the security needs of the HOD. No further details regarding the security of the HOD will be disclosed. [Interjections]

3. Provision of accommodation: In terms of par 8.3.2 of the document called "Policy on Resettlement", the HOD is entitled to a maximum of two months' accommodation. However, due to exceptional circumstances, the HOD was provided for accommodation at state expense for three months ... [Interjections] ... and approval was obtained from the MEC. The deviation from the policy was due to the fact that the HOD was expected to assume duty within 24 hours of his appointment, and was therefore unable to attend to his accommodation arrangements.
4. The department has a policy on resettlement.
5. I therefore have pledged to present the excerpt from the Policy on Resettlement document, under the clause Interim Accommodation which says: The expense of the interim accommodation in rented furnished accommodation at the old and/or new headquarters will be covered by the administration. The following provisions apply: The official and his/her household may be refunded interim accommodation expenses for a maximum for 14 days at his/her new headquarters only. For interim accommodation in excess of 14 days, the administration will refund the interim accommodation expenses for the official only at 50% of the interim accommodation expenses for his or her household. This is limited to a maximum total period of two months, i.e. the two months must include the 14 days mentioned above. Only accounts for the following should be considered: accommodation, bed levy, tax, parking, meals and laundry.

I thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon MEC. The hon Mr Combrinck was the first one to rise after this reply. Hon Mr Combrinck?

MR H L COMBRINCK (IFP): Speaker, regarding Rule 104(9), can I make use of that Rule?

THE SPEAKER: Yes.

MR HL COMBRINCK (IFP): Mr Speaker, basically I would like to ask the MEC a question, through you. You know, it is quite funny to get an answer that a Jeep

Cherokee was provided - as far as I know it is a 4x4 – and the current Q7 Audi has been ordered. If I compare the two vehicles, I would like to know who actually determined the clearance of the vehicles and then who determined that one must be bought? It seems to me as if the one vehicle was not good enough and this expensive vehicle has been bought for the HOD. Can the Minister please technically try to advise me how they came to this decision? Thank you, Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Hon MEC?

MR M E MTHIMKHULU (MEC for Agriculture and Environmental Affairs): Thank you, Mr Speaker. What happened is this: The Jeep Cherokee that I alluded to in this House is the type of Jeep Cherokee that is lower. It is the latest model. When we talk of the Cherokee, there are various types of Cherokees. That particular type of Cherokee, the model of that Jeep Cherokee is the one that is lower when you measure the distance from the road surface to the vehicle itself. So what happened then, it became clear that that car could not assist. For instance, when we were at eMondlo during the Premier's *imbizo*, it became so difficult that that Cherokee could not be used on the terrain that we were covering. That is why, according to the specialists in the Transport Department, it was found that this Cherokee is too low. It would have been damaged and caused more expenses for the department

Hence a car which is higher in terms of its level from the road surface was then acquired, which is this present Audi which is in the department. That is answer I can give, according to the expert advice that one got. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member, Mr Mtshali?

DR L P H M MTSHALI (IFP): Thank you, hon Speaker. I rise on a follow-up to the reply given by the MEC and the follow-up is this: Is the allocation of a vehicle by the department to the HOD in compliance with the Ministerial Handbook?

THE SPEAKER: Hon MEC?

MR M E MTHIMKHULU (MEC for Agriculture and Environmental Affairs): Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the hon member for this question which is clearly irrelevant, because we are dealing here with the Head of Department. We are not dealing with a Member of the Executive, so what applies to Heads of Departments is in

the document on SMS (Senior Management Services). The member is asking whether it is in compliance with the Ministerial Handbook, but the Ministerial Handbook does not cover the HOD unfortunately. That is why I can say that this so-called follow-up question is just a defiance of logic when I look at the Question I am dealing with. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, that concludes Questions and, therefore, also Item 8.1.

8.2 Report presented by Chairperson for Portfolio Committee on Finance and Economic Development

THE SPEAKER: I have here before me a list of speakers. The report is to be presented by the Chairperson for Finance and Economic Development, hon Mrs Scott, and the hon member has 20 minutes.

MRS B F SCOTT (Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Finance and Economic Development): Mr Speaker, hon members, you will be very pleased to know I am not taking 20 minutes. The report tabled before you comprises 95 resolutions taken by the Finance Portfolio Committee. My committee has worked very hard over the past three or more weeks to compile this report and I would like to thank the committee for their hard work.

We held our mid-term budget performance hearings with all departments and public entities between the 2nd and the 23rd of November. The purpose of these hearings was to ascertain the expenditure trends in provincial government, as well as to ascertain whether the performance targets set by departments for the 2007/08 financial year have been met. Prior to the mid-year performance budget hearings, the Portfolio Committee on Finance and Economic Development received a comprehensive briefing from Provincial Treasury, and the committee received assistance from Provincial Treasury throughout the hearing process. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Provincial Treasury for its ongoing support.

A little deviation from my normal practice is that I would actually like to mention the names of the persons in Provincial Treasury who helped us, because they spent many hours with our committee, so please just indulge me. I would obviously like to single out Siphon Shabalala, the Head of Department, Lesley Makagula, Eckard Habermann, Tanya Stielau, Jeremy Upfold, Arvin Soopal, Claire Thibaud, Samantha Strachan, David Clark,

Morné Rhode, Liesl Curtis, Mohammed Hassan and the Head of Internal Audit, Mapule Motaung. I would like to put that on record. We are very, very appreciative of their help and also, obviously, for the help to the Portfolio Committee by our Committee Secretary, Messrs Kwazi Dlamini, Eric Rood and B F Khanyile.

I am not going to go through the resolutions. They are there for the members. They are going to be debated by the members of the House and I will come in with my hat as a member of the committee, rather than as the Chairperson of the committee. However, I again would like to express my appreciation to the committee for the manner in which we operate. Thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, next to speak is the hon L A Mncwango who has seven minutes.

MS L A MNCWANGO (IFP): Mr Speaker, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity, but on a point of correction: Whoever wrote this list re-baptised me by calling me L R Mncwango.

[NginguLindani Agnes, hhayi lo R. Angimazi ukuthi owakwabani.](#)

Anyway, thank you for the opportunity given to me by this august House to tell you my views on how the mid-term expenditure review has fared. Well, there are so many of them. I chose and my party chose that I would be looking at Vote 5: Education.

According to the Budget Performance Report of the 2007/08 mid-year report, this Vote has not done well at all. Why do I say that? Because the funds allocated to this department have either been terribly overspent on other programmes or sometimes seriously underspent. I do not understand how this happens because if you ask for the money for the budget allocation, you should know what is it that you want to use that money for. To me it shows inefficiency at its worst. This cannot be condoned when the province is still infested with schools that have no adequate or no resources at all. Some children still learn under the trees. Where I come from - in the deep rural area of iNkandla naseMahlabathini - [zisekhona izikole ezinje](#). Just because we are out there in the rural areas, nobody cares a fig about us. But the money! What happens to the money? It goes back to Treasury. Why so?

There is this big issue of R100 million that we have been talking about since I came

here. There is R100 million that some of you might not be aware of, money that was taken back to Treasury. That money was allocated for infrastructure. When you unpack infrastructure, you are talking of so many, many things that are basic like making sure that there are toilets.

MRS C M CRONJÉ (MEC for Education): That is not true! [Interjections]

MS L A MNGWANGO (IFP): R100 million was cancelled. We were talking about it even this morning. You were salvaged by Treasury. They had to take away the R100 million, because they waited for you to spend the money that was given to you, but now it has become clear that you did not spend the whole amount of money. They said they cannot give you more, because you only spent R60 million. What about this R40 million? It had to go back to Treasury again. They salvage the situation, because they cannot do a roll-over.

Madam, with all due respect, I am saying to you it is a crying shame that the money was transferred by you to Treasury because the department failed to do its job. It is indeed a crying shame. When are you going to spend this money? People are still *izingane zesikole nanamhlanje zisafundela ezindaweni ezingafanelekile ngempela, ngempela. Kwathiwa* there will be no school without a toilet. To date there are schools that are without toilets. *Kwenzenjani? Sifuna ukubona kuqala ngqa ukubakhona kwezikole ezinamaToilet zonke.*

There is this matric phasing-off issue. Some day somebody just woke up and went to the TV and told the people that well, *wonke umuntu ofeyilile kwaGrade 11* would be condoned. That is just crowd pleasing. No money has been allocated to that. No teachers have been made available to do that. Our hon Minister here sits in MinMec and did not say a thing to the National Minister when she woke up one day and just went to the media and said: Well, this is what is going to happen. That is crowd pleasing. That is just gathering votes. This is not right, because you are using people's emotions. In this case, we are going to have many learners who have failed. I am really worried, because I have a Standard 10 child, a Grade 12 child who is going through matric. Now things are not right. I am saying this crowd-pleasing attitude is not helping.

Well, the ANC National Minister will announce some serious, serious decisions on issues that she is not hands-on with. The Provincial Minister sits in MinMec where she

should voice these concerns. She is going to be compromised with her constituency. And what does she do? She does nothing! Instead, she agrees and commits herself to issues that she knows she cannot deliver on.

There is confusion about the non-payment of those educators who carried out the recovery plan. They are still to be remunerated. Now, how on earth could we expect volunteers when teachers have been let down in this fashion?

Another dimension that has been taken by this issue of no work, no pay is that public servants have been drawn from all over the country. They are in Durban where they are busy trying to extract money. Who is fooling who? That money that they are trying to get is from teachers who did not work. Mind you, *le nto isi-afektha* even those teachers who went to school religiously. Now they are all suffering because *kukhona i-inefficiency emangalisayo kwa-Education*. Now, these people are sitting somewhere. They have been carrying so much money *bazokhokhelwa amaSNT, balale emahhotela*, and everything. I am not begrudging them that. I too have been a public servant. However, I can see that *uma ubheka ngala* what is it that you are going to get? *Imali esiyi-expendayo* on this thing, this no work, no pay issue, is less than the money that we are likely to recover - if we recover it at all.

Now, the people who come from places within a radius of 100 km sleep in hotels. I do not know whether *idili likaMkhipheni noma yini*. I am not begrudging them, but I just want to see order prevailing. What is happening to the 100 km radius rule? It has been infringed upon. The money that is being expended now will far exceed the amount of money that the department stands to recover, if it ever does recover that kind of money.

After the strike the department was supposed to recover monies from the teachers who stayed away, but what is happening now? All the teachers are in one soup. *Bayakhala othisha, izimali zabo zithathiwe zonke. Kwakuthenjisiwe kwathiwa ngeke kwenzeke lokho*. You go out and say: If you do ABC and D, I am going to do ABC and D to you. And what do you do? You fail to do your ABC and D and people say: Hah! Next time we are going to get this person. If you know you have no teeth to bite, please do not even start threatening because people will not take you seriously.

Manje-ke iyinkinga ngempela le ndaba ukuthi ena singasebenza kanje kuthiwe abantu bazokwazi ukwenza umsebenzi. Bakhulume, bageqeze, basho zonke izinto lezi

abangakwazi ukuzenza. Uma ungathatha nansi le ncwadi okuyiyona ekhuluma zonke lezi ndaba, ichaza kahle ukuthi even now, yena ngokwakhe udepartment of education says, uyabona futhi ukuthi usazohluleka futhi, usazo over expenda. I am saying, if you overspend, why do you not ask for the money that you know you are going to use? You know why you do that? Because the money is used haphazardly, anyhow. *Kwenziwa lokhuya, kuXX 03:14:57 kwenziwe lokhuyana,* things that have not been budgeted for. We will forever carry this load of the monies that have been overspent because people do not do their jobs. They only want to please the crowd at the expense of the taxpayer, at the expense of the child, at the expense of everybody. They do not even have kids *mhlawumbe eziya kulezo zikole. Izingane zabo.* They are sitting somewhere where they are safe, where they are not being affected by this education that is getting more inferior by the day. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Bhamjee, you have 10 minutes.

MR Y S BHAMJEE (ANC): Mr Speaker, thank you for inviting me to participate in this debate. I find the input made by my colleague on the other side very, very interesting. One just wonders as to whether we were sitting in the same hearings or not. So, I will just continue with my input, rather than responding.

I think at one level we need to understand very clearly that the mid-term review in a sense is aimed to assist MECs, Heads of Departments and other officials to unpack what they have done so far in the six-month period in terms of revenue collection and expenditure. So, if we find there is under-collection, over-expenditure or under-expenditure, we try to bring it to their notice so that when it comes towards the end of the year – when we are looking at the annual report – we will then see the performance by marrying the annual report to the respective strategic plans. It is at that point that we can become hyper critical.

Our task, as far as the mid-term review is concerned, is to look at these issues and guide people. We are not here to destroy any individual's credibility, as far as our officials are concerned. Our task in the main is to encourage them. I dare say, if one has to examine the number of people who fully understand the Public Finance Management Act and the regulations that govern that Act, one would be lucky to find even a handful of people in the country. Effectively it is work-in-progress. We need to understand that and

we need to start engaging meaningfully with each other.

Even today, when we were talking with Treasury, we realised that we had a particular perception about what was happening. When it was clarified, we realised that we were on the wrong wicket. Why does that happen? Because the main concern we should have as far as this House is concerned, is to understand that we do not have the necessary resources that Treasury has.

My colleagues will understand this. When the Head of Department did a presentation to the portfolio committee today, there were nine other officials with him to support him in what he was saying, in the event that he did not understand every intricacy pertaining to all matters. He needed the support of nine professional officials. We only had one non-MPL present and that was our legal assistant.

I am saying it is high time – through you, hon Speaker - that if you really want to ensure that this House plays a very important and meaningful role as far as oversight is concerned, then we need the necessary resources available to ensure that we indeed unpack the PFMA as we ought to.

When we talk about service delivery, what are we talking about? If we are talking about service delivery, we need performance indicators to indicate what we are measuring. What are we measuring? During the last sitting, the Auditor-General clearly said to us that this time around his department is going to seriously look at performance auditing. We say in our strategic plans that we are going to measure targets which are measurable. Outputs and outcomes need to be measurable. Do we have the necessary resources to do so?

We, as a team, have adopted some 95 resolutions, and despite our criticism of each other, we collectively have a common perspective on what is good as far as oversight is concerned. We may criticise each other. We may get involved with each other, but at the end of the day we are contributing to oversight in our own way. That is going to be our legacy, because we have very experienced members sitting in this House and its committees. We need to ask: What are we going to leave behind for others to ensure that this province indeed becomes the most powerful province nationally as far as oversight and holding our MECs and their departments accountable?

Now, what do we need to do is to understand that it is the strategic plan which speaks to annual reports. MECs account for outcomes and they have to tell us if those outcomes had been achieved. Here at mid-term, what are we doing? We are not applying our minds to even look at the mid-term review in a meaningful way to see if they match the strategic plans. This is a shortcoming which I am sure we need to unpack.

If you look at those resolutions, you will have to ask one fundamental question: How many of those resolutions will enhance the quality of oversight of this House? We need to ask the question: Are some of these resolutions not designed to be unpacked at their respective portfolio committee levels? Are we not bringing in the business that ought to be allocated to portfolio committees and the Finance Committee? That brings me to a question then: Do we need to focus on the micro or the macro level in terms of marrying national priorities with our provincial priorities? We need to ask the fundamental question as to whether these priorities are effectively part of the strategic plan of each department. If we do that, we will take our oversight role even to a higher level. It is at that level that we will be able to understand the true responsibilities and functions of the Finance Committee and the responsibilities of the respective portfolio committees. I am therefore requesting members of this House - in particular the Finance Committee - to begin to understand that it is necessary for us to focus so that we know what is happening as far as the delivery programme is concerned.

Outcomes are the effect or result of an output or a group of outputs, for instance reducing crime or poverty. We need to ask a question, and that is: How are the various departments geared to ensure that that principle is being realised? If not, why not? If yes, what are the measurable objectives to ensure that we are moving in the right direction?

The priorities of each department can become absorbed by the priorities that are not catered for within the broad national perspective of the provincial perspective, as outlined. For example, the national perspective talks about accelerating economic growth and the rate of investment; creating more work opportunities; investing in community service and growing social awareness; improving effectiveness of the state, including combating crime and promoting a service-oriented culture; building regional and international partnerships, as well as growth and development.

The provincial region talks about stimulating sustainable economic growth. That should be the objective. It talks about employment creation and improved service delivery.

When we do our assessments at the end of the year, stemming from our 93 resolutions, we need to ask ourselves how the respective MECs and Heads of Departments married the twin objectives at national and provincial levels in terms of outcomes. How do we ensure that the quality of life of our people was enhanced? At that stage we can safely say: Yes, indeed, this House has advanced its oversight role in a very, very meaningful way. At that level you must become very, very focused. When our colleagues sit down for three, four weeks and unpack the resolutions, we will know that we need to focus on ... what? We should focus on measurement. Are we measuring the right things?

The Auditor-General is expecting of us to develop that particular perspective and move one step forward. The question therefore is: Who is accountable? What do we understand by accountability? Well, if we want to fully grasp what we understand by accountability, we clearly need to unpack all the reliable indicators. Reliable indicators should be able to communicate measures that are readily understood by policy makers, decision makers and the public. We also need to understand and unpack what is easily measurable. There should be easy access to and availability of regularly updated data of indicators or outputs. If you understand these variables, you will then begin to say: Hey, do you know what, colleagues? We are indeed moving forward.

Under-expenditure and over-expenditure is a projection that can only be measured at the end. [Time expired.] Mr Speaker, I thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Bhamjee. Hon Mr Krog, you have six minutes.

MR J KROG (DA): Thank you, Mr Speaker. During the mid-term and budget performance hearings and reports given by departments, members of the Legislature are able to exercise their oversight role and get a feel for non-performance or performance of government. The DA will join the Chair in expressing thanks to Treasury officials for their assistance during the past three weeks. The personality, the traditional background, as well as the liberal democratic background of the Chair make her well-suited to conduct these reviews. The DA supports the resolutions taken by the Finance Committee.

The DA also expresses thanks to the departments which presented their reviews well. I disagree with one of the previous speakers. I submit that Education, Economic Development, Community Safety and Liaison and Sports and Recreation presented their mid-term reviews to this committee in a satisfactory way.

For good government to succeed in service delivery to the people of KwaZulu-Natal, one requires stable leadership in all departments. Unfortunately this is not the case in KwaZulu-Natal. Not only is leadership not consistent, but severance packages paid out exceeds R3 million. Again the rich is advantaged and the poor is neglected. May I state a few cases, Mr Speaker?

The Premier's Department has had three Heads of Department in three years. Severance packages amounted to R3,3 million, excluding those paid in previous years.

The previous Head of Department in the Department of Economic Development was replaced by an acting Head of Department. Now the present Head of Department has been appointed to sort out the mess. Approximately one-third or R300 million out of an amount of R1 billion that were advanced to co-ops and SMME are bad debts. Again, the poor did not get the assistance to make their businesses work. Consider what Education could have achieved with R300 million about to be written off by Ithala.

There have also been three Heads of Department in the Department of Health during the past three years. The MEC is trying, but if one visits hospitals and consider complaints to the poor suffering to such an extent that 60% of the poor are now using private facilities and private doctors, it makes you think.

There have been three Heads of Department in the Department of Social Welfare since 2004. Why was the last Head of Department only in his job for a few months after leaving Msunduzi Municipality? He left there under a cloud when he was found with some R47 000 cash in his pockets after an accident?

With regard to the Department of Agriculture, why was it so difficult to get rid of a totally incompetent Head of Department after three years of disclaimers by the Auditor-General? Was it because he dished out Nguni cattle to the wealthy and delivered no service to the poor and new farmers? [Interjections]

All other Heads of Departments have been replaced in the past three years in this

government of KwaZulu-Natal. How can service delivery take place under these circumstances? I also wish to express my thanks to those MECs present at the hearings. They showed commitment to good governance. They showed commitment to the Legislature.

Notwithstanding that, these dates were set six months in advance. Five of the 15 departments appeared without their political heads. It compares with a SCOPA resolution debate in this House when not one MEC was present to listen to the debates earlier this year. [Interjections] In general I raise issues which are partly covered by resolutions.

The DA expresses concern about the fact that administrative steps were not taken to ensure that the no work, no pay principle could be enforced. We hear some excuses of the department that this will be covered by overtime. In Health we hear that there was R2 million recovered in no work, no pay, but the expenses for this was in excess of R20 million. I submit, with respect, that departments will have to plan better for enforcement administratively when a strike happens in future.

The strike lasted 21 days. The Department of Education was the only department that really reported in the mid-term reviews on what they had done to try and recover. Some R94 million was recovered from 46 000 educators for the first seven days. However, for the rest of the 14 days we did not have any success, and the chance of success is very small. Add to this that the recovery plan cost R332 million. That was paid over to educators. I hope that will be reflected in the end of the year results.

After the mid-term review, the Finance Committee expressed the view that prioritisation for Education is not sufficiently addressed in the Main Appropriation and the adjustment budget in considering the expenditure pressures, as well as a low per capita expenditure for each child in education. At present KZN is the second lowest and well below the national average.

Other issues of importance partly raised in resolutions are MECs, Premiers and their families obtaining money from Ithala. [Interjections] A mushroom farm of R55 million when there is no market ... [Time expired.] Mr Speaker, I thank you.

AN HON MEMBER: We need some mushrooms!

THE SPEAKER: On the list of speakers, the fifth speaker is listed as Rajbansi A, but the amended list now indicates that Rajbansi S is going to be speaking. Hon member Mrs Rajbansi?

MRS S THAKUR-RAJBANSI (MF): Thank you, Mr Speaker. What I have noticed in the report that I have read, is that in general across the departments the major problems were actually around similar things. These were generally business plans or they were with regard to monitoring and evaluation. When you look at these three things, all you think of is that there definitely is a weakness in these areas, and therefore the key players then become very important.

If you really want to correct these, it is us, our portfolio committee members, who are very important if we have to do monitoring of individual departments. If we do not do it when it comes to Finance and SCOPA, those weaknesses will definitely be found out. The officials from Treasury are very important in helping us. Treasury generally just spells out that these are the weaknesses. However, what Treasury does not do adequately do - and we have to coerce them to do it - is to see how they can help the departments that are already in trouble.

Because we have learnt year in and year out that these are the issues and this is what we are presented with, Treasury itself should foresee such things and ensure that business plans are given to them. They must see it in black and white before they approve funds. The reason why many things get so chaotic is because we do things in a backward manner. We first give the funds and then we ask for the business plan, or we give the funds as an emergency or we give it under duress, and then we say we will get the business plan later. However, that business plan never comes. That then becomes our problem in SCOPA, because we just sit with the problem.

If we were a little bit more patient and we did things by the book, as it were, many of these problems could be sorted out. I am not talking about emergency situations like a flood or an infection threat. These are emergencies, and I do not need a business plan for that. I just need common sense. However, I do need a business plan if you are setting up a foundation or if you you are setting up a trust or anything of an administrative nature. Now, that is not a do-or-die situation, so we all understand that. That is why those things must be done properly if you do not want to have these

comebacks. In my opinion many of these problems can be sorted out, but sometimes the method that we use is not right. That is why we are having so many administrative problems.

With respect to specific projects, whether they deal with co-operatives or whether they deal with mushroom farms, these are highly specialised projects. The important thing about these projects is obviously that somebody must have had a vision that they wanted this farming to come into the province. They must have done feasibility studies, and realised that the venture would be sustainable. They must have realised it would be economically viable. Now, if it was an MEC's dream that they want this venture in the province, that it has worked in another country, that they have done the study, then my opinion is that, once they have set this on the ground, why do they not do what National does?

At National, if they have done a specific project, they actually do a booklet. The booklet has the mission, the vision, the whole activity, absolutely picturised, and it has the goals and the achievements to date. That is what is given to MPs. [Interjection] Yes, you have a booklet. You are able to read from A to Z what has happened to that project. You know, they say that seeing is believing. We want to see things. We spend a lot of money on bringing out beautiful books and stuff like that. We can do this, and it makes it easy for a member at one glance to know where they are going with a project, whether the project is good enough or not good enough.

I now come to donor funding. This again goes back to when you make a decision. Even if a country wants to give you money, they obviously give you money because you most probably asked for that money. You realise there is a weakness here. We do not have the money, but a particular country – whether it is the Danish government, the Flemish people - maybe they like the environment and if they like it they are going to fund it. If they are going to fund it, you are going to say in KwaZulu-Natal we have pollution problems. Come and give us money and let us fund it. So if you have that vision and the donor has given you the money, did you not have then a plan, an action or a goal so that you could achieve something? In managerial planning you have to have those steps. If you miss out a single step, you do not get achievement. You get chaos. That is the bottom line. Often with these administrative issues, whether it is the BEE Foundation,

whether it is donor funding, this is the problem: a particular step definitely seems to have been sidestepped. That is why we land up in a chaotic state.

I now come to a very sore issue, and this is the one regarding the Liquor Bill. The Liquor Bill has been ongoing, and I believe that there should be closure on it. There should be closure because many political parties have their own gripes with the Bill because it is very sensitive to people and their constituencies. At the end of the day it is a Bill that affects business people. The aim of the government is to spare SMMEs. Why do we want to do that? Why do we want to promote taverns or pubs or businesses that can sell liquor or even big business that can sell liquor? We want to do it because we are preparing for 2010 and we want our people to progress. Now, if we want to do that, we have to have a piece of legislation in place in order to prevent the frustration that is going on currently. I promise you, there is a lot of frustration in business circles at present. Business owners are being harassed by the police. I should not say "harassed", because the police are also doing their job. However, there is that gap there, and the gap is in the legislation. If the legislation is there, there will not be a gap and we would have done our job and everyone else would have been at peace and people would progress. That outstanding Bill must come to an end.

The most important part of my contribution deals with the raise of the Ithala salaries. I actually want to defend Ithala with those raises in the salaries. I know it would surprise most members, but if you did a little research, you will understand where I am coming from. We want to go private sector. We want to do things like the private sector, so we established Ithala. If you want to do that, you give those people the raise. Now the raise of the CEO is not a winner-takes-all theory. It is a tournament theory. If you study this theory, you will understand the link. [Interjections]

Similarly, if you study the remuneration of non-executives, you will understand why in this country, at this point in time, we have a terrible shortage of non-executive directors. You will understand why every company is legislated with the BEE legislation. They must conform to the King II code. If they do not, they get penalised, so what do you expect? You expect those non-executives to come, but it is a scarce resource. That is why there are such huge hikes in their salaries compared to permanent members on a board, and we need to do it, We need to do it for our country,

I am saying, as MPLs we cannot do it blindly. We must be proactive. We must do performance-based auditing. If we can do performance management of those people whom we have put there, and you raise the salaries to match those paid by the private sector, we will get value for our money. That is important, so that is my argument. Anyone who wants to research it, should research it before you decide to waste human capital. It is very important that we know what we talk about. [Time expired]

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Sithebe, you have 10 minutes.

MR M E SITHEBE (ANC): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for granting one with this opportunity to speak on this important issue.

I probably need to confirm exactly what the last speaker raised. As we are engaging with various departments and interrogating whatever they present before us, we realise that the many answer that they provide us with enable and empower us in terms of knowing exactly where they come from when they speak of these particular issues. If you take these papers at face value, you will say that there is a lot that is wrong.

Let me start by quoting a son of the soil who fought tirelessly to bring about freedom in this country, and that is O R Tambo. He spoke these words just before he died, when he was talking to Nadene and Jerry. He had this to say:

You must promise me that after our freedom people will understand the importance of creating graduate schools inside South Africa that teach public administration and business management. When we are a free nation we will have a handful of elite who will be able to assume the highest leadership positions, but we will need thousands of people who can fill positions at every level within government, the private and the public sector if we really want change.

When we deliberate on these issues, we also need to be mindful of our past. Democracy, amongst other things that constitute the tenets of democracy, means transparency, accountability and good governance.

The system that we inherited from the apartheid regime and collaborators of the apartheid regime was such that there were quite a number of secret operations that were taking place. People were not quite exposed when it comes to these issues of

budgeting. It is for those reasons that during the days of my youth I decided to embark on a rent boycott in my township, precisely because you had councillors who were not accountable to the people. You had officials who were not accountable to the politicians who were appointed at that given stage.

I am therefore saying that this young democracy that we are nurturing in this country provides this type of avenues and channels for us to engage in so that we are able to check whether the Executive is playing a pivotal role in terms of accelerating service delivery which is so very much needed by our people out there.

The type of government that we have created in this country has at least three arms of government which consists of a judiciary, an Executive and a Legislature. The hon Rajbansi was 100% correct when she said when we are deliberating and interrogating these issues of finance, we need to be mindful of the role that we as members of this Legislature play. According to Section 114 of the Constitution, the buck stops with us as members of this Legislature. If we are not really engaging and applying our oversight role from an informed position, we will be failing the people of this province. Whilst we might be criticising each other, at the end of the day we should be saying we have earned our salaries and the people of this province are getting value for money. Those are the types of issues that I wanted to raise.

There was an issue that was raised this morning when we had a meeting with the Treasury of the province on the issue of Umjindi. Quite a number of misconceptions had to be dealt with, and there was a lot of confusion surrounding this topic. However, the way the matter was explained to us it came through very lucidly, and it became clear that the information that was given to us before was half-baked. It is for that reason that we, the members of this House, want to commend you, Mr Speaker, for going the extra mile. It is thanks to the hon Speaker that we have been provided with laptops, as well as for the training on these laptops. By the same token, Mr Speaker, we appeal to you to assist us, the members of the Legislature, with relevant training in oversight so that we are capacitated. If that happens, we will be able to attend these events from an informed position.

As far as the sitting in Vryheid is concerned, we want to thank you and commend you for organising for the Auditor-General to attend that particular sitting. Unfortunately, when

he was presenting his subject before us, the IFP and the DA were not in the House. There were some issues that were flagged and raised by the hon member Mr T Nombembe. Amongst other things he said we should have monthly financial meetings. The question is quite concrete and we must try and match that particular question. In our Portfolio Committees, are we playing our role in terms of checking monthly financial reports? Are we able to interrogate them? If we were to apply this oversight role, we cannot do so from an ill-informed position.

Having said that, I think we also need to be mindful of the type of a country that we need to build. [Interjections] We need to build a very caring and developmental type of a country. [Laughter] We must thank the leadership of this Legislature for being innovative. They have managed to organise the preliminary draw that we have had last weekend. We did not budget for the preliminary draw, but because we are here to play such a pivotal role, we will be dealing with this thing tomorrow. We will get the finances. Other members of this House who claim to be playing an opposition role in this Legislature will go all-out and say: No, *izinto azihambi kahle*, yet we are doing something that benefits this province and South Africa. For us to host the preliminary draw *isho ukuthi*, at least we are on the map as people of this province.

When we are doing things and we try to be good ambassadors for this province, other people will always lament that fact. Hon Speaker, *ichallenge esinayo yilena ethi we need to be capacitated as amamembers aleNdlu*. We have inherited *wonke la maproblems esiwatholayo namhlanje in most cases siwa inherite kwi IFP iphethe lapha so that why idala amaproblems. Isuka le kwaZulu Government kuze kube namhlanje*. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mrs Downs, you have six minutes.

MRS J M DOWNS (ACDP): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Let me say at the outset that SCOPA and the Finance Committee, which largely consists of the same members, work very well together. I do not think there is any controversy whatsoever about these resolutions. However, I do want to raise some political issues, some of which are going to be unpopular. We have raised these matters as a committee, but I want to highlight them again.

The first thing I want to highlight is the action of the Head of Department of the Royal Household. For the past four years this Head of Department has completely ignored the PFMA. He has ignored the resolutions of SCOPA. He has ignored the resolutions of the Finance Committee, and continued to sign off on funding which cannot legitimately be made by government.

In the mid-term review there is mention of things like clothing and excessive amounts of S & T for His Majesty, the King, and this is just not acceptable. Just this morning I was checking through my speeches from the last SCOPA meeting, and we also raised this issue then. We raised it in the budget at the time and so on, and I really think this House needs to send a very severe message to this Head of Department that we will not tolerate the overexpenditure and the flouting of the PFMA. None of these things were unforeseen expenditures, and once Treasury has completed its investigation into the Royal Household and once they have come up with a proper baseline, this House must send a message that this baseline should be stuck to.

Mr Speaker, I wish that you could have been at the closed meeting that we had in Committee Room 1. It was so farcical that it should have been on TV as a comedy. I was laughing so hard because I actually could not believe my ears. Some of the issues that were being raised were utterly ludicrous, but I will just leave them there. However, it is breathtakingly obvious that this Head of Department has absolutely no respect or regard for this House or any of its committees.

There is a second matter which I wish to raise very sharply, and I completely disagree with the hon member, Mrs Thakur-Rajbansi. The level of salaries that some of our public entities are paying their CEOs and staff members is absolutely ludicrous. When you have somebody who is managing only 20-odd people, that person is not a senior CEO. That person is junior management, and it is utterly ridiculous to pay an inflated salary that is equal to or more than that of the Premier of this province! It is absolutely ridiculous!

I want to raise the issue of the CEO of Ithala. Again, it is a political statement and I am using my privilege in this House to say the things that I want to say. I do not think that this man is on the straight and narrow. This man has been given a 30% increase in one year! [Interjections] That is unbelievable and ridiculous! It is common cause and it has

been reported in the newspapers that this man has received a personal loan from the company which he is heading. This is irregular. We cannot get the information out of him because of the way our committees and our dedication to our own integrity runs, but the problem is that this man who is running Ithala is not doing it in the best interests of this province, of this House or of the people of the province.

First he gets a 30% increase in his salary. Then he takes out a personal loan— and I am not talking about a small amount here. I am talking about hundreds of thousands of rands. I have seen the documents. He took out a personal loan which was signed for six months after the loan had been granted? The investigation which is being carried out by the Auditor-General, that is in the process of going through and being answered by SCOPA, will come before SCOPA and more will be revealed.

This is unconscionable. There are spending pressures in Education and Health, and I have the hugest sympathy for them, because in Health people are dying because they do not have enough access. With regard to Education, we are just about the lowest expenditure per pupil in this country. If we want to change our economic progress and if we want our province to progress, we have to put money into education. It really upsets me to see such abuse of finance and power that happens in pockets such as public entities, when that money should rightfully be going to a department like Education.

This is nothing! The committee complete agrees. Not everybody is raising it in the way that I am raising it, but they all feel the same way. We are very serious about money being spent appropriately. Therefore, regarding those political issues, the ACDP completely supports every resolution contained in this report.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Msomi, you have six minutes.

MR B J MSOMI (UDM): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to start my debate by commending the Chair of this committee for the way she conducts the business of the Finance Committee. It is unfortunate that I cannot attend some of the meetings because of my strength. Chair, [no kuleli komidi Speaker](#), is where politicking is very minimal, if at all. All views are taken into consideration. [Lokho ukubona ngama resolutions lawa akhona la ukuthi wonke umuntu ubeka kuzwakale and kubhekwe futhi umbono wakhe](#) so I do commend her for that. I also commend the members who attend the meetings on a regular basis for the way they do their business regarding Finance Committee.

Speaker Sir, cha ngizokuncoma baba, inkinga yami ke iyodwa Speaker la yile mhlawumbe uzakwethu oseduze kwai akhulume ngayo ukuthi kubonakala kusenengqinamba la yokuthi izimali ziyaphuma zibekwe kodwa uthole ukuthi imihlahlandlela noma amabusiness plan okusebenza kwamadepartment akucaci kahle. Ake ngilinganise njengehhovisi nje likaNdunankulu, uyawabona amaresolutions amaningi ukuthi ikakhulukazi into esalayo laphayana amabusiness plan angekho kahle angabonakali. Ngakho-ke lokho kugcina sekwenze ukuthi kusebenze izimali ngokweqile noma zingasebenzi futhi ngendlela efanele. Ake ngilinganise nje ukuthi sathi uma silalele uSihlalo weYouth Commission wathola ukuthi kunokungabazeka ngebudget abanayo naye akayazi ukuthi iyiphi ibudget they just spend as they go into okungafanele ke yenzeke leyo. So kungaba kuhle ke Speaker ukuthi izinto ezifana nalezi zilungiswe kuthi uma kungaba yi-Unti ethize engaphansi kwehhovisi elithile noma iDepartment ethile but kube nebusiness plan ecacile ukuthi yini ezokwenzeka so that we will be able to play our role of oversight ukuthi are they achieving their targets or not achieveing their target. As far as the Youth Commission is concerned, I do not think we can assess iperformance yabo. We cannot as iLegislature.

So those are the things engifisayo ukuthi the departments should attend to. Ngilinganise futhi Sihlalo kodwa ngiyathemba ngoba lo mnyango usuphethwe yikhanda elisha uma ubheka nje indaba yaseCedara namamushroom kukhulunywa ngo 44 million eCedara kuphela, the Mushroom base project, and one asks oneself ukuthi kwakwenzekani ukuze kuthi eCedara kuphela kukhulunywe ngebase nje kuthiwe izodla R44million. It cannot happen, uR44million I think can cover the whole province not a base. But angisho Somlomo ukuthi since now there's a new political head there's a new HOD and izinto ezifana nalezi zizoshintsha. I'm hopeful Speaker that there will be a turnaround strategy. But ngibuye Somlomo ngize kule ndaba ye donor funding. It is very painful to get information efana nale ukuthi for the first half year ireport esiyitholayo ukuthi only 9,5 percent that has been spent, only 9,5 that has been spent. And in no way that idepartment would be able to spend le mali before ifinancial year end. So we've got issue efana neyaseNtambanana, I did check with uMEC, eNtambanana there was money that was donated for iNtambanana ukuthi kudevelopwe iNtambanana ngalowa mhlaba owawuthengelwe abantu but leyo mali had to be taken back because yayingasetshenziswa. So sengisho ukuthi kusiphatha kabi ukuthola ukuthi kunezimali zamadonors that are available but cannot be used timeously. So I will appeal

kumadepartment nakuProvincial Treasury ukuthi abazisebenzise lezi zimali kusenesikhathi ngoba uma sifuna izimali kubantu sisuke sizifuna ngoba kunezinhlupheko ezikhona.

Okwesibili-ke I am not trying to politick here, Sihlalo ngikhuluma nje ngamalunga noma abasebenzi beLegislature. Ngiye ngibone uma sihamba la kumaStudy Tours ukuthi abantu who have got amaprivilege ukuthi sihambeni nabo awoSecretary who accompany Portfolio Committees. But about ordinary members of staff laba abasisizayo la ngaphakathi, akukho la be-accodateka khona nabo ukuze bakwazi phela nabo ukuthi ukusebenza kwethu la kusisizile ngoba kukhona esikufundile. So I would love ukuthi kusasa ibhekwe le ndaba ukuthi nabo bacatshangelwe phela ngoba bangabantu nabo bayaphila bayasisiza futhi angikholwa ukuthi sothi uma sesihamba ke sesiya phesheya bese siyabashiya thina abasafani nathi ekubeni thina we are depending on them uma sisebenza la njengeLegislature. Ngishilo ngathi I'm not campaigning. So nginalawo magama.

Somlomo, ngibonga kakhulu.

THE SPEAKER: Hon member Solwazi Maphalala unemizuzu elishumi Solwazi.

HON J S MAPHALALA (NADECO): Ngiyabonga Somlomo. Angiqale ngodaba lokufa nokuphila olona oseyilunga elihloniphekile uNkosikazi uMncwango aseluchaze kabanzi kodwa ngoba ngiyamvumela kodwa ngoba kungukufa nokuphila Somlomo imfundo iwukufa nokuphila ngoba phela sesibadala abaholi bakusasa abazophuma lapha.

Imfundo ilutiti ekubeni imali efakwa khona 18,6 billion noxhaxha lwezinye izimali amathwayilethi awekho angifuni ukuphinda akushilo. UNgqongqoshe wehlulekile ophethe imfundo angazi ngingasho kanjani. Wehlulekile kodwa ehlulekile hlambe sonke sehlulekile thina be- NADECO sithi free and compulsory education, ngoba phela kuyabonaka seyixovekile lento akube ne free and compulsory education imfundo ekhululekile nephoqayo efana nale yakuqala lapho kuma khona ibhasi izingane zakho zingene zihambe zifunde sikwazi ukukhululeka.

Thina siwuhambile umhlaba nabanye kade siye eSpain. Simangele uma kuthiwa eSpain ngisho kusabusa i-dictator uFranco eSpain imfundo yayi ngeyamahhala futhi iphoqekile. Nivelaphi nina eninezwe elihle kangaka izingane ziswele amathoyilethi, ziswele yonke

into kukhona okuthiwa no free, no free schools kodwa amathoyilethi awekho ne.....[akuzwakali] La esasikhona sengithi ke ngithi ke thina imizamo le eyenzekile nemali le efakiwe akuvele leyo mizamo mihle, ayiyekwe kwenziwe into eyenziwa emhlabeni wonke imfundo yamahhala futhi iphoqe nakhu esikuphamisayo. UNgqongqoshe ngeke kusize ukudifenda ngoba amathoyilethe awekho izingane zifundela ngaphansi kwezihlahla, siyamnxusa.

Somlomo, angiqhubeke ngithi ngize kulolu daba olubekwe uKhabazela lapha kithi. Ngize lapha embikweni lo othulwe umhlonishwa uKhabazela, uKhabazela uveze ukuthi, kube nesincomo semali engangezigi eziyishumi nesithupha nezingxenywe eziyisishagalombili zama randi emnyangweni kaNdunankulu ukuze uqhubeke uthuthukise IKZN kwezebhola nakwe zokuvakasha. Thina be NADECO siyakuncoma siyakusekela lokho. Sikusekela ngalezi zizathu ezibonakalayo ezithi iTheku sekuyilona iNingizimu yonke mhlawumbe wonke umhlaba eseyisizinda sayo yonke imicimbi yomhlaba yenqubekela phambili. Ngakho ke sithi ke thina leyonto mayiqhubekele phambili. Ukuqhubekela kwayo phambili njengoba kuza indebe yomhlaba nje kuthiwa akwengezwe kule mali le sithi lokho akuye phambili, thina sisho njalo. Lokho okokuqala.

Okwesibili ke thina esikushoyo sithi siyakuhalalisela ukuthi njengoba kade kunama Preliminary draw nje amalungu ale Ndlu athola amathikithi amahhala okubukela ibhola. Leyo nto leyo yenzekile yase ibenza laba bantu baba sezingeni eliphezulu. Nakuba sikuhlaba kakhulu ukuthi laphana siyakugxeka, ukuthi lapha kwi pre-draw eyayikhona kwamenywa kuphela kwathiwa la uhlelo lathi abazoya lapho ozihlalo bamakomidi kuphela abaye lapho kodwa uma sekuthiwa ozihlalo abaye lapho amaKhansela wonke aseThekwini amaKhansela angaphansi kude kwamalunga akhona laphana kwi draw futhi uma sekwenziwe njalo kuthiwa ozihlalo bamakomidi abazoya lapha ku pre draw umcimbi wawumkhulu kakhulu, kwathiwa hhayi akushiwo uSihlalo woZihlalo nesekele lakhe.

Ngangena kunzima impela kakhulu kabi ngivinjwa ilaba bantu kodwa ozihlalo bangena kodwa sacishe savaleleka ngaphandle. Sangena ukungena kodwa ukuhleleka kwalapho kwakunobudlabha kodwa engikushoyo ukuthi ngokuzayo kufanele wonke amalunga alapha ePhalamende esiShayamthetho angene ngoba amaKhansela ayegcwele lapha athi hawu siyamangala nisale ngaphandle kanjani? Thina singamaKhansela sikhona lapha nje sonke, manje ke ilokho esikushoyo ukuthi ke kanjalo.

Okwesibili esikuncomayo thina njenghlangano neqembu leli ekuthiwa iNadeco, esikuncomayo i- planning. Siyakuncoma ukuthi kube khona ama Fan parks, la ezifundeni ezine ngoba lokho kwenzela ukuthi ama Fan parks la abantu laba abahlwempu kutshengiswe uzwelo labo ukuthi nabo kube khona lapho bebona khona. Siyakuncoma kakhulu, amalunga ke esiShayamthetho ke eyenikwe amathikithi, awezanga amanye awadlulisela kwabanye apha abanye abakujwayele ukuya bapha abanye abantu lawo mathikithi abo. Sengisho kodwa ukuthi kodwa banikwa bona akusilo icala banikwa ukunikwa, base bewadlulisela kwabanye abantu bona ngokwabo.

Ngiqhubeke ke ngithi ke kuveli lapha kuKhabazela njengoba kade esho ukuthi uHulumeni omkhulu ukhiphe imali eyisigidi sezigidi, abasakwazi ke abanye ukusho isigidi sezigidi nabo-ke abaziyo ngichazela labo abangasasazi isiZulu, nezinxenye eziyisishagalolunye. Le mali wayinika zonke iziFundazwe, kodwa ngoba thina lapha siyizigidi ezilishumi, leyo mali ayizange ize yenele ngoba kwanikezwa kithi amakhulu amabili namashumi amahlanu nesithupha ezigidi ngakho-ke yanganela le mali kwadingeka ukuthi kuthathwe ikhulu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili lesigidi, emalini engasetsthenziswanga. Umbuzo uthi le mali ekade ingasetshenziwe lapha kuMgcini- mafa ibihlalele ukuthini, ibibekelwe ukuthini ngoba, phela ibhange noma yini lapha ibihlalele ukuthini. Le okudingeka manje ithathwe laphana eyikhulu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili. Ithathwe isetshenziswe kade igciniwe, ngenxa yokuthi ayineli le ekhishwe uHulumeni omkhulu. Umbuzo ke loyo ke esizibuza wona ukuthi hawu kwabanemali ehleli kuhlushekiwe, kwenzeka kanjani lokho na?

Ngiqhubekeke ngithi ke, uma ngiqhubeka, ngize lapha ekutheni inhlangano le yamaFa le ekuthiwa ngeyamaFa, eyamaFa ngegama yayingadalelwe lokho kulabo ababeyiqalile kudala kwakufanele kube ngeyamafa manje ngeyamaFa ngegama. Yaqalwa phela kwabangawazi umlando sebengeza ngizobafundisa ngale umlando ukuthi lento ngoba umlando ukuthi yaqalwa kanjani. Yaqalwa ngokuthi zonke izinto ezisithinta umphefumulo wethu ezenzeka la zenziwa ithina hayi kuphela zokubheka ukuthi eNgilandi ziyenziwa kudaleke into engekho. Yadala ukuthi lezinto zifanele zigcinwe, manje ke baxoveka umoya abantu ngoba azibonakali lezo zinto imali eya khona asiyiboni kuthi isebenzani.

Kunamangcwaba amaqhawe alwa afa asala enkundleni amila utshani. Kunengcwaba leNdlovukazi u Nandi libhalwe ukuthi Nindi alibiyelwe, alakhiwe alinjani, ozala iSilo uShaka. Yiyo ke yonke leyonto ekuthiwa amaFa eMakhosini ungalunywa inyoka azikho

izingqwembe ezishoyo ukuthi lomgwaqo njengoba uhamba ngawo nali idlinza le Ngonyama uSenzangakhona, nali elikaNdaba nail elika Punga, nali elikamaGeba, nali elikaNkosinkulu. Wonke alaphaya nelikaZulu, iNgonyama. Akukho lokho indawo ke lena labo abathi amaFa ayini ayilokho.

THE SPEAKER: Siyaxolisa Solwazi. Hon member Mr Burrows, you have five minutes.

MR R M BURROWS (DA): Thank you, Mr Speaker. At the outset I would like to join my colleagues in complimenting the Chairperson of the committee and my colleagues on the committee. I think it is a good committee. I think it works well. I think there is a good and varied interaction between us, sometimes political, quite often jocular, humorous, but most of the time very serious and very penetrating. I think that has been very useful.

I would like to make a couple of comments about the committee in general, and I am sure the Chairperson would agree with me, as I am sure the Chairperson of SCOPA would agree with me if she was not having a *tête-à-tête* with the MEC for Finance.

Mr Speaker, we need dedicated research for Finance and SCOPA. Please! We are buried in information. And whilst all of us in this House are quite smart, we are not smart enough to pick up the nuances that Treasury and other departments may wish to slide through without us picking up. The Head of Department and I had a humorous exchange in that connection this morning, but in all seriousness, let us talk about Agriculture. The documents I have on Agriculture are nearly half a metre high. Now, with the best will in the world, I cannot wade through them, sift them out and get the information we want to get in front of this House. However, it should be done and the House should be doing it, rather than individual members.

The second area - and I want to join the member who said this - is that we need to include the portfolio committees more in finance work. They have to look at the budgets much more closely. It is part of the year programme. Some of them do it effectively. Most, with respect, do not.

The third area is to make sure that we have a firewall clearly demarcated between Finance and SCOPA. We know that SCOPA does everything from the 1st of April of a year, backwards. Finance does everything from the 1st of April of a year, forwards. That is the firewall. There cannot be any problem and yet, occasionally, that does arise.

Let me also say that, as far as these resolutions are concerned, which we have participated in and support, they are part of an analysis of a budget halfway through the year which we did not unanimously support. There are a number of resolutions that are concerned with matters that we would have opposed and did oppose in the budget. However, that does not excuse the importance of our scrutiny function as members of the Finance Committee overlooking matters, even those we do not support.

For example, the issue of a provincial guesthouse is a fun one to start with. This province has bought a provincial guesthouse. We own it. It is, to my certain knowledge, in Assegay Road in Hillcrest. It has been refurbished with very expensive furniture. I understand it is to be utilized for accommodation for His Majesty when he is in eThekweni or for provincial guests. However, we also know that His Majesty is separately looking for separate accommodation somewhere else, possibly in the Umhlanga area. So we have to ask the question, and we do constantly: Are we going to get value for money with a house that will not be utilised and where His Majesty will once again be staying in hotels in Durban?

We have got the issue of the Department of Agriculture. I am not going to talk about the internal audit document. We will wade our way through it over the next few months. However, I do want to join my colleagues in talking about mushrooms. I love mushrooms. I cook them all the time. If I could have mushrooms with every meal, I do so. However, with respect, Mr Speaker, I am the exception. Most people in this province do not eat mushrooms. Marketing proves this. [Interjections] No, I agree. I am not saying you do not, but the reality is this: This department has spent R44 million on mushrooms, when it should have spent R44 million on improving the quality of goats, marketing goat and kid meat, goat's cheese and goat's milk. That is what you should be doing, which you are not doing.

With regard to Ezemvelo, we again have a query. There are good resolutions. We are going to get information from the department and, with good help, we will follow them up. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mr Burrows. Hon member Mrs Scott, you have 10 minutes.

MRS B F SCOTT (Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Finance and Economic Development): Mr Speaker, hon members, I formally invite the MF and NADECO to the Finance Committee meetings. We never see them, and it would really help to see them. [Laughter] No, I am being serious. We have had quite a good show of portfolio committees in this mid-term budget hearing, but there are some members who do not come, and it would be nice to have them there.

I just want to make some general comments. The first one is the general problems that we have picked up as a committee. The first one is that there are many items where there is no budget for foreseeable expenditure. The departments come to us during the adjustments time and they want extra money, but yet they knew that they were going to incur that expenditure during the financial year. I really think that this is an indication of bad budgeting and it needs to be seriously addressed.

The other thing is departments put down things that are not budgeted for. You know, that is another issue that we have found. It is not as bad this year as it was last year, but it is still recurring.

There was another matter that was raised today with Provincial Treasury. When our MECs sit in MinMec, they agree to national policy decisions that have an impact on the current budget, yet they do not have any assurance from National Government that it is going to be funded. It then becomes a pressure on our provincial budget. I think that these are real concerns, and I do have a lot of sympathy with Provincial Treasury on these matters.

What we have also noticed this year - and I think it has been a particularly bad year in this regard - is departments' realignment of budget mid-year. Look, the one we asked for, and that was Agriculture. Their realignment has been necessary, and we thank them for the work that they have done. Therefore, even though they are on the list, they are a good one. However, the two departments that are inexcusable are the Department of the Premier and the Department of Economic Development where in mid-year you see massive virements from one programme to another because the budgets have not been done properly. I think this is an indication that much more attention needs to be given to effective budgeting by departments.

I now come to the forensic resolution. I really want the media to have a copy of the legal opinion, because the legal opinion has stated very clearly with respect to the forensic audit on Agriculture that the release of the forensic report of the State could have a serious prejudicial impact on the investigation, the evidence and the witnesses. It could ultimately also impact on the right to a fair trial, as it may influence the outcome of the trial. It is abundantly clear that there is no correlation between the potential harm that may be caused, should a confidential document such as a forensic audit be leaked, despite the threat of the penalty that we get through PIPLA (?) and the actual penalty that may be imposed on the informer. Once a report is leaked, the damage is done and the interest of justice may be seriously impaired.

Our legal adviser concludes that it is his view that it is not reasonably further necessary to have access to the forensic report in order to carry out an oversight function. I think that this is a good legal opinion. Basically they are saying: "You have sufficient documentation in front of you. You have 174 pages of an internal audit report. Go and do your job. Do your oversight over that". If things flow from that and we need further investigation, let us do it. We, both the Finance Portfolio Committee and SCOPA, have been satisfied with the progress that has been made in the Department of Agriculture, so I think that what we need to do as a committee is to very closely analyse the internal audit report. Once the forensic investigation has run its course, then we can scrutinise the findings of the forensic investigation.

I am going to deal with some of these issues tomorrow ... you know, issues about value-for-money on some of these projects. I can mention Agriculture, Economic Development and the poverty alleviation projects or sustainable development projects in the Department of Social Welfare. One thing that the committee still needs to get a handle on is what these projects need to do. In what way are they alleviating poverty? How many jobs are they creating? We do not have any measurable objectives in which to measure these projects. I think it is a problem that we have reiterated in this House for many years now. You know, are these projects sustainable if you take away government funding? Does that mean the projects are going to collapse? We need to start looking at that on a much more serious level, because these projects are taking up a huge amount of our resources, and we really have necessary spending pressures on Health and Education.

My views on Ezemvelo are very clear. I think that there needs to be a major rethink on the policies of Ezemvelo and conservation in general in this province. I think that we are sitting with extremely valuable assets in terms of our reserves, and my view is that they are being badly managed. I think that we need to have another look at the management of our reserves. We actually need to look at the whole management structure. Are we getting value for money for our reserves? Are we capitalising on these assets?

My colleague the hon Combrinck talks about hunting. Are we using things like that where we can actually get money so that Conservation can pay for itself? Conservation has to compete with other major service delivery items like Health and Education, and what we pay to Ezemvelo is the highest that any conservation agency in the country gets paid. Quite frankly, they do not deserve it, particularly in view of the last Auditor-General's report. I was absolutely appalled!

I now come to public entities. I am sorry that the Minister is not here, but this is something that I said to Treasury today, namely that I hope that the Executive will take us seriously on public entities. What is being paid to heads of public entities is an absolute scandal!

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS B F SCOTT (contd): Regarding the increase of R750 000 to the Head of Ithala in one year – and I have nothing personal against the man – is almost unspeakable. It is unacceptable. I have to say the same about the Head of TIC (?). It is an organisation that has 26 employees. The head, with whom I also have no personal gripe, earns more than the Premier! He actually earns more than our President! I think it is unacceptable. These salaries ... I picked two because I know them. I do not know what the others are earning. What we have asked for is to get a handle on what these public entities ... We are not just talking about board members. We are talking about commissioners. We are talking about management. You know, we have always focused on board members, without looking at management itself. Managers are earning a fortune! They are earning more than our managers in the public service. We have public entities whose heads are earning more than the Head of Education who manages a budget of R13 billion!

Now, those are serious issues! I know that we have to pay market-related prices, but are we getting value for money? TIC (?) underspent for three years in a row. You know, here we just need to look at this seriously.

I have only one minute left, nearly two minutes. Regarding the Royal Household, we have had enough. It is over. We are not dealing with the Royal Household and their overexpenditure again. Do not bring overexpenditure bills for the Royal Household, because we are not going to approve them. The absolute gross mismanagement of the Royal Household, well ... I really do wish that that *in camera* meeting was not *in camera*, because the quotable quotes from that meeting ...! I mean, it was just amazing stuff. You know, we laughed, but it actually is not funny. This is supposed to be an institution that we are supposed to uphold in this province, and it actually has become a laughing matter. Four years later, and despite repeated statements in this House by the Finance Portfolio Committee, nothing has changed. In fact, the situation is getting worse. We have very, very firm resolutions on the table and we intend to follow them through. If they are not followed through, we are actually going to ask that this matter be referred to you as a matter of contempt.

I also want to say something about subsidy increases to NGOs. I want to thank the Minister of Social Welfare very much. I think that the NGO sector is really going to welcome that. I am going to repeat that in my adjustment speech tomorrow, but I really, really do think that that is a welcome increase. I think the fact that Welfare and Health got together in the TB crisis was also a very good move. Thanks to the Finance Portfolio Committee and members' perseverance. Once again I want to thank all the members of my committee. I value your judgement and your input very, very highly. That goes to the whole lot of you. I just wish that all political parties were there to participate. [Time expired.]

THE SPEAKER: Thank you hon member, Mrs Scott. We then proceed to the hon member Mr Mbatha.

MR E S MBATHA (IFP): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker and hon members of the House. I think it is always better to give credit where it is due. I hope the Chief Whip will allow the Chairperson to hear what I want to say to her now. The credit goes to the hon Chairperson, Mrs Scott, for her level-headedness and her maturity which she has just

displayed a couple of minutes ago. Really, we – the members of the committee - want to thank you. Members of this House have to know that the training she acquired from the IFP has elevated you. It has actually made you graduate to the level at which you are. [Laughter] Well done! Well done, Chair! Ja, the IFP is a training institution.

Mhlonishwa MaCingwane, angazi- ke ukuthi umuntu kufanele aqalephi la ngoba kofuneka mhlawumpe umuntu ake athi ukuphundra kancane esihlahleni, ngingakangeni endabeni yami ngoba kukhona ozakwethu abakhulume ngaphambi kwami ikakhulukazi ilunga elihloniphekile umfoka Sithebe u-Ezard, akekho-ke nokho use uzakwethu angazi kodwa sekunegama asedume ngalo, abanye bathi u- Also angazi kusho ukuthini.

Cha uHabila ukhulume kahle la, wathi cha kubukeka sengathi izinto azihambi kahle kuhulumeni wakhe. Impela ngimzwe kahle, ewu ngase ngibona ukuthi cha, uHabila womunye wabantu abadinga ukunconywa, phela ngoba uma izinga lakhe selifike la ekubona khona ela ukuthi njengabantu aba- exercisa i- oversight into azihambi kahle. Cha, Habila ukube isigqoko ngisethwele ngabe ngiyakuthulela. Zona azihambi impela kahle, ngizozichaza ukuthi zenziwa yini ukungahambi kahle.

Ake ngiqale-ke ngoba nginamavoti engifuna ukwehla nawo, ngike ngithi ukuwabheka njenge lunga lekomidi le-Finance ke sizame ukubheka ukuthi uhulumeni lona oholwa uKhongolose usebenza kanjani ngemali zabakhokhi bentela.

Akesiqale phezulu lapha ku Voti 1, angithi siyazi ukuthi umnyango nomnyango unoNgqogqoshe bese kuba nenhloko yomnyango bese kuba zisebenzi. Uyabona Mhlonishwa Somlomo neNdlu yonke kudabukisa kabi ukuthi namanje sisakhuluma kusukela ngo- 2004 ukuthi kule- program le ebizwa ngokuthi eyezimbizo kusakhulunywa ukuthi kuseno R4.4 million osadingakala ukuthi ufakwe ngaphezulu kule Medium Term.Othi umnyango ubika, ubike ukuthi ngenxa yokuthi Imbizo kuthathe kwangahleleka kahle ngasohlelweni lokubhajetha manje kusho kuthi kuyodingakala kube nesikhalo esiwu- R4.4 million.

Uma usuyibheka lento ngempela isisaphi lento kule minyaka esele, ngaphambi kokuthi kuphele i- term of office yalo hulumeni, manje okwethusa ukuthi kuneNhloko yoMnyango laphaya kuphinde kube noNgqogqoshe woMnyango uMhlonishwa uNdunankulu zonke lezi zinto uma zibukeka kanje kudabukisa kabi uma zenzeka ku-net centre ka government, lapho impela kuthiwa khona iwona mpompi kahulumeni uthole ukuthi

kunezinto ezinjengalezi. Sekudingekake manje kwenziwe-ke uhlelo oluthize lokuthi ku-edwe omunye u R 4.4 million.

Thina-ke beNkatha njengeqembu eliphikisayo kade sasho sathi hayi bo izimbizo lezi ezokukhankasa, uma bantu bephuma beyozikhankasela abangasebenzisi kodwa imali zabakhokhi bentela, manje kuyadabukisa-ke ukuthi sisaqhubeka siyakhankasa nakusasa kuzobe kukhankaswa kodwa isikhwama siyavuzwa manje sesiqala ukuthi sivuze kakhulu kunakuqala. Lo hulumeni uzothwala manje uR4.4 million ebesingawazi nokuthi uqhamukaphi.

Kuphinde futhi kuzoba nodaba lwe Youth Commission, ngifisa namhlanje ukubonga Magalela, uMatshinga uke waphatha wawuNdunankulu wesiFundwazwe saKwaZulu-Natali ngobuchwepheshe obuyisimangaliso.

Uyabona i- Youth Commission yayinama programs ayekwazi ukuthi ese intsha isuke lapho ingama Commissioners iye kuzo zonke iziFundazwe iyoza ukuthi ifundise ingane zakithi. Ngikhumbula kahle ukuthi yayiphethwe uComrade uZenzele Phakathi. Wayesebenza and intsha yalapha KwaZulu- Natali regardless ukuthi iqhamuka kuliphi iqembu lezombusazwe kwakusetshenzwa ngoba uMantshinga wathi into yokuqala uma engena eba uNdunankulu akazufuna ukuthi ama-Commissioners abemangingi ngoba badrawa ama salaries laba bantu uma be- travel ama- S&T abo ayakhuphuka kakhulu.

Ngakho-ke Magalela ngifisa ukukubonga kodwa okudabukisayo namhlanje kunemali ewu R2.5 million ebekwe eceleni ukuthi kufayinenswe i- Youth Commission engenzi lutho. Eyathi uma ifika la phambi kwethu sayizwa ibhibhidla insizwa le e- CFO yazothi no no kuthathwe kwi- program ye Human's Rights kwazothiwa kubhajethelwa laba bantu ngoba kucashiswa ukuthi i- Youth Commission is not a yet public entity in terms of i- PFM. Manje ma kanjalo kucashisiwe- nje so that lezi ngane zihambe sonke isifundazwe zintemuka ngezimali zethu. Kudabukisa kabi ngithi namhlanje angibe on record ukubonga the former Premier uDr uMtshali ngomsebenzi oyisimangaliso awenzele isiFundazwe saKwaZulu- Natali.

Okunye mhlawumpe singathi ukuphawula-nje ngisaku Voti 1, Amafa uyamangala nje ukuthi hawu Amafa lawa enzani emnyangweni kaNdunankulu ngoba izinto lezi zakwa-Heritage ofuneka angabe zikwa- Art, Culture and Tourism laphaya kuNdlebenkomo. Kufuneka ngabe Mhlonishwa lo mnyango la, le entity ilapho ukuze uzokwazi

ukuyisebenzisa endaweni efanelekileyo. Manje-ke siyazazi izizathu zalokho, ngizoyikhuluma ngokuzayo, ngonyaka ozayo uma sengibuya.

Ake singene ku Voti 2 ku-Legislature. I-Legislature la ifuna imali yo feasibility study. Owathi lo hulumeni uma uhlala kwahlangana ikhebhinethi yenza isinqumo ayangakuletha la ukuthi kunamaqembu ezombusazwe agcwele kule Ndlu. Ngamanye amazwi asikho isidingo sokuthi kube khona amaqembu ezombusazwe ngoba noma i-Executive inama powers to do that and kuhlukanisekile i- Legislature ne- Executive ngoko Mthethosisekelo kodwa i-Executive yenza isinqumo sokuthi akwenziwe i- feasibility Study kwakhiwe iPhalamende phezu kwePhalamende elisoNdini naleli esikulo. Kusafunwa kwakhiwe elesithathu. Kwenziwani bakithi.

Sithi-ke thina ake nizame ukuthi kubuye umgqondo bakithi, ngibhekise kuwe sibali wami Khabazela ngoba intambo kuthiwa ziphethwe nguwe Ngunezi ukuthi, Mumbo ake uyibheke lento ngoba amaqembu ezoMbusazwe akukaze kuxoxwe nawo uma kuzoqhamuka izinqumo ezinjengalezi ezithinta abakhokhi bentela, abayithi nathi bese kuzoba nezimali ezingaka sithi leyonto ikhabhinethi aliyibheke. Thina-ke njengeqembu leNkatha ngeke-ke sikusaphothe lokho.

UVoti -3 ngidabuka kabi Mhlonishwa ukuthi embuzweni wakho ebuzwe i-Chief Whip yami uzamile ukuchaza kodwa iqiniso ukuthi kudabukisa kabi eMnyangweni one-corruption enje. Okwaziwa kahle ukuthi iNhloko yoMnyango kwavunjululwa yithi kodwa kuthe sekwenzakele konke, nansi-ke manje nale Forensic Report asisakwazi ukuyithola. Sinikeziwe i-legal opinion this morning kwathiwa no ngeke sikwazi ukuyithola. Fine, kodwa manje iNhloko yoMnyango ezifikelayo-nje esilandelwa zimpukane kwayona sesiyacabanga ukuthi hheyi kusho ukuthi kukhona isigugqo ekufanele siyokwenziwa laphaya ngoba manje u- driva o-Q7 ngamanye amazwi kuyisi- status sika-Minister and i- Minister is here to endorsed that. Ngisho ukuthi Mhlonishwa ngisafuna ukuyo- revisit your policies ngoba awukwazi ukuthi ungadedela iNhloko yoMnyango kube ngathi oNgqongqoshe babili eMnyangweni. Ngamanye amazwi ngizama ukukhuza impela ukuthi cha ake ukubhekisise lokhu ngoba ukuxhaphaza abakhokhi bezintela. Siyazi indaba ye- security soyikhuluma ngonyaka ozayo.

Kukhona udaba luka R8.4 million loMjindi. UMjindi siyazi ukuthi bakithi uya- phase outha, uyaqedwa and ama Board Members awasekho kodwa iqiniso ukuthi basafuna

futhi u-R 8.4 million. Uzamile- ke u- Treasury this morning ukuchaza lokho kodwa ekugcineni kosuku kuyachazeka, kuyabonakala ukuthi sengathi kukhona indoda ecashe ngale eyisithunzi ekwaziyo ukuthi isenge kulezi mali esizifakayo. Siyakuphikake thina beNkatha ukuthi ngeke size sikuvume.

Uvoti 4 uyabona laphaya kuvoti 4 ozakwethu sebekhulumile. Kuidabukisa kabi ukuthi kunendoda eyodwa ehola u- R3.3 million eyi- CEO ye Thala. You know idabukisa kabi lento at this day and age kube khona umuntu ohhola imali engaphezu kuka Mengameli wezwe. Idabukisa kabi lento and kufuneka ngempela ngempela njengoba sicele i- Bhodi ukuthi ayizovela ngaphambi kwethu ake izosichazela ukuthi kwenzeka kanjani ukuthi just one individual and lokho kuye kudale ukuthi umoya ungabi muhle kuleyo entinty kwabanye abantu even abaku- level ye- management ukuthi one person is receiving i- salary enkulu kangaka.

So- ke sithi ayibhekisiswe leyonto ngoba uma izoyekwa kanje izondala ukuthi i- entinty igcine izifela kanti siyawazi umsebenzi owenziwa umholi wethu uNtwana wakwa Phindangene ukwakha iThala.

Vote 6 uyabona laphaya ku voti 6 kukhona le mali ekuthiwa i- Growth Fund kubekwe- nje ithantala lemali ewu R500 half a billion rand u-R500 million. Le mali lena noma kuchazwa ukuthi isiza abantu abasafuna phela ukuzithuthukisa kwezamabhizinisi kodwa bathe uma befika bezo- accouter phambi kwethu behluleka. Kwaze kwafika lapho kwama- reservations ukuthi kungathathwa kanjani isigaxa esingaka semali iyobekwa- nje kubantu ababonakala ngempela ukuthi they cannot manage it.

Manje ekugcineni kosuku sizothi thina Khabazela njengo Ngqongqoshe ophethe ezeMali, kungaba kanjani kuthathwe le mali ye- Growth Fund kusizwe le minyango enama standing pressures njengo mnyango we-Education nezeMpilo bayafa abantu ngempela. Kubonakale ukuthi leyo mali ingesebenziseke lapho ngoba uma sizobelokhu senza lento yo- growth fund ngale ndlela siyakubuka- nje nakho ukuthi kuyosidalela izinkinga. Ake silinde ama- Audit Reports alandelayo.

Mhlawumpe sengigcina ake ngikhulume ngevoti 10, ngikhuluma njengomuntu waKwaZulu nanjengom' Afrika. Ayikho into edabukisa njengokubona uHlanga loMhlabathi iSilo sethu uhulumeni waso kuthiwa namanje iSilo kusabhalwa emaphepheni ko-Sunday Tribune kuthiwa living like a king.

Ngizama ukuyibhekisa lento kubaholi bala kakhulukazi abaka- ANC beqembu elibusayo ukuthi bakithi nathi uma nithatha la bafowethu bakaKhongolose nathi nizothatha i- status seSilo esasigandaywa iNkatha ngokusho kwenu, nisibeke izingeni elithile kodwa okudabukisayo ukuthi iSilo kusabhalwa ngaso into engakaze yenzeke kohulumeni bakudala ababephethwe yithina beNkatha. iSilo uma sizogandaywa kanje nguhulumeni waso bese kubuywa kuzothiwa Hlanga lo Mhlabathi sengathi siyabhuqwa, kusiphatha kabi thina njengamaZulu.

Manje- ke lolu daba lolu lokuthi iNhloko yoMnyango le e- act(hayo) udokotela lo othile ezolimaza iSilo bese kuthiwa iSilo samaBandla esisebenzisa noma esi- extravagant ekusebenzise izinto yimoto kuze kuthengwe nezingubo emalini zabakhokhi bentela kube kuneNhloko yoMnyango, kube futhi kunoNgqongqoshe ongu Ndunankulu wesiFundazwe. Ngizothi mina Khabazela, ngiyacela as an Acting Premier ukuthi yenza something mhlampe Ngunezi oMumbo bakunike leli thutshana nje ukuthi ngales isikhathi kungakabi bikho muntu mhlawumpe ake kuthi noma kwenzeka kunezi ngugquko mhlawumpe bese wenza izinqumo esithile ngoba leNdlu iyokweseka kulokho. Asikwazi ukuba neNhloko yoMnyango eyenza nje ngoba kudiliza igama le Silo samaBandla ukuthi namanje kusakhulunywa ukuthi kuxhashazwa izimali kwenziwani ngoba uhulumeni waso iSilo lo.

Siye sisho njalo umasifika la sithi Hlanga lo Mhlabathi Bayede ngakho-ke kusiphatha kabi thina ngoba manje sathi thina akukhushulwe imali yoMnyango wezaseBukhosini kwenzelwe ukuthi iSilo samaBandla sibe iNgonyama njengoba kwenzeka engonyameni zamanye amazwe njengase- England. Akwazi ukuthi iNgonyama yethu ibese ... cha dadewethu ukuthi ungumafikizolo, thula ukube uyazi bengizokutshela uNtwana wasenzelani iSilo kodwa engikushoyo ukuthi akukhushulwe isabelo- sezimali seNgonyama kumiswe nendaba ye-Trust ukuze kukwazi ukuthi iSilo singakwazi ukuthi kuthiwa si- overspendile emalini zaso.

Ekugcineni ake ngikhulume ngoMnyango wakwa- Transport, uMhlonishwa la uNgqongqoshe uMagaye usitshela ukuthi u- R 24 million esilokhu siwulandela thina beqembu eliphikisayo leNkatha. Kunemali lapha engu- R24 million ekuthiwa wanikezwa uThekwini Municipality kwathiwa eyamabhasi sekujikiwe manje sekuthiwa no eyokuthutha ingane, sithi sifuna ukwazi sichazele ukuthi leyo mali eyokwenzani. Ngiyabonga Macingwane.

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, [ningilalele ke ngoba ngiza noshintsho la obelukade lungekho](#). I have been informed by the Chief Whip that, through discussions, there has been agreement that the MEC for Finance and Economic Development will add five minutes to the debate to clarify matters. Hon MEC for Finance and Economic Development, you may proceed.

DR Z L MKHIZE (MEC for Finance and Economic Development): [Ngiyabonga Somlomo](#). Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I want to thank the members for their contributions to the debate.

Firstly, let me deal with the issues that have been raised in relation to the public entities. Before I came to the committee, I discussed the concerns that have been expressed by members with the Chairperson. I accept that we will discuss these issues with the boards which govern these entities. Thereafter we will deal with the resolutions that will come out of those discussions. Indeed, we understand the basis of the concern, but we do want to say that one of the concerns from those entities is to try and attract the people we want to attract. We want to recruit people from the private sector so that we can get the best persons available in the market.

Quite often we try and keep a balance between the two, but it can be quite a difficult thing to achieve. We will therefore take the discussion further. We need to have consultations with the boards that are responsible for determining some of the packages and conditions of employment of those particular officials.

Secondly, I think the issues that have been raised about the problems of over-expenditure in the office of the Royal Household under the Premier [kufanele sivumelane ukuthi akukhona ukuthi kuyisifiso sethu ukuthi sonke isikhathi sizolokhu sijikijelana ngodaba lwaseNdlunkulu](#). [Ngiyezwa nje ilunga elihloniphekile likhala ngokuthi kulokhu okwenzekayo kusiphatha kabi, lapha ke imizamo siyenzile yokuthi umphathi womnyango azame ukuthi ayiqondise le nto yenkinga yokusetshenziswa kwemali ngoba siyabona nakhu akukavumi ukulunga sigcine sivumelene la njengekomidi leFinance and Economic Development ukuthi sizobuyela njengomnyango wezezimali siye kobhekisisa futhi ukuthi ngabe izinkinga ezingaka ziqhamuka kuphi kakhulukazi ngoba uma siya phambili sikhona lesi sikhalo sokuthi mhlawumbe kudinga sibuye sishintshe isimo salesi sabelo saseNdlunkulu](#). [Ukuthi ngempela sogcina kuphi kuzofuneka ke sibuye sikwazi](#)

ukukuxoxa kodwa-ke sitholile ukuthi sikhona isikhalo esivelayo ekomidini sokuthi sekulukhuni ukucela ukuthi asibuye sicele enye imali sibuye sithi ukuthasisela kulowo mnyango. Amalunga abekhona ngakho-ke siyethemba ukuthi imibono ayibekayo ifanele ikwazi ukusisiza uma ngabe sizama ukulungisa lolu daba. Zikhona ezinye izinto ezifana njengokuthi imisebenzi eminye ebiyenziwa njengale yokuthi uma kubekwa amaKhosi nesidingo sokuba kumeleleke iNdlunkulu zingezinye zezinto okuyaye kusetshenzelwe phezu kwazo uma kuqhutshekwa nomsebenzi oqondene neSilo. Okunye kwakho kuye kwenze ukuthi uthole ukuthi sekuba nezinkinga ngendlela izimali eziyiyona. Kodwa siyavuma ukuthi kufanele uMphathi womnyango azame ukuthi naye abhekisise ekutheni uma uphethe umnyango lokhu nalokhu kufanele kungenzeki. Yingakho-ke sivumile-ke ukuthi kufanele siye kokubhekisisa njengomnyango wezezimali sibambisane nehhovisi likaNdunankulu. Lokho sikubona kuyinto ebaluleke kakhulu. Le akhala ngayo ilunga elihloniphekile angithandi kakhulu angifuni ukuthi ngibuyele emuva ngiyothi ngizofaka lokhu nalokhuya nalokhuya ngokuthi uhulumeni ubukuphethe kanjani ngesikhathi sikaNdunankulu uMantshinga. Angifuni ukungena kulokho ngoba kuzosuke kusibuyisele emuva kanti siya phambili nje ngoba kukhona okufanele sikulungise obese sidlule kukhona. Ngizoma nje lapho ukuthi kukhona okwakufanele nakhona sikulungise. Kodwa-ke angithi la odabeni lwezimbizo lesi yisikhalo kakhulukazi sepolitiki eqembini le IFP. Kuyaziwa ukuthi besiya kubantu sinohulumeni kaMantshinga (esenguNdunankulu) ngeke sikuyeke namhlanje ngoba sekuyisikhalo se-IFP ngenxa yokuthi sekuwuhulumeni oholwa uManzankosi. Sohlale siqhubeka njalo ngezindaba zezimbizo. Ngiyabonga Somlomo.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon MEC. Hon Mrs Scott?

MRS B F SCOTT (Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Finance and Economic Development): Mr Speaker, I have nothing further to add, just to request that the resolutions get put on the table for a vote.

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, the resolutions have been tabled. They have been debated. There is a request that they now be put to the vote. I now put the Question. Those who support the resolutions, say "Aye"

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

THE SPEAKER: Those who oppose it, say "No".

The “ayes” have it, and therefore the resolutions are now the resolutions of this House. With that having been done, Item number 8.2 has been concluded.

8.3. Resolution on the salary and allowance of the Premier

Insert isiZulu [04:53:50]

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, earlier this morning, under Item 6, the Chief Whip proposed a resolution for adoption by this House. It was a resolution that was supposed to be put to the vote with unanimous concurrence, and today I therefore want to establish support for this resolution, as put by the Chief Whip, to be debated. Yes, hon Mr Combrinck?

MR H L COMBRINCK (Chief Whip of the Official Opposition): Mr Speaker, ja, yesterday we said it was a matter of principle. When it comes to the question of bringing resolutions to this House, we must be very careful. Simply running past me this morning saying: “Listen, will you support this resolution about the salary?” ... *Ai*, I do not know. Do we have a choice? We have to support it. Unfortunately it is not enough, but I think we will have to support it. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Well, I do not know how we did it, but it has happened. Hon member Mr Burrows?

MR R M BURROWS (DA): *Ja*, Mr Speaker, despite my vehement opposition, my caucus has ordered me to support the Bill. [Laughter]

THE SPEAKER: Well, well, well. The hon member from NADECO, hon Prof Maphalala?

PROF J S MAPHALALA (NADECO): **Insert isiZulu 04:55:44**

THE SPEAKER: *Siyabonga. Siyabonga.* Mrs Rajbansi? Oh, Mrs Rajbansi is not here. Hon member Mrs Downs?

MRS J M DOWNS (ACDP): We support it, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: And the last member is the hon Mr Msomi who is looking heavenward. [Laughter] I do not know what he is looking at. Hon Mr Msomi?

MR B J MSOMI (UDM): I support it.

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, thank you for making this difficult task simpler. It has now been unanimously agreed that this resolution be put to the House. I now put the Question to the House. Will those who support the resolution say "Aye."

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

THE SPEAKER: Those who oppose the resolution, say "No". Hon members, the "ayes" have it. The resolution has therefore been adopted. It has been quite a day. Before I adjourn the House, I first wish to establish from the hon Acting Premier whether there are any reports to be made at this stage.

THE ACTING PREMIER: No, there are no reports, Mr Speaker. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Acting Premier.

The House was adjourned until Thursday, 29 November 2007 at 10h00.