

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD

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**THE HOUSE MET AT 10:01 IN THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER,
PIETERMARITZBURG.**

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

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

2. OBITUARIES AND OTHER CEREMONIAL MATTERS

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, there is nothing new, except just to report that a few members of our SANDF and the SAPS were laid to rest during the weekend. They include Colonel Sibusiso Sihle Mbongwa, as well as Mr Desmond Mutwa and a few others.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, I shall start with the apologies. The hon Mr B H Cele, MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison is unable to attend today's sitting. The hon Inkosi N J Ngubane is unable to attend the sittings of 29 to 30 April 2008 as he has a long-standing appointment with a doctor. Mrs J M Downs is unable to attend today's sitting because she is unwell.

I now come to birthdays and take this opportunity to wish the hon Mr E S Mbatha a happy belated birthday. Hon Mr E S Mbatha, [uyabona-ke lungu elihloniphekile uMbatha, ngizofunda lokhu okubhalwe la bese ngiyakukhorektha](#). He was born on 27 April 2008 ... [Laughter] ... the day on which South Africa celebrates her Freedom Day.

[Ngiyakukhorektha ukuthi akunjalo. Kona seyiminingana iminyaka kodwa sesizoma lapho-ke. Siyakubongela Baba engathi uwena wedwa owazalwa ngalolu suku kule Ndlu. Siyakubongela kakhulu.](#)

May I remind hon members that tomorrow, Wednesday, 30 April 2008, there will be a second briefing by the IEC that will take place in the Chamber from 10h00 to 13h00. All hon members are urged to attend. I just want to spend a little bit more time on this. Hon members, I do not know why we do ourselves such a disservice. We often invite institutions that are the cornerstones of democracy, but then we do not attend the meetings when they come here to brief us. In this case, the worst thing is that we are talking about the IEC which has come here to brief us on issues that are related to the elections that are going to take place next year.

Hon members, I found that the briefing that I attended last week ... I am also a culprit, because I did not attend the other one, but at least I was on official business, so I did not attend it. However, I have found out that some of the issues, where we wrongly accuse the IEC, are simply out of our own making. They are very clear. They are clarified by the IEC. We should be clear and not go through the route that Zimbabwe has gone. I hope that you will really make every effort to be around tomorrow.

I also wish to formally announce that the Workers' Parliament is taking place from 5 to 6 April 2008. That is on Monday and Tuesday next week.

AN HON MEMBER: Mr Speaker, I think you mean May.

THE SPEAKER: Yes, May 2008. What did I say? Did I say April?

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

THE SPEAKER: It is clearly written here that it is May. I do not know why I said April. I am sorry, but it is next week Monday and Tuesday in Vryheid in the Zululand District. The event is at the rugby sports field. May I take this opportunity to reiterate that I had indicated to the mayor of the Zululand District that this event will be going ahead on these days and will take place at the same venue. She has written back to me, indicating that she has a meeting at the same venue, on the same day, at the same time. [Interjections] Now, I do want to place it on record that I find it difficult that an event of that nature can happen at a venue that we have hired and paid for. [Interjections] It is a

private venue. I just find it difficult. I am still investigating the matter, but I want to remind hon members that it is not a new practice that when there are events taking place, other people set up events at the same place to create a conflict situation. [Interjections] I just wanted to make that announcement. I am worried about it, but I am informing this Legislature officially.

The last announcement relates to the Deputy Speaker. I think it is an announcement that all of you need to listen to very carefully. The Deputy Speaker recently received a red belt in karate. [Interjections] This means that the Deputy Speaker is now referred to as a grand master. I hope you have all heard this announcement very clearly. [Interjections] Do not say I did not warn you! [Laughter] Congratulations, hon Deputy Speaker. Congratulations on behalf of this House. It is a great achievement indeed.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS BY THE PREMIER

THE SPEAKER: May I hear from the MECs if there are any announcements or reports which they wish to present on behalf of the Premier?

MRS C M CRONJÉ (MEC for Education): Mr Speaker, to the best of our information there are no announcements or reports.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon MEC.

5. TABLING OF REPORTS OR PAPERS

MS Z M LUDIDI (Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health): Mr Speaker, I wish to table the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health. Thank you, sir.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. [Uyabona ukube akuyena umzala wami ngabe sengimkhiphile la eNdlini kodwa ngoba umzala wami ngizomuyeka nemisarhane yakhe.](#)

6. FORMAL MOTIONS AND NOTICES BY THE CHIEF WHIP

MR V C XABA (Chief Whip of the Legislature): Mr Speaker, I have no formal motions or notices.

7. NOTICES OR BILLS OR MOTIONS

MRS W G THUSI (ANC): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of this House as follows:

This House noting:

That the leader of the IFP, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, correctly called on President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe to step down and save his country from the present political and economic crisis;

That, coincidentally, Dr Buthelezi became the leader of the IFP at the same time as President Robert Mugabe became the leader of Zanu-PF in 1975, and

That, since that time, the ANC has democratically changed Presidents four times, that is, 1990 from Oliver Tambo to Nelson Mandela, 1997 Thabo Mbeki and 2007 to President Jacob Zuma.

Therefore resolves:

To call on Dr Buthelezi to set the example for Mr Mugabe and to emulate the ANC Presidents by giving way to fresh blood in the ailing IFP. [Interjections]

THE SPEAKER: [Ayi-ke niyawuthanda umsindo. Aniqhubeke-ke.](#)

The Speaker subsequently ruled the motion by Mrs W G Thusi (MEC) out of order as it exceeded the maximum length of 100 words as laid down by Rule 94(1) of the Standing Rules of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

MR M B GWALA (IFP): Somlomo ...

THE SPEAKER: [Hon member Gwala ubuye ukhumbule ukuthi bewenzani komunye...](#)

MR M B GWALA (IFP): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of this House as follows:

[Ukuzithoba amanxeba nge-IFP kweqembu elibusayo KwaZulu-Natali emveni kwezehlo zakamuva zase-Polokwane azemukeleki kule Ndlu.](#)

[Ulimi olumbaxambili lukaNdunankulu wesiFundazwe lokuthi kule Ndlu iqembu lakhe aliyidingi i-IFP ukubusa lesi sifundazwe, gwiqiqi eMacambini sekunguye](#)

olula isandla soxolo lwaphakade phakathi kwe-ANC ne-IFP kuyinkomba yesifo senzukulwane ekhungethe iqembu elibusayo.

Izinhlamba ezibhekiswe kwi-IFP nomholi wayo ngamahlumamponjwana ezombusazwe afana namalungu ahloniphekile uNdzwaki Swartboo no Linda Hlongwa nokuphoqa kukaMhlonishwa uMabuyakhulu ukuba ahlatshiswe ngamaKhosi ngokuthanda kwakhe uma kunemicimbi.

Ngakho leNdlu inquma ukuba:

Iqembu elibusayo akelizihlele kahle libuyise isithunzi sokuhlonipheka kwale Ndlu kanye nesiFundazwe saKwaZulu-Natali.

[This House noting:

The licking of wounds by the ruling party using the IFP following the recent events in Polokwane, is unacceptable in this House;

That the hypocritical statements by the Premier of this Province, when he said in this House that his party does not need the IFP to rule this Province, and his about-turn in Emacambini when he extended an olive branch in return for eternal peace between the IFP and the ANC, are indications of a dizziness that is engulfing the ruling party, and

The insults leveled at the IFP and its leader by political novices such as the hon Nzwaki Swartboo and Linda Hlongwa, and the insistence by the hon Mabuyakhulu to amakhosi to be given a beast during ceremonies only when he so wishes.

Therefore resolves:

To urge the ruling party to reorganise itself and restore the dignity and respect for this august House and province.]

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

This House noting:

Ongoing allegations that the ANC is using housing as a tool to force voters to support it;

Allegations that only ANC supporters are allocated homes in Bonella, Bambai and Chatsworth Ward 73;

That these corrupt actions undermine the constitutional rights of the homeless, and

That the quota system of allocations is selectively applied in areas where the ANC has less support.

Therefore resolves:

To call on the MEC for Local Government and Housing to immediately investigate the allocation process in the eThekweni region, and

Apply the quota system of allocation in all housing projects to encourage integration.

The Speaker subsequently ruled the motion by Mr G Mari (DA) out of order as it exceeded the maximum length of 100 words as laid down by Rule 94(1) of the Standing Rules of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

THE SPEAKER: The 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 this House as follows:

Ukungaboni ngaso linye phakathi kwe-IFP kanye ne-ANC kulandela isigameko esenzeke ngeSonto mhlaka 27 April 2008 endaweni yaseMacambini kwiLembe District lapho bekugujwa khona usuku lwenkululeko yeSizwe asisihle neze neze;

Lesiya sigameko sithathe sahlasimulisa umzimba kunanoma ngubani obesetendeni ethamele loyamcimbi ngesizotha, omuhle kangakaya.

Ngakho-ke le Ndlu inquma ukuthi:

Kube nezingxoxo eziphuthumayo zokubuyisana kula maqembu omabili

ezizonganyelwa ubulungiswa obuvela emaqenjini akule Ndlu.

Ngikusho lokhu ngoba ngeke uzivalele izinkunzi ezimbili esibayeni esisodwa ngethemba lokuthi inkinga izoxazululeka; futhi

ngoba abalandeli balezi zinhlangothi zombili bazolahlekelwa ukuzethemba obesekukhona bese bekhumbula lapho bevela khona before 1994, okubi-ke lokho.

[This House noting:

The exchanges between the IFP and the ANC following the incident that took place on Sunday, 27 April 2008, at Macambini in the Ilembe District, where we were celebrating Freedom Day, was not a pretty picture, and

This incident shocked everyone who was at the marquee, everyone who had attended this wonderful and otherwise harmonious event.

Therefore resolves:

To call for urgent peace talks between the two parties which are going to be presided over, fairly, by political parties represented in this House, because:

One cannot keep two bulls in the same kraal and hope that the problem will resolve itself; and

Followers of these two parties will lose faith which was starting to prevail, and remember the pre-1994 era, which is a bad thing.]

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

This House noting:

The worst election fraud and corruption in South African election history;

Voter registration fraud;

Corruption on the part of the IEC's voter registration officials, the latest being

Visven Reddy's latest campaign that no one who voted for any party other than the ANC would be allocated homes, and Minesh Maistry who is falsely promising that all schools in his ward would immediately be declared no-fee paying school should he win the election.

Therefore resolves:

To request the IEC to postpone bi-elections in Ward 73 of the eThekweni Municipality.

The mover of this motion is Mr A Rajbansi, also a recipient of a red belt! [Laughter]

THE SPEAKER: Mr Rajbansi ... [Laughter] Mr Rajbansi, I did not announce that one, so I am not aware of it. [Laughter]

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

Le Ndlu:

Iyakunaka ukuthi izinkulungwane ezevile eshumini zabantu bakulesi siFundazwe zihlanganyele ndawonye zigubha usuku lwenkululeko ngeSonto endaweni yaseMacambini eNyoni; futhi

Ihlabeke umxhwele ngokubona umdlandla abantu abawukhombisayo ekwethameleni imibuthano ebizwa nguHulumeni abawukhetha ilanga libalele ukuba uhole lesi siFundazwe ngo-2004.

Le Ndlu inquma:

Ukuhalalisela uNdunankulu uMhlonishwa uNdebele ngenkulumo enohlonze ayethule kulo mkhosi, futhi iyahambisana nekhwela alishayile uManzankosi lokuba makusayindwe isivumelwano soxolo phakathi kwe-ANC ne-IFP ukuze kugxilise izimpande zokuthula osekuvunguza kulesi sifundazwe sethu esake sakhungathwa wudlame lwezombusazwe.

[This House noting:

That more than 10 000 people of this Province descended on Macambini (Nyoni) on Sunday to celebrate Freedom Day, and

Was impressed by the interest shown by people to attend events organised by a government they elected in broad daylight to lead this province in 2004.

Therefore resolves:

To congratulate Premier Ndebele on the good speech he delivered on this occasion, and supports the Premier's call for a peace agreement to be signed between the IFP and the ANC in order to deepen the peace that already prevails in this Province which was once engulfed by political violence.]

MR M B GWALA: Msindazwe. Nkosi Yesizwe!

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:

Izokhumbula ukuthi eminyakeni eyedlule uMhlonishwa uMafumadi wethula ePhalamende i-Bill eyayichaza ngemisebenzi yamakhosi okufanele ayenze e-South Africa.

Kuzokhumbuleka futhi ukuthi kuleyo Bill amakhosi ayetshelwa ukuthi mawahambele imingcwabo, aphelezele amakhosikazi nxa eyotheza noma eyohlakula neminye imisebenzi eminingi eyabe iyinhamba esakhiweni sobuholi bomdabu.

Le Ndlu inquma kanye:

Ukukhumbuza iqembu elibusayo likaKhongolose ukuthi ukuzenzisa nobumbulu balo ngobukhosi ngeke amakhosi akhohlwe yikho ngoba awasizo izithutha ezikhohlwa kalula izinto ezibavelele.

Ukuveza ukuthi ukuhlonishwa kobuKhosi e-South Africa kungenxa yomnikelo weqembu leNkatha ngobukhosi kulelizwe lakithi elaziwa ngunoma ngubani.

[This House noting:

That at some point during the past couple of years, the hon Mufamade tabled a Bill in Parliament which outlined the roles and responsibilities of amakhosi in South Africa;

That in that Bill (as part of their roles and responsibilities) amakhosi were asked to attend funerals, accompany women to fetch wood and remove weeds in their fields and many other functions which were insulting to the traditional leadership.

Therefore resolves:

To remind the ruling party (the ANC) that amakhosi will not easily forget its pretentious and deceptive attitude to traditional leadership, because they are not fools who forget easily about things that befell them;

To reveal that the respect towards traditional leadership in South Africa is a result of the IFP's contribution, and everybody knows this.]

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

Le Ndlu:

Iyakunaka ukuthi ngeSonto eledlule iKomiti elixube amaQembu onke ale Ndlu lihambele izindawo zonke zomasipala abangaphansi koMkhandlu wesifunda soThungulu ngokuthunywa nguSomlomo wale Ndlu ukwandulela ukuya kwesiShayamthetho.

Njengobehola leli thimba ngibonga amalungu ngokubambisana ngibonge amaKhosi, izinduna ebesinazo ngibonge amaKhansela kakhulu abantu boThungulu ebebefika ngobuningi babo kwalise noma i-Transport kade ingekho kwezinye izindawo beza ngezabo, bethokoziswa ukuza kukaHulumeni kubona.

Ngakho le Ndlu inquma:

Ukwenza konke okusemandleni ukwenza umehluko ezimpilweni zalaba bantu ngoba abantu banezinkinga ezinkulu, ezijahekile, abadinga uHulumeni ngazo

ukuze basizakale.

[This House noting:

That last week a multi-party delegation of this House visited all municipal areas in the Uthungulu District, mandated by the Speaker as being preparations for the “Taking the Legislature to the People” programme.

That, as the leader of the delegation, I would like to thank all members for their cooperation, amakhosi and izinduna [headmen] who were with us, councillors, and, in particular, the people of Uthungulu who came in their numbers - even when there was no transport in some areas – because they were delighted to see the government in their areas.

Therefore resolves:

To do everything it can to make a difference in the lives of the people, because people have problems which need to be prioritised by government.]

MR M R MZOBE (IFP): Ngiyabonga, Mr Speaker, ngokuhlala kwale ndlu okulandelayo ngiyophakamisa kanje:

Le Ndlu:

Iphawula ngesinqumo sikaKhongolose esaziwa nge-Harare Declaration lapho esho khona uKhongolose ngokungahlonizi ukuthi uMntwana wakwaPhindangene uyoba u-garden boy kanti iMbube iyoseva amaKhomanisi itiyi.

Le Ndlu inquma kanje:

Ukukhumbuza uNgqongqoshe uMabuyakhulu ukuthi angakhohlisi isizwe ...

MR V C XABA (Chief Whip of the Legislature): Mr Speaker, I rise on a point of order. [Interjections]

MR M R MZOBE (IFP):

... ngokukhulumela safuthi engathi wadla utshwala bokufulela lapho ethi uKhongolose wenze lukhulu ...

Ngangingakezwa ...

THE SPEAKER: There is a point of order. Yes, hon Chief Whip?

MR V C XABA (Chief Whip of the Legislature): Mr Speaker, the hon member is misleading the House. I am rising in terms of Rule 245 (2) (g) which reads:

Contempt includes, but is not limited to, deliberately or recklessly misleading the Legislature regarding material facts on an issue.

I have read the Harare Declaration. It does not say the things that the hon member is talking about. [Interjections]

THE SPEAKER: [Kulungile](#), hon Chief Whip. Hon member, [ngizawucela-ke ukuthi uyibuyise leyo Motion ke siyi-investigeythe ukuthi ngabe iHarare Declaration isho lokho ekushoyo.na?](#)

MR M R MZOBE (IFP): [Ngicela ukuqedela Somlomo. Ngiqale phansi Somlomo.](#)

THE SPEAKER: [Awukwazi ukuyiqala phansi.](#)

MR M R MZOBE (IFP):

[Le Ndlu iyonquma kanje:](#)

[Ukukhumbuza uNgqongqoshe uMabuyakhulu ...](#)

THE SPEAKER: [Awukwazi ukuyiqala phansi.](#)

MR M R MZOBE (IFP): [Ngiyaqhubeka Speaker.](#)

THE SPEAKER: [Qhubeka-ke.](#)

MR M R MZOBE (IFP):

[Le Ndlu iyonquma kanje:](#)

[Ukukhumbuza uNgqongqoshe uMabuyakhulu ukuthi angakhohlisi isizwe ngokukhulumela safuthi engathi wadla utshwala bokufulela lapho ethi "uKhongolose wenze lukhulu odabeni lokugcinwa kwesithunzi sobukhosi".](#)

Ukunjusa uMongameli kaKhongolose ukuthi akaxolise egameni lenhlangano yakhe kuMntwana naseSilweni ngenhlamba abachashwa ngayo wuKhongolose ngoba phela ingcanga ibambela umniniyo.

Ngiyophakamisa kanje.

[This House noting:

The ANC's Harare Declaration, where it states unequivocally that Prince of KwaPhindangene [Prince Buthelezi] would be a garden boy and that Imbube [His Majesty, the King] would serve tea to communists.

Therefore resolves:

To remind MEC Mabuyakhulu not to mislead the nation with his own verbosity, similar to that of a drunk, claiming that the ANC has done a lot in preserving the dignity of traditional leadership, and

To call on the President of the ANC to apologise on behalf of his party to Prince Buthelezi and His Majesty the King for the insult leveled against them by the ANC, because a dog serves its master.]

THE SPEAKER: The next person on the list is the hon member Mr Krog.

DR Z L MKHIZE (MEC for Finance and Economic Development): Mr Speaker, I rise on a point of order: I just wish to assist you. Could we be given the authority to distribute copies of the Harare Declaration in this House to clear the issues you are looking into.

THE SPEAKER: We will consider that as part of the investigation.

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

This House noting:

That all South Africans celebrated Freedom Day yesterday, the 28th of April 2008, and

That the President has called for moral regeneration in the following fields -

family life;

respect for woman and mothers;

respect for different cultures;

respect for different nationalities;

zero tolerance for fraud, theft, violence and corruption, and

good governance and leadership to supply services to all South Africans.

Therefore resolves:

To call for the implementation in KZN of the moral regeneration call made by the President.

MRS S THAKUR-RAJBANSI (MF): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of this House as follows:

This House noting:

That the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002, provides for the facilitation and regulation of electronic communications and transactions, and

That in the Ward 73 bi-election, the ANC candidate Minesh Maistry, and the eThekweni ANC Exco member Visven Reddy are exploiting this means of communication by inviting desperate home-seekers to secret housing meeting and enforcing ANC membership at a fee of R12 in lieu of a house as a guarantee.

Therefore resolves:

To call for the disqualification of Minish Maistry as a Ward 73 candidate, and

To call for Visven Reddy to be disciplined as ignorance is not an excuse in the eyes of the law because everyone should be aware of the legalities of the Act and the consequences of its contravention whereby the Act confirms the common-law position that a contract is concluded when a data message which

contains the acceptance of an offer is retrieved by the offering party.

The Speaker subsequently ruled the motion by Mrs S Thakur-Rajbansi (MF) out of order as it exceeded the maximum length of 100 words as laid down by Rule 94(1) of the Standing Rules of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature.

MS G N SWARTBOOI (ANC): Mr Speaker, I hereby give notice that I shall move on the next sitting day of this House as follows:

This House noting:

The overwhelming support of the 14th anniversary of our freedom celebrated by almost 15 000 people in the eMacambini area near Mandeni on the North Coast on Sunday, the 27th of April 2008, and

That these thousands of people who attended the event went there despite widely rumoured plans to disrupt this occasion.

Therefore resolves:

To salute the people of KwaZulu-Natal who are emphatically demonstrating their resounding endorsement of the ANC government that has made remarkable strides in bettering their lives in the past 14 years of the new democratic South Africa.

THE SPEAKER: Hon members, before I convert the House into a Committee of Supply, I wish to make the following announcements:

Firstly, members of the Disciplinary Committee will need to leave the Chamber to go to their meeting in the IFP Caucus Room at 10:45. This is a message from the secretary of the Disciplinary Committee. Members of the Disciplinary Committee are hereby informed of this announcement and are therefore expected to attend that meeting.

Secondly, members of Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culture and Tourism are requested to remain behind for five minutes when we break for lunch. This will be for the adoption of the committee report. This note was written by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, the hon Mr B J Msomi.

The House was resolved into a Committee of Supply, and the Speaker requested the Chairperson of Committees, Mr S N Mtetwa, to assume the Chair.

8. ORDERS OF THE DAY

8.1 Debate on Vote 7: Health

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): The Committee of Supply resumes. [Sanibonani](#). [Sekuphinde kwenzeka lokho](#). [Siya ezimpilweni-ke namhlanje](#).

Without wasting any time, the debate on Vote 7: Health will now start. [Lungisani ibhokisi madoda](#). The hon MEC for Health has 30 minutes in which to deliver her report. Please note that I will be using this clock and I will be strict, as usual.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): [Inaudible]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): The answer is yes, hon MEC for Health.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Thank you. Hon Chairperson, hon Dr Sibusiso Ndebele, Premier of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, hon members of the provincial Executive Council, hon members of the provincial Legislature, hon Ms Zanele Ludidi, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health, hon members of the Portfolio Committee on Health, your worships, mayors and councillors, *amakhosi, izinduna, abelaphi bendabuko*, the acting head of the Department of Health, Dr Yolisa Mbele; officials of the Department of Health, government bodies, *inter alia* the Mental Health Review Board chaired by Mr Nofemela, clinic committees, hospital board members, the Provincial Health Council, distinguished guests, comrades and friends, ladies and gentlemen, I need to forewarn the House that I might divert from what is reflected in my original speech because of what has recently been splashed on the pages of some newspapers. I need to explain some of the issues. Please pardon me for that.

In his address to the people of this country on 8 January 2008, the president of the African National Congress, the hon Dr Jacob Zuma made a clear and unequivocal statement where he said, and I quote:

The achievement of better health for all is an important part of improving the

quality of life of poor South Africans.

This very profound statement can be linked to a statement made three decades ago during the Alma Ata Declaration of 1978 in the United Soviet Socialist Republic, a declaration advocating for equity in health for all. This declaration called on all nations to strongly reaffirm that health - which is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity - is a fundamental human right, and that the attainment of the highest possible level of health is a most important world-wide social goal whose realisation requires the action of - and I wish to emphasise this - many other social and economic sectors in addition to the health sector.

I feel honoured to stand before the House today as a proud and committed member of the African National Congress whose fifth year commitment to the people was communicated by the President of the Republic of South Africa, the hon Mr Thabo Mbeki, when he spoke of the People's Contract to create work and fight poverty, a commitment which we are now celebrating.

During this period of our commitment, I believe we have done our best to create work and fight poverty. This has been attested to by our slogan of "Fighting Disease, Fighting Poverty, Giving Hope" to more than 10 million citizens of this beautiful province during the past five years. Furthermore, we have gone a long way to creating job opportunities in line with broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) practices in various procurement opportunities.

The hon President of our Republic, in his state-of-the-nation address earlier this year, made the following profound statement, and I quote:

More than at any other time, the situation that confronts our nation and country, and the tasks we have set ourselves, demand that we inspire and organise all our people to act together as one, to do all the things that have to be done, understanding that in a very real sense, all of us, together, hold our own future in our hands.

The President has called upon us to reflect on our own achievements and failures. I would therefore like to reflect on some of the challenges we have faced during the five years of the People's Contract, as advocated by the hon President of the Republic of

South Africa.

However, allow me to first address two issues that have recently made the headlines in the public domain. These two issues dominating our operations, excluding today's budget speech, are the suspension of a doctor at Manguzi Hospital and a cancer screening machine, known as a mammography machine.

As MEC for Health in this province, I am tasked with the responsibility of healthcare delivery. The shortage of doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals can never be over-emphasised. It saddens me that the media and some hon members have isolated the issue of Dr Blaylock and some doctors in rural areas out of context. They assume that I am responsible for the processes that resulted in Dr Blaylock's suspension. I must emphasise that institutional managers are responsible for due disciplinary processes which are fair and constitutionally enshrined.

However, after having been informed by media reports and my managers and staff in the department of other allegations of racism, ill-treatment of staff and abuse of departmental facilities by Dr Blaylock and some doctors operating at some of our rural facilities, I will as a matter of urgency be appointing a task team to look into, *inter alia*, the following issues:

- An allegation of the illegal use of theatre facilities to operate on a dog. [Udokotela kwakufanele enze umsebenzi wobudokotela wokuthi e-theatre kuhlinzwe abantu ababekhona elistini. Yena wakhetha ukuthi aletheinja yakhe kube yiyona ehlinzwayo.](#)
- An allegation of assault on the radiographer, Mr Cliff Mdunge, who had to receive stitches after this severe assault. Mr Mdunge [waduvwaduvwa ngezibhakela udokotela okukhulunywa ngaye](#) and we are not supposed to say anything as a department;
- An allegation of damaging a pharmacy window after he wanted to assault staff in the pharmacy and he himself had to be treated at the operating theatre as a result;
- The ill-treatment and name-calling of staff during last year's public sector strike,

when he referred to the staff members as "baboons", and in this instance, again, he apologised;

- Allegations of receiving donations in a manner that does not conform to the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and Treasury regulations which are to be used for research purposes;
- Allegations of research projects during which informed consent issues are not fully canvassed with patients, and
- Allegations of implementing international policies which are not aligned to government and departmental policies.

Bahlonishwa abakhona lapha kule Ndlu, kukhona ozakwethu ikakhulukazi labo abaqhambuka eqenjini le-DA behamba ne-TAC, behamba nezinye izinhlangano, abathi cha noma ngabe odokotela bangaziphatha kanjani ezibhedlela zethu kumele sithule nje singasho lutho.

I have accordingly accepted the recommendation of the institutional management that Dr Blaylock's suspension be lifted. It is going to be lifted. However, it is a very bad precedent that we are establishing. [Interjections] Oh, is it a good one? The DA says it is a good one, ja! He will be allowed to continue with his duties of serving our people. As the MEC, I am tasked with ensuring the provision of quality healthcare services and, at the same time, defend the dignity of our people by ensuring that they receive the best service while in our care.

Just yesterday, I received an e-mail message from one L B Henbro who wrote, and I quote:

Why don't you go back to teaching, preferably in rural areas, the very ones that you despise? You are a fake and to boot, stupid. Your utterances show your stupidity and lack of moral fibre. Once again the parade of stupid people leaves us not only shocked, but gives us ample ammunition to laugh at your incompetence and lack of grey matter.

Such utterances clearly indicate a lack of candour and are downright disrespectful of the Office of the MEC. This was also evidenced by the same Dr Blaylock who defaced an

official picture by throwing it in the dustbin. Such acts of disrespect do not really tarnish me or relegate me to the dustbin of history, as the ANC has been democratically elected by our people and I was appointed by the hon Premier as the MEC for Health to serve and protect our people from any acts of abuse.

Hon members, after being made aware of such statements and actions, what actions do you think I should take against people - like the doctor - who make such careless statements? Is he also telling us that teachers are stupid, that they lack competence and grey matter? Am I to accept that some doctors are indispensable and above the law? In this province we have people masquerading as doctors and, if we take action against these quacks, are we going to be accused in the media of depleting our hospitals or health services of their so-called sophisticated skills?

Having said all of the above, I would like to acknowledge the many doctors who are in the majority and who are committed to working in our so-called rural areas and who, with all the challenges they are facing, continue to work hard to put people first. I would like to applaud them for their sterling work and for their commitment in ensuring that our mandate of access to quality healthcare, as enshrined in our Constitution, is achieved.

Secondly, I would like to remind the House that the theme of our last financial year was "Investing in Women and Children Secures a Healthy Nation". Ladies and gentlemen, it is therefore fair to mention that I have reported to the Portfolio Committee on Health the reasons why we had to investigate early detection and interventions for the prevention of unnecessary deaths due to cancer. It is of the utmost importance for me to highlight to the House that there are two machines at issue. The one was priced at R425 000 and the other was priced at R1,5 million.

Having highlighted that, I further wish to inform the House that the two pieces (*The printed version of the MEC's speech refers to "prices" and not "pieces" – Ed.*) submitted by two separate entities were for the different items of equipment whose specifications are also miles apart and of different brand names. During the visit by the former Head of Department (HoD) and I to Brazil, we saw a programme where communities with various illnesses were screened and treated in mobile mini hospital facilities. We were informed that one of the pieces of equipment utilised in this programme was a compact machine capable of screening various types of cancers. Hon members, I wish to reiterate that all

our interests were limited to trials only. No taxpayers' money has been paid to service providers till today.

I must also be swift to mention that the disappearance of the machine whilst on trial was reported to the SA Police Service. It is not my intention to withhold information to this House. However, as you are all aware, these topics have now become the subject of an investigation conducted by the Directorate of Special Operations. I therefore cannot divulge any further information as this matter is classified as *sub judice*.

Chairperson, what I find disgraceful, deplorable and opportunistic is the manner in which these matters are being used to slander me and certain officials of the department. In my case, I do not mind, because the great leader of the African National Congress, iNkosi Albert Luthuli, *uMadlanduna*, taught us that "the road to freedom is via the cross" and history will absolve me.

Among the biggest challenges that we are faced with in the department is the over-expenditure of which all hon members are aware. When wage negotiations deadlocked last year, culminating in a public strike action that commenced on 1 June 2007, a host of our public workers took to the streets, including employees from the Department of Health. The vigorous intervention by the department was able to avert the potential disruption to health services during this difficult time. Despite all these efforts, our health facilities were hardest hit. Many financial resources had to be concentrated on employing outside staff in order to provide emergency and much-needed health services to our people. We also had to buy beds from the private healthcare, which drained most of our financial resources.

The House will recall that the department was faced with over-expenditure in the last financial year. Several factors can be attributed to this over-expenditure. One of them I have already alluded to and the second one relates to anti-retrovirals (ARVs). We had a budget allocation to cater for 81 000 patients, but to date we have been treating more than 120 000 patients, hence an over-expenditure of R158 million in this regard.

There was a high prevalence of tuberculosis (TB), multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and extensive drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-T) in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. We had to implement a TB crisis management plan which was launched by the hon Minister of Health in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. We had to increase

tracer teams. We had to buy vehicles and we also had to establish more TB-designated wards, and these all resulted in the over-expenditure of R80 million.

There are so many other challenges, but all of the above serves to inform us that we need to start afresh and come up with a zero-based budget system, as articulated by the Portfolio Committee on Finance.

Another challenge that we are facing is the continued threat of klebsiella outbreaks in the province. Hon members will remember the unfortunate incident last year at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital where newborn babies lost their lives to the klebsiella bacteria. Our investigations indicated that the problem is multi-faceted in that it has to do with the infrastructural design of our hospitals, and nursery wards in particular, socio-economic conditions of young women in particular and, of course, other issues like family-planning services that are not youth-friendly and, lastly, the usage of multi-dose vials. In Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital, for example, we are faced with some elements of the problem as outlined earlier. Amongst others, eMlazi, [asinayo imitholampilo. Isikhathi esiningi abantu baseMlazi uma begula baqonda ngqo esibhedlela e-Prince Mshiyeni, noma beyoteta baqonda esibhedlela e-Prince Mshiyeni. Yingakho nje kuyisibhedlela esigcwalayo. Kanti ngendlela esakhiwa ngayo ngesikhathi sohulumeni wobandlululo, akuzange kubhekelelwe ukuthi amawadi kufanele akhiwe ngendlela yokuthi abantwana bangatholi ama-infections afana ne-klebsiela kalula njengoba kwenzeka njengamanje. Kuyoba ngcono uma singathola imali ethe xaxa yokwakha imitholampilo ukuze sikwazi ukunqanda lolu bhubhane esibhekene nalo njengamanje.](#)

[Siyacela-ke ukuthi silekelelane ikakhulukazi ngokufundisana ngocansi kubantwana laba abakhulayo ngoba abantwana abaningi abazalwayo lapha esibhedlela e-Prince Mshiyeni basuke bezalwa ama-teenage mothers, basuke futhi bebancane kakhulu, bazalwa begula isikhathi esiningi bese kwenza lokho ukuthi kwande ukushona kwabantwana esibhedlela e-Prince Mshiyeni.](#)

We also need an inter-governmental approach that will address socio-economic drivers of infections. The Department of Housing, for instance, in its quest to eradicate informal settlements by 2014 needs to be applauded.

In the past financial year, we in the department have undertaken a total number of 45

health awareness and health promotion campaigns as a means to decrease the burden placed on our institutions to treat patients whose ailments could have been prevented.

As a means to promote primary healthcare, we have also formed an agreement with the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine Infection Control Unit. This is a move intended to identify and prevent klebsiella deaths by promoting prevention strategies in all our health facilities.

This collaboration with the University [of KwaZulu-Natal] has enabled us to avert more deaths in Port Shepstone Hospital where an imminent outbreak of klebsiella was reported. I have opted to bring to the fore these challenge so that I can make a call to the House to support our request for an adequate budget allocation and educate the public about the salient issues around outbreaks.

We are continuously hardest hit by the skills drain and our inability to attract healthcare workers to serve in underserved areas. This is largely due to the gross shortage of accommodation in most areas and with the lack of adequate funding, planning for the construction of accommodation is almost a pipe dream as we battle to use whatever available resources to construct accommodation for our health professionals.

We are still far from living up to the ideals of ending casual employment in our department. A number of institutions still employ casual staff to man the hospitals and other sections of the department. We plan to ensure that all of these discrepancies come to an immediate end and all staff becomes employed full-time in the department. We have a mandate to implement the Polokwane resolution to ensure that all critical posts are filled by the end of June and we have begun an exercise of ensuring that this happens. The hon President of the Republic spoke of "business unusual" and we plan to do whatever is necessary to make this a reality - no matter how unusual.

We have suffered setbacks with regard to maternal and child mortality. We are the only country which has a confidential report on maternal deaths. The Minister of Health has appointed a committee to look into maternal and child mortality rates and we are working closely with this committee to reduce these deaths. To that effect we are to employ a manager to advance and scale up our Maternal Child and Women's Health Programme. Amongst the key performance areas is the development of strategies to address the inadequate family planning services that will be youth-friendly at primary healthcare

level, where our young people still experience ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Prof J S Maphalala): [Usalelwe yimizuzu emithathu esikhathini sakho. Qhubeka Ngqongqoshe.](#)

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): [Ngicela uze uthathe ngezansi Baba. Ngiyabonga.](#)

I would once more make reference to the problem of teenage pregnancy which is a serious cause for concern. We need to scale up services available to arrest teenage pregnancy through various programmes. We hope that through behavioural change the situation will be turned around.

In the previous financial year we also kick-started a programme to highlight the plight of women in general, and rural women in particular, who succumb to the silent scourge of breast cancer that targets women of child-bearing age in the main.

I wish to respond to the call by the members of the glorious people's army, *uMkhonto weSizwe*, who have pleaded with me and my colleagues to reach out to them, as well. There was a Polokwane resolution that we need to engage these heroes and heroines so that they can also access quality healthcare, even if they are uninsured.

As we celebrate the third decade of the revolutionary Alma Ata Declaration, we remain convinced that investing in primary healthcare secures a healthy nation, and it is regarded as the foremost health-delivery intervention. The Alma Ata Declaration clearly indicates that, and I quote:

Primary healthcare is essential healthcare, based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination.

Through this declaration, we have managed to come up with a strategy whose aim is improve accessibility to healthcare services, managing the emergent and re-emerging communicable diseases and the challenge of satisfying our human resources so that

they remain in the country whilst opportunities to work in developing countries are in their faces.

Infrastructure development and clinical support

In responding to our mandate and to the healthcare needs of our people, a amount of some R731 million was spent on 115 projects, excluding the revitalisation programme projects. I have to indicate that the projects in question were selected out of a total number of 802 requests from clinics. I must also indicate that we in the department are now ready to construct the two health facilities, namely the Dr J L Dube Hospital and the Dr Pixley Ka Seme Hospital during this financial year.

Hon members will also recall that the department took over the management of Forensic Pathology Services from the SA Police Services. Of the 30 ex-SAPS facilities, seven facilities were identified as suitable for retention on a permanent basis, but many of them are really dilapidated. We are going to build new mortuaries at a cost of R56 million.

The department has 37 tele-medicine sites in the province. They have brought specialised services to the most rural of our communities through the use of advanced technology. The services that are offered through our tele-medicine sites have been improved with capacity to offer tele-education, tele-radiology, tele-dermatology, and tele-ophthalmology.

The province will be hosting the Health Informatics of South Africa conference in June 2008 at eThekweni. In his state-of-the-nation address early this year, the hon President of the Republic called upon us to, and I quote:

... accelerate our advance towards the achievement of a goal of health for all, which includes an intensified implementation of the National Strategic Plan against HIV and Aids. During the course of this year we aim to reduce TB defaulter rates from 10 percent to seven percent, train over 3 000 health personnel in the management of TB and ensure that all multi-drug resistant and extreme drug-resistant TB patients receive treatment.

This call is in line with the long-held view that the Department of Health carries the greater responsibility for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Of the eight goals, five have a direct reference to the programmes of healthcare. These are the

eradication of extreme poverty and hunger; the reduction of child mortality; the improvement of maternal health, combating HIV and Aids, malaria and other diseases, and to develop a global partnership for development.

I am proud to report that in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal we have reduced the defaulter rate of TB patients. We have appointed 1 800 lay counsellors and have also implemented dual therapy on PMTCT. In fact, we were the first province to do that. [Asizophela amandla.](#)

Everyone in the country is applauding our ART programme because we have gone beyond the call of duty. We are now administering the regimens that are supposed to be administered in our healthcare facilities.

Because of time constraints I will not be able to go through my entire report, but I wish to emphasise the issue of promoting of healthy lifestyles. I wish to read something which Ché Guevara once said, and I quote:

The principle upon which the fight against disease should be based is the creation of a robust body; but not the creation of a robust body by the artistic work of a doctor upon a weak organism; rather, the creation of a robust body with the work of the whole collectivity, upon the entire social collectivity.

[Nalapha KwaZulu-Natali sizimisele ukuthi sihambe nesiqubulo sethu salo nyaka esithi: 'I choose to promote a healthy lifestyle'.](#)

[Lapho sicela khona abasabhema ukuthi abayeke ukubhema. Labo abaphuza kakhulu utshwala bayeke ukuphuza. Sinxenxa abahlonishwa ukuthi abajwayele ukuzivocavoca nokuthi lokhu esikudlayo sidle ukudla okunempilo. Sizoqhubeka-ke nalokho. Sizimisele futhi nokuthi sithenge ama-ambulensi azokwanela noma engeke aze anele kahle kodwa azokwenza ukuthi abantu bakithi abawadingayo bawathole ngesikhathi abawadinga ngaso.](#)

[Sizimisele futhi ukuthi sihambe izindawo, amagquma nezintaba emakhaya, sihamba sisiza ikakhulukazi abantu laba ababhalise ngaphansi kwaMasifundisane ukuze phela bakwazi ukuthi bafunde bebona emehlweni; kanjalo futhi nabanye nje abantu abadinga usizo lwethu njengoMnyango Wezempilo ukuze babone emehlweni.](#)

Sihlalo ohloniphekile, uhlelo lwethu lwe-Home Community Based Care, uhlelo olubalulekile. Lapho sihamba khona, onompilo kanye namavolontiya bayakhala kakhulu nge-stipend abasitholayo ukuthi abanelisiwe. Kulo nyaka siye sabona ukuthi sikhuphule lesi stipend ebesiwu-R500 kumavolontiya sisibeke ezingeni lika-R1000. Kuncane khona kodwa siyathemba ukuthi akufani nokuthi singenzi lutho kwasampelampela.

Ake ngibalule-ke ukuthi imi kanjani i-budget yalo nyaka. Ku-Programme 1:

The total amount of R15,042 billion which has been requested for the current financial year reflects an increase of R1,117 billion or eight percent compared to the budget of the last financial year. [Siyabonga kakhulu kuDokotela uMkhize ophethe ezezimali.](#)

The amount proposed for allocation to the various programmes is based on reprioritised commitments which are in line with our delivery requirements.

Programme 1: Administration

The optimal organisational review and configuration of the department is in part and on the whole critical to ensure the economical and sustainable utilisation and allocation of resources in pursuit of meeting our mandate of providing an equitable and a comprehensive health service delivery to all persons. In this regard we had to review our allocation to meet the intended goals and objectives as set out in our strategic plan. The allocation increased by R24,7 million from R280,8 million to R305,5 million.

Programme 2: District Health Services

During the last financial year, a total of 21 079 790 patients visited our primary healthcare (PHC) facilities. The figure is expected to increase to more than 22 350 000 this year. The PHC utilisation rate is expected to increase from 2,3 visits in the last financial year to 2,4 visits in 2008/09. Some 2 545 000 people are expected to visit our out-patient district (OPD) hospitals.

[Ziningi izibalo bahlonishwa kodwa engifuna ukukubalula ukuthi kule Programme imali esiyizuzile kulo nyaka ikhuphuke ngo-R539 million iya ku-R6,915 billion kulo nyaka.](#)

Programme 3: Emergency Medical Rescue Services

[Uma siza kwi-Emergency Medical Rescue Services, sikwazile ukuthi sizuze imali ewu-](#)

R544, 9 million.

Programme 4: Provincial Hospital Services

With Provincial Hospital Services, nakuba singeke size saneliswe kodwa khona akufani ngoba imali engu-R3,899 billion sikwazile ukuyizuza kulo nyaka.

Programme 5: Central Hospital Services

To ensure that Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, Ngwelezane and Grey's Hospitals continue to provide first-class tertiary healthcare services, we have made provision to increase the allocation by R154,4 million from R1,286 billion to R1,440 billion. The increase, however, is inadequate to cater for the increase in the number of patients being seen and the expansion of services at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital.

Programme 6: Health Sciences and Training

In the current financial year we plan to train a total of 3 342 student nurses, 1 041 enrolled nurses and 103 enrolled nursing assistants. In the next financial year, we hope to increase the number of enrolled nurses that will be required to operate the health posts and mobile clinics. We have thus made an allocation increase of R55,7 million from R522,6 million in the last financial year to R578,3 million in the current financial year.

Programme 7: Healthcare Support Services

We have increased the allocation by R21,5 million in this last financial year to R34,130 million in the current financial year, because we have an increased number of patients on ART, XTR-TB, *et cetera*. The amount allocated for this programme is R978 million.

Programme 8: Health Facilities Management

We have a backlog of R5,1 billion to reach our target to construct new and upgrade existing health facilities. The decrease in the budget by R40,678 million from R1,278 billion in the last financial year to R1,238 billion in 2008/09 is a cause for concern.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the many people who have worked with us in ensuring that we deliver on the promises we made to the people

of KwaZulu-Natal. I would also like to thank my hon colleagues in the Executive Council under the leadership of the hon Dr Sibusiso Ndebele, the Premier of our Province, for their support.

I would also like to thank the Portfolio Committee on Health under the leadership of the hon Ms Zanele Ludidi, for the support, guidance and commitment to the Department of Health. I also thank the hon Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Finance and other chairpersons who have given the department a lot of advice.

My experience in this department has shown that we have a dedicated staff complement, a team of people who are working very hard to make this department the best it can be. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr, in his inspirational sermon called Three Dimensions of a Complete Life, captured the precise way of characterising the dedication and commitment of our staff in serving the people of KwaZulu-Natal when he said, and I quote:

If you can't be the sun, be a star: It is not by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.

These men and women are working very hard on a daily basis to make sure that services take place uninterrupted. I would also like to take this time to salute and thank Dr Yolisa Mbele, the acting Head of Department, the senior management and all staff members, including the staff who clean our offices and the security personnel who guard our buildings. Of course, I would be lost without expressing my gratitude for the many prayers I received from people from all faith-based organisations who never tire to commit us to God and to our ancestors.

I hereby wish to present the budget for Vote 7: Department of Health (R15,042 billion) for consideration and approval. I thank you.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Prof J S Maphalala): [Siyabonga inkulumo kaNgqongqoshe. Isikhulumi sethu esilandelayo ilungu elihloniphekile, Z M Ludidi, uSihlalo Wekomidi – onemizuzu eyishumi nanhlanu.](#)

MS Z M LUDIDI (Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Health): [Ngiyabonga Sihlalo.](#) The Portfolio Committee on Health met with the Department of Health in KwaZulu-Natal on 11 March 2008 to deliberate on the presentation of their 2008/09

budget.

To effectively exercise its oversight mandate, the Portfolio Committee on Health suggested that the department at all times and for future reference liaise closely with the committee, provincial Treasury and the Auditor-General, should it be faced with unforeseen circumstances which might impact on its budget.

The department discussed its 2008/09 budget at length, and this generated robust debate from the committee members. It was noted that the department was and is facing challenges which are impacting on their budget allocations. The following are some of the more pressurising aspects:

- The implementation of the OSD (occupation-specific dispensation) programme. This provincial burden is currently being discussed with the national Minister of Health;
- The unanticipated industrial action in 2007, which is also being discussed with the national Minister of Health;
- The impact of the public sector wage increases, which is also still being discussed, and
- The implementation of HIV and Aids, TB, MDR and XDR-TB programmes according to national and provincial guidelines and priorities.

According to the department, healthcare services are being faced by increasing pressure as more and more patients are seeking services. An increase in patient numbers is also impacting on allocated budgets. There is also a changing trend in the mobility and morbidity of patients.

In addition to the funding challenges faced by the department, the committee identified and raised concerns about the underfunding of the following and recommended as follows:

- Extra funding be made available for maintenance programmes;
- Extra funding be made available for recruitment and retention of health

personnel;

- Extra funding be made available for EMRS;
- Extra funding be made available for primary healthcare services in keeping with the impending roll-out of ART services, and
- Extra funding be made available for health information services.

Whilst the committee is aware of the department's challenges, it also notes with concern its over-expenditure and urges the national Department of Health to monitor the OSD programme and for Treasury to consider a zero-based budget for the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health.

Considering the above-mentioned, the Portfolio Committee on Health recommends and urges the House to consider the requests in light of the challenges being faced by the Department of Health.

The Portfolio Committee on Health of KwaZulu-Natal supports the 2008/09 budget of the Department of Health and believes that the department is facing a tenuous situation. If health services are to be made accessible to all citizens of KwaZulu-Natal in terms of its constitutional obligation to do so, then the department's challenges and requests require a more favourable consideration.

I thank you, Chairperson.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Prof J S Maphalala): [Ngiyabonga kuSihlalo Wekomidi, ilungu elihloniphekile. Isikhulumi sethu esilandelayo, Inkatha Freedom Party, hon B S Mohlaka onemizuzu eyisithupha.](#)

MRS B S MOHLAKA (IFP): [Ngiyabonga hon Chair.](#) I am happy to participate in this debate on Vote 7: Health. The hon Mrs Peggy Nkonyeni, MEC, has delivered a good report. [Kodwa-ke, sicela asinike amaReport angekho kuBudget Speech yakhe.](#) My debate is going to focus on communicable diseases [njengeTB.](#)

It is understood that the Department of Health has made improvements in TB testing, resulting in an increase coverage of 8 500 to 13 500 patients – [okusho ukuthi umehluko lapho](#) is 5000 patients. The very high incidence of TB and HIV in KwaZulu-Natal is

always talked about.

The employment of nurses to specifically deal with tuberculosis is not enough to deal with TB. One would like to know if the number of laboratories and lab technicians has also been increased. I would also like to know what categories of nurses have been employed and whether they are being adequately trained in TB prevention, management and rehabilitation. What is the duration of training and the curriculum? I am interested because I underwent an intensive specialist TB course.

TB is highly infectious as it is caused by droplet infection. *Mina ngiphatheka kabi uma umuntu ekhwehlela engabekile ngisho isandla emlonyeni wakhe ngoba wena uhogela iTB Germs zakhe ezivele zingene emaphashini akho. Ake nivale imilomo please ngamaduku or tissue papers uma nikhwehlela.* [Interjections] Nurses directly involved must be looked after. The department must seriously take care of occupational health risk factors. Have their nurses been tested for TB to see whether they have not harboured any TB infection?

Prevention is better than cure and would reduce the much talked about high statistics on TB and HIV/Aids. Routine chest X-rays to health workers must be done and should be one of the priorities of this department. It is heart-breaking for a health worker to have a chest X-ray, only to discover lungs with huge cavities. The hospitals need to have isolation wards for TB patients and this is critical for MDR and XDR patients.

The department is failing to trace contacts of TB sufferers. TB is a notifiable disease and *izihlobo* and other contacts must be followed. *Mina ngazi abantu abaningi ababulawa yi-TB kodwa lutho ukuba uMnyango ube nohlelo lokuba kuyiwe ezihlotsheni emakhaya, zitshelwe noma zithathwe ziyohlolwa isifuba zelashwe ingabhebhetheki i-TB.* As long as there is no prevention of disease through health education to communities and community participation, TB and HIV/Aids statistics will reach alarming proportions. The treatment and management of these diseases are very expensive and will always leave the Department of Health in the red.

It is high time the Department of Health establishes health promotion units to educate people on the causes and the control of these diseases. We need health promotion *kuma-Antenatal Clinics lapho abazithwele bedinga ukwazi ngezimo zabo.* I am not sure whether school health nursing services are fully functional. I previously stressed their

importance for the early detection of defects through testing ears, check for undescended testes *kubafanyana abancane ingane ingaze ikhule inenkinga*, because then it is easy for the nurses to make arrangements with the parents, to be referred *esibhedlela* for further management and treatment.

To teenagers of both sexes, health education and its promotion must be intensive on the topics, particularly on sex-related infections. *Ngijabulile nje uMhlonishwa uma ...* [Inaudible]. The teenage pregnancy rate would not be so high, although laws permit antenatal learners to go to school even during the second and third trimesters. These teenagers would rather prefer to study at home for fear of giving birth in full view of other learners and teachers who are not midwives and for fear of causing embarrassment to themselves and their families. *Ekabani ingane ekuzothiwa ayizophipa inyakanyaka yegazi lakhona lingaziwa noma li-HIV negative or HIV positive?*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Prof J S Maphalala): *Sekusele umzuzu owodwa.*

MRS B S MOHLAKA (IFP): *Nansi indaba enkulu; i-OSD ake niyifakele izibuko, isheshiswe. Kukhona nendaba enkulu la engiyifunde bume ephapheni. Kwenziwa yini ukuthi u-Andile Zondo amiswe emsebenzini wokuqaphela ukuthi izintela zisebenza ngokulandela imithetho na? Manjena-ke, bengicela uNgqongqoshe ngoba izibhedlela zigcwala kakhulu ake aye ko-Addington ebusuku, noma athumele uma yena engenasikhathi ayobona isekisi abantu befela kuma-Casualty and MOPDs – konke nako-Prince Mshiyeni.*

Sengiphetha, how can the department suspend a doctor without pay for one month whilst Dr Nyembezi was suspended with full pay for such a long period? [Time expired]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Prof J S Maphalala): *Kuphele sona isikhathi Lungu Elihloniphekile. Isikhulumi esilandelayo, African National Congress, hon M V Noel, onemizuzu eyishumi.*

MRS M V NOEL (ANC): Hon Chairperson, hon Premier and hon members of this House, never before have the people of our country been so threatened by the health conditions which prevail in our country and in this province, in particular. The Department of Health is challenged and stretched to its limits in trying to deal with

HIV/Aids, measles, malaria, MDR and XDR-TB. If my dear mother were alive - she was a staff nurse - she would have said that the devil has spread his coat over our province and forgot to take it back. [Interjections]

I have not prepared a long and comprehensive report, knowing that our hon MEC for Health would have done this, so I have just a few points that I want to emphasise. One of the greatest challenges of KZN is to provide adequate medical care in the rural areas. It is here that we see how important it is for departments to work together and to stop operating in silos. We cannot build a hospital or clinic in a certain area if the roads are not suitable or non-existent. Water and electricity must also be accessible. Staff nurses, doctors and other staff members need housing. Staff members also need special incentives to relocate to the rural areas.

The cost of living is far higher in the rural areas. Good schools are few and far between, and even places of worship are few and far between. All the services must therefore be available if rural areas are to attract staff to their areas.

It is heartening to hear that the department is preparing itself for load-shedding, a necessary evil that will be with us for some time to come. The department is in the process of installing new and upgrading old stand-by generators to ensure that facilities do not experience any interruptions.

HIV and Aids still remain the most serious challenge faced by this country and the province. The Department of Health has continuously increased the investment in the programmes aimed at curtailing the spread of these diseases.

The hon MEC and her department have a tremendous burden with HDR and XDR-TB, especially because the affected persons do not always cooperate with their treatment. They object to being hospitalised and isolated. They abscond and this gives rise to fears of their infecting other persons.

I now come to the spending pressures of the department and the management of the infrastructure budget: The Department of Public Works has been instructed to stop all projects not under construction. Projects for which tenders have been called but not awarded, must stop and the projects must be placed on hold.

The department has developed comprehensive business plans which identify activities

to be undertaken to address the refurbishment of mortuary services in the province. I do not know why I am tripping over my tongue this morning! [Laughter]

In closing, may I point out the extreme health challenges the department are facing. [Interjections] Well, if TB and Aids do not hit you, cancer and diabetes will. Cancer and diabetes are fast becoming as devastating as the Aids epidemic. [Interjections] There are rumours in the community that patients are using the Aids and TB medication to make white pipes, and I think a lot of you who live in ghettos will know what I am talking about. A white pipe is a notorious drug which is used particularly in KwaZulu-Natal when mandrax tablets are crushed and mixed with dagga and then smoked. Now they are using their medication and crushing it into the dagga and smoking that. This is truly a challenge.

Chairperson, with this short report I support the budget for Vote 7: Health. I thank you.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): I thank you too for allowing me some minutes. The next speaker is from the DA. The hon Mrs M Ambler-Moore has seven minutes.

MRS M H AMBLER-MOORE (DA): Thank you, Mr Chairperson. When the hon Mr Slabbert spoke last week, he said it was his 14th budget speech. This is my 30th budget speech, taking into account my time spent in local government. The hon Mrs Noel was lucky, because I spent the whole of yesterday writing my speech.

I would like to thank the hon MEC and the hon Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health for their very comprehensive reports. This is a committee that I really enjoy. It is very interesting and there is an enormous amount of good work that is done in this department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many units in the Department of Health that come to our committee meetings and the people who share their information with us. They go to a lot of trouble and the reports we get are excellent.

As has been said, this is the second largest budget in the province and the hon MEC has expressed her concern at the huge over-spenditure. We can never support any over-expenditure, even though there are very good reasons for it - unlike the Royal Household over-expenditure! I am not sure how this is going to be addressed, but it will be addressed. If nothing else, the hon Mrs Scott will see to that.

I must congratulate the department on its swift response in dealing with the TB problem, as the hon MEC has just reported. It is such good news that the cure rate has gone up from 35% to 48%. It is excellent that the department can handle 13 500 tests a month as opposed to 6 500 a year ago. However, it is of concern that the budget for dealing with this and MDR and XDR patients is insufficient, as it is with so many areas.

I must also congratulate the department on the increase of patients on anti-retrovirals. The target for this year was 81 000 and, in fact, 120 000 patients are on ARVs.

Regarding the occupation-specific dispensation, I want to raise a few concerns about this. Firstly, the under-provision of funds resulted in expenditure of R591 million when only R237 million had been provided for.

Secondly, I was phoned over the weekend and told that there is a lot of unhappiness among the midwives in this province. I have not been able to establish any facts, but apparently the midwives at Addington Hospital, Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital and Lower Umfolozi Hospital are on a go-slow. I have not heard this for an absolute fact, but that is what is being said. It is alleged that the nurses in the paediatric ward at Lower Umfolozi are receiving their OSDs and the midwives are not. There is general unhappiness and the nurses, I believe, need to be spoken to.

Talking about nurses, I think it was in February or March that I received a complaint that nurses from Empangeni were refused permission to write their exams as the fees had been paid late. These nurses were adamant that they had paid in time. It was the nursing college that had not deposited the money. These are serious allegations, so I contacted the head of that section by phone and I spoke to Dr Nkonzo Mthembu who said she would look into it. After several phone messages and e-mails, I have not had the courtesy of a reply and I really do believe that this needs to be looked into.

Also, as teacher training colleges are being talked about now, I believe we desperately need more nursing colleges. There are thousands of young women with matric out there who would happily train to be enrolled nurses, but they are not being given the opportunity because of the shortage of colleges.

I want to raise another point, and this not a problem for the hon MEC. Rather, it is a national problem and I would urge that this be raised at MinMEC for the Health MECs. A

young lady who trained in America - she spent five years there - came back to this country, very eager to give her services to her country. By the way, she comes from the Empangeni area. After making the trip to Pretoria three times - a distance of 1 290 kilometres - to take care of paperwork, she flew back to Seattle to try and get the correct documents done there. As she trained at a university there, she was told: "You are herewith informed that your application is unsuccessful and that the office has terminated your application with immediate effect". [Inaudible] That came from the South African Nursing Council. I just believe if we are really serious about attracting skills back into this country, we have to look at situations like these. Tell us what she needs to do to actually be successful. She was willing to write the exams again, so I would like us to have a good hard look at that. You would think that we had a surplus of nurses, reading that.

We employ specialists in this province to work full time in our hospitals, and this is a very serious problem I am noting. They are fairly well paid and I am told they get car allowances. They are allowed to do private work after five and during weekends. We need to investigate how much time some of them are giving to the hospital where they are employed. If you can go to their rooms - and I have got the names, I can give them to the hon MEC - patients and registrars are suffering as these specialists are almost full time in their private practices and they pop into the hospital occasionally. Particularly affected is Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital. It is a serious problem and to me it is nothing short of theft!

There is another problem, and I am not sure how we deal with it. It is the treatment that his province is giving to the mentally ill patients. Town Hill was a place where the mentally ill were cared for on a full-time basis, but I am told now that only the acute cases go there. The chronically ill are sent to other institutions where they are not managed properly because of a lack of skills and facilities and they are upsetting other residents. This is not our department - it is at St Johns, the Apostolic Faith Mission, also known as KwaMasundra in Mbali. We get a situation where patients are tied together, and I believe if we have the correct or enough facilities for the mentally ill, this kind of thing would not happen and we really need to seriously look at it.

I want to go now to a motion that I made. That hon MEC has attacked me for a suggestion that I made, so I need to give the background. The worldwide best practice

for some time has been to give dual therapy to HIV+ pregnant women. The Western Cape has been doing it for some time and it has reduced the transmission rate from 22% to 8%.

When the hon MEC heard that Dr Pfaff at Manguzi had secured funding and was administering dual therapy which, in fact, had been approved by the Health Council in January, the hon MEC went roaring up to Manguzi, made wild threats to discipline the said doctor, came back here, reported to the committee, making several disparaging remarks about rural doctors, and now wonders why the rural doctors and the TAC are furious.

In my motion in this House I politely asked the hon MEC to implement dual therapy as is done all over the world. She responded to me in that motion by saying that scientists do not know if dual therapy works, but because of the excellent lobbying of the TAC, hey presto, HIV+ mothers are now getting dual therapy! I was treated to a long lecture from the hon Mthembu on protocol ... [Time expired]

PROF J S MAPHALALA (NADECO): Ngiyabonga Sihlalo, Nyambose, wena wasemaGanwini. IsiFundazwe sethu sinabantu abangaphezu kwezigidi ezilishumi. Abangaphezulu kukahhafu bahlala emakhaya. Ngakho, i-NADECO iyakusekela ngokugcwele ukuthi imali enikezwe lo Mnyango ibe ngaphezulu kakhulu kokwenza ukuze abantu bakithi bangabulawa izifo ezinhlobonhlobo ikakhulu igciwane leNgculazi, isifo sofuba nokunye. Kungeke kwaba kuhle sesikhululekile bese sikhuluma ngokuthi abantu bakithi abaningi baxhwalile abaphilile abanayo impilo. Imali eningi kufanele ingene laphayana kulo Mnyango wakho Ngqongqoshe Nkonyeni.

Siyayibonga imizamo futhi eminingi ebonakalayo yoMnyango wakho, yokulwa nazo lezi zifo noma imali ingenele – ulwa nazo lezi zifo ezinhlobonhlobo njengesifo sofuba, nezinye. Siyi-Nadeco siphambene kakhulu nokuthi kubekwe ama-racist ebekelwa ukuthi angama-experts abantu abahlinzela izinja, bazihlinzela laphaya ethiyetha bathi abantu bakithi i-grey matter ayikho, babekelwe ukuthi bangama-specialists. Isifundazwe sethu asifunde kakhulu njengamanje ukuthi sekukhululekiwe – abahluphekile, abahamba ngezinyawo, abafaka amabheshu – abahambe bekhululekile. Hhayi ukulwela ama-racist ukuthi ahlale laphayana kuthiwe angama-experts. Kuwukubuyisela inqola emuva obandlululweni lwakudala. Sasishaywa ngezimpama sifakwe isicathulo, ngama-racists!

Akuzanywe Ngqongqoshe ngakho konke okungenzeka ukuthi abantu abanjalo bamiswe emsebenzini. Mina engingakuzwanga kahle yilokhu kokuthi bazobuyiselwa. Ukusaba ngeke kusize – uNgqongqoshe akabe uNgqongqoshe emile ngoba umele abantu akade behluphekile, bebulawa belahlwa le emgodini kungabi ndaba zalutho.

Mina nginomlando okhulumayo – ngiyawazi umlando wakithi. Ngakho uma umuntu emiselwe ukuthi unezimpawu zokubukela phansi ngokobuhlanga, ubu-racist kubantu bakithi, bese ebuye ededelwa – angiyizwa kahle leyo nto ukuthi ingenzeka kanjani! Bangingi abantu lapha, akufundiswe odokotela babekhona kodwa abaningi kubantu bakithi. Uma usummisile lowo muntu ngezimpawu awumzondi, ummisela ukuthi umbonile ukuthi akabalulekile ukuthi angabakhona la. I-NADECO ikweseka ngokugcwele lapho. Angeke sivume ukuthi kusekelwe ama-racist kuthiwe; “Ya ngoba aninabo odokotela nizokwenzenjani – nizofa – nihudulwe nidliwe yizinja bese lowo muntu acashiswe laphaya kwi-department?”

Sizoyibhekela amehlo sizwe ukuthi ugcinaphi lo muntu, umgcinisaphi Ngqongqoshe Nkonyeni – lo ohlinzela izinja – athi abantu i-grey matter yabo ayilungile zonke izinto zabo ziyabheda, abantu abamnyama abazi lutho – ziphukuphuku.

Ngidlule-ke kulolo daba ngoba manje njengomuntu kashukela, ngiyakhuphuka masinya ngithukuthele uma ngabe kukhulunywa ngale nto. [Laughter] Nginawo owami la esikhwameni. [Laughter]

Ngqongqoshe usuchaze kabanzi ngendaba yale Klipsiela nayo esikhomba le kude la sivela khona obandlululweni. Indaba yaseMshiyeni: uchazile ukuthi amaklinikhi awekho, abantu beza ngemvula baye laphaya eMshiyeni. Ukwakhiwa kwamagumbi kwenziwa ngendlela yobandlululo. Le ndaba sayidibhetha sathi ayibhidlizwe leyo nto. Sekuyajwayeleka ukuthi half a loaf is better than nothing. Nange-apartheid kwakushiwo njalo. “Nikhalani? Half a loaf is better than nothing.” Bayafa abantu nina anibongi nidla isinkwa! Kwakushiwo kithi – njengoba sesibadala sesingaka nje. Sekuzobuyela lapho-ke ukuthi kuthi uMshiyeni engalungile, egcwalisa iKlipsiela yakhiwe ngendlela yobandlululo, elimazisa abantu bakithi bese kuthiwa; “asazi-ke kodwa ngoba izimali azikho”.

Lezi zingane eziningi kangaka ezimithayo zizale lapha – nawe uyasho ukuthi zidinga izeluleko – aphi amakhondomu a-free? Nalapho nje awekho amakhondomu a-free. Uma uyochama laphana endaweni yabantu lapha-ke ePhalamende kithi, ayaswelakala.

Kangkanani-ke ngaphandle? Angisho ukuthi ngithi siyawafuna la kodwa izimpawu nazi la. [Laughter] Izimpawu nazi futhi khona lapha esikhona nje. Buka-ke kade kugcwala kuthiwa gada umvikeli wakho. Namhlanje ku-empty, kangkanani-ke ngaphandle? Akufakwe imali eMnyangweni wakho Ngqongqoshe agcwale amakhondomu nezingane ezincane ezizala ezinye izingane zinciphe. Akusiyo indaba yokudlala ukuthi siyijwayele leyo ndaba. Ngeke sikuvume ukujwayelwa yi [Interjections] yi-education? [inaudible] ... simane sihambe sidle uphuthu kodwa abantu bakithi bephilile bakithi. Siyakucela lokhu kuNgqongqoshe. Sizwile uchaza kabanzi izinkinga esibhekene nazo ngale nhlekelele.

Ngizwe Ngqongqoshe uphatha izinyanga zakithi, abomdabu abangxoba imithi baphathe nezilwane kushiswe, kunukwe kuncindwe, kubenjani. Mizamo mini ephathekayo esiza izinyanga zakithi le emaNgwaneni nakwezinye izindawo ukuthi uma benuka bambe imithi yabo? Kuqala bekusatshwa ukuthi kuphathwe indaba yokuthi imithi yesizulu, kuthiwa herbs, herbalist – kushiwo nje abasebenzi ngamakhambi kuphela. Imithi yamafutha enyoka nakho konke kwakusiza bengakafiki abelungu. Mizamo mini ephathekayo ukusiza izinyanga zakithi ukuthi sizwe phela ukuthi zona zisizakala kanjani njengoba sesikhululekile. UMnyango wakho kufanele ukwenze – kodwa ngiyavuma phela ukuthi uthe imali incane. Sithi-ke thina njengeqembu le-NADECO siyasekela ukuthi ibe phezulu imali lapho kuwe – ibe phezulu, incane le mali enikeziwe. Angisho ukuthi ngalokho uKhabazela naye ubehlephula ethatha entweni encane anikezwe yona kodwa asilweni lapha esiFundazweni.

Yithina esibaningi kunazo zonke iziFundazwe. I-population yala ingaphezulu kweyase-Namibia ngokuphindaphindiwe, neyaseBotswana ngokuphindaphindiwe naseLesotho ngokuphindaphindiwe. Ilingana neyaseZimbabwe, ilingana neyaseMozambique – thina sila esiFundazweni. Abantu bathule kufa abantu kuhanjwe phezu kwezidumbu zabantu silokhu sithule. Manje-ke sithi thina ... [Inaudible] ... akulwelwe lokho wonke umuntu ohlala la esiFundazweni akayilwele leyo nto leyo, hhayi ukujwayela leya nto yakuqala ukuthi uhhafu welofu ulungile – asidleni kuyolunga casually, casually. Akasekho u-casual manje. U-casually ingunaphakade yokuhlupheka ongakaze ukubone [Laughter]. Lelo gama elithi casual ungaphinde uliphathe lapha. Izwe likhululekile manje. [Interjections] U-casual phela bekusayizwe elicindezelekile – casual, casual kusho abaphethe. Bajwayela abantu u-casual uhhafu welofu nikhalani uhhafu ulungile. Uhhafu ulungile. Manje iphelile - izwe liphethwe abantu bakithi abamnyama, akwenzeke izinto ziye phambili.

Yilokho engikushoyo, akwenzeke izinto, hhayi ukuthi uthi wena uswele imali. Ayifakwe imali. Abalwe wonke amaZulu lapha, baningi abantu yibona abaliningi. Ungalokhu uhambe udelelwa abantu - uvikela ama-racist ngakho lokhu ukuthi uyesaba i-donation yezimali uzozitholaphi uma sekukhethwa, ngeke uzonele. Asinandaba nalokho thina.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): The next person to speak is the hon Mrs S Thakur Rajbansi. Hon member, you have 10 minutes.

MRS S THAKUR-RAJBANSI (MF): Thank you, hon Chairperson. Hon Paulos Ndlovu, I will include this! [Laughter] The MF wants to thank the hon Mrs Nkonyeni, MEC, and her officials for this report. I also want to express our gratitude to the hon Ms Ludidi, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health, for her well-chaired meetings.

I want to come straight to the point about the huge over-expenditure in this department. In South Africa, I believe, we are actually again at that point where we are reshaping our health delivery system. This has given rise to the fact that we have so many new pieces of legislation coming our way, so many amendments to write into legislation, and there are so many polices and programmes that we are adopting. For these reasons it is critical again that the decisions we now make in terms of health care do not only have to be the right decisions, but whatever we do with the decisions, we have to do the right things.

It is true that there are doctors, nurses and other health care professionals who are leaving our province and our country for greener pastures. However, greener pastures do not mean that they are leaving because of good money. It also means that they are leaving because they are viewed as professionals in other countries. They are respected and treated well. They are also leaving because of the environmental conditions and the working conditions in other countries. Therefore, we have to look at everything holistically and then see what we can do to remedy the situation here.

I can appreciate the hon MEC's decision to reinstate Dr Blaylock. I really appreciate this because it is the MEC's very humility which illustrates the point that she is a knowledgeable person. She must lead by example and she must allay these kinds of fears that occur in the professional community, and I shall tell you why. To professional people out there we are looked at as social engineers, as pure politicians who only embark on our own political pet projects to advance our own careers. That is how people

see us when we make harsh decisions. We therefore have to be very careful how we handle human beings, whether they are lay people or whether they are members of the professional community.

Throughout the world today - and it is a proven fact - there is evidence in every country that there is no such thing as a sustainable healthcare project. It is failing everywhere. Look at the US elections. The topic of healthcare is a major focus because the programmes are just not sustainable in any country, and this is true because there are rising costs. You have to be a magician today to sort out the healthcare expenditure budget. There are so many variables that apply. There are no constant variables here. There are more independent variables than dependent variables. That is what we must look at realistically.

I believe – and this is also the view of the MF - that Treasury is not doing what it should be doing to help this department. I will give you an example. Look at their role. Their role is to cut costs. They are supposed to advise you on things where you are spending or where you have fruitless expenditure. In my opinion, the Department of Health's rental of Capital Towers ... I feel that is a grossly misguided contract. I say this, because where in the world would you see a 16-year lease being signed by a government department? Legally they are supposed to sign only three-year leases.

I stand to be corrected, because I am given to understand that the rental is something like R2 million. We must look at what is of benefit to us. I would rather stay squashed in an office till I can afford something that is reasonable. I would not want to be ripped off, and I would not want to rip this department off. I think that the Head of Treasury, Mr Siphoshe Shabalala, must assist the hon MEC in rectifying this situation.

I will come back to the December 2007 report of the *Health Management Review: Africa Journal*, and there is an article in that journal titled "Investment needed to treat management paralysis". It spoke of the dire need of executive healthcare managers, the reason being because that is the way we have opted to go. We have opted to go for these healthcare managers at the hospital level, but these people need to be well trained. They need to be autonomous persons. They need to be given the full responsibility and authority with clear guidelines to run a hospital. For this, the hon MEC needs considerable investment. She needs investment, not only in management

capacity, but also in systems to overcome the current management problems she is having. I can tell you that a very worrying factor in our provincial hospitals is the very high turnover of hospital managers.

This brings me to another matter. In Friday's issue of the *Mercury*, there was an article on KZN's public health - a grim picture! We have the worst indicators of all nine provinces. I know that we have all these disease conditions, but when we get rated the worst province of the lot, there is a need for concern. Our hospitals are already highly stressed institutions. I am telling you this because - and the hon Ndlovu will agree with me - in the by-election in Ward 73, the ANC candidate there was Minesh Maistry. He is offering people improved services at the R K Khan Hospital. That has now become the selected hospital because it is in that ward. Of course, I am sure that soon his comrade, Visvin Reddy, is going to follow with maybe an ANC membership card sale for R12. Then the rich and the poor can all attend the hospital and they can attend there for free. [Interjections] Now imagine if this happens, you will never have the money to run anything in this country here. [Interjections]

With the suspected klebsiella ... [Interjections] You know what I mean! [Interjections] We must not politicise health, because we are trying to work within severely strained budgets. Imagine making false election promises, and then you cannot deliver on those things. I mean, you know, have some brains at least! [Interjections]

The suspected klebsiella outbreak at Prince Mshiyeni Hospital brings me to a very important point: Our infection control policy has to be radically looked at because we cannot afford these outbreaks and we cannot afford to make excuses anymore to those mothers. We must understand their trauma. [Interjections]

The community-based programmes in this province really lack coordination. The reason I am telling you this, hon MEC, is that the community health-based programme was a noble project launched by the national department. It was meant to uplift the communities, and it is mushrooming very well in KwaZulu-Natal. However, there is a total lack of coordination between the programmes in KwaZulu-Natal.

The other thing is that there is a diverse range of programmes and projects, and these projects are all on uneven quality. The MF believes very strongly that the problem here is that the policy that is being followed should actually be changed because the hon

Margaret Ambler-Moore, the hon Mrs Mohlaka and others have all alluded to best practice projects. Do you know what best practice projects mean? It means that sometimes, as the hon Mrs Mohlaka has said, we have to go back to orthodox and old medical practices. Let us do what has worked. If something has worked, do not throw it away! Keep it, because in health some things just do not change. [Interjections]

However, for some departments the 40% BEE tender thing will never work. I can challenge Sipho Shabalala on this! This department should have challenged it. He said, "We will do cooperatives! We will do 40% BEE tenders!" This is causing the Department of Health to shift its focus away from its core activities. Its core activity is to save lives and to provide optimal health care in KwaZulu-Natal! [Interjections] We have had so many "trial and error" approaches to HIV and Aids. Why must we do trial and error in economic development? That is not our core business! We might as well leave it to Economic Development to sort out the bed sheets and dirty linen in the hospitals! Let's not neglect our core functions at the expense of our patients' healthcare, because we are losing so much money! That money could have been used better in hospitals to improve the healthcare indicators. If we had done that, perhaps we would not have come last among all nine provinces! What a shameful exercise! [Interjections] Mr Sipho Shabalala must first go and admit himself to one of our provincial hospitals, and then he will understand what bad healthcare treatment is. [Interjections]

I have a lot of respect for the hon MEC, but she must be able to stand up and challenge officials. Tell the official, "Go and admit yourself to hospital. Go and stand in the long queues and then see what it is that this budget needs." If that is the case, maybe your budget should be doubled or trebled, because then you will be able to deliver optimal healthcare in the province.

Hon MEC, I want to show my appreciation for you, because you have been a strong character. Your department has hard-working officials. It is true that you do attend portfolio committee meetings and you do tell us whatever we need to know. This is one department that does not hide stuff. They do tell us what we need to know, and the hon MEC has always told us whatever we needed to know. I know she is committed in delivering optimal healthcare in the province. However, as a lady, I do not like another colleague of mine to be exposed to this.

The MF supports this budget. We will always help the hon MEC. Thank you.
[Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon members ... [Shandu! Ngiyacela madoda, E S Mbatha, ziphathe kahle baba. Ngiyakucela lokho. Cha ngicela lokho kuwena.](#) The next hon member to speak is the hon Mrs P M McKay of the ANC. Hon member, you have 10 minutes.

MRS P M McKAY (ANC): Thank you, Chairperson. I want to thank the hon MEC for her speech. We do know that health is a fundamental human right and that this R15 billion budget is going towards contributing towards the right to health. The hon MEC's report is positive and outlines the work being done.

I also want to commend the hon Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health, as well as the members who serve on that committee. The committee meets approximately twice a month and really does try and carry out its oversight function. Obviously neither the hon MEC nor the committee reaches the absolute target, but she tries and we try. I really would like the press to comment on some of the positives and not just to look for stories that sell newspapers.

The hon MEC has travelled the length and breadth of the province, raising awareness on critical issues such as TB, Aids, breast cancer, maternal and child healthcare, and all in all there have been 45 health campaigns, really bringing knowledge to the communities.

Increasingly the focus is now on wellbeing and wellness - prevention rather than cure - in the schools, in the clinics, for older people, and we saw an example of this when the Portfolio Committee on Health visited China and Malaysia. At one of the hotels where we stayed in China, we were opposite a park and every morning we would look out of the window as we were having breakfast and see people across the road doing T'ai Chi and various other exercises, running on the spot and whatever. We need to do a lot more of that in our country and I would say to us sitting here in this House, let us try and keep ourselves well, as the hon MEC talked about smoking, drinking, obesity and all that.

Hon MEC, I would particularly like to wave a red flag. I do not have a red belt in karate like the hon Deputy Speaker, but maybe I can wave a symbolic red flag about teenage pregnancy. This is reaching crisis proportions in our province and in our country. We

cannot say that we are winning the battle against HIV and Aids while the teenage pregnancy rate is going up. We need to do more research on what it is that is making our girls indulge in sex and become pregnant. Is it the child support grant? Is it the lack of condoms on the streets, as the hon Prof Maphalala has said? This is a crisis, so what are the factors in this case?

We also are very aware of children's need for health. Children and obesity is a topic that is getting a lot of focus these days. Rich children with access to lots of food are not the only ones who are obese. It is also poor children who are not eating a well-balanced diet, so more focus does need to be placed on that, particularly in the schools where children need to become aware.

The infant mortality rate is concerning. Recent reports from the United Nations and the World Health Organisation are showing that the infant mortality rate is going up and we are not winning the battle against infant deaths. We do know that Aids is contributing to this, because mothers give birth to HIV+ children who within two years are dead from full-blown Aids. We need to factor that in, but we also need to try and prevent this.

We also need to comment on the skills drain. Hon MEC, you have mentioned in your report the lack of accommodation in rural areas. This is being attended to in some areas. It really needs absolute attention if we want to reskill those areas, but in spite of the occupation specific dispensation, we find that our health professionals are going to Gauteng, to other provinces and out of the country.

Of course, the strike last year caused many health workers not being on duty when they should have been, but again we need to commend the MEC and the department for the interventions they made so the services could at least continue to run. I myself do not think it is right for health workers to go on strike, but so be it. We were able to see that there was an intervention.

There is a crisis in primary healthcare in some rural areas and in Umlazi. There are plans to provide infrastructure to address this. Hopefully there will be staff to address this. The hon MEC has mentioned that due to the infrastructure design of some hospitals, there will be continued outbreaks of klebsiella, but hopefully any future outbreaks or sign of an outbreak will be nipped in the bud.

The hon MEC mentions in her report the 500 youth ambassadors who are in the province, alerting the youth to sexually transmitted infections, TB, HIV and Aids. I just want to say that research has shown that young men do particularly well when they take on this task. Somehow they seem to get through to the youth better than young girls do, and this was a research study done in Gauteng.

The hon MEC mentioned the crisis with condoms. We know that condoms are not the only story in the prevention of Aids or the prevention of teenage pregnancies. Nevertheless, it was a disgrace that those condoms were released onto the market just so that a few individuals could make a profit. Hopefully there will be serious consequences for those who were involved in that.

The rate of ARVs being given is going up in this province, with 144 000 people receiving ARVs. What we do need to flag here is that the World Health Organisation is now saying the full CD count should be in the region of 350, and we are still only supplying ARVs when patients' CD count reaches 200.

I am also very concerned that we cannot deal with the stigma. We cannot deal with the stigma of HIV+ people, AIDS, mental illness and alcoholism. We are a very condemnatory society and we need to go on an education programme to teach people to destigmatise so that those who need treatment will not be too scared to go and get it.

The fact that there are 15 000 volunteers for the home-based community care is commendable, but hon MEC, you are paying just under 5 000 of those and you are going to put their stipend up to R1 000 a month. Are all 15 000 eventually going to be paid? Many people doing this work are very, very poor and do need some kind of income.

I also want to ask hon members in this Chamber: Do we visit the clinics and hospitals in our constituencies? Do we know what is going on? Do we lend support where we can? This should also be a fundamental job for us when we are working in our constituencies.

Private healthcare has been highlighted nationally and provincially and, I think, rightly so! I took my son ...

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon member, you have one more minute.

MRS P M McKAY (ANC): I took my mentally disabled son to see a plastic surgeon because he had very severe skin cancer. That man had booked 17 patients for one o'clock on that day and got shod of us at R450 each by two o'clock! It is unbelievable what some people do!

Hon MEC, your R15 billion budget will be wisely spent. We wish it could be more. There will be positive outcomes. There might have been an over-spenditure, but it has been mainly for a good cause and I ask that the press highlight what you are doing positively, rather than to use every newspaper trying to get at you. Thank you, Chair.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): I thank you too. The next member from the IFP is the hon P L Govender, for seven minutes.

MR P L GOVENDER (IFP): Thank you, Chairperson. Firstly I would like to thank the hon MEC for presenting her budget to this House today.

The Department of Health in our province has never been in a more unhealthy state and I must add swiftly, sir, I am not referring to the performance of healthcare professionals, but I am talking about the administrative record of the department, especially over the past two or three years.

Now, the hon MEC might claim that she is unaware of these things or that it is beyond her control, but the bottom line is that the buck stops with her. She is ultimately accountable for what happens in the department and she must take full responsibility.

The high level of incompetence in the administration of this department has seen a number of service providers complaining constantly that they are not being paid timeously for services that they provide to the department and this is of concern to us.

Recently the South African Institute of Race Relations conducted a survey and found that KwaZulu-Natal has the second most residents per public sector doctor, at a figure of 3 802 patients per doctor in the province. Now, against this background we have an MEC who suspends doctors. [Interjections] She suspends doctors in an area where they are most needed, namely the rural areas. We have been crying over the years that our rural areas are not sufficiently staffed with healthcare professionals.

I am referring firstly to Dr Pfaff from the Manguzi Hospital who was suspended for taking

the initiative to raise funds to provide ARV treatment, the dual therapy treatment, to the patients in that area. Now, that is a regimen that has proved to be so successful in the Western Cape and elsewhere in the world that it has saved lives. Thousands of lives have been saved, but here we are suspending the doctor because of a technicality. However, I am glad that he is back at work.

The IFP is also very concerned about the issue of Dr Blaylock. Hon MEC, I was not going to go into this issue, but now that you have raised it in the House, I am glad that you have clarified the issue. You know, what concerns me is that suddenly we find that there is a list of about seven allegations against this doctor that has come into this House today. Where have these allegations been previously? We have never heard of these things previously. I mean, if a doctor is suspected of having operated on a dog in an operating theatre in a public hospital, why was this not raised before? This is a serious concern, because suddenly we now find that because this doctor was suspended for putting a picture of yours into a bin - a trivial thing like that - an issue of pride now takes precedence over people's lives! This to the IFP is very, very disconcerting.

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR P L GOVENDER (IFP): However, you know, this doctor, apart from rendering his services as a doctor in a rural area, also goes out of his way, of his own accord, to fund students in that area to go to college. Here is a doctor who goes out of his way to assist the people in that area, and we accuse him of a whole range of things and then we suspend him. However, I am glad that he is back at work.

Hon MEC, the IFP urges you to come clean on the issue of whether you directly or indirectly questioned the integrity of doctors serving in the rural areas and whether you referred to them as opportunists who do not care about people. Clarity on this issue will go a long way, because these things are out there in the media and people are saying that you did say these things. There are associations representing the rural doctors that are saying you did say these things. It would be nice if we in this House could have clarity on this issue. Tell us outright whether you did say it or whether you did not. Be like the good doctor who apologised for his indiscretion and said, "I am sorry I put your picture into the bin."

Hon MEC, you know the *Mail & Guardian* carried an article the other day and the caption read: “*Peggy, the Poster Girl*”. I mean, I do not know whether you see that as a compliment or not, but you know, you cannot suspend everybody who puts your picture into a bin, because you have a number of pictures taken and they are on billboards and placards all over the place. Surely at some point they all end up in the bin. [Laughter] You cannot go and suspend all of these people. You just cannot do that. [Laughter]

Chairperson, the Department of Agriculture has been successful in one thing at least, in sowing the seeds of corruption in other departments. [Interjections] Now we see it in the Department of Health – this issue of that mammogram machine that was purchased. Now we hear that there was another machine that was also purchased. I mean, if two different machines were purchased and there were two different tender procedures, why would there be this confusion now? Why would there be this confusion about R425 000 as compared to R1,5 million? Why is it suddenly that the machine has disappeared? I am not going to go into it right now, because I believe that matter has been reported to the police, but it is strange. It is strange that we have this sort of thing happening.

Another issue that concerns us with regard to the budget is the issue of the occupation specific dispensation. Really, we need more funds. I cannot stress this enough that we need to petition national Government, as well as Treasury to make more funds available for OSD because our rural areas most certainly need more staff.

The Portfolio Committee on Finance also raised a concern with regard to the department’s lack of fiscal control. This is a very serious issue and I am referring to Resolution 47/2008. The resolution calls on the department also ...

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): One minute to go.

MR P L GOVENDER (IFP): ... to produce a zero-based budget and we would like to urge that, because that will go a long way to assist the department in terms of its expenditure.

The issue of clinics, the provincialisation of clinics, is also a very important issue. We have a clinic in Phoenix, in Stonebridge, where the building is falling apart. It is in a poor condition. One toilet is to be used by both males and females. The building has cracks and there is no waiting space and so on. I urge the department to make more funds

available for this.

The issue of klebsiella is also raising its ugly head again. We have had a number of children who have died in our hospitals. Surely we cannot go on blaming apartheid. We have been here for over 14 years now. Let us ensure that we take care of the infrastructure at these hospitals. Let us put structures in place that will ensure that babies who are born will indeed survive and live normal, healthy lives, instead of their being confined to the cemeteries before they are even allowed to live on this earth. Thank you, Chairperson.

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Thank you. The next speaker was supposed to be the hon Mrs Jo-Anne Downs, for eight minutes. In her absence I now call the hon Mr B J Msomi from the UDM. Hon member, you have eight minutes.

MR B J MSOMI (UDM): Sihlalo, izinhlelo zoMnyango Wezempilo zokuhlenga izimpilo zabantu bakithi ziyabonakala uma ubheka ukwakhiwa nokwandiswa kwezibhedlela nokuthi zenziwe ngcono njengoba sibona kwenzeka ko-King George, koHlabisa. Isinyathelo okufanele sisikhuthaze sifise futhi ukuthi lapho kungakenzeki khona kwenzeke, ngoba izimpilo zabantu zibaluleke ngendlela efanayo.

Sihlalo, ngenxa yesikhathi, ngizothi jwaphu-jwaphu lapha nalapha. Lapha ngifuna ukuphawula ngezinsalelo uMnyango osabhekene nazo ikakhulukazi ngosizo okufanele lutholwe yiziguli uma zifuna ukwelashwa ezibhedlela. Ngizokwenza isisbonelo ngesibhedlela, angizokhuluma kodwa nge-Klebsiella, ngizokhuluma ngesimo esikhona kulesiya sibhedlela i-Prince Mshiyeni. Kuthiwa okwenzeka khona kusadabukisa. Isikhathi sokulinda sabantu abadinga usizo esibhedlela siseside kakhulu. Kwake kwaba khona ubungconywa ngaphambilini kodwa manje kubonakala sibuyela emuva kakhulu. Abantu basavuka ekuseni ngo-04:00 kuze kushone ilanga bengalutholanga usizo. Ngelinye ilanga ngiyakhumbula kule nyanga ephelile, ngaze ngaphoqeleka ukuba ngithinte ihhovisi likaNgqongqoshe ukuthi lingilekelele ngoba kwakume nse kungasebenzi lutho esibhedlela. Impendulo engabe sengiyithola-ke emva kokuba esebathintile kwaba wukuthi abekho odokotela nonesi okufanele balekelele. Kuba yinkinga-ke lokho uma ukubheka ngoba isibhedlela saseMshiyeni silekelela umphakathi

omningi waseMlazi siphinde futhi sibe yi-referral hospital for zonke lezi zindawo ezinye ezakhele ezifana noMbumbulu. Ngokwami bengingafisa ukwazi kuNgqongqoshe ukuthi yiluphi uhlelo analo lokulungisa leyanto ngoba ayibukeki iyinhle ngempela ukuthi abantu balale ezitreshini, abanye baze baluthole usizo ebusuku ngo-12:00 selokhu befike ekuseni kakhulu.

Okunye okufike kube buhlungu kulesiya sibhedlela impatho. Ngale kokushoda kodokotela, abayithola kulabo abangebona odokotela nonesi abafana nomabhalane. Impatho namanje ayikabukeki iyinhle. Okwesibili, uma befuna izinto ezifana namafayela abo, awakwazi ukutholakala bese njalo kufanele baqale phansi kanti ngiyakhumbula kuze kwaba sengathi kukhona okwenziwayo ukuthi yonke imininingwane yeziguli ifakwe kumakhompuyutha ukuze igwenywe le nto yokulahleka kwama fayela. Njalo umuntu uhlale eyisiguli esisha nemininingwane yakhe emidala isilahlekile, ukuthi wayethole nhloboni yamaphilisi, nanhloboni yokwelashwa ngaphambilini.

Enye inkinga esekhona-ke yile ethinta oNompilo abasebenza ngokuxhumana namakilinikhi athize. Kubukeka amakilinikhi esahluleka ukulekelela oNompilo nama Care Givers ngezinto zokusebenza ezifanele nezivikela bona oNompilo ekutheni uma besiza abantu abagulayo bakwazi ukuthi nabo bavikeleke ezifweni ezithathelanayo.

Kuye kwaba khona ubungconywana-ke kulezi zindawo ezingaphansi kwe-INK njengoba kuke kwachazwa ngazo, ikakhulukazi endaweni yaseThekwini. Kodwa into efike ixake khona ukuthi ama-co-ordinators ayimbijana kakhulu. Uthole ukuthi ezindaweni la kunabantu khona abadla imithi edinga ukuthi bathole amaphasela okudla ngenxa yobuphofu ababhekene nabo, kugcina kungenzakalanga lokho nokudala ukuthi oNompilo nama-care givers bagcine bengamukelekile kwezinye zeziguli ngoba bafana nabantu abaqamba amanga. Abanye engibaziyo baze bagcine sekuyibona abaphethe ukudla ukuze umuntu avume ukudla amaphilisi ngoba bathi la maphilisi ayababulala uma bewadla bengadlile. So, bengingajabula nalapho ukuthi ngelinye ilanga ngicele isiphakanyiswa somnyango ke ngihambe naso ngisitshengise lezi ndawo engikhuluma ngazo ukuthi bazibonele ukuthi nakhu, nakhu, nakhu kuyenzeka.

Ezindaweni ezisemalokishini ikakhulukazi lezi eziyimijondolo neziseduze kwemifudlana kanye nemihosha, abantu bakithi bakhala kakhulu ngomiyane Ngqongqoshe. Bayababulala. Lapha nje eMlazi izindawo okuthisa iseLusaka, e-Uganda, eNanda

koBhambayi nakoMawoti, akumiyane kuyafiwa ngoba kunamaxhaphozi, kunamanzi. Kuthi uNgqongqoshe asilekele ukuthi yiluphi uhlelo abanalo njengoba kwakwenzeka kuqala ukuthi zazichelwa lezi zindawo ukuze omiyane bangaqedi abantu. Ezinganeni nje kubi kabi ngoba zihlale zinezilonda ngenxa yalabo miyane. Nabantu abadala abanye babo bagcina benezilonda yonke indawo ngenxa yokuthi badliwa yibona omiyane. Uma uNgqongqoshe engase aselekelele ukuthi yiluphi uhlelo olukhona.

Ukusetshenziswa kwezimali ngokweqile kukhomba ukuthi ikhona inkinga njengoba sikuqaphela kwi-Programme le ye-Occupational Specific Dispensation. Mina ngiyahambisana nalo mbono wokuthi kungakuhle ke *kukhelelwe* kabusha i-budget. Mhlawumbe lokhu esikhuluma ngakho sithi i-zero-based budget ngoba ngokwami mina kungcono ukuthi umnyango uyisebenzise imali kunoma kuthiwe imali ayisebenzanga, iphindele emuva ngoba lokho kusuke kukhomba ukuthi umsebenzi usuke ukhona, kodwa kudle ukuthi-ke i-budget ayanele.

Ukunakwa nokubona ukuthi abelaphi bendabuko baneqhaza abangalibamba, ngikushayela ihlombe. Futhi lokhu kukhomba ukukhula kwesizwe sakithi ngoba endabukweni nje abantu bakithi babekhona, begula kodwa bekwazi ukwelashwa. Abekho la phakathi kwethu ikakhulu thina bantu abamnyama. Mhlawumbe u-Keys ngingamxolela, ongazi ngomhlabele. Ithambo liphuke phehle – kungaba isesilwaneni, inkomo, imbongolo, umuntu uqobo. Kodwa sasinendlela – noma ikhona indlela – yokuthi ukwazi ukulihlanganisa lelo thambo lihlangane. Ngingajabula-ke impela uma benganikwa ulwazi olufanele, nezindawo zokusebenzela ezifanele ngoba lokho kuyosithuthukisa isizwe sakithi ngoba baningi abantu bakithi abazisebenzisayo izinyanga, izangoma, kanye nabathandazi. Nokho ngiyazi ukuthi bakhona labo asebebhucuke kakhulu ngezinkolo ezithize abantu abasayidli imithi yesiZulu. Kodwa bayawadla amaphilisi, bayajova nokujova. Ukuthi zonke lezi zinto ziphumaphi – ziphuma kuyo le mithi esuke isetshenziswe zinyanga. Ngithi-ke phambili nezinyanga, phambili nabathandazi, phambili nezangoma!

Enye inselelo esibhekene nayo – ebhekene nabantu bakithi ikakhulukazi abasemadolobheni, sihlalo ngiyafisa ukuyidlulisa kuNgqongqoshe mhlawumbe uzongelekelela uma kungukuthi ngiyanhlanhlatha. Yile yabantu bakithi abashonela noma abafela emgaqweni ngenxa yezingozi. Isikhathi abasihlalayo emgaqweni, bedindilizile, liyana noma libalele, siba side kakhulu lezi zimoto zase-mortuary

kahulumeni zingafiki. Akubukeki kahle ukubona umuntu engasekho emhlabeni ehleli nje eside isikhathi uze ubone uhambe ubheke le uze ubuye ubuye lowo muntu esahleli emgaqweni. Uma uMnyango ungase uqikelele ukuthi uyasilungisa lesi simo, sibe sincane isikhathi somuntu efele emgaqweni ngoba usuke engesona isilwane, naso futhi isilwane akubukeki uma sifele emgaqweni. Ngiyabonga.

The CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Ngiyabonga nami. Ilunga elilandelayo from the ANC umhlonishwa u Z M Ludidi for 10 minutes.

MS Z M LUDIDI (ANC): Ngiyabonga Sihlalo. Ngifisa ukubonga uNgqongqoshe ohloniphekile uMaMlambo ngombiko wakhe asithulele wona la eNdlini. Sibonge futhi nabasebenzi boMnyango ngokusebenza kwabo okukhulu ukuzikhandla. Ngifisa futhi ukubonga amalungu eKomidi lezeMpilo ngoku-attenda kwawo nangokwenza kwawo umsebenzi ngendlela efanele. Siyezwa ukuthi kwamanye ama-portfolio committee kuba nezinkinga ze-quorum. Cha, kuleli Komidi asikaze sibe nayo. Niqhubeke njalo malungu ahloniphekile.

Lo Mnyango unezinto eziningi ezinhle ezenzekayo kuphela nje ngiyajabula uma uBaba uMsomi esho ukuthi u-over-expenditure at least nomhlonishwa uCele asho ukuthi hhayi kuyicala uku under-spenda kodwa uku-over-spenda bese engaqhubeki ngoba kuyasho ukuthi khona into eqhubekayo. The only issue is the over-expenditure which is quite high, but justifiable - if not inevitable. The strike, the implementation of the OSD, the high cost of medicine nokunye nokunye but siyethemba ukuthi ngesikhathi uMnyango uhlangene neKomidi Lezezimali kwabekeka isithombe esicishe sethembise ukuthi uMnyango, iKomidi Lezezimali leseka uMnyango ube ne-zero-based budget ngoba kuyabonakala ukuthi lo Mnyango u- under funded ngemali engango-R3 billion. Lokho akusho ukuthi imali engase ibe nkulu leyo uma ngabe uMnyango unikezwa yona kodwa kuyokwenza ukuthi kusebenzeke eMnyangweni ngenxa yezidingo-ke ezikhona kulo Mnyango ngaso sonke isikhathi.

Ngifisa ukuxoxa kakhulu nge-TB noma yehla kuzanywa ukuthi izinga layo lehle kodwa kuyabonakala ukuthi ezindaweni eziningi abantu abakafundiseki kahle kahle. Uma ubheka kune survey ekhona ethi isifundazwe sethu saKwaZulu-Natali sinezinga eliphezulu le-TB ne-HIV and AIDS bese bekuhlanganisa lokho ne-illiteracy. Ilungu elihloniphekile uMama uMohlaka uke wayisho le nto yokuthi kuzomele sizijwayeze

kwathina sizifundise kwathina. Mhlawumbe kungabaluleka ukuthi sifundise futhi sifundisane. Uma bakhuluma mhlonishwa amanye amalungu ahloniphekile afana noSolwazi uMaphalala ayacacisa ukuthi ama-awareness campaigns kwakhona la eNdlini ayadingeka. Lokho-ke kuzokudla ezinye izimali kodwa eshilo no Profesa ukuthi cha izinto ezidingekalayo lezo. Lezo zinto zingasiza zingweme izinto eziningi ebesizokhokhela imali uma zenzekile. Sibonile eMsinga ukuthi siye nama-programmes ajwayelekile nje siyofundisa ngoba akukaze kwasisiza kwadinga ukuthi size siphinde sishintshe sisebenzise ezinye izindlela ezizokwamukeleka kalula kubahlali bakhona kwase kuthi ukuba ngconywa.

Siyazi-ke mhlonishwa ukuthi amaphilisi lana e-TB ayalambisa. Ngesikhathi elambisa-ke siye savakashela lapha oThungulu sibona imizi eminingi ihlwempu. Kusho ukuthi ngoba ukulamba lokhu angilambisa khona sekungesinye isigulo esesengezeka, kusho kufanele ngiwayeke ngaleyo ndlela sibe nalezi zinkinga esiba nazo. Sizincoma kakhulu ukuthi la maphasela uMnyango oke wabanikeza abantu uphinde ubanikeze. Sibonile ngaleso sikhathi abantu bethole la maphasela, futhi bawathole ekliniki mhlonishwa, ngoba kwenza lokho ukuthi eyofuna iphasela akwazi nokuthatha nemithi yakhe kanti uma ubuzomnikeza ekhaya kuzokwenza ukuthi aphinde angene ukuyothatha imithi. Bekukahle kakhulu ngendlela uMnyango obuwenza ngayo. Sizwile sekukhalwa ngabantu abaningi aba-athendayo emakliniki. Lokho-ke kuyokwenza ukuthi mhlonishwa nalezi zimali zama-tracer teams nezimoto zikwazi ukuphinda zisetshenziselwe ezinye izidingo zoMnyango.

The high level of teenage pregnancies is frightening because this indicates that our young people could not care less about getting the disease. Should they care, they would at least practise safe sex. New cases are recorded every day. Othungulu there are a number of orphans with the disease kweminye imizi uthola kunabantwana abayi-15 emzini owodwa kweminye bayi-6 njalo njalo. Kodwa umndeni ngamunye nje unezintandane eziningi engekho umuntu osebenzayo. Uthola ukuthi i-province yaKwaZulu Natal inezinga lomama abazithwele elingu-39% abanegciwane kodwa kuthi uma usuya oThungulu uthole ukuthi kuno -34,6% okusho ukuthi leya ndawo ifuna ukubhekwa ngamehlo abanzi.

An integrated approach is required of the government. Hon Cronjé, we need to bring back health education or similar subjects at schools lapho sasifundiswa khona lezi

zintwana ezincane nje njengoba uMama uMohlaka, ilungu elihloniphekile, uke wabeka ukugeza izandla, ukukhwehlela nezinye izinto. Uma ubheka lama-awareness campaigns abaluleke kakhulu kwakhona la. Uma siqikekela ikakhulukazi nasemicimbini esinayo kuthatha kube kade ukuthi sigeze izandla lokho kusho ukuthi i-challenge inkulu.

The implementation of dual therapy is applauded. It has been long overdue, but I am not supporting the doctor who took it upon himself to do a ... [Inaudible] I do not. Doctors are scarce, but it does not mean that if they do go to rural areas that they are not bound by laws, policies or rules and regulations. These programmes force the department to recruit and train more staff. [Interjections] **We Mkhize!** This programme demands building posh houses **izindlu zodokotela ezizohambisana nezimo abaziphilayo zabo dokotela nabonesi. Izindlu ezizodinga ukuthi kube khona ama-television with internet. Lokho-ke, hon Premier, osuke uye kule yama-backlogs e-infrastructure uma lo Mnyango uzothi take care of i-retention programme yawo dokotela nawo nesi. Lapho sekudinga ukuthi yonke-ke le minyango ibambisane ukuze kube khona lezi zakhiwo ogesi, imigwaqo namanzi. Uke washo umhlonishwa uMaphalala ukuthi yonke iminyango kufanele ilekelele lo mnyango ngokuthi kwenzekle lezi zinto esengizibalile.**

Mhlonishwa siyayibonga i-proposal ye-CHC e-Marianhill not that I live around there ...

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): You have one minute to go.

MS Z M LUDIDI (ANC): ... but because R K Khan Hospital is always in the news because of its heavy load of servicing the 35 areas which surround it. **Mhlonishwa,** regarding the EMRS, a call has been made and the students are responding accordingly. The problem lies with the institutions like the one at the University in Durban which enrolls only 32 students for the whole year. I think we will have to look into that. I thank you, Chairperson.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): The next person to speak is the hon Mrs M H Ambler-Moore from the DA. Hon member, you have seven minutes.

MRS M H AMBLER-MOORE (DA): Thank you, Chairperson. I just want to echo what the hon Mrs McKay has said. No-one is disputing that this hon MEC is a very hardworking, hands-on MEC. In the 70s there was a programme called "Chicken Man" and there was the saying, "He's everywhere, he's anywhere" and there is no doubt that

the MEC is everywhere and nobody is disputing that.

I was not quite sure what the hon Prof Maphalala was saying, but I do agree entirely with him on one point that he made, namely that health facilities were built for the apartheid days and it is going to take us years and years and years to catch up. We must always keep that in mind.

As I was saying, in the committee I was treated to a long lecture on protocol by the hon Mthembu. Can I assure the hon member and the hon Ms Ludidi that I do know about protocol, but sometimes when people are dying, action needs to be taken and that is exactly what Dr Pfaff did. He fortunately ended up dragging the department into the 21st century, implementing worldwide best practice.

Chairperson, because of the fragile ego of the hon MEC, lives have been in danger and I am glad to hear that they are now out of danger. Dr Blaylock, in a fit of anger at the disparaging remarks made by the hon MEC, threw her photograph into the bin. That was wrong! We do not support that! Equally, I think the e-mail which the hon MEC received was shocking and we certainly do not condone that sort of thing. However, hon MEC, please inform Mr Chris Maxon that you did indeed make those disparaging remarks. We heard them at the Portfolio Committee on Health, and the MEC ought to admit that and apologise.

Also, hon MEC, Mr Maxon is an employee paid for by tax money. He is not a political appointee. There were some comments of his in the newspaper, and I quote:

What has become sad is that the Scorpions are being used to settle certain scores and, in turn, the Scorpions use the media to trample on individual rights of citizens, he said.

He was not quoting you, hon MEC. He was giving his own comment which I think was superfluous.

We read that the police cannot prosecute Dr Blaylock because the said photograph was not damaged. Fortunately Dr Blaylock has apologised for his hasty actions. Hon members, I will not deal with that. Now that the hon MEC has listened to the health workers and everybody else, he needs to be reinstated. Hon MEC, I really do not accept that you did not have the authority to intervene. Punishment must fit the crime and this

was excessive, and I am glad that you have intervened at last and have sorted it out.

Still, there was no “thank you” to Dr Blaylock for six years of dedicated service; quite the contrary - an unsaid invitation for him to leave the country and go where his work is appreciated, as the hon Mr Rajbansi has said, and where he can earn more money.

On Monday morning I went to get my newspaper and there was quite an interesting envelope stuffed into my letterbox. You know, the tragedy of this whole thing is that it is such a crucial department in our province. There is so much good work being done, and when we wake up and we see allegations like that - and the doctor said this and that one said that - it just detracts from the good work that this department is doing.

The situation cannot continue and I address my remarks to the hon Premier. Firstly, the situation should not have gone on for so long. The Strauss Daly Report describes the department as being in a state of “administrative chaos”. The relationship between the HOD and the MEC deteriorated a long time ago and should not have been allowed to continue for so long.

Secondly, in the interest of transparency, the hon Premier should have released the Strauss Daly Report, instead of misleading the public with his media release that the only problem in the Department of Health was a breakdown in the relationship between the MEC and the HOD. Mr Premier, you knew there was much more to it. We submit that it was a serious error of judgement on your part. The public are not stupid and the truth came out. I must ask if, in fact, the HOD did favour her husband and Mr George Sithole’s wife’s company with contracts, why this was not investigated. Why was the former HOD not charged, instead of allowing her to ride off into the sunset with a handsome payout? [Interjections]

As I said earlier, the work of this department is crucial and we cannot afford to have these allegations carrying on. They need to be proved or disproved. The morale of the department needs to be restored and we would request the hon Premier to send in Treasury, in the form of a very experienced Health CFO, Mr Herman Conradie, who is now with Treasury. Send him into the Department of Health to try and sort out the administrative chaos. Alternatively, hon Premier, we request that you appoint an independent task team, not a task team from the department because you know they say that politics is the art of the possible. It is also about perceptions, and if it is

members of the department who do this investigation, the perception will be - I am not saying it would be - that they are biased and that they will say what the hon MEC wants to hear. So, in the interest of good governance, in the interest of fairness to all, we believe there should be an independent task team who comes in, perhaps headed by Mr Conradie.

Madam MEC, the allegations against you and other members of your staff are very serious. According to the legal opinion I have just had from my colleague, I do not believe the matter is *sub judice*. You have not been charged. The matter has not gone to court and hopefully this whole thing will be sorted out. Obviously the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) must do its work, but in the Strauss Daly Report they stress that there are two camps in the department. There is the camp that supports the HoD and there is the camp that supports the MEC. We cannot have that. It has to be sorted out. I do not know what needs to happen, but it has to be sorted out. [Interjections]
[Inaudible]

As I said, so much good work is done by this department, but when you get a situation like that where a raped baby is turned away and treated only days later ... This is very serious, hon MEC. I put it to you that this is serious. I mean, it is absolutely appalling! It was confirmed that the child was raped, but she was sent from one hospital to the other. They were told to come back the next day. That sort of thing just must not be allowed to happen! As I have said ...

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): You have one more minute, hon member.

MRS M H AMBLER-MOORE (DA): Thank you, Chairperson. That is very good news! You know, breast cancer is a very emotional disease. The word was used ... [Inaudible] ... of cervical cancer, particularly among rural women with breast cancer. I congratulate you on the initiatives that you are taking to try and treat these women with cervical cancer.

Madam MEC, we in the DA hope that this gets sorted out as soon as possible. We will continue to work in the best interests of the Department of Health. My party will be supporting this budget. Thank you, Chair.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): I thank you too. The next speaker is the hon J S Vilane, for 12 minutes.

MR J S VILANE (ANC): Thank you, Chairperson. I wish to thank the MEC for her comprehensive report in this House this morning. I want to start by looking at Chapter 2 of our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, Section 10, and I quote:

Everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected and protected.

As much as we need a service from this department, from our doctors, from our nurses, all of that must take place within these parameters and without violating the Constitution.

Again, I go further. In Section 27 it talks about health care, where it reads, and I quote:

Everyone has the right to have access to ... health care services ...

Sub-section (2) states:

The state must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of each of these rights.

This year the National Executive Council of the African National Congress has declared 2008 as the year of mass mobilisation to build a caring society. Health is an issue that needs not only the Department of Health, but it is an issue that requires the active participation of all of us in this country.

Having said that, that does not mean that anybody with a seemingly good idea has the right to get up in the morning and just go ahead and implement that idea without discussing it with the relevant authority. I wish to dedicate my comments on this issue of the famous doctor that has been quoted in this House time and again.

On the 5th of February this year, I accompanied the MEC on a visit to Manguzi Hospital. During the briefing we learned that Doctor Colin Pfaff and his colleagues had put together a proposal to raise funds. When they received those funds, they went ahead and ordered AZT and started giving it to our people. Before, when they started implementing this, the policy of the department had not even been approved; it was still

under discussion. Now, my question is this: Yes, people are dying, but we cannot accept that our people are made guinea pigs of. [Interjections] We cannot implement an AZT policy that has not been approved. [Interjections] Chairperson, can you just ask that member to shut up? [Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Order, hon members!

MR J S VILANE (ANC): My question is this: If the funding of Dr Colin Pfaff should ever dry up before the department is in a position to buy those drugs, what will happen to those people? I come from that area. We cannot allow this and we cannot accept this. We cannot have a situation where people's dignity is not respected! [Interjections]

In that briefing, when the hon MEC complained about the procedure not being followed, it was on that day that we learned that in the afternoon, after we had left Manguzi Hospital, the famous Blaylock - because he had sympathised with Dr Colin Pfaff - took the MEC's picture and threw it into the dustbin.

Throwing the picture in the dustbin does not mean anything to the hon MEC. I do not interpret it that way, like this side of the House does. [Interjections] Her picture cannot be there if she has not been deployed. She represents this government and our country in that position. [Interjections]

Chairperson, we need our doctors in this country, but we will never ever tolerate a situation where, because we do not have enough doctors, we will be treated like second-class citizens in our own country. [Interjections] This was a racist attitude that had been shown by this doctor. The people of Manguzi had a march against this particular person, but it was not instigated by anyone - not by the MEC and not by the department. However, despite his behaviour, he thinks he is untouchable because of his scarce skills. Hey, he must think again. [Interjections] He must think again!

We have extended a hand of friendship to our doctors and to certain white people in this country. However, if they are going to take advantage of that, we in this department would rather stick with quality instead of quantity. [Interjections] If he is going to threaten us by saying that because he has these skills, that he is going to go somewhere else, he must rather leave us in peace.

AN HON MEMBER: He must go to Zimbabwe! [Interjections]

MR J S VILANE (ANC): I have never heard of this gentleman, *lo mlungu lo* ... [Laughter] ... in my life! I am not even going to give him the dignity of calling him *yokumbiza ngodokotela, odokotela kufanele babe matured nayo yonke into. Umlungu lo, umlungu omhlophe qwa ongapendiwe. Angikaze ngizwe ithiyetha yabantu lapha kwelashelwa abantu khona e-OPD nalapho kulala khona mina, ethiyetha lapho kulala khona abantu behlinzelwa khona athathe ubhova wakhe yena ayowuhlinzela khona. Angikaze ngizwe, ngiqala ukuzwa ngalo dokotela* because he has the skills. He can take his skills and jump into the sea! [Interjections]

Therefore, *umhlonishwa laphaya ubuza ukuthi ezinye izinto bezingashiwo ngani sonke lesi sikhathi. Bezingashiwo phela ngoba bekuzanywa ukuthi aboniswe axolise. Ngesikhathi ebiza abasebenzi ngezimfene (ama-baboons) waxolisa kwacatshangwa ukuthi mhlawumbe uzoba ngcono. Uphindile futhi washaya isisebenzi ngoba ethi sigawule isihlahla asithanda kakhulu yena. Konke lokhu bekungeke kulethwe layiNdlini ngoba phela bekucatshangwa ukuthi akukho silima sindlebede kwabo; mhlawumbe uzoba ngcono.*

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Two more minutes to go.

MR J S VILANE (ANC): *Ngaleyo ndlela ngifisa ukuthi mina ngikhathazekile. Ngiyezwa bayakwemukela ngale, but kuyangihlupha Ngqongqoshe ukuthi yini le eyenza before athi go through i-disciplinary process bese uthatha isinqumo sokumbuyisela lo dokotela. Uzozishaya amaphiko kuhle kwesangoli athi unqobile ngoba abangani bakhe babange umsindo wabe usuyatatazela uyambuyisela. Hey! [Interjections] Esebuyelile-ke akabhekwe ukuthi ukuhamba kwakhe kuqondile yini. Ngaphandle kwalokho Ngqongqoshe sizocela usisize thina enyakatho usisele loya mlungu akayoba yinkinga kwenye indawo ngoba kuzoze kubonakale sengathithi thina siyamzonda. Ake kuyocaca kwenye indawo ukuthi uphethe kanjani. Ngiyabonga.*

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Thank you very much. The next person to speak is the hon Dr B T Buthelezi from the IFP. Hon member, you have 13 minutes.

DR B T BUTHELEZI (IFP): Chairperson, the Official Opposition wishes to thank the hon MEC, Mrs N P Nkonyeni, for delivering her budget policy speech in this House. It was the prophet Micah who declared that where there is no vision, people perish. This

department seems to have a vision on paper which is not implemented and it is felt by our people at the receiving end of health service delivery. The Department of Health is in a terribly poor state, worse than at any other time since 1994, and the IFP expresses its grave concern about the following indicators:

- Over-expenditure of the 2007/08 budget by R158 million. This is not justifiable, Chairperson Ludidi, not under any circumstances;
- A qualified audit report, the first in many years. [Uthule-ke baba uSenzo Mchunu](#);
- A shady rental deal of over R2 million per annum for a building which we know belongs to senior government officials in this government;
- The resignation of the HoD, Dr Busi Nyembezi under a cloud of corruption;
- A moratorium on the filling of most vacant critical posts. [Ngasizwa isiNgisi, so awuzukungi-khorektha la mhlonishwa uNgqongqoshe uMthimkhulu](#);
- The often appalling state of our clinics, community health centres and hospitals, despite a national budget boost in our hospital revitalisation grant to help provinces to equip and modernise hospitals, and the failure of this department to step up its own hospital maintenance budgets;
- The shortages of equipment and medication which is experienced by health workers at most of our health care facilities;
- A critical shortage of healthcare professionals in our state hospitals, and rural hospitals in particular, where the hon MEC has gone on a rampage and indiscriminately suspended senior medical doctors;
- Statistics have been released by the South African Institute of Race Relations which paints a grim picture of KwaZulu-Natal's public health sector which has the worst health indicators of all nine provinces in South Africa;
- The provincial budget planning management in the Department of Health is in an appalling state and it is felt at the institutions, because up to now, the budget is not known by the institutions. There are no cash-flow statements to approve

payments. [Interjections] Payment of services has been centralised to the province during this period, but service providers and suppliers have not been paid since the end of February 2008, and

- Lastly, the brain drain in the EMRS, where staff are going to Dubai, Saudi Arabia, *et cetera*.

Hon Chairperson, the author T S Eliot may have thought that April was the cruellest month of the year and, as far as the Department of Health is concerned, this statement can never be closer to the truth. It was on this occasion, on the 14th of April 2007 to be exact, that I, Bonginkosi Buthelezi, stood up in this House and sounded the alarm bells of corruption involving the former Head of Department, Dr Busi Nyembezi. Exactly a year later, today, this accounting officer has unceremoniously resigned from her position when the findings of the Premier-appointed Strauss Daly Report found our allegations to be true and recommended that the HoD should be fired.

However, the IFP is concerned about the hon Premier's decision to withhold forensic audit findings of the Strauss Daly Report. His frenetic attempts to privately negotiate the smooth exit of a potentially incriminated official who is employed by his administration have resulted in a climate of non-transparency and secrecy which stands in the way of public scrutiny. [Hear, hear] The generous R1,8 million package, which was offered to Dr Busi Nyembezi in a department which has over-expended its 2007/08 budget by R114 million and received a qualified audit report, flies in the face of a "better life for the people of this province." [Interjections]

A top-down approach can simply be defined as an imposition of ideas or decisions by anyone upon others, without considering criticism or dissenting views. Usually it is done by those in positions of authority who at times think they know what is best for those under their rule. [Interjections] There seems to be a Damascus experience within the Department of Health. On 25 January 2008, the national Department of health finally allowed a new national protocol for the rolling out of the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) programme, adding AZT to the five-year-old "Nevirapine only" regimen. Can this be described as a top-down approach? My answer would be a definite "yes!"

The IFP has for the past year or so called on the Department of Health to improve its

PMTCT programme by using the dual therapy prophylaxis of Nevirapine and AZT which could prevent more than 15 000 deaths of babies in this province in one year. [Interjections] We said this because we know that KwaZulu-Natal is the province worst affected by the HIV/Aids epidemic.

In 2002 the IFP provincial government, led by the hon Dr L P H M Mtshali, successfully took the Minister of Health to court in a joint class action with the TAC to compel this Department of Health to provide ARVs to prevent the mother-to-child transmission of the HI virus. Hon MEC, had your department introduced dual therapy during the time of Dr Mkhize, at the same time as the Western Cape, which is in 2004, KwaZulu-Natal would have prevented more than 60 000 deaths of innocent babies - enough children to have filled Durban's Absa Stadium to capacity! [Interjections]

At the South African National AIDS Council plenary meeting which was held last year on the 28th of November, the Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and the DG of Health committed to publishing a new PMTCT protocol within two weeks. This did not happen and 5 000 babies were lost in KwaZulu-Natal during that time of procrastination. [Interjections] Simply put, the dual therapy protocol is not merely three months late, but it should have been adopted in November 2003 when the World Health Organisation amended its PMTCT guidelines. At the above meeting both the Deputy President and the DG of Health agreed that nothing legally stops provinces from implementing improvements to the current Nevirapine mono-therapy.

Lokho ngikusho ngikubhekise kubaba uVilane okhuluma into angayazi uma ngabe ethi uDokotela lo waseManguzi akhuluma ngaye wenza abantu baseManguze ama-*guinea pigs*. Kusho ukuthi abantu base-Western Cape bama-*guinea pigs* phela nabo ngoba nabo kade baqala ukuyicosha le treatment esikhuluma ngayo. So ukukhuluma nje lapha uze ukhihlize amagwebu akuzukusiza, ube emotional because mhlawumbe ufuna uku-play to the gallery is not going to help the people of South Africa. [Interjections]

The Western Cape has implemented the dual anti-retroviral therapy since 2004 and it has significantly decreased the infant HIV infection rate to fewer than 8% compared to KwaZulu-Natal which has 22%. Statistical modelling has shown that dual therapy will reduce MTCT of HIV from 35% to 10%, meaning that the number of children infected during childbirth would drop from 70 000 at the present moment to 30 000.

Hon Chairperson, it is therefore unacceptable that numerous health facilities in KwaZulu-Natal, including Manguzi Hospital, with adequate capacity to improve their programmes were restricted in this province from offering dual therapy. The issue of Dr Pfaff and the issue of Dr Blaylock have been blown out of all proportion by those who are trying to score political points.

A dramatic example of rigid and punitive national and provincial health bureaucracy - I want to come to the same issue - happened when Dr Colin Pfaff of Manguzi Hospital was suspended earlier this year for having obeyed the doctor's Hippocratic Oath ...

MR J KROG (DA): Hear, hear!

DR B T BUTHELEZI (IFP): ... and used dual-therapy prophylaxis. That man was acting out of compassion! He was acting on the basis of the ethics that he had learnt, and then people come here and make emotional speeches about it. [Interjections] He was acting in the best interests of the children of Manguzi.

Most recently, we have heard of the suspension for one month without pay of an experienced chief medical officer, Dr Mark Blaylock. However, we are happy to learn that the hon MEC has reversed her decision - I mean the decision of the institution - to suspend that hardworking doctor. Although his behaviour was unacceptable, we wish to applaud the reversal of the suspension.

South Africa is one of nine countries in the world where the child mortality rate is increasing instead of decreasing, mainly because of Aids. [UNgqongqoshe lapha uke wazama ukusho ukuthi isizathu sokuthi kubhubhe izingane eMshiyeni yingenxa yendlela isibhedlela esakhiwa ngaso, ngenxa yobandlululo, nani nani and that is not true Madam MEC.](#) The scientific research that was conducted by Professor Willem Sturm, a microbiologist at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, showed that the reason for the deaths of the babies at Mahatma Gandhi Hospital and later on at Prince Mshiyeni Hospital was due to poor infection control at those two hospitals. [Interjections] Therefore, trying to come and say that it is because apartheid failed to do this and do that, 14 years after the fact, cannot be further from the truth.

There is a second issue that one needs to raise at this point. We are complaining that Prince Mshiyeni Hospital is faced with the challenge because there are no clinics.

However, madam MEC, I would request you to attend to another problem which has arisen in that area, namely that the people of uMkhomazi, who fall under the magisterial district of Umzinto, are told to go to eThekweni and, specifically, to Prince Mshiyeni Hospital. They are told that because they do not belong to Ugu District, they cannot go to J G Crooks Hospital. They are told they need to go to Prince Mshiyeni Hospital. So the problem of Mshiyeni is not going to be resolved. It was a political decision by the ANC to build two hospitals: Dr John Langalibalele Dube and Dr Pixley ka Seme Hospitals in Inanda and KwaMashu. [Interjections] Nothing was done about the Durban South region. So these are issues that the hon MEC will need to attend to.

The Official Opposition would support a zero-based budget of the Department of Health and will support this budget. Thank you.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Thank you very much hon member. Colleagues, we were supposed to go for lunch at one o'clock, but after some consultation with the Whips and Chief Whip, we have agreed that we will allow the hon MEC to respond now, so that when we go for lunch, we will also allow the exchange on the gallery because we have a very small gallery. Even the hon MEC is ready to come in, and therefore I call on the hon MEC to respond. She has 20 minutes.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Thank you very much, hon Chairperson.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon Keys?

MR R E KEYS (DA): Mr Chairperson, I rise on a point of order. We were not consulted about the change in the time, but we do not oppose the hon MEC responding at the moment. I just wanted to state for the record that the Chief Whip is out of order.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): No, that is fine. I should have explained that I consulted the Chief Whip of the Legislature and the Chief Whip of the Opposition - not everybody. MEC, please continue.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Ngicosha leli thuba ukukhombisa ukuthokoza kwami kumalungu eNdlu asekhulumile ngoMnyango Wezempilo KwaZulu-Natali. Ngiyabonga kakhulu-ke ukuthi alikho nelilodwa iqembu elikhombise ukuphikisana

nesabelozimali esingase sisicoshe kulo nyaka. Ngifisa-ke ukuthi ngike ngiphawule okuphakanyiswa amalungu athize, ikakhulukazi... In fact, all the members who have raised their concerns about our healthcare provision at our health facilities.

Hon Mrs Mohlaka, [dadewethu](#), I agree that there is a high incidence of TB in KZN, but we are receiving accolades from other countries for the way in which we have treated patients and for the way in which we have implemented the National Strategic Plan and the Crisis Management Plan for TB patients in KwaZulu-Natal. In fact, our officials are being invited internationally by the WHO and by other African countries to come and intervene, because we are regarded as the best province ever who has experience in combating the high incidences of TB in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.

You also raised an issue around the OSD. Yes, we are well aware of the fact that there are complaints around the categories of nurses who are benefiting from the OSD. The national Minister of Health is aware of it. The national Minister in the Department of the Public Service and Administration is aware of the complaint. The National Bargaining Council is also aware of the complaint and we are hoping that something will be done in order to accommodate them as well and, in particular, our midwives and our advanced midwives.

In terms of providing condoms and femidoms in this Parliament, hon member, I fully agree with you that we need to do that, and not only here, but in airports and in all other public areas, as well. We have taken note of the issues that you have raised regarding teenage pregnancies. This year our health promotion programmes are aimed at advising teenagers on their sexual health.

[Indaba ka-Andile Zondo omisiwe emsebenzini ngiyacela ukuthi ngingayiphawuli lapha eNdlini ngenxa yesizathu lesa ebengike ngasisho sokuthi kuke kwabonakala sekungala ngasemthethweni. Ngakho-ke ngiyacela ukuthi ngingasho lutho ngakho. Angazi-ke ukuthi kugula bani uma kwembulwa kwembeswa. Mina ngazi ukuthi kusuke kugulwa uma kushiwo njalo cishe ukuthi kulapho kuwe mhlonishwa la kwembulwa kwembeswa khona.](#)

Hon member Mrs Noel Phillips, thank you very much.

AN HON MEMBER: Mrs Phillips?

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Mrs Noel! Oh, I am sorry! [Laughter] Noel Phillips is one of my daughter's [Inaudible] Mrs Noel, I am quite aware of the high prevalence of HIV/Aids, TB, MDR and XDR-TB in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. As I have already said, we are doing all that we can in order to curb this. There are social determinants of health. You are quite right. Electricity, water, housing and other issues are impacting on health services in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. You have also advised us to provide stand-by generators. That is what we envisage doing, hon member. Thank you very much for supporting this Vote.

Hon member Mrs Ambler-Moore, today you have been quite constructive, I must say. Thank you very much and congratulations for all your advice. I am really very grateful for your advice. Of course, the budget is inadequate for the Department of Health and that is why we cannot always provide quality health care. I will take it upon myself to raise the issue about the nurse from eMpangeni with the South African Nursing Council, because I do not understand the rationale behind that.

Again, the issue of the mentally challenged patients, I read that article and it is a very bad article. Unfortunately that facility does not belong to the Department of Health, but we have established a government structure which is referred to as the Mental Health Review Board. We will send those capable men and women to that facility so that they can go and view what is happening there and make recommendations to the department, because we cannot just sit down and fold our hands, having realised that our people are being abused out there. Those are our patients and in terms of the law we are obliged to do something about it. Thank you very much for raising it with us.

The issue of Dr Phaff implementing dual therapy - yes, dual therapy has now been approved in South Africa and is now being implemented in South Africa. KwaZulu-Natal is also implementing dual therapy. We cannot allow anarchy, hon members. We will never allow anarchy as long as we are still in government. As long as we are still in power, we will never allow anarchy. There is absolutely no public servant who should be

a law unto himself or herself. If they continue doing those things, we will take action. We will take strong action against those doctors ...

AN HON MEMBER: Doctors who are saving lives!

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): ... savings lives, as if they are the only ones who care and who are compassionate. You know, I wonder why you regard them as the only two doctors who are compassionate about provide quality healthcare. It seems as if no other doctors exist in this province. [Interjections] No, my dear, it is appalling! [Interjections] It is. You are an embarrassment, yes.

MR R M BURROWS (DA): I am not the one on the front page of the papers!

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): It does not matter, because it is you who put me on the front page of the newspaper because of politicking. [Interjections] It is the DA, and I do not care! I know that it is an electioneering period. That is why you like putting me on the front page of the papers. I am now called a poster girl and I do not care. I do not really care. [Interjections] You are calling me a poster girl, a poster MEC! You took my posters to the *Mail & Guardian* and I do not care. [Interjections] Yes, I will always have my photos everywhere. [Interjections] I will always have my photos! [Interjections] I will never be apologetic about it! I will never apologise! Look at them! They are lookable! Look at them! [Laughter] [Umona!](#)

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Order, hon member! Do not make me laugh! [Laughter]

AN HON MEMBER: What's wrong with the photo, Roger?

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): [Siqhubeke-ke. Umhlonishwa u-Burrows uyangiphazamisa nje. Umhlonishwa uMaphalala, cha ngiyabonga mhlonishwa ngoba siyavumelana nawe ukuthi iyadingeka enye imali ukuze lo Mnyango uqhubeke nokuthi usebenze kahle, ukuze abantu bakithi bathole ezempilo ezisezingeni elibafanele. Yebo sengidilile nendaba yodokotela laba abathi asi-grey matter yibo abane-grey matter. Ayi-ke kuyobonakala ngoba sengiyibalulile lapha ukuthi kunethimba elizohamba liyobheka](#)

ukuthi ngempela ngempela kwenzakalani kuleziya zibhedlela eziseMkhanyakude kanti ngoba kusho ukuthi kuningi okwenzakalayo. Into eyenza ukuthi ngisukume kakhulu eyokuthi njalo nje uma kukhona okwenzakalayo kujomba i-DA kujombe i-IFP. Kusho ukuthi ikhona le nto – uyabona uma kujomba i-DA ubobona ukuthi kukhona into e-wrong efihlwayo. Yingakho-nje ngiya khona ngithi akube ne-task team. Abafowethu be-IFP bavele bangixake nje ngoba abantu abahlala eManguzi abantu abafana nabo nje. Bayangixaka nje ukuthi ngempela ngempela nivuma ukuthi kuhlinzwe inja etafuleni lapho kuyophinde kulale wena ngelinye ilanga! Ngoba nakhu kungumlungu and kuthiwa yona leyo nja njalo uma kune surgery that is being conducted there ihlale ikhona nje e-theatre ibukile. Inja ibuke and it is allowed in inside the theatre. You know, must we allow that to happen in our health facilities? Must we allow that? [Interjections] Really? We cannot allow those things! Mina uma ngisekhona nje ngeke ngize ngikuvumele lokho, angeke ngikuvumele!

Mhlonishwa uMaphalala ngifisa ukusho futhi ukuthi siwuMnyango Wezempilo we have now established a Directorate on African Traditional Medicine as a provincial Department of Health. Thank you very much for your contributions, hon member Mrs Thakur-Rajbansi kudala bethi “tshela tshela yena” uma ukhuluma, angazi-ke ukuthi isiqhamukaphi leyo. Kodwa nje bekuthiwa nje “tshela yena, tshela yena”. Hon Thakur-Rajbansi, the ANC in Polokwane has indicated that we need to reprioritise health and education. That is what we are trying to do right now in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, and yes, we are underfunded. That is why health should be prioritised and that is why education should be prioritised, as well.

You had also insisted that we needed to reinstate Dr Blaylock. Hon member, we have so many medico-legal cases in the Department of Health. Does that really mean that we must just ignore all those cases of negligence happening in our health facilities? The precedent that we are setting now means that we will never be able to discipline any doctor in this province. You know, but because of the pressure ... There are organisations that I have never heard of, such as the HIV Clinicians Association. I know the TAC. One day you must tell me what is this mutual understanding between the DA and the TAC? I just need to understand. [Interjections]

MRS M H AMBLER-MOORE (DA): We are trying to save lives.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Oh, you are saving lives!

MRS M H AMBLER-MOORE (DA): Trying to, yes!

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Oh, is it? Saving dogs or saving lives? [Laughter] Yes, dogs have rights also and they need to be saved, but they have their own facilities called veterinary hospitals. That is where their operations are supposed to be conducted - not in our health facilities. [Interjections]

You also raised an issue about our infection control. We are doing our best. In my report I have indicated that we have a partnership with UKZN. There are specialists there who are really assisting us in the department.

Hon Mrs McKay, thank you very much for your contribution. Yes, we are very busy with our health promotion campaigns and we are appealing to hon members to exercise. Exercise is very important.

Regarding teenage pregnancies, we are going to ensure that condoms are available. In fact, condoms are available, but there are other socio-economic conditions that do impact on what is happening out there. Obesity is one of the crises that the department is faced with. The infant mortality rate is going up and we are very concerned about it, but there is a team that has been established by the hon Minister to ensure that we reduce the infant and maternal mortality rate in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. Hon member, there is a projected over-expenditure....

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): You have two more minutes.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Thank you, Chairperson. There is a projected over-expenditure on OSD. If doctors, Emergency Medical Rescue Service personnel and pharmacies are going to be considered this year, we are projecting over-expenditure.

Hon Chairperson, let me thank you very much for your support. I am sorry I did not get to all the other hon members, especially the hon member Mr Govender and the hon member Dr Buthelezi. I really wanted to respond to the hon Dr Buthelezi and the hon Mr Govender. I really wanted to respond. You are implying that we have received a qualified audit report. No, hon member, I have a copy of our audit report. For the past four years we have never received a qualified audit report and we are expecting a report in August this year. We have not yet received it, so I do not know where you got that information from, as well as information on other issues such as the moratorium on the filling of critical posts and all of those. We are filling all the critical posts, hon member, so please do not worry. The hon Premier responded to your concerns when he tabled his budget speech around the issue of Dr Nyembezi. I am not sure what it is that you are still looking for. It is politicking again so we will just ignore you. [Interjections]

Hon members, I wish to invite you to visit our health facilities. because if you are going to read and rely on the report that was issued by the South African Institute of Race Relations, you are going to be misled. You must go to our clinics and our hospitals, and you must give us some advice on what to do. You must be constructive because you also belong to this province. In my view the health workers out there are doing their best to ensure that we provide quality healthcare. Hon Chairperson, thank you very much for this opportunity. I also wish to invite hon members to lunch. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon members, I need to make the following announcements. The hon MEC has already announced that our guests will be having their lunch in the Main Building across the road. They will be ushered to that building. All other hon members will be having their lunch in our dining hall.

Debate on Vote 7: Health concluded.

Business suspended and resumed at 14:35.

Afternoon Sitting

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon members, welcome back.

8.2 Debate on Vote 15: Arts, Culture and Tourism

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon member, we will now focus our attention on the Debate on Vote 15: Arts, Culture and Tourism. I now invite the hon MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism to give her report. Hon MEC, you have 30 minutes.

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): Hon Chairperson, hon members of this House, it is a pity that our stakeholders are not here, because the time was originally set for 15:45. However, I welcome those who are already here: The arts practitioners, language specialists, librarians, archivists, members of the tourism industry, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

As South Africa celebrates a decade of co-operation with China this year, I would like to premise my address with a Chinese proverb that entrenches the primary service-delivery architecture of the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism in its fifth year of existence and it reads thus:

If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people.

My department has commenced a structured approach of growing people which tallies well with our government imperative of investing in human capital.

Research shows that countries that are doing well in their economies are those that have invested significantly in human capital. Our investment as the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism is two-fold, that is, investment in moral and cultural values which are fundamental in nation building, as well as investment in teachings skills to our people, an activity which is key to economic growth, particularly from a tourism point of view. None of these aspects is more important than the other, and I see every

component of my department contributing to producing a balanced society that is rich - morally, culturally and economically.

If I look back to as far as the date on which I stood up in this House and delivered my budget speech last year, which is exactly a year ago today, I am confident that we have delivered on our mandate and have made considerable strides in the areas of arts, culture, public libraries and archives, as well as tourism. However, I must say that we have not yet exhausted our potential and a lot can still be done to emancipate our people from the shackles of poverty.

In keeping with the spirit of “business unusual”, as highlighted by the hon President in his state-of-the-nation address, the department has designed its plans and programmes in such a way that their implementation responds directly to this call. We have done all that is necessary to overhaul our systems and staff to be able to realise this call.

The budget I am presenting before this House today clearly outlines how our programmes have been designed to contribute to the government efforts of growing the economy, halving poverty and unemployment by 2014 and bridging the gap between the first and second economies. I deliberately used the word “contribute” because I fully appreciate the fact that we cannot achieve this alone, hence our efforts are a part of a provincial government programme of action to address the challenges we are facing in the province head-on. I now wish to go through my presentation programme by programme, and I will start with Administration.

Programme 1: Administration

More often than not, we know and understand what needs to be done and we can easily reduce that into glossy plans, such as strategic plans and annual performance plans which we present in this Legislature almost every year. However, we do not concern ourselves much about who will deliver and how we will deliver on those plans or whether the conditions are conducive to effectively deliver on them.

I am happy to report that I have personally taken a keen interest and a closer look at Administration as it has a huge bearing on the effective and efficient delivery of services to the public. When I was deployed to this department, I spent a lot of time having information sessions and team-building exercises with staff, making sure that we all

shared a common vision and also assuring them that their support and commitment were key in achieving the mandate of the department. All this culminated in a revised strategy and the organisational structure whose primary objectives are to enhance service delivery. I am confident that I have the buy-in of all the officials on these issues. Both the revised strategy and the macro structure will be implemented during the course of this financial year, and I see them as critical in realising the “business unusual” call from the hon President.

I think the department has excelled in the turnaround time for the filling of posts, with two weeks being the maximum period to fill the post after the interview process. We enter 2008/09 on a very positive note, having been able to fill more than 80% of the advertised posts in the last financial year. Our target is to finalise the filling of all outstanding vacant and budgeted posts in the next three months. Most of the posts that are unfilled as of now are those that result from attrition over which we have no absolute control, other than to ensure that they are filled immediately they become vacant.

As I speak, the department stands at 39% women in senior management. We plan to improve on this so that we get closer to achieving the 50% target of women in management by 2009. To us it is not a matter of compliance with the targets, but I believe it is morally correct to afford our female employees an opportunity to participate in the decision-making processes of organisations which we lead. We must not perpetuate the inequalities of the past but, as government, must be seen to be going all out to redress those imbalances.

The department is doing well in Supply Chain Management with most of the vacant posts filled. We have made significant improvements in our financial management and put in place systems and controls, including policies. It is worth mentioning that we obtained an unqualified audit report in 2006/07 and we are working hard towards getting a clean one again.

Programme 2: Cultural Affairs

This programme has two sub-programmes, namely Arts and Culture and Language Services. For a very long time we have not exploited the potential of arts and culture to the best interests of the people of the Province. Apart from the tourism spin-offs arts and culture present, I see it as a vehicle through which government can realise its goals of

eradicating poverty and addressing unemployment through the creation of sustainable livelihoods.

My department has put in place plans to ensure that we are able to achieve cultural diversity and the advancement of artistic disciplines into viable industries. The department is also geared towards promoting, developing and transforming arts, culture and language services so that these contribute to sustainable economic growth and opportunities, nation-building, good governance and social and human capital development which I alluded to earlier in my speech.

Also, we would not have done justice if we failed to promote multi-lingualism, redress past linguistic imbalances and develop the previously marginalised languages.

Cultural Affairs has developed specific programmes which are driven by the immediate need to create job opportunities, provide a platform for training and development of artists, offering mentorship and skills transfer to young and upcoming artists. This is done through strategic partnerships with sector practitioners, cultural institutions, community arts centres and cultural organisations to enhance our delivery to our clients. These programmes will ensure that the department plays a critical role in retaining KZN-born artists in the Province through engaging them in developing, nurturing and promoting artists.

This will be a step forward in ascertaining that the department is visible in assisting artists in developing and designing 2010 artistic programmes and projects as part of creating job opportunities through the KZN creative industry. To maximise service delivery, these programmes have been designed: theatre festivals, indigenous music and dance festivals, storytelling, hip-hop and poetry festivals, craft and fashion show exhibitions, film-making and film festivals, gospel festivals, as well as *Ingoma* music and dance competitions.

The programmes are aimed at exposing and promoting KZN artists in provincial, national and international platforms. These programmes are designed in such a way that all KZN artists have an opportunity to participate as they all get kick-started from local, district and cluster levels until they reach a provincial stage. From this stage, a wealth of opportunities will open up as national and international strategic partners such as ISPA (International Society of Performing Arts) is already hosting an international conference

in KZN in June where our artists from all corners of the province will fully participate. Our crafters will receive training to ensure that they produce quality work and will be exposed to doing business at an international level through selling their artworks in major shopping malls in New York. We have partners who are busy organising for us to have markets at major shopping malls in New York.

Infrastructure investment and Art Centres

Hon members will agree with me that the needs of our people are so massive that we cannot address them on our own and overnight, hence we have to work with different organisations in the field of arts and culture to complement our efforts and resources.

I wish to indicate that the department will continue to fund and support arts centres, both the government and independent centres. Their budget allocations this year catered for inflationary increases, with the exception of the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra (KZNPO) which received additional funding of R2 million. This will ensure that the KZNPO continues to be a leading entity in orchestras in South Africa. They will also assist in training the youth from disadvantaged communities to participate in the KZNPO.

The other arts and cultural institutions which will be receiving funding from the department include the Playhouse Company, Indonsa Arts and Craft Centre and Infusion Art Centre in Zululand and uThungulu Districts, the Stable Theatre, the BAT Centre and Ekhaya Multi-Arts Centre in eThekweni, the Jambo Arts and Development in uMgungundlovu, the Gobhela Arts Centre in the Ugu District and the Rorke's Drift Arts Centre in uThukela. Although there are districts that do not have arts centres, they still benefit through outreach programmes conducted by these centres within the nearest districts.

Hon members will note from the above list that we are far from having an even and equitable geographic distribution of arts centres in our Province. It remains a huge challenge which I shared with this House last year in that our communities, especially from far-flung rural areas continue to be deprived of access to these facilities and the beautiful arts and culture programmes they offer.

I am thrilled to report to this House again that the department received additional funding for infrastructure investment with which we are planning to build three art centres to the

tune of R13,5 million this year, thanks to my colleague, *uKhabazela*, the hon MEC for Finance and Economic Development, who responded to our request in a positive manner. Our vision is to have at least one art centre in every district. The department will be working closely with the management of the new music precinct to make sure that the arts industry develops to a maximum capacity.

Multi-cultural programmes

The department will continue with its programmes aimed at providing multicultural experiences for our communities. In this regard I can mention the craft and visual arts exhibitions which will be organised to provide a platform for artists to showcase their products.

Film-making and the film industry in general is one area that remains untapped and which we want to pay more attention to. Insufficient funds have been an inhibiting factor. The film industry is a fast-growing industry in South Africa, but unfortunately many talented artists, especially from KwaZulu-Natal, migrate to Gauteng and a few to Cape Town where the movie industry is getting stronger. The success of new original films made in South Africa by South Africans themselves is proof that the industry is growing day by day. The award-winning feature films such as *uCarmen Ekhayelitsha*, *Tsotsi* and *Bunnychow* have put enormous pressure on our movie industry and raised expectations from international communities. This will provide an opportunity to identify and nurture local talent in our own province and this can undoubtedly, and if exploited to the fullest, create job opportunities and boost economic growth.

In the fashion design field, we are, for the first time, giving opportunities to emerging fashion designers to rub shoulders with established fashion designers. We have partnered with MTN Fashion Week organisers to run programmes that will see young designers getting opportunities to have their designs paraded, while they are also provided with training and development opportunities.

The department has a Film Support Development Programme, which we will be facilitating this year, wherein we will be working with other stakeholders to produce at least three films. Opportunities will be given to emerging artists to participate in putting together these products.

The department has planned to support other performing arts development programmes, such as Choral Music Eistedfodds, SACMA Opera Stars, as well as the KZN Gospel Music and Indigenous Dance Festivals. In December there were about 10 emerging groups which performed at uShaka Marine. For the first time we have a partnership with Ushaka Marine. Our emerging artists are showcasing their capabilities at this tourist attraction site and are being paid for it. We will be staging indigenous music programmes, theatre festivals, story telling and public speaking festivals in collaboration with arts and culture activists and organisations in the Province. I must mention that we derive a lot of value in supporting such initiatives.

The capacity-building programmes in a form of accredited and non-accredited training courses are key in ensuring that we develop our artists to a level where they can compete successfully at an international platform and also participate in the upcoming 2010 Soccer World Cup competition. We have engaged the Department of Education with a view to providing such training at our FET colleges, as per a Cabinet decision, encouraging departments to make sure FET colleges are utilised for skills development programmes. This programme will start at Swinton, Overport and Umlazi FET colleges where training in performing arts and jewellery design will soon commence.

We will be giving an opportunity to 200 women in the Province to sell their products overseas in an effort to allow visual arts groups that have been developed to access markets for their products.

Arts and Culture Grants

The department is committed to supporting and partnering with other performing and non-performing initiatives, such as Choral Music Eisteddfods, the Imvunge Choral Society, SACMA Opera Stars, SATMA Awards, the MTN Jazz Festival, MTN Fashion Week, KZN One World Festival, the Kizo Heritage Arts Festival, the Hilton Festival and other festivals taking place in our different clusters. We believe that it is such partnerships that can create an impact on this industry. I have constituted the Arts and Culture Council which is fully functional as I speak. Its mandate is to set guidelines and administer the awarding of grants to deserving arts and culture organisations. I directed the council to ensure that our previously marginalised communities are given priority. I commend the council for the sterling work they have done in making sure that all the

applications are processed and, for the information of hon members, the grants will be awarded at the end of next month.

Bursaries

As part of the department's sustained efforts of developing arts and culture in the province, next month we will be handing over bursaries to students at different tertiary institutions within the province.

Provincial Events

The Department continues to play a leading role in the organisation of provincial events which are mostly cultural, such as Freedom Day which was held two days ago and which was a resounding success, the Reed Dance, Heritage Day and the First Fruit ceremonies. We work very closely with other government departments and municipalities in delivering these events, and we always aim at keeping the standard high. It is our wish that such events leave an important legacy to generations to come, hence they are organised to incorporate critical elements such as awareness and education about the rich cultural heritage of our province. One cannot overemphasise the opportunities and economic spin-offs these events present to the tourism growth and economic growth ultimately. They also help preserve our rich culture and heritage which make us the envy of other provinces and the international community.

Moral regeneration and social cohesion programmes

This year the department intends to intensify moral regeneration programmes, working in collaboration with other stakeholders such as the Office of the Premier, the KZN Youth Commission, the Departments of Correctional Services, Health, Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Love Life, traditional leaders, *Amagosa* and *Izinduna*, the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts movements, to name but a few. Our programmes will be mostly educational and allowing for inter-generational dialogue. The social cohesion programmes will entail staging multicultural dance exposés, the *Wildefees* and other cultural activities. There is a dire need to revitalise our society and inculcate a sense and appreciation of moral and social values which are fundamental in nation building. This also assists in strengthening the programme of encouraging patriotism by government via a campaign of teaching communities about the importance of the

national anthem, having the flag displayed in government institutions, national symbols, provincial symbols and the provincial coat-of-arms.

Language Services

With regard to language services, I want to start by informing this House that Cabinet has approved the provincial language policy, formulated by the department, which provides a framework and guidelines on the use of official languages of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal which are isiZulu, English, isiXhosa and Afrikaans by governmental bodies. It is interesting to note that the use of isiXhosa has overtaken Afrikaans in the Province. This is backed by extensive research that we have conducted. The Legislature has to make sure that the policy is put into force as soon as possible. The department is available to work with the Legislature in this regard. Our plans include popularising the policy in the province, as well as developing and implementing a monitoring tool to enforce compliance with the language policy. I am also pleased to announce that copies of the very speech I am reading are available in isiZulu, English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa, and are also available in braille to accommodate the visually impaired.

The department will continue to avail its translation, editing and interpreting services, including sign language, to government departments and governmental bodies at large. It is up to them to take advantage of this wonderful offer coming at no cost.

Our plans this year are to develop Volume 1 of the agricultural, medicinal and legal terminology lists. This is an immense contribution towards the enrichment of both the vocabulary and language. Some of the activities that Language Services will be embarking on are literature development in the form of literature writing workshops and competitions and literature exhibition. The department will also be hosting multilingualism promotion programmes, which include the celebration of the Language Awareness Week, International Mother-Tongue Day and International Translation Day.

We will be unveiling a comprehensive programme that is part of social cohesion in which we will be working with the national Department of Arts and Culture to ensure that the public understands the objective of the geographical naming process better.

We will continue to provide administrative support services to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Geographical Names Committee, District Geographical Names Committees,

the Provincial Language Committee which has recently been re-established, KWANILAF0 (KwaZulu-Natal Inter-governmental Language Forum) and the reading and writing clubs.

Programme 3: Public Library and Archive Services

This Programme has three sub-programmes, namely library services, archives and conditional grants.

The primary objective of library services is to provide a library and information service which is free, equitable and readily accessible; to provide for information, reading and learning needs of people; to promote a culture of reading, library usage and life-long learning, while archives is about the acquisition, preservation and documentation of public and non-public records which are of provincial significance. Archives also provides for proper records management.

To fulfil the above imperatives, I am happy to inform this House that four new libraries will be completed before the end of this financial year at Ndwedwe, Tugela Ferry, Ntabamhlophe and Eziqoleni. These libraries will be equipped with state-of-the-art computers and cyber cadets to assist community members with navigating through the libraries, using the latest technology. This is in keeping with the global trend of using Information and Communication Technology to empower our communities. Construction of libraries at Malangeni, King Dinuzulu, KwaNdwalane, and Mbazwana will commence during the course of this financial year with completion earmarked for 2009/10. Consultation will begin for the building of libraries at Umzumbe and Vulamehlo.

This year will also see the completion of the upgrading and extension of library facilities at Osizweni and Felixton. Consultations will also begin for the upgrading and renovation of libraries at Emondlo and Dannhauser. The department has earmarked 20 libraries this financial year for which to purchase and install computers for users and to also supply furniture. We will coordinate the employment by municipalities of IT assistants in libraries, as well as connectivity installations.

Short courses will be conducted for staff of affiliated libraries and norms and standards drafted as a means of quality assurance and to ensure that all staff were on par with regard to the services they provide.

Other activities library services will offer this financial year include extending the “Read and Grow” campaign to 20 more libraries; designing and implementing a signage campaign to ensure easy direction to libraries; coordinating migration from PALS to an upgraded system for head office functions and catalogue database; upgrading systems’ hardware in public libraries for migration to the upgraded system including training staff on the new system; providing internet training in computer sections of affiliated libraries, as well as providing books and library material to affiliated libraries. Some of the programmes or activities will be funded through the conditional grants from the national Department of Arts and Culture.

The development of a strategy for the transfer of community libraries from municipalities to the provincial sphere of government is underway. This strategy aims to address the concerns of unfunded mandates raised by municipalities. The department will also be piloting the building of libraries directly as opposed to transferring the funds to municipalities. This pilot aims to build capacity within the department to be able to handle the building programme. It is envisaged that this route will fast-track the programme and ensure more accountability by the department. In encouraging a culture of reading and in keeping with the spirit of making government services more accessible to the public, later this year the department will launch a mobile library bus project costing R1,5 million. The bus will be available to take library material services to areas which currently do not have libraries.

Archive Services

The department is planning a presentation to Cabinet on the importance of records management in governmental bodies. The aim is to sensitise government departments on the significance of proper management and care of public records because, logically speaking, there will be nothing to preserve in our archives if governmental bodies fail to exercise proper records management.

The successful oral history project at Makhasa Traditional Authority which was officially launched in March paved the way for more projects on oral history to be undertaken, an element of archives which, I believe, has never received serious attention before. However, plans are in place to collect, record and document people’s experiences and undocumented history that was neglected in the past. Already we have decided to

document *Imilando Yezizwe Zamakhosi*, KwaZulu-Natal Women in the Struggle for Liberation and the Life and Experiences of African Women in Hostels. We will make sure that relevant people are interviewed. We want to get first-hand information to ensure that our history is not distorted.

We will also hold a Family History Fair which is a building block for the Family Genealogy project the department is undertaking in collaboration with the Office of the Premier. Plans are underway to engage the Department of Education in order to provide awareness programmes to schools on the value of archives. Advocacy programmes to create public awareness on the use of archives will also be implemented vigorously.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): MEC, your time has expired, but you may continue as per the arrangement.

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): Thank you very much, Chairperson.

Programme 4: Tourism Development

The objective of this programme is two-fold, one being to provide and manage tourism projects undertaken by the department and the other being to provide support and oversight over public entities falling under the department, namely, Tourism KwaZulu-Natal (TKZN) and the Natal Sharks Board.

Our objective as a department is to develop and transform the tourism sector and promote the province as a leading tourist destination. We achieved the latter through TKZN, our tourism marketing agency. There should be no doubt in anybody's mind that tourism remains one of the few sectors that contribute to economic growth and that has been identified as key in realising the government's objectives of halving poverty and unemployment by 2014 and bridging and ultimately eliminating the gap between the first and second economies.

It is incumbent upon us as government to create conducive conditions in the tourism sector for sustainable growth and development. The starting point will be to intensify the tourism awareness programmes targeting the historically disadvantaged individuals, most of whom do not have sufficient information on and knowledge of business opportunities presented by tourism. These people sometimes enter the industry with little

or no knowledge of tourism, let alone of running a business. These awareness programmes will be designed to cover the safety aspects which will continue to pose a threat to our tourists if they are not addressed.

The bursary programme has been beefed up and this year will see 50 students pursuing tourism studies at institutions of higher education being awarded bursaries. This is the third academic year the department is awarding bursaries and the number of recipients is now more than double since the start of the programme. Many improvements have since been made to this programme which range from accommodating matriculants to ensuring that there is a fair and even distribution of bursaries geographically and in terms of institutions.

We have also doubled the number of tourism learnerships. This has been done in an attempt to afford our unemployed youth an opportunity to receive training so that they become employable. We are proud to say that amongst students who have joined our learnership programmes which are based at different hospitality venues throughout the Province, some have been offered permanent job opportunities.

The Tourism Career Exhibition, which provides a platform for unemployed tourism graduates, as well as high school learners, to meet and network with tourism business people, will be elevated to a national event which will take place over three days in September 2008 as part of Tourism Month celebrations. It will be hosted in partnership with the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. KwaZulu-Natal was the first Province to host an event of this kind and national and other provincial counterparts are following suit. We aim to make it more educational this year by having seminars where learners and students can learn more about tourism.

Our skills development programmes, namely tourism mentorship programmes, business skills training of accommodation establishments and tour operators have gained momentum. Our intention is to decentralise some of these programmes to take place in other parts of the province in order to ensure that those business owners and employees located in districts far away from the cities are not disadvantaged, especially in view of the fact that they constitute the majority of our target group.

One of the biggest challenges faced by our tourism entrepreneurs is access to the market. In response to this, we have added an exciting programme to the list – the

Adopt-a-Guesthouse programme – which is carried out in partnership with the Southern Sun hotel group. This is a pilot project and participating businesses were selected from eThekweni and Ilembe municipal areas. This was done for two reasons: firstly, to prepare businesses in these areas so that they benefit from the opportunities that will be coming with the opening of the King Shaka International Airport and the Dube Trade Port and, secondly, as a pilot project it made business sense to target these areas as the Southern Sun infrastructure is located within eThekweni and therefore would be easily accessible for training purposes. We are kindly making a plea to all departments, the Legislature and members of the public to make use of these guest lodges and B&Bs. We will provide you with a list of those that have been visited, evaluated and those that are graded.

We have submitted to Cabinet the White Paper on the Development and Promotion of Tourism in the Province for adoption. Cabinet has approved and adopted the White Paper and implementation will now begin. I am also happy to report to this House that we have finalised consultation on the KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board Bill. The Bill is being edited and translated and will be going to Cabinet soon. It was crucial that as a department we consulted with our key stakeholders so that we can present to Cabinet and the Legislature a Bill that is informed and credible.

The department has identified the development of community-based tourism enterprises as one of the second economy interventions. This programme is still at a feasibility study level and is undertaken in partnership with other organisations such as the Ithala Development Corporation, the Department of Economic Development, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and Tourism KwaZulu-Natal (TKZN). If things go according to plan we must see the completion of the first phase of Ingome Lodge and the continuation of development at the Ingwavuma border caves. Feasibility studies of some identified community-based projects will be done. Only the lack of funding will be an inhibiting factor to take those feasibility study reports forward.

Programmes are in place to promote the grading of establishments, which is one of the quality assurance initiatives. The principle of voluntary grading makes it difficult to ensure that tourism establishments adhere to required standards. However, businesses will find it hard to have a competitive edge if they are not graded, especially if they want to benefit from the 2010 Soccer World Cup.

I am glad to mention that TKZN is aggressively lobbying South African Tourism to have the Tourism Indaba being permanently hosted in KwaZulu-Natal. Statistics indicate the Tourism Indaba is the biggest international event that is taking place in the country with more than 12 000 participants and 5 000 international delegates converging in our Province which is a great economic milestone for us. This year's event will take place from 10 to 13 May at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli ICC.

Preliminary indications are that KwaZulu-Natal is leading countrywide with the highest number of accommodation establishments contracted with management of accommodation, ticketing, computer IT solutions and Hand-in-Hand Match for 2010. This demonstrates our readiness for 2010 as a province.

While the Natal Sharks Board is doing a wonderful job in protecting our tourists and beach users in general against shark attacks, the loss of the Blue Flag status at some of our beaches is something we need to address. [Hear, hear] We should aim at regaining our Blue Flag status, especially as we draw closer to 2010. This should be our draw card. From a tourism perspective, I believe the Blue Flag status of beaches is as important as the declaration of some sites as World Heritage Sites.

It gives me pleasure to present to this House the budget of the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism for the 2008/09 financial year as follows:

Programme 1: Administration	R 48 019 million
Programme 2: Cultural Affairs	R 86 213 million
Programme 3: Library and Archive Services	R 109 947 million
Programme 4: Tourism Development	R 111 081 million
Grand total of all programmes:	R 355 260 million

I have no doubt in my mind that the department will play its bit in ensuring that we inculcate the spirit of "business unusual". We have all hands on deck to speech up change. We are more than ready to fight poverty, create job opportunities and improve the lives of the people of this province through arts, culture and tourism.

I am most grateful for the support that I get from Mrs Stella Khumalo, the Head of

Department and her senior management team and all the staff from the department. I would also like to thank my Head of Ministry, Ms Dube and her team for their unfailing support, and our public entities TKZN, the CEO Ndabo, and the CEO of the Natal Sharks Board, Graeme Charter who will be leaving us at the end of May. Let me also thank all stakeholders for their interest in the department which has made the department go from strength to strength. Finally, I would like to thank my family, uBab' uThusi Mfene, Bahla my daughter, Dlebenkomo, Sis' Thembeka, my relatives and friends for the support you give me through good and bad times. I thank you.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): [Siyakubonga nathi Ngqongqoshe. Sixolise ukuhamba ngaphambili siqale early. Kodwa-ke sikubonge ukuthi ungu-ever ready. Uma sikubiza uyasabela.](#) We now move on to the report of the Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture and Tourism, the hon B J Msomi. Hon member, you have 15 minutes.

MR B J MSOMI (Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culture and Tourism): Thank you, Chairperson. Before I say anything, I would like to thank the hon Rev Mbatha, present Chairperson of SCOPA and former Chairperson of this Portfolio Committee until early this year. I want to thank him for a job well done during the 2007/08 financial year. The Report of the Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culture and Tourism will focus on the activities for 2007/08.

Meetings and workshops of the Portfolio Committee

The committee held meetings on 19 April 2007, 10 August 2007 and 07 March 2008. The workshop held on 18 and 19 October 2007 was a major achievement. The Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culuture and Tourism, together with the department, was able to look at all the activities and strategies for further development. The following are matters of public interest:

Documentation Centre

There are ongoing talks between the stakeholders and the department and progress is being monitored.

Meeting with BAT Centre for Arts

We met with the BAT Centre for Arts following a decision taken during the visit undertaken with the national Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture. The Committee is still going to discuss the issues raised and update the department.

Study Tours

The portfolio committee undertook a study tour in May 2007. The aim of the study tour was to learn about the methods and programmes of Mexican arts, culture and tourism institutions and to link up with equivalent state committees.

Inter-provincial Study Tour

The portfolio committee undertook a visit to art centres and cultural and heritage sites in KZN in partnership with the department and the national Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture in August 2007. The aim of the visit was to gain exposure to arts and culture infrastructure in the province and to learn more about the developments and challenges.

In March 2008 we visited community art centres, cultural centres and museums with the department and the Portfolio Committee for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture from Gauteng. The purpose of the visit was to learn how creative and cultural industries contribute to growth of the economy of our province. The full report is still going to be discussed by the portfolio committee.

Interaction with the Department

We have an ongoing relationship with the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism and public entities funded by the department, i.e Playhouse Company, Tourism KwaZulu-Natal and Natal Sharks Board. The department is able to respond to the portfolio committee by providing information that we need. The committee maintains a relationship with the department by providing support to its projects. The highlights of projects include the Tourism Career Exhibition, the National Is'cathamiya Festival, the

official opening of the Eastwood Library and the Oral History Awards Ceremony that was held at KwaMakhasi.

Tourism Career Exhibition

This project targeted KZN schools studying tourism. The purpose of establishing this project is to create a platform for interaction and networking, attract foreign tourists and to ensure sustainability through providing the best service. This project encourages youth to participate in arts, culture and tourism.

National Is'cathamiya Festival

The National Is'cathamiya Festival is an annual event at which Is'cathamiya groups have been competing in various categories since 1997. In 2007 the Playhouse Company was celebrating 10 years of Is'cathamiya. The Playhouse Company provides support by awarding prizes to first three winners. Groups that participated do not go home empty-handed but are given recognition prizes and certificates.

Official Opening of Eastwood Library

This library was built in order to achieve the promotion of social cohesion and to enable people to gain access to information.

Oral History Awards Ceremony

The aim of this event was to acknowledge valuable contributions made by the people of uMkhanyakude District. The oral history given by *amakhosi* as custodians of culture was recorded on DVD and will be transferred to paper for future generations. The department played a major role in recording *Omama Bomakhweyana*, traditional music by women group in the area. Local people will benefit when this CD is released on the market.

Provincial Tourism Committee

The portfolio committee participates in the Provincial Tourism Committee (PTC). The PTC meetings are held quarterly. This is where the department, tourism agencies and municipalities give progress reports and report on challenges in so far as preparations for 2010 are concerned and well as challenges relating to the transformation of the industry.

Budget Allocation for 2008/09

The Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culture and Tourism supports the budget allocation, but notes that the Department of Education did not comply with Treasury's instruction of transferring an amount of R7 million for renovations of halls and libraries to the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism. The committee has recommended that sufficient funding should be provided for the 2010 marketing programme and the Tourism Indaba as these would greatly benefit the province. The resolutions made by the Finance Portfolio Committee during the budget hearing have been noted and the department is being monitored.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the portfolio committee and the department for their participation and support throughout the financial year. I thank you, hon Chairperson.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): I thank you also. The next speaker is from the IFP, Mr N G Khawula. You have seven minutes, hon member.

MR N G KHAWULA (IFP): Ngiyabonga sihlalo. Ngithokoze ukucosha leli thuba ongipha lona. Ngibingelele ubaba uNdunankulu, ubaba uManzankosi, ngibingelele abahlonishwa abakhona phakathi kwethu, ngibingelele amalungu ePhalamende wonke ahloniphekile, bese ngibingelela umama uThusi neNhloko yoMnyango umama uKhumalo. Ngisizwile isabelozimali sika-2008/9 esethulwe ngumama uThusi. Ngasithokozela ukuthi sikahle kakhulu, kodwa-ke engikunothisayo ukuthi inkece enikezwe uMnyango yincane ngoba umnyango ubhekene nezinsalelo eziningi kakhulu.

Engingakuzwanga umama umhlonishwa uThusi esibikela ngakho uMkhosi woMhlanga ukuthi izimbali zoMhlanga lezi ziyokwenzenjani. Angimuzwanga ekhuluma ngalokho.

Bese ngingena enkulumweni yami. Lo Mnyango awunawo umbono wokuthi uyaphi nokuthi ufuna ukuzuzani. Kunezinto ezimbalwa engifisa ukuzibeka ukuze silekelele. Lo mnyango siwubona ufana nenqola emile.

Sikhuluma ngobuciko namasiko, njengomhlanganisi wabantu. Abantu kumele bawahloniphe amasiko ezinye izinhlanga ngoba siphila kwi-Rainbow Nation. Isibonelo, abamhlophe abakuthakaseli ukubulawa kwezimbuzi bathi ziyahlukunyezwa ngoba abafundisekile ukuthi lokho sikwenzelani. Siyazi-ke thina sisuke sikwenzela amasiko emsamo yakithi. Lo Mnyango siwubona kakhulu uma kungamaholide kuphela noma kunemigubho kanti amasiko yinto yemihla ngemihla.

Izintombi azisahlolwa ngenxa yemithetho eyabekwa uHulumeni ocindezela amasiko, kanti ukuba ziyahlolwa izintombi ngabe isifo sengculazi asibhidlangile kangaka, nokukhululwa kwezingane ezifunda isikole ngabe akudlangile kangaka. Lo Mnyango udinga ukuthi ukhuthaze izinto ezifana nesicathamiya nendlamu. Kukhona neminyango ethanda ukugaxela njengenyama yomsipha, njengomnyango kamhlonishwa umabuyakhulu owabiza imbizo yamagosa mamaqhikiza engazi ukuthi uzothini kubona. Mhlonishwa, ungavumi ukuthi ozakwenu abafana nomhlonishwa uNdiyema bagcine sebenza izinhlelo zomnyango wakho.

Kuliqiniso ukuthi iningi labantu besifundazwe sakithi bakhe ezindaweni zamakhosi. Ngakho-ke kumele ukuba umnyango usebenzisane namakhosi ngoba amakhosi iwona abonakala esawalandela kakhulu amasiko.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Awumeke kancane lungu elihloniphekile. Nangu uShabalala, ilungu elihloniphekile, limile.

MS L F SHABALALA (ANC): Chairperson, I rise on a point of order. Ilungu elihloniphekile li-adresa u-Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Cha, qhubeka lungu elihloniphekile uKhawula.

MR N G KHAWULA (IFP): Ufike kwami kwa-P eMlazi ngokuphendula. Njengoba ngike ngachaza ngokuhlonishwa kwamasiko ezinye izinhlanga. Isibonelo: On a recent visit to the Durban Documentation Centre, the hon MEC Thusi, in reference to the Hindu deity, Lord Ganesha, who is presented in a form of an elephant, made a comment that the

previous MEC Narend Singh was promoting the IFP. This comment shows the hon MEC's lack of knowledge of Hindu culture and tradition. [Interjections] This is obviously one MEC who is intolerant of other cultures in our province and she is therefore in the wrong department. [Interjections]

AN HON MEMBER: Ezokuvakasha!

MR N G KHAWULA (IFP): Emadolobheni ethu ubugebengu sibubona bukhuphuka okubeka engcupheni izimpilo zethu, nezivakashi njengoba kuza i-World Cup ka-2010. Kusho ukuthi lo mnyango kumele usebenzisane kakhulu noMnyango Wezokuphepha (njengesigameko sikaMnumzane uSifiso Zulu. Uma sizophuza bese siyashayela sibulale abantu, noNgqongqoshe baphinde baseseseze, izivakashi aziphephile uma kunjalo).

Ake ngilungise lapha – udaba lwezinkomo zamaNguni – uMntwana waKwaphindangene wayibhala incwadi yezinkomo zamaNguni kodwa izinkomo zamaNguni azifikanga kuye. Siyothokoza ukuthi umhlonishwa ubaba uMthimkhulu abuye asiyise Kwaphindangene siyozibona lezi zinkomo zamaNguni.

Ake ngiphinde ngilungise lapha – sizwile amasontweni adlule kuthiwa ubaba umhlonishwa uMantshinga kwakukhala ama-siren la kume ngisho izingane uma ezongena lapha endlini egadiwe esenguNdunankulu. Kodwa ubaba uMantshinga ungcono kunomhlonishwa u-Radebe yena uma izingane ziyeka ukubhala ama-tests eMpumalanga zibuka lo mjuxuzi othi Inkatha iyanuka.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Ima baba. Mthimkhulu, ake sizwe ukuthi uthini.

MR M E MTHIMKHULU (MEC for Agriculture and Environmental Affairs): Hon Chairperson, I rise on Rule 52 of this House which reads thus:

Irrelevance or repetition

The Presiding Officer, after having called attention to the conduct of a member who persists in irrelevance or repetition of argument, may direct the member ...

[Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon members! Hon members, please read the Rule! Mthimkhulu might be correct. Please stick to the topic that you are discussing. You may continue, hon Khawula.

MR N G KHAWULA (IFP): Umhlonishwa uRadebe yena kuma izingane ziyeka ukubhala ama-test eMpumalanga zibuka lo mjuxuzi othi Inkatha iyanuka, ojuxuza ngemali yentela yabantu abahluphekayo eyobheka omamkhulu bethu.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Ima-ke lungu elihloniphekile, ima-ke baba. Hon Khawula, there is Rule which refers to irrelevance. Ngakho-ke ngiyakweluleka. Hlala phansi lungu elihloniphekile awukwazi ukuma ngisakhuluma. Baba uGwala.

MR M B GWALA (IFP): Angizukuhlaliswa yini. Ngizohlaliswa uSihlalo, hhayi nina.
[Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Baba uGwala, baba uGwala, awunalo ilungelo lokukhuluma ngisakhuluma. Kufuneka uhlale phansi ngiqede usukumeke. Ungasukumi ngisakhuluma. Ngiyaphinda-ke ngiyasho kwilungu elihloniphekileyo ukuthi ama-Rules eNdlu ayasho ukuthi amalunga akadebathe ngento e-relevant. Uma ngabe ilunga liqhubeka ukudibheyitha ngento e-irrelevant, nginamandla okuthi ngililalise phansi lelo lungu. Ngakho-ke ngiyakunika futhi again i-warning yokuthi ilungu elihloniphekileyo alikhulume ngendaba esikhuluma ngayo. Hlala phansi Kwawula. Asizwe umhlonishwa uGwala ukuthi uthini.

MR M B GWALA (IFP): Sibabaza Sihlalo ukuthi uqala ngqa uma sekukhuluma i-IFP ukuthi sekuthiwa umuntu akakhulume ngokuthinta umnyango ngoba lokhu sihlalile kule Ndlu sidicwa nje sidicwe kungakhulunywa ngodaba okukhulunywa ngalo.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hlala phansi Mphephethe. Angithi uyabona nje nomhlonishwa uMphephethe njengoba esukuma uyazikhulumela nje ngaphandle kwama-Rules ale Ndlu. Hhayi, hhayi malunga! Hhayi Mphephethe, ngiyakukhuza nawe! Lungu elihloniphekile, Khawula, qhubeka baba kodwa kube relevant.

MR N G KHAWULA (IFP): Ngiyabonga Sihlalo. Ngixolise la ngenze khona iphutha Sihlalo. Sengiphetha Sihlalo, kufanele umnyango ucacise ukuthi:

- Uya ngakuphi nokuvuselela amasiko
- Azihlolwe izintombi
- Akusetshenziswane namakhosi
- Abanye oNgqongqoshe abahlukane nokugxambukela kweminye iminyango. Iminyango ayifunde ukusebenzisana.
- Akuliwe nobugebengu, hhayi ukuthi ubugebengu behlula uJesu
- Umuntu nomuntu akafundiseke ngawo wonke amasiko akhona e-South Africa.

Ngizwe kahle inkulumo kamama umhlonishwa uThusi, imali esiyabelwe nguNgqongqoshe mayibonakale yenza izinto eyabelwe zona ingabonakali kusasa isiphelela emaphaketheni osibanibani seyenza izinto engabelwanga zona. Kop\dwa-ke ningabaqeda oFezela, kodwa iziNdlovu zona zizobe zibhekile ukuthi imali yenza umsebenzi wayo yini. Ngiyabonga Sihlalo.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): The next person to speak is the hon member Mr Maharaj.

MR R MAHARAJ (ANC): Thank you, hon Chairperson. At the outset I want to thank our MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism, the hon Mrs Thusi, for a very comprehensive and visionary report presented today. My heartfelt compliments also to the dedicated Mrs Stella Khumalo and all our officials for the outstanding work accomplished.

Hon members, talking about hard and sincere work, I am disappointed to note that the stories about the Documentation Centre, the allocation of funds to arts and culture organisations and the celebration of International Mother-Tongue Day, *et cetera* have not been told fully and frankly. Today provides me with a forum to do so.

It is shocking and shameful that some hon members sitting in the opposition benches have chosen to mislead the public regarding the true position of our MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism, the hon Mrs Thusi. Our hard-working MEC is doing a sterling job and it is profoundly unfair and unjustifiable to explicitly and implicitly, overtly or covertly, generate the public perception that she has marginalised Indians. This is simply not

right. This sort of political posturing by a few individuals is not only misleading and mischievous, but also disingenuous and divisive. I do not know whether this is a case of selective amnesia or tortured logic.

Recently, I met the hon Mrs Thusi at the Tamil New Year celebrations, organised for the KwaZulu-Natal Tamil Federation at the Chatsworth stadium. She delivered a very inspiring keynote address. As a leading light of the ANC, which has championed non-racism in South Africa, the hon Mrs Thusi is committed to protecting and promoting all cultures in South Africa, including Indian culture in pursuit of the ANC goals of unity in diversity, social cohesion, nation building and human solidarity.

In pursuance of these values, the hon Mrs MEC convened a democratic, all-inclusive consultative meeting to charter a collective way forward to house treasured artefacts reflecting the history and heritage of the Indian community of South Africa. Let us place this whole documentation saga in historical perspective. The plan to move Indian artefacts from the Documentation Centre in Darby Street in Durban was hatched in the year 2005. There was no consultative meeting involving any community or even the donors of the artefacts. No provision whatsoever was made for alternative accommodation for these priceless artefacts. [Interjections] These are historical facts! It must be noted that at that time the hon MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism belonged to the IFP and not the ANC. The hon Thusi of the ANC only assumed office in the year 2006 when the process was already moving. It may be said that she has inherited a poisoned chalice.

The Stanmore Regional Hall, the Arena Park Regional Hall and the Merebank Regional Hall fell into an appalling state long before the hon Mrs Thusi assumed responsibility. Nevertheless, all regional halls must be properly repaired and maintained as a matter of budgetary priority.

With regard to the lack of an allocation of funds to Indian cultural organisations, here are some very simple facts:

- Grants-in-aid for the 2007/08 financial year have been awarded to five Indian organisations out of nine applicants in the eThekweni Region.
- Out of a total of R330 000 an amount of R170 000 has been allocated to the

Andhra Maha Sabha of South Africa R50 000; the KZN Tamil Vedic Society Eistedfodd Movement, R50 000; the KZN Tamil Vedic Society, South Coast Region, R20 000; Pregalathan and Yogambal Singaram Kala Kendra, R30 000 and the KZN Tamil Vedic Society, Durban South, R20 000.

In addition, three Indian luminaries - Mala Lutchmaan, Vasanth Hemraj Lalla and Ms E T Pillay - have been appointed to the 15 member provincial Arts and Culture Council and, as our hon MEC has said, it is already fully functional.

I am now making call to all our parties to move forward together to advance culture in our province in the face of many; many challenges. Let us depoliticise culture because it is the core essence of our being and civilization. Criticism is healthy, but let it be fair. [Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): One minute to go.

MR R MAHARAJ (ANC): It is my belief that when funds are being allocated to Indian cultural organisations, due cognisance must be taken of the fact that there are five linguistic groups within the Indian community, namely Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Gujarati and Urdu. It is imperative that all linguistic groups, all five groups, are awarded their fair share to enhance their noble work. We need to ensure that the Natal Tamil Federation, the Hindi Shiksha Sangh of South Africa, the Andhra Maha Sabha of South Africa, the Gujarati Sanskruti Kendra, as well as the KwaZulu-Natal Tamil Vedic Society are all treated in a fair and equitable manner, provided that all compliance documents are in order.

We all must strive towards the allocation of more funds to more organisations to promote all the cultures that enrich our beautiful multi-cultural province and country. [Time expired]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): The next person to speak is the hon G Mari for seven minutes.

MR G MARI (DA): Thank you, hon Chair. I do not know which side of the bed the hon Maharaj got up this morning. He seems to have got up on the wrong side and I will come back to that later.

I want to take this opportunity firstly to thank the hon MEC. I think she is really trying to turn around the department. Thank you very much. However, there are issues that we need to deal with.

Secondly, I want to thank the hon Rev Mbatha, the previous Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culture and Tourism, and also the current Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culture and Tourism, the hon Mr Msomi for the leadership in the committee.

This year's budget sees basically a baseline increase of around R55 million. Of course, it is not enough to actually do all of the things that we want to do, so we want to thank the hon MEC for constructing art centres in the districts, which is good, but we also need to look at the operational expenses for those art centres. The issue of library services, I think you have alluded to the fact that you are building new libraries. That is very good, because that is a much-needed facility within our communities out there.

Tourism got a little bit of extra money this year and they seem to be doing quite well in terms of creating jobs for the unemployed within this area. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Sharks Board, and Mr Graham Charter in particular. Thank you very much for the service that you have rendered. We wish you well in your retirement.

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR G MARI (DA): I now want to come to hon Mr Maharaj's comments. Everything seemed to have settled down ...

MR J KROG (DA): Listen, Maharaj!

MR G MARI (DA): ... but then he went to the newspapers and gave a whole lot of conflicting, misleading statements. Hon Maharaj, just look at the cultural organisations. In 2006/07 not a single organisation within the Indian community got a grant - not a single one, not one cent! You kept quiet about that! You did not say one word in the newspaper about that! [Interjections] This side of the House and our organisations out there in the community created a furore about it. As a result of that the hon MEC is now rectifying the situation and we want to thank the hon MEC for that. She rectified that in this financial year. These organisations are now getting the necessary funding to carry out their functions. You kept quiet about that!

Secondly, you say in the newspapers - and here you are an *imbongi* [praise-singer] again ... [Laughter] You say that out of nine organisations, five organisations were Indian organisations. However, let us look at the facts: 44 organisations applied and were selected, and out of 44 organisations only five organisations got grants. You further go on to say: "Out of R340 000, R170 000 went to Indian organisations," but you failed again to say that R1,297 million was allocated for bursaries and grants-in-aid. And what was that, R140 000? So who is misleading who today? [Interjections]

Hon Maharaj, you insult our community by saying that people are guilty of being disingenuous, divisive and full of mischief. You must now go out there and apologise to them! [Interjections] This is what you need to do. You should be really ashamed to come here and say these kinds of things, because it is totally untrue. The facts are here!

You also say that R1,884 million has been set aside for the community halls. That is a totally wrong figure! The figure that is there - and I have the reply from the MEC's office - is R400 000 which was required for Stanmore Hall alone, and some R140 000 has been spent on refurbishing Stanmore Hall. That hall has been closed for 18 months. The hon MEC gave a commitment that she was going to fix up the hall and that is moving again. Thank you again, hon MEC.

However, we must not go out there and accuse other parties of politicising issues when you yourself are doing it! [Interjections] I am serious when I say you must go back and apologise to the communities for lying to them, and you must say that these are the true facts.

Also, the Cultural Arts Council ... [Inaudible] ... and now we have fair representation in terms of the demographics. We say thank you to the hon MEC again, because previously they did nothing. We had only one person. Again, at that point in time there was not enough motivation for organisations within the Indian community to say we need funding for this or that organisation to carry out the functions. You also did nothing about that!

Speaking of community halls, the hon Mr Les Govender and I raised this issue with the previous HoD, Mr Ntanzi, and he went out and did some repairs in regional halls because we have our Eistedfodds there. I know, because I phoned him about getting the toilets fixed and he did that. He did that. We also asked: Where is that R7 million from

the Education budget that was set aside for the repair of the cultural centre? It disappeared! Treasury has instructed that that money must be paid to the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism, but it has not been done.

Hon Maharaj, your article actually caused a huge problem within the Indian community by accusing them of being divisive, of making mischief-making and all sorts of perceptions and things like that. What I have given them is a factual version. Again, there was a meeting of all organisations. You purport to represent the Hindu Dharma Sabha. Why have you not come to those meetings to join all the Indian organisations that were there? Everybody was there. [Indistinct] Mr Chetty was there. All our organisations were there, but you were not there! [Interjections] Where were you? You were not there! [Interjections] Those organisations, hon MEC, have now come up with a resolution, unanimously. What they said was that the cultural centre must be left in its place where it is now. [Hear, hear] That decision was made on the basis of consensus. I was there! They said OK, and we came up with a proposal. A unanimous decision was taken there, and that is why we have requested the hon MEC to leave the Cultural and Documentation Centre where it is, and take the artefacts that are stored in boxes and put them in their rightful place.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Only one minute to go.

MR G MARI (DA): It is disappointing, Chairman, that an hon member ... You know, you talk about integrity. A man has crossed from this side to go to that side. [Laughter] Where is the integrity? As a result from that, you lose your integrity when you do that! [Laughter] That is why you actually do what you are doing today. You go there and you divide the community again with that nonsense that appeared in the paper. It is absolute nonsense! [Interjections] It is not the true facts! I am hoping that the hon MEC will not say today that R1,8 million has been set aside for those community halls. That is not true! It is not true! Out of 44 organisations only five organisations got funding. However, we appreciate that. [Interjections] We will go out there and tell our communities that the hon MEC is doing something to rectify the wrongs of the past.

AN HON MEMBER: The wrongs of Maharaj!

MR G MARI (DA): We want to do that. We will go out and defend this hon MEC. We will tell people that the hon MEC is trying. [Interjections] I was just asked the other day

whether our Tamil Vedic Society ... [Time expired.] We will send you an invitation for that! Thank you, Chairperson. [Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): The next person to speak was the hon Mrs S Thakur-Rajbansi, but she is absent. The next member to speak was supposed to be from the ACDP, the hon Mrs J M Downs, but she is absent. The next person to speak is from the ANC. Hon Ms Zondi, you have seven minutes.

MISS W P ZONDI (ANC): Ngiyabonga Sihlalo ukuba unginike ithuba lokukhuluma. Inhlanhla enginayo la ukuba ngibe umuntu waKwaZulu-Natali futhi ohlala khona. Engingathi uma ngikhuluma ngikhulumele ngisho laba bantu basoLundi esabahambela siyiKomidi safika sababona ukuthi benza imisebenzi, saya kwabase-Vryheid sabababona. Okusho ukuthi ngeke ngikwazi ukukhuluma sengathi ngiyikhansela ngikhulumele isiqiwana nje somphakathi omncane. Ngibonga-ke ukuthi ngibe umuntu wesizwe esivulekile.

Mhlonishwa Ngqongqoshe uThusi, kungaba iphutha uma ngabe singakhuluma ukuthi kukhona la ohluleka khona ukusebenza nalo Mnyango. Kuyaqala ngqa Mhlonishwa uThusi ukuthi wonke ama-cooperatives ayasizakala emnyangweni wakho uma ecela usizo. Okwesibili sihambe sabona ama-Art Centres angeke ngikhohlwe eyakwaMashu okuthiwa iKhaya esezingeni eliphezulu kangangoba abantu baKwaZulu-Natali abasayi eGoli sebeya nje lapha eduze kwabo basizakale ukuzilolonga kumakhono ahlukeno. Ngifuna ukukhuluma kakhulukazi ngalabo mama esthi bakuma-Art Centres abenza izinto zesintu ezinhle mhlonishwa othola ukuthi sizithenga sesizithenga e-Cape Town ngemali enkulu. Uthola ukuthi laba bantu basuka baye le emakhaya ngakithi koMsinga, ko-Bergville koLundi e-South Coast bafike bathathe umsebenzi walaba omama bese beyowudayisa ngenhloso yokuzinithisa bona. Wena-ke Ngqongqoshe wenze okwehlukile ngoba laba bantu bebehlezi kwenzeka lokho izimpilo zabo zonke ukwakhiwa kobuhlalu izinkamba, amacansi namabhayi esiZulu izinto ezinjalo ebezenziwa kodwa kuphela bezinganakekelwe njengoba sewenza.

Kodwa kukhona lokhu engifuna ukuthi sikubuke esithe uma sihambile neKomidi lakho siya e-Mexico safika kunohlelo olubizwa ngokuthi iFunathi. Le Funathi into eyayiyenza ukuthatha yonke imisebenzi yabantu base-Mexico ukuze bangaxhashazwa noma ngabe obani noma abanye abantu bakwamanye amazwe. Uhulumeni uyawuthatha umsebenzi

wabo. Uyena obavulela imakethe and into eyenzekayo ilo Funathi olanda umsebenzi wabo bonke abantu ngokwe-province noma ngokwendawo yabo. Bese kuba ile Funathi ewuletha la South Africa. Kube ile Funathi ehambisa kwamanye amzwe okwenza ukuthi lapho umuntu osuke ekhanda ubuhlalu usuke azi ukuthi ngalobu buhlalu engibakhayo imali ingaka engiyoba nayo ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi imakethe izobe inje. Akukho lokhu ukuthi uthole ukuthi abantu kuthathwa izinto zabo ziyodayiswa kude ngezimali ezimba eqolo uthole ukuthi zithengwe nje ngo-R25 la kubona. Ngqongqoshe wenze konke-ke. Siyakusaphotha, siyawusekela noMnyango wakho osebenza ngokuzikhandla.

Laphaya eZululand eNyunivesithi ngaphatheka kabuhlungu la kubukelwa phansi izisebenzi zoMnyango ukuthi azifundile noma azizange zibe nobuchwepheshe and uma ngicabanga ngabantu balo Mnyango kudala bewuqalile lo msebenzi futhi abakwenzayo kuyancomeka kuphela nje uwena mama uThusi owenze ukuthi laba bantu bakwazi ukuthi bazihlanganele kuma-regions abo noma ezifundazweni zabo bazi ukuthi imakethe yabo izoba kuphi. Yikho-ke ngicela ukuthi Ngqongqoshe engathi kungaqiniswa kakhulu ukunaka ukuthi imakethe yabo yenziwe ngokohlelo olufanayo kunokuthi kube lula ukuthi nami ngizidrayivele ngiyoshona lapha oLundi ngifike ngiwole ngiwole bese ngiyodayisela ama-tourists ngemali enkulu.

Uyabona-ke kulezi mhlonishwa zokuvakasha besihlezi sikubuka emaphushweni lokhuya. Sazi ukuthi emahhotela siya uma siyofuna umsebenzi futhi lezi zindawo ezinhle iziqiwi ezibiyelwe thina okwethu nje sizoyovula amasango sivulele izimoto ezinkulu eziphethe izinqola zokubhukuda uma kunamadamu kulezo zindawo. Namhlanje thina sibona wena Ngqongqoshe ukwazi ukuqoqa labomama wathi abahlangane benze ama B&B ngoba uma ngabe izivakashi zifikile la KwaZulu-Natal- zisuke zifuna ukubona impilo yabantu kodwa ziyibona iyi-fake la zikhonjiswa yona ngabanye abantu abangayiphili. Ngicela engathi-ke Ngqongqoshe noMnyango wakho uhlelo lwama-B&B lungakhula ngelinye ilanga sibabone laba bantyu bengabanikazi beziqiwi okungezabathile namhlanje. Ngiyabonga.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Ngiyabonga nami. Ilungu elilandelayo ukukhuluma ngele-UDM, uMhlonishwa u-B J Msomi, imizuzu emine.

MR NJ MSOMI (UDM): Sihlalo angibonge. Kuyakhuthaza ukubona uNgqongqoshe nabambisene nabo eMnyangweni bekhombisa ukuzimisela ukuvuselela izinto

ezingamagugu neziwumlando zesifundazwe. Ukukhula ngendlela komlando.....

MR E S MCHUNU (ANC): Point of order! Point of order!

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Awuhlale phansi mhlonishwa uMsomi sizwe. Macingwane.

MR E S MCHUNU (ANC): No, the point of order is in relation to the hon member Mrs Mncwango or Ms Mncwango. She is issuing a very, very, very serious threat to the hon member Ms Lizzie [Shabalala] in the House, inside the House. She can be a witness to what I am saying. The hon member [Mrs Mncwango] has made a very, very, very serious threat. [Interjections]

MS L F SHABALALA (ANC): Chairperson ... Ngiyasaba ukuphinda inhlamba angithuke ngayo ngoba ekhaya kithi angifundiswanga ngenhlamba mina ufusegi nje angikaze ngiwusho but ungibize ngesifebe. Ngiyasaba nje ukusho le nhlamba. [Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): OK, we mam' uMncwango

MS L A MNCWANGO (IFP): Yibhadi leli yishwa nje. Mina ngihambe ngaya kuyena ngambuza ukuthi njengoba sihlala sonke ngaseMnambithi uyagoduka namhlanje ukuya ekhaya. Lokhu asethi mina ngimbize ngakho ngiyamangala bengizobe ngimsuka ngani.

Besikhuluma njengabantu besifazane ngiyamangala angikwazi lokho, ngaphandle ...[Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Yimani-ke, ngamafushane uyaphika umama ngiyawucela ukuthi-ke silandele imigudu yale Ndlu ngoba kuyasiphoxa lokhu. Sicela ubhale dadewethu uShabalala kwenze ukuthi sikwazi ukukufaka ngoba usephikile silandele imigudu efanele. Okusho lokho. Ngiyacela-ke siqhubeke siye phambili, uMhlonishwa uMsomi obekhuluma kodwa-ke. [Laughter]

MR B J MSOMI (UDM): Ngikholwa ukuthi Sihlalo usibambile isikhathi sami. Ngithi ukugcineka ngendlela komlando kuzodala ukuthi wonke umuntu azi ukuthi uqhamukaphi nanokuthi uyaphi ngoba isizwe esingawazi umlando waso, asikwazi ukwazi ukuthi siyaphi.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Awume kancane lungu

elihloniphekile, uMsomi. Mphephethe?

MR M B GWALA (IFP): Sihlalo, mina okwami umbuzo obhekiswe kuye uSihlalo ukuthi kungabe kuhloniphekile yini kule Ndlu ukuthi uma abantu bekhuluma izinto emaphasejini kumele bazithathe bazibhekise kuSihlalo na?

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Cha, hlala phansi Mphephethe. Angeke ngikuphendule lokhu ngoba kuchitha isikhathi sale Ndlu. Konke okumangalwayo kufanele ngikuthathe note of it, ikakhulukazi uma ku-serious njengalokhu. Futhi ngizocela ukuthi singancokoli, singadlali ngezinto ezi-serious kule Ndlu ehloniphekileyo ngoba asisodwa. Lezi zinto esizenza la ziyasabalala. Qhubeka Msomi.

MR B J MSOMI (UDM): Umsebenzi wokwakhiwa kwama-library ezindaweni ezihlukene zabantu bakithi ababegqilazekile bengenawo amathuba, kumele kuthale izithelo njengoba sibona ukuthi intsha yakithi ingaya ngokukhula. Lokhu ngikubona ngokuthi ama-library ahlale egcwele njalo abantu ngisho emini ubona bezimisele ngokufunda. Uhlelo lokushintsha izincwadi lokuthi kube khona amadebhodi kuyinto enhle ngoba kwenza ukuthi izincwadi zihlale njalo kuyizincwadi ezihambisana nesikhathi.

Okuyiseyinselelo nje ukunakekelwa kwezakhiwo. Kunezakhiwo ezinye esazibona zingekho endaweni enhle zihlale zisesimweni esibi. Okungathi uma kunganakwa ungathola ukuthi zonke lezi zincwadi ezigcinwe khona njengama-debhodi zonakale ngosuku olulodwa.

Iqhaza elibanjwa ngama-art centres okuthuthukisa amakhono nobuciko, kuyinto kakhulu okumele ukuthi siyituse ngoba sabona ukuthi umsebenzi mukhulu kakhulu owenziwayo. Ikakhulukazi uma ubona ezindaweni zasemakhaya abantu befunda, benza zonke izinto lezi asebekwazi ukuzenza abakade bengakwazi ukuzenza ngaphambili. Ngithi-ke uMnyango sengathi ungaqhubeka nokuxhasa abantu bakithi njengoba sikubona kwenzeka.

Bengingathanda ukucela amalungu ahloniphekile ale Ndlu ukuthi ake azihambe lezi zindawo ngoba kunemisebenzi emihle kabi eyenziwa la. Awaxhase ngokuthi azithenge lezi zindawo ukuze zihlale zikhona.

Ngiyafisa ukuthi ngisike elijikayo nge-Documentation Centre, okuwudaba oluthinta

kakhulu abanye bethu la eNdlini. Kungenzeka ukuthi uSihlalo sekugudluka izinto njengoba kwakukhuluma umhlonishwa uMari, kwadala inkinga yokungaboni kahle kwabathize ikakhulukazi umphakathi onamaNdiya. Mhlawumbe kwakungekho ukuqonda okuhle ngesikhathi isaqala le nto. Okuhle-ke uNgqongqoshe usekwazile ukuba nomhlangano nabo bonke abathintekayo. Kwaba khona iziphakamiso, kwaba khona futhi ukuklama indlela eya phambili ikakhulukazi njengoba kukhona abanye abathintekayo ababa yingxenye yalezi zingxoxo. Okusafanele ukuba kwenziwe ngokwami, ukuthi umsindo awuphele. Akungafakwa ipolitiki – we must not politicise this issue because as far as I understand there is a way forward and I hope Mr Mari will agree with me ukuthi there is progress. I do not believe ukuthi umhlonishwa uNgqongqoshe akafuni nanokuyinaka i-Documentation Centre. Uma eyibulala futhi, uzotholani? Yini azoyithola at the end of the day? I do not understand why.

Izinhlelo zokusiza imiphakathi yakithi ngezamakhono okwenza imisebenzi yezandla nokuthi baxhaseke nangezindlela zokusebenzela, ngezinto zokusebenza kanye nezimakethe, ngikubona kuyinto enhle leyo ngoba izokwenza ukuthi abantu bakithi bakwazi ukungaxhashazwa. Bakwazi ukuphila ngemisebenzi yabo njengoba sivumelana la eNdlini ngokuthi imisebenzi emihle yabantu bakithi ibithengwa abantu abadlala ngabo bethenga ngemali ephansi kodwa benze enkulu inzuzo.

Amaqinga okuheha izivakashi zakwamanye amazwe neziphuma kwamanye ama-province, kumele akusebenze njengoba kwenza i-TKZN. Ngithi mihle imiphumela ebonakalayo njengoba sekunezinhlelo zamabhanoyi zakwamanye amazwe, ezibonakala zizimisele ukuthi amabhanoyi azo andizele ngqo la eThekwini ngaphandle kokudlula e-OR Tambo International Airport. Lokho kuzokhuthaza abantu abezayo la.

Kodwa engisakhala ngakho ukuthi sengazuthi izindawo lezi ezifana nama-B&B kanye namanye amahhotela ethu, azikakabi ezingeni elifanele ngoba siyabona emaphepheni besabhala bekhala ukuthi azikho ezingeni lomhlaba.

Engifisa ukukudlulisa-ke ukuthi engazuthi wonke ama-Art Centres ahlanganise o-Playhouse, Bat Centre kanye namanye ama-Art Centres nama-artist kuyomele sibe nomhlangano ndawonye sike sibone ukuthi yini esingayilungisa ngoba lapha kusekhona abanye abaningi abanezikhalo, abakhala ngokuthi abanye benzelwa ngcono abanye abenzelwa ngcono. Ngiyabonga.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Ngiyabonga nami. Ilungu elihloniphekileyo elilandelayo is from Nadeco, M Z Mthuli for six minutes.

MR M Z MTHULI (NADECO): Sihlalo neNdlu yakho. Ngithi angisho ukuthi lo Mnyango ubukeka ucebe kakhulu. Ziningi izinto ezingenziwa iwona ukuze abantu bajabule laphayana emakhaya. Ngikusho lokhu ngoba laphaya emakhaya sinodedangendlale bezindawo abalindele amaphrojekthi avela kulo Mnyango wakwa-Arts, Culture and Tourism, esingazange sizisebenzise ngenxa yokubhekela izingqalasizinda ezifaneleyo ezisayoqhamuka.

Lo Mnyango wakho Mhlonishwa ezindaweni zasemkhaya ungaliqeda ngeminithi ibanga elihanjwa yizakhamizi ezidinga ama-libraries ngenxa yokushoda kwawo okunye nokunye okuyizidingo zabo abantu basemakhaya. Siyethemba ukuthi njengoba kuxoxwa nje sebeyobhekelelwa kwizabelomali ezilandelayo abahlali basemakhaya.

Sihlalo ngomhlaka 25-29 Mashi 2008 sabe sine Interprovincial Study Tour, sahlomula kakhulu kuyona nayo iwumthelela ekubeni ngikhulume ngalolu hlobo engikhuluma ngalo. Kuyo leyo Study Tour, kune-Arts Centre eyakhiwe endaweni yaseMathulini oGwini Municipality. Leyo project yasihlaba umxhwele omkhulu sabona kufanele umhlonishwa agqugquzele ukwakhiwa kwamaproject anjengalawa ezindaweni zaMakhosi. Abantu baseMathulini baba yisibonelo ukuthi izakhiwo zikaHulumeni, abasemakhaya bangakwazi kangakanani ukuthi baziphathe njengoba bebonakala bekwazi ukuzinakekela zingeke ekugcineni zibukekeke zinjengohlobo oluye lubizwe ngokuthi *i-white elephant*. UMnyango siyawucela ukuba uke uphume umkhankaso uyobheka ukuthi yini ongayenzela abantu abahlala ezindaweni zaMakhosi. Sikulindele lokho. Sithi lesi sifundazwe kuyobe asikakwenzi konke uma amakhono abantu abahlala ezindaweni zasemakhaya esasilele ngaphandle. Siza Mhlonishwa. Mhla aqoqwa ngendlela lawo makhono lokho kuyosho ukwanda kakhulu kwezivakashi esifundeni sethu kwikhona ngekhona. Ngakho-ke ibhajethi yakho siyayemukela njengoba injalo. Ngiyabonga Sihlalo

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Ngiyabonga nami, Lungu Elihloniphekile. Ngaphambi kokuba ngibize ilunga elilandelayo, ngiyacela kuyacaca ukuthi iyashisa le bhajethi yakho mama. Kodwa-ke amalunga ahloniphekile angangifunzi izinto ezingabhalwanga la kwi-Order Paper, nithi angisho zona. Ngoba angizukuzisho.

Uma nifuna ngisho ezinye izinto ezingabhalwa la anozidibhayitha kwi-foram yama-whips bese iyabhalwa ngiyobe sengiyayisho-ke. The next hon member to speak is the hon Mr D M Khuzwayo from the ANC. Hon member, you have seven minutes.

MR D M KHUZWAYO (ANC): Sihlalo ohloniphekile neNdlu yakho, mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu uzongisiza lana ukuthi umuntu ehlise konakele. Ngibuya khona nami la kubuya khona uLizzie. Okungangokuba ngisazobhala nje ngoba isimo impela sishubile lapha eNdlini kakhulu asazi konakelephi-ke. UNkulunkulu esimthembayo ukuthi uzosilekela. Khona bathi ihhashi mase lifa likhahlela okokugcina kusuke sekonakele. Okokugcina lokhu okwenzekayo. Yabona uma uwumhloli u-behavior ngendlela engahloniphekile uziqedile. Sekonakele. Angisho lutho ke angibuyele kwi-debate yami ukuthi bengizama ukuthi ngehlise le nto ngoba umoya awuvumi angikho esimweni esihle, ngizophuza amanzi. silizwile ilungu elihloniphekile likhuluma la beliqala ukudibhetha la namhlanje belenza inkulumo yalo lapha ephalamende. Siyalixolelake mina lithe umalidibheyitha ngabona ukuthi isono lesi ngiyalazi ilinga elihloniphekile ukuthi lilingumuntu onjani. Le nto eliyikhulumayo yonke ngicela uxolo kuyona ayikho, liyahudulwa liseyimpumputhe kanti uzohlakanipha naye abone ngelinye ilanga naye ukuthi bangifaka kwenye indawo la. Uma uholwa impumputhe la eceleni kwakho ikufaka lapha uyongena phakathi nawe. So, Sihlalo ohloniphekile mangisho ukuthi cha mangenze inkulumo yami ngokubonga umhlonishwa uNdunankulu ngokukhipha uMnyango wezoBuciko, amaSiko nezokuVakasha koweZemfundo. Ngalokho kwenzeka, ukuthi kubonakale isidingo salo Mnyango kubantu baKwaZulu-Natali. Sithi siyabonga kakhulu mhlonishwa Mazalankosi. Sihlalo ohloniphekile, ngabe umuntu akakwenzi ubulungiswa uma singabongi uNgqongqoshe uMhlonishwa uMama uThusi iNhloko yoMnyango uMama uKhumalo nizintombi nezinsizwa ezibonakala kulo lonke laKwaZulu-Natali. Sinethemba mhlonishwa Mama uThusi ukuthi nathi laphaya emakhaya izikhungo zobuciko zizokwandiswa.

Sihlalo ohloniphekile, sizovumelana lapha eNdlini ehloniphekile ukuthi abaculi abaningi basuka ezindaweni zasemakhaya, abasemikhakheni yawo wonke umculo. Isibonelo kwezenkolo, isicathamiya, indlamu nokunye kuningi namakhwaya akhona lawa abantu abadala. Okunye futhi mhlonishwa okuzosiza mhlawumbe kakhulu ukuthi amalunga ahloniphekile uma ngempela kuyiqiniso leli, ngangicabanga ukuthi abantu bakhuluma into engekho. Bengitshela abantwana bami ukuthi bantwana bami ngitshela nomama lapha ukuthi bathathe abafuna ukuyodansa abahambe beyodansa abafuna ukuyocula

umuntu unje oyi-lady noyi-gentlemen ngeke akwenze lokhu okwenzeka lapha eNdlini. Ngoba umculo wakho uhlale sofika isikhathi umamatheka ujabulile. Uma udansa lapha wenza konke ngeke udanse uthuke izinhamba wenza yonke leyo nto. Kusho ukuthi lo Mnyango wakho mama uzosisiza. Ngicabanga ukuthi amalungu akabuye ngoba nakhu ngenhlanhla uMama lapha uBukhosini uLinda uyawamema amalunga athi ake aye e-Play House, lapha e-Play House uma ufika khona ufike ubuke khona umculo ayi lokhu engikhuluma ngakho lana. Ufike ubone kona khona uzokwazi ukuthi ulunge mawufika la ngoba uhulumeni ophethe iKwaZulu Natali i-ANC. Zamanike kwezinye izikhathi ziyaye ziphumele namalunga onke not ikomidi kuphela, niye khona niyozilungisa umuntu aziguqulu ukuze abe sesimweni esifanele. Ngoba lesi esisibona la kwamanye amalunga akusona nje kusho ukuthi izosiza kakhuluke leyo nto, ngoba lo Mnyango wakho uzolapha nathi njengamalungu esinenkinga usigeze.

Mhlonishwa Mama uThusi, masethembe ukuthi kulolu hlahlo zimali zizobona sizobona zandiswa izindawo zobuciko namakhono ngisho phela ezifundeni zasemakhaya. Lapho imiphakathi yakhona idla imbuya ngothi. Masenze njalo sobe sifika ufuduka lwabantu lubheke ezindaweni zasemadolobheni. Phela siyaye sibone kwesinye isikhathi into eyenzekayo la sibone abaculi bonke uma uya ezindaweni zasemakhaya banekhono elikhulu kabi abantwana bakhona lapha, sinama-gospel akhona laphaya o-youth lona uma sihambele umhlangano le uthole ukuthi bayacula impela baningi, laba bantwana ngenxa yesimo sokuthi azikho izingqalasisinda (ama-infrastructure) zikhona eduze nabo ezifana nama-art centres besebepheleka ukuthi baye emadolobheni ukuze bakwazi ukuthi bacijele phela zona lowo mkhakha asuke ehamba ngawo lowo mntwana. Ngithi izosisizake leyo nto ngoba nemisebenzi amafemu emakhaya awakho. Uma ke lo Mnyango wakho uvakashela emakhaya uyovundulula laba bantu abanamakhono, ngingeqiniso lokuthi sizosizakala kuzoba khona abantu abahloniphayo, kube nabantu abaziphethe kahle njengoba sengike ngayisho le nto ukuthi ngempela ubobona noma ngabe kuthiwa kushoniwe umculo kuba iwona ohamba yonke into ihambisana nomculo. Umuntu ongahambisani nomculo uyinkinga. Ezimotini zethu esihamba ngazo njengoba sikhuluma nje. Izimoto zethu akekho nje uma ungenayo noma i-cd ethize noma ikhasethi ethize emotwini yakho ulalele umculo.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr SN Mtetwa): Hon member, you have one minute left.

MR D N KHUZWAYO (ANC): Lo owufunayo usenkingeni enkulu ngisho ekhaya uthi ukuthi akukho ngisho ikhasethi ngisho i-cd eyodwa nje, lowo muzi uhlale uthuka inhlamba kuphela ngoba ayikho into ozoyilalela. Okunye engizokucela masinyane ngaphambi kokuba ngihlale phansi Mama uThusi sithola ukuthi cha lakwa-Metro maningi ama-Art Centres. Siyacela nathi buka nje ngoba ngicabanga ukuthi awu-4 kodwa sizwile ukuthi cha uyaqhubeka nakho kuma-district ethu njengoba sesisonke nathi emakhaya siyayicela, ngoba baningi abaculi abantwana abaculayo esibaziyo laphayana. Ngiyabonga kakhulu. Sengathi uNkulunkulu angayibusisa le Ndlu.

MS L RAJKUMAR (IFP): Hon Speaker, hon MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism and hon members of this House, I would firstly like to thank the hon Rev Mbatha, the previous Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Arts, Culture and Tourism. I would also like to thank the present Chairperson, the hon Mr Msomi, who has been learning and doing well in this short period of time. I am sure he will navigate us through this year and the coming years. We also want to acknowledge the presence of Mr Grant Charter and his wife. We wish to say farewell to Mr Grant Charter, the outgoing CEO of the Natal Sharks Board. He has served this province with distinction for over 30 years.

HON MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MS L RAJKUMAR (IFP): Hon members, you have heard of the controversy around the department's decision to relocate the Documentation Center. As was expected, the said decision caused uproar, especially among the Indian community for they viewed this decision as being unfair and a display of the government's disrespect for their heritage.

In its defence, the department has stated that the current MEC inherited the programme of relocation from the previous MEC, the hon Mr Narend Singh. I wish to make it known to this House that this is not true. There was no such move during Minister Singh's tenure. The Indian community would have blown his head off if he had done such a thing! As a matter of fact, many people continued to support the centre by bringing in more of their relics during his tenure. I personally checked with him and he stated that he had not known about the dismantling of the Documentation Centre and its valuable treasures being put into boxes or lying around, until he read about it in the newspaper, as well as when he was contacted on this issue. If this programme was begun by Mr Singh, why did we not read about it? Why did we not hear noises similar to

the ones that we have just heard?

The question the hon MEC must answer is this: Who was responsible for closing down the Documentation Center and for misplacing its artefacts? Surely the MEC should have known, because she must have done some investigation into this matter, especially in the light of such a display of anger by various religious leaders.

Again, even if the hon MEC had inherited such a programme, could she not have used her political common sense to see its foolishness? I submit that by calling on various stakeholders to submit their proposals on where these precious artefacts should be placed, the hon MEC is causing divisions amongst Indians. On the day of the meeting there were many arguments as to where the artefacts should be housed and as to who should be responsible for this. Fortunately and finally, it was unanimously agreed that those artefacts should be restored to their original house. However, unfortunately the department has not pronounced on this as far as this resolution is concerned.

It has come to our attention that the primary reason why the Documentation Center is being relocated is that the hon MEC is considering using the venue as a recording studio. Guess who is earmarked to be in charge of the said recording studio? It is none other than Mbongeni Ngema of the "R14 million Sarafina" fame. [Interjections] Could it be that Ngema will again be the beneficiary of ANC patronage? [Interjections] Let us wait and see.

It was also noted that Mr Brian Thusi, husband of the hon MEC, was given a recording studio of half a million. Yebo! He now has a lucrative job in the Premier's Office where he heads the Heritage Department. [Interjections]

One notes with surprise the double standards evident in comments by the hon Maharaj in the media where he supported the intention of the hon MEC, whereas in other discussions he voiced his discontent with what is happening. I challenge the hon Maharaj to be honest with the people of this province and to tell them clearly as to where he stands on this issue, especially in view of the fact that he is the president of the Hindu Dharma Saba, even though that organisation is made up of just himself and his pals.

I now come to my concerns regarding discrimination. The Indian community feels it is being discriminated against when it comes to government functions. Almost each time

when a government function is advertised in the media, we receive telephone calls from some people who ask: Where are the Indians? Why are our people not engaged? And they accuse us of not taking care of their needs. They accuse us, the politicians, of being just a waste. They say we cannot stand up for our people.

Allow me to give hon members an example: During the International Mother's Day and Freedom Day celebrations, no Indian artists were engaged. In fact, no other race groups except Africans were engaged. When people therefore vent their feelings and say things such as that there is nothing to celebrate, that they feel a true sense of racism, and that they are discriminated against in terms of jobs, housing, cultural activities and so on, one can sympathise with them. This House must never forget that Indians also suffered under oppression. They should therefore be treated as equal citizens of this country

I am of the view that the following are three most important issues that needs to be looked into very seriously: We know that TKZN has been tasked to steer the KZN economy. There is a dire need for them in regards to funding, because without funding they cannot bring in revenue or create jobs. There is a need for a substantial fund to come up with incentives for airlines and tour operators to consider and package KwaZulu-Natal as a destination on its own. The Western Cape has done this successfully. This is critical in the build-up to the opening of the new airport, and also due to the fact that foreign tourism in KZN is in a state of decline.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Hon member, you have 30 seconds to go

MS L RAJKUMAR (IFP): Since the airlines do not stop off at our airports, this has really caused a decline in our tourism and is a core reason for the decline in the number of foreign tourists in KwaZulu-Natal. The typical length of stay of foreign tourists in the Republic of South Africa's is declining and, as a result, they exclude a destination such as KwaZulu-Natal from their itineraries.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Your time has expired, hon member.

MS L RAJKUMAR (IFP): In conclusion, I would like to thank the hon MEC ...
[Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): No, hon member, your time is up!

MS L RAJKUMAR (IFP): ... and the department who try very hard and who are doing their best ... [Laughter]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): Rajkumar!

MS L RAJKUMAR (IFP): [Inaudible] ... in supporting the department. [Interjections]

THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES (Mr S N Mtetwa): You cannot do that! You cannot do that! [Interjections] Thank you very much. Hon MEC, the time is yours to respond. You have 15 minutes.

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): Thank you, hon Chairperson. I want to thank all hon members who participated in this debate. Thank you very much for that.

As the person responsible for languages and language services, I would like to request hon members to desist from speaking Fanakalo. [Laughter] It is not correct. I am sorry that this debate has turned into an Indian debate. [Interjections] It is about Arts, Culture and Tourism. [Interjections] You must not do that. You must desist from doing that. As government we cater for all the communities. [Interjections] All the communities are invited to all the functions that the department has, just like the Freedom Day two days ago.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): They constitute only 15%.

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): And they only constitute 15% in the province. [Interjections] However, as this government we will cater for everybody, so this must come to an end. Thank you.

To the hon member Khawula, [angiqale ngawe baba](#). [Ngiphatheke kabi uma uthi uhlala eMlazi](#). [Usiphoxile thina bantu baseMlazi](#).

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): [Uhlala eMlazi?](#)

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): [Ngiphatheka kabi ngoba nje](#)

okokuqala uyaqala ukukhuluma kodwa ukhuluma izinto ezingekho. Okokuqala awulalelanga ngesikhathi ngifunda la. Lezi zinto obuzibuza yizinto ezikhona la. Ngiphatheke kabi kakhulu. Kodwa engifuna ukukucacisa ukuthi kuzoba ne-workshop ezokwenziwa yihhovisi likaNdunankulu about i-Childrens Bill ukwenzela ukuthi amalunga ale Ndlu ahloniphekile athi uma ephuma eyokhuluma ngokuhlolwa kwezintombi, akhulume okuyiqiniso nokuyi-fact hhayi ukukhuluma nje into angayazi. Ngokushesha sizozala size kulama lunga ukwenzela ukuthi njengamalunga ahloniphekile, enze ukuhlonipheka.

Hon Mr Maharaj, thank you for explaining the true facts in this House about the Documentation Centre and the awarding of grants to arts organisations. We will repair all the halls and renovate the camps. We will do that. We have about R1 million set aside for this.

To the hon George Mari ...

AN HON MEMBER: Ooooooh! [Laughter]

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): Unfortunately you were addressing the hon Maharaj. You did not speak to the debate. [Interjections] However, when you were speaking, you forgot to say that when the old Arts and Culture Council was appointed I was not there. I made sure that this new Arts and Culture Council is all-inclusive. Thank you for that.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): The Indians are there!

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): Yes, they are. Mr Maharaj explained that we do have three Indians on this Arts and Culture Council.

Hon Ms Zondi, thank you very much for your encouraging words about what we are doing in the department. We appreciate that. The programme that you were speaking about, the programme that you saw in Mexico is exactly what we are trying to do with our local crafters. We have managed to clinch a deal with New York stores, but we are trying to get more markets for our crafters.

The tourism enterprise development programme wants to do exactly what the hon member Ms Zondi said to. We want to ensure that ownership in tourism by Blacks and

females grows from owning B&Bs to owning bigger tourism enterprises. [Hear, hear]

Sihlalo... B J Msomi, thank you for your encouraging words. Thank you for the support that you give to the department and the staff. **Siyabonga kakhulu noMndayi.** We support emerging tourism entrepreneurs **sizoqhubeka sikwenze njengoba senza koMangome Lodge iNgwavuma** border caves and the tourism mentorship programme **esiza bona laba abafufusayo.**

Inkosi Mthuli baba Ndabezitha, the Provincial Tourism Committee ehlala njalo quarterly ezinye izinto esike sizigqugquzele komasipala ukuthi abasixoxele namaKhosi abheke ezindaweni zabo, izindawo ezingaheha izivakashi ukwenzela ukuthi sikwazi ukubona ukuthi singalekelela ngani. Njengoba bese ngishilo, endaweni yeNkosi uZondi sekuqalile kuneLodge iNgome siyaqhubeka siyayilungisa, iNgwavuma border caves endaweni yeNkosi uMngomezulu siyaqala siyalungisa ukwenzela ukuthi imiphakathi eyakhele lezi zindawo ikwazi ukuhlomula kule misebenzi eyenzayo.

Baba Mnguni, hon member Khuzwayo, siyabonga kakhulu nge-advice osinika yona as uMnyango.

Yes, it is true. Music and dance is therapeutic, especially to the very angry people. **Izobasiza, sizoqhubeka sibe nawo ama-programmes siwa-invite njalo amalunga ukwenzela ukuthi asizakale, asinde amalunga a-destresse ngokubona ukuthi cha iqembu liyawa liyafa.**

To Mrs Rajkumar, this hon member came to me to apologise at lunch time, to apologise for what she was going to say here ... [Interjections] ... because she supports what the department is doing. I am therefore not going to respond to what she has said, because it is embarrassing to listen to an hon member of this House mentioning the names of people who are not here to respond for themselves. It is so embarrassing. I want to repeat that, as this government, we invite all members of all communities to come to our events. We will not be going to the houses of those who do not come to ask them to come out.

Thank you very much, hon Chairperson. Thank you for your support. I also want to thank the former Chairperson, **uBaba Mbatha. Siyabonga** for supporting the Budget. We would also like to invite hon members to a budget dinner at the City Hall at 18:00.

MRS N P NKONYENI (MEC for Health): Hear, hear!

MRS W G THUSI (MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism): There hon members will see our KZN artists showcasing their talents. Thank you.

Debate on Vote 15: Arts, Culture and Tourism concluded.

Mr S N MTETWA (Chairperson of Committees): Thank you, hon members. Now that we have come to the end of this debate, I will invite the hon Speaker to come in.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

THE SPEAKER: May the House resume please? May I ask that the Chairperson deliver a report on progress?

Mr S N MTETWA (Chairperson of Committees): Somlomo, sixoxile ku-Vote 7, kwezempilo saqeda naku-Vote 15, kwa-Arts, Culture and Tourism saqeda. Ngakho ngiyabika kuwe ukuthi umsebenzi owawusinike wona kusukela ngomhlaka 16 kuze kube umhlaka 29 siwenzel wonke sesiwuqedile sesithatha konke sibuyisela kuwena kusukela ku-Vote 1 kuze kuyofika ku-Vote 15. Ngiyabonga Somlomo. Sengikushilo lokho, ngiyabika futhi kuwe ukuthi kunodaba engilubeka ezithebeni zakho oluqhamuke layi Ndlini kumalungu amabili, ilungu uNksz Shabalala noMama uMncwango engithe akabhale incwadi uShabalala ebengingakayitholi, yamazwi nami engingawezwanga kodwa engithe uma sengitshelwa engisaba nokuwaphimisa. Ngakho-ke ngiyalibeka ezithebeni zakho, Baba Somlomo.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Chairperson of Committees. We are very pleased that the House has debated on this matter and that it has been concluded. The House will therefore be ready at its next sitting to vote on all the deliberations that have taken place.

The matter that is being reported to me in respect of the hon member Ms Shabalala and the hon member Mrs Mncwango will be attended to accordingly and it will be reported on to this House at an appropriate time.

May I report that I have agreed to the distribution of the Harare Declaration for the purpose of clarity ... [Interjections] ... in respect of the motion raised by the hon member Mr Mzobe. [Interjections] Hon Chief Whip, I am in the process of formulating a ruling on

the matter as raised in accordance with Rule 245(g). That ruling will be made as we start tomorrow proceedings. I can hear some hon members saying that they do not need the Harare Declaration. [Interjections] I think it is important because there will be a ruling on that matter. [Interjections] It is an official decision that I have made and ...

DR J S NDEBELE (Premier of KwaZulu-Natal): Mr Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

THE SPEAKER: Yes, hon Premier?

DR J S NDEBELE (Premier of KwaZulu-Natal): There is no way in which this House will allow documents that are distributed by your Office to be treated with contempt, like iNkosi Mathaba is doing now. There must be some respect that is instilled in this House, either persuasively or by order. There is no way in which we are going to allow this House to deteriorate like this.

THE SPEAKER: Hon Premier ... [Interjections] *Yabona-ke bakwethu, kwesinye isikhathi niye nithande nje ukususa umsindo noma kungafanele. U-Premier usukume la waphakamisa i-point of order. Kufanele ngiphendule leyo point of order ka-Premier, manje kodwa senibanga umsindo nje. Angisaze noma kufanele kube yimina engithulayo ngilalele nina ngigcine ngingasamphendulile u-Premier kube yinina-ke enenza i-ruling. Angiboni kodwa kanjalo mina, ngibona ukuthi ngesikhathi nithi angibe uSomlomo naniqonde ukuthi anginzelele ama-rulings. Nginikezeni-ke lelo thuba.*

Hon Premier, I was just concluding. I was indicating something to this House. As soon as I conclude I will respond to what you are saying. I am saying that I can hear some hon members saying that they do not need the Harare Declaration. I am indicating to this House and to every hon member that I have authorised that this document be given to hon members. It is therefore an official document of this House and it should be treated in accordance with my request that I have made to all of you. I have indicated to you that these documents which are in front of you are official documents that need to be put in safe places. You you are expected to refer to them time and again, and I will expect that the Harare Declaration becomes part of that.

Hon Premier, in response to your point of order: I did see the hon iNkosi Mathaba tearing up a paper. From my vantage point I was able to detect that the paper in question was actually the Speakers List. [Interjections] At some stage I was also a bit

worried, but I know that the document in question was not the Harare Declaration. That was not the document that he was tearing up. If it had been that document, I would have responded to him very harshly. However, thank you for bringing to the notice of the House that we do expect documents of the House to be taken seriously, to be respected and to be kept in a safe place for future use. That was the matter that I wanted to respond to. Yes, hon Inkosi Mathaba?

INKOSI K W MATHABA (IFP): Mhlonishwa Somlomo baba, ngisukuma ku-Rule 245(2)(g) ukuthi okukhulunywe uMhlonishwa uNdunankulu kudukise le Ndlu. Ngiyacela ukuthi kube khona isixoliso ngoba angizange ngize ngiphazamise i-document yale Ndlu. Yilokhu okungenamsebenzi, Mhlonishwa, ngoba....

THE SPEAKER: Hlala phansi. Hon member, you have made your point and you are now making a speech. Let me respond to you, as well. One of the things that I have to do when I seat here is to listen as carefully as possible to all of you while you are speaking. I did listen very carefully to the hon Premier. He never referred to that document that we are talking about. He spoke about a principle. He spoke about a principle which applies when document are handled in the House. He said documents should not be disrespected. That is what the Premier did. If you are not satisfied, please refer to the Hansard transcript. However, I was very clear when I heard him and that is why I am ruling in respect of you, hon member, and the document that was being distributed, as well as the principle that, yes, documents that are given to you are the product of this House and therefore they should be respected. I am ruling on those two matters because I am addressing both the issue raised by the Premier, as well as the matter in relation to the Harare Declaration.

Tomorrow I will be making a ruling on the Harare Declaration, as referred to by the hon Mr Mzobe. I will therefore expect that hon members will have read the Harare Declaration so that they can judge whether my ruling is in order or out of order.

Hon members, that concludes for today the debates on Item 8 and subsequently Item 8.1. May I give this opportunity to the Premier if there are any announcements to be made?

DR J S NDEBELE (The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I will ask that you need to do whatever needs to be done to restore the decorum of this House.

During the Committee Stage the House was really out of order. The words that have been uttered here were out of order. We have very senior people in the gallery. I can see a bishop up there, and the type of exchange that took place while you were outside was intolerable. The decorum of this House must therefore be restored. It is just not acceptable at all.

THE SPEAKER: Hon Premier, may I address the House on just that? There are not many hon members of the House who will deliberately use unbecoming language in this Legislature. There are not many of them. Using unbecoming language is not an old practice; it is actually very new. Last time, during the Debate on Vote 2, I was accused of disciplining hon members of only one party. However, I am afraid that this offensive language does come from one party; and not many, even in that party. Actually, there is just one person who consistently and arrogantly uses offensive language, and the party does not take any action against that one person. Tomorrow, when I rule against that person, the party will again accuse me of being partisan. What the party does not realise is that that one member is arrogantly, consistently bringing this House into disrepute.

Hon Premier, I take your words to heart and we will consider them during my discussions with the presiding officers. We will look at what action needs to be taken. If we to be very harsh to the extreme, we will do so. We will be very harsh, even if it means being hated and being criticised at whichever level. As long as we believe it is in the interests of this House, we will take that decision. Like I say, I have pointed this out before. There are not many members who behave like that, but we will deal with the matter.

I would like to apologise to members of the public for anything that seemed unbecoming. As I have indicated to them as well, yes, the Legislature is a robust debating forum. We accept that and at times we allow hon members to be robust. However, there are rules in this Legislature and they have to followed. Unfortunately we are not in a position to take decisions immediately. However, when a matter is reported, just like the hon Chairperson of Committees has reported, action will be taken. Members of the public may not always be aware of what action has been taken, but I am sure if there is anything that warrants it, we will give the matter publicity.

Hon members, before we adjourn, I want to remind hon members that from 10:00

tomorrow morning to 13:00 there is a briefing by the Independent Electoral Commission. This briefing will be on the objections process and Electoral Court access following elections. That briefing is for the parties. The IEC does take its time to come from Durban and sometimes from Pretoria to brief us, so we expect you to be a part of this.

I also want to indicate that I was informed that we were unable to get the Department of Home Affairs people to come here. Elections also impact on the role of Home Affairs and there has been a decision that the Department of Home Affairs should come and be a part of these briefings, but we have not been able to secure the Department of Home Affairs for tomorrow. There is a process and a date that are being touted around. As soon as we ready we will announce when the Department of Home Affairs will be available.

The House was adjourned at 17:10.