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HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Members, we will now observe a moment of silent prayer or meditation. You may get seated. Next item.

Honourable Members are there motions without notice?
Honourable Groenewald,
Honourable Mocumi,
Honourable Mahlakeng.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO 2:
MINUTES OF THE 6TH MAY
2008**

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Members, I put before you a set of minutes of the 6th of May 2008. Are there any corrections from the minutes? In the absence of any correction, does the House adopt the minutes? Next item.

HON. GROENEWALD:
Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. I have got two motions without notice. The first one, the DA wishes to move this august House to congratulate the Chief Whip, Honourable Maloyi, with his election as Chairperson of the ANC at the latest Congress held in the North West Province.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO.3
MOTIONS**

**a) Motions without notice
b) Notices of Motions**

The second one is a motion without notice Honourable Deputy Speaker. The DA wants to move this august House to congratulate Oscar Pistorius who won his arbitration court case against IAAF. After this court case Oscar will have the

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opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games at Beijing if he qualifies. This will be the first time ever that a disabled athlete takes part in the Olympic Games against able body athletes. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Mocumi.

HON. MOCUMI:
Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker. My apology Honourable Deputy Speaker. I have just received this. This is actually not a motion, but a statement. I am sorry.

HON. MAHLAKENG:
Honourable Deputy Speaker, may I also profusely apologize like the Honourable Member, I have got a statement before me, not the motion.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Members, does the House adopt these motions? Honourable Hattingh?

HON. HATTINGH:
Honourable Deputy Speaker, I did put up my hand and you did have a look at me. So may I have an option to put a motion without notice please? Thank

you.
Motion without notice, actually I have got two Honourable Deputy Speaker. The DA wishes to register extreme concern, moves that the House register extreme concern with the spate of xenophobic attacks which are currently taking place and which seems to be accelerating and expanding in certain areas. It is a matter of further concern that the perpetrators of these xenophobic racist attacks have been singing and chanting political songs such as "Umshini wami", also giving a political collar. Xenophobia, racism and tribalism are all related and should be deplored and rejected by all.

Second motion: Honourable Deputy Speaker, you will recall at the previous Sitting it was also recorded that I actually wished the ANC well with its Provincial Conference at Sun City. I forgot to say that it should be peaceful. I do not think it is possible to add to that. So I then would like that this House register with concern the violence at Sun City, at the Provincial Conference of the ANC and although we are a developing democracy after 14

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years, we should not be part of democracy. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, does the House adopt this motion? Oh, Ntate Vilakazi, and then followed by Ntate Mahlakeng.

HON. MEC. VILAKAZI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I would agree with Honourable Hattingh if in his insertion that the perpetrators of xenophobic tendencies that we see on our screens singing "Umshini wami", if his motion would include that the President of the ANC has actually condemned the singing of our heroic songs of struggle in pursuit of these bad tendencies of xenophobia. If his motion would include that part, I would agree to that motion but if he does not include the fact that both the President of the ANC and government and the ANC have condemned this behavior, including the singing of liberation songs in pursuit of this evil attack on foreign nationals, I would agree with his motion but if he does not, I reject that motion with the contempt it deserves.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Mahlakeng.

HON. MAHLAKENG:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I stand before your august House that in relation to the alleged violence at Sun City as the Honourable Member is suggesting, it was not the case. I was a delegate to the said Conference. For that reason I reject the said motion with the contempt it deserves, Deputy Speaker Sir.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Hattingh, you have two questions to respond on your motions. The one is the one that is raised by Honourable Vilakazi. I think you have captured it, and the second one is the one raised by Honourable Mahlakeng.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, as far as the amendment to the motion was put forward by Honourable Vilakazi, I have put a motion for the acceptance of this House. If Honourable Vilakazi would like to comment on the actions of the President of the ANC, it is very well to do so. I did not go so far in my motion to include the opinions of about 16 political parties in this

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country, only that of what I believe is the position of the DA. If he wants to put forward the opinion of the ANC and of the UCDP and of the Freedom Front Plus, he is free to do so in his own motion.

However, the fact that the President of the ANC supports the DA's opinion is welcomed. Secondly, with the objection of the Honourable Mahlakeng, perhaps we have got different references when it is reported and shown on TV that the police are firing rubber bullets. Sadly that is violence, and thirdly that is violent enough to counter the violence that we are confronted with. So perhaps Honourable Mahlakeng was still asleep at that stage, I do not know, but it was reported and also by police that there was violence. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, we are not going to open for debate on this motion. Honourable Hattingh's motion does not include the part that Honourable Vilakazi raised and it is clear that if he does not include that part, Honourable Vilakazi you move that the motion be

rejected.

The second motion, Honourable Mahlakeng says he does not agree with the motion, the second motion of Honourable Hattingh, and if he does not agree with certain areas on the motion, the House will not accept the motion, simple as all that, because I do not want us to open a debate around the motion. Honourable Vilakazi.

HON. MEC. VILAKAZI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I do accept your ruling, but I just want to indicate that the UCDP was never a liberation movement, never sang "Umshini wami", the DP never sang "Umshini wami." All these political parties he is making reference to have never sang "Umshini wami". The ANC is the only political party during the struggle that actually sang that song as part of our liberation songs, and that is why I am saying that the President of the ANC, on behalf of the ANC, condemned the action of those people pursuing xenophobia, and also condemned them singing that song.

Now the statement or the

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motion by the Honourable Member Hattingh is based on media that he has seen. It is very strange that he has not seen the President of the ANC in those media reports, condemning these exercises. Why is there a selective viewing of things about our country, why is there a selective viewing?

So this motion, even if you reject it, I think it is important that Honourable Hattingh plays a fair game in all these things, otherwise we are misleading the public by the manner in which in your august House we present and debate matters. I am on record saying that if the UCDP ever sang "Umshini wami" he must say so now. If the DA ever sang "Umshini wami", he must say so now. If not, therefore he cannot mention these sixteen (16) parties that made statements during these xenophobic attacks.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, all motions are accepted except the last two motions tabled by Honourable Hattingh. That matter is closed. We are proceeding to the next item.

HON. HATTINGH:

Deputy Speaker, you have some very strange interpretations of the rules this morning, allowing debates on motions without notice. You have not asked the House its opinion. You have two people opposing on each motion. What normally happens in this House, that was pre the Sun City Conference, is that motions that should not serve as motions without notice are simply transformed to motions with notice, and then it can be debated like you have allowed Honourable Vilakazi to debate this morning. So it was not rejected. In terms of your own rules Honourable Deputy Speaker, it was simply transformed into motion with notice. That was your rulings from the pre Sun City. Thank you and I request that it be the same this time as well.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Hattingh, there is nothing strange in the rules of the House. There is also nothing wrong with the interpretation of that rule. When a motion is tabled, the rule says the motion must not contain any debatable aspect. The matter that Honourable Vilakazi is raising;

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he is raising a debatable aspect in your motion. So I am on rule, right on top of it.

Honourable Mahlakeng raises a matter of : " How do you view the conference in Sun City?" You see violence in it, he does not see it. I would have allowed it if you say the option you have, if you want to pursue this matter, is to convert that motion to a notice of motion, for debate at a later stage. There is absolutely nothing wrong with our rules, nor its interpretation, and you see, we must avoid hiding behind the interpretation of rules because nobody must claim to be understanding the interpretation and the rules better than any other Member. We should not do that.

Now I am saying this matter is closed, closed and closed. The only option that is there is to convert a matter into a notice of motion, for the debate. Let us proceed to the next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 4,
INTERPELLATIONS AND
QUESTIONS**

HON. HATTINGH:
We have missed item 3(b),

Notices of Motions.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Members, can we go to the item of, Notices of Motions. Is there a hand?

HON. HATTINGH:
You may look to your left.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Oh, Honourable Hattingh.

HON. HATTINGH:
Thank you for looking to your left once. Thank you. Honourable Deputy Speaker, I have put two motions without notice. I wish to convert them both to a notice of motion, both instances. I have already written to you. It was taken off me but if they bring it back I can re-route them to you as well. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Members, we then move to the next item in the absence of any other notices of motion. Next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 4,
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HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

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Honourable Members, you have before you the Question Paper, which Question Paper amongst others contains questions tabled for the first time, some questions tabled for the second time, some questions tabled for the third time. Can we get Question 1, a question of Honourable Hattingh to the Premier?

HON. PREMIER:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The question is for written response. I so table it.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, the question is for oral reply and I so wish to reply to the two questions. The Honourable Member Hattingh wants to know how many Station Commissioners are fully qualified as Station Commissioners. Our response is that 49 Station Commissioners have qualified in the Station Management Learning Programme. That is the response.

The second one is: How many are still to complete the qualification programme? Our response is that 40 Station Commissioners are currently undergoing station management

learning programme, due to qualify later in the year. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

We are proceeding to Question 3, a question of Honourable Matladi. Honourable Mangqo.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, do you see me?

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Yes, I see you.

HON. HATTINGH:

I am standing. I wish to put a follow-up question. On Question 2, where we were still busy. Honourable Deputy Speaker, I would like to know whether there are, just two follow-up questions. How many police stations are there? The second follow-up question is: Are there also other potential Station Commissioners who are also then undergoing training as part of future planning? Thank you.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:

On the number of police stations Deputy Speaker, I will come back to the House. I do not want to mislead the House. On

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the second part of the question, I know that there are Commissioners that are going through training as part of an in-service training programme, but there are also those that deputize Commissioners that are also exposed to these exercises, so that in the eventuality there is resignation, there is natural attrition, we have ready Commissioners to deploy to these positions. So we are taking a proactive approach on these matters. Thank you.

On the number of police stations, I will come back because there has been some restructuring and some of the police stations have been done away with, some new ones have been opened. I will come back with the actual number as we speak now.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
We are proceeding to Question 3. Honourable Mangqo.

HON. MEC MANGQO:
Deputy Speaker, I had the answers ready but I realized that the annexures referred to were not stapled together. I wish that I can re-submit the answers on Thursday, so that

they can have the full document of the annexures that goes with part of the response. Thanks.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
It is safe to say, I will present questions in the next Sitting.

HON. MEC MANGQO:
I will table Honourable Deputy Speaker, in the next Sitting.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 4. This is a question of Honourable Gerber to Local Government MEC.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:
I am not the MEC for Local Government, but I have been asked to table these questions on his behalf. I so table Question W007.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
We are proceeding to Question 5, question of Honourable Groenewald to MEC, Local Government and Housing.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:
On behalf of my colleague, I so table Question W009.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Please note that Question 6 is tabled for the second time and it

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is a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC for Health.

HON. MEC RASMENI:
Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker. I so table the responses of the question.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 7, a question of Honourable Matladi to MEC, Social Development.

HON. MEC MANGQO:
It will be tabled in the next Sitting Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 8, Honourable Matladi to MEC for Health.

HON. MEC RASMENI:
I so table the responses to the questions.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Good performance. Question 9.

HON. MEC RASMENI:
I so table the responses to the question, from Honourable

Matladi to Health. Thanks.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 10, Honourable

Gerber to Ntate Tselapedi.

HON. MEC TSELAPEDI:
Ke a e sekega Motlotlegi. # [I table it, Honourable]#

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 11, Honourable Groenewald to the MEC for Transport, Roads and Public Safety.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:
I see there are many people competing with me to table for the first time. I so table Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
must indicate, it is a good performance Members of Executive Council. You are doing very well. Question 12, Honourable Hattingh to MEC for Education.

HON. MEC TSELAPEDI:
Ke a e sekega Mong wa me.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 13, Honourable Groenewald to MEC for Local Government.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:
The response will be tabled in the next Sitting.

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HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 14, Honourable Gerber to MEC for Transport, Roads and Public Safety.

Agriculture, Conservation and Environment.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:
Honourable Speaker, true to that commitment, I so table.

HON. MEC SERFONTEIN:
Deputy Speaker, it will be tabled in the next Sitting.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 15, Honourable Groenewald to MEC for Transport, Roads and Public Safety.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
As we close our Question Paper, I must indicate that Members of Executive Council are doing very well, even in the last Sitting, of course led by Reverend Tselapedi.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:
I so table.

Honourable Members, we are proceeding to the next item. Next item.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Good performance. We are proceeding to Question 16, Honourable Hattingh to MEC for Local Government.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 5,
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

HON. MEC. VILAKAZI:
My colleague will table at the next Sitting.

HON. MOCUMI:
Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker and your august House. Honourable Deputy Speaker, the African National Congress wishes to make a statement on the xenophobic attacks that plaque our country. Throughout the years the African National Congress, with a determined political and ideological struggle, together with all Africans, to ensure that both in theory and practice, we leave up to the solemn decree of

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Now we are foreseeing good performance. Honourable Members, we are now proceeding to the last question and that is Question 17, a question of Honourable Groenewald to a Member of the Executive Council responsible for

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Freedom Charter, "South Africa belongs to all who live in it". Since the past week South Africa is befallen by sporadic xenophobic attacks, particularly in Gauteng Province, whereby foreign nationals, mostly of African descendants, are targeted by ruthless and violent mob, which loot and burns their property and physically harm and kill them.

It is on this premise alluded to that the ANC vehemently condemns these brutal incidents of xenophobia. These acts not only bridge fundamental human rights enshrined in our Constitution, but also violates the Geneva Protocol on refugees, of which South Africa is a signatory to.

We support the move by the National Government to establish an interdepartmental team to investigate all causes of the attacks and to make recommendations on what action should be taken to prevent such attacks in the future.

We also urge all armchair critics to align themselves with these initiatives and assist to demolish this barbarism. All the armchair

critics, I repeat the sentence, to align themselves with these initiatives and assist to demolish this barbarism.

Honourable Deputy Speaker, we take cognizance of the fact that colonial borders and the apartheid divide and rule strategy, were breeding ground for black and on black war and its resultant xenophobia. However we take sanctuary in reality that not all South Africans are harboring such intents, hate and being prepared to act on it because for many decades we fought the apartheid struggle together as Africans, and also stayed together in harmony for decades with foreign nationals.

We call for calmness, soberness, respect to the rule of law and fundamental human rights by all South Africans and reiterate our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of those who have passed on in these violent attacks. We have nothing to lose, but our chain. Africa unite. I thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. Amandla!

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Mahlakeng.

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HON. MAHLAKENG:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker Sir. Honourable Deputy Speaker, the African National Congress moves to place a statement before your august House about the 6th Provincial Conference of the ANC in the North West, the conference which started on the 10th of May 2008, ended on the 13th of May 2008.

This important conference discussed in commission the Chairperson's political report and the Secretary's organizational report, and thereafter resolved on all progressive and important matters which concern our people in the province.

In contrast to controversial and exaggerated media reports, the conference did experience minor logistical and discipline problems from some Members of the ANC and their accessory patronage counter revolutionary forces. However Deputy Speaker Sir, this conference was legitimate and proceeded as arranged.

We congratulate the newly elected leadership under the stewardship of Comrade Nono

Maloyi, the Chief Whip of this august House, and Supra Mahumapelo, together with their able collective in the Provincial Executive Committee Deputy Speaker Sir.

The ANC in the North West has resolved to premise from the statement made by its President, Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, after his election into office that new elected PEC will endeavor to work with all the comrades who did not make it to the PEC, to ensure that there is unity and discipline of the ANC and it is strengthened. It is our collective task to repair whatever damage or harm that may have been caused as we were building up towards the conference.

Furthermore Deputy Speaker Sir, we must also work with government and other sectors to build a carrying society. Amandla!.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Rule 131 A makes provision for debate on statement tabled. I now invite Honourable Hattingh.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I

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have also got a statement to make. I just want your ruling; do we first have all the statements and then debate or comment on them before we proceed?

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Hattingh, you can table your statement.

HON. HATTINGH:

And then at the end we will come back to that?

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Yes.

HON. HATTINGH:

Thank you. Honourable Deputy Speaker, the DA wishes to put the following statement. The Democratic Alliance wishes to condemn the recent, once again, the recent farm attacks in the North West Province, and the DA also wants to express its misgiving about the statement uttered by a certain person whose name is Solly Phetoe. I cannot believe that he is a South African citizen. Apparently he is.

I think if I speak the language of some of the comrades in this room I would have branded him

as counter revolutionary, but if we just look at the statement uttered by him on behalf of COSATU, which used to be a proud organization, there they compare the farm attack on the Swart family at Delareyville and they respond to this attack with the Skielik shooting. This is not only an extreme bizarre statement but it is also a racist statement.

Mr Swart was robbed at his house by two robbers who gained entry to his study. He was in his bedroom, which was locked. When they then tried to gain access through the door to the bedroom by breaking it down, he fired through the door and one shot killed one of the robbers and wounding the other. Since he could not see through the door, the colour or the race of those people, he could not have been a racist counter attack because he did not know the identity or the colour or the race or anything of the robbers on that side. So that is what makes the COSATU statement extremely absurd. Further of concern is that like the DA had to also register its concern with the increase of so called racist murders in the North West

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Province, we agree with him, it is unacceptable, but this is sadly not a racist murder, but then he continues and this sadly in the vocabulary of some people here.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Hattingh?

HON. HATTINGH:
Yes Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Hattingh, are you reading the statement there or you are reading another part that goes with the statement, because I had expected you to table the statement?

HON. HATTINGH:
I table my statement but I am colouring it in a bit. What Solly Phetoe has said, is that the racist attack is a programme led by wise racist people in the Department of Justice. Most certainly that should be condemned by all of us here. Honourable Speaker, I wish to conclude with that statement. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Members, we are

now starting with the statement tabled by Honourable Mocumi. Oh! Honourable Mampane.

HON. MAMPANE:
Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. On the 25th of May 2008 South Africa will join the rest of the African Continent in celebration of Africa Day. Africa Day marks the formation of the Organization of African Unity, the OAU, and it was later transformed to the African Union.

For many years apartheid South Africa dominated the agenda of the OAU. To this day we ex-liberated South Africans, share a deep sense of gratitude and thanks to the people of Africa, whom never wavered in their support for the then oppressed majority in South Africa. Many of these countries suffered economic devastation and called often military aggression because of their rejection of oppression and social exploitation, and by celebrating this day we want to salute these fellow Africans for their firmness and resolution to support and complement our struggle for liberation.

Today as we are gathered here in this august House, we are still

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aware of the problems related to hunger and food security in some of our neighboring countries such as Kenya, Zimbabwe and Congo, and we should therefore make a commitment that as fellow Africans, we want to assure our fellow brothers and sisters that we will leave no stone unturned in our continued support for the creation of better living conditions in this country of their birth.

We should also use this opportunity to celebrate the fact that the vast majority of Africans now live under systems of democratic governance. The overwhelming majority of Africans are free to elect whoever they trust with the responsibility of leadership.

Honourable Deputy Speaker, as we move along the African century, we will be faced with a number of challenges ranging from poverty and inequality to environmental degradation. As a continent we need to stand together to find solutions to problems of hunger, illiteracy and of diseases such as Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS.

Africa Day should remind all of us that we can indeed deal with

these challenges in the same way we defeated slavery, colonialism and racial discrimination. We have the ability.

In the words of one African writer, and he said, "Be instruments of our own sustained upliftment." We have the ability to stand together as Africans and to develop a continent at peace with itself and united in our course towards progress and development. We trust that we will all leave here, more inspired and with a renewed sense of commitment to contribute towards making Africa a better place to live in. I buyile iAfrika. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members I am now inviting anybody who do want to speak on the statement made by Honourable Mocumi. Mme Matladi.

HON. MATLADI:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker, I do have comments on the statement as presented by Honourable Poppy Mocumi. The first issue I would like to raise this to check with the Honourable House if we are allowed to chant slogans in this

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House because I do have slogans for the UCDP as well so that next time when I stand up you will hear them. I can see the barbaric laughter baaa baaa baaa! It says that people have never heard of them because they are not meant to be sung here. So if this is the House to start to do that we will do it. Honourable Deputy Speaker I'm checking and I'm sure I am protected.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Matladi can we listen to a point of order.

HON. MADODA:

Chair what is barbaric about the laughter of Members? Is it parliamentary for the Honourable Member to say the laughter is barbaric?

HON. DEP. SPAKER:

I've got to address this matter. I would want a smooth process of this sitting and in so doing I would request Honourable Matladi just to withdraw that part so that we proceed. Certainly there can't be anything barbaric about Honourable Members. I would then ask Honourable Matladi so that we proceed with the sitting.

HON. MATLADI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker if you show me a law or a Rule in our Rule book that states barbaric not to be a parliamentary language, I will do so. Unless you show it to me I wouldn't because I'm not saying so and so is barbaric, I'm saying a barbaric laughter. And then if I'm not referring to any person I'm talking laughter I don't see myself wrong in using that statement. Is like when you say in this House it is a lie but you are not saying to a person you are a liar. So that is what we have been taught how to speak, I never referred to anybody as barbaric. Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members please can you behave accordingly. Honourable Matladi when you stand up and speak in this House you are addressing the House, in that House there are people you are talking to what you say is meant to be heard by those people in the House. I would be very comfortable if that was said outside the House, I would have no business to do with it but I have a serious business to do with it when it is said

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in the House. Whether you are referring to a specific person or not specific person, certainly the word barbaric is un-parliamentary. Whether you are referring to a particular person or not but the fact that you said it in the House of parliament is unacceptable, please withdraw.

HON. MATLADI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker as you say, where is it written in our Rule book? We've got our Rules and I have read them and I have never seen that word as spelt out to not be parliamentary.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Matladi I'm giving you the last opportunity I'm saying the word barbaric is un-parliamentary.

HON. PREMIER:

Order. It sounds like a side issue but one of the Rules is that when a Speaker addresses the House, all Members sit down.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Matladi, you have an option of withdrawing or ... Honourable Matladi, please stand up and withdraw.

HON. MATLADI: Honourable Deputy Speaker as you rule this House I will appeal to your fairness because people are throwing words at us and you are saying nothing. And when you talk you say we must withdraw, it is not fair. When sitting on that chair you must be neutral. So some people can do what they like, say what they like but we ... [DEPUTY SPEAKER INTERUPTION]

HON. DEP. SPAKER:

Honourable Members can there be order. Honourable Matladi I'm speaking to the word barbaric, I'm saying that is the area that you must withdraw.

HON. MATLADI:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. I withdraw the word unreservedly. I have asked you a question, is it right to come here and start with slogans in the House? And then I was saying if it is a law, if it is allowed we should know so that we should as well do likewise. The UCDP slogan might not necessarily be an ANC one so if you say we don't you are not a UCDP, how would you know? [DEPUTY SPEAKER

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Honourable Mocumi.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members,
Honourable Matladi is on the
floor and she is protected.

HON. MATLADI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker
after that question I would like to
say that the statement present-
ed by Honourable Poppy
Mocumi is supported by the
United Christian Party, the one
against xenophobia. There is
one part on it that I would like
her to maybe explain that she
repeated in presenting the state-
ment "she kept on saying arm-
chair critics should do a,b,c,d.
And she came back and said
armchair critics I repeat should
do 1,2,3,4. So, as I was listen-
ing its like she is addressing
some of the people she could
take to be armchair critics that is
why the emphasis on that sen-
tence.

Then I would like to find out if
there could be any armchair crit-
ics that she is telling to not do
some things that were referred
to. I thank you Honourable
Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**HON. MOCUMI:**

Thanks Honourable Deputy
Speaker, firstly on the issue of
slogans, the word amandla
means power and power can be
referred to anybody by anybody
which Honourable Matladi has a
right to use the word if she so
wishes, there is nothing that for-
bids her from using that word.
So I don't understand her prob-
lem. When she talks about the
armchair critics which I kept on
referring 1,2,3,4 etc, I never
went up to 4 that statement is
misleading. So I'm going to
appeal to Honourable Matladi
not to mislead the House and on
the issue of armchair critics
[INTERUPTION BY SPEAKER]

HON. SPEAKER:

It is an unusual point of order
just to say that the House is
actually out of order. Rule 131
on statements by Members sets
out the procedures for the pres-
entation of statements by
Members. It says that a
Member other than the Premier
or a Member of the Executive
Council may be recognized by
the chair to make a statement
on any matter for not more than
3 minutes. Any other Member

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may respond to the statement for a maximum of 1 minute the total time for the responses to the statement by a Member not to exceed 5 minutes.

Deputy Speaker it does not say that any Member may be questioned in a statement; it does not say that the statement is treated in the way questions or interpellations are treated. And therefore the originator of the statement does not have to respond to anything, it is not a subject for debate, it is a statement. Members will remember that we set up the statements for Members to ensure that when Members have other matters which they wish to bring to the attention of the House of the people of the North West, they may have the opportunity.

This was done balancing the fact that we still had an opportunity for the Premier and for Member of the Executive to make announcements. I therefore find that in terms of Rule 131 we are out of order in this exchange of questions and whatever. Members of any other party may wish to comment on a statement or agree with or disagree with it but it is

not a question and answer session. That is the order I'm calling for. Thank you sir.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Order is sustained we are proceeding, is there any member who wants to speak to the motion? Honourable Hattingh.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

I think the Speaker made it clear that they are not motions it is statements, so I don't want to speak to any motion I wish to speak to a statement and I've got his 7 seconds already. Thank you Honourable Makume. I now understand what amandla means. It means a power hunger by some elite which we have seen and I want to come to the attack at Sun City. I am very concerned about the use of the word counter revolutionary, that is the communist word, the socialist word which has become throughout the world. May I remind this House that people were chased and executed and imprisoned in Cuba for many many years under de Castros for being counter revolutionaries.

And here we find the word which is an absurd word in this

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House. We want to reject the use in this House of counter revolutionary it is even stronger than the use of the word barbaric, it is totally unheard of. We could have debated the Cubans on de Castros and their murders were they were even executed for being counter revolutionary by the Supreme Commander of the Angolan forces in Angola after their defeat. Back I'm cautioned that opportunity went by a very cowardly fashion, the motion was withdrawn which would have led us to debate this. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

We are proceeding to Ntate Mahlakang.

HON MAHLAKENG:

I must say Deputy Speaker I'm not exactly quite too sure what the Honourable Member is talking about but since he has made mention of Sun City which happens to be an area where the African National Congress held its conference, I think he must go back to wherever he has got this information. Secondly, the word counter revolutionary... [INTERUPTION BY HON. MATLADI]

HON. MATLADI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker I think the Honourable Speaker stood up to say statements are not to be done in a way like questions, where one speaks one answers. She has just said it when we were trying to do with Honourable Poppy Mocumi's statement. Now we have gone back to it between Honourable Hattingh and Honourable Mahlakang, so I don't know whether we have heard what was being said to us. Thank you sir.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

I have heard and understood properly that when a Member takes part in a debate, that Member may raise questions but it does not mean necessarily that the mover of the statement must respond to questions. So I'm allowing Honourable Mahlakang, order is overruled.

HON. MAHLAKENG:

Thank you very much Deputy Speaker. therefore I'm saying the Honourable Member by educating us on what the counter revolutionary means, its very strange that it can come from him because his party was never involved in any struggle

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like the party that I belong to which happens to be the African National Congress and therefore I don't know exactly what he is talking about.

With regard to the conference in Sun City as I said if the Honourable Member is familiar with Sun City he would know by now that the African National Congress held a conference right in the middle of that area which is the very big complex. And indeed there is no way in which police would have thrown teargas and that sort of a thing. So, I don't know exactly what he is talking about. Thank you chair.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

I think I have given Members sufficient time on this motion I'm now closing this debate on that statement. We are proceeding to the statement made by Honourable Mahlakeng. I'm told we are getting to the statement made by Honourable Hattingh for debate.

HON. SPEAKER:

Ordinarily it made sense for us to move, finish off a statement so that its all that. But I want to make a comment on the state-

ment made by Honourable Hattingh, first of all to thank him for bringing the matter of farm killings and these racist killings we see in the provinces to the attention of the House and therefore of the province. I think whether it is a black person shooting a white person or a white person shooting a black person the matters are wrong and this House must condemn it. I think we must also not having all the facts to our disposal on the Deysel farm killing, not rush to make any judgment. What we are called upon as leaders of the province is to in the strongest possible terms condemn these murders.

It is to take this Honourable Deputy Speaker, Honourable Premier as one of our famous as this august House in not making sure that we lead by example in our behaviour in the House, in our behaviour outside there as parties, begin to educate our constituencies and the people of the North West in the right way to say, we are brothers whether you are white skinned or black skinned because until we do that we are not going to be able to deal with these farm killings and to deal with the

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problem of xenophobia. I thank you sir.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Vilakazi. I wish other Members could be as brief as the Speaker did in compliance with Rule 131.

HON. MEC VILAKAZI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I want to rise in respect of this particular motion and I want to link it to the Deysel farm murders and all the farm murders that had occurred in the province. I think the level of government we have been able to make the necessary response to these murders when the Deysel family was killed, and you would realize in the response I have submitted on the question posed by Honourable Gerber, I did indicate and give full report in terms of what has happened to that particular case. I think having listened to Honourable Hattingh I'm tempted to actually just briefly indicate that once the two convicts escaped at Ottoshoop, a policeman hunt was issued.

We pulled all the resources, our dog unit, helicopter units we had ground forces in search of those

murderers on the terrain and the farm. I personally went into that farm, met the family of the slain old couple, and joined the police team that went on search on the helicopter and also on the ground. 6 days later, we were able to apprehend the 2 suspects and bring them back into custody. And I must say that if you look at all the cases we have dealt with over the past 6 months, starting with the ritual murders including the small child that disappeared in Majakaneng, the Deysel family murders, the Jima murders the now murder that Honourable Hattingh refers to, the police have been able to act swiftly and within a period of not more than 10 days, we have been able to apprehend the suspects and bring them to book.

But I must caution the House because we can't behave like ordinary citizens outside the House. We sit in this House privy to information that would make us proper informed decisions privy to information or privy to departments that you can ask whether things have happened in the manner that they have been reported. Once this shooting was reported and

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immediately members of the community and COSATU descended around that specific farm, we had already taken over the crime scene as the police. We also because of the nature of the shooting and being aware that there has been this racial problems in the province, requested a specialized team from Pretoria to come and reconstruct the shooting in that specific farm because we did not want to go out and conclude as ordinary citizens that something has happened there that may be said to be racial or non-racial.

But the reconstruction of that specific crime scene suggest that, and we are still pursuing that process and are trying to quietly speak to the community and alert their fears that something that the community say has happened has happened. The crime scene has been reconstructed by forensic experts from Pretoria, we can confirm now that a shot was fired and so on but some of these details we can't debate them here prematurely and make statements on them because these cases are pending, are sub judice and are been

dealt with by the police.

I want to ask the Honourable Speaker that in some cases we will not be able to immerge immediately after a case have been registered with details because we are trying to protect the integrity of the case that is been constructed, so that when we go to court as police and present our case there, we can secure a successful prosecution. I agree with Honourable Speaker in her statement that we must condemn racism, farm attacks and condemn all these cases in our society. But we must be careful that as we do so, we do not undercut the activity of the police to fully investigate this kind of cases and make sure that they bring the culprits to book.

We must also as public representatives assist to manage the tempers in our communities. When I went into that farm of the Deysel, the farming community was very angry; Honourable Member of Agriculture on speaking to him said, the police must do its own work and did work to the extend that we even went an extra mile to mobilize resources to bury that couple. And

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Honourable Members are not even saying that the family did not have to endure costs to bury that one. A black business person paid towards the funeral costs of both couples transporting them from Ottoshoop to Klerksdorp. I'm saying that at times when we make statements we have to take responsibility as public representatives and make sure that we are not part of igniting the communities' anger rightly or wrongly. We must take care in the manner in which we deal with some of these important cases.

That is just my appeal that at a later stage I will be able to return with full details of the investigation that is underway in relation to the Delareyville shooting and I have been able to submit reports to the House about all the shootings that have taken place involving farmers and other people including farmers that have been killed. That was just my appeal Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Thanks Honourable Vilakazi. Although you have exceeded long ago your time allocation. Honourable Premier.

HON. PREMIER:

I will be very brief indeed. Firstly I would like to agree that indeed we need to as this august House condemn all racial killings, all farm killings including xenophobia which is also a form of discrimination. Having said that, I would also remind this august House that we were on record on the state of the province address, calling this august House and the people of the North West Province to be calm, particularly when we were dealing with the issue at that time that has to do with the Skielik killings.

We were very mindful of the fact that there is a need to strike a balance and ensure that even though we call for calmness, it is related to what the outcome of the investigation may have to be, however that everybody has to be calm at that time. In all instances, there has been statements made from ourselves and I think we need to join one another and hands with this august House and make such statements condemning. Beyond condemnation what happens, because I think we need to say as this august House as well we need to move

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beyond condemnation and ensure that we actually deal with the causes of these ills.

There is a document which is called the "Nation in a making" which has led to a production of the whole programme of government that is called social cohesion programme which by the way in this particular province is also been implemented as part of the broader generation programme. I want also to bring to the fore that particular process and the programme itself so that all of us must be engaged with it. I think in this august House we ourselves must do introspection because if we look at how we have acted on the Skielik matters, it was some of us in this House who happens to be darker colour in skin who were saying certain things and those who were lighter in skin saying the opposite of each other.

I think we need to be really careful, for instance I may say that there has been a very loud shouting or clear voice that came from our members of the opposite party saying "no the Skielik shooting is not racial", you are saying it is racial. When you are actually saying

lets all hold our horses until the investigation is out. Now the investigation is out the guy is not disturbed upstairs. What caused that? we still have to get to the answer and I'm saying lets get to the answer together. What causes a young boy to do the kind of things that he did, it is not enough, it's not good to conclude that it is racism perhaps, but what causes it. That is why I'm saying lets all move towards the symptoms and the courses of all these. Thanks.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Honourable Matladi.

HON. MATLADI:
Motlotlegi Motlatsa
Mmusakgotla ke eme fano ke botsa potso ya slogan ke ne ke sa e botse mme Mocumi, ke ne ke e botsa mo tsamaisong ya Ntlo. Ke solofela gore setilo sa gago sa botsamaisi ke sona se se tshwanetseng se re fe a direction regarding the use of slogans in the House. Ke santse ke botsa potso?

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Mme Matladi ke tla ya go sheba ko dipatlisiso gore a slogans di dumeletswe mo Ntlong e tlaare fa Ntlo e dutseng gape re tla go

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naya karabo e e arabang potso e o e boditseng. Honourable Hattingh.

HON. HATTINGH:

Agbare Adjunk Speaker, net toe ek omtrent heelhartig met die Premier met elke word wou saamstem, toe sit sy ongelukkig op die einde 'n stertjie in wat vir my noodsaak om ook 'n paar woorde daaroor te sê. En ek moet ook maar reguit praat, ek stem met haar saam, ook met agbare Vilakazi en ek wil hom ook geluk wens met sy sterk standpunt wat hy ingeneem het ten opsigte van veiligheid en sekuriteit en plassaanvalle en rassistiese aanvalle in hierdie Provinsie. Dit wil vir my lyk asof, jy weet daar is 'n gesegde dat as 'n mens iets verkeerdelik, alle mense ons almal is, in die Bybel staan dit "gebore en ontvang in sonde". Rassisme is 'n sonde.

Niemand van ons by wyse van ons lidmaatskap van 'n spesifieke party van die DA, van die Vryheidsfront, UCDP of ANC kan sê omdat ek lid is van daardie party kan ek nie 'n rassis wees nie. Rassisme is orals, xenophobia is orals so daarom wil ek in die beginsel die Premier ondersteun; en ek is

seker sy verwys na my en ek wil sê ek het deurgaans met die Skielik debatte by die hof, op Skielik self het ek beswaar gemaak teen die opsweping van die gemeenskap. Hoekom moet die hele gemeenskap opgesweep word teen die blanke boere van daardie gebied? Hoekom moet meneer Patrick Chauke van die Kaap af jaag so vinnig ry in die reën dat hy die pad byster raak?

Om betyds te wees waar ons 'n vergadering gehou het met die gemeenskap, toe sit sy mense daar toe sit COSATU daar en hulle is klaar opgesweep. Dit is presies dit. En ek het deurgaans nooit die standpunt ingeneem of dit rassisme was of nie, want dit sou die hof proses vooruitgehoop het. Hy het gesê die opsweping deur senior politici van wat beter hoef te weet, die opsweping het begin met die burge-meester van Kgetlengrivier, ure na die insident op Skielik waar sy begin fotos neem het en die mense begin opswEEP het. Daar kon jy sien dit was heel waarskynlik rassisme, dit was rassisme. Maar om op daardie stadium reeds die mense wit teen swart te begin afspeel om emosies in die hoogte in te laat

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skiet om die antagonisme se temperatuur deur die dak te laat gaan, is verkeerd en is nie verenigbaar met 'n verantwoordelike politikus nie. En wil vir die Premier bedank vir die rustigheid wat sy in daardie gemeenskap ingebring het.

Dit is totaal die opponerende pool van die burgemeester van Kgetlengrivier en meneer Patrick Chauke, wat hy daar gaan doen het. Ek wil haar complimenteer daarvoor. Wat sy sê ons nie moet doen nie het sy so pas hier gedoen. Ek wil sê ek het deurgaans gemaan op dieselfde stemtoon wat sy ingeneem het, het ek gemaan, moenie die mense opsweep nie. Moenie "umshini wami" by die Hof sing nie, moenie die "kill the farmer kill the boer" by die hof sing nie, dit antagoniseer die mense, dit polariseer die mense in twee kampe in, dit is goed wat seer maak. Baie dankie.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members this brings us now to the end of the discussion on a statement of Honourable Hattingh. There is another statement made by Honourable Mampane. Is there any Member who wants to com-

ment on that statement?

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker I was accused in this House in the past by Honourable Kekesi now she disappeared that I was the father of her child. I was not, I am accused that I'm the author of that statement, I want to liberate that I was not; I know nothing about it, I'm innocent.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

You see earlier on I realized that Honourable Hattingh and Honourable Mampane were planning to disrupt this sitting because it was just communication between Honourable Hattingh and Honourable Mampane, on the issue of who is the author, it was not said in the House. Now it becomes the subject for the House but we are noting the fact that you are not an author. That brings us to a point where there is no comment in that statement. I'm not entertaining that debate. We are now moving to the next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO.6
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HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members I now invite Honourable Mahlakeng to table the report of the portfolio committee on the strategic plan on the Provincial Legislature.

HON. GERBER:

Honourable Deputy Speaker could I just ask: will this be debated today?

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

No, it will not, I will come to that later on.

HON. MAHLAKENG:

Honourable Deputy Speaker ke sekega report bakeng sa gore e tle e qoqiwe ka nako eo Ntlo ya hao e kgabane e tla ntumellang hore ke etse jaolo.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members I now invite Honourable Mocumi to table the committee report on the scrutiny of the strategic plan for the Department of Public Works, on behalf of Honourable Moiloa.

HON. MOCUMI:

Thanks very much Honourable Deputy Speaker. As you have already indicated, I'm tabling the report for the portfolio committee

on Transport, Roads & Community Safety and Public Works on behalf of Honourable chairperson Moiloa. The report is for the strategic plan of the Department of Public Works for the financial year 2008/09 and the report will be debated in future. Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Thanks Honourable Mocumi. may I just draw the attention of Honourable Members that the working committee meeting held yesterday the 19th of May, resolved that due to time constraints, all remaining debates on the departmental strategic plan will take place concurrently with their respective budget votes. I think this answers the earlier question of Honourable Gerber, that the debates of all these departments on strategic plan will be taken concurrently with the presentation of budget votes which begins on the 27th of this month. Honourable Members we now proceed to the next item. The next item is item no.7 closure. This concludes business of the day and the House stands adjourned until the 27th of May 2008.

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