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**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, we will now observe a moment of silent prayer and/or meditation. You may get seated.

Honourable Members, let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the presence of pupils and teachers from Boijane HighSchool from Pudumong in Taung. You are welcome our visitors. Next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO. 2,  
MINUTES OF THE 26TH  
AUGUST 2008**

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, I put before you a set of minutes of the 26th of August 2008 for adoption. In the absence of any corrections from the minutes, does the House adopt the minutes? Next item.

**SECRETARY: MOTIONS**

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

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, are there any motions without notice? Honourable Matladi, Honourable Gerber, Honourable Moiloa, Honourable Mahlangu, Honourable Mampane and Honourable Mahlakeng.

**HON. MATLADI:**

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. Honourable Deputy Speaker, the UCDP in the North West Province wishes to join the whole world in congratulating people of Zimbabwe for the historic power sharing deal that was signed between President Robert Mugabe of Zanu PF, Prime Minister-elect Morgan Tsvangirai of the MDC and Professor Mutambara of the

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other formation of the MDC. The important role played by the facilitator in the name of our own President Thabo Mbeki is also well documented, and should not be underestimated.

In terms of the agreement, the power sharing will entail the following:

- Mr Mugabe will assume the Presidency in charge of the Cabinet as Chairperson.
- Mr Tsvangirai will become Prime Minister in charge of the Council of Ministers and Deputy Chair of Cabinet, and
- Professor Mutambara assumes the position of Deputy Prime Minister.

The Ministries will be allocated as follows:

Zanu PF	15
MDC Tsvangirai section	13
MDC Mutambara part	3

Thus there will be 31 ministerial positions. With these developments the UCDP is of the opinion that the current xenophobic trends in South Africa will come to an end and that the affected people will go back home to go on with the development of their

country. We wish them all the luck. I thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Honourable Gerber?

**HON. GERBER:**

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus Secretary in my office lost a daughter a few weeks ago. She was brutally murdered. Mariki Muller requested me to thank the Honourable Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Chief Whip and Honourable Members, as well as Dr. Schalk and the staff of the Legislature for their support.

I want to put it to the Honourable Members in her own words: "I can hardly find the right words today to thank all the people in the Legislature for the support they gave me and my family when my daughter was murdered. The wreath you sent us with words of condolences, the empathy of all the workers when I returned and the best yet, when you wonderful people offered to send me for therapy, knowing that I do not have a medical fund right now that I need it most.

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God bless you all. I am already blessed for working here with people that support and care for one another in bad times in our lives. Let us not forget the thousands of innocent victims of crime and murder in our country, and let us all unite against violence to commemorate our loved ones and be safe in our beloved South Africa."

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, I take it that we agree on the first motion of Honourable Matladi, and the second motion of Honourable Gerber. The next speaker is Honourable Moiloa.

**HON. MOILOA:**

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. Honourable Deputy Speaker, the African National Congress herewith rises to place a motion without notice to inform your House about gruesome deaths of five people killed in a head-on collision between a minibus taxi and a car on the N4 Highway between Rustenburg and Swartruggens on Saturday the 13th September 2008.

It is reported a mini bus taxi col-

lided with a Hyundai Getz sedan around 7pm. Two people in the sedan, who were the driver and a female passenger died instantly. Three other passengers from the minibus taxi, a man, a woman and a girl aged 10 were also killed instantly. Seven other people from the minibus taxi, including the driver, sustained serious injuries and have been taken to the local hospital. We send our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and wish a speedy recovery to the injured passengers. I thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Mahlangu?

**HON. MAHLANGU:**

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The ANC rises to place a motion without notice to inform your House about the Paralympics games taking place in Beijing, China. We are proud to announce that so far our athletes have performed extremely well. They have won 17 medals, eclipsing the 15 won in Athens. This display by our Para Athletes has gone a long way in restoring our national pride after the dismal perform-

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ance by our able-bodied athletes. I thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members, I think the House concurs with the motions as tabled by Honourable Moiloa and Honourable Mahlangu. Honourable Mampane?

**HON. MAMPANE:**

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The African National Congress rises to place a motion without notice to inform your House about the Zimbabwean power sharing agreement signed between Robert Mugabe's Zanu PF and the two factions of MDC headed by Morgan Tsvangirai and Arthur Mutambara. The agreement is a testament of the work put in by South African President, Ntate Thabo Mbeki as the chief mediator to reach a settlement that would be of benefit to all Zimbabweans.

The power sharing talks reached a deadlock over the allocation of power between President Mugabe and Mr Tsvangirai. The process began

after President Mugabe was re-elected as President in a one-candidate poll following the withdrawal of the Movement for Democratic Change in protest at a campaign of violence in which it says more than 200 of its supporters were killed.

The African National Congress congratulates the people of Zimbabwe and applaud the leaders involved in the brokering of this power sharing peace deal. I thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

The next speaker is Ntate Mahlakang.

**HON. MAHLAKENG:**

A ke ho lebohe Mohlomphehi Modulasetilo. Mokgatho o moholo-holo-holo wa African National Congress o ema mona ho tshwela ka mathe ketsahalo tse mpe tsa dipolao tsa basebetsi ba merafo, ha holo-holo ka kwano, ka mona ka Leboa Bodikela.

Ka la 11 August monongwaha basebetsi ba ile ba hlokahala sepetleleng maane ka moraho ha hore a otlwe ke mechanical prop dikilometara di le 2000, ka

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di 3, maane morafong wa Northam Platinum Mine, mme hona kgweding eno e fetileng ya di 29 August mosebeletsi e mong wa morafu o ile a hloka-hala ha e mong a ile a lemala ka moraho ha hore ho baane le ntho a tlwaelehileng ka ho bitswa seismic event maeneng o mongwe o bitswang Simmer & Jack ko Buffelsfontein sebakeng se seng sa Klerksdorp.

Ho sa ntsaneng ho le jwalo, e re ka la 6 September at K5 shaft Kroondal Platinum Mine in Rustenburg, mosebetsi e mong hape a hloka-hala. Maobane ana a matshonyana ka di 15 dihoreng tsa hosengseng haholo, mosebetsi e mong maane Anglo Platinum Mine, Amandebult, hona sebakeng se sa Rustenburg o boetse a hloka-hala hape. Ka lebaka lena le a mang re isa matshidiso le kutlwelobohloko ho malapa ohle a hlahetsweng ke koda ena, mme re boetse re tshehetsa hape hore ho baane le mehato e maatla, e ka sitana le ditifiso tse kholo-khoro-khoro khahlanong le beng ba merafo ena ha ho ka hwa etsahala hore e be motho o hloka-halla merafong. Ka lebaka lena re a lebo-

ha Mohlomphehi motsamaisi wa Ntlo.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

I take it that the House concur with this motion. Is there any other motion without notice? Are there notices of motions? Honourable Hattingh, Honourable Groenewald.

**HON. HATTINGH:**

Honourable Deputy Speaker, notice of a motion. Referring to the response of the MEC of Agriculture, Honourable JHL Serfontein on question 080805/W41, and I want to quote it: "That a resolution of the Public Accounts Committee remains a resolution of that committee and not of this House, even if such a resolution", which actually serves here as a recommendation to this House, "was accepted by this House. The North West Provincial Legislature registers its concern about the contempt displayed by the MEC for Agriculture, not only for this House but also for the Public Accounts Committee. I thank you.

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**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Groenewald? This is a notice of motion. We are noting this. Let us proceed to Honourable Groenewald.

**HON. GROENEWALD:**

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. Notice of a motion: The DA moves that the North West Provincial Legislature:

- register its concerns about the collapse of services in the Tswaing Municipality as also emphasized by the repeated Disclaimer Audit Opinions issued by the Auditor General,
- and take notice of a motion of no-confidence that was unanimously accepted by the Ottosdal community on the 15th September in the public meeting led by the oversight committee of the Tswaing Council.

I thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Thanks Honourable Groenewald. Any other notice of motion? In the absence of any other notice of motion, let us proceed to the next item.

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

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members I draw your attention to the Question Paper. Question 1 is a question tabled for the second time. It needs an oral reply, and it is a question of Honourable Hattingh to a Member of Executive Council responsible for Public Works.

**HON. MEC THIBEDI:**

Honourable Deputy Speaker, the question posed by Honourable Hattingh regarding the lunch where employees of Price Waterhouse Coopers were present, refers that: Kindly indicate if a lunch during working hours on the 18th of July 2008 which the Price Waterhouse Coopers Audit team was entertained and alcohol was consumed, is allowed in terms of the departmental policy.

The response is as follows: The lunch on the 18th of July 2008 was planned to thank all personnel who worked very hard during the audit period. The officials invited to the lunch were

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those who were directly involved with the audit and worked even after hours to prepare all required documentations, financial reports for the audit.

During the morning of the 18th of July 2008 the departmental management who are directly involved with the audit had a meeting with the senior personnel of the Auditor General and Price Waterhouse Coopers to discuss the draft audit report. The department acted in good faith to invite them to the lunch due to the fact that the audit was basically finalized and all matters were already concluded.

With regard to the consumption of alcohol during the lunch, it should be mentioned that a few personnel of each side ordered a glass of wine during the lunch, which is allowed in the Code of Conduct for public servants. The Code of Conduct for public servants indicates, Code 4.5.2 "Employees must not disgrace themselves in the eyes of their colleagues by abusing intoxicating substances during official functions". Please take note that none of the officials drank more than one glass of wine or

beer during the meal. All officials returned to their duties directly after lunch.

The junior staff was given the afternoon off as a token of appreciation for all the unpaid overtime they worked during the audit. They did not return to the office after lunch. The lunch was for approximately 50 employees and officials from Price Waterhouse Coopers.

The second question: Kindly indicate if the amount claimed for alcohol consumed during this lunch was paid to the supplier. The total account for the lunch was paid to the supplier.

The third question: Kindly indicate if this amount was refunded to the department and if not, why not. The response is as follows: Due to the fact that it is allowed to opt for a glass of wine or beer instead of cool drink during lunch, it was not felt necessary to refund the department for the expenditure.

Please also take note that the supplier confirmed that the amount of R700,00 was not for alcohol only, but also for food

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ordered which are not on the menu anymore. For an example, a few persons ordered what is called hot rock steaks, which was discontinued from the menu, but can still be ordered, but are then build under open food on their system. The system can only take items which are on the menu at the point and anything else must be build as open food.

Question 4: Does the department condone the practice by which alcohol is disguised as "open food" on the invoice. The department has not requested the supplier to disguise the usage of wine and beer and if it was done then it was done by the supplier at his own discretion.

The last question 5: Who in the department authorized the payment of this account? The CFO, in terms of powers delegated to him. Thank you Deputy Speaker.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Ntate Vilakazi, the last time I warned you about disrupting proceedings. Honourable Hattingh?

**HON. HATTINGH:**

Just a follow-up question. I am sorry, I could not hear all the response because it appears that the chef from News Café was interrupting all the time. I would like to thank the Honourable MEC for the frank and straightforward response. I would just like to know, who was the scorekeeper keeping score of the number of drinks everybody was consuming? No, you do not have to answer. Thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Ntate Vilakazi, we are at Question 2 on the Question Paper. If you are not addressing Question 2, please sit down. Question 2 on the Question Paper is a question tabled for the first time and it needs an oral reply, and it is a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC: Health.

**HON. MEC RASMENI:**

I am not ready yet, but in the next Sitting.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

We are proceeding to Question 3. It is also a question tabled

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for the first time, a question of Honourable Hattingh to Developmental Local Government and Housing.

**HON. MEC YAWA:**

Honourable Deputy Speaker sir, with your permission and the permission of Mr Hattingh, may I answer the question in the next Sitting.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

We are proceeding, Question 4 on the Question Paper. It is a question tabled for the third time, which question must be answered. It is a question of Honourable Hattingh to a Member of Executive Council, Public Works.

**HON. MEC THIBEDI:**

The question is so tabled.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

We are proceeding. Question 5 tabled for the second time, a question of Honourable Groenewald to Local Government MEC.

**HON. MEC YAWA:**

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I will answer in the next Sitting.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

We proceed to Question 6, the question of Honourable Groenewald, MEC Transport, Roads and Community Safety.

**HON. MEC VILAKAZI:**

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I am a little bit confused. I am tabling this response for the question you are asking, but I thought that Question 4 was a question asked to the department by Honourable Member Hattingh, which I said I will respond in six months, and if I do not respond today, because I have the response, and the same Code is the same with the one that I am..., so I am not sure. I was asked this question and I said that I will respond.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Vilakazi, which Question 4 are you referring to, because Question 4 on my Question Paper is not the question for your department. It is a question for Public Works, unless if you have a wrong Question Paper.

**HON. MEC VILAKAZI:**

I think I am right Honourable Speaker. I think we should go

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back to the marking of these questions because I know that it is my last opportunity to respond to that question. If I do not it must go to the Premier. That is why I came with a response and this question was basically the question to Transport, but I leave it in your safe hands, but I do have a response. It was asked by Honourable Hattingh, and remember the day I responded, I said I will be ready in six months, but I mean there are rules in the House that compels me to be ready today. If not, then it migrates to the Premier. I am just saying that we can go and look at that. Probably through you, the Secretary can look at that, but I have a response for the follow-up questions.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Look, I do not want to go that way because that question you are referring to, is not on the Question Paper, this one, but we are noting that the reason why you respond to it, you are trying to comply with responding to the question because it is tabled for the third time. Now we are noting it, that it will not be referred to the Premier, if that

question is outstanding, but it is not on the Question Paper.

**HON. HATTINGH:**

I noted that the MEC said he is a little confused, but it is not his confusion. There is a confusion somewhere with the drawing up of questions. Two identical questions were put to two departments, the one fell off. It should be here. The Honourable MEC is right and I want to thank him for responding, although it did not appear today, but it should have been here.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Yes, we will attend to that, if that question was supposed to have been on the Question Paper, but we will attend to that, and we are noting that. No, you cannot table an answer for the question that is not there. You cannot do that. We are proceeding to Question 6.

**HON. MEC VILAKAZI:**

Question 6, I do table the response. The one about forensic experts, yes, I do table that one.

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**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Honourable Members, Question 7. It is a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC: Public Works.

response.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Honourable Members, Question 11, a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC: Public Works.

**HON. MEC THIBEDI:**  
The response is so tabled.

**HON. MEC THIBEDI:**  
This question will be responded to in the next Sitting.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Question of Honourable Groenewald to a Member of Executive Council responsible for Education.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Question 12, a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC: Education.

**HON. MEC RASMENI:**  
The response to this question will be ready in the next Sitting.

**HON. MEC RASMENI:**  
Next Sitting.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Question 9.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Question 13, a question of Honourable Groenewald to MEC: Education.

**HON. MEC RASMENI:**  
It will be ready in the next Sitting.

**HON. MEC RASMENI:**  
Next Sitting Honourable Deputy Speaker.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Question 10, a question of Honourable Groenewald to Transport, Roads and Community Safety.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Question 14, which is the last question on the Question Paper, a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC for Roads, Transport and Community Safety.

**HON. MEC VILAKAZI:**  
Honourable Deputy Speaker, the question about repairing of roads in Mafikeng, I do table the

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**HON. MEC. VILAKAZI:**  
Honourable Speaker, we could not respond to this question because 2.1.2 says Brown.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
It says Brown.

**HON. MEC VILAKAZI:**  
We do not have a race called Brown.

**HON. HATTINGH:**  
Honourable Deputy Speaker, does the Member in his, I think he is a little confused as he confessed earlier. Should I re-submit the question or to explain to him the categories in SAPS reports?

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
Honourable Vilakazi, when a question is posed to you, you must reply the question, including what you are saying. If in your view Brown is not colour or is not part of a colour that you can give to a person, you must put that in your response.

**HON. MEC VILAKAZI:**  
We will respond in the next Sitting.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Please, we expect a response.

**HON. MEC VILAKAZI:**  
In the next Sitting.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**  
In the next Sitting, including the Brown, you may respond to the Brown. Honourable Members, this brings us to the end of our Questions and Interpellations. There is no question here. We are proceeding to the next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO 5;  
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

**HON. SPEAKER:**  
Is there any Member who wishes to make a statement in terms of Rule 131(a)? Ntate Moalusi, Honourable Gerber, Honourable Baloyi.

**HON. MOALUSI:**  
Ke a leboga Motlatsa Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla. Honourable Speaker I arise here to present the following statement in this august House. We wish to congratulate my colleague in the United Christian Democratic Party, Honourable Matladi who celebrated her 50th birthday on Saturday the 06th September 2008 at Lehurutshe.

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It was a dignified celebration with moving speeches by the invited VIPs. The Honourable Premier was expected to attend as she had accepted the invitation but due to other commitments of the ruling party, she was rendered unable to attend. Those who were invited for some other reasons failed to attend and missed a great function. Once more congratulations Mrs. Matladi. May God bless you abundantly. Thank you very much.

**HON. SPEAKER:**

That song you want to sing is the one that was supposed to have been sung at the party which you did not attend. Honourable Gerber.

**HON. GERBER:**

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The Freedom Front Plus had some weeks ago an interpellation with the MEC who is responsible for the Department of Education regarding the subsidies for the Meerhof School in the Hartebeespoort area. He promised in the interpellation to see to it that the situation would be seriously investigated and he

would visit the school himself to get the correct information.

The Freedom Front Plus wants to express our satisfaction on how he handled this very serious situation. He visited the school, listened to their problems and rectified the subsidy problem which was caused by Rustenburg Regional Office. The Freedom Front Plus will not only criticize, but will also give recognition when wrongs are put right. Thank you.

**HON. BALOYI:**

Thanks Deputy Speaker. Honourable Deputy Speaker the African National Congress begs for your indulgence to make a statement on outcome of the court case in which its President Msholozzi Jacob Zuma had made an application to have a decision to prosecute him by the National Prosecuting Authority invalid.

Judgment was delivered Deputy Speaker on Friday 12th September 2008 at the Pietermaritzburg's High Court Division by Judge Chris Nicholson. Honourable Deputy Speaker, Msholozzi was charged

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in 2005 but the case was struck from the roll in 2006.

Deputy Speaker he was re-charged in December 2007. The Judge found that a decision to prosecute the ANC President on fraud and corruption charges was invalid. Honourable Deputy Speaker Judge Chris Nicholson said that the NDPP (National Directorate of Public Prosecutions) ought to have heard the applicant's representation. He also stressed that it was not a judgment on whether he was guilty or innocent.

As the ANC Deputy Speaker, we reiterate our will on all South Africans and State Institutions to respect the judgment handed down by Judge Chris Nicholson. Thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

This is the end of statements of Members. Honourable Hatching

**HON. HATINGH:**

I just briefly want to respond to the statement. Honourable Speaker yes from the DA we will strongly support the appeal by Honourable Dodo that all South African should support and

leave it to the decision of the court. Obviously there is no decision whether the prosecution should start afresh or not and there is no decision on guilty or not guilty. But we would also like to appeal adding our voice to Honourable Baloyi, that people should allow court processes to take its due course without interference. Thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Thibedi, followed by Honourable Vilakazi.

**HON. MEC. THIBEDI:**

Well Honourable Deputy Speaker, arising out of what happened in Zimbabwe yesterday; I think we need to make a call especially to the United States and Britain. The highness as well the World Bank to lift sanctions on Zimbabwe immediately, in order to allow Zimbabwe to recover from the political crisis it found itself in. I think we need to make that; otherwise that agreement will be hollow if sanctions still remain.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Vilakazi is covered. Honourable Members we move to the next item.

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**SECRETARY: ITEM NO 6;  
ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
TABLINGS AND  
COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members we will proceed to tabling as per the attached ATC. I will now invite Honourable Mokaila to table a report as contained in the ATC.

**HON. MOKAILA:**

Thank you very much Deputy Speaker. I wish to table the report of the Portfolio Committee on the oversight undertaken by the committee to Madikwe Game Reserve on the 25th and the 26th June 2008. The report is for information to Members, thanks.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

A report is for information to Members as indicated by the Chairperson. I now invite Honourable Mahlakeng to table a report of the Portfolio Committee on Provincial Affairs.

**HON. MAHLAKENG:**

Thank you very much Honourable Deputy Speaker and good morning. I do not know, I have a number of

reports that I wish to table which would be the PSC Reports, or you will call me I do not know what I am going to do, it would be the PSC Reports, three of them, the Municipal Annual Performance Report 2005/6 Reports and North West Housing Corporation 2005/06 and 2006/07 report. The PSC Report on Evaluation on Training needs of Senior Management Honourable Deputy Speaker, I present before your august House for information and also the PSC Report on Batho Pele Principles and Verification of Qualifications. These reports are tabled for information but more importantly wish to draw the attention of the Executive Members to the recommendations.

The North West Housing Corp 2005/06 reports and 2006 report is also tabled for information and Municipal Annual Performance Report 2005/06 Reports is also tabled in this august House for your information. I thank you Deputy Speaker.

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**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

All these reports are also for Members information. I now invite Honourable Mahlangu to table a committee report on the scrutiny of the annual report of the North West provincial Arts and Culture Council 20056/06. HON. MAHLANGU: Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker, I put before your House the report on the committee on the North West Provincial Arts and Culture Council Annual Report for 2006. This report is also for Members information Honourable Deputy Speaker. I thank you.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Honourable Members this report is also for Members' information. Let me also take this opportunity to table a report of the Auditor - General on the accountability, intergrity experiences, these reports stand referred to Public Accounts Committee. Then the report I am tabling it will be distributed to Members. Honourable Members I refer you to the ATC on NCOP business. I will now call Honourable Mahlangu to present a report of the committee regarding the negotiating mandate.

**HON. MAHLANGU:**

Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker. The Portfolio Committee dealt with the business referred to it by this House the National Qualification Framework Bill and the General Further Education and Training Quality Assurance View.

On the 04th September 2008 the National Department Legal Unit and the NCOP permanent delegate Honourable K.A Gaorebe briefed the committee on the National Qualification Frame Work Bill and the General Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Bill.

After consideration of this, then the committee decided to have Public Hearings in Bophirima in Vryburg and Bojanala in Rustenburg on the 11th &12, 2008 respectively. All relevant stakeholders, educators organized labour in the Department of Education, FET Colleges, Councilors and other interested parties were invited to give their inputs in the Bill.

Stakeholders were also given until the 15th September to forward their written inputs to the

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committee, ± 1000 people attended those public hearings. The committee after considering this Bill may I also Honourable Deputy Speaker indicate that one of the issues that was raised by members of the public was that they wanted this Bill to be in the official languages that are spoken in our different communities, particularly the governing bodies were very much interested in the Bill which is written in their mother tongue.

Some of the comments that were made when the Bill was dealt with was that in Chapter 6 clause 30 the Bill must make sure that all other professions have the professional memberships like professional membership for teachers and administrators based on the South African Qualification Authority in terms of Section 13(i) & (ii) to register a professional designation of the National Qualifications Form Frame Work.

Chapter 5 (1) and (iii) with regard to power learning, the Bill must ensure that development of such qualification or part qualifications which may include major for assessment of

learning achievements.

On the amendment or inputs that were made by the public the only Honourable Deputy Speaker consequential amendments that were made, no fundamental amendments were proposed from different committees, therefore the committee would like to support all the consequential amendments to the Bill which were proposed by the committee and also the Department of Education. I thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker.

**HON. DEP. SPEAKER:**

Thank you Honourable Mahlangu. Does the House adopt the negotiating mandate? Yes, Honourable Members I would want to draw your attention that reports as reflected in the ATC are being circulated but there are outstanding reports which will be send to Members offices which are still to be distributed. Honourable Members this concludes the business of today and this House is adjourned until Tuesday the 23rd September 2008 at 10H00. See you at People's Assembly on Thursday in Ganyesa.

**HOUSE ADJOURNED.**