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HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members we will take a moment for silent prayer or meditation. Please take your seats. Next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO 2:
MINUTES OF THE 16th SEP-
TEMBER 2008**

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, I put the minutes of the 16th of September 2008 before you. Are there any corrections? None. Does the House adopt these minutes? Thank you please next item.

**SECRETARY: ITEM NO.3
MOTIONS**

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

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members are there any motions without notice? Honourable Mangqo, Moalusi,

Matladi, Mahlakeng and Honourable Kekesi.

HON. MEC MANGQO:

Honourable Deputy Speaker the African National Congress wishes to make a motion without notice regarding the resignation of the State President Honourable Thabo Mbeki. The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the ANC party met over the weekend from 19-21 September 2008 to reflect on various important national issues. After discussions, amongst others the NEC decided to re-call comrade Thabo Mbeki from the Office of the President of the Republic of South Africa. He has accordingly obliged and resigned and this will take effect from the Thursday the 25th of September 2008.

We note as the ANC that the decision was not taken lightly

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and that it has come with a degree of pain for all involved. At this time we wish to note the many advances that the ANC led government has attained with Comrade Thabo Mbeki at the helm. Political stability, the consideration of our democracy, economic growth and significant advances in social security and we must thank him for his great service to our country. He himself has noted that there are many challenges to be overcome. The ANC has many leaders of comrade Mbeki's caliber and will provide for such a leader. He/she will work in a collective with many others who have been there in this journey of the National Democratic Revolution.

We also appeal to all South Africans to support the government and its new leadership and work with them to promote access to a better life for all. Within the ANC we will continue to work for organizational renewal and unity that the ANC stands for. I thank you Deputy Speaker.

HON. MOALUSI:
Motlotlegi Motlatsa-
Mmusakgotla dumela.

Honourable Deputy Speaker and Members I hereby table that motion without notice to this august House that it is regrettable that the relevant North West Department and its officials have failed, neglected or refused to attend to the recent uprising of the University of the North West. This led to continuous closure of the university, detention of students and destruction of university properties.

We, as the UCDP, believe in the culture of learning because we value education and know that it is the education that holds brighter future for the students and for the province itself. I hope you know the consequences of closure of the educational institution during examinations. It is in this regard that it is disappointing to have such status quo in our university. Furthermore it is disappointing that our province failed or neglected the situation and that the Minister of Education who finally realized the need to calm the situation by sending delegates to attend to the matter so to come to an end.

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Regrettably the help came a little bit too late after the buildings were already burnt down. It is really disappointing considering how that institution came into existence. Ordinary citizens of the then Bophuthatswana collected funds to the amount of R100 000 to ensure that we have this institution. But now it seems people in key position in administration of that institution don't have the best interest of education at heart. I thank you Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members I would want us to deal with these motions one by one. Do we adopt the motion as presented by Honourable Mangqo? Honourable Hattingh.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker I know I am not allowed to debate, I will not debate but I object it as it contains a number of objectionable references which needs to be debated.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Is the any person who would want to speak on this motion?

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker you know the ruling that we are not allowed to debate this. Now you are inviting a debate. I will debate it. You said we cannot debate motions without notice.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

If a motion is tabled, and that motion contains debatable aspects, this is not what Honourable Hattingh is saying. You did not use the word debatable aspects.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker I said, I am not allowed to debate it. that is an indication that I want to debate it but I am not allowed to debate it. If you want to bent the rules again, it contains debatable issues and therefore I object to the motion if you wish us to debate it we can debate on the issues which is irregular but we can do it now.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Manqgo?

HON. MEC MANQGO:

Thank you Deputy Speaker. I suggest that the House adopt the motion and in and area

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where I sit that motion is strong and it doesn't contain aspects that are debatable, because there are no issues that are ambiguous about the motion so I therefore move that we adopt the motion.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Now Honourable Members, the Rules of this Legislature is very clear on this matter. If the motion is tabled, and some Members in their view think that there are debatable aspects in it, we then convert that motion without notice to a notice of motion. So that it is that process that will determine whether there is a debatable aspects in the motion or there are no debatable aspects and therefore we conclude this motion in a sense that we get it converted into notice of motion.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker I don't think it's automatic. The Honourable Member said she does not wish to convert it. There is nobody that moves that it should be converted. It is your own interpretation.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Manqgo we revert to you. Do you agree that your motion be converted into a notice of motion? There are two options. It's either you agree to convert it or you withdraw the motion.

HON. MEC MANQGO:

Deputy Speaker, if the House so wishes let's convert the motion without notice to a notice of motion. Not on the basis of Honourable Hattingh but that the House is in agreement that it should be like that.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

I have heard the part that I want to hear. Honourable Members we now move to a motion as tabled by Honourable Moalusi on the university.

HON. MALOYI:

Deputy Speaker we object because there are debatable aspects in that motion.

I think we have gone through this process it should be easy now. Honourable Moalusi, you have two options. You either withdraw your motion or convert it to a notice of motion.

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HON. MOALUSI:

I am converting it to a notice of motion. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members we are proceeding. Mme Matladi.

HON. MATLADI:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The United Christian Democratic Party hereby tables a motion without notice. It regrets the resignation of President Thabo Mbeki which was announced on the 20th September 2008 based on the judgement of Judge Nicholson on Mr. Jacob Zuma, President of the ANC 's case. We hope President Mbeki's resignation wouldn't have negative consequences for South Africa.

The UCDP applauds President Thabo Mbeki for his address to the nation on Sunday which proved him a good leader, intelligent and a leader with vision. I am sure you can bear that he has led this country showing these characteristics. This Honourable since he has obeys the views and principles of his own party that have deployed him into the position of presi-

dency. UCDP ya re mo ntlheng e, Modimo tshegofatsa fatshe le, go rene kagiso le kutlwano. Tshegofatsa setšhaba sa Afrika Borwa le yona puso ya rona. Ke a go leboga.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, is there any person who wants to speak on this motion? In the absence of anything on this motion we take it that the House adopts the motion.

HON. MADODA:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, does Honourable Hattingh fully agree with the motion read by Honourable Matladi because it is the same as that one of Honourable ...[Interrupted]....

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Madoda you are out of order. The role of the presiding officer is not to compare motions as tabled in the House is to ask the House if it has been listening to the motion of Honourable Matladi. I said : "Does the House agree with the motion? The House does. So the motion is adopted. I don't have to compare motions as tabled. Ntate Moruti Tselapedi ,

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ke kopa gore o itshware moruti.
The next Member.

HON. MAHLAKENG:

A ke ho lebohe mohlomphehi motlatsi wa moetapele ma Ntlo. Mokhahlo o moholoholo wa ANC o kopa ho beya ka pele ho Ntlo ena ya hao ka meferefere e ho bonahalang e ntse e etsahala sekolong se sehloho mo yunivesiting ya Mafikeng Campus. Ho tloha ka Lapogo Hlakubele monongwaha ho bonahala ha baithuti sekolong seno, ba ile ba kena mekolokong ya boitseko mme mekoloko ena e se etsahetse ha ngata.

Hoo ho latela ka moo campus ena e leng hona teng e leng situated in a previously disadvantaged area, mme ho kwalwa ha yona ka makhetlo a mangata ho beya tlokotsing batho bao ba futsanehileng bao ba phelang sebakeng sena. Mme boemong bona bona, se beya le tsietsing nako e e lahlehang ya bana ba sekolo e ka sitana le batho ba ba rupelelang mono sekolong seno. Ka hona re bona ntho ena e le bothata ba kobo ya khomo mohlomphehi Motlatsammusakhotla. Le ha ho le jwalo, re ne re re re tshwela

ka mathe ketsahalo ya dikhoka tse ho bonahalang di ntse di etsahala merefereng ena e ntse e etsahala mona yunivesiting ena ya North West mme re re ka hona letona le le ikarabelang la thuto la naha le nke mehato e e nepahetseng. Ke a ho leboha mohlomphehi wa ka.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Any comments on this motion?
Does the House adopt the motion? Yes. We proceed.

HON. KEKESI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker the ANC rises to place a motion without notice to inform your House about the Heritage Day, which is commemorated every year on the 24th of September. This is one of the public holidays and its significance rests in recognizing aspects South African culture which are both tangible and difficult to pin down, creative, expression, our historical inheritance, language, the food we eat as well as the land in which we live.

Within a broader social and political context, the days event are powerful for South African identity, fostering reconciliation

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and promoting the nation that variety is a national asset as opposed to igniting conflict. The theme for this year's Heritage Day is "Celebrating our dance, our heritage". The provincial celebration will be held in Matlosana. I thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members do you adopt the motion? The motion is adopted we proceed. I think this brings us to the end of Honourable Members who had to put motions without notice. Honourable Members I want to draw the attention that there are two notices of motions posed during the last sitting and I will start by inviting Honourable Hattingh to read his notice of motion.

HON. HATTINGH:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker may I just enquire if there may be an opportunity to register or table new notices of motion after this? I hope so thank you. Honourable Deputy Speaker I hereby give notice of motion referring to the response of the MEC for Agriculture, question 080805- W41 that "the

a resolution of the Public Accounts Committee remains a resolution of that committee and not the House even if such a resolution was accepted by the House" the North West 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. That is the motion that I tabled.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members is there any one who would want to comment on this notice of motion.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker I don't know maybe you have participated in such a situation, normally one tables it and gets the opportunity to motivate it and at that stage you may request some further debates on the issue.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

No. Honourable Hattingh the approach is not different. What I wanted is to get an indication whether there are Members who intend participating in this motion. Once I have an indica-

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tion, I would revert to you to open a debate. If there are no Members I will give you further instructions. Are there any Members who would like to participate in this motion? In the absence of anybody I now defer the matter to Honourable Hattingh to participate on this debate.

HON. HATTINGH:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker, it is not about the incorporation of the directorate of the entrepreneurial development into the department as a trading account. It is got to do with the principle that the MEC stands up in this House and says I don't regard any decisions any resolutions of the Public Accounts Committee which has become the decision of this House. I don't regard it. That is what he said in his response. Let me read it again "the resolution of the Public Accounts Committee remains the resolution of that committee it doesn't go any further just that. We can have meetings week after week of public hearings and we can come up with resolutions it means nothing to this House, to this MEC and to

the Executive or to the Premier. It doesn't have any impact.

He continues even if such resolution was accepted by the House living it unambiguous it disregard any decision of this House if it comes from a committee specifically from a senior committee such as Public Accounts. Honourable Deputy Speaker is horrible that such an attitude is forthcoming out of the executive. I don't think that what we are doing here we take resolutions. We are wasting each other's time and I think that we need this House to come out strong and say what's the attitude is. What is the decision this House about resolutions being accepted in this House. And this is really water shed. If what the MEC stated can stand in this House then I think the Public Accounts Committee can be disbanded its got no status nothing. We don't need it. So in motivating my motion I want to say that we need to consider very carefully what has happened here. If the MEC can stand in this we don't need Public Accounts infact we don't need committees.

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Perhaps the MEC was ill informed by some officials in his department. But still if that was the case he needs to withdraw his response to the question rephrase and come back to the House. Honourable Deputy Speaker I call for support for this motion because it really touches the integrity not only of this House also of the Public Accounts Committee. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Mme Molewa.

HON. PREMIER:
Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. I realize that the MEC is not in the House today. One is not sure whether there has been an apology perhaps given to the Chief Whip. But as the debate unfolds I hear that Honourable Member Hattingh refers the Executive and the Premier. I don't know if there has been a moment where this matter which is under debate now has ever been referred to the Premier or has there ever been the situation where the Premier stood up in this House or the executive stood up in this House to do as the Honourable

Member alleges.

This is a matter that has been debated in the portfolio committee as we learn which is a matter that has never been debated in the Executive Council so I think that it is important that as the Honourable Member debates, he really sticks to the debate as they took place in the portfolio committee and in this House. There is no where, where it has been stated by the Honourable Member I suppose that there is an EXCO involvement. We do have a clause in the Constitution of this Republic of South Africa that talks about accountability to this Legislature. So I just thought that it is important to note that we are not however distancing ourselves as executive but when it is necessary we will do so. I for one does not actually understand even the issue under discussion now and therefore I will find it very difficult and say yes we support the view as in the absence of the Honourable Member perhaps it might be necessary that the Honourable Member gets an opportunity to debate this matter. He is not

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here and also raise the matter as he has raised perhaps even in a question as Honourable Member Hattingh suggest but as for the other thing about the executive I think that it actually expanded from this debate. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, Honourable Hattingh rises on procedure and I think he is correct. If the portfolio committee presents recommendations to the House and the House adopts those recommendations, it then become the recommendations of the House. So resolution of the House supersedes the recommendation of the committee. On the procedural point, I think Honourable Serfontein has missed the point. It is only fair to do what Honourable Hattingh has requested. Link up with the MEC for Agriculture to correct this area and possibly come back to the House and say that yes is true that a resolution of the House supersedes the recommendations of the committee.

But I think the Premier is correct as well. When Honourable

Serfontein presents response to that question, he did not respond on behalf of the executive council nor when he replied the question was replying on behalf of the executive council. He was replying the question in his capacity as the Member of the Executive Council for that department. I am not even sure but I think other Members of the Executive don't even know the details of the response and therefore it can't be an executive thing. It can't be issue that affects Members of the Executive except to say it is a matter that affects a member of the Executive Council responsible for Agriculture and I accept that we need to correct that area. It will be at that precedent to allow this thing to proceed. Honourable Members we are over with this matter. Honourable Hattingh and Honourable Manqgo.

HON. HATTINGH:

May I just conclude this motion please?

HON. MANQGO:

Thanks Honourable Deputy Speaker I think that the matter as you have indicated there is

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largely accepted. I need to remind Honourable Hattingh that resolutions of the portfolio committee or any other committee are enforceable by both the Auditor-General and other bodies that plays oversight both to the Legislature and to the Executive which is why you would find that in your annual report and auditor's report the Auditor-General will have the portion that indicates the extent to which resolutions of the committee has been addressed and thus been taken into consideration. I also need to point out that the challenge we are dealing with is a matter of implementation of a decision and how it got to be interpreted by both the Member of this House and the Member of the Executive Council. Now I am going to plead with Honourable Hattingh that we should not be opportunistic and utilize the Legislature to enforce implementation of decision even if at some level there has been misinterpretation of how resolutions get to be implemented and enforceable.

At the point where Honourable Hattingh had probably made a

determination that the department is not able to implement a decision, my suggestion is that Honourable Hattingh must report back to the committee so that the committee debates the matter and the department is recalled back to the committee. So that there could be a fair presentation of facts and consideration of matters that let to the department not to implement such a decision. It does not become a matter of scoring points at this point and at this august House. So I am going to suggest that the matter should be referred back and whatever the matter is, so that matters of principle which we all subscribe to all the time should remain and must be enforceable so this matter must be taken back there and the motion must then be go back. I think that Honourable Hattingh has made his point and we understand exactly and we interpret it the same way. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

You see Honourable Members please what we are discussing here is the response of Honourable Serfontein to the question posed by Honourable

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Hattingh and the response is wrong because you can't say in essence what he's response is saying, it says the resolutions of the portfolio committee remains the resolutions of that committee despite the decision of the House. That is the area we want to correct. Not implementation. Honourable Maloyi before I revert back to Honourable Hattingh to close.

HON. MALOYI:

Deputy Speaker I have received a letter from Honourable Serfontein indicating that he will not be part of this sitting today. He also indicated that he would want to put some issues into some perspective. We will therefore suggest that we must agree with Honourable Manqgo that instead of the House voting to this motion today we should have this motion on the table in the next sitting where Honourable Serfontein will be present to put certain aspects of his response into perspective. Having done so, we will then as the ANC, because I am responding on behalf of the ANC agree or disagree with what has been presented before us.

HON. DEP SPEAKER:

Before you speak Honourable Hattingh I will come back to you. I am going to allow Honourable Hattingh to speak but with all Members present here today, there is an element of the audi alteram partem rule that is being raised which I will address after Honourable Hattingh has spoken. I don't want to raise it before because it might influence whatever he is going to say.

HON. HATTINGH:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. It is very strange on the words introduced to this House by Honourable Manqgo, the word opportunistic. It comes to mind when the Chief Whip gets up at number 99 of this debate and says listen, stop this debate a bit I've got a letter in my possession after listening at the way a debate is going. I think we will stop it here and continue next week. Why didn't he stand up when you put the motion Honourable Deputy Speaker? I think this is opportunistic. Extremely opportunistic and it is not going about the details and perhaps I must say to the Premier I take your point.

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The fact is that we presume that the executive acts as a collective. Normally they get up as in the past and they act as a collective. The question became the property of this House, the response and there was not a single voice from the executive objected to the words that the resolution remains of the committee when it was put.

Not a single one of the....
[Interruption] yes, Honourable Manqgo stands up on a different matter. I don't want to go into the details of the response. But it is about procedure. Perhaps a bit of difference of opinion which Legislature does not execute any decisions; it doesn't enforce anything that is in the hands of the executive. Not us and if the executive fails it will be reported to this House by the Auditor- General. Honourable Deputy Speaker I think to ask you either we conclude this debate here before you put your status of audi alteram partem or we have to start the debate afresh. On the next opportunity where everybody can react also to the inputs of Honourable Serfontein.

I presume that because of the very unprocedural and very late and opportunistic input by the Chief Whip which was expected we conclude the debate and this matter and refer to the next sitting... ..[interrupted]

HON. MALOYI:

That Member on a continuous basis is saying the Chief Whip is opportunistic. Can you tell this man to stop this nonsense Honourable Deputy Speaker? Now this Member on a continuous basis says the Chief Whip is opportunistic. The Chief Whip is not opportunistic. He was simply providing information to this House and you will recall Deputy Speaker that in the morning in the Presiding officer's meeting of which the Whip attended that meeting, we did highlight this point and we have thought that at some point the Presiding Officer will highlight this point that is why the Chief Whip was quite on the matter because we thought that we have addressed it at the Presiding officer's meeting. Now the Chief Whip is not opportunistic. Now this nonsense must not be repeated in this House.

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HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members listen to me very carefully. I heard somebody asking what this thing is when I was speaking about audi alteram partem Rule. This means before you make a judgement or decision or conclusion on the matter you are bound to listen to the other party. Now we have listened to Honourable Hattingh's view and he has argued it adequately. It will not be fair to make judgement about Honourable Jan Serfontein in his absence, secondly without even having listened to his version. Whether his version is right or wrong but I think in terms of that principle he needs to be given an opportunity.

Honourable Maloyi is correct. When we were given this information about Honourable Serfontein, this morning at the presiding, I was doubtful with whether we should continue with this notice of motion in his absence but I allowed the motion to proceed in his absence because the minutes of the previous meeting say it will be debated in this sitting. But having debated it, I will plead

with Honourable Hattingh that for now let us reserve the conclusion because I think part of the process in this debate is to correct. Now we can't correct Honourable Serfontein in absentia. So that when we conclude we must then say procedure on this motion was solved in this way, so that, that is not repeated in future.

My humble plea to Honourable Hattingh is that we have debated this matter but we put the judgement on arrears so that we do it in the presence of Honourable Serfontein. We will then come to a conclusion and say you have been given an opportunity to present your case we have now made a judgement and this is the conclusion. I think Honourable would agree with me to do that.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker yes obviously Honourable Serfontein did not hear I or anybody opportunistic or nor opportunistic have said. I suppose you will then have to listen to him and then after I have listened to him and any body else has because he may be bringing a new dimen-

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sion to the debate. If that is the understanding then I agree to that. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

So this matter is closed for now. It will then be dealt with in the next sitting in the presence of Honourable Serfontein. Any other motion without notice? Honourable Groenewald.

HON. GROENEWALD:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. Must I read it first, or continue with the debate?

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

You first introduce it by reading it.

HON. GROENEWALD:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker. The DA is concerned about the collapse of services in the Tswaing Municipality as also emphasized by the repeated Disclaimer Audit Opinion issued by the Auditor-General. The DA also takes notice of a motion of no confidence that was unanimously accepted by the Ottosdal Community on the 15th September in a public meeting led by the oversight committee of the Tswaing Council.

Honourable Deputy Speaker, the way the municipalities are functioning in the North West Province are unacceptable and to the benefit of no residence of all in the communities. The way services are collapsing in the Tswaing area and the reported Disclaimer Audit Report issued by the Auditor-General, to the whole department of Local Government in a bad line. Clearly it seems that the department has totally lost control over most of the municipalities in the province because of bad service delivery to the tax payer and residents or communities.

The DA wants to see that the strong action is being taken from the MEC and his department to uplift the services and also to see that mayors and municipal managers do their jobs as it is expected from them. They must also see to it that experienced and skilled people are appointed and to see that the services are handled in a professional manner. The absence of the mayor and municipal manager at the public report branch meeting on the 15th of September is unacceptable. Since the residents wanted

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answers on the way the budget in the previous financial year was handled and the money was spent.

Agbare Speaker, dit is vir die DA onaanvaarbaar dat hierdie tipe van praktyk orals in die provinsie besig is om plaas te vind, dit gebeur dat van die inwoners besig is om hulle balasting gelde te weerhou en nie te betaal vir hulle dienste nie as gevolg van swak dienste; en ek dink dit is ? praktyk wat ons nie kan bekostig op hierdie stadium nie. En ek wil dit regtig voor die deur van die MEC lê omdat daar nie disipline in ons plaaslike besture is nie. Die burgermeesters, munisipale bestuurders, maak net soos hulle wil. Hulle spandeer geld op goed wat nie begroot is nie en ons kan nie daarmee voortgaan nie. Ons gaan hierdie hele provinsie in cha'os dompel en die DA wil dit baie sterk beklemtoon vanoggend en baie erenstig vra dat die LUR dringend in hierdie saak sal kyk en sal kyk dat ons hierdie saak kan regstel en dat hy ook sal antwoord op die munisipaliteite en lede van die publiek wat vrae vra oor hoekom daar disfunksie is in die

plaaslike besture. Ek dank u.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members that was opening a debate on that notice of motion. Is there anybody who would want to speak on this notice of motion?

HON. MEC YAWA:

Deputy Speaker I am sure that I must respond to the motion raised by the Honourable Groenewald. He alleges that there is a collapse of services. Underline that he alleges that there is collapse of services in Tswaing Municipality. Honourable Deputy Speaker without really running away from the challenges that we have but the assesion that there is collapse of services is an understatement. The Honourable member speaks about the loss of control by the department is not quite specific. What does the Honourable Member mean when he says there is lack of control ?

He also speaks about the absence of the mayor and the management on the oversight visit which took place on the

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15th of September. After this motion Honourable Speaker I spoke to both of the councilors, the mayor and the municipal manager. Yesterday there was an imbizo at the very same municipality, having taken place in Ottosdal where the mayor was telling me about the projects that are taking place in the municipality.

They have deployed the resources to build the clinic in the municipality. As well as the unblocking of the house project in the municipality. There are also many projects that are taking place. My assumption will be when the municipality said was collapsed it means that it cannot honour any of its statutory obligations. That municipality has not reached that situation. It is paying its salaries timeously it has been paying the creditors. When I undertook the visit to the municipality I was quite worried as a person Honourable Deputy Speaker about the amount that goes to the operational cost visa versa the amount that has to go to the projects; that is capital projects. Having set with the municipality they are beginning to address that Honourable

Deputy Speaker.

When we were there we had the salary budget of about 56 % that was for operational costs now since the salary budget has reduced to 44 the municipality is doing its best to do application that it is at the sphere of government. On the community participation is the moving quite fine. As I have said Honourable Deputy Speaker that there are challenges the Honourable Member also alluded to the Auditor-General's opinion which is now public knowledge that our municipalities have not performed well in the Auditor-General's opinion.

Therefore my department with the Auditor-General(AG) are working side by side to make a point that issues that were raised as matters as emphasize as the AG 's report are addressed because the AG's report is with you as long the issue that were raised in the previous financial year are not addressed so we are working together with the AG as office to make a point that we address the issues raised. My department which is said to have not

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exercise control is working with the municipality to correct the organogram of the municipality because I found the organogram not really talking to the function that is supposed to be undertaken by the municipality. So my department is working hard with that municipality.

Is never important or quite wise Honourable Deputy Speaker to not give the people the time to learn and also correct whatever mistakes committed with them so that they learn from their mistakes. So I am cooperating with the municipality to address the issues that the Honourable Member is raising. I want to say once more that we have challenges of lack of finances in the municipality especially those that are small and do not have the quite good tax revenue based and are highly dependant on equitably share but as for the budget that might be earmarked for me to be used for operational cost. So I just wanted to clarify those issues that municipality is running and is also taking its own challenges and we hope that they are going to run because they are keen to learn. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Ntate Hattingh, Mahlakeng, and then I will go back to Honourable Groenewald.

HON. HATTINGH:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker I have listen to the Honourable MEC and I think he really underestimate the problem in local authorities. I was in Ottosdal in Tswaing on that evening and I also have a look on what is going on there and it has been going on for a very long because it is not my first visit there. I have been to Sannieshof and Delareyville. We are talking about sewage in the streets, collapse of water supply, there is no reliable water supply any more. We are talking about the failure of the municipality to pay for a simple repair of a tractor that must be used to pump out the switch. So somebody will have to come aand be paid for that, just to assist the municipality. We talk about it. It is not important anymore for those people. They have gone back to basics. They do not talk about potholes in the street anymore.

They have high priorities, the health and switch contamination

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and the quality of water. We also see that the community goes out and the person there who actually out of her own pocket manufactured and refuge bins because the municipality failed to replace them. They were stolen. So they go out of their pocket and rescue them. They are totally not performing well. They are really going down and we don't see any effect of project consolidate. What we see is that there are organizations that actually propagate the withholding of rates and it is happening in our town, in our province. But it appears it doesn't affect the municipality. They go on business as usual. It doesn't affect them. Honourable Deputy Speaker still on these conditions, as regular as a clock municipalities are paying out performance bonuses.

I cannot understand it. Services delivery is collapsing and in communities we have seen it, the blocking of roads, the burning of tyres, and the officials out there and councilors continuing with the payout annual performance bonuses. I do not understand it. This is very serious and if the logo for this year was

"business unusual" it was mentioned in this House. We cannot say business unusual if we go there and we see the steady decline and nobody cares about it anymore. And if somebody cares, it is certainly not visible. Deputy Speaker, I strongly support the motion of Honourable Groenewald.

HON. MAHLAKENG:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker I stand to wish to remind the Honourable Member Groenewald the fact that Ottosdal does not necessarily suggest the Tswaing Local Municipality is one town out of the Tswaing Local Municipality and therefore that generalization is incorrect. Notwithstanding what the Honourable MEC has said it is also clear that this particular meeting because after the motion was put we also tried to understand what the situation was all about. Many of the people living in this particular area were not aware of this alleged meeting and I am saying the DA meeting should not be construed to have been a committee meeting when they are attending to their party issues and for that reason we cannot

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take them serious.

I am saying if as the ANC we call a meeting we cannot come into this House and say a community e ne e fihlile mona ya be e phasa vote of no confidence in that municipality. It is an allegation and I am saying in as far as I am aware the Honourable Member's Setswana sa hae is very limited. Ke a makala ha a re unanimously batho ba Ottosdal ba ile ba phasa a vote of no confidence on that municipality. So ke ne ke re Honourable Deputy Speaker, the Honourable Member, Ottosdal does not represent the whole Tswaing. In that area even Ottosdal itself as Honourable MEC has said there are projects that are going on clinics are going on. It is true there are challenges. I want to point that his Setswana is very limited and indeed Ottosdal does not represent Tswaing. I thank you.

HON. GROENEWALD:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Chair. I just want to react on the previous speaker. That is, this meeting was not a DA meeting. It was a meeting organized by the municipality and that was

one of the similar meetings.

There were three (3) meetings in that area and I think that was the last one. It representative by councils as well, Setswana councilors so I think that was an ordinary meeting. I listened to the MEC and we as the DA are quite willing to give people a chance unskilled people, skilled people, to learn and better their skills to deliver better services to the communities. The DA gets the hand on the problems as stated by Honourable Hattingh and we are there to support the department. We are not there to criticize you the whole time. But we are there to support you and we want you from the DA side give us an opportunity to make inputs in this kind of things. And I think we can do it. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members, this now us brings us to the end of notices of motions. I was supposed to have done this at the beginning to welcome Honourable Molema from her long illness. My apology for having started with this matter. It is an important matter which I was supposed to have started with. And as proceedings went on I

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realized the mistake. I corrected my mistake and please do not kill me for that. Honourable Members are there any other new notices of motions? Honourable Hattingh, Honourable Groenewald.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, on behalf of the DA I hereby present a notice of a motion that this House registers a serious concern about irregularities in the North West Parks and Tourism Board that happened over an extended period of time as it was reported by the Auditor-General and a call for the immediate replacement of the North West Parks and Tourism Board. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Notice is noted. Ntate Africa, ema pele. We do not speak on notice. Ntate Hattingh is placing a notice. No, no! What you want to say now will form part of your response when we debate this notice. Honourable Groenewald.

HON. GROENEWALD:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker... [Interrupted by

Honourable MEC Africa].

HON. MEC. AFRICA:

Deputy Speaker can I just, I know that sometimes Honourable Hattingh is overtaken not by logic but emotions. And this matter Chair, it is better that as we[Interruption] the department has decided to deal with it in a different manner.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Africa please, with all due respect [Intereruption]

HON. MEC. AFRICA:

Honourable Hattingh has and I have challenged him on one debate. I want to challenge him on all of them... [Interrupted by Honourable Dep. Speaker]...

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Africa please, please. Honourable Groenewald.

HON. GROENEWALD:

Honourable Deputy Speaker the DA moves this august House strongly condemn the ongoing disruption, vandalism and arson that appears to be rampant at the Mafikeng North West

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University.

It is unacceptable that this situation can be tolerated by the Department of Education and relevant authorities. Millions of rands are estimated in damage to various buildings, furniture and vehicles. The DA is seriously concerned as the normal academic activities have been disrupted for the past three weeks.

The DA calls on the Department of Education nationally and provincially, the MEC Honourable Tselapedi to restore a climate conducive to teaching and learning on the Mafikeng Campus. The DA strongly urges that the necessary disciplinary action be taken against the perpetrators. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members we have noted two notices of motions and please relevant Members of the Executive Council and relevant Members of the Portfolio Committee to which the two notices belong please take note and prepare yourself for the debate in the next Sitting, that is the only option you have.

Honourable Madoda.

HON. MADODA:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, I think we already have the same notice of motions from Honourable Moalusi as this one of Honourable Groenewald, you will therefore find a way to reconcile them.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

You see, when I say to the House, it is not the role of the preceding officer to compare motions, Honourable Groenewald says I am placing a notice of motions for debate in the next Sitting, which Honourable Moalusi did not do. Now I cannot stop, allow or disallow a Member if he wants to debate. I am being advised by people who are supposed to advise me. I am saying I am being advised by people who are supposed to advise that Deputy Speaker the earlier motion on this matter was converted into a notice of motion. So Honourable Madoda was correct to take the two because it speaks to the same thing. So whoever wants to debate on this matter, that debate is coming please go and prepare yourself.

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Can we proceed to the next item.

SECRETARY: ITEM NO 4; INTERPELLATIONS AND QUESTIONS.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

The question paper and we look at question 1; a question on Honourable Hattingh to the MEC for Health.

HON. MEC. RASMENI:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker, the question posed by Honourable Hattingh to the MEC for Health reads as follows: The first question is that, kindly indicate if any hospitals in the North West are being considered to be downgraded to health centers. Yes, the department is currently embarking on the process of reconfiguration of health institutions. It is most important that correct terminology be considered during this process to minimize unnecessary misinformation during this important process, the process known as reconfiguration of facilities.

PAUSED: 20/10

In this process the number of deaths will be adjusted by the

level of district health care services offered in the districts and sub-district will remain the same. These are known as level one services which are those typically provided by medical officers or general practitioners supported by specialists, physicians and the outreach of the regional or level two hospitals as approved by EXCO.

The department hospital reconfiguration proposal on 06th December 2007. In this document the department reconfiguration plan is outlined, it is a very detailed report Honourable Speaker, which contains all the questions that have been asked by the Honourable Member Hattingh. Its Annexure A is here. I table it. It is a document of about 15 pages. I hope that your House will allow me to circulate this particular document and it is not necessary to go through it. And question 2 and if so, kindly provide the names of these hospitals and envisaged dates of implementation.

The names of the subsidies are contained in Annexure A; the document which is also tabled here in the legislature.

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Question 3; Kindly provide the reasons for the downgrading of hospitals. As stated in this submission, the department now has sufficient information and the legislative issues, strategic and policy framework to reconfigure each hospital to truly meet the needs of the communities it serves. In the North West Province, Health Department has successfully unified the fragmented provincial services of the apartheid era besides a shape of the health system infrastructure therefore is to enlarge extent a legacy of history rather than design based on the needs of the population.

Inextricably linked to the number, size and distribution of the hospitals is the network of community health centers which they serve as well as the surrounding clinics that intend to fit into the community health centers. The imperative therefore is to take this opportunity to reconfigure the North West Service Hospital and seek to enable the department to achieve its objectives and provide the quality infrastructure to meet future needs.

Once agreement has been reached on this reconfiguration the process of placement and sizing of clinics can be undertaken in a similar manner. An example of some of the reasons for the downgrade is that, an example of Gelukspan Hospital, Thusong Hospital, Koster Hospital their utilization and bed occupancy and in some hospitals we have got hospitals that only receive patients at 13,5%. Clearly this is a waste of resources therefore optimum utilization of resources had to be sought.

This reconfiguration will correctly place and ... [Inaudible]... the facilities to optimize human resources capital, to ensure that all levels can make National norm. It will also offer a security to running facilities, this move towards meeting the aspirations of the new South African dispensation being involved change and therefore this process will require clear communication to all stakeholders. The National Facility definitions provide the basis on which service packages and associated level of care are determined from this flow the staffing and budget pro-

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gram allocation. Incorrect configuration of level of clear results in a costly waste resources.

Question 4. How many health facilities have been downgraded during 2006/07, 2007/08 and up to date ? Thus far none.

However, the implementation plan is envisaged to occur over the long term and the implementation term including costs and funding its currently being finalized by the department for submission to EXCO for consideration and approval. Thank you very much Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members we proceed to question 2 on the question paper. Honourable Hattingh.

HON. HATTINGH:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, this is not a question so I just would like to thank the Honourable Member for walking the extra mile in providing a response which is certainly an example in terms of some of the responses we do get in this House.

I thank her specifically for adding this policy document, the Annexure A and I would also certainly think the committee would like to engage the MEC and the department further on the implementation of this. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members question 2 it is also an oral reply, a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC of Local Government.

HON. MEC. YAWA:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker of the House. I will just go through the question; I would like you to give me the permission Honourable Deputy Speaker so that I am accurate on everything that I give to the House on each and every date that has been asked so if with your permission I have also consulted the Honourable Member, I would like to answer next week.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

The permission is granted Honourable Yawa. It is granted because I take note that your question is tabled for the second time. If it was tabled for the

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third time I would not have given you that permission. We proceed to question 3; it is a question that needs written reply, a question of Honourable Groenewald, you know people who are sitting in front of me here their work is to advice me and they are doing so.

They advice me that the response to question 2 which Honourable Yawa says it will be answered in the next Sitting is been distributed here, so we must withdraw it so that we do not cause confusion, because somebody else might say no but this question was responded to in the last Sitting, when the MEC requested that it be responded in the next Sitting. We proceed to question 3.

HON. MEC. YAWA:
Honourable Speaker ... [interrupted by Honourable Deputy Speaker]

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
The response to that question is tabled because it is presented for the third time and it is a written reply.

HON. MEC. YAWA:

I hereby do table.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
We proceed to question 4, a question of Honourable Groenewald to the MEC of Education.

HON. MEC. TSELAPEDI:
Ke e Motlotlegi.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
The response is tabled. Question 5, is a question tabled for the second time, question of Honourable Groenewald to the MEC of Education.

HON. MEC. TSELAPEDI:
Le yone ke a e baya Motlotlegi.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
The answer is tabled. Question 6, the question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC Public Works.

HON. MEC. THIBEDI:
We will table it in the next sitting Honourable Deputy Speaker.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:
Question 7, a question of Honourable Hattingh to the MEC for Education.

HON. MEC. TSELAPEDI:

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Ke a e baya Motlotlegi.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Question 8. A question of Honourable Groenewald to the MEC for Education.

HON. MEC. TSELAPEDI:

Ke a e baya Motlotlegi.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Nako e nngwe ga ke re Moruti Tselapedi o dira go tlaa seatla, batho ba re ke buwa ka gore ke tsala ya me. Question 9. It is a question of Honourable Hattingh to MEC for Roads, Transport and Public Safety.

HON. MEC. VILAKAZI:

I will table in the next Sitting sir.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Table in the next Sitting. Question 10, is a question of Honourable Groenewald to the MEC for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment. It is a question tabled for the first time and the MEC for the Agriculture is not present but will draw his attention to this question so that he gets prepared. Question 11 a question of Honourable Groenewald to the MEC for Health.

HON. MEC. RASMENI:

Honourable Speaker, I table the response.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Question 12, a question of Honourable Gerber to MEC for Transport, Roads and Public Safety.

HON. MEC. VILAKAZI:

Will respond in the next sitting.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Next sitting. Question 13, Honourable Gerber to MEC for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment. Do we also noting that this question is tabled for the first time but we also draw the attention for the MEC of relevant department for two outstanding questions that need to be responded to into the next sitting. Honourable Members this brings us to the end of questions and interpellations. Next item.

SECRETARY: ITEM NO 5. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Honourable Members does any Member have a statement to make in terms of Rule 138 ?

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Ntate Vilakazi.

HON. MEC. VILAKAZI:

Honourable Deputy Speaker, pardon my voice I have a flu. On Saturday this weekend we will host the International Air Show at the Mafikeng International Airport. Members are invited for that occasion. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

That sounds more like an announcement than a statement, but let us proceed and I think Members agreed with this statement especially when you are invited. Honourable Makume.

HON. MAKUME:

Thank you Deputy Speaker, the ANC rises to place a motion without notice to inform your House about the unveiling of a monument... [Interrupted by Honourable Deputy Speaker].

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

No no! We are on statements.

HON. MAKUME:

Yes, it is a statement about Saturday on the 28th September at Setlopo Village in Mafikeng in

commemoration with the Barolong victims who died during the battle of Tigelo 144 years ago.

Historically Barolong were defeated by the Boers during war and among the flames where several Barolong princess including Tawana, Molema, Makgetla and his brother Phetlhu whom their names were embedded on the monument in their honour. The event was organized by the Barolong Boo-Ratshidi Tribal Office in conjunction with the South African Heritage Resources Agency. We commend the organizers for this historic event at the time our country is celebrating its heritage and for reminding African children about their heroes who died while resisting Boer control. Pula Barolong, I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Next item.

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

HON. DEP. SPEKAER:

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Honourable Members during the Sitting of last week, the Honourable Mahlakeng tabled the report on Municipal Annual Performance Report 2005/06 for your information. This report belongs to the Department of Developmental Local Government and Housing. If we check into the procedure that report was suppose to have been tabled by the MEC for that department and not Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee and that report was referred to the Portfolio Committee. MEC I urge you to follow the right procedure and submit report the report to the Office of the Speaker for tabling to avoid further confusion.

Ntate Mahlakeng I am not sure why Honourable Members are behaving in the manner in they do. We are saying in the sets of report that you have tabled, amongst those reports there was a report which was not supposed to be tabled by the Chairperson, which was supposed to have been tabled by the MEC, and that is a report on the Municipal Annual Performance Report which was not supposed to have been

tabled by yourself and our worry is that it might cause confusion because some people might say it is the MEC who is supposed to present this report instead of the Chairperson. Now we want to correct that. I do not know if you do not want us to correct it.

HON. MAHLAKENG:

Can we assist you Sir, I do not know if you have been advised correctly this time around. The report that is presented was the committee report as a result of the Annual Report that was presented and I think it was on the 06th of May this year by the Honourable MEC and not the other way round. So, I am not quite too sure but I will be advised by you after you have been advised by the people who are supposed to advise you. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Let's take this matter up because it is a matter of procedure after this Sitting. I will now invite Honourable Mokaila to table the reports of the Portfolio Committee on the Scrutiny of Report as listed in the ITC. I suppose there is somebody standing in for Honourable

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Mokaila

HON. KEKESI:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker, on behalf of Honourable Mokaila Chairperson of Finance and Economic Development I table the report for information. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

The report is for Members' information. I now invite the Premier Honourable BEE Molewa to table Annual Reports of various government departments as listed in the ATC but if there is an additional report which is not listed if the Premier intends tabling, please do so. Let us make sure that copies of the reports that are not listed in the ATC are also in the House so that we are not accused later that we did not do what we are suppose to do. Honourable Premier.

HON. PREMIER:

Thank you very much Honourable Deputy Speaker. I am not sure about the hips of documents that are in front of all other Members; if they are the same as the one which is in

front of me, I am trying to address the matter you raised. Now let us ensure that they are circulated, but what I have here in front of me is certainly what appears on the ATC. We 'll accept the PSC Report: Sixth Consolidated Public Service Monitoring and Evaluation System Report. That is number one, which I think will probably have to decide Honourable Speaker if it with the table; then we shall take it as tabled. I do hear that it is available. So we table report number one, report number 1, report number 2, report number 3(a), report number 4, report number 5, report number 6, report number 7, report number 8, report 9(a), 9(b), 9(c), 9(d) as well as report number 10, report number 11 and 11(a), report number 12, report number 13.

Whilst I am there Honourable Deputy Speaker, recognizing the very important aspect of our law that says if a department fails or the executing authority fails to table a report six (6) months after the end of the financial year such executing authority should table an apology and the reason for the delay. And this

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being the fifth month after the end of the financial year, we want to avoid that these two reports also fall outside the sixth months because they are ready but just not appearing on the ATC, so I am going to read them slowly. That report, number 14 is on North West Parks and Tourism Board for this past financial year; same as the other reports 2007/08.

The 15th one is North West Transport Investments that is NTI Report which has also duly circulated in the Speaker's Office. Perhaps we need to clarify that Honourable Members will get this report as per the report and the information from the responsible Honourable Members office that report was circulated, was brought through two weeks ago. I do however have a copy here which will then ensure that it gets given to the desk and all other copies circulated before we adjourn or by the end of today as somewhere found in the offices where it may be.

So those are the two additional reports Honourable Deputy Speaker we intend tabling in this

afternoon today. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

All the reports tabled are referred to relevant respective Portfolio Committee for processing, but please Honourable Premier take an undertaking that there are other reports that have not been distributed in the House. They will be made available at the later stage for distribution. We will make sure that, that happens. Honourable Hattingh.

HON. HATTINGH:

Just a technical point. We need to know. Are those reports tabled or are they not tabled? Will they be tabled later? Or are they tabled today in this Sitting? That is the question.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Earlier on when I spoke, I said Honourable Premier will table all the reports as listed here, but in addition she will table others which are not listed here. And after tabling those two that are not listed here, she will make sure that those two reports that are not listed in this paper will get distributed.

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Now Premier has undertaken that she has tabled those two reports. They are here. The only difference is that they have not been distributed and we are saying they will be distributed later. In my view that completes tabling and I see Honourable Hattingh concurs. Honourable Mangqo.

HON. MEC. MANGQO:

Deputy Speaker if we can just be assisted. Mine, the North West Invest Annual Report has not been circulated while other reports are here. I am told it is in front. It has not been circulated yet otherwise it does complete the entire set of reports. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Thank you Honourable Mangqo for drawing our attention to that. It is being circulated. It's here. I will now call upon Honourable Mampane to present a report of the committee regarding following NCOP final mandate.

HON. MAMPANE:

Thank you Honourable Deputy Speaker, I rise to present two reports, the first one on Tobacco Product Control Amendment Bill

B7B of 2008. The Portfolio Committee on Health, Social Development has embarked on public hearing with regard to Tobacco Product Control Amendment Bill in four districts that is Doctor Modiri Molema, Doctor Kenneth Kaunda, Doctor Ruth Segomotso Mompoti and Bojanala District.

The Honourable Members of the Portfolio Committee on Health, Social Development, Legislature Support Senior Staff, National and Provincial Directors and Substance Abuse, Department of Social Development and Health and their entourage, Cancer Association, SAPS, the Tobacco Institute of South Africa, Khulisa Crime Prevention Initiative and the entire community including Ganyesa Traditional Culture and Chief participated.

The public raised the following issues : They said irrespective that the Constitution has pronounced over 18 years to be adult; they raised a concern that 18 years old children in our African culture are still people who need parental guidance. That person is not expected to

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sell, supply, distribute or buy any tobacco products in any place, let alone to smoke.

It is an appeal from the participants in particular the parents to amend this Bill from 18 to 21 years. The public again insisted on the protection of non smokers and children in restaurant, cars and public places from smokers. The participants are quite aware that there is high rate of unemployment and the tobacco companies fill in the gaps by providing their employees with loans for houses benefits and bursaries for children and further their studies including medical benefits etcetera.

In conclusion all participants agreed that this Bill is of vital importance and that it is going to educate and improve the health condition, a life style of all South Africans. The final mandate has already been send to the NCOP. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEKAER:

Does the House adopt the mandate? Yes the House does. Let me then draw the attention of the House on. Oh there is a second one Honourable

Mampane? Ok continue.

HON. MAMPANE:

The second report is on the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill B12d of 2008. The Portfolio Committee on House and Social Development has embarked on public hearing with regard to the Prevention of and Treatment of Substance Abuse Bill in Boikhutso that is Doctor Modiri Molema , Potchefstroom Doctor Kenneth Kaunda, Ganyesa Doctor Ruth Mompoti and Rustenburg Bojanala District.

Honourable Members of the Portfolio Committee of Health and Social Development, Legislature Support Senior Staff, National and Provincial Directors of Substance Abuse, Department of Social Development and Health and their entourage, Cancer Association, SAPS, Tobacco Institution of South Africa, Khulisa Crime Prevention and the entire communities including Traditional Leaders and the Traditional Councillors, Ganyesa participated.

There were actually concerns

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raised about the Bill. Those are due to shortage of Social Workers in the province, the implementation of the programs identified are not in good shape. The Bill should include the duration of people in treatment centers; the Bill should include disciplinary measures against centers that refuse admission to people who need help or who abuse service users.

In conclusion, the Portfolio Committee encourages the communities to work hand in hand with the policemen to make a difference in societies and in government. All the participants agreed that the Bill was of a great importance and that it is going to educate and promote good health in our province. The final mandate was also send to the NCOP. I thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

I think the House concurs with the mandate and adopt it. Earlier on I wanted to draw the attention of all Honourable Members that all outstanding Annual Reports must be submitted in the Office of the Speaker, on or before the 30th of September 2008. We place this

date because we are informed by compliance with the law on the remaining Annual Reports. Honourable Members this concludes the business.

HON. MAKUME:

Chairperson I just want to bring to your attention that at the last page of the Order Paper on business referred to the committees I think on Public Accounts Committee this report was tabled in the last Sitting of the Auditor-General special on delays of tabling the Annual Reports, and the second one of the Municipal Annual Performance Report. I think it is misplaced in our committee. Thank you.

HON. DEP. SPEAKER:

Ok, we are noting all that. Honourable Members this concludes the business of today and the House is adjourned until further notice.

ADJOURNED.